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ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS

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After 12 challenging months, cast and crew are ready to debut annual Jesters show



lost their talented leader, Marvin, who was promoted to a more beautiful stage above the clouds ...

But the show went on.

Finally, last month, the club caught a huge break. On Top of the World management allowed indoor rehearsals for the first time and that's where the final scenes were filmed.

One year later - the Jesters did it!

As you read this article in early June, "BAM - A Tribute to Boomer-Age Music" is in the editing room with 12 months of work being pieced together into one movie.

This movie will take you back to the Baby Boomer generation and bring back memories of the music you grew up with.

We will remember Woodstock, country western, folk rock, the British invasion and finally some disco.

The movie is set to debut on OTOW-TV Channel 732 at 7 p.m., Friday, July 2, Saturday, July 3, and Sunday, July 4.

How can you see our creation?

Tune into channel 732. Everyone with Spectrum cable will be able to view it.

Reminder notices will be placed on the Box Office website (otowboxoffice.com).

Even OTOW-TV has changed in recent months. The previous station has been replaced with new technology and should be up and running just in time for our movie.

"Now that we've filmed the show, we hope you will enjoy the final product," Evelyn said.

After the debut on OTOW-TV, cop-

Pictured above is the cast of the 2020-21 Jesters movie filming their grand finale. Below, Mary Lou Wall, Susan Carlson and Lyn Taecker perform a dance skit. (OTOW News photos by



In the history of On Top of the World theater, no production has ever been quite like this.

One year ago this month, the Jesters decided they were not going to let a pandemic stop them from creating their annual variety show.

In the midst of the pandemic, it was already certain there was not going to be a stage production or live audience. In order to keep up with tradition, the 2021 show was going to have to be different.

It turned out to be very different.

It turned out to be a movie.

"The COVID-19 pandemic slowed us down, but never caused us to lose our Jesters sense of humor," said Co-Director Evelyn Flam.

"Instead," said Co-Director Pat Sprouse, "this year's production team got more creative with casting and content and kept us much closer to finishing on time than we had hoped."

In June 2020, the first version of "BAM - A Tribute to Boomer-Age Music" was written on paper and Producer Marvin Flam was ready to roll with production.

Since then, the cast constantly changed, the script was changed several times, rehearsals took place outdoors, early filming was shot at the pavilion and new equipment was purchased just to make a movie possible.

And then on March 21, the club also

ies of the movie will be created and distributed to the cast.

"We are in the process of checking to see how quickly "BAM!" can be duplicated so those who want a copy may be able purchase one," Pat said. "We hope to have that information available in next month's newspaper."

Now, for next year.

Jesters held its elections in May and the following slate of officers were chosen: President Evelyn Flam, Vice President Paige Johnson, Treasurer Lillian Foy, and Secretary Mary Lou Wall.

The full slate will be published in next month's issue, along with a description of next year's show.

We invite you to join in the fun.

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

Jesters policy is still to get everyone involved and we will be happy to answer your questions. Just call us at 797-1761 or, better yet, email: evflam@aol.com.

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



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OTOW survey report summary

To get an understanding of residents' opinions on the quality of life at On Top of the World-Clearwater, Parkway Maintenance & Management Pinellas, LLC printed and mailed a survey to residents.

Results were aggregated and analyzed by Clearview Polling & Research, LLC and results were provided.

Below are some of the results:

- There appears to be overall satisfaction with OTOW-Clearwater with 88 percent of respondents reporting good or excellent favorabilities about living here.

The following are areas where there appear to be pockets of concern:

- Infrastructure and landscaping improvements. This category largely concerns aesthetic conditions on campus, such as building paint, frequency of common spaces being cleaned, how often the landscapers visit the property, and the uniformity to which they maintain the landscaping building to building.

This feedback comprised about 33 percent of the responses to question two and 11 percent of responses to the final open-ended question.

- Communications. Some residents want more clarity regarding policy, policy changes and board activities, and are not sure where to find that. Approximately 5 percent of responses to the final open-ended question mentioned this concern.

- Community security. Some respondents indicated concerns about security and/or rumors about car break-ins or drug use in the community. About 5 percent of responses to question two mentioned this concern.

You can find the full survey report at

<https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/messages-to-residents/>

- Amenity access. In an effort to be as safe as possible in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, some of OTOW-Clearwater's amenities closed down (shorter hours, different access, etc.). However, many residents either knew this was the reason and were frustrated that it was still an active policy or needed more clarity about why these were closed/had hours shortened. The main areas of concern here have been resolved as amenities have reopened or been restored to normal operations. Approximately 7-10 percent of responses to question two and the final open-ended question mentioned this concern.

- Spectrum updates. Some respondents cited confusion over the status of the Spectrum deal and/or expressed that they would like to have more cable options and more affordable packages. Approximately 4-7 percent of responses to question two and the final open-ended question fell into this category.

- Board transparency. Respondents who answered

under this category were concerned or frustrated about the amount of access they had to knowing what was going on with the board and how decisions were being made. They wanted more access to the board's processes and/or more opportunities for resident input. For both question two and the final open-ended question, approximately 5 percent of responses fell into this category.

Overall, residents at OTOW-Clearwater are happy and report general contentment with their experiences living there. It is important to note that 88 percent of respondents reported "excellent" or "good" when rating their favorability of OTOW-Clearwater and that 51 percent would definitely recommend OTOW-Clearwater to someone thinking about moving to the area (with another 36 percent saying they probably would).

That is to say that residents at OTOW-Clearwater are generally happy with the community, though there is room to make a few adjustments.

On Top of the World Community Activities Calendar

East Activity Center

Crystal Beach Room

Entertainment Committee Meeting: Monday, June 14, 10 am-12 pm
 Good Neighbors Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 9:00-11:00 am
 Coloring Book Group: Wednesdays, 12:30-2:00 pm
 Pray For America: Saturdays, 10:00-12:00 pm
 Good Karma Book Club: Thursday, June 17, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays 12:30-4:00 pm

Largo Room

Democratic Club Meeting: Thursday, June 10, 2-3:30 pm
 Bonesavers: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:00-9:00 am
 World Quilters: Tuesdays, 8:00 am-2:00 pm
 TOPS: Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am

Clearwater Room

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

Woodshop

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

WAC Learning Lab

Computer Club: Wed 8:30-10:00 am (appts. only)

Auditorium

Republican Club Meeting: Tuesday, June 8, 7:00-9:00 pm
 Line Dance Club: Tuesdays, 10:30 am-1:30 pm, Saturdays 8:30-10:30 am
 Moving & Grooving: Mondays, 10:00-11:00 (Beg.), 11:00-12:00 (Beg.), 12:00-1:00 (EZ Beg.) *
 Moving & Grooving: Wed, 11:30-12:30 (Beg.), 1:30-3:00 (Experience)
 Cardio Dance: Wednesdays, Auditorium, 10 am to 11 pm (Pre-Registration Required)
 Cardio Dance: Thursdays, Auditorium, 6:30-7:30 pm (Pre-Registration Required)
 Cardio Dance Advanced: Saturdays, Auditorium, 11 am to 12:00 pm (Pre-Registration)
 Ladies Exercises : Mondays 8:00-9:00 am
 * No class June 2

Exercise Room

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

EAC Swimming Pool

Open: Monday-Saturday 8 am - 8 pm; Sundays and Holidays 9 am - 8 pm (May-September)

Fitness Center: Monday-Saturday, 7 am to 9 pm, Sunday and holidays from 9 am to 8 pm

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West Activity Center

Belleair Room
 Chair Zumba: Mondays 11:30-12:30, Thursdays 9:00-9:45
 Zumba: Mondays, 10:00-11:00
 Gold Zumba: Saturdays, 10:00-11:00
 Ping Pong: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10:00-1:00
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: Thursday, 10:45-2:00

Pavilion

Karaoke with Kathy & Lenny: June 20 5:00-8:00 pm
 Pickleball BBQ for pickleball players only June 6, 9-12
 Dominos: Tuesdays 1:00-5:00 pm
 Samba/Canasta: Fridays, 5:00-9:00 pm
 Theresa's Mexican Train: Tuesdays, 5:00-9:00 pm
 Ladies Bunco Wednesday, June 16, 6:00-9:00 pm

Sports

Pickleball: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays 9-12
 Tennis: Club meets - Mon-Sat, 7:30-11 am
 Tennis Courts open to all residents
 7 am-10 pm weekdays, 9 am-9 pm weekends
 Billiards Room is open for non-league play

Updates on generators, cable TV and

As you know, Parkway Maintenance & Management Pinellas, LLC conducted a survey of OTOW-Clearwater residents this spring to better understand residents' opinion on the quality of life here at On Top of the World.

The Board recently received the results of the survey and I am proud to say that 88 percent of residents who responded said they felt "good" or "excellent" about living at OTOW-Clearwater!

We also learned about areas where we can improve and the Board's Working Group will be spending time determining some of the ways we can better this community based on your feedback.

Thank you again to everyone who responded to the survey.

You can find a summary of the results on page 3 of this newspaper and the full report is available on our website.

And speaking of the Working Group, we are featuring resident Board Member and Working Group member Jim O'Neil this month.

Jim and his wife have lived at OTOW-Clearwater for more than 15 years now after retiring from a career in the New Hampshire Court System.

Prior to serving as a Security Manager and District Court Regional Manager in New Hampshire, Jim spent 22 years in the US Army serving in counterintelligence and security operations.

In his retirement, Jim continues to work as a security consultant for the National Center for State Courts, conducting courthouse security assessments across the country.

Jim and his wife, Mary Ann, have been married for 55 years and have three children and four grandchildren.

See the next page to read the full interview with Jim.

Changing gears, a resident recently asked the question: "I live in a first floor condo and I'm wondering, in the event of a prolonged power outage following a hurricane, could I power my unit with a portable generator?"

Let me begin by saying, I am thrilled you are thinking about hurricane preparation! Before a storm is always the best time to prepare.

Since you were not specific, I'm going to assume you are talking about portable gasoline generators, not fixed, mounted liquid propane or propane generators. This actually raises a few concerns.

First of all, gasoline or propane generators can never be stored or kept in a storage unit or residential condominium.

Any gas or propane appliance is just too much of an explosion and fire hazard to keep stored indoors.

So, I'll make an educated guess that you have one in your RV, or have a generator stored offsite somewhere, say in the backyard of your child's or a friend's home in which case the generator may be just large enough to maintain refrigeration, maybe fans and lights.

I'll also assume windows will be open during operation (your power will be out



Chairman

and the condo will be stifling.

Given this assumed set of conditions, the generators should be treated the same as a barbecue grill and kept 10 feet from the building while in operation. The other benefit is keeping the exhaust gasses from drafting into the unit and adjacent units. A strong lock and chain is also recommended to anchor the portable generator, from becoming entirely too portable.

The dead last thing anyone should ever do is operate any internal combustion engine or grill inside a dwelling because it will become the dead last thing you will ever do as you. Whomever is in the dwelling space will die of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Live on a second and third floor condo?

Sorry but there is no safe way for an owner to use gas or liquid propane generators. CERTAINLY, NEVER ON THE FRONT WALKWAY! This presents a fire/explosion risk in a corridor designed for quick and easy escape access.

Cable Update

The Management Company, on behalf of the Board Working Group, has gone back to market to identify other well-qualified cable providers in the industry capable of overbuilding the Spectrum facilities currently in place on the property, and who are eager to take on the challenge of providing top-tier service to our community.

Parkway will present their findings to the Association Board Working Group, which will evaluate each option in an effort to provide current 21st century high-speed fiber optics at optimum pricing for residents.

The Working Group intends to diligently assess all of the providers in the market and ultimately make a recommendation to the full Board in the coming months. Follow this article for periodic updates on progress.

Outdoor Facilities Back To Normal

With the phased opening mandated by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, the outdoor facilities have been opened.

Social distancing is the rule. If not practiced, opening will be reevaluated. The goal is to act responsibly and help

keep each other stay safe.

Ongoing Projects

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, and of the need for their removal.

Voluntary removal by residents continues. The community is down to approximately 61 units that have awnings in need of removal, out of an original count of over 2000.

It is now a requirement that there must be removal of clamshell awnings prior to the sale and transfer of condominium units that may still have them in place.

Upcoming Projects Painting/Waterproofing

The painting contractor will continue working on the east side of property with the rear façade of building 14 being waterproofed in June.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or property.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

The installation of new unit address numbers will continue in June as this is another community improvement project that accompanies the application of front facade coatings. As the painting contractor moves throughout the property, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors.

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect. Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner.

If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old unit numbers for a nominal fee. Please remember that for community standard reasons, all old unit numbers must be removed.

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

Building 66 will be the next structure to have its railings improved with the project anticipated to begin in late June, pending engineering completion and permit approval from Pinellas County.

As with other railing projects, a licensed contractor will effect the removal and replacement of the aluminum components in the walkways, center core and end stairwells as applicable. The improvements are estimated to be complete in 2-3

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.

Recurring Reminders For All Community Residents

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

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

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

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

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

Inspection Services Division

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

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

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

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit.

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safety guidelines at outdoor facilities

A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East.

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

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

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2020/2021 improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coating's vendor. We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the management company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper.

The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stone at the earliest convenience.

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

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations.

Q&A with Jim O'Neil

1. Why did you decide to join the On Top of the World Board of Administration?

A: My wife and I bought a condominium here in 2004. In 2005 I retired and we moved down. We've been full-time residents ever since. It's a great place to live. That's why I was interested in the board of administration.

I was aware of an opening on the board – this was less than a year ago – and was approached by one of the board members who asked if I would be interested in being on the board. I said I was thinking about applying.

About a month after submitting my resume, I was contacted, went in for an interview and was quite impressed by the other board members.

I love it here and want to keep costs down, including minimal increases during the year. I've done this sort of thing before in my other life and I wanted to take part in management. I have a lot I can share.

2. What do you hope to accomplish on the Board. What is your vision for the future of On Top of the World?

A: I want to keep improving the conditions here at OTOW. I want to make sure we do this in a fiscally responsible manner. Since the board of administration is responsible for the budget, I want to make sure we keep costs down and improve services to the residents.

3. What are some of your favorite things about living at On Top of the World?

A: There's a number of things I really appreciate here – the amenities we get by being residents. The social atmosphere as well. My wife is the president of the Entertainment Committee and the committee brings in quality entertainment for the residents.

We do shows. We do dances. We haven't been able to do that for the past year and I really miss it. When

everything gets back to normal, we'll start it up again. I love the social aspect of it. We had quality entertainment come in for the residents and we enjoyed it.

The pool is also great.

We have a newspaper that comes out once a month that covers everything from activities to profiles on residents that go places and report back on what they've done.

4. What has surprised you most about serving on the Board?

A: I don't have anything bad to say about serving on the board. My experience with the board is that these people are dedicated. They are very intelligent. Ken Colen is a very approachable person. He listens to everything you say. He may not always agree with you, but he listens to what you have to say and so do the rest of the board members.

We're all volunteers – that's the most important thing. No one is getting paid to do this job. We do this as volunteers.

5. What one message would you like to share with the people who live at On Top of the World that we may not have covered?

A: It's a great place to live. I call it the best kept secret in Florida. OTOW is one of my favorite places. I want to tell people that.

We just recently got permission to give the vaccine shots here at OTOW. I can't tell you the quality of the people who volunteered to help. We had people who were helping people fill out forms, helping people get upstairs, helping people get seated, and get them through as fast as we could. These were all volunteers and residents.

The upkeep is great. The grounds are kept beautifully. I love it here.

Many times decorative rocks or landscaping are installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator.

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards. The management company would like to reiterate to residents that barbeque grills be it

propane, charcoal, or electric are not permitted on any balcony areas as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most recurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately.

If you have a question and were not

able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you.

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice. Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Correction to last month's board member story

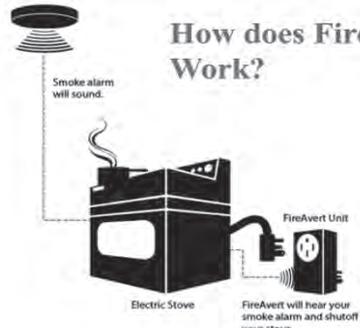
In the May 2021 article on Charles "Chuck" McAllister, it was incorrectly reported that he has a Master's Degree in Educational Technology Integration from Penn State University. Chuck actually has a Post Baccalaureate Certificate from Penn State University.



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Irish Club to hold toast on June 25 in Mike Cooper's honor

By Barbara Rice

It never rained on Mike Cooper's parade.

Mike was the master of organizing top notch events for On Top of the World.

He treated our community to 13 years of St. Patrick's Day Parades - all ordered up on sunny March days.

And he would have wanted that tradition to continue, even in his absence.

It will.

Mike passed away unexpectedly in May.

Since hearing the news, Irish Club members have been very busy planning something special - something Mike would have been proud to have attended.

A social celebrating Mike will be held outside on June 25 from 3-5 p.m. at the East Activity Center pavilion.

COVID-19 protocol will limit attendance to 50 people at a time. No lawn chairs are permitted.

The Irish Club asks that if you plan on attending, bring all your memories and feel free to share them.



Irish Club

Also, bring your own snacks. No warming dishes are permitted.

You will be required to remember Mike's hearty laugh.

"Mike would volunteer for anything," commented Irish Club President Barbara Lenzi. "He never said no."

If you have enjoyed great Irish entertainment or a fun event at OTOW, Mike very likely helped make it happen.

He knew how to lead.

"He was a great arm twister," Barbara smiled. "That is how I became club president. Mike was the Irish Club. We have officers, but Mike was always our support."

And, who wouldn't want



Mike Cooper

to follow?

Mike was fun. He threw the best Super Bowl parties. He could dance a night away.

Poker night was a regular at his place. He never passed

up a casino trip.

And, he loved animals.

Mike loved his homeland, Ireland. He preserved Irish traditions.

He was also a patriotic

American.

Mike served in the U.S. Army. He made sure veterans were always remembered.

He was active in the local VFW and American Legion.

He decorated the Modernage Building (28), where he resided for 17 years, with Old Glory on patriotic holidays and beautiful lights on Christmas.

Neighbors remember the dedication he planned for their building's new flag pole.

He gave friends rides to church and to doctor appointments.

Mike was the definition of neighborly.

If you plan on attending Mike's social, make sure you bring a beer mug.

Of course, there will be beer.

This event will take place as a true Irish-style toasting.

Fill your mug and enjoy the afternoon.

There will be time for friends to share stories and there will be Mike-inspired laughter.

And, of course, you might want to wear green.

OTOW Activity Card Annual Renewal

Starting Monday, June 21, the Community Service Office will renew activity cards for another year. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 727-683-6981.

If you are unavailable during regular business hours, we do have appointments for Saturday, June 26, from 8-11 a.m.

For all appointments bring you expired card, a picture ID, current mail with address and \$3.00 (if a new card is required).

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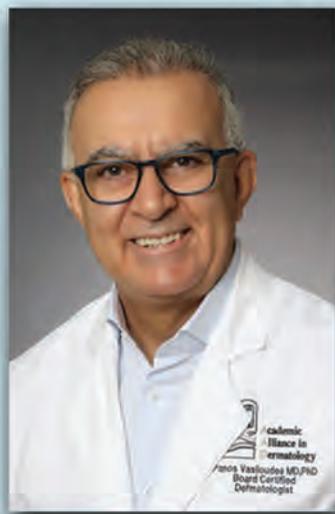


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OTOW adds third pool?

OTOW News photos
by Doug Kates



Have you been to the pond near the East Activity Center lately? You may get to see a handful of otters playing in the water. They even use the drainage pipe as a sliding board. This pond has always been home to ducks and birds. Now we have otters, too.

LUAU SHINDIG!

Join the Beckett Lake family for a large Hawaiian-themed celebration, June 24th from 4 - 6 pm.

Chicken and shrimp skewers with fresh mango salsa along with Blue Hawaiian cocktails will be served.

Please R.S.V.P. to 727-797-7257.



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If you receive a warranty alert letter or email, chances are it is fraud if the product is not mentioned

Scam Alert: Sigh. I just can't keep up with all the scams running around.

Well, here goes.

This one comes from the Warranty Department.

It's a letter or a phone message where you are asked to click this or call that number, of course.

You are informed that your warranty has expired or is expiring or will be expiring.

Somehow or other, the exact warranty (of which the scam is discussing) is never quite mentioned by name.

Now, of course, there are real warranties that expire or will expire. And you need to keep track of yours.

My point: if your warranty really has expired, or is going to expire, then you will get a letter from the actual company. They will give you the name and warranty number.

So, how about this: If you get a letter, phone call, text or email, that says your warranty is or may be expiring, drop the letter in the dumpster.

If you are not sure about the warranty, call the company or the place where you bought the product. Do not click on anything — NEVER click on links.

Scam Alert: I thought for a while that the "certified copy of deed scam" had gone away.

How dumb could I be?

This scam usually, but not always, pops up after you've bought a home or investment property and the deed gets recorded in the public records.

You get an official-looking letter that says you need, or must have, a certified copy of your deed and the cost is...well it changes from time to time.

Bottom line: You NEVER need a certified copy of your deed.



Q. We are Canadian Snowbirds. What planning do we need for our funds that are in U.S. financial accounts?

A. It depends on what your Canadian attorney has already set up for you. However, you almost certainly should have a durable power of attorney drawn up in the U.S., and if you stay in Florida, it should be one that complies with Florida laws.

An advance directive is also important.

Usually, but not always, if your Florida (or U.S.) accounts are set up to be payable on death to beneficiaries, that will work perfectly for those assets.

That assumes, of course, that you've set up your non-Florida and non-U.S. assets properly through your Canadian attorney.

If you are not sure, I'd advise you to sit down with your Canadian attorney.

Q. My husband of 42 years and I have been separated for many years. I own my home in Florida. He lives in (a southwestern state.)

I am satisfied with that arrangement and have no intention of getting a divorce.

Upcoming lectures

Hello On Top of the World in Clearwater. My partners Rachel Wagoner, John Beck and I hope you will join us for an upcoming lecture.

All of our lectures are live at OTOW in Ocala from 3 to 4 p.m. At OTOW in Clearwater we are able to do hybrid Zoom lectures at the same time, although I hope to do a live one very soon.

Here is our lecture schedule for the rest of the year: June 15 - Charitable; Aug. 10 - Wills, Trusts and Probate; Sept. 14 - Documents You Need for Estate Planning; Oct. 5 - Frauds and Scams; Oct. 12 and 19 - American's Founders, Part 1 and Part 2; Nov. 9 - Gun Trusts, Pet Trusts and Fun Trusts; Dec. 14 - Financial Peace of Mind.

I believe my husband feels the same way.

I live with a significant other and a close friend of his.

What happens if my husband develops dementia?

A. In this column, I cannot address the many legal issues that might appear if your husband develops dementia. I will address one issue that could arise. If you go to sell your homestead, you will need your husband's signature on the deed. If he is incapacitated and does not have a valid durable power of attorney, and cannot sign the deed, then a guardian might have to be appointed.

If he has full capacity right now, he might be willing to sign a "Homestead Waiver" that can be recorded and that might work to allow you to sell the homestead without his signature.

You really must sit down with an attorney.

As for your living arrangement, it is, of course, quite neat, but I guess I don't see the relevance of that to the question

you asked nor to my answer.

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The only Jeopardy! host for 37 years

Alex Trebek was born in Canada and came to the U.S. seeking work in broadcasting.

Merv Griffin said after an interview with Alex, there was no doubt Alex was the right man for the job.

Alex went on to host every Jeopardy! show for 37 years.

Except one.

One April Fool's Day, Alex and Pat Sajak switched roles. Alex hosted Wheel of Fortune and Pat hosted Jeopardy!

Alex was asked why he didn't apply for citizenship in America while making so much money here. He said it would have broken his mother's heart. After she passed away in 2016, he did become an American citizen.

Alex married broadcaster Elaine Callei in 1974. They had no children, but he adopted her daughter. They were divorced in 1981. He then married Jean Currivan in 1990 and they had two children together.

On Jan. 30, 2007, Alex escaped a major injury after falling asleep behind the wheel of his pickup truck in California. Three years later he suffered a minor heart attack at his home, but returned to taping his shows one month later.

In 2016, Alex announced he had been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He began treatment and was responding well. Some of the tumors had actually shrunk.

Alex and his doctors began testing experimental treatments.

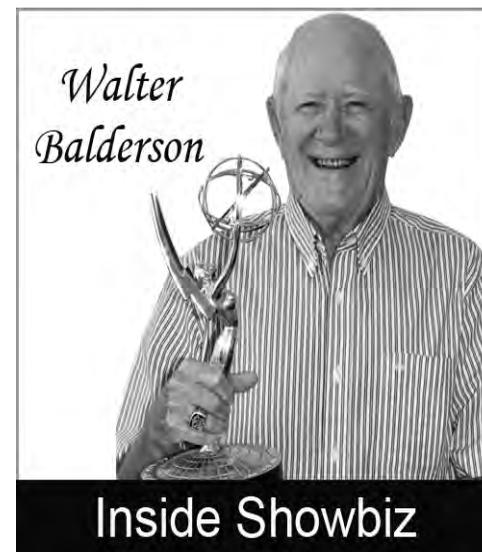
Despite all the periods of severe pain and depression, he was still able to continue with the show.

Alex said he believed in God and his Catholic belief helped him through the tough times. He said he was not afraid of dying and he had had a good life.

Alex passed away on Nov. 8, 2020, at the age of 80.

Alex was an icon in broadcasting. He won a Daytime Emmy Award for outstanding broadcasting seven times. He had previously hosted a couple of daytime TV shows, but it was Jeopardy! that the people loved most.

In 2018, Alex and Pat both signed contract extensions through 2022.



Here's your chance to get familiar with public transportation in Pinellas County

Now, with the COVID-19 vaccine widely available and our world opening up a bit, many of us feel less hesitant about getting out and traveling.

Of course, not all of us drive cars.

Did you know that one in five seniors over 65 do not drive or no longer drive?

On the other side, according to the last US Census, many younger commuters are not driving cars as a choice, opting for alternatives.

Younger folks, like retirees, are gravitating to communities that are in close proximity to services, recreation, tourist attractions and access to public transportation.

Many residents tell me they chose to move to On Top of the World for the public transportation conveniently accessible inside our community.

Did you know the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) is offering free service through July 5?

What a good time to try it! (As of this article going to press, facemasks are still required.)

Let's explore further the free and low-cost transportation options available to our community that will ensure that you remain independent and active.

On Top of the World Shuttle Bus runs Tuesday through Friday and on certain days takes you to the following shopping locations: Countryside Mall, Aldi, Sprouts, Publix, Walmart and on Tuesday mornings rotating to Clearwater Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens or Cypress Point Plaza.

Make your reservations by calling 727-799-3417 ext. 7 not more than 24 hours in advance. Seats are assigned on a first-call basis. Or you can make an online reservation under "Transportation" at the website: www.otowclearwaterinfo.com.

Seating at this time is limited (see a detailed bus schedule on page 37 of this newspaper).

PSTA runs right through our community and traveling has gotten easier with its bus and mobility programs. First, always plan your trip before you go out. You can do so by calling PSTA's information line at 727-540-1900 or by planning your trip through Google maps.

Use bus route 62 or 76 to go to the Countryside Mall, Tyrone Mall and Shoppes at Boot Ranch and downtown Clearwater. You are also one transfer away from the beach trolley.

Currently, all riders are asked to please board through the back of the bus and wear their mask properly throughout the entire trip.

The reduced cash fare is \$1.10 (please have the exact fare in dollar bills or coins ready). The reduced fare is for seniors 65-plus or disabled, and students (government issued photo ID or Medicare card or student ID required). Otherwise fares are \$2.25.

PSTA's Direct Connect Program makes using the PSTA system easy and



saves you money.

Direct Connect is simple. This program lets you get a discounted ride to/from a PSTA Direct Connect location, so you can skip the walk to/from the PSTA bus while staying safe and comfortable.

With 26 locations across the county, there is a convenient Direct Connect stop near the start and end of your bus ride.

Choose from one of PSTA's innovative partnerships with Uber, Lyft, United Taxi and Wheelchair Transport to get you where you need to be quickly and affordably.

Direct Connect is available from 5 a.m. until 12 a.m., seven days a week.

If a bus stop is not near your home, you can use the Direct Connect program that offers you a \$5 discount to travel to or from a Direct Connect location.

See a map for nearest Direct Connect locations at PSTA.net or visit Nancy's Bulletin Board at the OTOW website www.otowclearwaterinfo.com for links to PSTA's maps and schedules.

If you are already on the road and you want to locate your bus, use the transit app. Through the app, you can see how long the bus will take to get to your bus stop.

You can also plan your entire trip and set reminders so you will know when to get off and what times you need to connect with another bus route.

PSTA TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAM

Another program is the PSTA Transportation Disadvantaged Program, based on income. You can apply by calling 727-540-1900.

PSTA DART CARE RIDE

The PSTA provides Demand Response Transportation services for people who, because of their disability, are unable to safely, and independently utilize PSTA buses.

DART service is a form of public transportation, which meets PSTA's obligations to provide door-to-door service, which parallels or "complements" local bus service in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Passengers will be required to share a

ride whenever possible, as is done on the regular bus system.

DART Care Ride reservation call (727) 536-7433, days and hours vary.

For wheelchair transportation call (727) 866-1193 every day, 5 a.m.-7 p.m. (ADA qualifications required. To apply call (727) 540-1888 or you can call PSTA and be routed to these services at 727-540-1900.

PSTA JOLLEY TROLLEY

Call (727) 445-1200 for the Jolley Trolley. The trolley serves Clearwater and Clearwater Beach, Dunedin, Palm Harbor and Tarpon Springs from Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The cost is \$2.50 for a senior 65-and-older.

NEIGHBORLY CARE NETWORK

Neighborly Care Network offers, free of charge, transportation to medical appointments to all residents of Pinellas County age 60 and older.

Residents need to call in and register with Julie Curtis, and after that just call dispatch at 727-571-4384 two days to two weeks prior to your appointment to schedule a trip.

In addition, Neighborly Care Network offers free transportation and meals at one of eight senior dining sites throughout the county.

They reopened in the month of May and offer transportation services to three Senior Day Centers in Pinellas County.

For more information visit the Neighborly Care website at www.neighborly.org where you will find registration forms and details about all of their programs.

CARELIFT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Morton Plant Mease Hospital volunteers provide patients with van transportation services to specific hospitals and centers, depending on where you live.

CareLift provides rides to those who live in north Pinellas County and serves patients who live in the Clearwater and Largo area.

Riders must be able to get in and out of the van without assistance.

CareLift serves the following hospitals and centers:

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The service is available Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. There is no cost to patients. Passengers must be able to take two steps into van. No wheelchairs permitted.

To contact CareLift call (727) 734-6107. Reservations are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

SUNSTAR FIRSTCARE MEMBERSHIP

Sunstar FirstCare Membership is life saving ambulance rides without the worry of high medical transport bills.

The Sunstar FirstCare Ambulance Membership Plan is not an insurance plan. It is a Pinellas County government program that works with an individual's (or families) insurance plan to cover 100 percent of expenses associated with deductibles and copayments.

Choose the best membership for you. Annual fees are \$75 for a single membership and \$114 for a family membership. The average cost of an emergency ambulance transport is \$780.

For more information visit www.pinellascounty.org/firstcare or call 727 582-2008.

Room Reservations

Notice to all club and activity representatives with questions regarding previous room reservations.

As mentioned last year upon implementation of COVID-19 restrictions, when the activity centers fully open, club and activity representatives will have an opportunity to reestablish previous room/time reservations.

For updates as to the lifting of indoor restrictions, please visit the OTOW website www.otowclearwaterinfo.com.

If you sign up for OTOW alerts (powered by RAVE) updates show up on your phone.

Register online for OTOW alerts at the OTOW website or complete a registration form at the Community Service Office.

When restrictions are relaxed (I do not currently have a date) there will not be a need to line up in front of my office to renew your recurring activity. Rather, simply call or email me to state that you are interested in starting up again.

You can call 727-799-2734 or email me at general_activity@otowfl.com.

I will then review your club file to ensure that your annual club paperwork is up-to-date. If it isn't, I'll set an appointment with you to get that taken care of.

The next step will be to complete a Facility Request Form and that's all there is to it!

If I do not hear from you, and another club should request your time and space, I will certainly contact you or the next established contact for your club, to confirm your interest in continuing the prior reservation.

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Pre-Recorded Content

Armchair Travel: East Tennessee Adventure

Instructor: Evelyn Kelly, Ph.D.

East Tennessee's history is forged by the Appalachian and Smoky Mountains. Knoxville and Chattanooga are the main cities, but it is the cool mountain streams and country and back roads that are fascinating. Summer is great, but it is the fall and the changing of the colors that draws most attention-peak time is the middle of October.



What You Need to Know About Long Term Care

Instructor: Susan M. Woolfe

People explore long term care for many reasons. Some don't want to use their own assets to pay for long term care. Others want to be sure they can choose the type of care they will receive. Many don't want their family paying for care, or don't want to go on Medicaid. Long term care may not be right for everyone, so exploring all options is what this course is about.



The Islamic Republic of Iran

Instructor: Frank DiPiero

Join Frank DiPiero as we look at how the Islamic Republic of Iran is largely responsible for the ongoing crises in the Middle East, from Iraq to Gaza, and the destabilization of Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, the Arabian Peninsula and parts of North Africa. Participants will also discuss the potential for the fall of the regime and what U.S. policies might hasten this fall.



Surviving Summers In Central Florida

Instructor: Evelyn Kelly, Ph.D.

We will look at how to avoid and handle bites (those pesky mosquitoes, yellow jackets, black flies, ticks) and avoid other critters such as snakes. We will look at heat-related conditions. We will end with the danger of mold in the house and how to avoid it. Bring questions



along for a discussion with this long-time Marion County resident- a survivor of 65 Florida summers.

Crafters & Artisans: Design Your Own Etsy Website

Instructor: Chris Kilbride

So, you want to sell your handcrafted items online but don't know how. This class will help! Learn how to design your Etsy page, a sales page for each item, set up keyword searches, take photos that sell, and ship within this internationally recognized Etsy platform. Bring one handcrafted item to receive helpful photographic ideas, keyword searches and selling tips.

Apple Watch: New Medical Device and More

Instructor: Chris Kilbride

Have you been considering the purchase of a new Apple Watch? The Apple Watch has been around for several years, but now it has been upgraded to an FDA Class 2 medical device which can detect falls and irregular heart rhythm. This class will discuss all the Apple Watch features, which could assist you in your everyday living and help you keep track of your health.

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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Where else can you take a line dance class where three angels are there to help?



By Margaret LeTourneau

By any chance, do you remember the once popular TV show entitled, "Charlie's Angels"?

It portrayed three beautiful and capable lady investigators who assisted their boss, Charlie, in solving crimes.

Well, "Margaret's Moving and Grooving" has three stunning Angels as well!

They have helped make my new classes very successful.

Little did I know that starting an easy beginner line dance program in October 2020 would grow so quickly. Within a few months, more than 90 new students had registered.

Initially, COVID-19 restrictions were a big challenge since they only allowed up to 25 residents in the East Activity Center auditorium. The last thing I wanted to do was turn anyone away.

So, in order to provide a safe line dance environment for everyone, I decided to offer several classes.

Gone were the good old days when a student could simply stroll into any class at any time and be welcomed.

Currently, each student needs to pre-register for a specific class. We need to take attendance to verify registration while enforcing all of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regulations.

That's where my angels come in.

Viki Payne, a beautiful, dedicated and diligent volunteer, was my very first angel.

She started to volunteer on day one and she has been by my side ever since!

Her nursing background and her passion for learning has given us all a big safety advantage. Viki not only keeps us safe



Margaret's Moving and Grooving angels are, left to right, Chris Norris, Cheryl Friesen and Viki Payne.

and organized, but also volunteers as one of our wonderful dancing guides. Viki is the biggest reason for our success!

Viki and her husband, Michael, are fun-loving grandparents of two adorable little girls. They moved from Safety Harbor to On Top of the World in 2012 and love the many health benefits of coming to the Moving and Grooving classes to-

gether.

It's great to see them participating each week in my line dance classes and in Hope Tera's cardio dance classes.

My second angel is Cheryl Friesen.

As soon as Cheryl arrived from Nebraska, this elegant and charming lady started volunteering for me. She and her husband, Orville, chose to winter at

OTOW several years ago because it welcomed their dog, a big beautiful greyhound, named Jett.

This active couple loves to take long bike rides, walk the many beaches and to explore our beautiful parks in Florida.

Cheryl, who's very creative, enjoys sewing and doing crafts for her family.

However, if you asked her, she might say that her favorite activities are line dancing and cardio dancing in our Moving and Grooving classes. She generously gives her time and talents each week to help with taking attendance, answering questions and recording any changes.

She is also one of our wonderful dancing guides. Cheryl is a blessing!

My third angel is Chris Norris.

As soon as Chris heard about our new Moving and Grooving classes, she approached me with her very kind offer to do anything to help out!

I was thrilled to welcome this powerhouse of a lady.

Chris is not only a retired educator of 34 years, but she's also an emergency medical technician (EMT) and a member of the Town of Camden (NY) Fire Department. That's very impressive.

Chris, a health enthusiast, enjoys swimming, biking, skiing, golfing and, of course, line and cardio dancing.

Her pride and joy are her grandchildren and her two wonderful sons who both served in the Marines.

Chris, is a fast learner and a fantastic guide dancer in all of my beginner four-wall classes. She is that beacon at the back of the room for the students to follow once they turn around.

Chris has made learning new dances so much easier for my students. She's a tremendous help.

So, it's easy to see why "Margaret's Moving and Grooving" angels have earned the respect and the gratitude of all of our Moving and Grooving line dance students.

"Well done Angels!" as Charlie would say.

OTOW-TV channel 732 is back with potential improvements!

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Hello everyone! Greetings from Peanut and Elmo. We live with MaryAnn Bruton and Jeanne Hedrick in the Valencia Building (72). We are both 10 years old. Nine years ago we were adopted from the Hillsborough Animal Shelter. Although we're not related, some people think we look alike. Maybe it's because we've been living together for so long! We're both happy dogs and we are both ambassadors for adopting pets from shelters. There are so many great dogs waiting for their forever homes. The best part of living at On Top of the World is the dog-friendly atmosphere and getting daily treats from so many of our neighbors.

Each month, OTOW News and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information at the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from the same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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Candidate for Congress tells Democratic Club she is still very determined to win a seat

By Donna Lukas

June is busting out all over with lots of celebration.

This is time for graduations, Father's Day, weddings with guests, birthdays with friends, eating at restaurants, and more club activities at On Top of the World.

Thanks to all who came out to our May meeting of the OTOW Democratic Club to hear Kimberly Walker talk about her experience running for Congress in 2020 and her plans to run again in 2022.

In talking about her previous campaign, Kimberly said "Running against Gus Bilirakis was a learning experience. I knew it would be an uphill battle, but the support I received was tremendous - it's what kept me going."

She also said, "We ran on a shoestring budget with little name recognition and ranked third in congressional voter movement in the state."

Kimberly is a fifth generation Floridian, having been born and raised in Orlando. Being raised in a multi-generational home, she understands family values and brings this understanding to her political views.

Kimberly is married, with a wife who is a teacher. Kimberly herself has a Bachelor's degree from St. Petersburg College and a Master's degree in Information Technology.

So it is not surprising that a focus of her campaign is better education opportunities for all and a belief in life-long learning.

Part of her background as a software engineer is problem-solving, which gives her the ability to look at issues from multiple perspectives.

Kimberly is a military veteran with eight years active duty in the U.S. Army.



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After 9/11 she rejoined the military, but this time with the U.S. Air Force National Guard.

She understands the difficulty adapting from military to civilian life and converting skills learned in the military to skills required in the civilian world.

Kimberly does not support the privatization of the Veterans Administration and will fight to ensure that the primary purpose of the VA is not chiseled away.

She sees suicide prevention as an important issue and would work towards creating programs for soldiers who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

In Congress, Kimberly will work on funding additional VA centers in rural areas. Not only will this provide the care veterans need closer to home, but will create jobs for the community.

On the environment, Kimberly notes that our economy needs help recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic. We also need to quickly create millions of clean energy jobs in order to tackle the climate crisis.

Combined, we have the opportunity to create good-paying jobs and put people



Kimberly Walker didn't win in her run for Congress last year, but she is trying again in 2022.

to work building our clean-energy future.

Why is she running?

Kimberly answered, "Because of my Mom, a retiree working part-time to offset the cost of her medication (and) because of my cousin who couldn't afford health-care and died from a heart attack at age 49 (also) for the American people. That's why we need new leadership that will put the needs of Americans first and not party or what's politically expedient."

Kimberly, of course, is reaching out to donors for campaign support. You may learn more about her and contribute to her campaign by going online to contactus@kimberlyforcongress.com.

This is also where you can sign up for her newsletters.

At our May meeting we added a few new members and welcomed back some who have been absent so far this year. We would like to see more of you return.

In June we are returning to our old time and location. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 10 at 2 p.m. in the Largo Room of the East Activity Center.

Our guest speaker will be Lucinda Johnston, the recently elected Chair of the Pinellas Democratic Party. Lucinda will share plans for upcoming elections and development of another headquarters office in northern Pinellas.

You may renew your \$12 annual membership at our June 10 meeting. Bring your OTOW Activity Card. At this time, no food is allowed in the EAC.

Scammers are using your phone and the internet to trick you

By Dave Beaven

Our Neighborhood Watch core group members monitor the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office weekly crime reports for activity in our area.

Week after week, the most common crime reported here in On Top of the World is fraud.

This is not surprising since seniors are considered easy targets for scamsters.

Most of us are well aware of phone scams. On a daily basis, many of us receive phone calls about extended warranties on our cars, phony "Social Security officials" calling us to verify our account numbers and callers notifying us that we have won a free cruise, etc.

Most of us know that these are just scams and we hang up the phone, but there are still people falling for them.

There is another growing source of

fraud to be wary of - internet scams.

Many seniors are now on the internet while not being particularly tech savvy. You might see an email from Visa that says your credit card has just been used to make a purchase, but you must confirm it's you by providing your login and password information.

This is called Phishing.

It is not a legit email from Visa.

If you reveal your personal information, the scammers can do all kinds of mischief.

It can happen to anyone.

I myself have been fooled. I realized it pretty quickly and changed my password, but I check my accounts more frequently to make sure that all is OK.

For a good summary on this, look up on your browser: "Phishing: Don't take the bait" and read the article.

Another common trick is when scammers try to convince you to click on a strange link. It may seem very harmless, but clicking on a fraudulent link will take you to some random webpage and can expose your computer to malware which can compromise how it operates and expose your information to outsiders.

Again, I have fallen for this myself.

Fortunately, I had a backup.

As a Spectrum internet subscriber, I installed their free antivirus McAfee app. So if I click a wrong link, it warns me. It also blocks dangerous sites from interacting with my computer.

Most of us here who use the internet go through Spectrum, so if you haven't already downloaded this app, log on to their site and do so.

If you need help with it, call Spectrum customer service and they can help you.



In summary, protect yourself by being informed and enjoy your retirement.

To find out more about Neighborhood Watch, go to our website: areawatch2020.blogspot.com.

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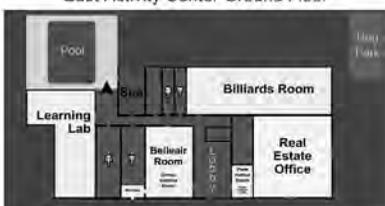
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Press Association heads into summer months with a full board

On Monday, May 3, the On Top of the World newsroom reopened to residents again after a 14-month pause for safety reasons.

Doors were locked in March 2020 and business was conducted on the porch overlooking the East Activity Center North Parking Lot.

With most residents and staff now protected from COVID-19 by vaccinations, the newsroom has reopened. Residents and advertisers may approach the front counter to conduct business, and staff proofreaders may now return to look over upcoming newspapers before the pages go to press.

Residents and advertisers still have to wear a mask when entering the newsroom. There can be no more than six proofreaders at a time and they must wear masks, too. Anyone on staff can proofread regardless of whether you are vaccinated or not.

At the monthly Press Association meeting in May, club elections took place. President Yvonne Courtney volunteered



Press Association

to continue with another term and Secretary Rose Pietrogallo volunteered to stay on for 12 more months.

The club has not had a vice president for two years. Edwina Schick, a building and club reporter, volunteered to fill the void after no one initially wanted to take the position. The Press Association board is now at full staff.

Editor Doug Kates announced the club picnic was a big success on April 1 at Philippe Park and many staffers have already asked to hold an annual picnic at the park.

The next club meeting will be the only meeting of the summer. Yvonne asked to hold the Thursday, Aug. 5, meeting at the EAC pavilion. Those at the meeting liked the idea.

So, there are no meetings in June or July. The August meeting will take place 5 p.m. at the pavilion. The first hour will be socializing only. The actual meeting will take place at 6 p.m. followed by dinner off the grill. The food of choice will be determined later.

There will not be a meeting in September.

The Thursday, Oct. 7, meeting will be 11 a.m. in the EAC auditorium. Please note the time change as afternoon times were not available.

Then on Thursday, Nov. 4, Doug will conduct the annual Writers Workshop in the auditorium. This is the only time all

year when Doug teaches staffers how to become better writers and learn journalism basics.

If you can only attend one meeting a year, this is the one to attend. Please mark this date on your calendar whether you are a veteran reporter or a newcomer. The time will be determined later but will be in the evening.

Lastly, the entire OTOW News staff has worked very hard to bring good news to everyone's doorstep each month over the past year. But with summer here, it doesn't get any easier to find great stories. The newspaper still needs about 40 stories a month and we need more writers to contribute.

Keep your eyes and ears open for ideas. If you know someone who lives at a building that does not have a reporter, ask them to become a staffer.

If you write for a club, group or sport, submit a story about what is to come in the near future. Let us know your plans for this fall.

See you in August.

Theater Workshop is working through the summer to plan a 2022 spring show

By Vicky Portsmouth

The new Theater Workshop board started work on May 1 and is already taking on today's challenges.

After all, taking on today's challenges is the "new norm."

We are excited about our state removing some COVID-19 restrictions and most of all, we are anxious again for OTOW to become the thriving community it has been for more than 50 years.

Over the last few months, Theater Workshop has started looking at the business-at-hand for the club.

Preparing for our membership drive in the fall will be an exciting chance to bring newcomers into the club.

We are generating ideas for our March 2022 show. The search for a director has begun and we hope to have a choice made by late summer.

A great deal of work goes into a stage production. Coordinating with sound, lighting and backstage crews are an important part of the success.

In addition, we are looking forward to an exciting cast audition. As new members join, our enthusiasm grows.

Please stay posted. Remember, mem-



Theater Workshop

bership is always open. Even though we are not fully active during the summer, interested members will be able to keep in touch through our articles.

You can email me, Vicky, at vickyportsmouth@hotmail.com and check out our Box Office web page for more information (otowboxoffice.com).

As we sign off for this month, Theater Workshop, OTOW's more than 50-year-old theater club, wishes you good health and happiness.

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Veterans Group gets new members at picnic

By Pam Rosenblatt

A little foul weather couldn't dampen the spirits of the On Top of the World Veterans Group.

With umbrellas and picnic baskets in hand, OTOW veterans were well-represented during our April picnic at Philippe Park.

Surprisingly, even some new members joined the group. It was refreshing to see current members and new faces.

Thank you to Jerry and Diane Kaplan our westside "Sunset at the Pier" team. Mark your calendars. You can find Jerry and Diane most Thursday nights, just before sunset, at the Lake Arbor fishing pier on the west side. Jerry and Diane are in charge of producing beautiful sunsets overlooking the lake. You should come and see their work in person. They do a fantastic job! Bring a lawn chair and join in.

As of this article, we are not sure what the rest of the year will look like for our continued get-togethers. We'll keep in touch through email, the OTOW monthly



newspaper and OTOW Box Office.

New members can be included in our group by emailing us at otowveteransgroup@gmail.com

Be sure to include your name, branch of service, dates of service and contact information.

In the meantime, stay safe and healthy. God bless America.



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Going on a trip - Google can help you pack

By Janice Berman

Six Travel Club members have signed up for a tour of five National Parks.

Travel Club President David Berman and I are part of the six.

This is a trip we planned to take one year ago, but unfortunately it was cancelled.

This year we believe the trip will be a go! We hope to depart this summer for a 12-day guided tour that promises to take us on an exciting journey. We will travel from the Grand Canyon to Mount Rushmore National Memorial and everywhere in between.

I have pulled out our suitcases and have started to think about what to put in them. It always seems as if we pack things we never needed and forget things we need.

In an effort to improve on my packing skills I have consulted with Google. After reading several articles about packing and traveling light I have made a list to guide me as I pack for this adventure.

Here is what Google recommends:

1. Keep your toiletries packed.

Keeping a set of bathroom products already packed also ensures that you don't forget a toothbrush or contact lens case that you might use the morning of take-off. Keep these items in a small pouch or box in the corner of a cabinet or drawer for easy access when packing for a trip. To streamline what you need, consider all-in-one options like bath and beauty creams, which combine foundation, moisturizer and sunblock. To prevent leakage, double up that plastic bag. Toiletries should be placed last in your suitcase as you never know when T.S.A. will come checking.

2. Do the clothing countdown.

If you need a mantra to help streamline your wardrobe, use the 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 rule for a weeklong trip: Limit yourself to no more than five sets of socks and underwear, four tops, three bottoms, two pairs of shoes and one hat. The list should

be adjusted to suit your needs. Throw in a swimsuit and exercise gear or an appropriate jacket.

3. Some items can be purchased later.

Lay out what you think you will need then reconsider each item before you pack it. Don't take items you think you might

4. Now we are ready to pack.

Fill every inch of space. For example, footwear should be stuffed with socks. Then lay your shoes together heel to toe at the bottom of your suitcase in a plastic shopping bag to protect clothes from dirt.

How exactly you arrange everything in your suitcase is a matter of personal preference. Here are some popular strategies:

Roll your clothes. This helps to maximize space and minimize wrinkles.

Use packing cubes. These smaller bags help you keep your clothes compact and your outfits ordered.

Try the bundle technique. Carefully wrap each article of clothing around a central core with underwear and T-shirts at the center, and large tailored items like blazers and dresses as the outer layer.

This takes care of the suitcase I will check at my departing airport. Next, I will be consulting Google for help with my carry-on.

Oh, the places we will go!



Dick Mikszenas, left, David Berman, center, and Eileen Nelson start packing for a trip.



need. If and when you need it, you can buy it.

Good Neighbors board starts summer with luncheon

By Sue Trost

The Good Neighbors Association would like to introduce our current board members for the 2021 year.

They are President Jesse Tiamson, Vice President Jo Dameron, Secretary/Assistant Vice President Sue Trost, Treasurer Evelyn Simmers, Assistant Treasurer Roger Nicolls, Hospitality Director Evelyn Tiamson, Assistant to Hospitality Director Joan Sopek and Procurements Randy Rienth.

On Friday, May 14, our club held our last board meeting for the summer followed by a luncheon at Molly Goodheads in Palm Harbor to honor our outgoing President Jim Bjorgo and outgoing Vice President Maureen Bjorgo. A great time was had by all.

Our next board meeting will be in September to plan for our Food and Clothing Drive to be held on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For any upcoming events, please follow us on Facebook at Good Neighbors Association of OTOW Clearwater.

We wish all OTOW residents and staff a happy and healthy summer.



Good Neighbors Association board members enjoy lunch together.

Results for the OTOW community survey are available online.

Visit otowclearwaterinfo.com and click the 'messages to residents' link

Republican Club members get a lesson in political jargon



Republican Club

By Mary Jane Lofton

At the Ronald Reagan Republican Club meeting on May 11, members were treated to a mini-class about the political jargon of 2021 America.

Almost everyone was familiar with “woke” or “wokeness” but very few had a clear understanding of its meaning.

Our guest speaker, David Schick, a young man with a background in philosophy and journalism, led an informal explanation of this fascinating topic, followed by a great question and answer period.

David welcomed every question.

Wokeness is a state of being aware, especially of social problems such as racism and inequality.

The club members joined in enthusiastically and a great time was enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday, June 8, our club will be back on our regular second Tuesday of the month schedule. We will again be meeting in the Belleair Room of the West Activity



Jack Shaffer, right, is a volunteer at the Largo Police Department.

Center. Doors will be open for registration and socializing at 6 p.m. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Please watch your emails for any last-minute changes in location.

Our guest speaker will be World War II veteran Jack Schaffer. At age 17, Jack

drove from Nebraska to Denver proudly volunteering for the U.S. Marines. He became a fighter pilot in the Pacific Theater and began a lifetime of volunteering.

As a busy orthodontist in the Tampa area, he went on many mission trips and

served on the Mercy Ship.

At age 96, Jack is still actively serving our country as a volunteer, now with the Largo Police Department. We will honor Jack and our OTOW veterans at this meeting. You don't want to miss it!

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Lambdians have a new grandfather and are dining out to raise money for a local charity

By Bruce Lovett

It is amazing the things you can learn while in swimming pools.

This reporter tries to hit On Top of the World's east side pool every day and each time I pick up a fountain of world and OTOW news.

(Some very real and some to be taken with a grain of salt).

But one day, recently, I heard our Lambda Club being bandied about and I decided to listen intently.

"It sounds like a pretty wild club to me," I heard one of the voices say.

"Yes, I think they are all party animals," said another person.

Well, I think that may be a bit of an overstatement, but it does bring up the two topics to be discussed this month: parties and animals.

Starting with the latter - for those of you who are regular readers of this column you will be pleased to know that Howard Harville and his sexually confused canaries finally got their act together.

A baby bird was born. (See attached picture) Louise, formally Louis, named for the famous jazz trumpeter, had a quick name change in April when she laid a fertile egg.

The little bird was 13 days old on Mother's Day.

Not sure if that makes Howard a grandmother or a grandfather?

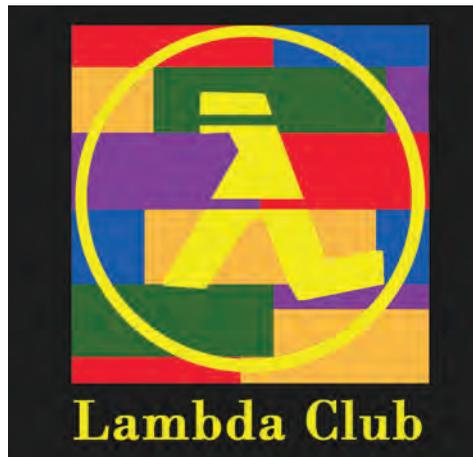
In other animal news, Jay Yamner, probably the second most famous walker in OTOW after our esteemed president, Dave Beaven, has gotten a new dog.

Jay, a lifelong New Yorker before moving to Clearwater, never saw a reason to get a driver's license as he lived in one of the busiest cities in the world.

Jay chose OTOW for retirement, sight unseen, because of its walking proximity to good restaurants, barber shops and veterinarians.

The latter was important as, more often than not, Jay was forever walking the streets with his long New York toned legs accompanied by two gorgeous canine roommates. The year 2020 was tough for Jay because on top of COVID-19, he lost his two beloved walking companions.

In May of 2021, that all changed and Jay is back walking to the veterinarian.



Lambda Club

This time with a three and a half year old, 19 pound, silken Terrier rescue named Bongo.

This Father's Day, Jay and Howard will defiantly have to get together.

While talking about walking and animals, this month's article is going to be accompanied by a picture of Dave and his merry men on one of their weekly walks. Unfortunately the picture he sent consisted of eight men after an hour walk in the sun on Clearwater Beach during spring break gazing at scantily clad bodies.

And all this before lunch.

So instead of highlighting the cardiovascular benefits of the endeavor, it showed off a group of hot, sweaty, hungry people - kind of like a pack of wild wolves.

The picture of the baby bird on Mother's Day seemed a better idea.

Moving on to the party aspect of the pool talk, a group of hungry wolves was just what was needed on a recent Thursday evening.

"Dining Out For Life" is an annual event held nationwide that raises money to assist local HIV/AIDS organizations.

This year, Casa Tina in Dunedin very generously offered 25 percent of their food receipts from one evening to the fundraiser.

Lambda is very proud to have sent more than 30 people in support of the cause. After such an unusual year, it was nice to see so many familiar faces in one spot.

That said, the monthly Lambda social may be back. Dave has something up his sleeve and it may happen very soon. Based



This canary was born 13 days before Mother's Day inside an OTOW unit. The proud grandfather is resident Howard Harville.

on the success of the event and current regulations, he is in talks with Activities Director Nancy Rogers to see what can be done to help Lambda return to its routine.

To keep abreast of what is happening, make sure you are on Lambda's mailing list and follow us on our weekly blog.

Lambda is a social club that serves

the LGBT population at OTOW as well as their neighbors and friends. Should you wish further information about the club go to our webpage at [HTTP://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com).

You can also check us out at OTOW Box Office, or call Dave at (727) 410-7566.

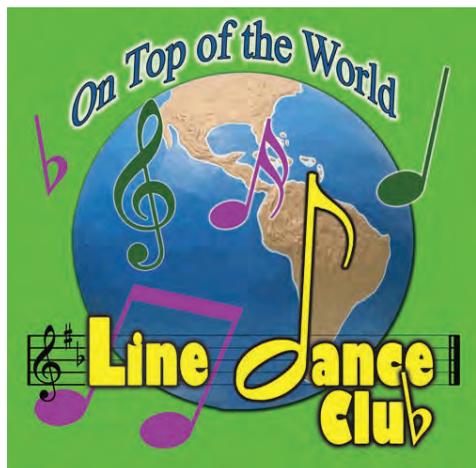
Now on the Box Office

Hope's Cardio Dance Workout has its first online exercise video you can do at home. Visit the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) and look for the Cardio Workout 1 link.

This is a very active cardio workout. OTOW is not responsible for anyone who tries this video at home. Please get approval by your personal physician before you proceed.



Line dance practice can develop a passion



Leila Walker leads the Tuesday line dance group as everyone practices their footwork.

By Leila Walker

Debbie Mayo, an On Top of the World Line Dance Club member and instructor, is modeling a mask made for her by Dolly Foland.

The mask is very special for Debbie because it has turtles on it! Debbie is very serious about her love for turtles.

Debbie has a number of passions besides just turtles. She cares about the world's environment. Her mantra is to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Another passion is for arts and music. She is impressed with the art scene in our area and with OTOW entertainment.

Debbie's third great passion is for dancing. She has been dancing with the OTOW Line Dance Club since June,

2016, and loves it!

Debbie also volunteers with the Snowbirds Line Dance Club.

Debbie says that dancing "makes her feel electric in her zone." She has a feeling of euphoria when she is dancing.

Dancing gives her the opportunity to meet friends, build relationships and exercise. It is a total mind/body experience for her.

She encourages others to join in this experience.

Debbie can be seen from 7-8 a.m.

on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays practicing dances in the EAC Exercise Room. She is very dedicated to her dancing.

Join Debbie and develop a passion for line dancing.

The OTOW Line Dance Club offers classes on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 8:30-10:30 a.m Saturdays in the East Activity Center auditorium.

From 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays an Advanced Beginner session is being offered and from noon to 1 p.m. an Im-

prover Session for more experienced line dancers is offered.

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

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

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Mother's Day and pickleball are the perfect match

What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than with pickleball!
 This past Mother's Day in May, the On Top of the World Pickleball Club celebrated by having coffee and Sunshine Bakery donuts.
 We played pickleball while listening to golden oldies music!
 There were 28 people that attended.
 Our new summer hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Come join our club for some fun and great exercise.
 Any questions, please call Kathy Ahrens at 727-804-1827.



Pictured at right are Paula Erange, Brenda Rathyen, Jane Collins and Kathy Ahrens enjoying donuts after a game of pickleball.

If you want to play tennis with us, you better have an appetite too

By Joe DeChiaro

As the On Top of the World Tennis Club gradually says goodbye to our Snowbirds, we continue to play tennis every morning six days a week.

We also have a monthly luncheon and a monthly golf outing with an early dinner for our members.

Every so often we go to a movie at AMC or Cobb Theater. We also enjoy a sports night out at Buffalo Wild Wings to root for our favorite teams.

All our activities are organized safely.

This past month, 11 members showed up on the nine-hole golf course and then went to Poblano's Mexican Grill to enjoy an early dinner.

Our monthly luncheon attracted 14 members and four guests for our largest turnout in the past year.

We went to the Living Room Restaurant in Dunedin.

We always reserve outside seating at our luncheons and early dinners. With the weather heating up, we plan to gather at Clearwater Beach once a week to swim, sunbathe and eat at one of our favorite beach-side restaurants: Palm Pavilion or Frenchy's.



When is the last time your club updated its Box Office web page?

The Box Office is like a shopping center full of information about clubs and groups at On Top of the World. If you are not updating your web page, it's like closing your business.

To visit the Box Office (shopping center) visit otowboxoffice.com



Softball season ends with two battles finishing in the ninth inning

By Bob Rittner

The On Top of the World Softball League was finally able to meet for a celebration.

Having missed our usual winter and spring banquets, as well as our annual breakfast with partners, we held a post-season party at Alfano's.

The celebration included a game of Jeopardy adapted for three teams of players.

We also made a toast to our sponsors, Joe and Chrissy Sciandra of 2nd Time Sports, and announced the recipients of the Bertuzzi-Caputo Spirit of the Game Award. This year the winner was Roger Hebler, a veteran of more than 20 years, who exemplifies our ethos of competition and fun.

We also enjoyed the annual Phil Goodwin awards ceremony in which he finds unique contributions players make to the league - for example leading the league in complaints to the umpire and producing relevant gifts that represent the achievement.

Softball

We finished our 2021 season with two hotly contested games.

2nd Time Sports 12 West Siders 8

Until the ninth inning, no team had more than a one run lead.

But consecutive singles by Ron Nobile and Terry Murphy followed by doubles by Joe DeChiaro and Reggie Phelan gave 2nd Time Sports a padded lead.

Reggie then set West Siders down in order in the bottom of the inning to clinch the win.

Roger Hebler's three hits led West Siders. Bob Dembinski's three doubles paced 2nd Time Sports.

Standing out among many fine defensive plays included catches near the fence by Roger Martel, Bill Holland and Rick Champ. Shortstop Joe DeChiaro had a

backhanded catch of a sizzling one-hopper on the outfield grass and threw a bullet to first base for an out.

2nd Time Sports 11 West Siders 9

The veteran comes through for the second game in a row.

After Guy Bertuzzi's bases-clearing double in the last game was a key hit setting up the win, a two-out RBI single drove in a critical run on the way to another victory.

Spectators noted the skill with which Guy demonstrated advanced place-hitting to ensure a hit.

The defensive play of the game was third baseman Mike Sieber stopping a vicious one-hopper from going through the infield as Joe Brandao backed him up, grabbed the carom and made a strong throw to first where Henry Zussman made a spectacular scoop of a short hop.

After a 46-game season, the league as

a whole batted .474 with 282 doubles, 63 triples and 46 homers.

The league slugging average was .622.

After serving as president of the league for four years, Lenny Segall retired from the position although, thankfully, he will continue playing.

The league has been fortunate and grateful that his leadership has enhanced our enjoyment of the game.

Many innovations were initially suggested by Lenny, the most important being the move to using wood bats.

His creative leadership and appreciation of our league's ethos have been integral to our success.

Our new president is Rick Champ, who has played with us for seven years and is eager to maintain the style of play we have all enjoyed.

For information about our softball/stickball league, call Bob Rittner (729-7970) or visit us on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com

So you think a lawn bowl is just a round ball - you might be surprised

By Wendy Colquhoun

Shakespeare, a rare wood and high technology.

How are these diverse topics related to lawn bowling?

Read on.

Today the bowl used in lawn bowling is made of melamine. Yes, the same substance as dishes.

Early in the history of bowls, Lignum vitae was used to carve bowls. This is a tropical hard wood renowned for its strength, toughness and density which has become scarce.

Bowls made from wood are subject to temperature and humidity.

As an aside, Lignum vitae is the national tree of the Bahamas and the national flower of Jamaica.

You may recall my mentioning in an earlier article that the bowl does not roll straight but rather has a bias. Historically the term bias is found from the 1500s onward. Despite bowls with a bias found

Lawn Bowling

in North America dated centuries before this time, Charles Brandon, the Duke of Suffolk, is credited with discovering bias.

The story is that while playing one day, his wooden bowl cracked in half. He then ran into the "house" and sawed off a banister knob, then used this to continue the game of bowls. The flat side of the bowl caused the bowl to have a different trajectory and thus the bias was born.

Who knows if this is true? Believe this if you choose.

With a wooden bowl, a hole was drilled into a side and brass, lead or pewter was inserted. The hole was then filled with casein - a milk solid.

Today, weighting a bowl is illegal. Shape is now the sole source of causing the bowl to bend or bias.

Shakespeare, in Richard the Second wrote:

Queen: What sport shall we devise here in this garden to drive away the heavy thought of case?

Lady: Madam, we'll play at bowls.

Queen: 'Twill make me think the world is full of rubs, and that my fortune runs against the bias.

Henselite, Taylor, Drakes Pride and Aero are companies that manufacture lawn bowls today.

Taylor claims to be the first to use computer technology with Aero claiming consistency to four decimal points.

They all agree the bowl-making process takes about two days. The melamine starts as a powder, is heated with high frequency radio waves, placed in a mold and compressed. When hardened, the bowls have dimples carved to facilitate gripping, heavy and light sides marked by different sized emblems, are polished and then

painted.

Bowls come in sizes to fit a variety of hands.

Videos are available on this process, including one done by the discovery channel if you care to watch. Just Google how lawn bowls are made.

Now you know how Shakespeare, a rare wood and high technology are topics related to lawn bowling.

See you on the greens this summer. We hope to be out there on Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.

Happy bowling.

Sources: *Britannica*, *YouTube*, *Bowls History - A Complete History of The Sport*

How Lawn Bowls Are Made (bookhambowls.co.uk).

www.lawnbowling-arcadia.com/home/history.html



Entertainment Committee is booking events for 2022

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Here we are in the month of June and that means a long hot summer ahead of us.

Thank goodness our activity centers are air conditioned.

Once we are able to get back to business, the Entertainment Committee will be selling tickets for upcoming events. Things have changed for everyone these past 15 months and hopefully we will get back to the new normal soon.

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

new ones.

The Entertainment Committee books entertainment a year ahead of time so that we are sure to lock in great entertainment for our residents.

Again, shows will be held on a Thursday, dances on Saturday and Meet & Greet on Sundays.

The Entertainment Committee, On Top of the World's premier club for resident fun, does not charge dues and everyone with a current recreation card is a member.

We provide members and their guests with year-round entertainment featuring shows, dances and a free Meet and Greet,

which are presented at the East Activity Center.

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

Again, once we are back to selling tickets for the shows and dances, we will be back in the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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

To receive your refund, you will need to provide the original ticket(s). Any 2020 tickets will not be honored in 2022. If you have 2020 New Year's Eve tickets, please hold onto them if you are still interested in attending this dance, as we have not cancelled this event at this time.

You can view future scheduling information on OTOW-TV channel 732. Everyone on Spectrum gets OTOW-TV.

Check the bulletin boards in the EAC, the West Activity Center and on your building's bulletin board.

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

Computers...

Do I need a Porsche or a pickup truck?

By Mike Wood

The headline raises an interesting question ... do you need a Porsche or a pickup truck if you're buying a new computer?

The On Top of the World Computer Club dealt with that question and several other related questions during the month of May.

The big take-away from these discussion topics is that people need to do their research when it comes to their individual computer needs.

There is no one-computer-fits-all for all people, nor is there one kind of vehicle for every individual driving style.

There are basically four major computer styles from which folks need to choose. These are desktop computers, laptops, notebooks and tablets.

Although all four styles have several areas of commonality, all have some specific applications for which they were created.

Desktop computers are not portable, but are ideal for people who need elaborate applications that require specific slot-based hardware processing components.

Laptops are portable and best for people who do not need hardware expansion,



but use programs or applications to handle their needs.

Notebooks are best for people who require a smaller second computer with mobility needs. In many cases, notebook computers, linked to a cloud, can be used remotely to access and update shared cloud-based storage, programs and applications. Notebooks are also great for simple web searching and email upkeep.

Then there are tablets. These are great as a second kind of totally mobile device, many of which (especially iPads) have cellular access. Tablets can do just about anything the other computers can do. Folks just have to remember that everything is on a touch-screen and that they are totally reliant and limited to program and application operation.

So, which do you need? The two-seater Porsche (high-speed tablet), the multi-port desktop (one-ton dually, four-wheel drive pickup) or something in-between.

Just do your research and remember that the OTOW Computer Club is here to help you through your decision process.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 using the Zoom virtual meeting platform and visitors are welcome.

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

In addition to the Saturday meetings, the club offers assistance to any OTOW resident with basic technology-related

questions or issues.

The Learning Lab is now open in the West Activity Center on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10 by appointment only. Knowledgeable Computer Club volunteers offer basic computer, tablet and smart phone program assistance and app help. The services are free to all OTOW residents with a valid Activity Card. Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance.

If residents have in-home computers that require service in their condos, the Computer Club does not offer an in-home repair service, although the Computer Club can offer guidance and assistance in locating service providers who can address other-than-basic service needs or in-home computer issues.

Computer service-related questions can be sent to the Computer Club at otowcc@gmail.com. Responses normally are made within 72 hours after the request is received.

Otherwise, for more information about the Computer Club, email us at otowcc@gmail.com, visit our website at www.otowcc.com or click our link in the OTOW Box Office, otowboxoffice.com.

Mahjongg players wanted for small social group

A small group of ladies at On Top of the World is looking for additional residents to play mahjongg once a week from 1-4 p.m.

These ladies do not play in either activity center.

They rotate visiting each other's condo.

All the permanent players have been vaccinated, but some players are headed north for the summer and extra players are needed to fill in.

If you would like to list your name and phone number as an extra player, please contact Libby Shear at (727) 669-1486.

It's time for a party



Now that most people at On Top of the World have had their COVID-19 vaccination, I said to my wife, Cheryl, "Let's have a party."

And I thought it would be a good time to revive our Baby Boomers Club wine tasting tradition that started several years ago.

Further, I wanted to celebrate the return to normal life!

What better way to do that than to enjoy some sparkling wines.

The only question was, where to have this party?

After some thought, I knew the answer.

I called Nancy Rogers at the OTOW Activity Office and ask about using the pavilion. We settled on a Thursday evening at 5 p.m.

Now that I had the theme and the location, it was time to select the wines.

With help from a wine consultant at Total Wine & More, I chose some sparkling wines from four different areas of the world - Spain, New Zealand, Argentina and Italy.

(Did you know that only specific beverages made in a specific region of France can be called champagne? Everything else is a sparkling wine.)

For more help, I enlisted the services of friends who love good food and good wine: Kathleen Santosuosso, Penni Telleck and Cheryl Butcher, and I decided on a menu of assorted cheeses, pates, sausages and smoked salmon (recipe below).

With 16 confirmed reservations (you are permitted 25 people at our pavilion), my "staff" and I set up the area.

When everyone arrived, we began the evening by tasting, eating and renewing friendships with people we hadn't seen in a year.

It was a perfect evening!

We reluctantly left at 10 p.m.

Let me say the pavilion is an outstanding place to host a



Pictured above is a home-cooked smoked salmon before perfectly carved into a meal or snack. Below are a variety of cheeses to complement the salmon.

building event, birthday party, club meeting and, of course, a wine tasting.

What a great extension to OTOW.

With the addition of three new barbecue grills, the sky's the limit.

The pavilion is set up with an area to serve food and drinks, restrooms and picnic tables - all together.

There is plenty of room to space people out.

Try it, you'll like it.



What's a party without sparkling wine?

Smoked Salmon

Brine

3 to 4 pound salmon fillet
1 cup of kosher salt
2 cups of dark brown sugar

Seasoning for the Salmon

1 cup of dark brown sugar
Salmon or seafood seasoning

BBQ Grill Setup

3 or 4 chunks of peach or apple wood
Smoke using indirect heat

Directions

Mix the salt and sugar in enough water to cover the salmon.

Place the salmon in the brine and refrigerate for 12 hours or overnight.

Take it out and wash to remove the salt and sugar, pat it dry with a paper towel. Let it sit for 4-6 hours so it is completely dry and tacky to the touch.

Season the salmon with the seafood seasoning and one cup of dark brown sugar.

Set the grill up for indirect heat and add three or four chunks of peach or apple wood.

Place the salmon on the cool side of the grill and cover. Smoke until the salmon reaches 170 to 180 degrees.

Serve with chopped onion, capers and sour cream, and serve with crackers or melba toast.

Months from now, if you say "I wish I would have saved that smoked salmon recipe" but instead lost the newspaper article - don't worry. All Butcher Block food columns are saved on the Box Office website at otowboxoffice.com.

Just visit, click the Butcher Block link, and revisit all the past food columns.

**Science of
Cooking
Healthy
Food**

By Marie



Email questions, suggestions and comments to
Marie
marieshealthyfood@gmail.com

Also, visit the Box Office
for past recipes in this newspaper.

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Health Value

Crackers rich in whole grains contain more fiber. This slows the rate the body digests carbohydrates, keeping you fuller longer.

The American Heart Association says dietary fiber in whole grains may help improve blood cholesterol levels. It may also lower risk of heart disease, stroke, obesity and type 2 diabetes.

The healthiest strategy is to choose a thin or small cracker. This is a smart choice too if you prefer bigger meal portions.

CRACKERS

As Healthy As You Make Them

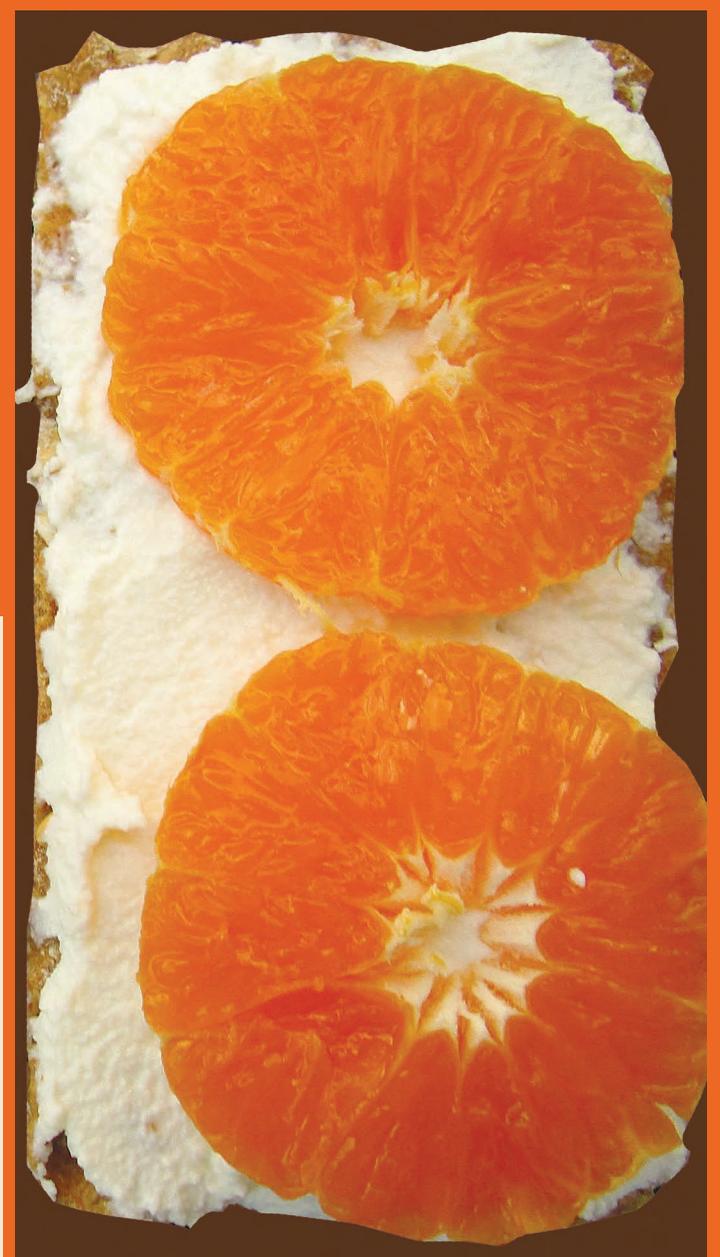
Wasa multi-grain, extra-crunchy “crispbreads” are essentially the offspring of a cracker and a flatbread. They make a great canvas for an afternoon snack or a party tray.

The best cracker for toppings is one that is firm and won't snap under pressure. Wasa crispbread is a good choice.

My dear chefs, what you put on top of the cracker can add more calories than the cracker itself. Healthy topping options are avocado, hummus, cheese or yogurt dip. You can make a meal of a Wasa cracker by topping it with some of the same ingredients found in a sandwich — pepper slices, sliced meat, olives, cherry tomato slices, etc.

Colorful tangerine slices on Wasa crispbread are particular nice. The sweet juiciness of tangerine contrasts nicely with dry crispbread. Be sure to partially cut a couple segments of the tangerine apart for ease in eating. Other tasty fruit toppings are sliced banana on peanut butter or strawberries.

Also appealing is a tablespoon of full-fat ricotta cheese on crispbread. The fat in the ricotta adds a desirable creaminess to the crispbread.



If you have adventuresome taste buds, you will likely enjoy trying the whole-grain crackers listed below.

They are nothing like your mom's saltines. These are classified as healthy.

Mary's Gone Crackers: These are crispy in texture and offer a complex flavor of fibrous grains and seeds. They are appealing for those seeking gluten-free, organic, vegan and non-GMO foods.

Back to Nature: These boost muscle-building protein by adding plant-based pea protein powder. A serving of these crackers will fill you up with more protein than an egg! Their fiber comes from four seeds (flax, chia, poppy and hemp).

Triscuit: This 'woven' cracker has a simple list of ingredients: whole wheat, oil and salt. This is why it is deemed healthy. They offer lots of different bold flavors.

Crunchmaster's Multi-grain Crackers: This cracker packs wholesome ingredients. It's baked with brown rice flour, oat fiber, sesame seeds, quinoa, millet and flaxseed. They're low calorie.

Wasa Multi-Grain Crispbread: Crispbread has been eaten for about 1,500 years in Sweden and Finland. The Swedish company, WASA, is the world's leading brand of crispbread. The company celebrated its 100th year anniversary in 2020.

Crispbreads are baked flat and dry, thus they stay fresh for a long time. They contain no trans fats and most do not contain sugar. They're packed with a variety of wholesome, fiber-rich grains, like rye, oats and barley. A slice is only 35 calories and contains 26 grams of whole grains and 6 grams of fiber!



Crackers are generally considered healthier than most snacks, but it is important to read the ingredient list carefully.

Most crackers have enriched wheat flour. These provide few nutrients.

Additionally, crackers often contain excessive amounts of sodium and sometimes added sugar.

Instead of sodium and sugar, look for whole grain crackers with minimal sodium and added sugar. If “whole grain” is first on the ingredient list, it is most likely healthy. Unfortunately, typical crackers have few, if any, whole grains.

Innovative new crackers feature unusual ingredients like chickpeas, hemp seeds, millet, teff and triticale. But are these new crackers any healthier than the old favorites? It depends ... check for the whole grains and fiber content.

Links

(i) www.heart.org

Disclaimer

This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.

The Science

Many crackers have tiny holes poked through them. Without these, crackers wouldn't really be crackers at all.

These holes allow steam to escape during the cooking process, preventing air bubbles from forming and ruining the whole cracker.

The result is a thin, crisp cracker that breaks apart somewhat easily, rather than just disintegrating.

The lack of holes is what makes Goldfish and oyster crackers puff up rather than remaining flat and thin as a classic cracker.

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BUILDING REPORTS



Karaoke returns - this time outdoors

The East Activity Center pavilion is screaming for a safe, fun and festive event and karaoke may just be the answer.

On Sunday, June 20, come enjoy Father's Day at the pavilion and bring your best singing voice.

"Karaoke with Lenny and Kathy" will be providing the entertainment.

Under normal conditions, Lenny Segall and Kathy Ahrens have been hosting karaoke on Sunday evenings in the EAC auditorium. But with the pandemic, all live events in the auditorium have been canceled now for more than a year.

In May, On Top of the World management relaxed some safety guidelines at outdoor amenities, such as the pavilion and swimming pools.

More people are allowed to gather and masks are no longer required outdoors and each resident is allowed one guest.

Plus, safety officials have told us that being outdoors is safe.

So Lenny and Kathy are bringing back karaoke for this special event and we will see how it works out and if another karaoke day is added later.

There are still guidelines to follow.

The event will take place 5-8 p.m. A maximum crowd of 50 people is allowed. There will be hot dogs on the grills for a snack. Guests should bring their own beverages.

Absolutely no lawn chairs.

To allow more people to enjoy the event, Lenny and Kathy are asking people to stay and enjoy, but then head out so others can come in and enjoy.

"Come join us for a fun evening under the stars," Kathy said. "There will be singing and dancing."

Karaoke with Lenny and Kathy has more than 4,000 songs available for you to sing.

Soloists are welcome. Duets are encouraged. Group songs are fantastic.

You can sing up front ahead of the crowd or you can hold a microphone while sitting in the crowd.



Father's Day Karaoke at the Pavilion
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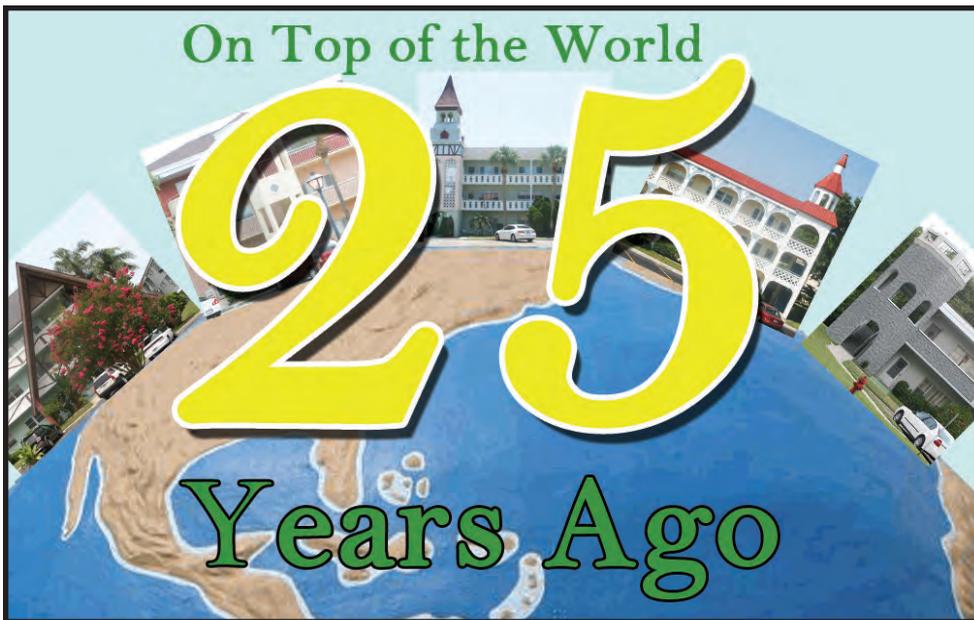
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**A look back at the OTOW News
June, 1996**

- **Nancy Davis' Notes:** At OTOW, we have many volunteers. They form the backbone of most of our organizations and groups. They are a very special breed of people who never can seem to do enough to help, and they definitely are one of the main ingredients that make OTOW such a great place to live. The special people whom we call volunteers seldom receive the praise and thanks that they truly deserve. If you know some of these very special people, take time this month to express your appreciation to them personally. We actually should thank them every month of the year.
- **Irish Club:** Just before the Snowbirds left for the north, the Irish Club hosted a picnic at Philippe Park on May 2, 1996. The day was perfect and the site superb — completely covered to shade the sun and with a view of the bay at our feet. We were even visited by some manatees playing close by. Host and hostess were Joe and Marie Cassidy, who had our day planned for us, including miniature golf and bingo.
- **Ladies 18-Hole Golf:** Our April 30, 1996 tournament was cancelled because of rain. Any award money not collected within 30 days of June 4, 1996, the official day to disperse it, will be returned to the treasury. Please contact Phyllis Marsteller, awards chairman.
- **Men's Golf:** The Board of Directors voted to buy nice white sand. It has arrived and Kevin and his crew have started putting it down. Looks great out there. Speaking of Kevin — he's doing one great job. The course never looked so good. Thanks, Kevin. Keep up the good work! Now that some people went north, we can expect to play (weather permitting) every Wednesday.
- **Key West Building:** Ed Toomey deserves a great big "thank you" for the perfect white box he made for people to drop their news into. Ed does many kind deeds — such as a wheelchair ramp for Jack and Dot Gentry. We need more people in this world like him. Also, "thank you" to Ed's wife, Elaine, who waits patiently for Ed to finish these chores so he can help her with the things she needs done. Congratulations to Ben Brender for being the first person to drop a note into the box that Ed made!
- **Royal Chateau:** Would like to start out with a big "thank you" to the DuBois and the Webers for a great job on our flower gardens on the east and west sides of the building — they look great. We had our monthly coffee klatch on Friday, May 10, 1996, and Ray Ritter and crew did another great job. It was well-attended. Had a short committee meeting following the coffee break. Now some travel news: Don't think Marco Polo could do it, but Bob and Clariece Parkhurst did it. Highlights of their trip to the Orient included visits to (among others) Hong Kong, Macau, China, South Korea and Japan. All in 19 days!

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OTOW BUS

June 2021 (Subject To Change)

Schedule/Riding Guidelines

Tuesday Special - 9 a.m.
The special morning destination will be one of these locations: Clearwater Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens or Cypress Plaza. The selection will ONLY be posted on the bus.

Countryside Mall
Tuesdays 12:30 p.m.

Aldi
Wednesdays 8 a.m.

Sprouts
Wednesdays 11 a.m.

Publix
Thursdays 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Walmart
Fridays 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance and seats are reserved on first-call basis. You must present your valid activity card before boarding.
The bus driver is not permitted to assist passengers in any way.
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Don't wait for a very bad storm to be hours away.
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Your pre-storm checklist

1. Purchase a battery-operated radio and a supply of batteries.
2. Purchase flashlights with batteries. Use caution when using candles.
2. Get an ice chest. Stock up on a week's worth of water, food that won't spoil, pet supplies, toilet paper, purchase a battery-operated fan.
3. Refill medical prescriptions.
4. Go to an ATM or bank and get cash.
5. Fill your vehicle with gas. Fill a lawn mower container with gas. Please do not store generators on property. Only first floor units can operate a generator after power goes out.
6. Recharge cell phone batteries and use only when necessary.
7. If you are evacuating, tell people where you are evacuating to and leave your contact information.
8. Bring lawn furniture and outdoor decorations indoors.
9. Make sure you have a first-aid kit, including bandages, ointments.
10. Make sure important documents are safely stored.
11. Don't forget rain gear, blankets and home entertainment. Don't panic, but you may not have internet service for days.
12. Sign up for the RAVE alert system from OTOW. Community updates will be posted on otowclearwaterinfo.com, OTOW-TV Channel 732 and the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).

WHEN A STORM HAS PASSED

- A. Do not go outside and begin cleanup on your own. Let OTOW employees remove limbs and all damage. There could be wires down.
- B. Traffic lights may be out. Stop at all intersections.

For more information, visit www.ready.gov/hurricanes

**Flag Day is
Monday, June 14.
Fly Old Glory proudly!**

Be amazed at the variety of birds here at OTOW

Summer is here and so are the love bugs. Cute as they may be, please clean them off of your cars, otherwise they may soon ruin your paint job.

Seeing a photo of our friend Cele reminds us that it is past time to get more active outside our condos. She was a very active resident who set a high bar for the rest of us!

Let us start with a monthly luncheon for those who feel comfortable getting out and about. Or more walks on the lake from the south pond to the northern one. Perhaps take an in-person exercise class, there are many to choose from.

The birds are nesting all over the place! A pair of tiny Carolina wrens have picked a pot of geraniums next to the front door for their brood. Although no tiny cheeps have yet been heard, the parents have been busy carrying insects back to the nest, so here's hoping new life is growing fast. Daily walks near the lake turn up many types of birds, sometimes several species in just one day.



The following birds were seen in the last few months: little blue herons, great blue herons, great white egrets, snowy egrets, mallard and Muscovy ducks, common gallinules (marsh hens), seagulls, and ospreys.

Also anhingas, wood storks, roseate spoonbills, limpkins, a brown pelican, red-winged blackbirds, grackles, crows, blue jays, cardinals, various woodpeckers,

mocking birds, sharp shinned hawks, Cooper's hawks, one bald eagle, assorted sparrows and wrens, a Canada goose and a rare swallow-tailed kite.

We certainly don't want to leave out the hardest working birds of all, our ever-present, industrious flocks of white ibis. They keep the soil aerated and eat grubs, worms, frogs, and snails. They fly gracefully in unison not far above our heads. If you are lucky, you may spot one or two roosting in a tree but they rarely stop moving.

Birdwatching is quite entertaining, and all the above named species have been spotted by a few of us on the West side (we may have missed a few). Imagine what the East side has to offer!

On May 23, we had our first core party since the pandemic started last year. This was a fun way to get people out of their condo and to socialize with other neighbors. Please check the bulletin board for future events.

Happy Father's Day to all our dads. Hope you all have a fantastic day.



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New babies and new residents are highlights

The wood storks are back and sure enough, we have more grandbabies at the Azores.

My husband, Kelly, and I became first-time grandparents in March. Our new grandson has already become the center of our universe. We quarantined ahead of his arrival so we were able to visit soon after he was born, in New Jersey. He's really cute — even cuter than we had imagined!

I took every opportunity to hold, feed, and change him so our daughter and her husband (aka Mom and Dad) could rest. Meanwhile Kelly donned his grandfather hat and hung the crib mobile and various pictures in the nursery. Our son stopped by every day to see his first nephew, who he calls, "little Dude." It was a wonderful trip.

Tom and Marie Pirrello also welcomed a new baby to the family, their first great-grandchild. With an impressive head of hair and an impish smile, he is just perfect. Congratulations to the Pirrello family. We look forward to meeting the little one



when he visits from Boston.

I'm not sure anyone can compete with John Parham's record for the most grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His eight grandchildren have delighted him with 18 great-grandchildren, with another two due in June and July!

Anne Rostick has been doing a great job of keeping us connected over this crazy last year. Thank you, Anne, for your

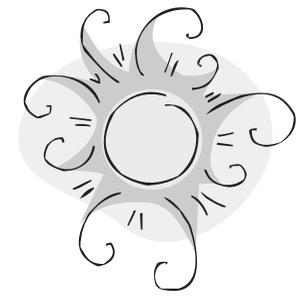
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Congratulations to Ann Setkowicz on entering the final stage of her kitchen remodel. She reports that her temporary countertop microwave needs a rest and she is not going to miss washing dishes in the bathroom sink.

Our first building lunch in more than a year is coming up at First Watch. Thanks to Debbie Rivera for organizing it. Let's hope it's the first of many opportunities this year to gather together safely.

Our newest Azoreans are Nick and Ruth Ann Paulus. Nick and Ruth are no strangers to Clearwater as they have a son living here at On Top of the World and twin daughters living nearby. Welcome, Nick and Ruth!

As we all slowly and safely resume activities that require swapping our sneakers (or slippers!) for actual shoes and re-learning how to make small talk, I am grateful for this caring community.



The first day of summer is Sunday, June 20. Have a happy and safe time!



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Granadians know how to have a good time



Granada - 40

Each month we go to a different food eatery to spend time together over good food and conversation.

Last month, we went to Frenchy's Outpost on the Dunedin Causeway with 11 from our building. We had a great time and decided that we would go to Longhorn Steakhouse on June 14 at noon. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.



Granada residents enjoy themselves at Frenchy's Outpost on the Dunedin Causeway

We have been enjoying the pool, especially the later hours, and the beach, where we have watched manatees while we swam. We all feel more comfortable now that we have received the vaccine thanks to On Top of the World management.

A number of residents are planning

vacations to see family and friends, some even taking guided tour vacations.

We have gotten together with friends to play games and cards while we wait for OTOW to reopen the clubs so we can get on with our new normal. Life is all about having a good time.



Swiss Alps Chalet - 12

Swiss Alps covered dish social was enjoyed by all

On May 2, Swiss Alps had a long-awaited get-together.

About 15 residents participated in a covered dish social. Updates were made to information cards and we welcomed a new resident of just one week.

Since last year was the first year in a long time that we had Christmas decorations on the building, the residents really enjoyed them.

Thank-yous were given to residents who donated flags and clocks and decorated bulletin boards,

Our concern continues to be about bulk garbage needing to be removed from the garbage room by those who put it there.

A number of residents commented on how nice it is to have good neighbors like our friends in our wonderful Swiss Alps Building.

Any ideas for building activities can be given to me, Jaye Lamoreux.

Aretha Franklin famously sang it first

R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Just a little respect. Yes, a few issues came up during our well-attended Annual Building Meeting and they had to do with respect for our neighbors.

One issue was parking. Austrian Alpine residents are reminded of parking within the lines and parking in their own spaces.

Some residents no longer have cars in their numbered spots, but the parking space is still used by friends, family, physical therapists, nurses and others. Respect! It's super simple. Just don't park in another resident's numbered parking space.

Another issue was loud music and running water at night. Most of us catch our zzzz's at night. Please respect your neighbors and be quiet between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Loud voices and barking dogs in the core carry noisily as far as the third floor.



Austrian Alpine - 11

Please chat and bark outside of the core.

The positive comments and choices ruled the meeting, however. We thanked Donna Gagnon for supervising the purchase of our new flagpole on the Australian Way side and the solar-powered lights on both flagpoles.

Also, Bob Young's refinishing of our five benches resulted in a brand new look. Thanks, Bob!

We voted on spending part of our dues on a new Christmas tree for the building's core.

We also voted on having more social get-togethers and an off-site holiday party.

Many of our new residents offered ideas for improvements that will help make living in a building with 59 other units more enjoyable.

A big thank you to Tiffany Schad, who volunteered to be the building co-coordinator.

Thank you to Donna Gagnon, Virginia McDowell and Kim Anastasi for doing our creative bulletin boards. Also, thank you to Frank Hulseman for setting up our building's book and DVD exchange.

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Museum has a wealth of information on local history

Here we are at the halfway point of 2021, so let's first of all, wish our June babies — Daniel McGoldrick, Lyle Johnson and Lola Dickert — Happy Birthdays!

With the doldrums of summer, let's think cheery thoughts, not weather. To that point, I'm pleased to tell you about my recent Saturday visit to the Clearwater Historical Society's (CHS) Museum and Cultural Center at 610 Ft. Harrison Ave.

The occasion was a talk given by Dr. Gary Mormino, a well-known local historian and professor at the University of South Florida. He's an expert on Florida history in general with a specific focus on the Cuban and Italian cultures of Ybor City in Tampa.

But his talk at CHS was "Ten Florida Foods That Had an Impact on Our History."

In the 1800s to early 1900s, Pinellas County was mostly agricultural before tourism took over. For example, the Clearwater Mall area used to be a peacock farm. Farther to the west (before the Skycrest subdivision was built in the early 1950s) were extensive gladiola farms.

Most of the county was covered with citrus groves. Dr. Mormino described the evolution of conchs, grouper, stone crabs, and mullet as poor man's seafood until some deliberate public relations expert transformed them into classic Florida seafood. By the time his talk ended, everyone was ready for lunch!

His talk and all presentations in the



CHS Speaker Series are available at the CHS web site, clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org.

A tour of the Museum was a delight with a new exhibit featuring "Notable Women of Clearwater." I ran into my friends Susan Raineri, treasurer of CHS and Lila Grant, textile conservator and artifact researcher, who gave me a tour. Susan is an On Top of the World resident in the Lancelot Building in Paradise Reserve.

I especially enjoyed the Blanche B. Littlejohn section. A poster there explained that Mrs. Littlejohn was a long-time Clearwater resident and a mover and shaker, mother of six children, and community matriarch in her neighborhood until her death 1983 at the age of 108.

In October 2005, Mayor Kelly, representatives of the North Greenwood Association, and her only living child, 88-year-old Theodore Littlejohn,



Susan Raineri, treasurer of the Clearwater Historical Society, and Lila Grant, the CHS textile conservator and artifact researcher, stand before one of the posters in the new "Notable Women of Clearwater" exhibit.

ceremoniously dedicated, in her honor, a mile-long section of the Pinellas Trail that runs right past the site of Mrs. Littlejohn's former home.

She was known as a founder of her church, a great storyteller and humorist; and she served as community midwife, delivering many dozens of babies at home, during a time when African-American patients were not allowed at local hospitals.

Clearwater turned 100 years old in 2015. The Historical Society has amassed a great amount of historical archives, photos, maps, and memorabilia.

A list of upcoming CHS events and exhibits is posted on the bulletin board. The July 24 Speaker Series will be on "Vintage Baseball."

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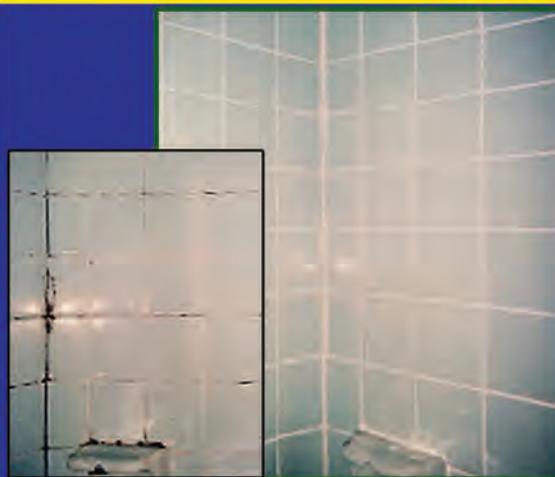
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Building dwellers trot out for annual 'Day at the Races'



Emerald Isle residents enjoy "A Day at the Races" at Tampa Bay Downs. Reports say everyone was a "winner." (Photo by Cheryl Butcher)

Optimism reigned supreme for the nine Emerald Isle residents who convened on April 17 at the Tampa Bay Downs racetrack. The good news is: everyone was a winner. The big winner? Just ask Cheryl or Tom Butcher or their guests, Penni and Dennis Telleck, Catherine and Bud Goeke, Marge and George Hoteling, or Laverne Iorio. Thanks to Cheryl for the picture.

Remember Judy Hetrick's story about the bird's nest? Well, Judy phoned me from Pennsylvania, when she visited a while back with her daughter to tell me that guess what? She found another nest! It was sitting in the wreath on her daughter's front door, just waiting for her. Judy has returned, now, so I'll get the full report from her.

For those of you who have been procrastinating about getting your COVID shot, hurry up! It can save your life or someone else's. I hear they're giving out lollipops

The papers are predicting a chicken shortage. Emerald Isle takes that very seriously, so on May 13, the largest turnout ever enjoyed a chicken dinner at the OTOW pavilion.

We gathered from 4:30-9 p.m. and maintained out social distancing. In addition

to delicious fried chicken, there was potato salad and coleslaw, rolls, green beans, soft drinks, and great desserts including apple and cherry pies.

Some new faces joined us regulars. All in all, it was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks to all who helped make it happen.

We will miss Gemma Brown who is moving to Mount Dora to be closer to her daughter. That's such a pretty town.

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Cargo van conversion was labor of love for this couple

American Gothic neighbors Shari and Robin Scurr love to spend their time cruising on their sailboat, "Wild Goat."

Recently, when they couldn't travel due to international border pandemic restrictions, what did they do? They purchased a 2018 Ram ProMaster cargo van and created "Mountain Goat," their customized conversion van!

Most people use the largest version of this van when doing a conversion, but Shari and Robin wanted a smaller vehicle for the ease and flexibility it would provide. You can imagine that pulling into parking lots, maneuvering campgrounds, and traveling down back roads is all much easier with a smaller van. Plus, Shari and Robin are quite adept at living well in small spaces after sailing months on Wild Goat.

Shari and Robin applied their ingenuity, precise planning, and elbow grease to transform Mountain Goat from a boring cargo van into an all-terrain home away from home.

After initially purchasing the van, they began with lots of drawings. They had to carefully plan the entire available space since every quarter-inch was important. Nothing inside the original van was straight or flat. Every renovation and addition had to be carefully cut and trimmed to fit, which was very time-consuming.

American Gothic residents were intrigued to watch them craft their new traveling home. Robin did most of the labor while Shari was the design master.

From the cabinets, paint colors, counter tops, and fixtures to a few original



artworks made by friends, they made Mountain Goat their own. Most would be surprised to find a shower with hot and cold running water in a van of this size. Even having a toilet is uncommon but they managed to install everything they needed.

Mountain Goat took 10 arduous weeks to complete. Soon after completion, they set off on adventure! Thankfully, they are now back among us with stories to share. (But that's another column!)

Stay tuned for more adventures of our neighbors, the Scurrs, and their comfy little mobile home.

In other AG highlights, Dennis Telleck shot a hole in one on the 4th hole on the 9-hole course. His wife, Penni (me), was there to document the moment and text a photo to friends and family.

On April 21st, American Gothic residents held their annual meeting at a local restaurant. Fifteen neighbors attended and there was plenty of chit-chat, with



The Scurr's camper van as completed. The inset photo shows Shari Scurr standing in their new van before the conversion began. (Photos by Robin Scurr)

never a quiet moment. Jim Crawford, our treasurer, reported we have \$900 in our coffers.

Future tentative plans include a summer party at the pavilion. There was also a discussion of having our

next Christmas party at the Dunedin Country Club.

Hopefully, our lively Ladies' Breakfasts will resume this month. Please check the bulletin board for helpful information.

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Heading into summer with these notes from the Villa

Welcome June, Flag Day and summer.

Easy to tell the Villa has had a bevy of birthday celebrations of late by balloons being delivered.

Harry Tornetta and friends Charley Schiandra and Steve Gimotoulos enjoyed Harry's special day over lunch at Amici's in Largo. These three musketeers have been pals for eons. Steve lives closer than Charley, who traveled all the way from Ocala to help his ol' pal kick off another year.

Connie McDonald also started a new trip around ol' Sol as did Bill Carey, who celebrated with friends and family at the Beachcomber.

Chris Tuttle also had a special day. Dinner at the Café Alfresco and her favorite cake and party with friends. Chris got a few lottery winners as well.

Mike Murphy and Earl Ballance got home from S. Carolina after visiting Mike's son, in time for Mike's surprise birthday party. So it's been a few weeks of non-stop celebrating. How old? That's classified!

Rosalie Borselli's Mother's Day was indeed special this year. Rosalie's four lovely daughters, who are as pretty as their mom, arrived to celebrate the special day. Rosalie is fortunate they live in Florida.

Thanks to Karen Beaver, building luncheons are again on the docket. Please



see the sign-up sheet for Ozona Blue on the bulletin board.

A palm to replace the oak tree recently removed on the Ecuadorian side would be a nice addition to the Villa. Check out the nearby Americana building with its five new palms.

We have new neighbors who I have yet to officially meet, but they are certainly enjoying our corner of Paradise.

Steve Mazurek will have flags out for Flag Day. And, of course, Fred Schick is the keeper of the flagpole. Thanks to both guys for caring for "Old Glory."

Now a bit of tidying up. Time to renew activity cards. Bring along two pieces of mail addressed to you here, and three bucks. Remember to comb the locks for



Birthday celebrant Harry Tornetta (at right) is pictured with friends Charley Schiandra (at left) and Steve Gimotoulos, seated.

the picture as well. You may want to re-load your laundry card while there as well.

Please, no furniture or big items in the trash room. On Top of the World will assess Viennese Villa for item removal.

Big thank you again to the OTOW crew for caring for the Villa as they do. We

are indeed fortunate to have them.

Till next we meet, birthday and anniversary wishes to all who shall celebrate. Wear a mask when necessary, shot or not, and stay safe.

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OTOW's newest night-time attraction: Glow Riders

Have you heard of the Glow Riders?

They are a group of bicycle enthusiasts who decorate their bikes in LED lights that glow brightly in the dark as they ride through neighborhoods and towns at night.

They add a little frivolity and music and it brings smiles and joy. Something that benefits us all.

Happiness and joy was abundant on our building balcony, and ground level, on the night of May 11 as several of our residents waited to see their first view of glowing bike riders.

Unfortunately, that evening, only two bikers made the ride. Still, the bright glow brought smiles to those who were able to step outside for a front row view.

The evening was not lost though. After many months of social distancing, we welcomed the opportunity to greet our neighbors and do some catching up with each other, and we appreciated the effort of the individuals who entertained us with their bikes.

Maureen McGuire, Susan Marchand, Terri Mikszenas and Marc



Schell were the ground crowd while Bobbi Collins, Donna Coleman, Dorothy Algozzina and Linda, Mitch and Justin Gerstenblith watched from the balcony.

Katerina Tepesh, an On Top of the World resident and the organizer of this fun effort, said, "This is not a club or formal group. Anyone with a bike and glow lights is welcome to join in." She is hoping that more OTOW residents will want to decorate their bikes for a weekly ride on Tuesday evenings. As the bike crowd grows, so will your spirit — it will tickle your soul!



Waiting to see their first glimpse of glowing bicycles in the night were Englander residents Bobbi Collins, Donna Coleman, Dorothy Algozzina, and Linda, Mitch and Justin Gerstenblith.

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Taking some time to chill

Aloha one and all.
We are now entering that hot time of year, albeit a little early.

The thermometer is hitting those 80 and 90 degree days like in July and I, personally, am not thrilled.

I like April, May and June for the lower temperatures and low humidity. Sitting outdoors is a wonderful thing when you can enjoy low humidity and cooler breezes.

Many of our seasonal neighbors have flown the coop. I see neighbors taking care of each other's property, including weeding and watering the flower beds and bushes and keeping things looking nice and tidy. That's one reason why I like On Top of the World so much — neighbors take care of each other and keep a watchful eye out for anything out of order.

I shall be suspending my column for the next couple of months. Things are slowing down already and as the



editor had told me when I took on this assignment, there is no need to write a column every month.

And so, dear neighbors, enjoy the pools, golf, tennis, pickle ball, horseshoes and all the varied activities OTOW has to offer. As for me, I'll be at the pool with a book and a friend or two or hiding in the air conditioning.

See you in September — Mahalo!



Audrey Fontaine and Linda Herron walk their dogs most every evening around the OTOW park area near the community entrance. (Photo by Pat Cullen-Davis)

These ladies settled on a nice spot for daily dog walks

Audrey Fontaine and Linda Herron walk their cute dogs every evening around the park area near the Sunset Point community entrance, an enjoyable area for walking.

Audrey Fontaine previously lived in Boston, then moved to Ft. Myers, then to On Top of the World to live near a friend.

Linda Herron originated from Philadelphia, then moved to Clearwater for many years before downsizing to a condo. Both moved in about 12 months ago. So if you see them, say "hi."

Linda recently organized a Mexican dominos game for several ladies in the building. We meet each Tuesday. The game takes about three to four hours in the afternoon, and is great fun. The ladies



take turns as hostess. After the game, we have a light supper, so as you can imagine, we are all trying out new recipes. This is very enjoyable, especially during this COVID period.

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Backyard potluck picnic returns after long absence

(Susan Trost wrote this month's column.)

In our continuing efforts to make Building 44, French Renaissance II, the happiest building in all of On Top of the World, we held a backyard potluck picnic for all of our residents after many years of absence.

Residents who didn't know their building neighbors got to meet and greet each other. Guests from other buildings who served as judges in our recently concluded Paper Easter Egg Decorating Contest came, and other invited guests enjoyed the many home-cooked dishes from several cultures.

Over 50 hotdogs were cooked for the enjoyment of everyone. Resident Sue Trost baked a birthday cake for all seven April and May celebrants.

Music was provided by our resident DJ/Emcee, Jesse Tiamson, and line dances came a-plenty! A game of Cornhole (beanbag toss) added to the fun, along with bubble blowing. Golfers walking by on the 13th fairway stopped to greet the jolly residents.

Special shout out to all who helped set up and tear down the three giant tents used for the event, namely Evelyn Tiamson, Judy Freeman and Tasso, Kathy and Bill Rosenbaum, Nancy Stephan, and especially Lois Wirkus, who was generous enough to offer her backyard and the adjacent patios for the event.



We thank all who brought food to share and those who donated money for the hotdogs, buns, condiments and utensils. A good time was had by all. Despite the fact that many of our seasonal residents have gone back to their home states, attendance was good.

We plan to hold a similar event in the fall when most of the Snowbirds come back. Next, we will be decorating for the Memorial Day.

Fran Glaros provided this update on a building 44 project to help our servicemen and women overseas:

Great news for residents of French Renaissance as they really opened up their hearts this month and delivered many items to me to send to our troops overseas. That always warms my heart and brings a smile to my eyes.



French Renaissance II residents and invited guests enjoy a recent potluck picnic.

We have a neighbor upstairs who brought our troop project to the other residents, and told me what he had done.

He had been traveling, so he saved the small bathroom toiletries for me and then the next week, he delivered to me a larger box of the same items, which he collected from our neighbors.

These items fit perfectly into troops' back packs when they are out in the field for several days. So a big "thank-you to all" in building 44.

Our troops need all the praise and support we can give them. They love getting encouraging letters from folks back home. To me, that is something each and everyone can do with little effort, considering what they do for us.

Residents can deliver the letters to me and I will forward them to the appropriate agency for distribution to the troops.

May God bless those who help us to help others, especially our troops.

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If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month.
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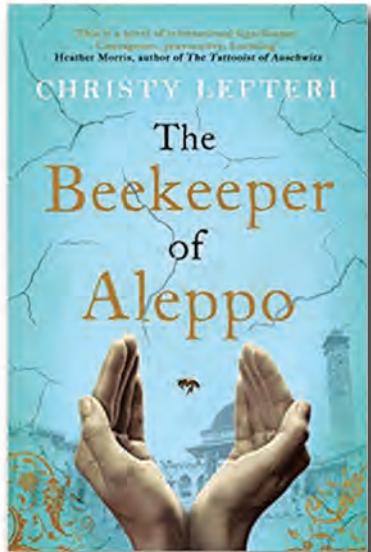
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