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During the New York-New Jersey Club Memorial Tribute in May, On Top of the World veterans from the Vietnam War had special commemorative pins given to them from the Pinellas County Honor Guard. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

During 2018 NY-NJ Memorial Tribute, all OTOW veterans shared an hour of respect

By Pat Hayes

At the New York-New Jersey Club annual Memorial Tribute in May, more than 250 chairs were set up for veterans and their guests.

Every seat was taken and everyone sat together.

In one big mix, the East Activity Center auditorium played host to veterans from World War II, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, Desert Storm and more.

There was no section for each group. The heroes all sat together.

A color guard from the Clearwater Fire and Rescue/Pinellas County Sheriff's Office helped with the National Anthem and the On Top of the World Chorus sang "God Bless America."

One-by-one, each veteran stood and announced their tour of duty, and im-



mediately after the last word, a volunteer placed a commemorative medal around each person's neck.

Some in attendance spoke up for a

deceased resident.

It wasn't until the end of the tribute that something very special took place. All veterans from the Vietnam War were presented with special commemorative pins and a certificate signed by President Donald Trump.

One by one, our veterans from the Vietnam War were given their pins and had them put in place by members of the Marine Corps League.

Even though the battles took place more than 50 years ago, receiving the pin was an emotional event.

The Marine Corp League also presented flags for each of the five U.S. service branches.

Ray Willis played "Amazing Grace" on his bagpipes.

The evening concluded with cake and

coffee. The cakes were a donation from resident Fran Glaros, who has been sending mail and care packages to our troops for many years.

The event would not have been possible without volunteers from the New York-New Jersey Club, along with donations from Good Neighbors Association, the Italian-American Club, Irish Club, former Coffee Corner, Bingo and the Entertainment Committee.

Panda Enterprises and Sunset Grill contributed.

A documentary of the event was filmed by OTOW-TV and aired on Memorial Day. Anyone who wants to request a specific day and time should visit the newsroom. The video is also available for download on the Box Office Website, OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com



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2018 Memorial Tribute

OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall



At the 2018 Memorial Tribute hosted by the New York-New Jersey Club, more than 200 people attended and nearly 100 veterans from the On Top of the World Community were honored. Pictured on this page are a few highlights. There are five photos of veterans who attended. Those veterans represented World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and Gulf War. One of the highlights was when host Jim Smyth went around the East Activity Center auditorium and allowed each veteran to introduce himself or herself. Each veteran had the opportunity to state years served and branch served. After each veteran, an applause followed. For the full story see page 1. For a video of the evening, see the New York-New Jersey Club Web Page on the Box Office: OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.



Start reading 'Memory Man' for July

By Katy Gerritt

The Good Karma Book Club will be reading "Memory Man" by David Baldacci for our July meeting.

It is the first novel from the Amos Decker Series.

After a football-related head injury, Amos can never forget anything. This should be a suspenseful story for all to enjoy.

Read it on the beach or by the pool, then join us on Thursday, July 5 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss it.

We will meet at the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

We meet twice a month. Our other meeting will be July 19 - always the third Thursday. At that time we share with each other what other books we are reading at that time.

The On Top of the World library is open all summer on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon, and Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-3 p.m.

We have a good collection of summer reading, including thrillers, mysteries, novels and historical fiction.

We also sell paperbacks and hard-bound books.

Check out our "free" shelves. We have one in the library when we are open and we have one in the puzzle room any time.

This past month, the library added two mystery / romance novels by local author Bon Sue Brandvik. Set in the historic Biltmore hotel, and with some ghosts from days gone by, you will be entranced.

Also, Danielle Steel's "Accidental Heroes" is here, as is Kristin Harmel's "The Room on Rue Amelie" and Fern Michaels'

"Sweet Vengeance."

For suspense/thrillers we have "Red Alert" by James Patterson, "The Escape Artist" by Brad Meltzer and "Duel to the Death" by J.A. Jane.

Another suspense novel is "The Flight Attendant" by Chris Bohjalian and "The Recipe Box" by Viola Shipman, who also wrote "The Charm Bracelet."

We get new books each month, so stop by to check them out. If you need help finding a good story, we are there to help!

If you want to browse our entire book collection, go to the Box Office and click the library link. Most of our books are listed right there. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click Box Office and click Library.

Happy Reading!

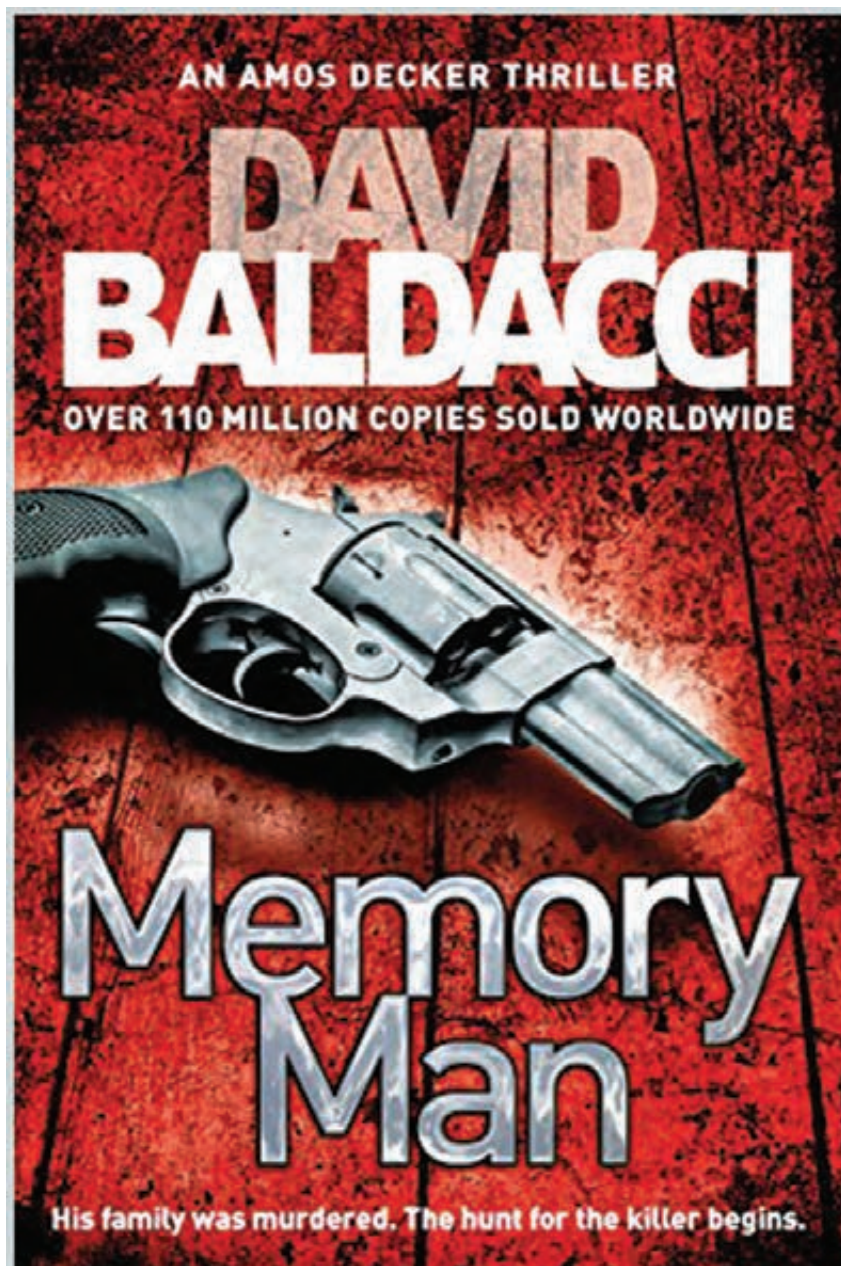


Library

Hours

Mondays 10-12

Wednesdays & Fridays 1-3



The Good Karma Book Club in July

Read
"Memory Man" by David Baldacci
and come to our meeting at
10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 5 to share your thoughts.

We will meet again at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 19
for an open discussion. All our meetings take place
in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Friday Night Videos on OTOW-TV Channels 98.1 and 732
Watch your favorite Jesters and Theater Workshop shows
from the past 25 years. Start time is about 8 p.m.

Turning your water on and off



As a reminder, it is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you have any questions regarding your request please stop into the Community Service Office for more information.

Service Request Line Reminders

Please do not leave health-related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests.

For a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

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

Again, dial 911 for a health related emergency. For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

Steps to Limit Potential Water Damage:

Water Turn On and Off Process

The Management Company has been asked by several residents to clarify the process of requesting that the water meter be turned on or off. There are four convenient ways in which to make your request.

(1) During normal business hours call the water help line at 727-799-3417 and select option No. 6. There is no fee for this service. Be sure to leave a clear message indicating your name, your building and unit number, which service you are requesting, and a date and time for your service.

(2) You may visit the Community Service Office located in the East Activity Center, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(3) Visit www.otowclearwaterinfo.com online and fill out your request by clicking the Service Department tab located at the top of the screen. Again, be sure to leave as much information as possible.

(4) For after-hours requests between 6-9 p.m., you must call 727-799-1115 on weekdays and from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. There will be a \$35 charge for requests made after-hours and payment must be made in the form of a check at time of service and is payable to Parkway Maintenance & Management, Co.

There is a minimum of a two-hour service window for all requests. If requesting your water to be turned on, the owner, or their designee, must be present in the condo to monitor and assure there are no problems when the water service is restored. No water will be turned on without someone onsite to provide a signature.

On a final note, field personnel answer requests for water turn on/turn off from 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. weekdays and from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the weekends.

It is very important to request your water be shut off if you are going away or will not be home for extended periods of time. This practice helps prevent avoidable water related problems.

Website Updates

The www.otowclearwaterinfo.com Website has been recently updated with a more convenient and easy way to make changes to your information. You are now able to update your change of address and emergency contact information online.

Simply click on the Service Depart-

ment tab at the top of the screen and just below the online service request link is the online address change and emergency contact list links. I encourage you to check and make sure the Emergency Contact section of your record is current.

Gutters

With the increased amount of rain this spring, the Management Company and the Community Service Office have received both concerns and inquiries regarding gutters. Resident concerns include fear of water entering into their units through their windows and the gutters inability to hold large amounts water received over a short period of time. Requests include larger replacement gutters and inspections for water intrusions.

If your windows are properly installed and sealed, the water would naturally run down the building and into the ground, not impacting your unit.

Gutters are replaced when your building's new roof is installed. Gutters are sized for the roof area and anticipated storm events.

That said, no gutter can capture all the runoff from a sudden, short-lasting cloudburst. In those cases, the overflow is deflected from the building by the gutter.

Should you experience water intrusion into your unit, regardless whether it appears to be an internal source or external, go to or contact the Community Service Office ASAP and submit a service ticket for the water intrusion only (and not the gutters). This allows staff to be more focused on finding the possible source quickly.

Important Phone Numbers

The OTOW phone number to submit a service request over the phone is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service ticket such as general building issues in the common areas only.

The Community Service hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours. Once the need is identified, a ticket will be generated and then submitted to the appropriate department to be addressed.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request. Once the service ticket is generated, it will be addressed based on priority. Once the prob-

lem is assessed, a plan to resolve it will be made and scheduled.

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

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

Must be present for water turn ons.

Did you know there are 4 ways to turn your water on or off?

- (1) CALL: 727-799-3417 (Option 6)**
Messages are retrieved Mon-Fri, 7-5 p.m.
- (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 emergency service, call 799-1115 from 6-9 p.m. weekdays and noon-9 p.m. on weekends. A \$35 payment (by check) will be required**

Service Policy

Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. Field personnel answer requests from 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. weekdays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. weekends. There is no charge during normal business hours. You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on. Your signature is required.

Annual meeting is June 8 - make your vote count



General Meeting

Notice of the Annual Meeting for the On Top of the World Condominium Association to be held at 10 a.m. on June 8, 2018, at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East, Clearwater, Fl., was mailed to residents on May 18, 2018. 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 (1) to one of the drop boxes located at the East or West Activity Centers, (2) in the envelope provided by U.S. Mail, (3) fax the executed proxy to (727) 686-5531, or (4) scan and email to



On Top of the World only has about 130 clamshell awnings still remaining. They need to all be removed because they become a potential hazard in wind storms. They can even damage the actual building structure.

clearwaterinfo@otowfl.net.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome Chris Mavrakos onto the On Top of the World Condominium Board of Administration. Chris has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Philip Faranda. While we are sorry to see Phil retire from the Board after so many years of service to your community, we are delighted to have Chris agree to serve on the Board.

Chris is a welcome addition to the Board, bringing a strong background in financial management and is independent in his outlook and understanding of this community.

Chris is no stranger to the On Top of the World community, having many clients residing here, as well as his father-

in-law being a resident.

We wish Chris all good success as the newest Board member.

Clamshell Awnings

Meeting after meeting, your Board has addressed the matter of clamshell awnings that are not compliant to current wind loads, as stated within the Standard Building Code. The Board has also stated the need for clamshell awning removals. The strategy of informing residents of the problems and risks, such awnings pose, has been very successful in attaining voluntary removal.

The community is down to approximately 130 remaining out of over 850. At the board meeting on June 8, the Board

will consider adopting a resolution requiring removal of such awnings prior to the sale and transfer of condominium units that may still have them in place.

Maintenance Update

Painting/Waterproofing

A painting contractor will continue working on painting fronts of buildings in June with Buildings 45, 51, 52 and 56 being next on the schedule.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches, which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or property. Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

Building 59 will be the next structure to have its walkway and stairwell railings improved with the project slated to begin in early to mid-June, pending Pinellas County permitting.

As with other railing projects, a licensed contractor will effect the complete removal and replacement of the aluminum components in the second and third floor balcony walkways and center core and end stairwells.

The improvements are estimated to be complete in 5-7 weeks from the start of the project. Notices will be posted in advance of the start date so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates. As with all other improvements, please exercise caution in the areas where this work is taking place.

Available In The
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Service Office



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Preparing for a storm

Storm Preparedness

June is the start of 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, Association-related assets and making sure we have an updated recovery plan.

Key personnel are on-call before and after a storm.

Water and wastewater personnel are moved on-site to make sure that essential utility services are protected and the chance of interruption is minimized.

Tarps (in limited supply) are kept on hand to secure homes in the event of roof damage.

Despite all of our efforts, much of your own safety and comfort depends entirely on you. To that end, I am reprinting key points to help you prepare for a storm event:

- Designate 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 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 damaged 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.

When a Hurricane Threatens Immediately Take These Steps

- 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.



As we learned in 2017, it is possible for Clearwater to receive direct damage from a hurricane.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

- 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.

- Protect 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.

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.

- If the electricity goes out:
 - Use a flashlight – not a candle or match. You do not want to take the risk of igniting gas from a broken line.

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

After A Hurricane Has Passed

- 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 often times 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 and with a limited supply of fuel.

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.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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

Hurricane & Storm Tracking for the Atlantic & Pacific Oceans:
<http://hurricane.terrapi.com/>

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

Duke Energy Hurricane Preparedness Info
<https://www.duke-energy.com/about-us/about-energy.asp>

In June, take in an aging seminar, get your blood pressure tested, or reserve a table for your club at the Fall Festival

"Aging Successfully" Seminar

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

Last month, the topic was "Getting a Good Night's Sleep." The seminar was well-attended and an interesting question and answer period followed.

Our next topic of discussion will be "Aging Successfully" held on Tuesday, June 19, from 10-11:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

Please plan to attend and learn the common traits shared by people who age well. Expect to engage in some lively conversation to follow. Registration is optional in the Community Service Office.



tification card, renew a vehicle registration and purchase a specialty license plate.

Activity Card Renewal

Commencing July 1, Activity Cards are up for renewal.

The CSO will add some additional evening hours and Saturday mornings to our schedule for your convenience.

Here they are:

Activity Card renewal extra hours will be Thursday, June 28, Thursday, July 5 and Thursday, July 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Extra hours also will be Saturday, June 30, Saturday, July 7 and Saturday, July 14 from 8-11 a.m.

Activity Card Information

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

Also, for renewal, you will need \$3 and your expiring/expired card.

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

Please note that no cards will be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request.

All guests must be accompanied by a resident any time they plan to use an SCA facility, including the pool.

As a reminder, the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities.

Any noncompliance matters are directed to the On Top of the World Association.

Summer Safety

Summer is a time of fun and relaxation for most people. But for seniors living in Florida, proper precautions should be taken. Here are a few tips to ensure you

At What Age Should You Start Taking Care of Yourself?



"Aging Successfully" seminar

If you don't know the answer to the question above, you should make plans to attend this seminar on Tuesday, June 19, 10-11:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center Art Room.

Leslie Noland, MS, Community Educator for Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services will lead a discussion on aging successfully and aging well. She will help you realize that people who age well have many things in common and you are never too old to start taking care of yourself.

2018 Fall Festival & Expo Club Table Reservations

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

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

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

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held on Thursday, July 19, and Friday, July 20, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$20 and registration forms can be found on page 59 of this newspaper.

A reminder, this class is now open only to the first 30 people who register, so don't wait until the class starts.

Florida Licensing on Wheels (FLOW Bus)

The FLOW Bus will be here on Monday, July 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. parked at the East Activity Center's North Parking Lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FLOW provides a convenient method to renew a driver license, obtain a replacement driver license, change a name or address on a driver license, get an iden-

have a fun, safe summer.

1. Stay Hydrated: According to the Center for Disease Control and Protection, as people age, their ability to sense and respond to temperature changes decreases.

We also lose our ability to conserve water and are more susceptible to dehydration than young people.

The Institute of Medicine advised that men drink around 13 cups of water a day and women 9 cups.

Seniors should determine how many cups their bodies need to function properly and make a point to stick to that number, especially in the summer.

Remember to bring bottled water with you on long drives or wherever you go.

FYI, water fountains are located at

both Activity Centers and the Good Karma Café is stocked with a variety of beverages and snacks.

Here are some foods with the highest water content: cucumber, tomato, watermelon, bell pepper, grapes, cantaloupe, oranges, blueberries, apples and celery.

Bon appétit!

2. Keep Cool: Summer is a great time to take in more indoor concerts or shows, take an OLLI class at the West Activity Center (see June schedule on next page) visit shopping malls, movie theatres, the public or OTOW library, the pool or join a club.

Please stop in to see me at the Community Service Office for more information on clubs, activities and upcoming events or send me an email at general_activity@otowfl.com

ROOM CLOSINGS

Rooms in the East Activity Center will undergo a flooring project/renovations in upcoming months. Below is a schedule of room closings.

Auditorium, Starlite Room and Art Room: July 30-Aug. 6 and Aug. 27-Sept 4 (open Aug. 28 for election day)

Yellow Room: June 4-Aug. 6

Small Card Room, Computer Room, Exercise Room: July 1-Aug. 6



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All classes in this ad take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab

Visit the Community Service Office for more information.

Learn more at eckerd.edu/olli or call 727.864.7600 to receive a course catalog by mail.



SUMMER CLASSES

All classes in the West Activity Center Learning Lab

Henry Ford and his Magic Model T

Tuesday, June 12, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. • Instructor: Rick Kistner

The name "Henry Ford" is one of the most recognizable in American History. He was not educated, not a brilliant automotive engineer, nor was he the first American to build or sell cars. Ford was middle aged before he found the formula for success that made him the world's richest man in his day. Henry Ford excelled at vision and leadership and created a machine that literally revolutionized the entire world. Join us as we examine the life of this often controversial patriarch of American manufacturing.

Registration Number: 8043

The Most Outrageous Film Comedy: 'The Producers'

Tuesday, June 26, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. • Instructor: Walt Ulbricht

Released in 1968, the wildly satirical film "The Producers" marked Mel Brooks' directorial debut. It ranks in the top 12 best comedies selected by the American Film Institute. The class discussion will focus on the origins of this minor comic masterpiece, its skewering of social values and its growing legacy over the last 50 years.

Registration Number: 8044

Frida Kahlo

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

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

Registration Number: 8045

The History of the Supreme Court

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

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

Registration Number: 8046

The History of the Wizard of Oz

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

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

Registration Number: 8047

Carole King and Her Tapestry of Song

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

Instructor: Joy Katzen-Guthrie

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

Registration Number: 8048

A Perfect Storm: A History of Florida's Hurricanes

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

Instructor: Nano Riley

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

Registration Number: 8049

Residents learn how waste is handled

By Kathleen Santosuosso

On Top of the World residents may be familiar with the three "Rs" when it comes to sorting their trash: Reduce, Re-use and Recycle.

Jan Tracy, Program Coordinator for Pinellas County Solid Waste, explained a fourth "R" during a presentation to OTOW residents during Earth Week.

The fourth "R" is the county's role in the process: Recover.

Jan said Pinellas County recovers what goes into our garbage by burning 80-90 percent of the trash placed in our black bins. Our Waste-to-Energy (WTE) Facility in St. Petersburg is tied for one of the largest facilities in North America. When it was built in 1983, it was on the forefront of waste-to-energy plants. It would be very expensive to build a comparable plant today.

Our WTE Facility burns garbage 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Garbage goes into the plant and is then picked up by a huge claw that places it into a hopper, which leads to the boiler.

The burning garbage heats pipes of water that power turbines. These turbines produce electricity, which powers 45,000 homes per day.

Metal is recovered from ash using magnets and eddy currents. The metal is then sold to scrap metal dealers and the ash covers the landfill.

The Pinellas County landfill will last until 2102, but we can help extend its life if we recycle more items, or more importantly, reduce our waste, Jan said.

Jan spoke about common sense recycling tips and also answered many questions from the audience about recycling. There were a number of questions because recycling has changed many times in the past 30 years.

One participant asked what is made out of the recycled plastic. Jan informed us that fleece clothing or blankets, carpets,



With the aid of a graphic, Jan Tracy explains the process of delivering garbage to the county recycling plant, burning garbage and taking the ash to the county landfill. Burning the garbage also produces electricity. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

lumber and benches are a few of the items made out of plastic.

Aluminum cans are melted down to make chairs, lights and more.

Glass bottles or jars, that once had a top on them, go in the recycling bin and are made into new glass containers and other items.

Jan asked us to never put vases in recycling bins. If they are broken or chipped, put them in the garbage. If they are in good condition, take them to the Salvation Army, a thrift shop or Random Acts of Flowers. There's more than one

way to reuse those vases!

Another question was about crushing cartons. Jan stated that cartons should not be crushed because the sorting machine won't recognize the carton in its crushed state. Don't crush juice boxes either but remove all straws. In fact, no straws go in the recycling bins.

Jan also noted that plastic bags should never ever go in the recycling bins. Plastic bags and plastic wrap clog the recycling machinery.

Jan told us that the collected recycled material passes by the recycle workers on a

belt that moves three feet per second. The workers remove as many bags as possible. If plastic bags move on, they get stuck in the machinery and other workers must cut out the bags with scissors or knives.

Jan will talk to us again about recycling on Feb. 5, 2019, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

You can pick up an easy-to-follow handout "Recycle Today 2018" at the Good Karma Café and the On Top of the World Community Service Office at the East Activity Center. The handout is free!

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Pictured above are just some of the bingo volunteers who were thanked for their hard work over the past year.

No bingo in July and August

Bingo volunteers taken out for 'thank you' luncheon

The On Top of the World Bingo Club held a Bingo Marathon in February and it was a great success.

To celebrate the smoothly-run event, Bingo took its volunteers out to lunch at Country Pizza and thanked them for their time - not just for the

Bingo Marathon, but for every Monday night in the East Activity Center auditorium.

It takes a lot to hold an evening or afternoon of bingo. Tables have to be set up and taken down. Cards have to be sold. Numbers have to be called and bingos have to be

verified.

A lot of work and reward goes into each event.

"Let's all give a big shout out to our hard working volunteers," said Brad Day. "We wouldn't have Bingo without them."

Sadly, the summer is tak-

ing away many bingo players and volunteers. Bingo has announced it will close for July and August and return the second Monday in September.

So mark your calendars for Sept. 10. When bingo returns, maybe even more volunteers will step forward and help.



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There will be no bingo in July, August and on Labor Day

June

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

DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

ART

Painting Workshop: Mondays, 9:30 am, Art Room
Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 1 pm, Art Room
Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room

CARD GAMES

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am, Small Card Room

BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:15 pm, Rainbow Room

BUNCO

Wed. June 20, 6 pm, Rainbow Room

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Computer Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Wednesdays, Saturdays, 11:30 am, Computer Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room (and Samba)

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Rainbow Room

M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room (* to Rainbow Room)

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Computer Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Computer Room

SAMBA

Mondays, Noon, Small Card Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

SCOPA

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

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

John: Mondays, 5 pm, Yellow Room *

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Room *

Carol: Wednesdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Yellow Room *

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:00 pm, Yellow Room *

Ron: Mondays, Thursday, 6 pm, Yellow Room *

Tom: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Yellow Room *

NY/NJ Club: W, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

Barry: Mondays, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

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

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

Doubles, Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Small Card Room

Tuesdays, 1 pm, Yellow or Rainbow Room

PING PONG

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

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

EXERCISES

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,H,F 7:30 am, Yellow Room (Stretching)

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

SLIMNASTICS

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

TAI CHI

Beginners: M,W 3:15 Exercise Room

Intermediate: Tuesdays 4:00 Exercise Room

Intermediate: Thursdays 4:30 Exercise Room

Advanced: M, W, 2 pm Exercise Room

Chi Kung: T, H 3:15 pm Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Art Room

GROUPS

CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Kitchen/Craft Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Kitchen Craft Room

COMPUTER CLUB- All in Learning Lab

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

Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations

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

FITNESS CENTER

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

LAPIDARY

Tuesdays, Thursdays 9 am - Noon, Jewelry Room

LAWN BOWLING

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

LIBRARY

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

WOODSHOP

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

* Yellow Room will be closed June 4 - Aug. 6
for general work. Most events will move to the
Veranda Room during this time.

East Activity Center Rooms

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

West Activity Center Rooms

Sunrise Room, Rainbow Room,
Learning Lab, Billiards Room.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

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Karaoke Singing
6:00 PM - Auditorium

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Bingo
6:00 PM - Auditorium

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Bingo
6:00 PM - Auditorium
German Interest Group
2:00 PM - Computer Room
Ent. Committee. Board
10:30 AM - Veranda

17
Lambda Club Social
4:00 PM - Art Room

18
Bingo
6:00 PM - Auditorium
Health Screenings Eye
Blood Pressure
9:30 AM - Auditorium

24
Ent. Committee. Sunday In The Park
2:00 PM - Auditorium

25
Bingo
6:00 PM - Auditorium

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Budget Meeting June 8, 10 a.m. Activity Center Auditorium</p>	<p>Dance Featuring "Rebound" Saturday, June 23 8 p.m. EAC Auditorium Presented By Your Entertainment Committee</p>			<p>01 Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda Baby Boomers Music Class 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>02 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>
	<p>05 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium Good Neighbors Volunteers Meeting 10:00 AM - Art Room World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda</p>	<p>06 Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Art Room Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda Coloring Book Club (West) Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab Meditation Meeting 10:15 AM - Rainbow Room</p>	<p>07 TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room Good Karma Book Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>08 OTOW Special Event Meeting 10:00 AM - Auditorium Lambda Club Social 6:00 PM - Art Room Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda Baby Boomers Music Class 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>09 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>
	<p>12 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda Republican Club Meeting 7:00 PM - Veranda OTOW Special Event OLLI Class 6:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>13 Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda Coloring Book Club (West) Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>14 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room Democratic Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room SUMMER THURSDAYS Coffee, Donuts, Entertainment 9 a.m. EAC Auditorium</p>	<p>15 Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda Baby Boomers Music Class 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>16 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>
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	<p>26 Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda OTOW Special Event OLLI Class 10:30 AM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>27 Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda Coloring Book Club (West) Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>28 Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room</p>	<p>29 Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda Baby Boomers Music Class 10:00 AM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>30 Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Lambda Club Social 6:00 PM - Art Room Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>

Scammers are sneaky, smart and creative - you need to know how they think

By Doug Kates

Ok. So you don't want to become a victim of fraud.

What do you have to do.

Stop answering the phone?

Keep your front door locked?

Don't fill out raffle tickets?

Shred all your old mail?

Keep your pet's name a secret?

Stop subscribing to magazines?

Really?

It may sound a little crazy, but yes, everything you just read will help keep your privacy a secret and will keep you from falling victim to a scam artist.

In May, Anna Marie Mallett from the Pinellas County Consumer Protection team visited On Top of the World for a presentation about scams and fraud prevention.

Joining Anna Marie were Chris, Jordan and Taylor Mavrakos from MFP Financial Services.

Together, our guest speakers shared information with residents about what the bad guys are doing to try to steal your identity, your money and your privacy.

Anna Marie talked about ways scammers are trying to trick you into giving them information.

Unfortunately, this can be as simple as answering your phone.

Every time you receive a phone call, check your caller ID. If the call is not from someone you know, let it keep ringing. If the call was important, someone will leave a voice message. Only return calls to people you know.

If you answer a phone call from a scammer, simply saying "hello" tells the bad guy they have found a live phone number. Your number could then be used by scammers to call other people and the likelihood is great you will receive even more calls from scammers.

And never ever say the word "yes" when listening to a recorded message on your phone. This could open up to more problems.

If someone calls claiming to be a grandchild in prison, or in an accident, hang up the phone. If you are worried you did the right thing, call the grandchild's family and ask questions.

If someone calls claiming they are from a computer repair company, and your computer just sent out a message it needs to be fixed, hang up the phone. Your computer doesn't contact repair companies.

If you get a recorded message on your phone, and the message claims you can be erased from a call list by pressing a num-



Taylor Mavrakos, left, and Chris Mavrakos share information with On Top of the World residents during a Consumer Protection seminar in May. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

ber, just hang up. Do not push a number to be removed from a call list. You could be sending the scammer private information by simply pushing a button.

If a stranger shows up at your front door, never let them in. But also, if a stranger asks you to walk outside to look at your walls, or grass, or car, do not follow and never allow anyone access inside your home without you there.

In today's world, you even have to worry about filling out raffle tickets. On that piece of paper, you are writing down private information in hopes of winning a prize. You are giving someone your name, address, phone number, email and all sorts of other personal information.

Ever wonder where the raffle ticket goes after you turn it in. Where does the raffle ticket end up after the raffle is over?

Don't do the raffle unless you are sure you know who is running it.

Some more tips ... always use your

chip when using a credit card. Using a chip is safer than sliding your card through a credit card machine.

When creating a password, never use your pet's name. This is true!

If a scammer is trying to break into your private information on the Web, scammers know how to get the names of pets and know many people use pet's names for their passwords.

Do you shred?

Well, good if you do, but don't forget to shred the envelope!

If important, personal information is mailed to you, check the envelope for bar codes. These bar codes could contain private information about yourself. To be safe, shred the envelope, too.

If your computer freezes for no reason at all and a message appears on your screen that you must push a button to unfreeze it, simply pull the plug and restart. This could be someone hacking into your

system.

Don't let anyone come to your house to test water. These are scams. If you want your water tested, call your water company yourself.

Lastly, don't leave sticky notes around your workplace, computer or kitchen with your passwords written down. Especially at a work desk, you are never the only person walking through an office area.

These were just some of the tips Anna Marie, Chris, Jordan and Taylor shared with us at this visit.

Nancy Rogers, from the Community Service Office, said more consumer protection seminars will take place in the near future, so make sure you write down the dates when they are announced.

And please, share all this information with a friend or neighbor, who was not at the seminar or may have missed this article.

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



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June 1 is National Donut Day - SKIP IT! June 17 is Eat Your Vegetables Day

This month's column highlights shifting trends in breakfast foods toward higher protein levels. It describes how some smoothies are not a good source of nutrition and provides new insights on the importance of protein for seniors.



Your mother always said breakfast was the most important meals of the day. She was right. People who skip breakfast are more likely to have problems: obesity, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, or diabetes plus higher levels of arterial plaque.

Dry cereal is still the most common breakfast. However, people are shifting toward more protein foods and away from cereal's sugar and carbohydrates. Yogurt, breakfast sandwiches, and breakfast bars are some foods responsible for this. Make protein an important part of your breakfast.

The featured recipe is a high-protein breakfast smoothie. Try it for a very healthy start to your day. This recipe is classic and simple. You'll like its delicious, light taste.

Ingredients

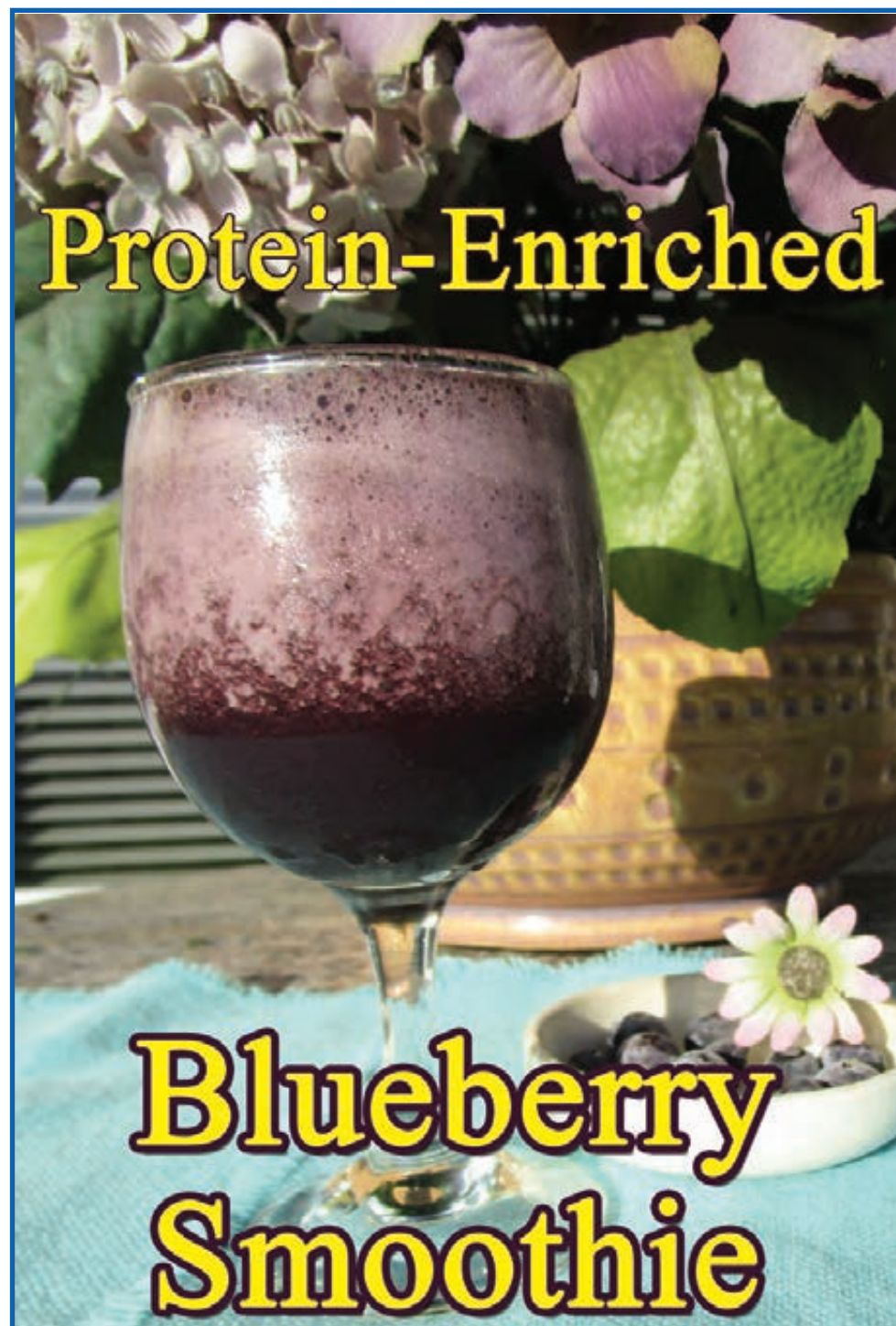
1 cup of unsweetened green tea
 ½ cup blueberries
 ½ banana
 1 handful of spinach
 1 scoop of whey protein concentrate, strawberry flavor
 ¼ cup crushed ice

Directions

Mix ingredients in blender until smoothie is thick.

Yield: 3 ½ cups serving for 1-2 people. If you like, you can drink half in the morning and refrigerate the rest for an afternoon energy pick-up snack.

I drink a breakfast smoothie very similar to this every morning.



Have you stashed fresh blueberries in your freezer yet?

The prime season to buy local fresh blueberries is April–May. Do not wash them until just before you eat them.

Blueberries have a natural protective coating to prevent deterioration. If you wash that off, you're unintentionally causing them to start going south.

I recently discovered frozen, wild blueberries in local stores. Wow! What a BIG flavor from such a small berry. Plus, their antioxidant levels exceed that of farm-raised berries.

Costco and Publix carry them.

Here is an important fact on smoothies. Fruit sugars are within fibrous cell walls that slow the digestion and absorption of the sugars. However, a blender liquifies the fruit and disintegrates the cell walls. So, fruit sugars are absorbed more quickly into the blood system.

The Science

Many recipes call for excess fruit. These two factors cause sugar levels to spike when drinking a smoothie. This is a problem for diabetics. Don't use more fruit than appropriate for a normal serving.

When blending your smoothie, first pour in liquids, then add fruits and vegetables. This gets the blades moving easier. Start on slow speed and wait a few seconds for the big pieces to break down; end on high. If you go to the top speed first, you might create air bubbles in the smoothie.

Protein is important for health:

- Protein tends to result in better

Health Value

Each ingredient is highly nutritious.

- Green tea – the healthiest drink next to pure water – is an exceptionally good nutrient source of antioxidants, polyphenols, and alkaloids, plus vitamins and minerals. In my household, we home-brew a gallon of green tea 2-3 times a week.

- Blueberries are potent anti-oxidants. Anti-oxidants help minimize “rusting” due to rogue free radical cells that cause damage in the body.

- Spinach is a superfood. But, does drinking spinach sound distasteful? Do not worry, my dear chefs. The delicate flavor of spinach is easily masked by the fruit flavors. You will not know it is there.

- Banana is wonderful for creating a creamy smoothie. It's a good idea to peel and cut the banana into chunks, freeze individual chunks, and bag them. Half of a frozen banana is equivalent to two ice cubes. This is how to save the unused half of the banana.

- Whey protein concentrate is a high quality source of protein. It is an excellent alternative to eggs and sausage that come with high calories, fat, and cholesterol. In some situations, too high a level of protein powder may be hard on the kidneys. Ask your doctor if protein powder is an option for you should your kidneys be at risk. Do not use whey isolate that is meant for body builders.

Like you, my dear chefs, smoothies are a lot of fun. Many smoothies, however, are not healthy. They contain sugar-laden fruit juices and/or added sugar or honey. Some also feature high-fat ingredients like ice cream, peanut butter, or chocolate. Make sure your smoothie is healthy by making it yourself.

blood sugar control and does not raise blood sugar like carbohydrates and sugars do.

- Protein also increases satiety (fullness), thus, there is less desire to snack.

- Protein minimizes the risk of muscle mass loss, which progresses steadily, beginning in the 40s.

- Seniors gradually become less efficient in digesting and storing protein. This is why it is particularly desirable for seniors to consume protein with every meal throughout the day.

Current recommended daily protein intake is 56 grams per day for a sedentary male; 46 grams for a sedentary woman.

There is a growing consensus, as yet unsettled, that seniors need perhaps 25 percent or higher protein intake than current standards – especially for seniors over 70.

Eat to your health and happiness!

Addition information / Links / Credits

Health.havard.edu/stayinghealthy/skipping breakfast linked with higher levels of arterial plaque
 Time.com/money/4245752
 www.livestrong.com/article/493155-is-protein-powder-bad-for-your-liver-or-kidneys
 Cbi.nlm.nih.gov

Verywellfit.com/how-much-protein-should-i-eat-if-i-am-over-70-2223579

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The day I was James Hylton for an afternoon

I've now been a journalist for 33 years, including 13 years in Corry, Pa., and this is one of my favorite stories.

In 1992, the small city of Corry had a moment of stardom as race car driver James Hylton visited to show off his race car.

James was getting ready to compete in the Winston Cup Series at Watkins Glen International Speedway in New York. This was the top circuit in NASCAR, which is known today as the Monster Energy Series.

A small business in Corry, owned by my friend Roger McElroy, had already agreed to be the primary sponsor on James' race car for that upcoming race, and on the eve of that race, city residents gave a big welcome to both James and his car.

From the beginning, this was not your average car show.

James arrived in Corry with his race car in tow. You see, most Winston Cup teams haul their show cars cross country in beautiful, expensive haulers. But James always put his race car on a basic trailer and towed it to every track or show.

You kind of get the idea. Not only was James old-fashion and on a limited budget, but he also brought his actual race car to publicity events because he only had one race car. He didn't have a show car.

So, James arrived in Corry and parked his Winston Cup race car in the parking lot at McElroy's Flower Shoppe.

This was a big deal!

James' actual race car was in public display for everyone to see and touch. There was no security, no rules and no guide. Curious people arrived and just marveled at the colorful vehicle.

Fans had their pictures taken alongside the race car and many asked James for an autograph.

A decal specialist arrived at the flower shop, and in front of everyone's eyes, put



"McElroy's Flower Shoppe" on both sides of the race car.

If you were a race fan, it was breathtaking!

James stayed the whole day, had dinner with race fans at a Corry restaurant, and the next day headed off to Watkins Glen in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State.

But the story doesn't end there.

The flower shop owner, Roger McElroy, was fulfilling a dream. Perhaps one of the biggest race fans in Northwestern Pennsylvania, he always wanted to sponsor a race car at racing's highest level.

James Hylton, then 57 years old, gave Roger that chance, and in return, McElroy's Flower Shoppe was able to help out the race team financially.

It was a thrill, even for me.

I was the sports editor of the Corry newspaper at the time. Two years prior to Corry, I was on staff at the Corning Leader, where I photographed Watkins Glen races in 1990 and 1991.

During both of those years, I had track passes, where the cars raced past me at 140-180 miles per hour.

Watkins Glen continued to give me race credentials as I moved on to Corry, and on this weekend in 1992, I was excited I was going to be photographing a race car with my new hometown as the sponsor.

On race day, I drove with Roger to the race track. We were both excited just to arrive at the track, but you should have seen our eyes light up when we saw the McElroy's Flower Shop car in the Winston Cup garage alongside 40 other cars, including Dale Earnhardt, Darrell Waltrip, Mark Martin and more.

But shortly after arriving at the garage, I got some devastating news. When I made my first attempt to cross security lines to take pictures alongside the race track, I learned my media pass was for the racing garage only. For whatever reason, Watkins Glen did not give me a pass for photographing alongside the race track.

I walked back to the garage, found Roger and James, and told them the bad news. I was not going to be able to photograph the race car going 150 miles per hour. My credentials did not permit it.

Roger was as devastated as me. We didn't know what to do. How could we come so far without getting the chance to get race day pictures?

But it was the quickest moment of disappointment in the history of racing for Corry, Pa.

As Roger and I were trying to figure out who to hire to take race pictures of the McElroy's Flower Shoppe car, James detached his race car driver credentials from around his waist and handed it to me.

"You need this more than I do," James said. "Everyone here knows me. Go have some fun."

You should have seen the smile on my face!

I replaced my media pass with James' race car driver pass and became "James Hylton" for a day.

Now, it wasn't really a big deal. I had already photographed Winston Cup, Grand National, ARCA and Firehawk races at The Glen. I knew the rules and had two years of experience. James' pass

just had a big letter on it which gave him access to every place at the race track. I just needed it to get past security to photograph our race car in competition.

In the end, no harm was done and everything worked out perfect. My photos marked a memorable day – not just for me, but for the owner of a small-town flower shop and a small city which saw one of its businesses on a Winston Cup car.

It will probably never happen again in Corry.

So why am I sharing this story with you now?

Sadly, the racing world lost James Hylton in April. He lost his life leaving Talladega Motor Speedway and heading home. His ARCA race car, like it was 26 years ago, was still in tow.

For days after hearing the news, I continuously reminded myself of that weekend in 1992 when so many great memories were captured.

James was Rookie of the Year in 1966, and even though he only won two races while competing in NASCAR's top circuit, his career as a driver, owner and mechanic did span 54 years.

He never owned a high-tech hauler. Never had a fleet of race cars. I don't believe a major corporation ever sponsored his car.

But I'm sure, when news arrived in Corry, Pennsylvania, that James' career had come to an end, there were people from that small city who said, "I remember when James was here."

There was a retired business owner who said, "My flower shop was on his race car."

And there was a journalist who said "I was James Hylton for a day."

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Five new reporters attend their first Press Association meeting

Over the next few months, you may notice some new names above stories in your On Top of the World newspaper.

Some buildings are getting new writers.

Some buildings are getting a second writer.

Some new writers are going to contribute while a Snowbird is home for the summer.

Some clubs are changing board members and their new writer is taking over.

At the Press Association monthly meeting in May, five new reporters stood and introduced themselves to the staff. Overall, this newspaper added about a dozen new reporters in the last two months alone.

"It's always good to see new reporters," said Editor Doug Kates, "Especially if they also plan to attend our monthly meetings.

"We currently have about 40 building reporters, which is a good number, but we still have about 50 buildings which don't report any news."



Press Association

In November, the Press Association plans on having a table at the On Top of the World Fall Festival. The table will come with a list of buildings which don't have reporters and maybe some new writers can be recruited.

In case you didn't know, OTOW News building writers are not required to submit a story every month. In fact, all the newspaper asks is for three stories a

year. Anything more than three stories is a bonus.

"There is no pressure being a building reporter," Doug said. "If you have a building luncheon, write about it. If residents go on an outing together, write about it. If someone comes back from a unique vacation, write about it. But you never have to feel obligated to turn in a story."

All new writers and veteran writers will be invited to attend an annual Press Association Writers Workshop in November. This is the only time all year when residents are taught newspaper guidelines and ways to improve their writing style.

Also at the May meeting, Doug introduce Pat Ellingham as the new club secretary. He will be in charge of attendance at meetings, keeping track of stories submitted and compiling a list of staff members who qualify for the end-of-the-year Appreciation Luncheon.

Pat joins President Yvonne Courtney on the board. Yvonne is starting her 12th consecutive year as leader of the Press Association. Also joining the board is Penni

Telleck. She will be introduced at a future meeting as the new vice president.

Topics covered at the May meeting included disappearing newspapers.

Staffers pointed out that newspapers are vanishing from buildings shortly after they are delivered by On Top of the World delivery drivers. Not only is this a growing problem in the community, but it's also illegal. If you see someone taking large numbers of newspapers from a building, please report the incident to the newsroom as soon as possible. Call 799-3216. Try to get a description of the person or vehicle involved.

OTOW newspapers should never be thrown away. They are picked up at the end of the month and recycled.

Staff also discussed moving the Appreciation Luncheon to March instead of April, so more people could attend. This will be discussed at future meetings.

There are no meetings in June or July. The next Press Association meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

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Please take one or two newspapers per month.

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Tax scammers are getting you a phony refund and then asking for it back

SCAM ALERT: I've learned of a new IRS scam approach.

This is the way it works.

A scammer gets a hold of stolen personal data, such as Social Security numbers, and files IRS returns for unknowing victims. Then, once the victim receives the refund, the scammer makes contact and says a mistake was made - now you have to return the money.

Only you are instructed to return the money to the scammer claiming to be an IRS agent.

For our discussion here, let's assume that the scammer files a phony income tax return for you. After you receive the refund, the scammer will call. They will tell you the refund must be returned or face severe criminal penalties.

Look!

The IRS will NEVER call you to demand that you give them any money.

NEVER.

Just hang up on the caller. Or better yet, don't answer in the first place. If you do answer, hang up right away once the scammer starts the pitch.

If you receive a refund, and you weren't supposed to get one, call the IRS immediately.

SCAM ALERT: And speaking about IRS scams, the IRS will never text you, email you or contact you through social media, such as Facebook or Twitter.

They won't ask you to pay by means of any special credit card and certainly not by iTunes.

If you do owe money to the IRS, the only way they will tell you to make out your check is to The United States Treasury. If you are not sure if you owe something, do not be afraid to call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

Also, you can contact the IRS at www.irs.gov/payments.



SCAM ALERT: Unfortunately, it's a sign of our times when scammers try to tear down that which is good, so they can steal your money.

One recent scam I've heard about is where you are called by some person or by some type of charitable group that is seeking what is called "Crowd Funding."

This is where someone claims they have this wonderful cause and they are requesting money to fund the endeavor.

Initially, they might say they are not seeking any money at all, just your support.

Please watch out because once they've found you, they won't let go.

Q. I have a long-term care insurance policy that provides both nursing home and home health coverage. I submitted a claim to my insurance company and said I needed home health care because I just had surgery and need home health care for several weeks.

Now, they've denied my claim.

How can they do that when I really did need home health care in my home?

A. I haven't seen the denial letter they sent you, so I really can't offer you any comments about why they denied your claim.

I'm guessing, though, that you prob-

ably arranged for home health care without your health care provider prescribing it for you.

What I can say is that it is imperative that you read your policy or have someone go over it with you before you ask for the home health care and certainly before you make your claim.

An insurance company wants to know if you do not have all the activities of daily living (ADLs) that trigger the necessity for home health coverage for which they must pay or reimburse you.

So, you need to see what is required before you precede.

Q. I am getting married next month in (they are going to their hometown which is in the Northeast). My fiancé says we don't need a prenuptial agreement.

I have more assets by far. We both have children from prior marriages. What is your thought?

A. My thought now is the same thought since I've been practicing law.

When contemplating a second or subsequent marriage, and no matter the amount of assets involved, it is always wise to have a prenuptial agreement.

Based on what you've written here, I see absolutely no reason to change my view.

Q. My significant other and I plan on taking a cruise together and now he wants to bring along his daughter.

He says that we should split her costs.

She was here over the holidays and said that under the law, her Dad is correct about that. What do you think?

A. Um...is this some kind of new law that I musta missed last week or the week before or whenever?

Well, there is no such law so it's up to you regarding whether you want to pay or even split the cost for the daughter.

I sure as heck wouldn't, but then I wouldn't go at all if my significant other wanted to bring someone else and have me pay for it.

Come to think on it, now that you mention what he wants, I probably wouldn't go at all. That way, he can take his daughter and pay for her and they can have a nice cruise on their own.

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UFO and alien enthusiasts lose a pioneer radio hosts

In the middle of the night, when the mind is open and defenses are eased, Art Bell's radio show was heard on more than 400 stations throughout America and Canada.

Art kept people up until early in the morning hours, informing and entertaining millions about aliens, conspiracy theories, shadow people, crop circles and spectral energy.

Art broadcasted the "Coast to Coast AM" show for almost three decades, originating from a studio he built in his home located deep in the Nevada desert.

UFOs can be seen nightly in the huge Nevada sky. Art interviewed many commercial and military pilots as they told stories about sightings they had encountered.

He took phone calls during the night, answering the calls himself, not using a screener. He kept one line open for those who wanted to talk about what really happened at Area 51 - the U.S. Government Reserve which has been the focus of UFO sightings and purported encounters with alien beings for decades.

Art Bell passed away this past March. He was 72.

George Noory, who replaced Art, said "He was a legend, a radio icon who went against the grain. He will be missed, but I know he is now on another journey."

Every radio talk show host I have listened to, since Art's death, has said they learned so much from him.

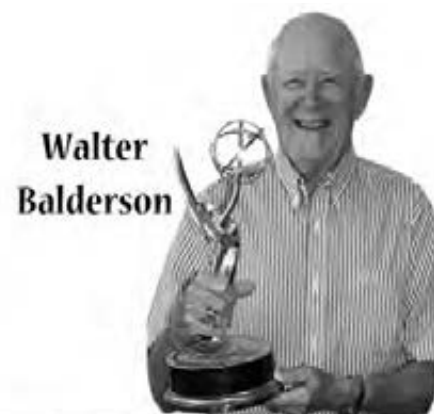
"Coast to Coast AM" continues

nightly with George. Actually, Art retired several years ago and George became the new host.

The present show opens with 15 minutes of the latest news, before introducing his guest. Even though the show covers many topics, it is still heavily into cults and the unknown.

Art was born in 1945, was in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and while there indulged in his childhood passion for radio. His obituary stated, "Art begins his journey on the other side. We take solace in the hope he is now finding out all the answers to the mysteries he pursued for so many nights with all of us."

Art's "Coast to Coast AM" reruns can still be heard on weekends.



Inside Showbiz

Pavilion work continues



In late April, workers began clearing land behind the East Activity Center for a new park, pavilion area, dock, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits, restroom facility and walking path. Demolition began with removal of the tennis courts and the light poles that surrounded one of the tennis courts. Pictured above, a worker uses heavy machinery to push one of the light poles, and its cement base, right out of the ground. After demolition, the ground was leveled and prepared for construction phases to begin. No date has been set for completion of the project. Watch your July newspaper for updates or follow the progress on the Box Office Website, OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



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Computer Club guests learn about Amazon Fire Stick

By Joe Wisinski

The high cost of cable TV is a recurring topic at On Top of the World Computer Club meetings.

At a recent session, club member John Ulan gave a presentation about a cable TV alternative — the Amazon Fire Stick.

This device, which costs about \$40, streams content, such as television shows, movies, subscription services and more, to TVs.

Much of the content the device receives is free.

Fire Sticks plug into an HDMI port, which almost all modern TVs have included.

Because the device is portable, Snowbirds and travelers can take it with them anywhere.

The latest version of the Fire Stick comes with Amazon's Alexa Voice Remote, so users can simply speak and Alexa will respond.



Computer Club member John Ulan gives a presentation about the Amazon Fire Stick.

On Saturday, June 2, the Computer Club's topic will be the Magic Jack phone. This device enables users to eliminate



Computer Club

their monthly home phone, or landline, bill. Instead, users pay \$20 per year for phone service.

John will again be giving the presentation. Visitors are welcome.

About the Computer Club

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

Club members may come to the Learning Lab from 8:30-10 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays for free assistance with iPhone or iPad issues.

Help with Facebook, Kindle readers, and Android phones or tablets is available on the first Friday of every month.

Assistance with general computer issues is available Monday through Friday each week.

For more information about the Computer Club, go to otowcc.com.

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



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Prom 2018

By Marvin Flam

Prom night.

Not just another dance.

Actually, the best part is getting ready.

What to wear? How to arrive? Post-prom parties.

The Entertainment Committee decided to give residents a second chance at their high school prom when it hosted a special dance in the East Activity Center auditorium on May 19.

The event put everyone in planning mode. The guys came dressed nicely. The ladies were elegant.

Kirk and Karen Safee were crowned Prom King and Queen.

Every couple had a chance to wear king and queen sashes.

There was a live band - "Unique" - and plenty of happy dates on the dance floor.

Oh, to be young again!

Now it's time to prepare for more Entertainment Committee events for June, July and August.

The shows and dances over the next three months feature all reserved table seating and BYOB (Bring your own beverages). The Entertainment Committee provides coffee and ice.

Shows are presented on Thursday evenings with a start time of 7:30 p.m.

Dances are presented on Saturday



Phyllis Brooks enjoys Prom Night with 'Unique' performing in the background. Below are Kirk and Karen Safee being crowned king and queen.

(OTOW News photos
by Mary Lou Wall)

evenings with a start time of 8 p.m.

We have Sunday-In-The-Park entertainment on selected Sunday afternoons in the EAC auditorium starting at 2 p.m. This is free to residents and offers a variety of entertainment, along with snacks.

So what's coming up?

On Thursday, June 21, the group "Bus Stop" presents an exciting Motown show. They feature live entertainment at its best.

"Bus Stop" does Motown, R&B, from the '60s to present. They will provide an exciting and fun evening of entertainment.

On Saturday, June 23, we will celebrate summer with "Rebound," a band which plays dancing music. "Rebound" is

a favorite band in the Tampa Bay area and has appeared at OTOW many times.

Come celebrate summer with us and for this dance only, shorts are permitted. No bathing suits and no short shorts - you will be asked to leave.

On Sunday afternoon, June 24, we will have a free Sunday-In-The-Park in the EAC auditorium. Louie Bravo will be presenting an exciting variety of music to listen and dance to. After he finishes, snacks will be provided. Come enjoy the afternoon with your friends.

Tickets for summer shows and dances are on sale in the EAC on Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m., during June, July and through mid-August.

When you're purchasing your reserved seat, please let us know if you have special needs such as wheel chair, walkers, etc. It is Entertainment Committee policy to insure that all guests to our shows and dances have a safe, secure and enjoyable experience.

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

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

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'Get Acquainted Coffee' will take a three-month break before returning in September

By JoAnn Dameson

The Good Neighbors Association held a volunteers appreciation luncheon in May to thank everyone who has assisted with club activities over the past year.

The luncheon featured assorted pizzas, tossed salad, Greek salad and garlic bread knots. It was a good time had by all.

On Thursday, May 10, Good Neighbors hosted its monthly Get Acquainted Coffee social in the East Activity Center auditorium. The event featured Ralph Rogers and he was a hit, as always.

The On Top of the World Line Dance Club joined the social with a dance demonstration. They performed two simple line dances and invited anyone from the audience to join their fun group.

The 50/50 drawing for the morning was won by Magdalena Nawrosky and a Walgreens Gift Card was won by Jane Treggett.

Good Neighbors announced there will be no Get Acquainted Coffee socials in June, July and August, but the club will continue to have representatives at our information table each Thursday morning, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Get Acquainted Coffee is scheduled to return the second Thursday in September.

There will be no volunteers meeting in June or July either. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 10 a.m. in the EAC Small Card Room.

Have a great summer and we'll see you in September.



Ralph Rogers, above, entertained residents at the Get Acquainted Coffee social in May. Pictured below are some of the honored guests at the Good Neighbors volunteer luncheon in May. Volunteers were treated to a variety of pizzas and several trimmings.



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Knitting Group tries new way to show off talent



Knitting

By Cheryl Butcher

There's a first time for everything.

In May, the On 'Top of the World Knitting Group participated in the Good Neighbors Association Craft Show/Flea Market for the first time.

It was a lot of work!

We prepared for months ahead of time, working our collective fingers to the bone, and knitting and crocheting until the wee hours of the night.

We decided on prices, assigned work times to our members, and then arrived early to set up our table with all of our



The Knitting Group's table at the Craft Show/Flea Market came with a salesperson.

beautiful wares.

Betty Ingham made our great signage (who knew she was a computer whiz?).

At last, we were ready. It turned out to be a fun day.

We thank all of the residents who

stopped at our table to look and buy. The money we earned will help us continue our mission to supply handmade lap robes, hats, scarves, etc. to area nursing homes and hospitals.

We also thank our members who worked so hard for this event.

But we're not done yet! Now we are preparing for the Fall Festival in November!

Want to help our club get ready?

The Knitting Group wants you to re-member us when you are doing your spring cleaning. If you have any yarn or fabrics in your home that you can no longer use, our club members will be more than happy to take it off of your hands.

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

Our membership has dropped off this last month, but we are always welcoming new hands to join us. If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in the East Activity Center Veranda Room every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m.

While we do not teach, we do help each other with patterns and/or problems. The Knitting Group operates under the auspices of the Good Neighbors Association.



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This summer, take a Chinese Paint Brush class

By Mary Slack Maynard

Wendy Colquhoun won the "People's Choice Award" at the Art Guild's Art Show in March and her winning Chinese Paint Brush piece is on display in the East Activity Center lobby.

Every Tuesday, Wendy offers a Chinese Paint Brush class in the East Activity Center Art Room. Anyone with an interest in learning the technique is welcome to join at any time and Wendy has supplies new students can use while they are learning.

She indicated that learning Chinese Paint Brush skills require muscle memory and a lot of practice in painting the Four Gentlemen -- bamboo, the Chinese orchid, the plum and the chrysanthemum.



It is during this process that one learns the fundamentals.

The class uses the method of Professor I-Hsiung Ju, Emeritus Professor of

Art of Washington and Lee University. Professor Ju "has been considered as one of the few Chinese artists able to blend two worlds of style, technique and idiom to produce a unique form of painting that is both modern and traditionally Oriental."

According to Prof. Ju, "a Chinese artist is not only a painter, but also a poet and a philosopher."

If you have an interest in learning more about this art form, there are many You Tube videos to give you an idea of what it looks like or you can attend a class on Tuesdays at 12:30.

One thing that makes Chinese Paint Brush different from Western art, she explains, is that the paint is actually in, not on, the paper. The "picture" can be seen from both sides. For her class, Wendy stresses that she is a coach and a teacher. Wendy became interested in Chinese Paint Brush because of the grace and simplicity of the art form. Once her interest grew, she attended a number of workshops and was fortunate to study with a woman who had worked with one of the "Old Master's" of the art form.

<http://www.ihsiung-ju.com/>

Gay Pride Month kicks off with a Lambda party

By Dave Beaven

Greetings to all our true Floridian residents.

By now, it can be said that our fair weather Snowbird friends have migrated north and only we hardy sandbirds remain.

Lambda Club continues as usual although with a reduced complement over the summer. We do miss our northern friends, but that won't stop us from having fun.

This month is gay pride month. Each June, rainbow festooned parades occur in cities around the world. And indeed, in our own backyard in St. Petersburg, there is a big celebration.

You can find out all about it at: stpetepride.com.

No doubt, several of our Lambda members will be going down to check it out.

But meanwhile, we will have our Pride Party here in the East Activity Center, which is a lot closer.

If you want to join us, come to the Art Room at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 8. We will be playing disco tunes on the club boom box to put you in the mood.

Our club bar will be serving Pride Punch. A cup or two of that will motivate you to party, for sure.

Step over to the food table to fortify yourself a bit. Then catch up with old friends.

If it's your first time, no worries. We're a friendly group and will make you welcome.

Another event that we celebrate in June is Father's Day. A number of our members have children who are far away. We like to make them feel special for the occasion. So

we will be having a club potluck dinner to honor them on Sunday, June 17, at 5 p.m. in the Art Room.

There will be a poster for our dads to indicate how many kids and grandkids they have. A prize will be given to the most prolific father.

Earplugs, perhaps?

But you don't have to be a dad to attend. RSVP what you're bringing - besides an appetite.

Lambda Club is a social club for LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) residents of our On Top of the World community. We also welcome participation by any other OTOW residents who would like to meet their LGBT neighbors.

If you want to know more about us, you can check out our Webpage at lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566. Happy summer!



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Chorus director already promising a joyous holiday concert in December

By Stan Swanson

How many people does it require to take a group of 30 individual singers and mold them into a great-sounding choral group?

One person: the choral director.

That's the person who puts all the pieces together.

That one person for the On Top of the World Chorus is Director Beth Kendall.

Beth began as an OTOW Chorus accompanist for the Holiday Concert in 2002, but was offered the position of Choral Director when the group had an opening. She recently celebrated her 15th anniversary as director.

"The main thing I enjoy about directing the chorus is working with such wonderful people," Beth said. "They always lift my spirits no matter what else is going on in my life."

Beth states she enjoys all styles of music, but feels classical music might be her favorite.



Chorus

She didn't hesitate when asked about her favorite musical of all time.

"I don't even have to think twice about that," she said. "It has to be *The Sound of Music*."

Music has played a major role in her life since she was a child.

"I began playing the piano when I was 6-years-old and took up the organ when I was 12," she said.

Beth grew up playing in her church and has been a church organist since she was 14.



Beth Kendall

She is also the music director at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in downtown Clearwater.

She also gives private piano lessons.

Beth studied music at the University of South Florida and the University of Central Florida.

Her favorite pastime?

"Spending time with my 11 grandchildren," she said.

This year's Holiday Concert will be something to look forward to with lots of familiar songs for the audience to enjoy and perhaps a couple of exciting new pieces.

"I think we are going to do *The Night Before Christmas*," Beth said. "It's an arrangement by Fred Waring that is really fun."

The Holiday Concerts will be on Dec. 1 and Dec. 2 this year.

So, why does Beth put so much time and energy into her directing duties?

"We have so much fun," she said. "The people are wonderful and it's well worth the time and energy."

One chorus member said, "It's like putting a picture puzzle together. You have all of these pieces, but it really doesn't amount to anything until you put all of the pieces together."

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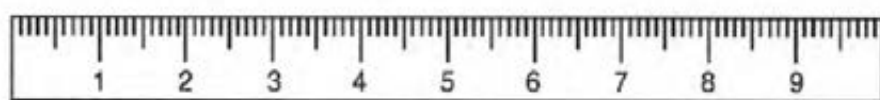
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Spend a day this summer at a dinner theater show



Italian-American Club

By MaryAnn Fontaine

The On Top of the World Italian-American Club is managing to find things to do this summer.

Some of us are going to the Hudson Dinner Show on June 10 to see "Ain't Retirement Grand." I saw it at Fletchers Dinner Theater and enjoyed it, so I'm going again. If you haven't see it - come join us.

On Aug. 12 our club is going back to Hudson to see "Honky Tonk Laundry."

Club representatives will be at the East Activity Center on Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to sell tickets and give away flyers for upcoming events.

We have tickets to Ruth Eckerd Hall for the upcoming season.

The first show is "50 Years of Rock & Roll" on Saturday, Nov. 3. This is a yearly show and is always good. Tickets are \$45 per person



Look at the smiling faces who will greet you at the Italian-American Club table on Thursday morning in the East Activity Center auditorium. Even though our Snowbirds have left for the summer, we will still be selling tickets and giving out information about our upcoming events.

Next is "The Piano Guys" on Thursday, Nov. 29. Tickets are \$64. This is one of their Christmas shows.

"Celtic Thunder" will take place Dec. 15. Cost is \$69 per person.

Ruth Eckerd Hall Adults at Leisure Shows are booked and information is available at our table on Thursday morn-

ings. Cost this year is \$17 per person.

Remember tickets for Ruth Eckerd Hall and Hudson Dinner Show must be purchased 30 days in advance of shows.

Our first club activity will be Ice Cream Social in October.

In November we will host our annual spaghetti dinner and in December we

will host a Christmas brunch at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa.

Flyers are available with information for the season on what we have planned for now.

Enjoy the summer, wherever you are, and if you are still here, come visit us on Thursdays just to say "hi."

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Line dancers demonstrate two new dances during Get Acquainted Coffee morning

By Christine Nason

It was time for the Line Dance Club to put on a little show of its own!

At the May 10 Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee, the On Top of the World Line Dance Club went on stage and showed off some of its moves.

With music playing and an audience watching us, ladies donned their spring pastels and demonstrated a couple of new dances.

One of the dances was called "My Mother, My Teacher, My Friend" performed in honor of Mother's Day.

This was a beginners dance choreographed by Ira Weisburd with music sung by Owen Mac.

A second dance was also a beginner level effort entitled, "A Bright Tomorrow," with Ira as the choreographer and the song called "Bring Me Sunshine" by Eric and Little Ern and The Jive Aces.

When we were finished on stage, we invited everyone to join us at 1 p.m. on any Tuesday in the East Activity Center auditorium.

It was positive publicity!

And the line dancing didn't stop on stage. Our group of ladies did more line dancing off stage as Ralph Rogers sang and was the main attraction.

We are always eager to learn new dances and tried creating dances for Ralph's songs..

As a member of our club, you are welcome to learn as many dances as you want. We practice weekday mornings from 7-8 a.m. in the East Activity Center Exercise Room.

There are more beginner lessons at 1



Pictured above are some of the ladies from Line Dance Club, who performed a demonstration on stage during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in May. The goal was to show off our club and get more people interested in joining. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

p.m. on Tuesdays and 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays before we spread out across the auditorium floor.

Want to practice in privacy. Check out our Dance-At-Home-Videos on OTOW-TV channels 98.1 and 732 on your cable

TV. Our club taped some dances which air on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at about 7 p.m.

People in Cuba



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OK OTOW Time to Learn "The Hustle"

Remember watching John Travolta do "The Hustle" in "Saturday Night Fever." Now it's your turn.

Starting Thursday, June 14, at 1 p.m., the OTOW Social Dance Class, led by Fred Mills and Laura Broberg, will teach men and women how to do The Hustle.

This dance class meets each Thursday in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room and The Hustle will be taught until Aug. 16. Start with the basics and learn new moves every week. Next time you hear Disco music, you'll be ready!

We need male students to make this class for fun. Please join us.



Republicans meet the judges



Republican Club

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

Republican Club members got the opportunity to meet seven candidates for Pinellas County judge during their monthly meeting in May.

Our setting was a little different than usual. Everyone was seated in circles and each of the candidates sat and spoke to attendees on a rotating basis for five minutes.

We called it "speed campaigning."

This was a great way for one-on-one interaction with the candidates and proved very informative.

The candidates for judges, in alphabetical order, are Dustin Anderson, Dave Ellis, Evan Frayman, Rebecca Hamilton, Doneene Loar, Donald McBath and Judge Tommy Minkoff.

They were introduced by Dom Fariello, who has a talk show on 102.5 FM "Ask the Dom."

Most of the candidates are in family



Pictured above are Republican candidates for Pinellas County judge. From left to right are Doneene Loar, Rebecca Hamilton, Dustin Anderson, Dominic Fariello, Tommy Minkoff, Evan Frayman, Donald McBath and Dave Ellis.

law, civil law and elder care, and in one case criminal law.

Mari Riba organized the meet-and-greet for us.

After our guests left the meeting, members continued to brainstorm regarding fund raising and ensuring there would be enough volunteers to carry this out.

Although many ideas were shared,

decisions have not been finalized.

Dues were also part of the discussion. Jim Bjorgo suggested raising dues from \$5 per year to \$10, and \$15 per couple.


Our meeting locations over the next three months have changed. We will be utilizing the Veranda Room in the East Activity Center, but keeping the same time.

The dates are still the second Tuesday

of the month.

Our guest at the June 12 meeting will be Mike Twitty, county tax assessor, and at the July 10 meeting, Chris Latvala, state representative of the 67th district – Clearwater and Largo.

On Aug. 14 our speaker is scheduled to be Congressman Gus Bilirakis representing the 12th district.



Ronald Reagan
REPUBLICAN CLUB

Regular Meetings are moving to the East Activity Center Veranda Room every second Tuesday, 7 p.m. for June, July and August.
Next meeting is June 12 with guest Mike Twitty, property appraiser.

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Summer Thursdays

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New club will bring a jolly, young twist to OTOW



By John Koning

The Jolly Club is a new club to On Top of the World, but the Jolly name is not.

It conjures up good feelings and fond memories for many of us. It's a symbol of what can happen when fun-loving people get together.

Pat Koning and I started the Jolly Club to bring joy and fun to our OTOW community. Both of us have been instrumental in the success of other OTOW clubs and we want to put that experience and energy to good use.

The Jolly Club is a gift to our community. It's free to join and it's free to participate in.

If you like singing, dancing and hanging out with young-at-heart people, go to our brand new mobile-friendly Website and sign up online. Join with your phone, your tablet or your laptop. It's quick, it's easy and it might earn you a free gift.

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John and Pat Koning proudly display the Website of their new On Top of the World club.

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Democratic Club preparing for elections

By Donna Lukas

According to Porgy and Bess, it's "Summertime" ... and the living is easy.

Well, maybe not so easy if there is an important election during the summer.

At the Democratic Club meeting in May, our membership discussed both Democratic Party and Democratic Club plans for the upcoming elections this year.

In addition to attending club meetings, picnics and candidate events, our club members will be helping fellow On Top of the World residents register for mail ballots.

We also discussed some of the activities of the Pinellas County Young Democrats. One of the activities that club members can help with is collecting new pairs of socks for the homeless. All varieties of socks for men, women and children are needed. White socks are requested for



Democratic Club

diabetic adults, but colorful socks for children are appreciated.

If you aren't a club member, you can give new socks to any club member who will bring them to our meetings. This activity will continue throughout the year.

If your summertime pace has slowed

down a little, perhaps you will have time to attend our next club meeting. It will be held at our usual time on the second Thursday, June 14, from 2-3:30 pm in the Starlite Room of the East Activity Center.

In this important election year we have had several candidates, who will be on this year's ballots, as guest speakers. We plan to have more of them at our June meeting. Please come and hear what they have to say and use the opportunity to ask your own questions.

The Aug. 28 election will be a primary for U.S. Congress, Florida governor, and numerous other statewide offices. It will also be the final election for school board and judicial offices.

Mail ballots are scheduled to be sent out on July 24.

If you are registered to vote in Florida, but will be away on vacation, be sure

to contact the supervisor of elections office (727-464-8683) to have a mail ballot sent to your temporary location. The post office will not forward mail ballots from your home address.

You can also pay your annual membership dues at any of our club meetings. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send a \$12 check payable to OTOW Democratic Club to our club treasurer Jack Starr. Mail your check to: 2341 Haitian Drive, Unit 17, Clearwater, FL 33763.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club pages on the Box Office at www.ontopoftheworldnews.com. Click to enter the Box Office, click "Club Pages" and then click on the "Democratic Donkey." You can also send us an email at this site.

Baby Boomers visit nature park for interaction and education with predators



Baby Boomers

By Penni Telleck

Recently, the Baby Boomers traveled to the Narrows Environmental Education Center in Largo.

This wilderness park is also known as the McGough Nature Park, and before that it was called Largo Narrows.

Inside, it was easy for our group of Boomers to find tranquility.

We strolled past shady oak trees while watching the scenic mangroves grow along the Intracoastal Waterway.

This charming nature park, located next to the Indian Rocks Bridge, is a hands-on community center for non-releasable, predatory raptors. Here, these oftentimes-scary birds receive excellent veterinary treatment, as well as permanent homes.

The vets at the Narrows Environmental Education Center are top notch and help to ease interactions between us and the birds-of-prey.

The Boomers also communed with owls!

Three Florida owl varieties were there this day: screech, barred and great horned. Also drifting around their perches were red-shouldered and red-tailed hawks.

And even Sarge, an American eagle, made an appearance.

Sarge has a rare feather defect that makes it difficult for him to fly. He seems to enjoy hanging out with the other injured owls and hawks as part of the park's raptor rehab program.

Sarge, in fact, has become the new ambassador for both the park and birds



Pictured above are six Baby Boomers who recently tried out riding e-bikes in the Dunedin area. For those who don't know, an e-bike is an electric bike. You still pedal, but the motor makes it easier. From left to right, Valerie Martin, Kathy Brumbaugh, Regina Burke, Eileen Yetman, Tom Fagan and Tom Yetman rode the Pinellas County Trail. The E Bikes made it easier to go longer distances, easier to climb hills and the overall benefit is you get to enjoy the outdoors longer - you don't get as tired out as you would on a normal bike.

inside! This American eagle is part of the successful Avian Veteran Alliance (AVA) program. The AVA is dedicated to assisting our veterans in their re-acclimation to life outside of the military. With the AVA's help, "Wounded birds join wounded soldiers."

In the park, the philosophy is that wounded raptors can help our veterans heal by getting them outdoors and thereby improving their mental and physical well-being.

A veteran is paired with a wounded

raptor, who they feed and take on long walks through this peaceful and beautiful park. It's a great program for everyone involved.

The Boomers were a little surprised how much they enjoyed this park and its important educational programs! Who knew such a gem was located so near On Top of the World?

If you would like more details on future Baby Boomer events, join us at our meetings! We're always looking for more friends willing to try something new or get

better at something old.

During the summer, some of the regular Baby Boomer activities change, so be sure to check your emails for upcoming activities.

This month, the Baby Boomers will be meeting on June 6 and 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

We usually have a quick discussion about upcoming social events, which is always followed by raucous laughter at a local restaurant. Come join us!

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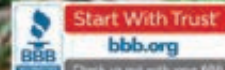
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Past Presidents share thoughts of the future

By Laurie Fischer

On behalf of the Canadian Club, we hope you are having a wonderful summer wherever you happen to enjoy it!

Throughout the summer, over the next few months, we would like to salute and honor several of our Canadian Club Past Presidents. After all, they are our history as they are the people who have made the Canadian Club the great organization it is today!

In this article, we focus on three past presidents. These are questions they were asked ...

What year were you Canadian Club President?

What was your proudest accomplishment as president?

What activities do you enjoy?

What other On Top of the World



clubs do you belong to?

Any other thoughts on the OTOW Canadian Club and it's future?

So, in no particular order, here we go...

Marnie Carr (2011-2012) is from Pickering, Ontario. She enjoys swimming, line dancing and bridge, and is a member of the OTOW Line Dancing Club.

As president, she created the Past President's framed chart which is added to each year.

Charles St-Maurice (2017-2018) now lives full time in Tarpon Springs.

While still working full-time, as president, he was responsible for the automation of registration, ticket sales, Website and emails to all members.

He is an avid cyclist and likes sailing and traveling.

He feels that the future of the Canadian Club depends upon adapting to the baby boomers coming up in the ranks as they are our future.

Rick McLauchlan (2015-2016) hails from Nepean, Ontario.

He likes golf and lawn bowling, and is a member of the OTOW Theater Workshop, successfully debuting on stage this past year with Past President Wife, Brenda.

During his tenure as president, Rick transitioned the Canadian Club from a large-storage facility to two storage cabinets, which now contain most of our supplies and decorations.

He feels the club is the most active and inclusive of OTOW social clubs.

Our thanks to you and all of our Past Presidents!

Join us on Friday, Nov. 30, for our Canadian Club Registration Night and Wine and Cheese Social as we welcome back both old and new members.

Latin Night was a success

By Pat Hayes

The New York-New Jersey Club held its first annual Latin Night in April and based on the outpouring of support for this event we will be planning another one for next spring.

I would like to thank Jennette Rosa, Laura O'Connor, Ron Gartner and all our other volunteers for a job well done.

Starting in June, our club will only be selling tickets for upcoming events on Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Our next event will be a Summer Sports Festival on Thursday, Aug. 23, at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

This is the first time we will host such an event and it is open to all On Top of the World residents.

Dinner will be catered by Felice and will include either Italian, tuna or turkey and swiss sandwiches. Your selection will be made at the time you buy the tickets.

We will also provide salads, dessert coffee and ice.

The sports theme is an invitation for everyone to wear a sports-related shirt or hat featuring their favorite team. We will have a hot new DJ appearing for the first time, so bring your dancing shoes.

No Snowbirds allowed. You have to be a fan of 95-degree weather.



New York - New Jersey Club

Our next event will be a Dessert Night on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the EAC. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

This will be a meet-and-greet party over New York Cheese Cake and coffee.

Representatives of OTOW theater groups, Italian-American Club and Irish Club will discuss upcoming events.

In addition, we will nominate officers. If you are interested in volunteering, please stop by the ticket table on Thursday mornings in the EAC and ask for Pat Hayes.



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Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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Every month there is a Lunch Bunch

Travel Club takes exotic trip to Florida Aquarium and prepares for day trip to local museum

By Tom Jamrozy

Many On Top of the World clubs are busy part of the time. However, the Travel Club keeps going every month of the year.

We have our lunch bunches, as well as day trips, and we throw in some longer trips. So stop by our ticket table on Thursday mornings or attend a meeting to see what we're doing.

Our Lunch Bunch in May at Positano's was a great success with 30 in attendance - a good number considering our Snowbirds were gone.

We had a wonderful day at the Florida Aquarium, seeing a variety of sea life: Gators, fish, sharks, sting rays, giant sea turtles, sea horses and beautifully-colored coral. There are also many exotic animals that live there, such as lemurs, cranes, owls, snakes and a large variety of birds.

I saw a beautiful spoonbill swoop down from a nest and try to get the silk flower off of the hat of one of the ladies in our group. She was quite surprised.

We ate lunch at Café Rays and then we boarded a boat for our tour on the bay, where we saw dolphins playing in the waves. The weather was wonderful and



this trip was a great success.

This month we have sold out our Jolly Trolley trip to the Leepa Rattner Museum of Art with lunch at the New England Ale House Grill, but we have room for you to join our Lunch Bunch on June 20 at Sea Sea Rider in Dunedin.

Stop by the East Activity Center on Thursdays, 8:30-10:00 a.m., and check out what is available at our sales table.


Eating and traveling with a group can be a lot of fun. It can also reduce admission to attractions with the group rates we are able to offer.

If you are looking to do something during the summer and fall, remember that we are here offering a variety of things to do year round.



Pictured above is a variety of flyers on display if you visit the Travel Club table on Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center auditorium. At right are club members visiting the Florida Aquarium. Next stop was a boat trip for sightseeing.





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While members of the Good Neighbors Association take a break over the summer to attend vacations, other clubs and groups from the community are going to fill in temporarily to make sure all the free stuff continues.

We'll call it, "Summer Thursdays" for June, July and August.

On Thursday, June 14, clubs and groups will be in the East Activity Center Auditorium starting at 8:30 a.m. selling tickets and answering questions about their upcoming events.

At 9 a.m., the donut and coffee line will open to residents and everyone can enjoy the same, free, morning tradition that only happens here once a month.

Then morning announcements will be made and we will welcome new residents. Plus, vendors will be on hand to inform you about their latest specials.

For the June 14 Summer Thursday, entertainment will be provided by "you" our audience.

Lenny Segall and Kathy Ahrens, who host a monthly Sunday Night Karaoke Party at OTOW, will be your "Summer Thursday" host with morning karaoke.

If you love to sing, this is your chance!

Sing a solo.

Sing a duet with a friend.

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The song books contain a variety of music, including Rock and Roll, Country, Melodies and more.

There are morning songs, summer songs and even party songs.

Lenny and Kathy will even pick popular songs that everyone knows, put the words on their big screen and the whole audience can sing right from their seats!

Shy?

You can try "Karaoke with Lenny and Kathy" Sunday evening, June 3, 6-9 p.m., in the EAC Auditorium to practice. This will be a regular program with Lenny and Kathy.

They also have more information on the Box Office Website. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click

Box Office and click the link for Clubs and Groups. Look for karaoke.

For all three Summer Thursdays, two things are guaranteed. (1) Everything is free and (2) the Snowbirds will be missing out.

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Then, when you reached your teens, nothing could hold you back. To go from 12 years old to 13 years old was a milestone. To reach 18 meant finally leaving high school. And reaching 21 meant everything in the world was at your fingers! "Yes!"

But then the late-20s snuck in and you started to say "Whoa!" I don't want to leave the 20s.

But before you could figure out how to stop time, the 30s came.

It was like bad milk, sour dumplings or wait ... "is fun coming to an end?"

Then, just as you realize you will never control age, and you're trying to get adjusted to being 30, you start to see 40 approaching.

"Whoa again!"

"Where are the brakes? I didn't want to leave my 20s, but settled for 30s. Now that I'm settled, here comes 40!"

You see the 20s fly by. You see the 30s

slip away. Then the 40s sail right by.

Suddenly ... No!

50? Not 50?

Dreams are gone. You can no longer consider what to do with your life. It's here.

Just as you begin to look back at your younger years, and try to figure out how to settle with what you have - bang! The 50s turn into 60s!

When you were 21, did you ever consider being 60?

Did you ever think 39 years would race by so quickly?

Well, by now, age is getting faster and faster.

You remember your 20s, wonder what

happened to your 30s, plow right into your 40s, frown you had to go through your 50s and blink - you're in your 60s.

But as soon as the blink is over, you open your eyes and you're 70.

Weren't we just discussing 50s?

By the time you reach 75, you have reached that point in your life when you don't want Tuesday to come. Just stop on Monday and cease to change. No more days, no more weeks, no more months. Just Monday all the time.

But, obviously, no one hears you.

Friday just passed and "poof!" you turned 80.

Once you reach 80, the struggle is no longer getting from Monday to Sunday. Instead, the game is to get through breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Sleep?

That's another story.

Bam! 90s are here.

Wait!

I was just 75. Now I'm 90?

At this point, wouldn't we all have more fun if we reversed time instead of moving forward?

Unfortunately, it doesn't work like that.

But something neat really does hap-

pen next.

You turn 100.

Suddenly, you are a hero. There are parties. People want to talk to you about your younger years. They want to know what life was like before cars, TVs and running water. You get pampered, spoiled and get lots of cool presents. When you turn 100, it's like becoming a little kid again.

Best part is, for the first time since you were 12 1/2 years old, you can now say you are 100 1/2 years old. Every half is an accomplishment.

And at 100, age doesn't matter anymore. You no longer have to look ahead and worry about the sarcastic newspaper articles and unpleasant jokes telling you 110 is approaching. No one has ever reached 110 and still been able to write humor!

But one last reminder before you fall asleep, there is one thing a 12 year old and a 100 year old both have in common. Neither are allowed to drive. So, don't ask.

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(Original script written by George Carlin. This is one of many versions from the original)

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Thanks to Clearwater Horseshoe Club, OTOW club was able to finish its 23rd season

Horseshoes

The On Top of the World Horseshoe Club wrapped up its 23rd year of play after becoming members of the Clearwater Horseshoes Club for a season.

The OTOW Horseshoe League started in 1995 with 25 members. Since then, the club has averaged 12-25 members each year.

The latest season began in January of this year and ended in March. Play could not take place behind the East Activity Center because of construction on the new Pavilion Park. League members joined the Clearwater club and were allowed to continue OTOW league play there.

Club Treasurer Gerald Smith said OTOW residents were welcomed into the Clearwater club and in return the players were thrilled to join.

"All our club members were well received by the Clearwater Club," Gerald said. "They accommodated us very well and made it possible for us to compete another successful season."

"We keep pitching for several reasons," Gerald continued. "It gets us out of the house. We all need the exercise and most of all, the great camaraderie. We are a great group of guys who enjoy the friendly competition."

The club held its annual post-season banquet in April at Positanos Italiano Restaurant. Twenty members attended.

"Our ladies love this banquet," Gerald said. "It's the only time when they can all visit and compare notes on what the men were really up to all spring."

Reviewing the league's final standings, Roy Monteith was ranked first after winning 74 percent of his 45 games. Roy scored 2696 points with 684 ringers.

Second place went to Jim Manard, who won 61 percent of his 38 games, with a total of 1333 points and 107 ringers.

Third place went to Pete Forlini, who won 59 percent of his 34 games, with a total of 1434 points and 253 ringers.

This was Pete's first season in our league. He is a newcomer from Penn-



Pictured above are members of the 2018 On Top of the World Horseshoe League. They are Ray Lawrence, Jim Wishmeir, Charlie Bosio, Pete Forlini, Roy Montieth, Jim Manard, Phil Henne, Doug Mowka, Gerald Smith and Jim Rudderham.

2018 OTOW Horseshoe League

Player	Percent Games Won	Ringers
Roy Montieth	74	684
Jim Manard	61	107
Pete Forlini	59	253
Ray Lawrence	55	444
Phil Henne	52	335
Jim Wishmier	52	208
Doug Mouka	48	220
Jim Rudderham	47	183
Jim Collins	40	180
Gerald Smith	37	193
Denis Rochon	35	38
Charlie Bosio	26	79

sylvania.

OTOW Horseshoe Club members will continue to be active over the summer – mostly practicing. It is hopeful, by November, league play will be able

to return to On Top of the World in the new park. Our league plays Tuesday and Thursday mornings. If you would like more information about our club, or upcoming schedule, email

Gerald at avager22@aol.com.

Any resident is welcome to join our league. All skill levels are allowed. We use a handicap system which equalizes the competition.



'Love and Lost Tournament' winners named

If you can handle 12 holes this summer, you should be joining our mixed league

9-Hole Ladies

By Nancy Schifferle

While our Snowbirds have returned north to their summer habitats, many of our nine hole golfers wish to tough it out all summer here at On Top of the World.

So when the 18-hole Ladies Golf League asked our 9-hole Ladies Golf League to join them for a 12-hole summer league, several of our gals signed up.

This league will begin on the June 5. Those interested can get more information by calling Sherry Ivey at 797-8454.

Our congratulations to Mary Ann O'Neil, who was honored at our spring banquet for her five plus years of dedicated service and officership. She now plans to "just golf and then go home."

And that she should!

Our sincere appreciation Mary Ann.

Karen Johnson has established and handled our first annual "Loved and Lost" best ball tournament, which honors our deceased members.

Winners were Romy Brady, Anne Jarvis, Margo Smith and Joyce Metzger.

Tournament winners names are engraved on a plaque to be displayed in our little house. Yearly honorees names will be added to the plaque annually. This year's four winners were honored with medallions at our recent banquet.



Pictured second from left is Loved and Lost Tournament Director Karen Johnson along with tournament flight winners Romy Brady, Anne Jarvis and Margo Smith. Missing was Joyce Metzger.

Name badges were recently distributed to the following new league members: Kim Sandine, Sandy Wall, Donna

Meszaros, Sara Fergusson, Paula Ergang, Lois Vandebougart, Jackie Cornett-Small and Mary Ellen Makowski.

New members are always welcomed to join our fun-filled league. Contact Carroll Harris, president, at (432)528-8684.

Flight champions announced for last four tournaments

By David Cox

Once again, the Men's Golf Association would like to thank all the maintenance employees from BrightView for their continuous efforts to keep our golf courses in great shape.

Our league is also enjoying the added ornamental beautifications.

We would like to thank On Top of the World maintenance employees for the landscape and shrubs being added along the fence at hole No. 6.

With the Snowbirds going back to their homes for the summer, we lost a lot of our members who regularly participate in Wednesday tournaments.

Men's Golf

But we're still playing.

Our next tournament will be Wednesday, June 20. Food and beverages will be served.

The following are results from the past four tournaments:

On Wednesday, April 18, "A" Flight first place went to Jeff West and runner up was Roy Monteith. In "B" Flight, first place was Richard Folger and runner up was Bob Notbohn. In "C" Flight, first

place was Carl Rounds and runner up was Nelson Sparks. In "D" Flight first place was Bill Guendling and runner up Les Gabel.

Our next tournament was on Wednesday April 25. "A" Flight first place went to Roy Monteith and runner up was Bill Haener. "B" Flight first place went to Jay Schwallie and runner up was Guy Bertuzzi. "C" Flight first place went to Paul Seggelin and runner up was Harry Crawford. "D" Flight first place went to John Noble and runner up was Rick Helton.

Our next tournament was on Wednesday, May 2. In the "A" Flight, first place went to Bill Haener and runner up was

Tom Pettit. In "B" Flight, first place went to Richard Ziembicki and runner up was Jack Sousa. In "C" Flight, first place went to Harry Crawford and runner up was Jim McHugh. In "D" Flight, first place went to Alex Miller and runner up was Roger Hebler.

Our fourth tournament was on Wednesday, May 9. The "A" Flight winner was Don Sorensen and runner up was Nilson Sabadin. "B" Flight winner was Ronald Huber and runner up was Jack Gow. "C" Flight winner was Harry Crawford and runner up was Joseph Dowe. "D" Flight winner was Joe Rogalski and runner up was John Fier.

**The Thursday Golf League standings are on the Box Office.
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After 26 weeks, Thursday Golf crowns a champion

The official season for the Thursday Golf league is over and our new league champion is Fred Schick.

For 26 weeks, league members play by a point system. The better you play, the more points you accumulate. The person with the most points at the end is league champion.

Fred had 47 points.

Finishing second were Dan Hyden and Paul Meyers with 40 points.

The remaining top 10 point gatherers were Verna Lundgren, Bruce MacPherson, Bill Higgins, Harry Barbin, Willie Roos, Bill Cook, David Rogers, Deb Young, Ken Smith, Bill Gambacurta, Pat Eastman, Lynne Godfrey, Dave Pittenger, Len Howell and Mike Dietterich.

The league plays year round and welcomes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are welcome. You don't have to join to try us out.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior weekly sign up. If you show up you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is

Thursday Golf

for you.

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

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

The Week 23 winner was Verna Lundgren. Pete Cosgrove finished second and Ken Smith was third. David Rogers had the low gross round. Bruce MacPherson collected two skins. John Adkins, Mike Dietterich, Don Baker, Ken Smith and Ron Reeves had one skin each. The long drive winners were Verna Lundgren, John Maloof, Bo Craddock and David Rogers. Jim Stewart was closest to the pin.

Dan Hyden was Week 24 champion. JT Norris was second and Jahn Lawson placed third. David Rogers took low gross honors and two skins. Bill Higgins, Jahn



Fred Schick is the season champion in the Thursday Golf League.

Lawson, Ron Reeves and Don Hahs collected one skin each. Deb Young, Fred Schick, Bob Hunt and Rick Muchler were

the long drivers. Ron Reeves was closest to the pin.

Week 25 was won by Len Howell. Kay Saterlee was second and Don Hahs was third. Bill Higgins had the low gross round. Jim Stewart collected three skins. Len Howell, Harry Barbin and Paul Meyers took one skin each. The three closest to the pin contests were won by Dave Pittenger, Don Baker and Bill Higgins.

Len Howell had another great round and placed first in Week 26. Bruce MacPherson was second and Bill House took third place. Bruce MacPherson also recorded the low gross round. Richard Yoon and Bill Higgins had the only skins. The long drive winners were Linda Slingerland, Fred Schick, Bruce MacPherson and Harry Barbin. Ken Smith made the closest to the pin shot.

For a little variety, PGA teaching professional Harry Barbin will be organizing road trips to East Bay Golf Course, Crescent Oaks and Mangrove Bay on Mondays in upcoming weeks. Anyone interested should contact Harry at HVGCHarry@aol.com.

Ladies getting organized for 2018-19 season

By Pat Cassidy

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf League held its Snowbirds picnic after golf on April 17.

Pizza and homemade cookies were served, along with cold drinks. Our general Meeting followed the picnic.

Next year our annual Handicap Tournament will be on two consecutive Tuesdays in March.

Jacqui Dolan and Donna Smith are arranging our Christmas Brunch at the Clearwater Country Club. The league will subsidize part of the cost. We can all get dressed up, sit back and enjoy the holiday spirit.

Arlene Hanson, Ursula Taylor and Suellen Dowe are arranging next year's Spring Luncheon.

Terry Kuplen and Sheila Meneilly will organize the Jack & Jill Tournament.

The handicap and tournament committee will be Donna Osborn, Debbie Figaski and Gloria Sayer. These are the ladies who spend long hours in the Green House arranging schedules, posting scores, updating handicaps and making all the decisions necessary to keep us a well-organized league.

All the monthly chairman spots were filled: October, Joy Ray; November, Jane Hanley; December, Sherry Ivey; January, Elaine Stretavski; February, Pat Cassidy; March, Joan Yorkery; April, Maureen Stewart; and May, Linda Rice.

If you haven't volunteered to work in the Green House, call a monthly chairman and put your name on her list. It is a great

18 Hole Ladies

way to match names with faces.

Our last day of league play was May 22. It was scheduled to be a shotgun start with refreshments to follow. As of this writing, Fran Zaloski was planning ice cream sundae treats.

Everyone have a great summer and we will see you all in the fall.

Winter golf season opens Oct. 2. Remember to call ahead to get your name on the schedule and bring your updated activity card with you.

WEEKLY AWARDS

On April 17, in Flight A, first place went to Gloria Sayer with a 63, second place went to Maureen Stewart and Nancy Lo with 65s, third place went to Gina Yoon and Linda Rice with 68s.

In Flight B, first place went to Donna Smerz and Terry Kuplen with 61s, second place went to Jill Orchard with 62 and third place went to Kay Satterlee with 64.

In Flight C, first place went to Joan Yorkery with a 61, second place went to Jane Hanley with 62 and third place went to Sheila Meneilly with 63.

On April 24 the Flight A winner was Sharon Hackenmiller with 60, followed by Maureen Stewart with 62 and Nancy Lo with 63.

In Flight B, Kay Satterlee was in first with 61, followed by Gwen Lemke with 63



Picture above are the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League officers for the 2018-19 season. From left to right are Becky West, president; Gloria Sayer, vice president; Sherry Ivey, secretary; and Karen Os-hona, treasurer. (Photo by Boots Stanton)

and Rosemary Sabatino and Cindy Schell tied for third with 64.

In Flight C, the champion was Jane Hanley followed by Rose Mulhall and Arlene Hanson with 66 and Joan Yorkery and Boots Stanton tied for third with 69.

On May 1, the Flight A winners were Kim Norried, Linda Rice and Terry Kuplen all tied with 65. Nancy Lo was second with 66 and Cindy Schell was third with 67.

Flight B winner was Carole Whynot with 60, Gwen Wyer and Debbie Figaski tied for second with 64 and Fran Zaloski came in third with 65.

In Flight C, first place was Gail Ducharme with 62, followed by Arlene Hanson

with 64 and Joan Yorkery and Rose Mulhall tied for third with 66.

Linda Rice was the First Flight winner on May 8. She shot a 62. Kim Norried and Sharon Hackenmiller tied for second with 63, and Cindy Schell and Carole Lacey tied for third with 66.

Flight B had Gwen Wyer in first with 63, followed by Rosemary Sabatino with 64 and Natsue Dawson and Kay Satterlee tied for third with 66.

Flight C winner was Joan Yorkery with 60, Rose Mulhall second with 61 and Pat Dalziel and Sheila Meneilly tied for third with 64.

Our play on May 15 was cancelled due to wet grounds.

SPORTS

During the summer, we give our feet a rest and just smack the ball



Pictured above, left, is Lenny Segall, new president of the OTOW softball league. At right is Guy Bertuzzi, the outgoing president.

By Bob Rittner

With On Top of the World softball season over until October, two pieces of business remain.

One is to note that the summer alternative to softball is stickball, which we play Friday mornings at 8 a.m. at Montclair Park near Keene Road. Call Bob Rittner at 727-729-7970 if you would like more information. If you want to play, just appear at a game and we will get you in. Please note that there is no base running in this game.

Second point of business is reviewing statistics for the 2017-2018 season. They demonstrate how much this season was dominated by defense, a factor that made the games very exciting and usually close.

The league batting average this season was .498. In most years, it is near .600. Even more unusual from previous seasons was our league's slugging percentage,

Softball

a statistic that measures power production. Ordinarily, the league average is in the .750 range. This year it was only .619.

No individual with at least 100 plate appearances batted over .800, nor did anyone slug over 1.000 - again unusual in that ordinarily at least four or more batters will reach those lofty averages.

Since we never record any play as an error, it means that every time a batter reaches base, he is awarded a hit. Yet, the averages were depressed due to steady, often spectacular, fielding.

At the conclusion of many athletic seasons, there are usually award ceremonies of some sort. Although we occasionally name someone a Most Valuable Player in a game, due to some special play, our softball league does not hand out trophies

or name statistical leaders at season's end.

Everyone who plays in our league is a star at some point during the season. It is these moments and contributions that bring special gratification to our game mornings.

OTOW softball plays Tuesday and Thursday mornings in Safety Harbor from 8-9:30. The season lasts from October to April. Call Bob Rittner (727-729-7970) or Lenny Segall (727-560-2620) for information.

We welcome new players, regardless of skills or experience, and find ways to accommodate everyone so each feels they are contributing to the overall health of the league.

At this time, I would like to introduce Lenny Segall as the new president of our league and thank Guy Bertuzzi for his time as past president.



Picture left to right are Bill Davis and Howard Wilson.

Two dozen compete for Scotch Doubles title

By Pamela Rosenblatt

It was an active Thursday night at the West Activity Center.

Twenty-four On Top of the World Billiards Club players of all skill levels participated in a Scotch Doubles tournament.

The competition was fierce.

Five teams tied for third place. Two teams tied for second place. One team stood out, however, winning 10 of 12 games they played.

Congratulations to Bill Davis and Howard Wilson for their win.

All residents with a current activity card can join the Billiards Club or use the Billiard Room. There's usually a friendly game going on, somebody practicing to sharpening their skills or somebody looking for a new billiard buddy.

Don't worry about not knowing how to play as there are lots of helpful players around to teach you. Stop by anytime to watch, play or just say hello.



Pictured above are the top pool sharks from a recent tournament in the Ladies Que'T Billiards League. From left to right are Mary Spearman, second place, Helen Crombie, first place and Claudia Carroll, second place

Ladies Billiards offer a monthly tournament and basic instruction over the summer months

Helen Crombie took first place in the Que'T Ladies Billiards tournament in April.

Helen has made a great contribution to the Que'Ts as she has served as vice president and president. She has continued to inspire us with her enthusiasm for playing well.

Mary Spearman took second place in the tournament. You may find Mary enjoying a walk every morning on the West side. She is currently serving as secretary on the Que'T Board.

Claudia Carroll tied for second place. Claudia learned to play pool right here at On Top of the World. She'll tell you that Ed Solivan is a great teacher and we're fortunate to have him as one of our teachers.

Denny Balderson also contributes a lot of time helping all of us improve our game. Claudia is serving as president.



Que'T Billiards

Elected to the Board this year are Margo Lindsay serving as vice president and Liz Asselta continuing as treasurer.

Come out and meet Ed and Denny. They can help you get started learning our game. Make new friends and enjoy an evening out with the Que'T Ladies Billiards Club. We'll see you there at 6 p.m. on Wednesday in the Billiards Room.

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BUILDING REPORTS



Resident makes annual trip to son's Italian farm

It has been a year since I've reported news from Bluebird Farm, the little corner of Italy where my son David and his wife Muriel live with their daughter, 14, and son, 15.

Things have changed since the carefree days of home schooling where their time was their own.

The Italian government allows 12 years of home school and then the students must choose their course of study for their secondary education. Their son is in a technical high school which requires a daily train trip to San Remo, and their daughter is pursuing an early childhood teaching career a little closer to home.

Muriel, the main farmer of their little acres, is teaching in a Waldorf school to children of kindergarten age, and is pursuing her teaching certificate by having to travel to Milan for a specialized course.

That leaves David to tend the farm full time. While I was there he turned over the earth for planting tomatoes, squash, basil and pumpkins. He also saw to it that the chickens and ducks were fed and safe in their little fenced in area. The hens may be ready to produce chicks soon.



In October friends and family will come to whack the 45 olive trees so they can give up their fruit, ensuring there will be olive oil for another year. You may recall I was there two years ago during olive harvest time and was astonished at the amount of olive oil that was produced by these trees.

I just returned from two weeks spent with them hoping for that famous Italian sunshine, but all I got was cold and rain. But each evening the wood stove was lit to keep the family room warm while we gathered for dinner.

It's good to be back in the warmth of Florida!



Cecile Sangiamo and her son, David, stand next to the old farmhouse in Vallebona, Italy, site of her son's farm, where he lives with his wife, Muriel, and two children.

Photos courtesy of Cecile Sangiamo and family



Among other chores, David Sangiamo works hard at turning over the earth in preparation for planting his vegetables.



David and Muriel Sangiamo's son and daughter strike a pose at the farmhouse.



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Loch Lomond farewells include former long-time reporter

Just take a look around Loch Lomond building — you may have noticed a few new neighbors. Too many to introduce in one fell swoop here, but stay tuned for new neighbors featured through the summer issues of the paper.

We recently caught up with Jack and Anne Casey, former Loch Lomond residents, who are now living the good life at Imperial Palms in Largo. Their first-floor apartment is more conducive to their busy lifestyle, especially after enduring three flights of stairs during Irma's visit. Loch Lomond residents will always be grateful for Jack in spearheading the painting of our mailboxes two years ago.

Jane Haynes has decided to move to Atlanta to be closer to her family after nearly 30 years at Loch Lomond.

Her grandnieces helped her with the major task of downsizing and using a POD for the move. Planning a move on one's own was a daunting task for Jane, since as a Department of Defense employee for 30 years, Jane enjoyed the convenience



of the service packing up and shipping her things.

By the way, Jane's tasks with DoD Educational Administration involved teaching, counseling, ordering supplies, and any other task required.

During her career Jane traveled to and lived in such far-flung places as Germany, Guantanamo Bay, Japan, Midway Island, Okinawa, and almost anywhere there was a military base.

Those of us who have known Jane for years are aware of the multi-talented and active woman she is. She served as our building reporter for nearly two decades. Truly, thanks Jane for handing over her pad and pen recently.

Did you know that Jane extended her love of education as a long-time volunteer in literacy programs right here in Clearwater, at UPARC (Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Citizens), and the Upper Pinellas County Literary Council?

We wish both the Casey family and Jane Haynes happy days ahead.

Finally, you may remember that we reported last June, that Dorothy Graham was confronted by a black snake in her hedges. This year, however, a more pleasant occupant arrived when "Mr. and Mrs. Duck" (as Dorothy affectionately called them), decided to set up their nursery there.

Not sure if Dottie saw the hatchlings before she headed back to Canada, but I spotted Mama and her ducklings waddling



Jane Haynes sits with OTOW News Editor Doug Kates at the 2014 Press Association Luncheon.

happily across World Parkway to the creek that separates us from the golf course. I thought, "Make Way for Ducklings!" by Robert McCloskey. Remember that story?

Have you all remembered to get your A/C units tuned up? It's not too late.

Don't forget to keep your Memorial Day Flags flying for Flag Day, June 14. Might as well just keep them on display, because the Fourth of July is right around the corner. Happy Summer, everyone.

Hurricane season is here — time to prepare

On April 16, the Espana had its yearly "Goodbye Snowbirds" cookout. It was held in the back yards of several condos facing Americus Blvd. The turnout was great and there was wonderful conversation.

The hurricane season starts June 1 and the forecasters are saying that conditions are ripe for an above average number of hurricanes. Last year was one of the most devastating seasons on record.

June 1 to 7 is this year's tax holiday on hurricane preparedness supplies. The state will waive the sales tax on many items needed during hurricane season.

This year the tax holiday will be twice as long as it was last year. In addition to food and little items, you can get tax freedom on many items including radios under \$50, coolers under \$30 and waterproof sheeting under \$50.



Several buildings at On Top of the World lost their power during Hurricane Irma last year, so be sure to get some extra canned food, bottles of water, batteries, candles, flashlights, etc. When you are getting food, be sure to get things

that do not need electricity to prepare.

Keep your medicines filled. Keep your cell phones charged. Keep your gas tanks topped off. Keep your important documents in a safe place. Keep in touch with a good neighbor and see that someone close has a key to your condo.

Do your shopping now. Remember, the lines of people at the last minute last year? We may or may not get hit, but it's good to be prepared in advance.

Years ago I registered with a registry in order to stop all the telephone robocalls I was getting. Well, I still am getting at least five a day right now, so I wanted to do something else. I found out that the Federal Trade Commission has a national "do not call" registry. Just go to donotcall.gov or call 1-888-382-1222.

Not much news this month, so this article will be short. Have a great June!

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A look back at the OTOW News June, 1993

- **Columbia Club:** The final meeting for the season was held on May 19, 1993. President Frank Giarrizzi thanked everyone for their cooperation and help given in our many events. The meeting closed with a talk by a group from Educational Tours and Travel. The informational talk was on an upcoming bus tour to a Mississippi Gulf Coast Casino. We wish everyone a healthy and fun summer.
- **Fun Club:** Our final event of this season is over. The Fun Club, once again, can say a job "well done." The musical revue featuring "Lori Mann" with the "Red Suspenders Jazz Band," "Jim Bibby" and "Andi Sper" made for another fun night. We thank them for entertaining us. More than 360 people attended this Fun Club show.
- **Shuffleboard:** We welcome all our new members and are anxious to see many more members join the club. We honor four-time winner Myrtella Swen and one-time winners Lee Bernath, Teddi McKillip, Audrey Hayes, Ed Hayes, Si Bernath, Jerry Figlder, Mary Figlder, Jack Murray, Richard Thurm, Carl Root and Rodney Walker.
- **South Seas Building:** On Tuesday, April 22, 1993, the women of our building motored to the Pepper Mill Restaurant for lunch. They had a nice show of individuals and everyone enjoyed the decor and food. Grace Dinley and Edna Buckley were the hostesses and did a splendid job.
- **Line Dancing:** June is busting out all over — and it rhymes with moon and spoon and croon, and it means brides and honeymoon and, to some, the start of vacation and travel to exotic places. But whatever, line dancing will continue here at OTOW all summer long.



**Flag Day is
Thursday, June 14.
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Long-time Rizal resident Lily Binette (center, with tiara) turned 95 on May 4. A nice party was thrown for her on May 11 by Hospice volunteers, neighbors and friends.

Spring cleaning focused on bike rooms, 'Dump Days'

Rizal residents began spring cleaning at the end of March with a bicycle room cleanup.

Tags were made available so residents could label their bicycles and "unclaimed bikes" could be identified. All bikes were moved out of the bike room, the room was swept out and, with a little sleuthing, ownership for all of the bikes was accomplished.

Bicycles were placed back in a more orderly fashion, giving "priority access" to those bikes that were in working order and used most often.

The process went so well that a similar process for cleaning out the storage rooms in early 2019 will be attempted, when our seasonal residents are back!

Regular runs to the county dump appear to have helped keep our trash room from becoming a location of "illegal dumping!" Another such dump run was made April 20.

Please remember to watch the Rizal Building bulletin board for an announcement of "Dump Day." You can get rid of items too large to fit in trash cans by providing building volunteers with the \$10 dump fee and your unwanted items.

We have a wonderful neighbor who volunteers his time and truck to make regular runs to the county dump. Thanks so much to Rizal resident Ron for coming up with this fabulous idea and providing the truck for the dump runs. We recently learned that at least one other building read about this, and has adopted this practice for their building! It's all about neighbors helping neighbors.



On Sunday, April 29, Rizal residents held a wine & cheese social. The event was well attended as residents nibbled on cheese, crackers and other goodies. Fun was had by all as we chatted with both old and new friends while sipping on wine and iced tea.

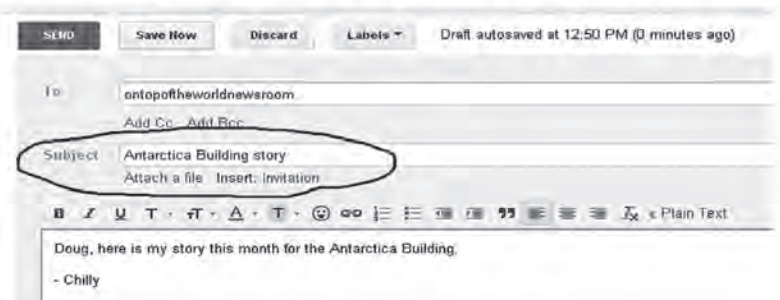
Check the Rizal News bulletin board regularly to learn when our next building gathering will be. We hope to be able to include more of our neighbors each time. After all, isn't that what living in a 55+ community is all about?

Friday, May 11 brought a gathering of family and friends together to celebrate a very happy occasion! Long-time Rizal resident Lily Binette turned 95 on May 4. On May 11, Hospice volunteers brought a party to Lily's apartment, complete with cupcakes, flowers and a tiara for this very special young-at-heart birthday girl!

So, until next time, we wish everyone a happy and safe summer. Building Coordinators Mike and Charlie can be reached via email at rizal.otow@gmail.com.

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.





A part of the group of Emerald Isle residents who met for lunch at the Ivory Chinese Bistro in May for interesting camaraderie and conversation. (Photos by Marge Gipperich)

New Emerald Isle summertime reporter checks in

The Residents at Emerald Isle, building 58, have welcomed me as a new reporter to fill in while our normal building reporter is away for the summer.

My name is Marge Gipperich and I am a new resident of Florida and On Top of the World.

Since many of our friends have returned to their homes elsewhere, the full-time residents enjoyed getting together in May for lunch at the Ivory Chinese Bistro. The turnout was great, with two full tables of neighbors gathered together. The restaurant is under new management and the menu now includes dim sum, in case you are fond of that



popular food item. Our building is a very social and caring group of people. Whether it's clean-up days or supporting

our neighbors with birthday celebrations or other group gatherings, we do our best to include everyone, even those who don't drive, to help them get out and get to know each other.

We have completed storage room and bike room clean-outs, had a happy hour in our common area, and often mingle in our homes for happy hours and dinner parties. Also, our building laundry room is under renovation to make it better for all users.

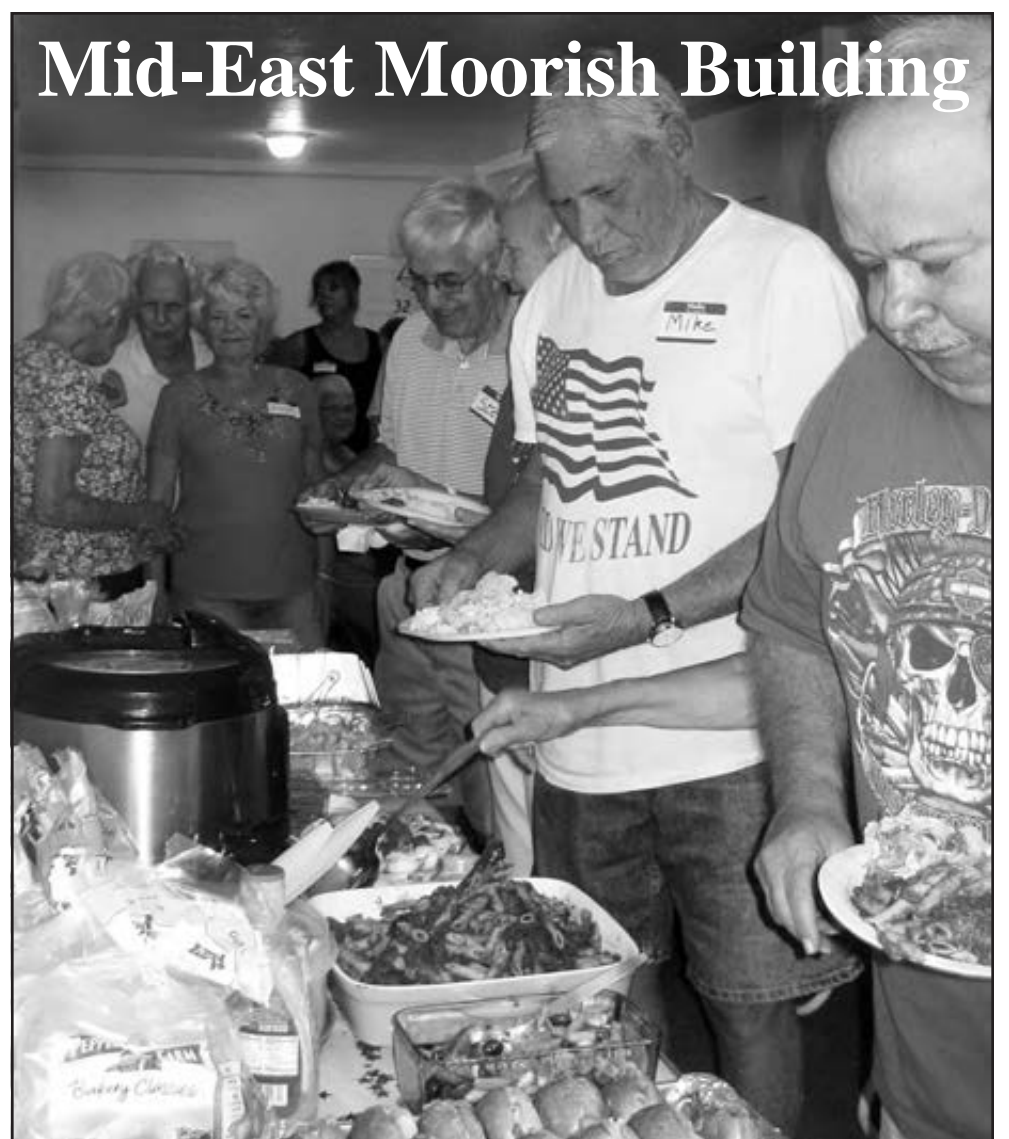
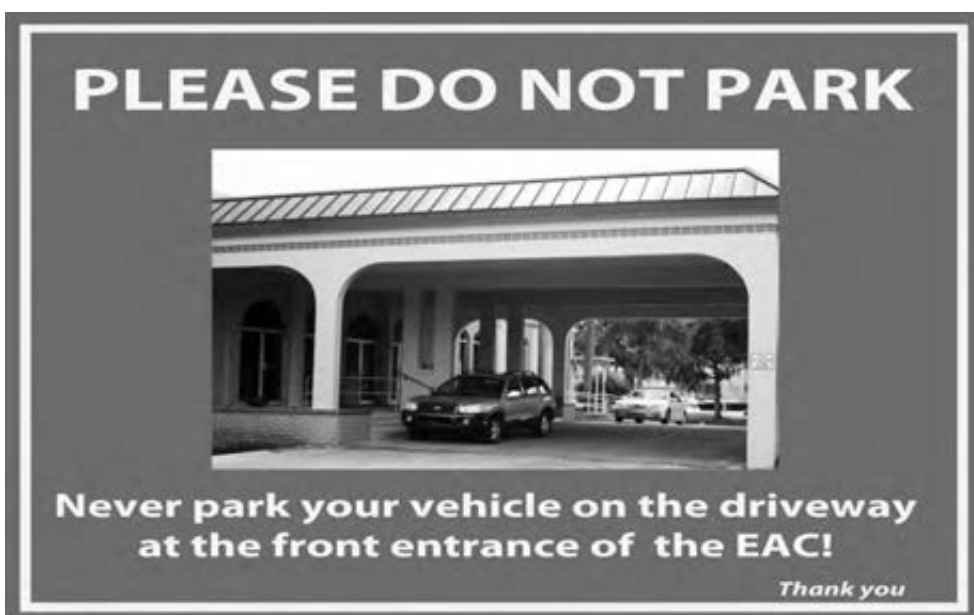
Then there is Emma! Several of our residents have attempted to feed and befriend this stray dog; our local celebrity! She appreciates the goodies offered,

but remains aloof. She is a free spirit with no apparent desire to be tamed. It just speaks to the generous nature of our friends.

It has been said that our building is highly desirable due to the friendly outpourings from our residents! I couldn't agree more.

If you have not received your copy of the building directory, please let Building Captain Cheryl Butcher know.

Enjoy your summer activities and travels and be sure to share your experiences with your neighbors and friends!



More than 40 people from the Mid-East Moorish Building held a 'Welcome Spring Party' on their second floor core in May. Everyone brought food to share, lawn chairs and plenty of conversations. Mid-East Moorish residents rarely get together to do anything as a group, but after this party, residents were asking for another party soon!

Meet an author, salute a vet, enjoy a lunch

The Granada Building says kudos to our own author, Peggy Talak, who published her first book called “Shattered.”

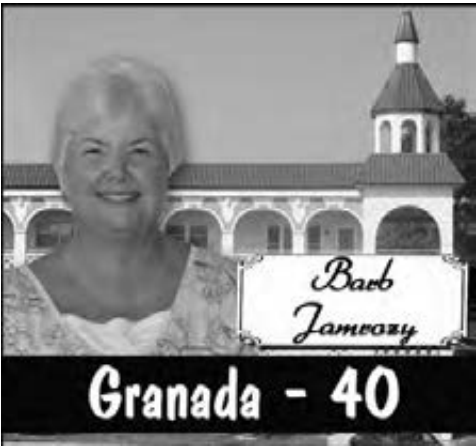
It is based on a true story with the names changed. The main character is Stephany, who struggled against domestic violence without help. It took years to set her free while having two young children to care for and protect.

“Shattered” is available for order on Amazon in book form or Kindle, using the title and author’s name.

Peggy said putting the memories onto paper was emotionally draining, but hopes her book will help others. Our building held a wine and cake reception for Peggy, where she signed books and gave all of us a lovely bookmark.

We attended the New York/New Jersey Club Veterans Celebration. The veterans were presented a lovely bronze medal on a patriotic ribbon and those that served from 1955-1975 were presented a Vietnam Medal. It was very moving.

We have been admiring the blooming



trees and flowers, seeing how the patios are decorated by the folks we call “Sunbirds.” They are the ones who live in Florida full time, enjoying all that Florida has to offer.

As we do every month, we had our building lunch at Smokey Bones and had a great time visiting with our neighbors. A wonderful way to enjoy living here in the Granada Building.



Peg Talek, author of the new book, “Shattered,” lives in the Granada Building.

Bible Study Club

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

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

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Summertime means many are 'on the road again...'

The summer travel season is here and Azorians are taking full advantage.

The On Top of the World OLLI class on Route 66 didn't come too soon for Kay and Jim Spencer. They got their "kicks" traveling the entire 2,451 miles of the "Mother Road" from Chicago to Los Angeles.

They visited many of the sites mentioned in the class as they passed through eight states.

Lonely Planet and Rand McNally "forced them off the road" at times to visit other places of historic interest.

Celeste and Kelly Fitzgerald made their annual trek to beautiful Abruzzo, Italy, to celebrate Kelly's birthday. Their daughter, Christine, and her husband, Wayne, joined them in discovering even more of Kelly's cousins who live in and around the village of Atri (made famous in the poem "The Bell of Atri" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow).



Before heading to the Adriatic coast they enjoyed time exploring the funky, bohemian Roman neighborhood of Trastevere. Italian coffee to start the day and vino rosa to end it. Doesn't get more Italian than that!

Jean and Gordon Fowlie's grandson wins the distance prize. After visiting his

grandparents for five days, he announced he is moving to Australia. Ahhh, to be young and fancy free... son Dave and his partner, Bonnie, surprised his parents with a weekend at the Hilton on Clearwater Beach. Jean said it's so nice to enjoy dinner at Frenchy's and the Beachcomber and then stroll back to the hotel afterward.

Carl Maietta traveled to Brooksville for a good cause: the Wounded War Vets charity golf tournament at Sherman Hills Golf Course. Sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corp Combat Correspondents Association, Carl said it was an inspiring day surrounded by many Vietnam era Marines.

An avid golfer, Carl recommends the course to anyone looking for the challenge of hilly terrain, deep ravine water hazards and well-groomed greens.

Ann Setkowicz and Al Sakey entertained friends they hadn't seen in 50 years. Lots of photos and memories were shared. Incidentally, Ann aced her

Spanish 1 class. Now the dogs can ignore her in two languages.

Springtime also means graduations. Jerry Cather checked in from his home in beautiful Berkeley Springs, W. Va. Jerry is excited to share his son Zac's graduation from Stevenson University in Baltimore. He has been accepted to St. George's Veterinary School (situated on the Caribbean island of Grenada), the second step in his quest to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

A lover of animals himself, the "proud papa" couldn't be more pleased.

The "Ladies Who Lunch" group had a wonderful time at Cello's Lunch House.

Please remember these cute little Junebugs on the day they emerged: Barbara Huntley, June 5; Lou D'Auria, June 8; Mary Rose McGlinchey, June 20; Jim Boyer, June 21; Kelly Fitzgerald, June 21; Bill Coughlin, June 23, and Joann Kleer, June 26.

**The 2018 OTOW Association Annual Meeting
will be held Friday, June 8, at 10 a.m.
in the auditorium of the East Activity Center.**



OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



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

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Shelly Dorsch and her mother, Phyllis Washuda, created this lovely little garden. Shelly made the lighthouse and the seagull decorations herself.

Spotlight is on Rural French treasurer, a long-time resident

This month we will showcase our Rural French Building treasurer, Doris Turner.

Doris wrote, "My husband Allen and I came to On Top of the World in 1979 to visit my parents. We fell in love with OTOW and bought a condo during our visit.

"Upon our retirement in 1982, we moved here permanently. We enjoyed playing golf, bike riding, entertainment and all of the wonderful things OTOW has to offer.

"We soon became active in our building. Allen was co-president for a few years, and I was building treasurer. Allen passed away in 2017. I remain busy reading my Kindle, baking, walking the mall and, once again, I am building Treasurer."

Rose Fox celebrated her 80th birthday with a trip to New York City with her good friends. They were joined there by her daughter, who lives in Salt Lake City.

While in New York, they visited the Museum of Fine Arts, and were able to fit in three plays: "My Fair Lady," "Carousel," and "Three Tall Women."

Rose said, "The plays were wonderful, the food was wonderful, and it was fabulous sharing it all with my daughter and wonderful friends. The view from Top of the Rock was spectacular and I would love to make this an annual celebration."

It's said that beauty is in the eye of the beholder, but sometimes, beauty is



really beauty no matter who sees it.

Shelly Dorsch and her mother, Phyllis Washuda put in a delightful garden to make our building even more beautiful (see photo). Shelly made the lighthouse and the seagull decorations herself from bits and pieces. She is extremely talented. If you get time, stop by her unit and take a look.

It's been suggested that it might be nice to have a game night here in the hallway either once a month, or once a week, if there is enough interest.

Another suggestion is that we get carpools to take short day trips to nearby areas of interest. If you would like to participate in either of these activities, let me know at jhokett@yahoo.com or see me and I will pass your name along.

If you have news or suggestions for our column, please let me know.

Here's a potpourri of news and happenings at Viking

The beginning of June seems to signal an early start to the summer doldrums at Viking.

People are going back up North, travel and vacations commence, and the hot weather seems to keep more people inside.

Starting with some good news, Ilene Bargerstock will probably be back to her long walks in no time. Her husband Rod is proud of the fact that he has been helping out around the condo.

Kudos to Ilene and Rod for their continued participation in the On Top of the World Chorus. Be sure to catch them in the next concert.

Our newest Viking resident is Carol Jacobson. Carol bought the condo formerly owned by Lori Tietz, who now lives with her daughter and granddaughter in Fairfax Station, Va. Lori is loving her new role as grandmother. Meanwhile, back to Carol. You will probably see Carol walking her very handsome Springer Spaniel, Andy, around the complex.

There is another recent addition to the building, though not of the human kind. Norman Troutman and Tom Clegg have added an adorable yellow Labrador puppy to their family. Norman can be seen taking the little cutie for walks. It may be a different story when she reaches her adult weight of 70 pounds or so!

Your reporter's daughter, Erin LaBove, came down for a visit from Salem, Mass. It is the first time she's been



back to Florida since I moved here four years ago. She had planned to surprise me with a visit in March for my 70th birthday, but one of those harsh winter storms hit New England, and her flights were cancelled. Surprise!

Erin was recently promoted to the position of Cataloging Librarian for the Schlesinger Library/Radcliffe Institute at Harvard University. Needless to say, I'm very proud of her.

There are still many things to do here during the summer.

Check out our television channel (732 if you have a cable box, and 98.1 if you don't). That way, you can keep informed on upcoming programs and events, hours of various OTOW offices, the Good Karma Cafe, and daily programs you can follow, such as line dancing, exercise, and yoga.

The OTOW News also lists all events and club activities.

Let's all get out there and make some news!

Recycling is top agenda item at Siboney building meeting

At our last Siboney building meeting we had a great turnout despite our Snowbirds leaving.

President Bob Stone went over the recycling rules while Susan Rausch, our building coordinator, handed out flyers, one of which she had posted on the door of the trash room on the same subject. Please follow those rules.

We had great refreshments. Tom and Linda Tarka brought homemade zucchini bread and Tom's delicious homemade biscotti. Thanks, guys.

Our building's core party had a delicious table of food and desserts. A special treat was made by Mendy McKendry — a huge bowl of banana pudding with strawberries, whipped cream and cookies. Yummy!

Our monthly meetings and core parties will be on hold now until October.



Hope everyone has a great summer. Be careful, drink plenty of water and keep cool.

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers. Don't forget to wear your colors for Flag Day on June 14.

Our next meeting will be in October. Signs will be posted in the core and the elevator.

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Joyous family events, building picnic mark month of May



Congratulations to Englander residents Marc and Cindy Schell on the arrival of their latest grandson.

This makes three grandsons and two granddaughters, if you are counting. Their newest beautiful grandson arrived just in time for his first Mother's Day.

Jerry and Diane Kaplan just returned from Long Island to see their grandson receive his Eagle Scout award. Following his June high school graduation, he will attend Yale University to pursue a chemical engineering degree.

Double good, double fun and double wishes are extended to Chickie Brophy and her twin sister, Mary Fielder, who recently celebrated their 90th birthdays together with friends and family. Happy birthday, ladies.



The weather was picture perfect for our first annual "Picnic in the Parking Lot."

Tears of joy and pride overwhelmed Sharon Noel as her youngest daughter, Amanda, graduated with a bachelor of science degree in biomedical engineering from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

"I was the proudest mother there I'm sure", said Sharon. "We celebrated for 2 days in Knoxville where I constantly cried tears of joy, then we drove down to Nashville to continue our celebration. Her older sister flew in from Phoenix, her father from Southern California, and she was so excited and happy to have her family all

together for this truly joyous, awesome occasion!"

Speaking of joyous occasions, our building celebrated the end of the winter season with a "Picnic in the Parking Lot" like none other. Chef Jerry Kaplan grilled up the hot dogs and hamburgers while everyone else prepared their signature dish for a pot luck feast. We had so many salads, side dishes and desserts, that we probably could have served the entire community. Just kidding, but there was a lot of food and it was all so delicious! So, while the music played on and on, we chatted along



Amanda Noel, daughter of Englander Building's Sharon Noel, will seek a career in biomedical engineering following her recent graduation from the University of Tennessee.

and enjoyed the various special recipes until we thought we'd burst. Looks like we'll be making this an annual event. Special thanks goes out to Brian Coleman for setting up our banquet tables.

If you are traveling over the summer months, please be safe and return soon with lots of stories for our news column.

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Let's meet Butch and Elaine Miller

This month we are spotlighting Elaine and Butch Miller. They were lifelong residents of Massachusetts, where they raised their three children and were both employed as nurses — Butch in the ER and Elaine in Home Health. They now call Paradise Reserve home. Elaine is our Rio Riviera Building secretary.

Their romantic story begins years ago when Elaine sustained an injury which required hospitalization. Who would have thought she would meet the love of her life under such terrible conditions? For Elaine it was love at first sight.

They were married a short time later and have been happily married for nearly 50 years. Butch was one of the first men to be commissioned as a Nurse in the Navy. If not for that, they may never have met.

Elaine and Butch stay very busy. They travel extensively and take many fun trips



with the Travel Club. They are very excited about their next trip. They will be traveling to Israel and making a special trip to Petra in Jordan along the way. Hopefully they'll share all their stories with us.

Elaine enjoys taking lectures offered

in the Computer Lab by OLLI. She also enjoys playing mahjong, rummy cube and shuffleboard. Butch is involved with the Photography Club and the Artists Guild. Some of his work was displayed here at a recent Arts and Crafts show.

They both love the theatre and enjoy attending the many venues offered here in the Clearwater area. Elaine spends her free time volunteering at the Dali Museum.

Elaine is also a member of Hadassah, a women's group. She and Butch are very active in their Temple.

When Elaine and Butch are not busy traveling or volunteering, they share time with their children, grandchildren and friends.

They enjoy meals together sharing recipes from the Miller's Family Cookbook. I am told Butch makes a great chocolate cake. We can't wait to try some!

Happy Father's Day

★ Sunday, June 17 ★



Help us protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

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

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers. However, the phone call was a scam to try to get the grandparents to

send a large sum of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of grandchildren in stories.

All residents should be aware that this is

a common scam everywhere and not just at On Top of the World.

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

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Dedicated volunteers ensured a fun Valencia cookout

Valencia building held its annual cook-out last month, and it was a huge success, thanks to all who volunteered.

These gatherings get better and better. Held in the backyards of Steve and Peg Duvall, and Lillian Klant, it was a perfect space for the festivities.

There was a little background music with plenty of mingling, chatter and laughing.

Overall, a great setting. Of course, Steve and Phil Roth did all of the grilling, as they have proved to be the undisputed kings of the hot charcoals. Cooked as you wanted them: juice or a little burnt, with or without cheese. The burgers and the dogs were just flying off the grills. Great job guys, very well done!

It was a “bring a dish to share” get-together and the choices of the sides were great. The various salads and chips and bean combinations were all very complementary.

In keeping with a shared dish concept, Mike Tubolino’s dog Morgan brought some



“treats” to share with the other pets that were in attendance. Enjoying those treats was Lynnanna Kislin’s dog, Bentley, and Bob and Irene’s dog, Mister Bear. Now I’ve got to add something about Mister Bear. He’s a black Pekinese with the cutest face and the biggest happy eyes you will ever see in a dog.

It was not over yet until the attendees visited the dessert table. By this time, most were sorry they had eaten so much and



Valencia residents enjoy a May cookout at their building. (Photo by Valerie Martin)

wished they had left a little room for more. All kinds of goodies, cookies, candies, cupcakes and probably the best chocolate nut brownies you could imagine, thanks to Lynnanna. They were mouth-wateringly

delicious and were still warm — amazing! Let’s do it again next April.

Check the bulletin board for any upcoming events as there is always something going on.

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(Note that pickup times can be anywhere from 30-45 minutes early.)

Tuesday Morning Specials

See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.
East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday Midday
Countryside Mall &
Countryside Village Square
Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday Morning
Publix (Sunset & Belcher)
Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Midday
Aldi (Sunset & Lawson)
Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning
Publix (Sunset & Belcher)
Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Midday
Publix (Sunset & Belcher)
Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Morning
Super Walmart
Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Midday
Super Walmart
Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid activity card.
 - This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
 - Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
 - The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
 - You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
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- driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
 - Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
 - Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
 - Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
 - The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
 - If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building’s elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
 - The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.



These ladies acknowledged the Kentucky Derby with typical hats worn at the Derby. Left side, front to back: Barbara Reese, Marge Jacobs and Marjorie Hamelinck. Right side, front to back: Marjorie Olsen, Jean Steeley and Gwen Nolan.

Roman Byzantine ladies celebrate Kentucky Derby

Roman Byzantine has been busy with multiple building events and gatherings. The building spring picnic was well attended by 25 neighbors.

The food was delicious, and the folks seemed to enjoy spending time together. Look for the picnic pictures on the core bulletin board. The weather was perfect for the event.

Some of the residents gathered for the Kentucky Derby. Everyone wore their best hats and wagers were null due to the surprise winner. Once the race was run, the group had a potluck dinner and cards.

Some of our residents have traveled prior to this publication. Linda Graff visited Iceland and Scotland. Ask her about the northern lights.

Carlos Garcia visited family in Argentina, and Barbara Novak visited Kay Tormey in Wisconsin.

Our new building captain, Barbara Novak, is doing an excellent job. Thank you for planning our events and providing neighbor news.

Please remember to read and follow the advisements on trash and recycling posted in the core.

Keep in mind we are starting the hurricane season. Buy your batteries, water



and emergency supplies early so you are not caught unprepared.

Also try to avoid standing water in your potted plants and porch areas as that will spawn mosquitoes. We plan more gatherings over the summer so look for postings.

Our Christmas party has been scheduled for Dec. 12 at the Countryside Country Club. Please be sure to save the date. We plan on a dinner and dancing to follow the meal. Now we all have plenty of time to attend line dancing and formal dancing lessons prior to the holiday so we can cut a rug that night! It should be a fantastic evening.

Viennese Villa gets a spring spruce-up

Summer has arrived here at our corner of Paradise. On Top of the World is buzzing with projects: Paving, painting, planting and pruning everywhere, Viennese Villa being no exception.

The Villa is sporting new railings on balconies as well as stairs. Both provide far better hand-holds than the wider ones of old. The picnic area is progressing around the rain showers, and should be ready for all to enjoy when the Snowbirds return.

Russ Lamesfield and Howard Rouchte had a most interesting trip to California. While there, they toured the Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center. This fascinating place is right out of our youth, down to the home furnishings, kitchen gadgets, magazines, papers and even the cars. Talk about rolling back the clock.

They really enjoyed their tour and suggested a visit to anyone touring the area. This is one place I am adding to my bucket list.

Kirk and Karen Safee celebrated Kirk's birthday with a fun trip to "guess-where" in Orlando. No matter one's age you're always a kid in that special place.

Trudy Barry's niece from Ireland recently visited for a few weeks. They saw the sights from here to Orlando and kept restaurants happy.



Summer swim aerobics is in full swing. Come join this fun group and get some exercise in as well. Every month we get together to celebrate birthdays at a local eatery.

Our son Mike visited recently. Being a professional photographer, he was delighted to join Jack Armstrong, founder of the newly-formed camera club, on a couple of night shoots to Safety Harbor and Fort Desoto for the full moon.

Happy Father's and Grandfather's Day to all those very special guys.

Happy birthday to our flag person, Steve Mazurek, and to everyone else celebrating anniversaries or birthdays this month.

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

At What Age Should You Start Taking Care of Yourself?

Attend our "Aging Successfully" Seminar

If you don't know the answer to the question above, you should make plans to attend this seminar on Tuesday, June 19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

Leslie Noland, MS, Community Educator for Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services, will lead a discussion on aging successfully and aging well.

She will help you realize that people who age well have many things in common and you are never too old to start taking care of yourself.

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Alpiners picked a nice evening for a barbeque



On a cool evening in early summer, 35 Austrian Alpine partiers enjoyed their first building barbeque in many years.

Graciously hosted by Joyce Monahan with Joe Santosuosso on the grill and smoker, the barbeque fare, salads, snacks, and desserts delighted all of the diners.

There was banjo and dobro entertainment from a friend of Linda Stanley. Our ukulele and guitar players hope to accompany him next time!

A big thank-you to Pat Gallagher and Steve Stiffler for setting up and taking down the tables and chairs. Also, thanks to those who brought extra food. And, of course, thank you to those who dined and got to know their neighbors. The large turnout and friendly atmosphere made it a success.

Austrian Alpine will have another building barbeque in the fall — this time with more ice cream!

Please remember, there are several



It was a beautiful evening to hold a barbeque at Austrian Alpine as one can see from these photos. All agreed to do it again, probably in the fall. (Photos by Kathleen Santosuosso)



items that never go in the recycle bins: plastic bags of any kind, pizza boxes, any item with food on it, rigid plastic, and

plants and dirt. Also, please break down cardboard boxes before you put them in the recycle bins.

Anniversary, introductions are highlights

The Chetnik Building would like to wish John and Theresa Kawalec a very happy anniversary as they celebrate 60 years of marriage. I think they could teach us all some valuable lessons about life.

There will be a water aerobics class this summer taught by Clair Bruyere. The class will be held at the East Activity Center for one hour Monday through Friday from 9–10 a.m. now through the end of October.

I met a new lady in the elevator, Julie Salas, and learned she is moving into a unit here at the Chetnik. She originally moved to On Top of the World from New York in 1969.

She has had multiple careers in her life, from real estate, to insurance to owning a dental lab. She loves to make jewelry and ceramics, and paint.

The most interesting thing about Julie is that she is a notary and that she marries people. She does all kinds of weddings, from church weddings to beach weddings to midnight weddings. But, the most interesting weddings she does are “fake”



weddings. Now if you don't understand what that is, then ask Julie to explain it to you!

The next person I would like to welcome is Paul Zawadzki, originally from Buffalo, N.Y. He moved to OTOW from Oldsmar, where he lived for 23 years with his wife of 46 years.

When I asked what he had done all his life, he replied, “Well, lots of things.” His first job was in retail as a stock boy.

He came to Florida after he lost his job in New York and a friend told him about a job in St. Petersburg.

He has been retired for 14 years. His hobbies are golf and watching football. He has two sons, four grandchildren, and one great-grand on the way. After living alone for nine years, one day he met a lady in the hallway and she introduced him to another lady, whom Paul met a few more times.

Paul said that one day he mentioned that the next day would be the senior discount day at the movies and would she like to go. The lady said, “Well, are you asking me out on a date?”

Paul replied, “Well I don't know if it's a date or not.” Then the lady didn't say anything for a few minutes. Paul said, “Well do you want to go or not?”

Well, they do like to go listen to bands play music and they dance a little. So, everyone keep an eye open — I think I smell something brewing!

Help me welcome these newcomers to our Chetnik building.

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

The following items are not permitted in the pool area:

Glass containers, coolers, food or drink (other than bottled water), pets (except for service animals).

The first day of summer is Thursday, June 21.
Have a happy and safe time!



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