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## OTOW knitters get creative and make masks for medical personnel at local hospitals

By Doug Kates  
Under normal times, members of our own On Top of the World Knitting Club would have been busy making afghans, baby hats, mitts and perhaps blankets. But in April, there became a desire to help others by creating something non-sentimental.

**Face masks.**  
Every news source in the nation was reporting a need for medical masks. Not necessarily top-grade, factory-made, medically-approved face masks, but just simple masks in general to help medical personnel go about their business without spreading illness to healthy people around them.

A simple, cloth mask was like gold. Well, guess what? At OTOW, we can make gold!

Anna Georgiadis, a resident, was spending a lot of time with her daughter outside of Clearwater. It just so happens, a next door neighbor was a hospital employee.

Anna discovered that local Girl Scouts had donated purple fabric to the hospital and she offered to open that material into face masks.

Susan Milikan, direct of nursing at Mease Plant Hospital, dropped off the purple material at Anna's daughter's home.

The first face mask was shaped, crafted and sewn in 45 minutes and included an elastic strap to fit comfortably around a nurse's ears.

Over the first two days, 20 masks were made. Susan brought some of them to Countryside Hospital, and within minutes nurses were already wearing them.

You cannot tell from the picture above, but these nurses were smiling!

The masks were approved and distributed to other personnel at Countryside Hospital and Morton Plant Hospital.

OTOW residents Theresa Mayne and Cheryl Butcher joined in and made 300 masks by mid-April.

By the time late-April was here, many more knitters were participating and many more masks were being distributed.



Four nurses from Mease Countryside Hospital recently received face masks made by OTOW resident Anna Georgiadis. From left to right are Tiffany Isenhart, Tammy Cook, Kuesten Cantrell and Tracy Evans. You cannot tell from the picture, but behind those masks are smiles.

(Photo provided by Mease Countryside Hospital)

"Since all activities at On Top of the World are suspended, I had to get creative," Anna said. "I saw there was a need for masks and called Mease Countryside for more information."

"It was like turning lemons into lemonade," she added.

As you read this in May, present-day face masks, not just for nurses, but people trying to stay healthy.

Anna even sent some to a medical facility in Louisiana.

OTOW resident Vicki Portsmouth decided to make a homemade mask for her husband, Tom, and once finished decided "why just make one?"

"Through word-of-mouth, I learned several more people needed them," Vicki said. "Then a friend, who works for All Children's Hospital, told me the hospital was in dire need of simple masks for patient, vendors and non-clinical staff. Being very involved in our grandchildren's lives, Tom and I knew it was a good way for us to help."

Dolly Foland is most famous at OTOW for leading the Snowbirds Club Line Dancers on Wednesday mornings. But with no line dancing taking place,



# Two years later, we see their smiles

By Doug Kates

In the May 2020 edition of On Top of the World News, our community was introduced to four nurses from Mease Countryside Hospital.

When this picture and story was printed 25 months ago, we were very early into the pandemic and didn't know what was going to happen.

A lot of heroism and struggles have taken place since then and two years later we can finally look back and reflect a little.

That is why you are looking at a very unique cover for our newspaper.

OTOW News takes great pride in re-introducing you to nurses Kursten Cantrell, left, Tammy Cook, center, and

Tiffany Isenhart with their masks off and showing us their smiles.

Not only can we see their smiles two years later, but we are proud to say that today they are still Mease Countryside Hospital nurses.

"I am delighted to see their smiling faces," said Anna Georgiadis, who created those beautiful purple masks for the nurses two years ago. "I am happy to hear that they made it through the pandemic so far and can continue their work at Mease Countryside."

The fourth nurse, Tracy Evans, is also still active in the healthcare field, but no longer at BayCare.

Anna, who recently left OTOW to

live closer to family, was a member of our community Knitting Group, which spent a lot of time early in the pandemic making homemade masks for people in our community as well as for medical professionals.

Don't forget, two years ago masks were hard to find - even in the medical field.

"A big shout out to Theresa Mayne and Cheryl Butcher who assisted in sewing more than 400 masks for the BayCare hospital system during the pandemic," Anna said. "It is great to know we assisted the (BayCare) staff in getting through the battle so far."

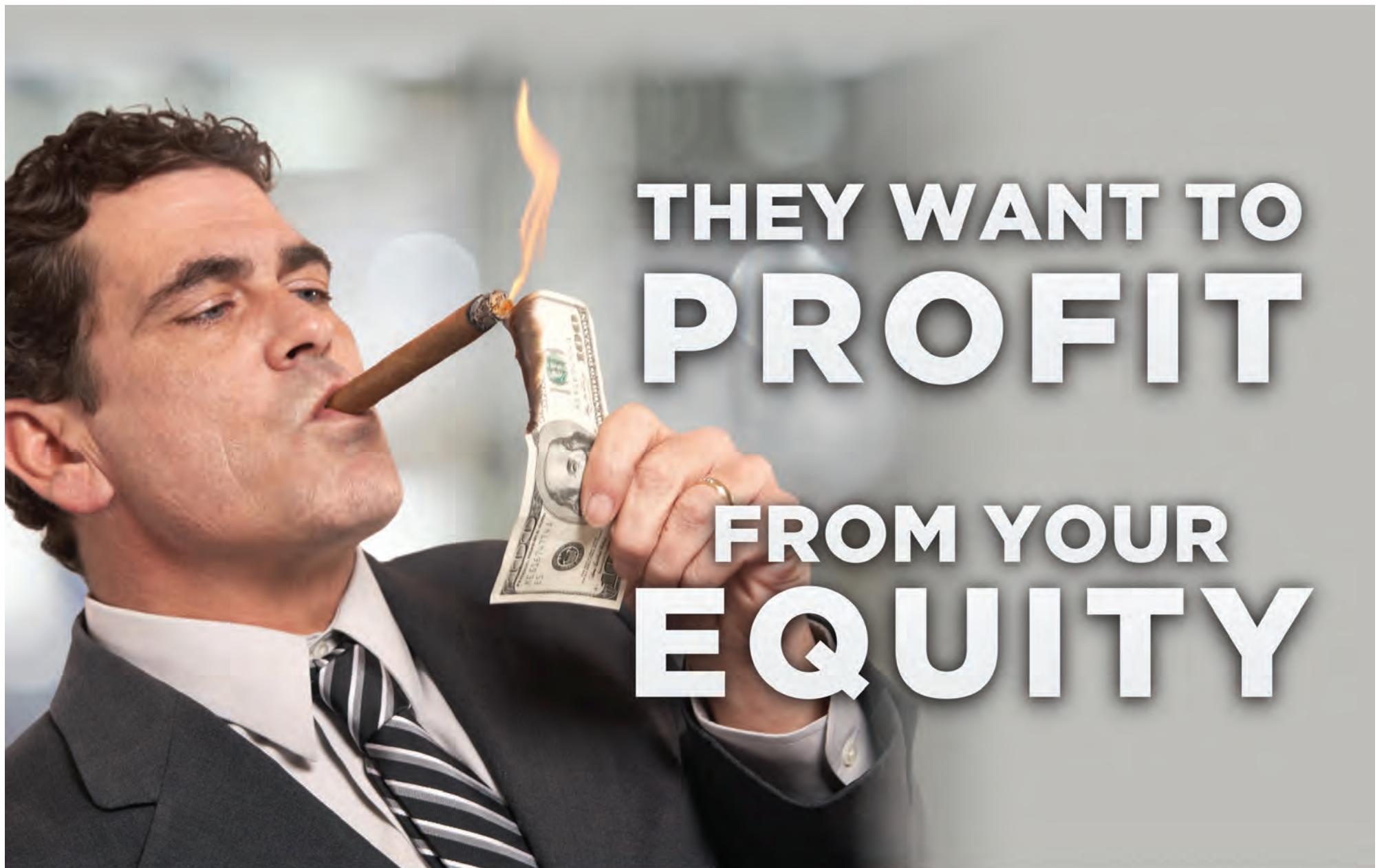
Our own OTOW Neighborhood Watch Group raised money to buy medi-

cal staff lunch.

"This picture tells me how dedicated these nurses (and other nurses) are to their craft and it shows great resilience and a true love of their profession," said Becky Balderson of our Neighborhood Watch.

Dolly Foland, from the Snowbirds Club, cut up her husband's tie collection and turned the material into valuable masks.

BayCare reminds us that COVID-19 is still out there and staff are still wearing masks in hospitals. Cases are currently down and people are getting vaccinated. The hospital administration was delighted to provide us with this happy picture of their nurses.



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# Don't wait for a hurricane to hit - review safety precautions you can take today

## Hurricane season is here!

Hurricane season is upon us so don't be caught unprepared.

Evaluate the essentials and determine what you need to do to protect your family.

Review your evacuation plan and know the location of local shelters and those shelters that assist with special needs.

You can find this information, as well as an evacuation map, by going online and visiting [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/shelters.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/shelters.htm).

Remember, On Top of the World activity centers are not approved shelters so be sure you have a safe place to evacuate to if the need arises.

Check your supplies to be sure you have enough non-perishable food, water and medication to cover at least seven days. Also, have some extra cash on hand.

Have a battery powered weather radio and some flashlights with extra batteries.

If you do not have a radio, you may purchase one in the Community Service Office.

Check your insurance coverage and contact your agent to review your policy by asking for an insurance check-up.

Many people fear hurricanes for their high winds, when in fact, history shows, it is rising water that causes most fatalities.

Stay safe and do not drive through flooded streets, as it is almost impossible to determine the depth of the water that covers the roadway.

Remember, turn around, don't drown.

Because localized flooding within the community is always a concern, your Association and Parkway Maintenance and Management will make every effort to communicate before, during and after a storm event.

Be sure to sign up for OTOW Alerts powered by RAVE Mobile Safety. This is one of the quickest ways residents in our community can get the necessary information needed to remain safe. You can sign up by visiting [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) and scrolling down to the bottom of the home page.

## Abnormally Dry Conditions Landscape

To say Florida weather is capricious is an understatement. Now that we are entering into the summer season, we could again feel the effects of abnormally dry or drought conditions.

When we do, it makes us thankful for our water reclamation treatment plant and storage tank. Having our own water reclamation plant means the majority of the community does not fall under Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWF-WMD) restrictions because of the beneficial reuse of reclaimed water.

That said, the volume of reclaimed water available on a daily basis varies with the community population. The reuse water supply may become limited making us mostly dependent on rainfall.

During those times of abnormally dry



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or drought conditions, water restrictions may become necessary within the community. When this happens, we will ask all residents to reduce wasteful and unnecessary water use, such as washing patios and sidewalks.

Please do not tamper with irrigation systems. Do be prepared for more water restrictions if dryer than normal conditions arise. During this time, if the maintenance company receives numerous requests for landscape enhancements, the requests are prioritized, and at time of refurbishment, drought tolerant landscape material will be favored.

## Insurance Verification Requests

It is that time of year again when your Association receives many requests for insurance verification from residents and their insurance companies.

You or your agent can visit the On Top of the World Condominium Community Website at [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) to obtain this information.

Click on the "General Information" tab and scroll down and click on "Wind Mitigation Forms." There you will find the Wind Mitigation Report that corresponds to your address.

If you fill in your unit number in the appropriate space, you can then print the needed document.

As a reminder, this is a service provided at no cost to you or your insurance company. If you would like to have a copy mailed directly to your insurance agent, you will need to drop off a written request to the Community Service Office along with a \$15 check payable to Parkway Maintenance & Management, LLC. Be sure to include your Wind Mitigation Request Form. You can pick it up at the CSO.

As a reminder, the Wind Mitigation Reports are valid for five years from the date they were completed.

## Did You Know Assigned Parking

Many residents have more than one vehicle and some are parking a second vehicle at another building or in visitor parking on a long-term basis. This has become an issue.

It is important to note that numbered parking spaces are resident-assigned spaces. Visitor parking is first come, first served, in spaces marked with a 'V' and are not intended for indefinite use by one party.

Visitor parking is for short-stay visitors and not residents.

If you have a second vehicle, utilize your numbered spaces, and/or on-street parking. Parking space exchanges need to be in writing and approved by the Association prior to making any change. You will need to mail your written requests to the attention of the On Top of the World Condominium Association, at 2069 World Parkway Blvd E., Clearwater, FL., 33763, or it may be dropped off at the Community Service Office.

Include a sketch/drawing of your current space and that of the new space you would like to exchange.

If the proposed space belongs to someone else, that resident will need to provide, in writing, a statement of agreement with the parking space change.

Street parking is available on any streets not marked with "No Parking" signage.

Additionally, it is important to remember that there is no parking permitted in a fire lane or within the multimodal bike lanes, as these are "Tow-Away" zones.

Recently, the Management Company had to engage a towing company to have a vehicle towed from the bike lane.

## Did You Know Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter in the common areas only.

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

- For a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911.
- For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.
- The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number, after-hours, in the event of an emergency, such as water intrusion into your unit.

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

## Community Service Office Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30,

Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

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

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

The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the request and to determine if it is an emergency or non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve it will be made and work scheduled. Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions or clarification of your request.

It is not necessary to report service requests more than one time.

If you have any questions regarding your request, and until the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line at 727-683-6981.

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

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## OTOW Alerts

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

Simply go to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) and from the home page scroll down to the bottom and look for the "Sign Up Now" box which will be located to the left of the screen. Click to enroll.

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

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

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

OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community.

It is not hyperbole to say an advanced warning may save lives!

*You may attend in person or watch safely from your condo*

# Annual Meeting set for Friday, June 17

## Annual Meeting

Notice of the Annual Meeting for the On Top of the World Condominium Association was mailed to residents on May 23, 2022.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 17, 2022, at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East.

At the Annual Meeting, among other items, will be a Report of the Board of Administration, followed by a presentation of the projected budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

To follow will be the reading of the vote by the Members of the Association on whether to waive all reserves and the vote on gate staffing.

Your Board cannot underscore the importance of your vote whether in person or by proxy. In order to hold a meeting and conduct business, we need a quorum. Without a quorum, fully funded reserves must be imposed. Fully funded reserves would significantly affect the budget and will increase your monthly Community Service Fees.

Your Board strongly encourages you to vote electronically through [otow.conduu.com](http://otow.conduu.com). This is especially a good option for people who own multiple units. You can vote by doing the following:

(1) Vote electronically through [otow.conduu.com](http://otow.conduu.com). If you have previously voted electronically, please sign in and cast your vote. If you have not opted-in to electronic voting, please visit <https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/electronic-voting/> for more information on how to opt in for this convenient and secure voting option. Electronic voting closes on June 15, 2022, at 10 a.m., or

(2) Fill out your gold paper Limited Proxy. If you vote by paper Proxy, you may submit by:

(a) Scanning to [associationinfo@otowfl.net](mailto:associationinfo@otowfl.net),

(b) Mailing in the enclosed postage-paid envelope, or

(c) Faxing to 352-854-0815, or



**Chairman**

(d) Hand delivering it to one of the drop boxes located outside the East or West Activity Centers as soon as possible, but no later than June 17, 2022, or

(e) Hand delivering to the Annual Meeting on June 17, 2022, at 10 a.m.

If you are attending in person, we ask that you please consider wearing a mask. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

If you would like to watch live from your OTOW condo, you can tune in to OTOW-TV Channel 732. If you are away from the community, but would still like to watch, the meeting will be live on YouTube. Visit [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) or [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com) to get the YouTube link. Please keep in mind the YouTube link could change minutes before the meeting begins.

## Cable and Internet Update

I was recently asked a question relating to the transition to bulk cable.

“Thank you for arranging Summit Broadband for our community. Spectrum just raised our internet to \$80 a month! The new deal will give the vast majority of residents a substantial savings and will also benefit Snowbirds in many ways.

“I’d like to know if it is possible for us to have Summit account numbers start-

ing in July or as soon as possible? With that, we would be able to access Summit streaming from their app or from watchTVeverywhere which I understand is an app associated with them.”

This is a really good question.

The question was put to Summit Broadband. They affirmed that Summit is working with its engineering team to confirm an internet access is an option.

There are certain technical hurdles to resolve and we want to be sure they can provide and authenticate the necessary credentials to support the solution. We continue to push for this service in advance of actual deployment.

## Upcoming Projects Painting/Waterproofing

The painting contractor will continue working on both front and rear façade coating application projects in June, in particular in the Paradise Reserve section of property.

The fronts of buildings 92 and 94 and the rear facade of building 94 are all next on the coating’s schedule.

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

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

The installation of new unit address numbers will continue in June as this is another community improvement project that accompanies the application of front façade coatings. As the painting contractor moves throughout the property, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors. Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect.

Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner.

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

## Construction, Roofing and Large scope projects

A contracted vendor is also scheduled to begin work late in the month of June. This particular vendor specializes in the remediation of the community’s cement

walking surfaces.

The scope of work involves the removal of elevated panel transitions usually caused by the beautiful and stately trees that exist throughout property. The final phase of this three-year project will see these specialty technicians working in the areas of Buildings 63 through 90 and throughout the Paradise Reserve section of On Top of the World.

Some of the sidewalk panels in need of attention are in close proximity to front entrance sidewalks and porches leading into condo units. If the vendor must perform work in close proximity to your unit, it may temporarily limit your access, so please allow them the time needed to safely execute and complete the work.

Any pre-existing paint coating on porches will be removed. Residents wishing to apply a new coating to their porch will need to reach out to the Inspection Services Division and submit a modification application, which is available online or in the Community Service Office located in the East Activity Center.

Only slip resistant coatings in colors that meet community standards will be approved. Thanks for your cooperation in advance.

## Completed projects for the fiscal year 2021-2022

This fiscal year was another that saw a multitude of work being accomplished, even though turbulent supply chain issues and material pricing increases continued to be a major factor. With all of the challenges presented, the management company was able to accomplish the following large scale improvements in the community:

- Four building roofing systems were replaced in their entirety
- Two elevators had new operating equipment installed and their cabs completely remodeled with new lighting enhancements
- Nine structures had their walkway and/or stairwell railings replaced with new building code compliant systems
- Ten buildings received new slip-resistant walkway coatings on the second and third floor balcony walking surfaces
- Seventeen buildings had new slip-resistant stair tread coatings applied in exterior stairwell locations
- Nine buildings had new rear façade waterproofing coatings applied and four had new front façade paint coatings completed
- Sixteen buildings had their main sanitary stacks water-jet cleaned (project is nearing completion as of this update)
- Roughly two-thirds of the east side property’s gravity sanitary system has been inspected for operational integrity
- Two buildings saw end stairwell ornamental projects, either demo or rehabilitation work performed



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4. Refill medical prescriptions.
5. Go to an ATM or bank and get cash.
6. Fill your vehicle and generator with gas.

Get acquainted with OTOW's rules for using generators.

7. Recharge cell phone batteries and use only when necessary.
8. If you are evacuating, tell people where you are evacuating to and leave you contact information with different people.
9. Bring lawn furniture and outdoor decorations indoors.
10. Make sure you have a first-aid kit, including bandages and ointments.
11. Make sure important documents are safely stored.
12. Don't forget rain gear, blankets and home entertainment.

Don't panic, but you may not have internet service for days.

Sign up for the RAVE alert system from OTOW.

Community updates will be posted on [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com),  
OTOW-TV Channel 732 and the Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://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.
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**Foxie**

This is Foxie.  
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Foxie lives with Linda Cassaro-Talasinik in the Royale Dutch building (60) and is such a sweet loving girl.

Foxie is well-known in the community and has many fur-friends and best buds that she has grown up with.

If you look closely at her collar, you will see her bling, which she loves.

Foxie does not like it when you remove her collar for bath time.

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](mailto: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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East Activity Center Ground Floor



East Activity Center First Floor



East Activity Center Second Floor



West Activity Center

**East and West Activity Centers Room Maps**

**EAC Pavilion Park Grill Map**



Pavilion Park

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# Press Association has been very fortunate to have a dedicated president for past 14 years



The Press Association held its first meeting of the 2022-23 season in May. Editor Doug Kates went over some news about elections and tips for better writing. There were 30 people in attendance and the meeting was broadcast on YouTube so Snowbirds could sit in. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

No club in the history of On Top of the World will ever have an active and dedicated president as long as the Press Association did.

Yvonne Courtney became vice president in 2005 and held that position for three years. In 2008 she became president of our club and then led our team for the next 170 editions of the newspaper – 14-years plus.

At the Press Association meeting in May, there was going to be an election for president for the 2022-23 season, but when Yvonne heard that Tom Butcher wanted to run for the position, she said 14 years was enough and gladly turned the reins over, uncontested.

“Most clubs have limits on the number of years someone can be president,” said Editor Doug Kates. “The Press Association does not. We have been very fortunate to have had a willing president for 14 years and the success of our newspaper reflects it. Yvonne has been a board member 17 straight years and that achievement will probably never be repeated.”

Tom said he wanted to run for president because he wanted to become more actively involved in the newspaper. However, in his first request as president-elect, he asked Doug to create a position on the board so Yvonne will always be a part of it. Doug said other clubs have a “Past President” title. He had no problem naming Yvonne as the first Past President in

Press Association history – a non-elected position.

An election did take place online following the meeting and 85 club members were sent email invitations to vote to make the vote official.

Joe DiChiaro asked to be on the ballot for vice president. When Edwina Schick was told this news, she voluntarily stepped down from running for another term.

Rose Pietrogallo ran unopposed for another term as secretary.

Also on the ballot were two questions Doug wanted answered for future decisions. One was whether staff wanted to hold the annual Writers Workshop in November or December.

A second question was whether to allow marching in the Irish Club Parade to count as if attending a meeting.

Of the 85 people eligible to vote, 45 staffers went online and did so.

Tom received 43 votes for president, Joe received 40 votes for vice president and Rose received 42 votes for secretary.

Thirty-seven people voted to keep the Writers Workshop in November.

Thirty-one people said marching in

the parade should count toward attending a club meeting.

According to club bylaws, anyone who has contributed to the newspaper over a 12-month period of time, is considered a member. So qualified voters were anyone who contributed to the June 2021 newspaper through the May 2022 newspaper.

## May Meeting

The Press Association’s meeting in May was very busy.

First, this meeting was broadcast live on YouTube so Snowbirds could view it. This achievement was another first in club history.

There was discussion whether to allow the online viewers to count the YouTube meeting as one of their three qualifying meetings toward the annual Appreciation Dinner. At first Doug said “no,” but then he said let’s discuss it further at another time.

Speaking of the end-of-the-year Appreciation Dinner, last season there were nearly 90 contributors to the newspaper, but only 30 qualified for the banquet because you have to contribute to at least

three newspapers and attend at least three meetings.

Doug told everyone how much fun the 2022 Appreciation Dinner was and he is really pushing for more than 30 people to qualify for the dinner in 2023.

Staffers have to get their three meetings in, which boils down to attending three, one-hour meetings. That’s three hours over 12 months.

Doug wanted to see 50 staffers qualify for the next dinner, which will take place in April 2023 at Philippe Park.

Lastly, the Press Association conducted an online survey to see when membership wanted to hold their monthly meetings. Only 17 people took part in the survey. The results showed most people wanted to keep the meetings at 1 or 2 p.m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

So Doug said the current time and day of the week will not change for another year.

There will be no Press Association meetings in June or July. The next meeting will be 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 4, in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room. There is no meeting in September.

## Activity Card Renewals

On Top of the World residents may begin renewing their Activity Cards for the 2022-2023 fiscal year on Monday, June 20. The Community Service Office (CSO) is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM (closed from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM).

The CSO also will be open Saturday, June 25, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM for those residents who cannot visit during the hours listed above.

You should bring a valid, government-issued photo ID, a recent piece of mail showing your name and OTOW address, and your most recently issued Activity Card. There is no fee for renewal punches.

If a new Activity Card must be printed due to no additional fiscal years at the bottom, the fee is \$3.00. If you do not have your most recently issued Activity Card, the fee is \$25.00 for a replacement.

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# If you have a skill, come show it off in 7 minutes at the next Talent Night

By Steve Palys

Open Mic had another great night in May.

More than 35 people attended. It was wonderful to see all the fantastic talent we have at On Top of the World.

We had singers, poetry reading, storytelling, guitar players, magicians and comedians.

It is so much fun to have all these people come and show what they can do.

There is room for more talented performers and we look forward to having you join in.

If you want to be part of a fun skit, please let me know.

Open Mic is a social group. We are doing this to have fun and meet new people. If you have any thoughts on something you want to try, let me know.

Our next Open Mic will be on June 12 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

It is free.

There is no judging and there are no prizes. Everyone gets 7 minutes of fame.

It is not a competition. It is just for fun.



If you would like to register for the next Open Mic, please send an email to Steve Palys at florida20217@gmail.com

Pictured at right is The Amazing Richie, Richard Nash, who performed magic tricks for seven minutes. In this trick, Richie flattened three lunch bags. The fourth one had a metal spike in it. It didn't get flattened.

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## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

# Entertainment Committee has dances scheduled right through the summer

By Mary Ann O'Neil

The Entertainment Committee had another exciting show on May 12.

We were all entertained by the band Yesterdayze with music from the '60s.

Some of our residents dressed for the occasion by wearing their tie-dye shirts.

This was our last show until September. A big thank you to all of you who have supported your Entertainment Committee by purchasing tickets and coming to enjoy an evening out.

Our dance featuring the Boomer Band was a fun evening. The music was great and everyone was out on the dance floor having a great time.

We know that many of our residents are traveling or are heading back north for the summer, but we want to assure those of you who are full-time residents that we will still have events taking place during the summer months.

We will have two dances every month throughout the summer, June through August.

Our June 11 dance will feature Three's Company with Ralph Rogers and his group.

On June 25, Bittersweet will be entertaining us. Bittersweet performs around the area and has entertained us many times.

Please come out and support our dances. Remember dance tickets are only \$10 per person. Our dances are reserved table seating - BYOB. We will try to accommodate your party, so get your friends together and reserve your table(s).

Just a reminder, shorts are not allowed at our dances. This includes both females and males. We would hate to have to ask you to leave.

On Sunday, June 26, we will have our Sunday Meet & Greet. This will be a day of horse races, so bring your money (small bills please) and enjoy an afternoon cheering on your favorite jockey and horse. This event is from 2-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. There will be light snacks and drinks provided.

At our April Showers Dance on April 23, we had a Spring Bonnet Contest. Although we didn't have a large group of participants, those who did enter the contest paraded around the dance floor so that the judges could take a good look at all the bonnets and see what creativity went into these hats.

We had three winners. First place went to Marie Orlando, second place was Romaine Dowty and third place was Candy Alex. Thank you ladies for participat-



Pictured above are the top three finishers in a recent Spring Bonnet Contest held by the Entertainment Committee. From left to right are Romaine Dowty, Candy Alex and Marie Orlando.

ing, you all did an excellent job.

For those of you who did not participate, remember this is an event we do every year, so start thinking about next year's Spring Bonnet Contest!

Starting in June there will be one flyer posted in each activity center and on the bulletin boards in all buildings that will list all the dances starting with June through the end of August.

New Year's Eve dance tickets are on sale now so get your friends together to reserve your table. The earlier you purchase your tickets the better chance you have of selecting the table you want. This is our biggest dance of the year, and we are always sold out. Cost of tickets is \$30 per person.

Don't forget to stop by the Entertainment Committee table on Thursday mornings between 8:30-10:30 a.m. to purchase your show and dance tickets. We have pamphlets that list all our shows and dances that will help you plan ahead.

Remember you can purchase several show or dance tickets in advance. You don't need to purchase one at a time or wait for the month of the event.

On behalf of the OTOW Entertainment Committee, please have a Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there.



The band Yesterdayze was here entertaining in May. You would have known that instantly by their tie-dye attire. (Photos by Mary Lou Wall)



Tickets on sale 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays in the EAC Auditorium.

View our entire schedule online at [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)

## JUNE

- 11 Flag Day Dance, 7:30, \$10
- 25 Bittersweet Dance, 7:30, \$10

## JULY

- 9 Independence Day Dance with  
Ron & The Classics, 7:30, \$10
- 23 Louie Bravo Duo, 7:30, \$10

## AUGUST

- 13 Bittersweet Dance, 7:30, \$10
- 27 End of Summer Dance  
with At Large, 7:30, \$10

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Sunday Meet & Greet  
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# VOICE Experience here June 2



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## Events & Activities

**VOICE Experience:** The Florida VOICE Project will perform a live, free, concert at On Top of the World on Thursday, June 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

The auditorium will be set up with plenty of seating, first come, first serve.

The Florida VOICE Project is a special program that offers quality training to singers of all ages with legendary opera singers Sherill Milnes and Maria Zouves, at the helm.

As part of their community outreach, the VOICE Experience Foundation has reached thousands of people who may never have come into a theater for an operatic performance.

Maria, and her troupe of singers, are excited to perform for us again and I look forward to seeing a large turnout in support of these young singers.

A special thanks to the Entertainment Committee for providing sound and tech, and to OTOW Chorus for sharing the Baby Grand to accompany the performance.

See you on June 2 at the concert!

### Movie Night is Back in July!

On Wednesday, July 20, let's take a trip back to 1964 for a viewing of the Beatles movie "A Hard Day's Night."

In my opinion, of all the early Beatles movies, this one reflects best who the Beatles were and what they were all about.

Please arrive by 4 p.m. and the movie will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

At 4 p.m., Good Neighbors Association President Jesse Tiamson, a Beatles Maniac, and I, will pass the microphone around to hear some of your best memories of the Beatles, your favorite songs, the concerts you attended or just what the Beatles have meant to you.

We will continue our conversation after the film.

The movie and popcorn are free and Good Neighbors Association will be selling soda and water from the Good Karma Outpost.

Registration is required because for the best sound and tech quality, seating must be limited to 70.

To register, please leave a voice-mail or email me with your name, building and unit number and your phone number at 799-2734 or write to



VOICE Experience  
at OTOW in 2019

general\_activity@otowfl.com.

I look forward to seeing you on July 20 at 4 p.m.

### Farmer's Market on Vacation during the month of June

The Farmer's Market will be taking a short summer break in June, but will be back on Wednesday, July 13.

The July Farmer's Market schedule is as follows:

July 13 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

July 27 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be back at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot (near Lawn Bowls) on Thursday, June 9 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Residents can register to donate blood at Nancy's Bulletin Board on the official Clearwater website (otowclearwaterinfo.com), in the Community Service Office or just show up that day.

In thanks, you will receive two gifts: a T-Shirt and a \$20 e-gift card.

See more details at Nancy's Bulletin Board.

A special thanks to the residents who participated last month. The honor roll is as follows:

Anna Foss, Charles Fuhr, Carl Turner, Barbara Lenzi, Carmel LeBlanc, David Jarrett, Geraylyn Brisley, Gerard Esposito, Janet Stephens, Jay Basinger, Linda Herron, Martha Weber, Michael Lenzi, Noralee Oritiz, Randy Daus, Roseanne Shevchenko and Stephanie Rinaldi.

Thank you so much for saving lives! We had 15 successful procedures resulting in touching 45 lives!

### Activity Card "Annual" Renewal

The Community Service Office will be starting with activity card renewals on Monday, June 20, during normal business hours.

For those residents who are unable to visit the office on a weekday, the CSO will open on Saturday, June 25, from 8 a.m. to

noon.

Activity card renewal takes place at the Community Service Office located at the East Activity Center. The hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3 p.m.

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

Activity cards will not be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

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

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. Any noncompliance matters will be directed to On Top of the World.

### Master the Possibilities "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia"

This pre-recorded course is just a click away and available free to OTOW Clearwater residents.

Alzheimer's is not normal aging. It's a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior.

Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, and the different disease stages and risk factors, along with current research and treatment to address some of the symptoms.

The course is free and available until the end of June.

Registration is simple. Email general\_activity@otowfl.com or call with your name, the title of the class, your address, building and unit number, email address and telephone number.

Video links and log in information will be on a receipt that you will receive in an email.

See the June MTP flyer on page 14 for an additional MTP course, "Healthy Living for your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research." Course fee is \$7.

### Activity Office

The Activity Office operates Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – noon and 12:30 - 3 p.m., but facility room and Pavilion reservations are only processed Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – noon and 12:30 – 3 p.m..

In other words, it is not possible to make a reservation for the upcoming weekend on a Friday. Please keep this in mind in planning your events or activities.

To make a reservation, please call or email me at general\_activity@otowfl.com with the date and room that you would like to reserve. This starts the reservation process. Once we establish an available date and location, your next step is to complete the online Facility Request form.

### Online Facility Request Instructions are as follows

Visit: [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com), click on Community Activities and Forms and select the SCA Online Facility Request form. Complete and sign the form with your mouse or finger, click submit and the form lands in the general activity email account.

I will acknowledge receipt in an email. Use Google not Safari as your browser.

If you are planning to have food, a returnable deposit is required (check only) made payable to "SCA", delivered to the Community Service Office where I have a secure mailbox, or in the after-hours secure mail slot at the front of the East Activity Center. I will acknowledge receipt of your check in an email.

If you would like to meet to discuss an idea for a club or any matter related to events and activities, please email or call me to make an appointment.

# OTOW Community Activities Calendar - June 2022

## SPECIAL EVENTS

OTOW Annual Meeting: Friday, June 17, 10 am, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 VOICE Experience: Concert, 10:30 am, Thursday, June 2, East Activity Center Auditorium

(Please note, there will be no Farmers Markets or Food Truck Night in June)

## CLUB AND GROUP EVENTS

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10am, Monday through Friday, East Activity Center Swimming Pool  
 Art Guild Painting Pals: 1-4pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Art Guild Friendship Painters: 1-4pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Baby Boomers Group: Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm, Thursday, June 1 and June 16, Pavilion (Rain: Largo Room)  
 Billiards (8 Ball): 6:30-10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Billiards (Scotch Doubles): 6:30-10pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Billiards (9 Ball): 1-3 pm, Fridays.  
 Caring & Sharing Group: 9am-12pm, Tuesday, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
 Ceramics: 10am-12pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
 Coloring Book Group: Wednesdays, 12-3 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Computer Club: Meeting, 8:30-10am, Wednesdays and Saturdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Cornhole: Mondays, 1-3 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room (Presented by Moving 'n Grooving Club)  
 Club Ticket Sales: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Democratic Club: Meeting, 2-3:30pm, Thursday, June 9, East Activity Center Pavilion  
 Entertainment Committee Meet and Greet: 2-4 pm, Sunday, June 26, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Entertainment Committee Dance: Saturday, June 11, 7:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Good Karma Book Club: 10am-12pm, Thursday, June 16, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 High Vibe Tribe: 7-9pm, Thursday, June 9, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Jesters: Board Meeting, 6:30-9:30 pm, Wednesday, June 9, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Karaoke with Lenny and Kathy: Sunday, June 26, 5-8 pm, East Activity Center Pavilion  
 Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 9-11 am, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Lambda Club: Social, 7-10 pm, Friday, June 10, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Learning To Dance with Noland: Mondays, 1 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Line Dance Club: 1-3 pm, Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 am, Saturdays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Line Dance Club Practice: 7-8am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Moving and Grooving Line Dancing: Level 1 (easy) 9am-10pm, Tuesdays, 1-2 pm Fridays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Moving and Grooving Line Dancing: Level 2 (beginners/advanced) 10pm-11:30, Tuesdays, 1-2pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance: 12-1 pm Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm Tuesdays, 12-1pm Wednesdays, 9-10am Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am Saturdays, EAC Exercise Room  
 Philosophy Club: 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Pickleball: 5-8 pm, Monday through Friday, 9 am-12 pm, Sundays  
 Ping Pong: 10am-1pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Pray for America: Meeting, 10am-12pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Republican Club: Meeting, 7-9 pm, Tuesday, June 14, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Social Dance: 1-3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Talent Night: Tuesday, June 21, 5:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Texas Card Game Club: 3-10 pm, Friday, June 17, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 TOPS: 9:30-11am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Travel Club: Meeting, 2-4 pm, Friday, June 3, East Activity Center Oldsmar Room  
 World Quilters: 8am-2pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Writers Ink: 12:30-2:30pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room



## CARDS AND GAMES

Blackout: 6:30-9:30pm, Thursdays, Canadian Club Blackout Card Game, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Cribbage: 10am-12pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Double Deck Pinochle: 1-3:30pm, Sundays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Duplicate Bridge (Beginners): 9am-12pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Duplicate Bridge: 11:30am-4pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Duplicate Bridge: 11-3pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
 Ladies Bunco: 6:30-10pm, Tuesday, May 10, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Mahjongg: 1-4pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room  
 Mexican Train Card Game (Dominos): 1-5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Alonzo's Group): 5-8 pm, Mondays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Bob's Group): 6-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Tom's Group): 5-9 pm, Wednesdays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Carol's Group): 6-9 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Barry's Group): 6:30-9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Rummikub: 12:30-2pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
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## EXERCISES

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## BUILDING EVENTS

Valencia Building: Wednesday, June 8, 5-8:30 pm, Pavilion  
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# Not every famous journalist from St. Bonaventure was able to make it to the NIT basketball semifinals

Back in March, I was watching the National Invitation Men's Basketball Tournament on TV when the announcers made a mistake.

At this time, in this newspaper, I would like to clarify the error.

It was prior to the tournament's semifinal basketball game between St. Bonaventure University and Xavier at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

As TV cameras roamed the crowd of celebrities in attendance, an announcer said every famous journalist from St. Bonaventure University was at the game as reaching the semifinal was a very big deal in college basketball.

Well, excuse me.

I just want to clarify I wasn't at the game.

(Tongue in cheek, of course)

Everyone knows Woj from ESPN. Adrian Wojnarowski was an editor at The Bona Venture, the St. Bonaventure University newspaper.

And some of you may have heard the name Mike Vaccaro, a columnist for the New York Post. Mike was, at one time, in charge of The Bona Venture.

Well, in 1988, at the same time Woj and Mike were in The Bona Venture newsroom working on the next edition of the monthly newspaper, I was in the same room as the newspaper's photography manager.

So yes, Woj, Mike and I did spend a full year working on the same college newspaper together.

So no, TV announcers. Not every famous journalist from St. Bonaventure University spent the day at the NIT semifinals in New York City.

Woj could get time off from ESPN to do so. The game was basically in Mike's backyard so he was able to attend, too.

But I couldn't be there because I was too busy getting the April edition of OTOW News ready.

I think I deserve an apology.

Seriously?

How fun is it to look back in time and see how people went in different directions.

The Bona Venture newsroom was in the basement of the Riley Center where the Bonnies play basketball. At several times during 1988, Woj, Mike and I were in the same newsroom and they were giving me photo assignments for the next editions of the newspaper. Not only did I shoot campus news photos, but I also took sports photos.

My senior year I gave up the newspaper to concentrate on classes. While most seniors only had a few classes remaining to graduate, I was a transfer student arriving in 1987 and still needed to complete a full schedule in order to graduate on time.

After graduation, I ended up at the Corning Leader in Corning, N.Y., where I was given the police/fire beat, a school board beat and a township government beat.

Who knew one of my college editor's would end up an ESPN icon and the



other editor would end up a leader at the New York Post?

I went from Corning, to Corry, Pa., to the St. Petersburg Times (stringer), to Martinsville, Va., to On Top of the World-Clearwater.

Even though I didn't make it to the NIT semifinals that day, I still think I fall into the category of one of St. Bonaventure's more famous journalists.

In 1993, I was in victory lane when Dale Jarrett won his first Daytona 500. The race is famously known as the Dale and Dale show because Jarrett edged Earnhardt at the finish line.

I was in victory lane with my camera when Dale Jarrett raised the trophy.

I also have photographed more than 40 National Football League games, including the Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Denver Broncos 1997 AFC championship game.

If you ever get a chance to see John Elway holding up the trophy after the game, I was standing in front of him with my camera.

In 1991, I was the first newspaper person to arrive at a prison riot in Elmira, N.Y. The event made national news as prisoners took guards hostage. I barely made it inside a press room when tear gas was dropped outside on other arriving journalists.

In 1996, I will always remember sitting at my editor's desk in Corry, Pa., and receiving a fax from the White House that President Clinton would be arriving soon at Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, N.Y., and local journalists were invited to take photos of the arriving ceremonies.

There was a catch. You had to show your official press pass to get access past the Secret Service.

My newspaper was so small, we didn't have or need press passes. Darn it! On this day I needed a press pass!

Well, from my office to Chautauqua Institution was 30 minutes away and I wasn't going to miss the chance to photograph the arrival of a U.S. President.

So I used my computer to create an artsy press pass, made it look official and then went down to the local funeral home to have my photo laminated to my new press pass. By the time everything was done, my press pass looked pretty official.

I got in my car, drove to Chautauqua, showed my press pass to the Secret

Service and got escorted right into the reception area for President Clinton.

Did I fudge my way in?

Yes. But I was a legitimate journalist for a legitimate daily newspaper. This just happened to be the only day in 13 years in Corry that I actually needed to have a press pass.

Would I be able to get away with making a homemade press pass in today's world?

I hope not. In 1996, it was a different world.

All in all, I have photographed Major League Baseball games, National Hockey League games, about 30 NASCAR races, an LPGA Tour stop in Corning, college

basketball and one World Wrestling Federation venue in Erie, Pa.

Joe Theismann's Super Bowl ring has been on my finger and my favorite claim to fame was meeting my idol, Gabriela Sabatini, after photographing one of her matches at the 1988 Women's Tennis Association Canadian Open in Montreal.

She won the tournament that year.

So college basketball announcers ... yes, St. Bonaventure was well-represented at the NIT semifinals in March, but were all the famous journalism graduates at the game?

In my opinion, one couldn't make it. He was busy.



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Attorneys Jerry Colen, right, and John Beck, below, were at On Top of the World in Clearwater on May 18 to discuss trusts, deeds and probate.

(Photos by Doug Kates)



## Ways to avoid probate

On Wednesday, May 18, Attorneys John Beck and Jerry Colen spoke at the East Activity Center on “Ways to Avoid Probate Without Having a Living Trust.”

It was a very well-attended meeting and John and Jerry covered several issues relating to different types of estate planning methods that any of us can use in our planning.

Different examples were provided, including the use of beneficiary designations on banking accounts, brokerage accounts and pension accounts (such as IRAs, 401-Ks and similar type accounts).

Jerry stressed the importance of checking to make sure you have listed the names of persons you want as beneficiaries. He was clear that we should NOT rely on our memories, nor should we rely on what someone from a brokerage firm said regarding how our beneficiary designations are listed. We must check and re-check.

Then, John spoke about beneficiary designations for IRAs and 401-Ks. He pointed out that under present tax laws, if a beneficiary is a spouse, that spouse can roll over the IRA or 401-K into his or her IRA and stretch it out over that person’s life expectancy.

However, if the beneficiary were s a person other

than a spouse, the rollover IRA had to be withdrawn within 10 years.

Further, if the beneficiary turned out to be a trust, then the funds had to be withdrawn within five years.

Thus, as John pointed out, when making beneficiary designations to someone other than a spouse, it is wise to meet with your attorney.

John also touched on a method to avoid probate without a trust, which can happen when you own real estate, such as your home. Here you can create what is known as a Lady-Bird deed. In this type of deed, the owner of a home could convey it to his/her/their beneficiaries, such as children, but at the same time reserve the right to live in the property for the owner’s lifetime. One could also reserve the right to sell the property without ever letting the children know about it.

There was much discussion about this type of deed, but John cautioned that although this is a simple and effective way of avoiding probate, there are potential problems, which is why we should always meet with our attorneys before attempting to have this type of deed.

All in all, this was a very worthwhile and well-attended discussion.



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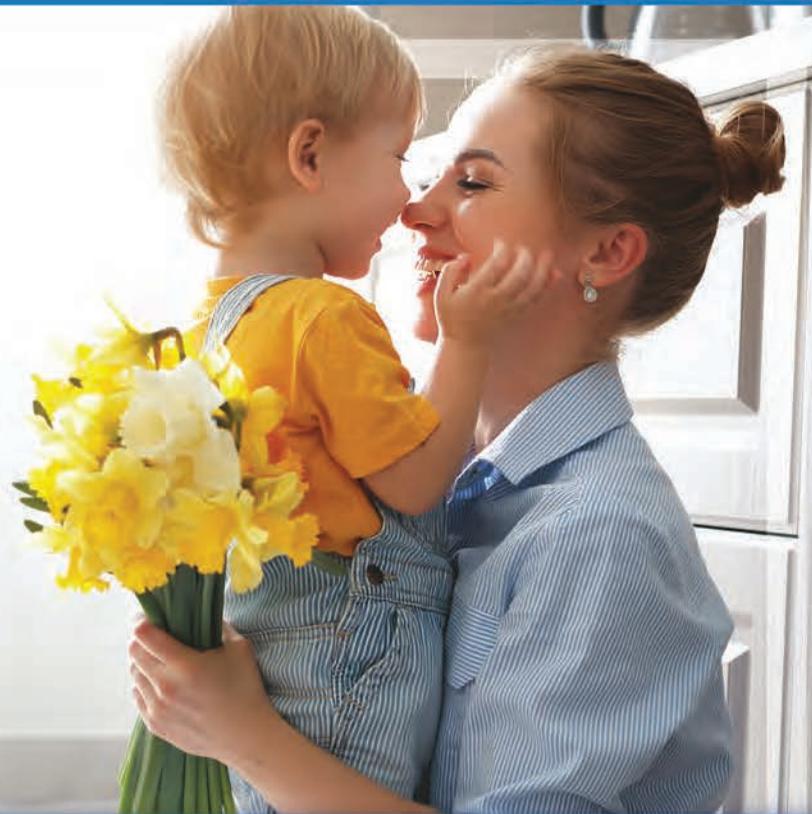
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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## OTOW SOFTBALL

# Season ends with superb fielding and hitting

By Bob Rittner

### **Paradise Restaurant 10 Stix 9, 2nd Time Sports 6**

Jim Tiano has often said that each game becomes a "Field of Dreams" for somebody. This game was certainly Jim's.

In the last inning, with the bases loaded, two outs and the go-ahead run at the plate for 2nd Time Sports, a batter launched a long liner to left field. Jim hustled back to the fence, reached over and brought the ball back to keep runs from scoring.

Then, in the bottom of the inning, after Tara Gunning had tripled in the tying run for Paradise Restaurant, Jim singled home the winning run.

Jim was not alone in the starring role. Earlier, catcher Roger Hebeler stunned the crowd by bare handing a wicked foul ball. Similarly, Ron Childress caught a sizzling one-hopper at second base and threw out the runner while Bob O'Donohue did the same at third base. Henry Zussman ranged far into the outfield from his middle infield position to make an over-the-shoulder grab of a humpback liner.

On offense, Wayne Pall was a perfect 4-for-4 with three doubles.

For much of the game, Stix led 8-1-1, but in the fifth inning, Paradise rallied as Bob Dembinski started things off with a hard single and then ended it with a long triple that tied the score.

Bob also alertly raced in from third base to glove a high bouncer and then shoveled it home to catch a runner trying to score.

But in the top of the last inning, Stix scored a run setting up the exciting finish that made Jim the hero, both on defense and offense.

### **Paradise Restaurant 11 Stix 9, 2nd Time Sports 8**

Going into the last inning, the score was 8-7-7. 2nd Time Sports scored one run, Stix scored two runs and Paradise scored three runs on five singles.

### **Paradise Restaurant 13 Stix 13, 2nd Time Sports 4**

Bill Holland, Rick Champ and Jack Wright batted at the top of the Paradise order and each got on base every at bat the entire game. So did Charles Kovarik and Ron Childress at the bottom of the batting order. Those five players accounted for seven runs. Ralph Scunziano and Joe Harrington did the same for Stix.

### **Stix 12**

#### **Paradise Restaurant 4**

Ralph Scunziano's fourth inning grand slam home run opened the floodgates.

Terry Murphy contributed two hits to the cause, and great defense by third baseman Bob Dembinski kept Paradise's bats quiet.

### **Stix 14**

#### **Paradise Restaurant 12**

Infielders dominated the game as third basemen George Webb and Eddie Ramirez speared sizzling liners, raced across foul lines for pop-ups and threw bullets to first base.

Second baseman Dennis Kovalanka battled the sun to snag difficult liners and pop-ups and his opposite number, Roger Hebeler, ranged far to his right to scoop a hard grounder and get the force out.

Shortstop Ralph Scunziano raced into deep left field to grab fly balls and was also the hitting star as his grand slam put Stix up by two runs late in the game.

### **2nd Time Sports 14**

#### **Stix 11, Paradise Restaurant 9**

Each team led at some point, but 2nd Time Sports scored 13 runs over the last four innings to pull away. Their offensive leader was Eddie Ramirez with four hits that included a double and triple and drove in seven runs.

The winners were also assisted by the outstanding second base-play of Robert Bannick. His defense was matched by Paradise second sacker Jack Wright who also had three hits.

### **Paradise Restaurant 10 Stix 9**

Now and then, the impossible happens.

In the final game of the season, a hard-hit ball was headed between shortstop and third base. Ralph Scunziano raced over, back-handed the ball (see photo at left), fell flat on his back and from that position out threw to second base for a force out.

It couldn't happen, but it did, and our jaws dropped in amazement.

Celebrating the last game of the season, Guy Bertuzzi got four hits and was the winning pitcher. Bob Wood also was a perfect 4-for-4 with a double.

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

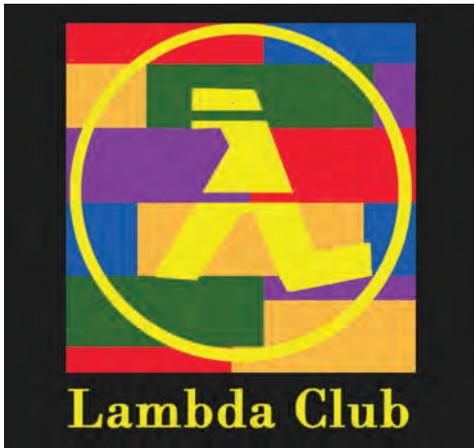
For more photos from the season finale, see our club page on the Box Office.



In the top picture, Tara Gunning snags an infield grounder as Bob Studwell races to third base. In the bottom picture, shortstop Ralph Scunziano begins a dive for an infield grounder. The play took Ralph to the ground where he rolled over onto his back and threw to second base for a force out. Backing up the play in the outfield is George Morgan. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



# Lambda discovers our Pavilion can be used for parties, food fests and even for hosting weddings



By Bruce Lovett

Members of the Lambda Club took to the East Activity Center's outdoor Pavilion like ducks to water.

Last month alone we used the facility three separate times for three completely different activities.

First up was our monthly social.

In May we usually celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Lambda never needs an excuse to throw a party, but this May it seemed appropriate to celebrate a Mexican victory as one of Lambda's long-term members, Bob Vallejo, who originally hails from Mexico, turned 90 on May 28.

Bob was born south of the border. After immigrating to the U.S., he lived everywhere from Hawaii to New York before settling in Los Angeles, becoming an American citizen in 1985 and working as a maitre d' to the stars at the famous Ambassador Hotel in Hollywood.

Despite being a proud American, Bob never cut ties with the "Avocado Mafia" back home. And for this month's pot luck buffet, he prepared everyone's favorite: guacamole.

Other months, Bob brings flan. He's been doing that since he moved to On



Howard Harville, left, and Richard Tavares held their wedding ceremony at the Pavilion. (Photo is by Earl Ballance)

Top of the World and joined Lambda 12 years ago; flan and guac are his two mainstays.

You can take the boy out of Mexico but you can never take the Mexican cook out of the boy.

Other enticing snacks, like a layered bean dip, and numerous Tex Mex dishes - Frito Pie being just one example - rounded out the buffet table.

A true fiesta was had by all.

Not to be outdone, Russ Lamesfield, who turned 75 years young this year, reserved the outdoor space a week prior to our Margarita Mixer.

Cake and champagne were served and everyone went home with cute little party

favors. Russ, personally, handed out the favors. We should all have so much energy and look as good at his youthful age.

Last, but certainly not least, was an intimate event held by two very special OTOW residents: Howard Harville and Richard Tavares.

Early one Saturday morning there was a wedding. Howard and Richard decorated the pier overlooking the pond and put out speakers so everyone could hear the proceedings.

Members of both their real and Lambda families looked on in joy. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Afterwards, we all returned to their beautiful condo on World Parkway to cel-

brate the nuptials.

June is Pride month. So come celebrate with us on Friday, June 10, at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center's Largo Room. Other Pride events will be held as well, including a Father's Day picnic in Philippe Park at an as-of-yet unassigned site.

Lambda is a club that serves the LGBT population at OTOW as well as their neighbors and friends. Should you wish information on any of the above events or general information about the club, go to our web page at [lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com). You can also check us out at OTOW Box Office, or call Dave Beavin at (727) 410-7566.

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# Ten reasons you should line dance

By Leila Walker

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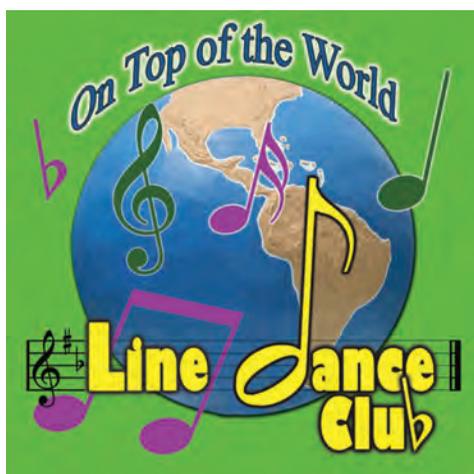
Here are 10 reasons:

1. Line dancers rarely yeehaw any more.
2. Every line dance class is a party.
3. Line dancers welcome dancers from all over the world.
4. Everybody wants to join in when you line dance.
5. Line dancers do it better because it is fun.
6. Line dancing is sexy!
7. Line dancing is all about you and your style.
8. People love to line dance on their big day.
9. You can line dance at any age.
10. You'll never be alone if you line dance.

So what are you waiting for?

Isn't it time you joined the OTOW Line Dance Club?

OTOW Line Dance Club classes are held every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. in the



East Activity Center Auditorium. The first hour, 1-2 p.m., is for Advanced Beginners and the second hour, 2-3 p.m., is the Improver class.

We also practice on Saturdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. The Advanced Beginners meet 8:30-9:30 a.m. and the Improvers from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

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



Walk into the East Activity Center on any given Tuesday afternoon and you will probably see about 20 people line dancing in the Auditorium. If you ask the people above why they line dance, they will give you reasons stated in the story.



From left to right, are Fran Derrera, Kathleen Stegall, Jackie Dunn, Jaye Lamoreux, Caroline Brown, Judi Linick, Bonnie Ayers, Nicole Orion, Marilyn Pashkowsky, Bonnie Donnelly and Kathy Murray.

## Yoga Painting Party

Marilyn Pashkowsky, a yoga instructor here at On Top of the World, recently won a raffle at a fashion show sponsored by the General Federation Women's Club of Clearwater.

The prize was a painting party!

Marilyn obviously needed to come up with 10 people to share the party with her, so she invited students from her yoga class. It turned out to be a fun, social afternoon led by Art Instructor Caroline Brown of the Safety Harbor Museum.

Pictured above is everyone's finished art work.

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# Travel Club going strong with 300 members



By Linda Keebler

If you missed the On Top of the World Travel Club meeting in May, you missed a lot!

Travel Club President David Berman did some of his famous jokes. If you have never heard him speak you should come to our meeting some time. His jokes are very funny and he also lets us know what the club has on the horizon.

The secretary, Janice Berman, presented the minutes of the last meeting, which was accepted as read. So, if you ever need to know what has happened in the past, she is the one with the answers.

The treasurer, Phil Meissner, told us that the club is doing well. He told us how much money is in our account, which was a fairly large amount. This money will be diminished a lot by our upcoming trips.

So, keep in mind that every upcoming trip takes a large chunk of the money that is in the treasury account.

We now have more than 300 current members, which is great! We welcome everyone because without our members we wouldn't have a Travel Club!

Our Christmas party has been booked. I know it seems early to mention it, but the cost has gone up and we want to let members know that the party will cost approximately \$50-\$60 per person. Everything has increased at the Country-



Travel Club members met at Ford's Garage restaurant for dinner and to talk about future plans.

side Country Club so this is an approximate price.

The party is scheduled for Dec. 14. We always have a great time with good people, good food and good music. Plus, the decorations are very nice, too!

Terri Mikszenas gave an update for her trip to Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains. She is still accepting names to the "wait list" for this trip so if you are interested, stop by our information table

on Thursdays and fill out the paperwork.

The trip is scheduled for late October and there is a lot of time between now and then so the ones on the "wait list" today may very well be on the "bus list" tomorrow.

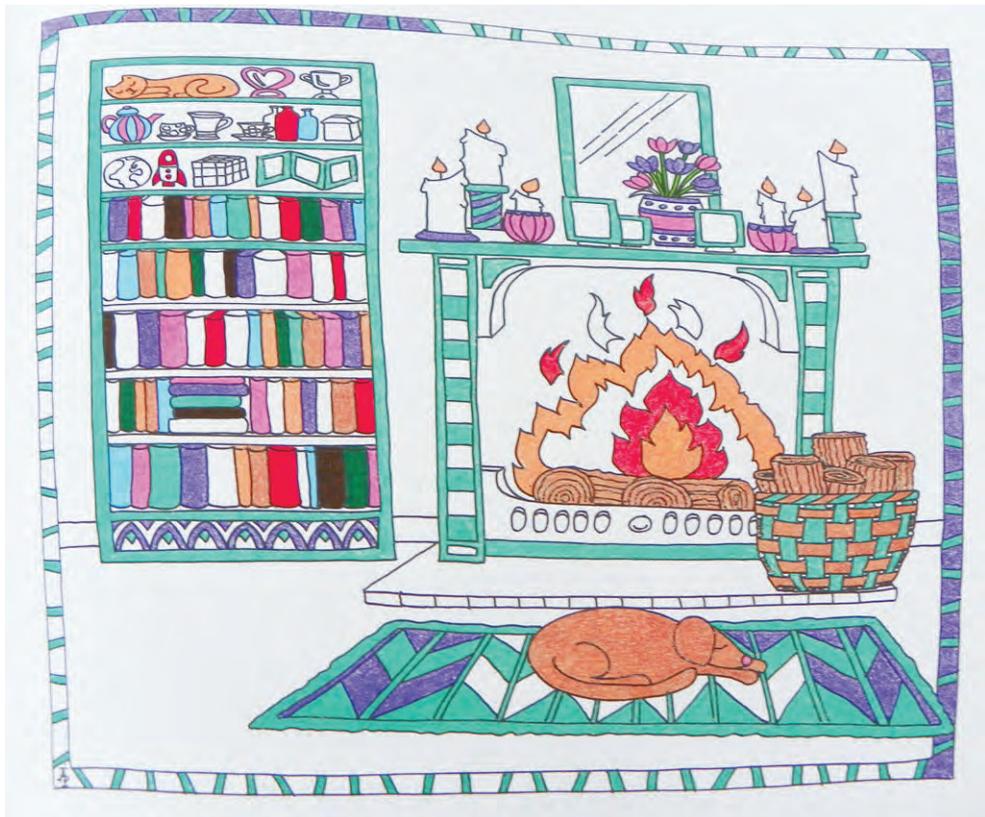
We also saw a great presentation from Collette Travel.

If you need any travel information, you can always get in touch with our own Gerri Jaeger.

We have approximately 24 members signed up to cruise on the Carnival Pride leaving from Tampa on Dec. 4. This is a six-night cruise with stops in Cozumel, Belize and Costa Maya.

After the meeting, these travelers met for spirits and food at Ford's Garage to talk and share plans for the upcoming cruise. All are very excited to be cruising again.

That's about it. If you have any questions just let me know.



This coloring book artwork is a piece in progress by Joan Johnston. Doesn't this look fun?

## We have colors, we have fun and we have the best summer view

By Elsie Paulan

It's cool inside the Crystal Beach Room at the East Activity Center and the view of the swimming pool is fun!

So join us at the Coloring Book Group and color whatever you feel like creating. We laugh and talk a lot.

It might take us several weeks to finish a picture, but we don't care.

Pictured at left is one of Joan Johnston's works in progress using gel pens.

Joan originates from Massachusetts and only started coloring after moving to On Top of the World.

When Joan is not coloring at home, she is playing with her pet birds.

Join us on Wednesdays from noon until 3 p.m. or anytime in between.



Just have fun for an afternoon. Please bring your own tools.

Our annual Color Book Contest will take place in August. Start practicing now.

# Even after the curtain closes, Jesters' members are still having a great time

By Robyn Kumar

Where were you on the evening of Wednesday, April 27?

Do you mean to tell us that you weren't at the Olive Garden enjoying wonderful company and a good meal?

Well, you missed something fun.

It was definitely better than sitting at home paying bills or watching mostly depressing news on TV.

If you had been a member of Jesters, you could have joined us. There were 25 people at our Installation Dinner. Most of the people there had been involved in some way putting on our very successful show in February, whether it was on stage,

backstage, selling tickets or doing the many other things that it takes to produce a show.

The new Jesters Executive Board took their oaths of office while waiting for our food orders to arrive.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Keith Elder, planned it perfectly. The new executive board is comprised of Robyn Kumar, president; David Berman, vice president; Lillian Foy, treasurer and Paige Johnson, secretary.

They are an enthusiastic group of people and are looking forward to growing our organization and planning for our next production.

We are looking for new members to join our diverse group of merrymakers. Please don't feel that you are required to be a performer. We need writers, artists, seamstresses, and just hard-working, friendly people.

It takes all kinds of abilities and personalities to put on a good show.

We would love to meet you.

Please contact Robyn Kumar if you have any ideas for a show or would like to join our group. You can call her at (516) 662-9640 or email her at [mzrobbie22@gmail.com](mailto:mzrobbie22@gmail.com).

We are all looking forward to hearing from you. Remember, it's Jest for Fun!



## Jesters

## Democratic Club members get ready for primary season

By Joanne Cordes

As the Aug. 23 primary election approaches, our Democratic Club is getting ready to take action by volunteering for any number of activities.

Some of us are staffing local county offices. Others are mailing out postcards. We also volunteer to wave signs for local candidates.

Since May is the typical month to mobilize in an election year, there will soon be more opportunities for sign-waving and knocking on doors for candidates. Volunteering is fun and rewarding.

At our May meeting, Don Ladner gave club members an update on Florida's redistricting status. It is still a work in progress and still in litigation. There have been numerous proposed maps since the redistricting process began.

Regardless of the final outcome, Don encouraged our group to vote Aug. 23 in the primary election and Nov. 8 in the general election. He noted that there is a drop box located at the old Pinellas County Courthouse on Court Street in Clearwater if you prefer not to vote in person.

We enjoyed a most entertaining change of pace during our May meeting. Many thanks to our member, Dave Beaven, who shared a YouTube video which highlighted the persuasive power of communication.

Our June 9 meeting will be 2-3:30 p.m. in the outdoor Pavilion next to the East Activity Center. We will welcome Rene Flowers, Commissioner for District 7 of the county board, as our select speaker.

Rene is a native of St. Petersburg and has a stellar resume. She has served in many community social and civic organizations, and has held a wide variety of public service positions in Pinellas County.

We hope you can join us for refreshments, fun and political conversation within our club.

Please check our club announcements, information and activities on the Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)). Or visit our information table at the East Activity Center's Auditorium on Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

You can also visit our Meta/Facebook page at On Top of the World Democratic Club Clearwater to learn about local political events or add commentary to current events.



### Democratic Club

July 14

## Special guest speaker will talk about natural healing

By Laurie LeClaire

This is an announcement that there will be no High Vibe Tribe meeting in June.

All members agreed we had other demands on our time this month. However, we have an awesome guest speaker coming from Kentucky on July 14 whose biography is as follows.

Virginia Drake has worked in the fields of education, social work, counseling, consulting and motivational speaking for more than 40 years.

She holds a Masters Degree in Education from Georgetown College, a teaching certificate from Eastern Kentucky University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work from Murray Kentucky University.

In 1998, Virginia had a miraculous healing after a major heart attack and near-death experience. It was then that she became interested in the mind, body and spirit connection and the impact these forces can have on one's health and relationships.

She has devoted more than 24 years to intensive study of meditation, natural healing and quantum physics, and how the body works in connection with the healing process.

In addition to her private consulting business, Virginia also teaches workshops on developing strategies to promote a healthy and enriched life. The following paragraph in her words follows:

"Flowing through the truth of the soul to create a oneness among the group to find true depth of each being (soul) in creating an intense frequency of immediate change to the world/universe. To have the group really feel the energy in a group is powerful and it is done through the nature laws. To create a higher consciousness, a new harmony and flow to feel truth and love through the soul. Because we are the light of the universe through the frequency of love, thus the true intimacy of the soul."

Virginia has had more than one near-death encounter and healing story to share and is willing to do sessions outside of our group time for anyone interested.

So please consider attending our July 14 group meeting in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room from 7-9 p.m. Residents are allowed to bring one guest from outside the community. Contact me for more information at [otowoowoo@gmail.com](mailto:otowoowoo@gmail.com).





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Demonstrating cornhole tossing are, left to right, Dick LeTourneau, Michael Payne, Yvonne Courtney and Ronald Huber.

## Something new and cool starting this summer

Would you like to try something new? We are very excited to announce that the Moving 'n Grooving Club has created a new group, The Gamers Group, that is starting off with a game called cornhole.

Cornhole is an easy, yet competitive

bean bag toss game. You can learn how to play it in two minutes.

During the hot summer season, why not enjoy a fun, easy game of cornhole in a comfortable, air-conditioned room?

This is an inside game!

How cool is that?

We are offering cornhole every Monday afternoon from 1-3 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

It's free and it's a great way to meet new people or to visit with old friends,

while getting some exercise!

Why don't you come over and see it for yourself?

It's quite addicting!

We are running three game courts in each session.

## Republican Club preparing for August primary season

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club of On Top of the World has entered into the upcoming primary election races with gusto.

We provided our membership the opportunity to hear and question several candidates running for different races at our last meeting, which was a rousing success.

We will continue with this type of venue for our June 14 meeting, 6:30 p.m., at the West Activity Center. There will be three or four different candidates speaking about themselves and taking questions.

We encourage all registered Republican residents of OTOW to come to our meeting and have the opportunity to learn more about the candidates who are seeking your votes.

A quick note to those residents who are registered as Independent or No Party Affiliation: Florida is a closed primary state and only those registered as Republicans or Democrats are permitted to vote in the upcoming primary on Aug. 23.

There is still time to change your party affiliation to Republican before the deadline. Several special events are in the planning stages for later this year, including a possible Octoberfest the early part of October.

Please stay tuned for more information about our various activities.

During the summer months, the Ronald Reagan Republican Club will continue to have an information table each Thursday morning, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Our scheduled monthly meetings will continue the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., in the West Activity Center. We ask that all registered Republicans come out to see what we have to offer.



## BINGO IS BACK!



Monday, July 11, 6:00 pm

By Diane Like

Since On Top of the World activities started to reopen last year, the common question asked by many has been, "When will bingo start?"

I am excited to announce that we will be resuming Monday night bingo on July 11 at 6 p.m., in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

If you've ever been to the Auditorium during bingo, there are 150 to 200 people. There is a need to get this activity started again.

Cindy Stone, co-president of the Bingo Committee, has established such a well-organized, and efficiently-run program. Working with Cindy, the board of directors, and numerous volunteers, I will endeavor to continue providing top-quality bingo to the residents of OTOW.

Find your lucky charms  
and get ready to yell "Bingo!"

Get in the mood for bingo.  
Try bingo on the Box Office.  
[otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)



# ‘The Masked Singer,’ Leanne Rimes, Ringo Starr, coming to our area in June

As the heat and humidity of summer descends upon us, we can always escape to see the entertainment around the bay.

Appearing at Ruth Eckerd Hall on June 1 will be the Happy Together Tour led by classic rockers, The Turtles, and featuring the Vogues, The Cowsills, The Association and many other popular ‘60s music acts.

Who will ever forget songs like “Happy Together,” “You’re the One,” “Hair,” “Windy” and “Cherish.”

This tour is sure to elicit many memories of the music we loved and sang years ago!

On June 4 and 5, the Tampa City Ballet presents “Carmen” at the Straz Center in Tampa.

Tampa City Ballet (TCB) is a professional, collaborative, creation-based contemporary dance company with a unique, fresh and innovative repertoire. “Carmen” is performed in five scenes and represents a striking admixture of classical ballet, Spanish-style movement, mime, and freshly invented dramatic dance action. More than 5,000 performances have been presented over the first 50 years.

Leanne Rimes will take to the stage at the Mahaffey Theater in St Petersburg on June 25. She is an American singer,

songwriter and actress who originally rose to success as a country music artist at age 13 with 1996’s song “Blue.” She has since crossed over into pop, contemporary Christian and other musical genres.

Leanne has placed more than 40 singles on international charts since 1996.

That same evening at the Mahaffey Theater, Mike Super, an American magician who is the winner of the NBC show “Phenomenon,” will be performing his illusion show. He was a top finalist on Season 9 of America’s Got Talent. He’s also appeared on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and the Penn & Teller “Fool Us” TV series.

On June 26 at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Ringo Starr and his All Starr Band will be making a one night stop. Although Ringo really needs no introduction to our generation, here are some interesting facts.

Sir Richard Starkey is better known by his stage name Ringo Starr. He is an English musician, singer, songwriter and actor who achieved international fame as the drummer for the Beatles.

He occasionally sang lead vocals with the group, usually for one song on each album, including “Yellow Submarine” and “With a Little Help from my Friends.”

He also wrote and sang the Beatles

song “Octopus’s Garden” and is credited as a co-writer of several other songs.

Ringo was inducted twice into the Rock ‘n Roll Hall of Fame, as a Beatle in 1988 and then as a solo artist in 2015.

Since 1989, he has toured with 13 variations of Ringo Starr and his All Starr Band.

The Masked Singer makes an appearance at the Straz Center on June 29. The Masked Singer is an American reality television series that premiered in 2019.

It is part of the Masked Singer franchise which began in South Korea and features celebrities singing songs while wearing head-to-toe costumes and face masks concealing their identities.

Celebrity judges appear in each episode and vote alongside an audience for their favorite singer after all have performed. The least popular is eliminated, taking off their mask to reveal their identity.

Francis Wilson Theater will be returning next month with a classic musical comedy called “Charley’s Aunt.” This show will take place July 7-17.

Tampa Bay Rays continue their successful Major League Baseball season with five opponents this month: June 3-5, Chicago White Sox, June 7-9 St Louis Cardi-

nals, June 21-22 New York Yankees, June 24-26 Pittsburgh Pirates, and June 28-29 Milwaukee Brewers.

Come out to the ballpark to enjoy some great baseball under the dome.

Soccer fans will be able to cheer on the Tampa Bay Rowdies, who play Louisville City FC on June 4 and Charleston Battery on June 18 at Al Lang Stadium in St Petersburg.

Our Tampa Bay Lightning moved on to the second round of the National Hockey League playoffs by defeating the Toronto Maple Leafs in game seven!

How can you tell when spring arrives? The Leafs are out!

Our Lightning face the high-flying Florida Panthers in an all-Florida series. At the time of writing, the dates have not been announced. All home games will be played at Amalie Arena in Tampa. Go Lightning Go!

For something different, the Tampa Zoo at Lowry Park is a great way to spend a morning and/or afternoon seeing all the animals in their habitats. It is only a short 45-minute drive from On Top of the World and is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This zoo is well worth your time and is a great way to entertain your visiting summer guests.

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In May, nearly 20 residents participated in live filming for two new cardio workout videos. Those videos are now on OTOW-TV channel 732. The new videos air at 1 and 6 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. There was previously a video made for 1 and 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you cannot make it to Hope's Cardio Workout this summer, follow along on OTOW-TV. *(OTOW News photo by Margaret LeTourneau)*

# If you cannot make it to class, cardio dance to three new videos on OTOW-TV 732

By Hope Tera

Nowadays, being flexible is crucial.

At the Moving 'n Grooving Club, we do our best to accommodate everyone.

We offer cardio dance classes on Tuesday evenings, so folks who work weekdays can still join in.

And now we are pleased to announce a new option ... you can join a prerecorded class on OTOW-TV Channel 732.

While you can only access this channel here at On Top of the World, it does provide more opportunities to get in a good workout.

You can catch a class on the following days/times: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1-1:30 and 6-6:30 p.m.

To access Channel 732 on your Spectrum cable system, press that channel number on your remote control. You cannot access it by using the up and down arrows.

Each class on TV begins with a warm up dance, followed by several medium impact dances, ending with a cool down dance.

There is a one minute break between each dance.

The choreography is fairly simple and



the instructor goes over the basic steps before each dance begins.

We hope you will check out the TV classes, then decide if that format works for you.

Perhaps a hybrid mix might suit you?

Come to our cardio workout classes as you are able, and supplement those classes with an occasional taped class.

Please wear comfortable clothing and closed shoes/sneakers, find an area with some room to move, have a cool drink nearby, and listen to your body (only do what feels good).

The off-peak season is an ideal time for year-round residents to explore a bit and try out something new.

And we've got a few more suggestions.

## LINE DANCING SCHEDULE EAC Auditorium

### Tuesdays

9:00-10:00 am Level 1 - Easy 1 Wall  
10:00 - 11:30 am Levels 2/3 - Beginner/Advanced Beginner

### Fridays

1:00 - 2:00 pm Level 1 - Easy 1 Wall  
2:00 - 3:30 pm Levels 2/3 - Beginner/Advanced Beginner

## CARDIO DANCE SCHEDULE Exercise Room

Mondays	12:00 - 1:00 pm
Tuesdays	12:00 - 1:00 pm
Wednesdays	12:00 - 1:00 pm
Saturdays	9:00 am - 10:00 am
Saturdays Cardio Dance Lite	10:30 - 11:30 pm

How about trying some line dancing classes with Margaret LeTourneau?

She caters to all levels, will be live in the East Activity Center Auditorium all summer and a great time is guaranteed.

If you are interested in giving your heart a good workout, you can try a Car-

dio Dance Class with Hope Tera.

Looking for a gentler workout? Then a Cardio Dance Light Class might fit the bill.

The class schedule for 2022 is listed above.

## Need to learn how to dance for an upcoming event? Try Social Dance Lessons

Social Dance Lessons will continue all summer long at On Top of the World.

Instructor Fred Mills allows his students to pick the dances to learn and there are a ton of dances to choose from.

He will teach Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Hustle, Rumba, Salsa, Swing, Waltz and more.

Sometimes students have special events coming up and need to learn a dance. Sometimes a holiday is approaching and a festive dance is taught.

Whatever the dance lesson for the dance is, everyone loves to learn and practice.

Fred's classes are open to all residents with a valid activity card. They are open to men and women, and

pairing up for practice is never a problem.

Social Dance takes place every Thursday afternoons, 1-3 p.m., in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

Even if you don't need lessons, come and be someone's partner.

**Annual meeting Friday, June 17, 10 am**



# Karaoke at the Pavilion

Sunday, June 26

5-8 pm

EAC Pavilion

Free hot dogs on the grill.  
All OTOW residents welcome.  
Residents may bring 1 guest.  
Please, no lawn chairs.



More than 30 residents participated in a round of Blackout in May.

## In Blackout, moving from table to table is part of the game



By Tom Jamrozy

Canadian Blackout on Thursday evenings continues to attract new players.

If you are new to On Top of the World, or new to Blackout, come and join in the fun.

We play every Thursday in the West Activity Center Belleair Room, offering training at 5:50 p.m., followed by practice games. Regular games start at 6:30 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is an easy-to-learn game that is a

lot of fun. Laughter and friendships thrive in this environment.

We play seven hands per round for five rounds. Three winners earn money and the three lowest scorers move to the next table. So players at each table are always changing and you get to meet other players.

Each round is a quarter so it is an inexpensive game.

We hope to see you there so come and join the fun.

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# Neighborhood Watch is more than crime prevention - it is neighbors helping neighbors

By Dave Beaven

I was watching a video on YouTube recently. It was about a tornado that blew through a town destroying a lot of homes.

There were people who had lost everything and were wandering around among the ruins. Then the next scene was of a food truck set up with volunteers feeding the victims of the storm.

The volunteers had driven the truck from another state to help out.

Others, from the nearby area, were helping out by clearing debris and offering shelter to people who were now homeless.

It put me in mind of something that

the children's TV host Mr. Rogers said:

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

And indeed, when you look about, you can see it going on all about you here.

There's the lady in our community who takes her neighbor to see the doctor. The neighbor cannot drive.

Or there's the man in our community that volunteers to deliver meals to needy people.

Then there's the neighbor who visits another neighbor in the hospital. The visi-

tor also brings the mail and cares for the hospitalized person's dog.

Neighborhood Watch was started 50 years ago with the goal of reducing crime in neighborhoods, but it also encourages people in a community to bond through service.

The motto of Neighborhood Watch is: "We watch out for each other." So take a look around and look for the helpers here. You might find that you're one of them yourself. Thank you for your service.

To find out more about our Neighborhood Watch, go to our official webpage at: [areawatch2020.blogspot.com](http://areawatch2020.blogspot.com).



## FINALLY!

### *A ball of yarn waited 15 years to be turned into a great-grandchild's blanket*

By Cheryl Butcher

I know I sound like a broken record, but Knitting Group is once again busy with our projects.

We have all agreed to donate to an orphanage for the Christmas season, so we are busy making appropriate children's articles like hats, slippers, sweaters, headbands, little purses and scarves, as well as fun things like stuffed animals and toys.

Last month, Barbara Mooney came to a meeting asking for help with a baby blanket she wanted to make. Barbara has been a resident of On Top of the World for nine years, moving here from New Hampshire via St. Thomas, The Virgin Islands.

(I can't imagine anyone willingly leaving the Virgin Islands).

She has four children and 11 grandchildren, and she has been impatiently waiting for a great-grandchild.

In fact, 15 years ago she bought white yarn that she imagined making into a beautiful christening blanket for her first great-grandchild.

And now her wish will come true in August when her first great-granddaughter will be born.

But the problem is, Barbara hadn't crocheted in more than 50 years and she needed a refresher course. So a member of our group sat down with Barbara, picked out a pattern, and got her started on a blanket with the 15-year old yarn.

As you can see from the picture, she has done a remarkable job and in mid-May was almost finished.

Barbara will gift the blanket at the baby shower in June in New Hampshire, and the baby will use it at her christening along with the handmade christening robe worn by her great-grandfather in 1938 (and 15 babies thereafter).

Congratulations, Barbara.

Don't forget to check out our Knitting and Crochet instructional videos available on the OTOW box office. Go to [www.otowboxoffice.com](http://www.otowboxoffice.com), click on the yellow ball of yarn, and open the videos. We'd love to hear your comments, too.

We are considering resurrecting knitting and crochet classes. Our group was going to start three years ago, but it will be later in the year when our plans are finalized. Stay tuned.

If you have an interest in knitting or crocheting, we would love to have you join us in the Crystal Beach Room on Wednesday mornings at 9-11 a.m. The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors Club.



# Having a computer or cell phone-related problem: Google it



## Computer Club

By Joe Wisinski

The On Top of the World Computer Club is happy to provide technical assistance to residents every Wednesday morning.

Any OTOW resident is welcome to come to the West Activity Center from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Club members, who provide this free service, are an experienced group and know the answers to most problems.

But not all.

When an issue arises that they can't resolve, they have a standard response: "Let's Google it."

Club President Mike Wood encourages anyone, knowledgeable or not, to use Google and other online resources for answers to their tech questions.

"It's pretty amazing what you can find if you ask your browser for an answer," Mike said. "Between browser searching and the myriad of 'how-to' videos on YouTube, you can find a multitude of answers to just about any question."

Recent questions club members have found answers to include:

- How do I fix my iPhone when the



Computer Club members Terri Mikszenas and Diane Like look up a technical question on Google.

screen is black?

- Where can I get a good price on a new smartphone?
- How can I transfer photos from my smartphone to my computer?

So the next time you're puzzling over a tech issue, try Googling it. You'll probably find the answer. If not, come to the Learning Lab in the West Activity Center any Wednesday. If club members don't know the answer to your question, they will . . . Google it.

### About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 p.m. The club is currently holding hybrid meetings, with some members meeting in person and others using the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

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.

Computer Club membership is not

required to request assistance at the Wednesday morning help sessions. Services include teaching computer skills, resolving issues, and computer repair if feasible. Assistance is available for computers, tablets, and smartphones.

The Computer Club does not offer in-home repair services, although we can offer assistance in locating service providers.

For more information about the computer club, go to [www.otowcc.com](http://www.otowcc.com).

# After a summer break, look for special dinner night with bingo in October



By Jesse Tiamson  
Missing bingo nights?  
Craving bingo?

Good Neighbors Association may have a solution with a twist.

Coming up is our new Music Bingo Dinner on Oct. 16. Dinner will start at 5 p.m. and the Music Bingo will start around 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold on a pre-sale basis starting in September when our information table returns.

Watch for reminders in the September issue of this newspaper.

Good Neighbors Association wants to let you know that the recent Spring Flea Market/Craft Show last March 26 was a huge success despite having been absent the past two years. Thanks to all who participated, including volunteers, sellers and buyers. We look forward to the next one, the fall version, on

Nov. 12 so start lining up your items to sell and crafts to display.

The Good Neighbors Association Board will be taking the summer off from June to August.

There will be no Get Acquainted Coffee and our information table will not return until the final two Thursdays in September.

When Get Acquainted Coffee is back on Thursday, Sept. 8,

Opera Tampa will be our featured entertainer.

On Oct. 13 we will host Mike Wood and his barbershop quartet.

We are calling on all residents who have the talents to perform and entertain at the Get Acquainted Coffee hour. Please let us know if you would like to be considered to entertain at a Get Acquainted Coffee.

# Art Guild will still be painting twice a week this summer



## Art Guild

By Irene Piper

Recently, upcoming 2023 Art Guild committee members had an informal meeting to schedule next year's events and our upcoming calendar.

The new officers discussed ideas for fundraising and classes to offer Art Guild members.

Some Art Guild activities will continue throughout the summer, including afternoon painting on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

If you are interested in joining, contact the Art Guild for additional information.



Thursday's Art Guild 'Friendship Painters' enjoy an afternoon of painting and camaraderie. At the front table left to right are Aidie Sobolewski and Paula Mainieri. In the middle table are Susan McBride, Gloria Agosto and Martha Green. At the back table are Claire Bruyere, Irene Piper and Julie Awot.

The Art Guild also is looking for anyone interested in teaching an art class in the fall. This might include, but not be

limited to oil, watercolor, pastels, sketching, drawing, photography, pen and ink, mandala designs or even the ancient art

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# New champion crowned in Texas



By Joe DeCiaro

For the second month in a row, a new member won the monthly Texas Card Game Club tournament.

We improved to 11 players this tournament and began with two tables with five to six players at each one.

After the third level, each player took a break to add on more chips to their chip stack for half the buy in amount.

When the break was over, play resumed as a knockout round.

As the blinds increased every 15 minutes, players were eliminated when their chip stacks decreased to nothing.



The three finalists from May were, left to right, Mike Marsh, Arthur Pacillo, Warren Levene.

By the second hour and 10th level, there were only two players left: Mike Marsh and Warren Levene.

Warren eventually won and became this month's champion.

Club membership improved to 34

residents. Dues are only \$5 per member which pays for the playing cards and chips.

The next four tournament dates are: Friday, June 17; Friday, July 22; Friday, Aug. 19 and Friday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. in the Clearwater/Kitchen Room.

Anyone with an updated activity card can sign up by coming to a tournament. Entry fee is only \$10 with unlimited re-buys within the first hour and an add-on option after level 3 for \$5.



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# Early-departing Snowbirds missed Coney Island Night at the Pavilion



New York - New Jersey Club

By Will Peterson

Our Coney Island hotdog picnic at the Pavilion on May 3 was a huge success.

Thank you to all the volunteers who served us.

For those members who are not Snowbirds, our club members have decided to do a Meatball Social on Tuesday, Aug. 16, from 5:30-9 p.m. in the East Activity Center. Of course, any early returning Snowbirds are also welcome to attend. The cost will be \$25.

On Sept. 22 from 6-9 p.m., our club will host our annual welcome back cheese-cake social in the East Activity Center along with nomination of officers and a discussion on club events.

There will also be guest speakers from On Top of the World clubs. Cost is \$5.

On Oct. 20, from 5-9 p.m., election of officers will take place. It will be Hawaiian Shirt Night in the East Activity Center and the evening will be catered by Mama Felice. Disc jockeys Cathy and Paul will provide the entertainment.

The meal will consist of ham with pineapples, barbecued chicken, pasta primavera, sweet potatoes, apple crumb pie, and individual salads, which will be set at your table. Of course, water and coffee will be provided. Cost to attend will be \$25.

On Dec. 1, our club will host an Ugly Christmas Sweater Night in the East Activity Center from 5-9 p.m. The entertainer will be a new DJ, "Les-N-Moore."

So get out that sweater as there will be a prize for the best, excuse me, I mean the



The serving line was full of grilled hotdogs and side items when the New York-New Jersey Club held Coney Island Night on May 3. Below are some of the guests who had a great time. (Photos by Mary Lou Wall and Howard Wolff)



ugliest sweater.

Once again, the evening meal will be catered by Mama and will consist of: seafood salad, shrimp and penne pasta in white sauce, chicken fingers and dipping sauce, meatballs, sausage and peppers, and plain spaghetti with individual salads at your table. Water and coffee will be provided. Dessert will be cannolis and cookies. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

We are working on something special for January 2023 and April 2023. More details will follow as soon as the decision is made on what we will be serving and the cost and time of each of these events.

The New York/New Jersey Club is open to anyone who lives at On Top of the World. The cost to be a member is only \$5. The only requirement is that you

must have a valid Activity Card.

We will have an information table in the East Activity Center every Thursday during the summer from 8:30-10 a.m. So come out and see us and buy your ticket for one of our events.

And if you can, volunteer to give us a helping hand not only at the table, but in setting up our events.

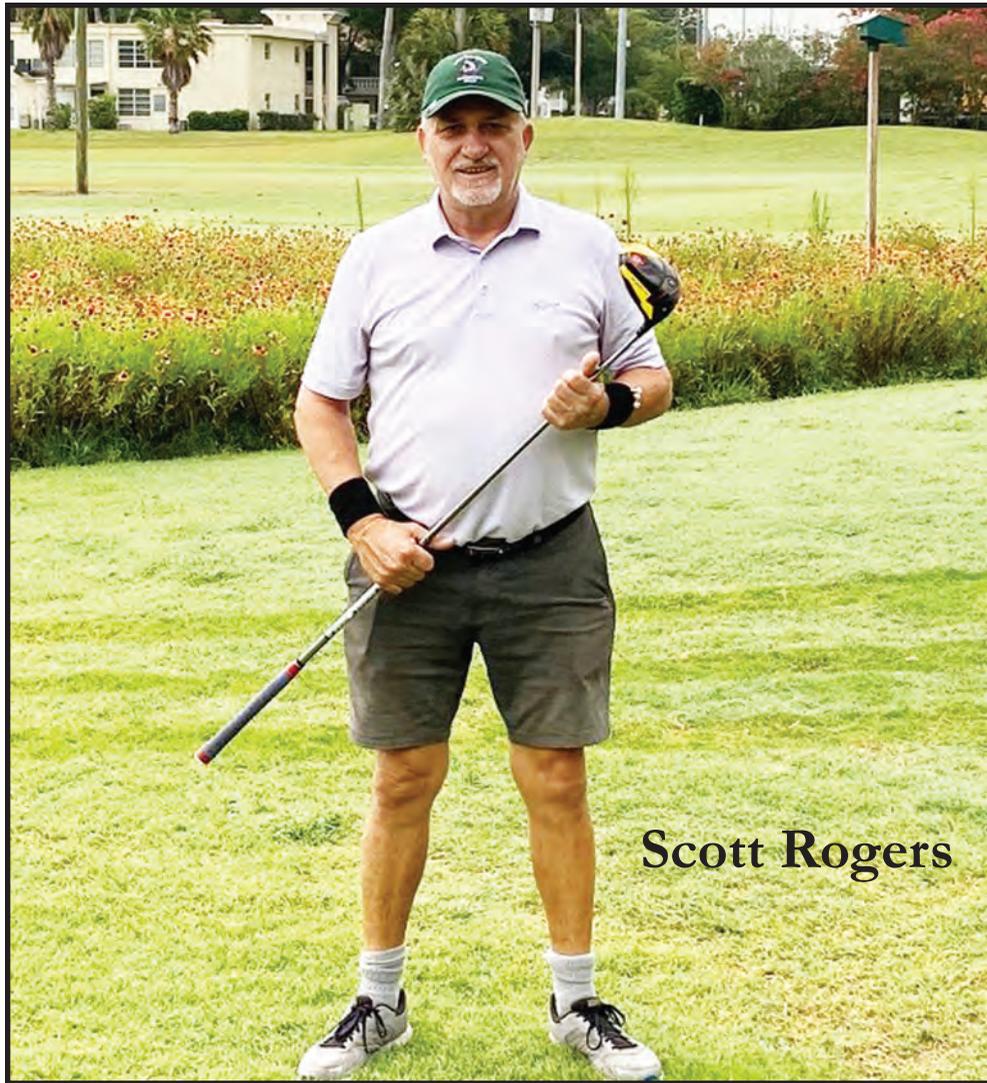
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# SPORTS



Scott Rogers

## Scott Rogers set new mark for league low score

By Ken Smith

On April 29, the last official Friday Mixed Golf League day of the season, Scott Rogers set a new league record with a 13-under par score of 52 from the blue tees.

This score moved him into a first place win over Fred Schick to become the 2021-2022 Friday Mixed Golf League yearly champion.

We will continue to play throughout the summer and fall with the official league start in November.

For the record, On Top of the World does not have an official low round total set for a course record. Previous low scores were never recorded and saved.

### Results for April 29

First place was Scott Rogers with a plus-10. Second place was Don Hahs with a plus-10. Third place was Lisa Muchler with a plus-8. Fourth place was Brian Kreilach with a plus-7. Fifth place was Dave Hansford with a plus-7.

There was a match of cards to break all ties. Closest to the pin on hole No. 3 was Rick Muchler, on holes Nos. 5 and 6 was Sam Baichoo, on hole No. 9 was Scott Rogers, on

## Friday Golf

hole No. 13 was Jim Stewart, on hole No. 15 was Dan Hyden and on hole No. 16 was Mike Marsh.

Skins were recorded by Scott Rogers on holes Nos. 2, 9 and 11, Brian Kreilach on hole No. 12 and Dan Hyden on hole No. 15. Low gross was Scott Rogers with a new course record of 52.

The Friday Mixed Golf League was created to provide OTOW men and women with a venue for competition using the USGA rules of golf. Our league uses the USGA Stableford scoring format, which is a quota point system used by many leagues throughout the country. In this format, each player has a point quota and they try to play above their quota, not directly against other players. This allows players of all skill levels to compete fairly each week.

Volunteers are needed to help run the league and form committees that oversee and govern the league. If interested, contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email [harrybarbin1@gmail.com](mailto:harrybarbin1@gmail.com).



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## Bring a mat, learn to breathe

The High Vibrational Tribe has had its first two meetings and the club is growing.

Our invited guest speaker in March will be instructing us on breath work and sound meditation with the gong. So members are encouraged to bring a mat to rest on if desired.

See you 7 p.m., Thursday, March 10 in the East Activity Center Kitchen.

Metaphysics is the study of the ultimate cause in the universe. Metaphysics includes all religions, but transcends them all. Basically metaphysics is religion without dogma.

Please consider joining our new club.  
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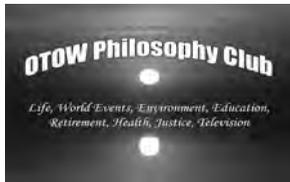
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## Philosophy Club is back

The On Top of the World Philosophy Club is meeting again. The group will get together from 10-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Join us for interesting and lively conversations. Each week is a different subject. You may come just to listen. You may volunteer to present a topic, but we do not discuss religion or politics. Please be respectful of different values. Coffee, water and tea are available. Everyone must wear a mask.



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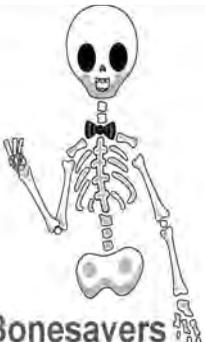
Clearwater Room

## Pray for America

Saturdays

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Crystal Beach Room



## Bonesavers

The Bonesavers exercise group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights, a towel and a chair.

If you want to try it out, just come over and borrow the weights we already have available.

Men and women are both welcome.

## Ballroom dance classes



Ballroom dance classes will take place at 1 p.m. every Monday in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

The instructor is Noland Shade, who teaches beginner dancing to help couples learn how to dance socially.

Dance lessons are taught at a slow pace so anyone can learn how to dance over time.

No pre-registration is necessary. Simply show up and learn.

## Duplicate Bridge is back!

Get ready for some fun by playing, learning and improving your Duplicate Bridge skills. You will become familiar with the nuances and conventions of the game by coming to a beginner/improver lesson. Instruction is provided Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Ozona Room on the lower level of the East Activity Center. Further information is available by sending an email to loresc@yahoo.com or by calling Christine Nason at 727-366-0221.



## Majongg players wanted over the summer

Wanted: Experienced Mah Jongg players to fill in at our afternoon games. We play Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1-3:30 p.m. in residents' condos. Please call Libby at 727-669-1486.



# Golfing, lunches wind down as residents head north for cooler summers

By Barney Hanrahan

End-of-the-season luncheon barbeques were held in May. We served hot dogs and chips, and they were well attended.

Our final luncheon was scheduled for May 18. This was probably our last big attendance event since many players have returned to their northern residence.

Scores for recent league play are as follows:

## April 20

### Flight A

First Place: Stanley Doran, 59, Jim Anzalone, 63, Mike Walker, 64, Jay Schwalie, 65, Tom Stephens, 67.

### Flight B

First Place: Mike Schuyler, 57, Jerry Fugat, 63, Guy Bertuzzi, 66, Jack Sousa, 67, Tom Sullivan, 67.

### Flight C

First Place: Gerald Morrissette,

## Men's Golf

60 Tim Finan, 60, Mike Smith, 61, Tim Palmquist, 63, Paul Seggelin, 63.

### Flight D

First Place: Roger Hebler, 59, Jack Drewiega, 59, Chuck McAllister, 60, Joe Ventimiglia, 60, Joseph Dowe, 62.

## April 27

### Flight A

First Place: Stanley Doran, 62, Jim Anzalone, 63, Mike Crittendon, 64, Bill Haener, 64, Lester Whynot, 64.

### Flight B

First Place: Mike Schuyler, 59, Roger Amundson, 62, Jerry Fugat, 63, Jack Sousa, 63, Marc Schell, 65.

### Flight C

First Place: Tim Finnan, 58, Dave Hansford, 60, Jim Mutschler, 62, Bob El-

lis, 64, Bill Mooney, 65.

### Flight D

First Place: Richard Zambron, 58, Joe Ventimiglia, 59, Joseph Dowe, 59, John Gill, 60, C.J. Messina, 62.

## May 4

### Flight A

First Place: Tom Petit, 62, Lester Whynot, 65, Mike Crittendon, 65, Stanley Doran, 65, George Mead, 66.

### Flight B

First Place: Dave Hansford, 59, Dick Pasco, 62, Ed Fox, 63, Jack Sousa, 64, Ron Nobile, 64.

### Flight C

First Place: Gerald Morrissette, 62, Paul Seggelin, 62, Joseph Dowe, 62, Harold Cote, 65, Tim Palmquist, 66.

### Flight D

First Place: Patrick Mahoney, 65, Rick Helton, 67, Henry Rejman, 67, Les Mcneilly, 67, C.J. Messina, 69.

## May 11

### Flight A

First Place: Lester Whynot, 61, Bill Haener, 61, Roger Amundson, 63, Bill Higgins, 64, George Mead, 64.

### Flight B

First Place: Ken Nield, 57, Martin Forde, 60, Tom Sullivan, 62, Daniel Morrey, 62, Jack Sousa, 64.

### Flight C

First Place: Tim Palmquist, 60, Ronald Murray, 60, Bill Mooney, 61, Mike Smith, 62, Paul Seggelin, 63.

### Flight D

First Place: Henry Rejman, 59, Patrick Mahoney, 60, C.J. Messina, 62, Les Mcneilly, 67, Joe Ventimiglia, 69.

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# Golf ball dimples are like wings on a plane

By Barney Hanrahan

Golfers from On Top of the World have one thing in common with the global golf family.

We place a perfectly shaped round golf ball on a tee and repeat that procedure for 9-18 holes without ever considering, “why do golf balls have dimples?”

Obviously, this is not a concern to most golfers and few care. However, that addition to the golf ball surface has had a profound effect on every golfer’s game since its introduction in 1905.

The first golf ball started in Scotland in the 1400s as a round stone and evolved to solid wood and later to a bird feather core with a leather surface.

That design remained until 1898

when Coburn Haskell introduced the rubber core and outer surface. However, the golf ball remained a round smooth surface with little control of trajectory.

In 1905 the first dimpled golf ball was introduced by William Taylor.

Although this seemed to be a relatively minor change, it revolutionized golf all around the world for years to come.

The smooth-surfaced golf ball was gone.

The dimple principle is an aerodynamic design that allows the golf ball to lift in the air like an airplane - the wind turbulence wraps around the wing and creates an upward lift.

The dimples give the ball directional control, lift and drag as a thin flow of air

clings to the golf ball surface.

I won’t go into all the dynamics of what happens to a golf ball due to dimples, but rest assured it is eventful.

Since the introduction of the dimpled golf ball, manufacturers have been working to improve the precision of the dimples from the number of dimples, to the shape and depth.

One company designed a pattern of hexagonal shapes, but it offered only slight improvement.

The average golf ball has 336 dimples and, depending on the manufacturer, they can range from 250 to 500.

The dimple shape is controlled by the USGA (United States Golf Association) and R&A (Royal and Ancient Golf Club).

The dimples must be symmetrical, however, there is no limit to the number of dimples that can be molded on a golf ball. One early design had 1700 dimples on it.

The development of the dimpled golf ball is a lesson in science and endurance, but is so impressive considering the limited knowledge of aerodynamics in 1905. What was created 120 years ago has changed the sport for over a century.

Had the early pioneers of golf not experimented with ball design, we may still be hitting balls made from feathers and smooth round surfaces.

All of us take for granted the ball design, but next time you mark your ball, remember those dimples serve a greater purpose than a mere ball marker.

**The On Top of the World 18-Hole Ladies Summer Golf League  
will start Tuesday, June 7, at 7:30 a.m.  
See page 41 for details**



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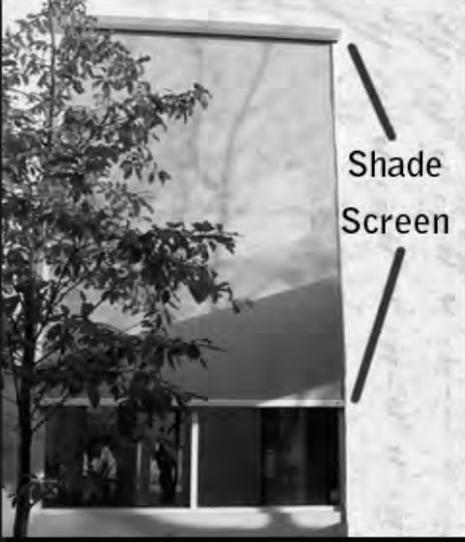


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# Summer tennis season started in May and you are welcome to join through November

By Joe DeChiaro

The On Top of the World tennis tournaments are over and the Snowbirds have departed, but this doesn't keep Tennis Club members from playing tennis every day of the week and gathering at the many social events that the club organizes.

The annual dues are only \$15 which covers the purchase of tennis balls, plus food and water at our three yearly social gatherings at the Pavilion.

The club also organizes a monthly lunch, a monthly golf/dinner outing at the 9-hole course and weekly trips to local beaches.

Our summer season runs May through early November.

There are also monthly day trips, which include kayaking, snorkeling, athletic events and next year we are planning a club trip to the Miami Open.

Last month we had our luncheon at



Frank's Pizza and enjoyed a \$6 lunch special which included a drink.

Anyone can join our club. All you have to do is show up any morning after 8 a.m. with an updated activity card and we will sign you up.



More than a dozen members of the On Top of the World Tennis Club enjoy dinner at Frank's Pizza.

# Ladies 18-Hole Golf League announces new board and summer golf starts June 7

By Gloria Sayer

I am pleased to announce the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League officers for 2022-2023.

Our volunteer officers and committees spend so much of their time making sure our golf league and all our social functions run smoothly. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful supportive volunteers and we thank you for all you do.

President Sherry Ivey has picked her committee chairwomen and they will be ready to take on their duties June 1.

I, for one, have confidence in Sherry and her officers to make this year fun and very well organized.

Congratulations to Sherry, Joy Walker, vice president; Verna Lundgren, treasurer and Donna Osborne, secretary.

On Top of the World Summer Golf starts June 7 and you can join us at the golf course at 7:15 a.m. with tee times starting at 7:30 a.m.

Please call Sherry at 727-797-8354 if you wish to join in the fun. There is a \$5 registration fee and you do not need a handicap to join.

I would like to share our most recent weekly awards (net scores). Congratulations to all the winners.



Above are the new officers for the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League. From left to right are Joy Walker, vice president; Sherry Ivey, president; Verna Delahunt, treasurer and Donna Osborne, secretary.

### April 12

Flight A: Sherry Ivey 58, Joy Walker 65, Kim Norried 65, Joyce Majewski 67, Ursula Taylor 67, Gloria Sayer 67. Flight B: Cindy Schell 64, Song Kyong 64, Rosemary Sabatino 65, Joan Yorkery 65, Donna Osborne

66. Chips-Ins: Joy Walker No. 2, Joan Yorkery No. 6, Rosemary Sabatino No. 9 and Gina Yoon No. 17. Closest-To-The-Pin No. 15 Joan Yorkery.

### April 19

Flight A: Sherry Ivey 64, Kim Norried 64,

Joyce Majewski 65, Dotty Graham 68, Gloria Sayer 68. Flight B: Patsy Bath 56, Donna Osborne 64, Cindy Schell, 65, Joan Yorkery 65, Verna Lundgren 65. Chip-In: Sherry Ivey No. 5 and No. 7. Closest-To-The-Pin No. 15 Verna Lundgren.

### April 26

Flight A: Joyce Majewski 61, Sherry Ivey 62, Gina Yoon 72. Flight B: Patsy Bath 58, Joan Yorkery 59, Verna Lundgren 62. Chip-In Sherry Ivey No. 16. Closest-To-The-Pin No. 15 Sherry Ivey. April 50/50 winner Sherry Ivey.

### May 3

Flight A: Gina Yoon 62, Kim Norried 63, Gloria Sayer 69, Ursula Taylor 69. Flight B: Robin Goralczyk 61, Karen French 64, Terry Kuplen 64, Donna Smerz 65. Chip-In Donna Osborne No. 9. Closest-To-The-Pin No. 15 Gina Yoon

### May 10

Flight A: Sherry Ivey 65, Gina Yoon 65, Kim Norried 66, Nancy Lo 69. Flight B: Karen French 61, Suellen Dowe 64, Joan Yorkery 64, Carole Lacey 64, Cindy Schell 65. Chip-Ins Arlene Hanson No. 4 and No. 11, Karen French No. 12, Carole Lacey No. 7. Closest-To-The-Pin No. 15 Suellen Dowe.

Have a fantastic summer everyone, stay safe and healthy. Remember hit them long and straight!

# Summer means time for grilling



Since On Top of the World installed some barbecue grills at the East Activity Center, everybody can enjoy cooking outdoors now.

Just in case you didn't know, there are three big grills at the pavilion where you can barbecue for a large group of people.

Reserve the Pavilion for your building or club and throw a party.

There are seven smaller grills for more private occasions.

If you live on the second or third floor of your building, operating a grill is not permitted, so the seven small grills are very convenient.

My wife, Cheryl, and I belong to the Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS) and they put on barbecue events throughout the United States.

We both have become Master Judges and have traveled throughout the country judging events. We also have cooked with a professional barbecue team.

So let me ask you. Do you know the difference between barbecuing and grilling?

Although barbecuing and grilling both refer to cooking food outdoors over a heat source, they aren't interchangeable terms for the same cooking technique. The most important factors that differentiate the two are the type of heat used and the total cook time.

Barbecue is slow-cooking foods using low temperatures and is usually performed for cuts of meat like ribs, pork shoulder, beef brisket or whole chickens or turkeys.

These types of meats tend to be tougher, and need the low, slow heat of a barbecue (or a slow-cooker) in order to get them good and tender.

Barbecued food is cooked over very low heat (usually 225 degrees or lower) for a very long time.

Barbecuing is often done with indirect heat, where the heat source is connected to the chamber where the meat is held. The meat is not directly over flames like if you were grilling.

Charcoal or wood are commonly used as the heat source for barbecue.

Grilling is done more frequently and involves cooking food quickly over direct heat at high temperatures.

If you're cooking seafood, steak, hamburgers, hot dog, sausages, pork chops, or boneless chicken breasts, chances are you're grilling.

Vegetables and fruits are also popular foods to grill.

So, barbecuing and grilling are different, but can you still use barbecue sauce on grilled foods?

Yes.



Any first-floor unit owner can have their own grill. The grill must be 10 feet from any structure and cannot be used in the grass. There also cannot be an umbrella over the grill. For cooking tips, read this column.

You can still use barbecue sauce on your grilled foods. Just be sure to slather it on at the end of the cook time since the high heat can cause the sugars in the sauce to burn.

Now, let's get started.

## Barbecuing and Grilling 101

### Barbecue Grills

There are so many different types of barbecue grills: Electric, charcoal, gas (propane) and pellet grills.

Also, there are a lot of smokers on the market.

How do you know which one to choose (if your condo is on the first floor).

Barbecue grills are like cars - they come in all different sizes and shapes.

This also is true about the cost. Grills can cost as little as \$75 and up into the \$1,000-plus.

Before you go out and buy a barbecue grill, you need to ask yourself a few questions.

1. How many people are you going to feed?
2. How often are you going to grill?
3. What type of cooking are you going to do? Grilling, barbecuing, roasting or smoking?
4. Do you want a side burner to cook on?
5. How much space do you have for a grill?

A few things you should do to prolong the life and safety of your grill.

1. Put cat litter in the bottom of your grill. This absorbs any grease from the cooking. It also is easy to cleanup and it keeps the bottom of the grill from rusting.

2. After you are completely done grilling on a gas grill, turn the burner knobs all the way up and close the lid.

After about 10 minutes, turn off the grill and open the lid. Doing this will burn off all the excess grease and also burn off any grease on the burner which in-turn, will keep them from clogging up.

3. Always have a fire extinguisher close by in the event of flash fire.

### The Fuels

**Charcoal Briquettes** - Those little pillow-shaped carbon composites provide a good fire. But there is one problem with charcoal briquettes - they're not all charcoal. Powdered charcoal is combined with binders so it can be easily shaped into those little pillows, and sometimes chemicals are added.

**Lump Charcoal** - This is a better choice than briquettes. They are made by the age-old process of burning hardwood in a closed container with very little oxygen.

**Pellet Wood** - Pellets are produced by compressing the wood material which has first passed through a hammer mill to provide a uniform dough-like mass.

Pellets come in many different types i.e. hickory, apple, peach, pecan.

What type of wood should you use. hickory, pecan, apple, cherry, peach or mesquite?

Now, chucks or chips?

I like chucks, because they burn long and give off a lot of smoke.

If you are going to use chips, put them in a bucket of water for 30 minutes before putting them on your coals. If you are using a gas grill and it does not have a smoker chamber, you can take aluminum foil, make a pocket, and place the wood in it. Seal it up and poke holes in the top and place on your grill or burners.

### Barbecue Tools

1. Wire metal brush. Use it to clean the grill grid as soon as possible after grilling.

2. Heat-Resistant Gloves. The best way to remove food from the grill or smoker, or to shift it around.

3. Mopping Brushes. Mopping or basting is a big part of barbecuing. It is an easy way to put sauce on your meat.

4. Kitchen Syringe. Some foods, especially poultry, benefit from injection of spices and liquid.

5. Instant-read meat thermometer. This will give an instant read on your meat's internal temperature.

6. Heavy-duty, Long-handled, Spring-loaded Tongs. Tongs are the one tool a griller can't do without.

## PART II

In July we will chat about meats, poultry, fish, vegetable, sauces, ribs and spices.

# Add veggies and fruit to your cakes



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## Carrot Cake

This column on carrot cake is in response to a reader's request for a dessert recipe.

It was sweet of her to make her request known and I love hearing from my readers.

I like the surprise of sneaking veggies into cakes. Once I made a chocolate cake from scratch then I put sauerkraut in it.

Was it crazy? No.

The cake was deliciously moist and the best ever with no hint at all of the sauerkraut.

Veggies will generally be invisible except for the ones which add color or are grated a bit thick.

Adding veggies makes the cake moist. This is the case with the ever-popular carrot cake.

Carrot cake is a classic for spring celebrations. There are many carrot cake recipes. These easy tweaks will make it healthier without sacrificing any of its deliciousness.

### Ingredients

#### Wet Ingredients

- 2 ½ c. shredded carrots (3-4 whole carrots)
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- ¾ c. unsweetened almond milk or orange juice
- ¼ c. raisins
- 1/3 c. unsweetened applesauce
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

#### Dry Ingredients

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour\*
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/3 cup dark brown sugar
- grated orange zest (opt)
- 1 teaspoon stevia
- 1 cup toasted walnuts, chopped
- 1 cup coconut flakes

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees fahrenheit
  2. Line 10-inch x 5-inch loaf pan with parchment paper. Or grease with oil and dust with flour.
  3. Dry roast nuts in skillet for 7-8 minutes. Stir often. Don't burn. Cool completely. Chop.
  4. Grate carrots.\*\*
  5. In a large bowl, mix first five dry ingredients.
  6. In another large bowl beat the eggs using a whisk, until light and frothy.\*\*\*
  7. Add oil, orange zest, sugars and vanilla extract to eggs and beat until well blended (around 3-4 minutes).
  8. Add to dry mixture and blend thoroughly.
  9. Fold in carrots, applesauce, raisins, coconut and nuts.
  10. Fill loaf pan. Bake for 40 minutes until a toothpick inserted into cake comes out clean. Remove from oven and place on a wire rack. Cool completely.
- Serves 20. Slices will be 1/2 inches thick. After cutting, wrap air-tight and store up to 4-5 days in refrigerator.

\*\*Shredding carrots is a bit of a pain, but it's a chore that can be done up to a week in advance. Just transfer shredded carrots to an airtight container and refrigerate until needed. It's a great way to break up this labor-intensive recipe into bite-size steps so the cake can be baked and assembled with minimal fuss.

\*\*\*Whipped eggs contribute to the ability of the batter to accommodate the density of ingredients in carrot cake.

### Health Value

Carrot cake is one of those sneaky desserts that make you believe you're being virtuous (it's got carrots!), but it is quite high in sugar and calories. With a few easy substitutions, you can make a delicious carrot cake that actually is good for you. This recipe cuts calories and sugar while boosting fiber, yet it yields a delicious, moist carrot cake you'll be proud to serve to family and friends.

\*If you like, try some whole wheat. Its bran increases the batter's capacity for moisture absorption which keeps the cake fluffy and tender, despite the high volume of carrots. Like many vegetables, carrots are mostly water which is why carrot cake can sometimes seem dense and wet. Plus, whole wheat has more nutrients and fiber than white flour and a mild, nutty flavor that enhances the walnuts. Or you can use two cups of white flour.

Cut back on sugar by using fruit. Plus, fruits add fiber and antioxidants. Raisins, unsweetened applesauce or prune puree can be used to naturally sweeten carrot cake. Canned fruits in light syrup — crushed pineapple or mandarin oranges — are other possibilities, but be sure to completely dry these so the

cake is not soggy.

Carrot cake is traditionally served with a thick layer of cream cheese frosting. Yes, that frosting is so indulgent and, my dear chefs, you pay for it. A traditional one-layer carrot cake with cream cheese frosting has 365 calories and 31 grams of sugar. This recipe contains about 50 percent fewer calories and 66 percent fewer grams of sugar. The cake is good enough by itself to simply decorate it — immediately before serving — with a dusting of powdered sugar and/or coconut flakes

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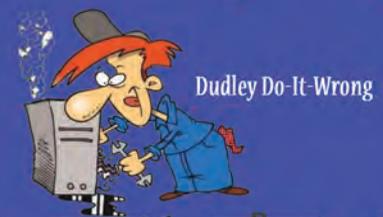
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## Decades later, our own veterans finally get to see the monuments in their honor and the return home they deserved

Forty-eight hours after completing an Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., On Top of the World resident Pete Caffentzis was still very emotional.

At Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee, Pete was asked to comment on his Honor Flight experience, which takes veterans to our nation's capital to see the monuments on display in honor of their bravery.

At times, Pete's heartbeat caused interruptions in his voice.

"That was the most emotional, gratifying event I have ever had," he said.

Honor Flight was created because many heroes came back from serving and never got the chance to see the monuments and memorials in Washington that were built just to honor them.

On this trip, Pete joined Tom Jamrozy and James Phillips.

Their plane left the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport at 4 a.m. and they returned home the same day at 8:30 p.m. There was a crowd of people at the airport welcoming them home - simulating the reward every service person should receive after coming home from a conflict.

Like many retired service personnel, Tom said he had never even been to Washington, D.C. Not on a vacation. Not on a business trip. Never.

It was the first time in his life he saw the war memorials.

"This was an excellent Honor Flight," Tom said at Get Acquainted Coffee. "There were 200 people at the airport. There was a tear in my eyes."

Honor Flight was the gratitude Pete had been waiting for.

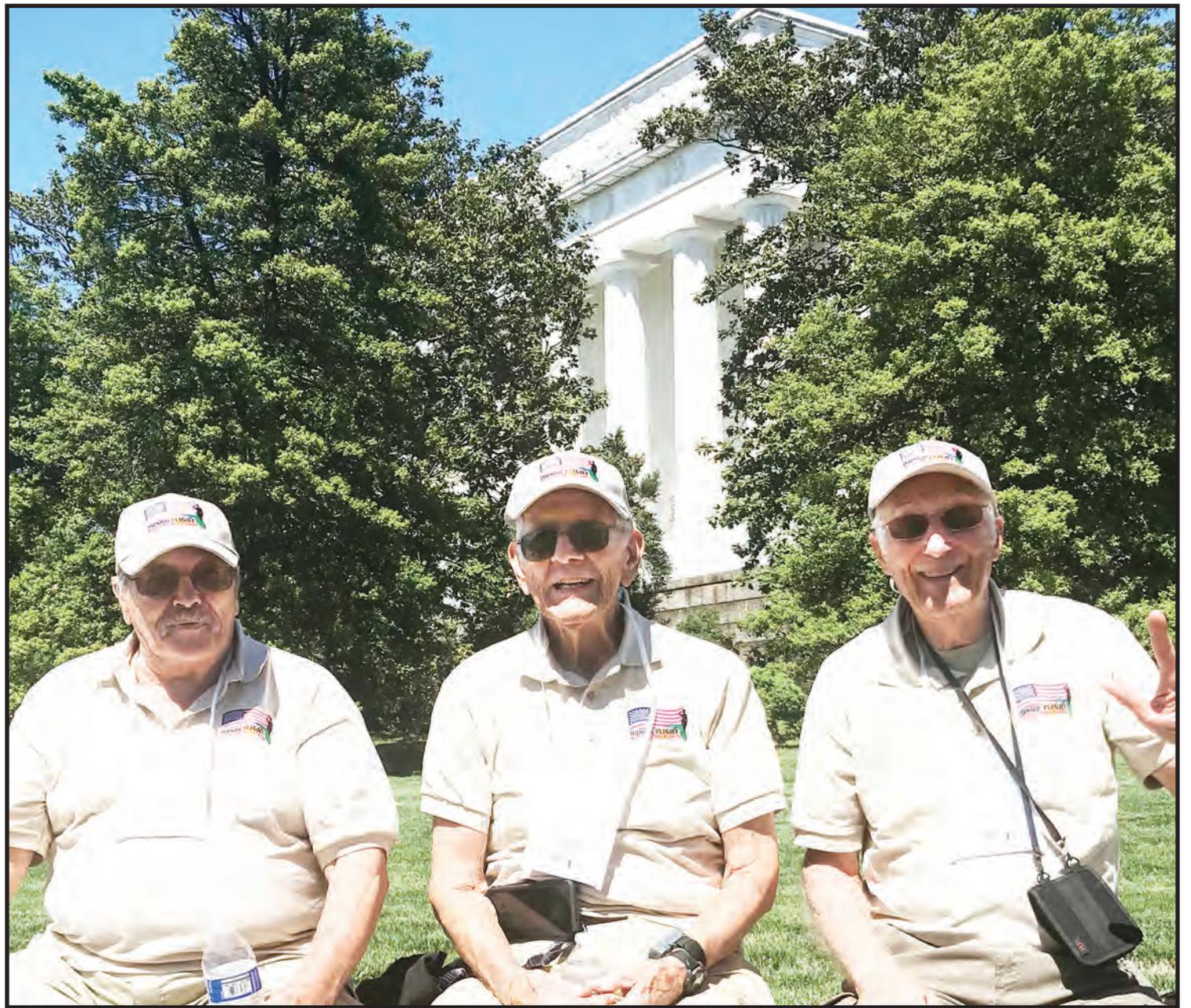
"I cannot believe it was 70 years ago I raised my arm and volunteered," he said.

James said the highlight for him was seeing the Korean War memorials. They were no longer pictures in a book. He finally got to see the monuments in person.

The day was made possible by our own On Top of the World Veterans Group and the West Central Florida Honor Flight program.

Two of our veterans in attendance were from the Korean War and one was from Vietnam and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Each veteran attended with a guardian. Pete said his guardian, Pamela Rosenblatt (OTOW resident, veteran and leader of our Veterans Group) was a blessing.



Tom Jamrozy, left, Pete Caffentzis, center, and James Phillips take a break at the Lincoln Memorial.

"She made sure that whatever I needed got done," Pete said.

The trip started with a flight on Allegiant Airlines to Washington, followed by a bus ride to our nation's capital.

Everyone visited the World War II Memorial, the Vietnam War Memorial, the Korean War Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial.

"The visit to the memorials was an experience that each veteran and individual can only feel as an emotionally challenging and soulful experience," Pamela said.

By 4:15 p.m., the sightseeing part of

the trip was done. After dinner everyone returned to the airport where a celebration awaited.

"It was truly a hero's welcome home," Pamela said. "It was an emotionally-charged and overwhelming experience beyond belief."

"The people who put on Honor Flight are an astonishing group of people," Pete said.

If any veteran from On Top of the World has never seen the tributes in Washington, our Veterans Group wants to hear from you. You should be on the

next plane.

If anyone wants to volunteer as a guardian, the experience is overwhelming.

"Being present on an Honor Flight or welcoming our veterans home is a patriotic experience everyone should experience at least once in their life," Pamela said.

For additional information about Honor Flight or the On Top of the World Veterans Group, write to [otowveteransgroup@gmail.com](mailto:otowveteransgroup@gmail.com), or Honor Flight of West Central Florida at [info@honorflightwcf.org](mailto:info@honorflightwcf.org). You can visit their website at [www.honorflightwcf.org](http://www.honorflightwcf.org).

If you are away for the summer, make sure someone is checking your condo

## Do your part to make sure emergency personnel do not knock on your door in the middle of the night

Imagine laying in bed sleeping soundly and all of a sudden your doorbell rings madly!

In the middle of the night, no one ever wants to be awoken by an untimely event, but it happened at the Granada building in May and everyone else should take note and learn from the events that took place that night.

By the time I got out of bed, opened my door and looked over the second floor banister, Niagara Falls was flowing from the third floor to the second floor to the first floor to the ground below where a crowd of residents had already gathered.

The On Top of the World maintenance department was there, along with the fire department and Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

Water was coming out of a neighbor's unit on the third floor.

No one answered the door.

No one knew how to contact the owner.

No one had a key to get in.

The door had to be forced open in an attempt to stop the rush of water.

Eventually, water was shut off at the main outside and maintenance spent hours collecting water from the second and first floors.

Moral of the story ... this could happen at your building.

Read what is written in the monthly On Top of the World newspaper.

Have your pipes and hot water tank checked, especially if you will be away from your unit for an extended period of time.

Please leave a spare key with a neighbor or friend in your building. Make sure your building captain and the OTOW Community Service Office have a way



to contact you if you are away from your unit.

For residents in our Granada building, you can contact me to update your summer location, your emergency contact information and even drop off a spare key.

Email: [toni.one@aol.com](mailto:toni.one@aol.com) or send a text to (770) 313-1450.

Our building roster has not been updated in a long time. This incident is a good reminder for us, and every resident, to update on a regular basis.

On another note, please make certain you have homeowner's insurance that will cover water damage.

For a more detailed list of what to do to prevent damage in your condo and to your neighbors' condos, please read Ken Colen's column in this newspaper every month.

Next, I would like you to read a letter from building resident and veteran, Tom Jamrozy, who recently took part in an Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C., to see the tributes and memorials to various veterans.

"I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all the people who put together



Granada resident and U.S. veteran, Tom Jamrozy, gets a welcome home kiss from his wife, Barbara, after returning home to the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport after an Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C. The airport was full of welcome home cheers.

Mission 41 Honor Flight on May 10 to Washington D.C.

"I visited all the memorials and monuments that are dedicated to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

"Thank you also to all of the OTOW friends, neighbors and family who were there at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport to welcome us home.

"I also want to thank everyone who sent a card or letter for my mail call. I received over 200 wonderful, emotional

pieces of mail that I will cherish forever.

"Thank you, Tom Jamrozy."

Our next building luncheon will be held on June 13 at the Olive Garden, 29461 US Highway 19 North. Please sign up in advance next to elevator. See you at noon.

We had a wonderful turnout for our last luncheon, which took place at the Cracker Barrel.



On Top of the World resident, and veteran, Peter Caffentzis, recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Members of the On Top of the World Veterans Group stopped by his condo for a birthday party and to help honor the big day. This picture is from the party. Peter is wearing the brown hat. Peter also was one of three residents who took part in Honor Flight last month.





This is one of the many beautifully-decorated patios at the Mandalay building. (OTOW News photo by Irene Pappas)

## Spring luncheon held May 28 at the Pavilion

Mandalay residents are enjoying a new burst of spring.

Many of us who reside here love to nurture and display our flowers. We feel very fortunate to be able to enjoy our wonderful climate enabling us to have something blooming throughout the whole year.

On May 28 our building held a luncheon at our East Activity Center Pavilion. Both existing residents and new members enjoyed.

Details will appear in the July newspaper.



## Annual Meeting on YouTube

If you will not be in Clearwater on Friday, June 17, you will still be able to view the On Top of the World Annual Meeting from anywhere in the world. The meeting will be live on YouTube.

The morning of the meeting, please get the YouTube link for the meeting by visiting [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) or [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com). Simply copy and paste the link into your favorite computer browser.

There is a chance the link will change the morning of the meeting, so please visit either website an hour before the meeting begins to see if the link has changed.



### June 1997

- **Father's Day Dance:** We could just as well call it a "Grandfather's Day" Dance since, after all, most of our male population at On Top of the World could be classified as a father, grandfather or great-grandfather, or all three. Whichever category you fit in, you are invited to our upcoming dance at the East Activity Center. It's on June 14, 1997. Time is 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. The TrebleClefs will entertain with great music for dancing.

- **Irish Club:** Our next regular meeting will be Friday, Dec. 12, 1997. It will be a Christmas Dinner Dance. This will be the last column for the Irish Club until the October issue of the newspaper. I want to report on the terrific fun evening for all who watched and enjoyed guest entertainer Danny Justice recently. There were two-plus hours of continuous laughter at his wonderful stories and Irish humor, interspersed with music, singalongs and songs by this wonderful artist. I hope you enjoy the warmth of summer, wherever you may be.

- **Men's Golf:** On Tuesday, May 13, 1997, at 1 p.m., a special membership meeting was held in the computer room to witness a demonstration on how to utilize a computer program for computing tee times, handicaps, prize monies and a few other goodies that may be derived from the system. There was a short question and answer period following the demonstration, after which President Marty Sinacore called for a show of hands from the members present to indicate an interest to pursue further investigation in adopting such a system. The response was positive.

- **Shuffleboard Club:** On Thursday, May 1, 1997, the Shuffleboard Club was treated to a cookout, which consisted of hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad and soft drinks. Marx and Beverly Kristek were in charge and did a fine job. Many thanks to them from all the shufflers. Recent three-game winners include Ruth Logan, Beverly Kristek, Dotty Lavelle, Rosemarie Starr, Tony Sgro, Anna Mae Fraser, Audry Hayes, Muriel Morrison, Jerry McQuinn, Ed Hayes, Ken Barse and Tom Bradley.

- **Mediterranean Building:** Gus and Laurie Nedik recently hosted a wedding reception for their son, Gary, and his wife, Donna, from Maine. Guests included Gary's children and his brother. As a reminder to our building residents, please read Loretta's notices, etc. on the building bulletin board. Treasurer Marion Broadhurst resigned. Thanks Marion, for your many years of service. John Ward agreed to serve in that position until election time. Thanks again to our energetic neighbors who planted and are caring for the attractive flowers and shrubs. Three cheers to our custodian for maintaining our building and the areas.

- **Royal Chateau Building:** The newspaper is now on its summer schedule of printing one issue per month. Have a great summer to all who are leaving. We will look for your return in the fall. We understand we have a few new additions in our building, so a big welcome to you all. Our committee has been busy repairing some bad nosings (those are the edges of a stair tread that projects over the stair riser) on our tower stairs carpeting. Thanks, guys -- much appreciated. If you see anything that you feel should be taken care of, contact your committee. The last time I looked, it seems that the sprinkler system installed along the grass areas in front of apartments is working well.

# Emerald Isle roasts hot dogs in March and makes a pizza road trip in April

Apologies!

Last month we accidentally published the wrong article.

So, this month will include chunks from what should have been in the May newspaper plus an update to June.

An Emerald Isle building celebration on March 24 was well-attended by more than 40 residents. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but my co-reporter, Judy Hetrick, was kind enough to cover it.

We had hot dogs made by Tom Butcher, our resident chef, and wonderful sides and desserts contributed by our neighbors.

The way we live here at On Top of the World is unique in that we live independently, yet our building and its residents are like a second family.

Judy goes on to say, "My daughter was visiting from Pennsylvania with her new baby (puppy) Gingersnap. Everyone loved Gingersnap. When my daughter left, she said that she wasn't worried about me because I was surrounded by good friends. What more can I ask for unless it's to remember where I put things?"

Our April luncheon was held at Queen's Pizza. Thanks to Joyce Donnelly for sponsoring this event. Also, muchas gracias to Cheryl Butcher for updating our building list and distributing it. It's so generous of you, Cheryl, to donate your



time to our building.

Congratulations to Tom Butcher who is the newly-elected president of the OTOW Press Association. Tom writes a monthly article about some delicious recipe he's cooked up. Be sure to also catch Cheryl's article about the Knitting Club.

Game day is going strong. We played the CLR dice game (Center, Left, Right) at Liz Buckley's home and in April we played at Cheryl's home. In May we played at Maryann Nargi's home.

Having a great time are: Cheryl Butcher, Liz Buckley, Joyce Donnelly, Nancy Younts, Maryanne Nargi, Susan-Cohen, Dave Bucchiere, Lance Goonan, and yours truly. We welcome any neighbors who enjoy playing games.



Judy Hetrick, center, stands behind her daughter, Kay, and Gingersnap during a building luncheon in April. Also at the table is Nancy Younts.

In May we bid adieu to our winter residents. Hope to see you all back again next fall. Welcome to our new residents,

Daniella and Edwin Camacho and Graciella Berta.

Happy Dad's Day to all the dads.

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# Ginger Carrier celebrates 100

Ginger Carrier celebrated her 100th birthday with the help of many friends and family on May 9 at the Pavillon.

Wow.

In 1922 eggs were only 35 cents a dozen, gas was 30 cents a gallon and bread 5 cents a loaf.

Ginger was born in Richmond Hill, N.Y. and eventually attended Geneseo Teacher's College and then taught in Lyn-denhurst, N.Y.

Having met the love of her life, Don, she married him in 1944.

Don had been in the Navy so they corresponded religiously during World War II. Don's ship was sunk, but luckily he survived.

Ginger and Don decided to get married. They settled in Moriah, N.Y., where they would live for the next 70 years.

Along the way they had Maureen and Dale.

Ginger is a model for a life well-lived. She loved to travel, do parties, play



bridge, shop and, of course, be with family and friends.

We should be so lucky to have a full and happy life like the one Ginger has lived and deserved.

Among her family who helped celebrate her 100th birthday were son Dale and his wife Diane, granddaughters Alys-sa Carrier and Lyndsay Cheeley, and two great-grandchildren.



Ginger Carrier is seated above. Behind her, left to right, are Maureen Finguerra, Diane Carrier and Dale Carrier.



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# Fujiwara has 20 furry reasons to make you smile



Pictured here are Jazzy and Lucy from the Fujiwara building.

Fujiwara has gone to the dogs!

You may not know the names of your neighbors, but chances are you know their dogs.

From teenie weenie Yorkie mix, Daisy, to giant golden doodles, Micky and Rusty, we've got all sorts.

There's chocolate lab, Boo.

Havanese, Teddy.

And West Highland Terrier, Baby, who's a favorite among the smaller male dogs.

Mutts are a testament to nature. Without any input - some might say interference from humans - the mixed breeds defy description.

Willow is a mutt, as is Buddy, but they are as different as night and day.

There are four chihuahuas in our building and they are the most populous breed at Fujiwara. They are Jazzy, Tank, Tinsel and Peanut.

Wiley is a Pomchi and Stella is a Chiweenie.

We have two terrier mixes, Lulu and Tootsie, plus Shih Tzu mix, Sammy, Maltese mix, Lovie, Beagle mix, Daisy, and Shepherd mix, Alice.

All told, 20 dogs share life with the



residents of Fujiwara.

Celebrate Best Friends Day with your dog on June 8.

A note to all residents: Please appreciate that the areas both inside and outside the building, i.e., the common areas, are part of your home. With that in mind, please clean up your own coffee spills, litter, garbage, laundry room malfunctions, and pet messes to keep your home (and ours) tidy.

Please be sure to share any good news or great stories with me, Tara Still, 727-577-8145, taracpa@gmail.com.

# You know Madeleine Fontaine for her exercise workouts, but she is also an artist

Happy smiles and greetings are sent your way from the folks who live at Bavarian Chalet, especially one very special resident named Madeleine Fontaine.

Madeleine is probably one of the most well-known residents at On Top of the World because of her involvement in so many exercise, cardio dancing and line dancing classes.

Madeleine came to Florida five years ago from Quebec City, Canada. She is the proud mother of three children and eight grandchildren who are filled with energy and positivity just like their mamma.

One thing some people may not know about Madeleine is the artistic talent she has and discovered only five years ago. She gives the credit to her teacher, Norman Dionne.

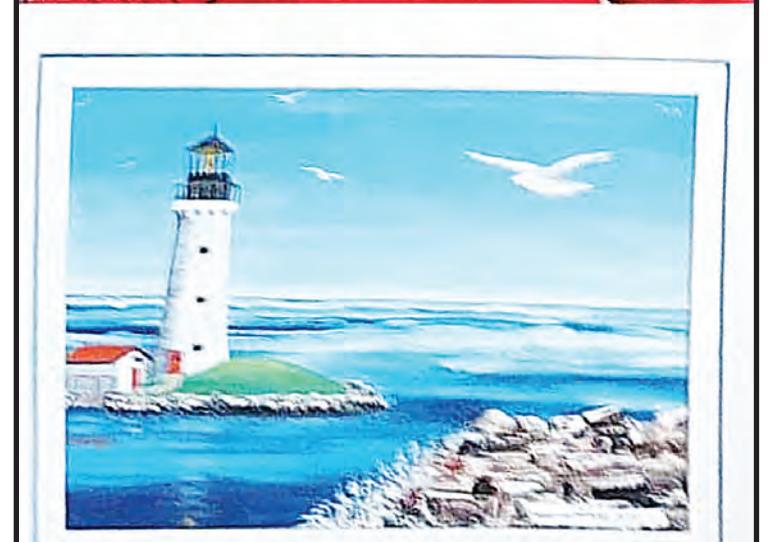
Her home is decorated with many beautiful paintings she did of her childhood home, plus beach scenes. My favorite is the "Lighthouse and the Rocks."

The biggest dream for Madeleine was to retire in Florida at the beautiful community On Top of The World with thanks to her son, Eric, who made this all possible.



Another happy and smiling day at the Bavarian Chalet was the raising of a second, new, American flag and Prisoner of War flag, with a beautiful program under the directions of JoAnne Wallend, one of the building coordinators.

As you go through your day, I hope you will find lots of reasons to share a smile and say hello to everyone you meet in our beautiful community.



Madeleine Fontaine holds her lighthouse painting.

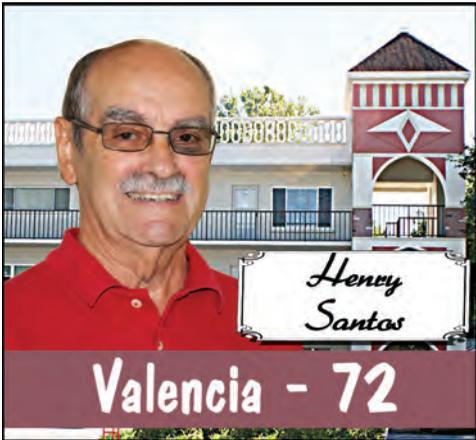
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# Pauline's Lunch Bunch celebrates inaugural outing with two-hour breakfast



The inaugural Pauline's Brunch Bunch took place May 3 at the Paradise Restaurant.

Valencia building residents held their inaugural Pauline's Brunch Bunch meeting on May 3.

They met for breakfast at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor and by all accounts it was an unmitigated success.

You know how breakfasts generally last for about 45 minutes to an hour or so, well, this one lasted nearly two hours.

Reports were that the conversations never ended, the topics were all over the place, the tone was very friendly and there was continuous smiles and laughter.

That's the best kind of laughter, too - face to face, not e-mailed or texted.

Boy, they had a good time. Pauline

Santos talked about it for days.

I see that On Top of the World has replaced the lawns in the front of several of our units with some much-needed new sod.

This was a very nice improvement and I understand that there are a few more places to be done.

Nothing impacts the curb appeal of a unit more than a fresh green lawn. Kudos to OTOW.

In keeping with our tradition, on June 14, Flag Day, we will be saluting our flags

and pledge our allegiance. Every one is invited and encouraged to join in.

Although there is nothing yet planned for after this ceremony, we may just go out together for a breakfast.

Also as a reminder, Gus and Joy Longo are making arrangements for a building outing to a Threshers' game as part of an Independence Day celebration, which includes fireworks - probably the largest post-game fireworks display of the season.

And, this is very important, there will be a special on Budweiser products! So be sure to bring your ID to prove you are of drinking age.

Please see Gus or Joy by mid-June to sign up for this extravaganza.

There are also discussions of a possible barbeque at the East Activity Center Pavilion in June or July. The details, when finalized, will be shared within the building by email and a sign up sheet in the foyer.

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# Our building has a race enthusiast with an expensive taste in cars

How fortunate we are to have such a great variety of things to do in our community.

From aqua aerobics to Writer's Ink and all in between.

The On Top of the World activities calendar fills an entire page of our newspaper. So, I decided to explore the idea of hobbies knowing that many in our building are uniquely creative.

There are hobbies that are free, hobbies that cost a bit of money, and then there are hobbies that are rather expensive.

One hobby not on our activities calendar is automobile racing. It is one of those expensive hobbies.

Let me introduce you to my neighbor, Mike Nyberg, who is a long-time auto racing enthusiast.

The Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe is Mike's all-time favorite car.

I learned from Mike that a 1965 Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe sold in 2009 for \$7.25 million. Today it may sell for \$22 million or more. There are only six such race cars (hand-built by



Carroll Shelby and his team) in existence today.

If you want to buy a current version of Shelby's original coupe, the contemporary carmaker will make one for you for \$110,000 plus, depending on the customizations for modern comfort and sustainability with a Ford Windsor engine.

Mike is full of information. Soon after retirement, Mike and his wife, Penny, visited relatives in the Daytona Beach area. It was here Mike saw the car he "could not live without" – a 1970 Mustang Boss 302 in bright yellow and sporting a hood scoop.



The photo above was taken at Waterford Hills Road Racing course in Clarkston, Michigan, where Mike Nyberg does open track events. At left is a 1970 Mustang Boss and at right is a 2013 Mustang Boss.

Mike bought the car and then spent the next seven years restoring it to its original design.

And then, towards the end of that restoration period, Mike decided to re-customize it for racing performance.

Mike also owns a 2013 Mustang Boss 302 commemorative model of the 1970 version. Designed to be a "race car with a license plate," the 2013 handles

much better on the track than the 1970.

Both cars are housed in a garage at Mike and Penny's primary home in Michigan.

Mike still races and visits Sebring International Raceway in mid-Florida for Sebring Speed Tours each spring.

He is a member of the Shelby American Automobile Club-Motor City Region and

he also continues to write for the club's newsletter (named for Carroll Shelby) which he published for 13 years until it eventually went to online access only.

One more fun fact: Mike has Carroll Shelby's autograph.

How cool is that?

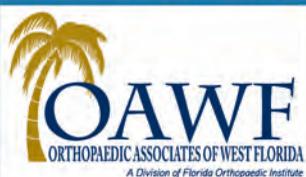
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Clyde Butcher, Escalante River Canyon I, 1977, silver gelatin print (detail)

# Wedding bells and road trips for the Villa



Jerry McDonald walks daughter, Stacy, down the aisle during a recent wedding.

Hello there boys and girls!  
Weddings, cruises, birthdays and lots of traveling were on the agenda here at Viennese Villa.

Jerry and Connie McDonald's daughter, Stacie, is pictured with proud dad walking the beautiful bride down the aisle. The nuptials were held at Fenway in Dunedin. The bride's cousin, world renowned pianist and composer, Robert Heitz, wrote and played a piece for Stacie.

Connie, as always, was a fashion plate and Jerry looked grand in his tux.

Eat your heart out 007!

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weed many years of wedded bliss.

Bill and Mary Cary took a road trip to Las Vegas where they met other family members from California for a grand holiday. Luck smiled on Bill in "Sin City."

Congratulations to their granddaughter who recently graduated.

Texas beckoned our chef "extraordinary" Randae Tornett. Randae enjoyed a vacation and met some old pals while traveling around. Randae said it was very fun, however, he was glad to be back.

Brian and Jerrie Lance were also in the "Lone Star" state celebrating Brian's birthday. They were in Austin at George Strait's venue. Celebrating a birthday with Brian was Willy Nelson, who turned 89. They all had a fabulous time.

Our two sailors, James Farmer and Bruno Nardizzi, were on the "high seas"



for a "back to back" cruise around the Caribbean. Think they hit about every port there. They said it was a great trip.

Chris Tuttle was feted at a local steak house for a birthday celebration. Joining in the fun was Lynn Constanza, Pat Brennan, Dana Garlick and your ever vigilante reporter. It was a "delicious" evening.

Steve Mazurek, the Villa's official "flag guy" will have "Old Glory" out on both sides for Flag Day on June 14. As always thank you Steve.

Next month be sure to read and see six generations!

And we have a very talented guitarist in at the Villa. Happy anniversaries and birthdays to all who celebrate this month. Until next we meet ... any news fit, write to me. fresca@maine.rr.com

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# Brunches and dinners are monthly events at American Gothic

American Gothic is a friendly neighborhood. You can tell by the events highlighted on our bulletin board.

Take a look.

There is always a social event happening for the building residents.

What's on our bulletin board this month?

This month you will find the time and date of our popular "Ladies Only Brunch." Monthly, the ladies' brunch buddies carpool to a neighborhood restaurant to eat and chat.

What else is on the bulletin board?

You can find the date and time for our building's monthly "Dinner Out." Sign up soon! Last month friends from American Gothic chowed down at Sea Dog Cantina for dinner.

If you have not, please give Ann Messina \$15 for your building dues. We are trying to fund some building landscaping upgrades and maybe a flagpole.



Summer is on its way. The flowers are blooming. American Gothic residents are biking, walking, swimming, kayaking, concert-going and just enjoying life.

American Gothic residents are wishing everyone to have a safe and happy summer.



American Gothic neighbors enjoy a monthly dinner at Sea Dog Cantina.

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# Ednamae Jordt turns 100

Those of us in the Dorado building helped our “original neighbor,” Ednamae Jordt, celebrate a milestone birthday on May 16 - her 100th birthday!

I had the opportunity to chat with Ednamae prior to her party and enjoyed listening to her stories. My theory is “when you’re 100, you can talk about anything you want.” Here is some of what she shared.

Born in Illinois, Ednamae, like many young girls, was interested in dancing. She took dancing lessons at a local dance school and participated in her first major performance at the World’s Fair in Chicago (1933). The group of dancers were dressed as Indian Princesses.

As time went on, Ednamae met and married Walter (Wally) Jordt. They have a son and daughter, Randy and Diane, as well as their spouses, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

When their children were married and grown, and retirement was getting closer, they began looking around in Florida for a place to settle down. To quote Ednamae, “There’s no place like Florida.” Each time Ednamae and Wally would return to Illinois after visiting Florida, their children would ask, “Did you



buy a place yet?”

In 1984, Ednamae and Wally bought their unfinished condo in our building.

The neighborhood here on the west side also consisted of the West Activity Center and the building next to the center. The rest of the area contained the lake and an abundance of orange trees.

In 1985, Ednamae and Wally were contacted by OTOW to visit and pick out wallpaper, flooring, etc. By 1986, the condo and the building were finally ready. She and Wally moved in to stay in 1987.

(While reminiscing with her over pictures, I couldn’t help but notice how open the area was and how tiny the trees were. Ednamae has certainly seen OTOW grow.)

Wanting to make this home, they began to meet people by at-



Ednamae Jordt (blue and white skirt with white top) celebrates her 100th birthday during an outdoor party with family, friends and neighbors.

tending concerts and shows as well as playing golf and bowling.

Ednamae heard about line dancing and joined the group right away. A few people from the Jesters group saw her line dance and invited her to join Jesters. She enjoyed both line dancing and Jesters for many years.

After 15 years with Jesters, Ednamae’s last performance was in 2004. She did a number from “Singing in the Rain.” She continued to collect tickets at the door for several more years. She kept up her support by attending performances until COVID canceled everything.

When her legs told her she

had done enough line dancing, she continued with the group announcing and playing the music. Ednamae made many good friends during those years.

During this time, Ednamae was also very active in our building. She served in our social club holding various offices, including president. She was also the welcome wagon for many years. In fact, that’s how we met. I didn’t have very many boxes unpacked before she knocked on the door, introduced herself, and began telling my husband and myself everything we needed to know about On Top of the World.

Later, when she saw me sit-

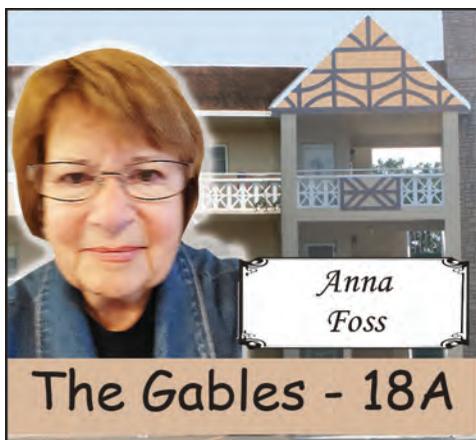
ting by myself at bingo, she practically dragged me to her table of friends to join them. She said, “No one from my building is going to sit by themselves.”

Although we have lost several of our bingo/bowling/card playing buddies, we enjoy years of memories here at OTOW.

I can now list important things I learned from my friend: Make good friends, keep active mentally and physically for as long as you can, and enjoy life while you make memories.

Congratulations Ednamae and thank you for being our friend and neighbor!

## The Gables send Snowbirds north with bellies full of pizza



Here at The Gables, we’ve been enjoying the fabulous weather, including the breath-takingly beautiful lightening storms.

More to come, I’m sure.

I’ve noticed on morning walks that not everyone walks facing traffic. This is important for your safety as well as for the safety of your pets.

Automobiles are often very quiet. If you walk facing traffic, it allows you to see what is ahead and rein in your pets. Also, this puts you on the bike path where you can see bicyclists coming and can move off the shoulder to accommodate two-wheeled riders.



On May 5, The Gables building held a pizza party before saying goodbye to Snowbirds for the summer.

A reminder, we have a pack of coyotes roaming our back fence. Coyotes hunt at night and small pets should be brought in before evening and leashed at all times when walking outdoors.

On a happy note, our building had a “Pizza on the Patio” event on Thursday,

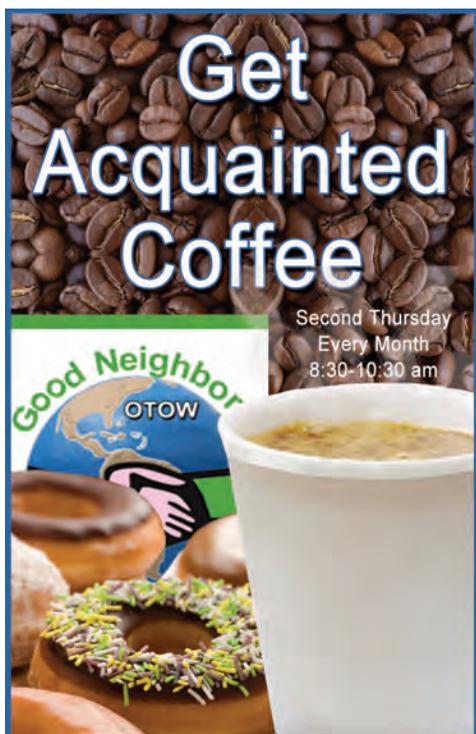
May 5, with delicious varieties of pizza from Queen’s Pizza. This was a last hurrah and farewell for our remaining Snowbirds. Music was provided by Remo Melucci and was enjoyed by all. Always a treat!

It was a beautiful evening for old friends to reconnect and a chance to make

new friends.

Food, good conversation, and warm breezes - it’s hard to leave when the weather is so perfect!

Stay safe and be well until we meet again!



Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee hosted Bill Castner in May and special guest appearances were made by Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, Nat King Cole and more.

On Top of the World residents and guests started the morning with a free cup of coffee and a danish, followed by morning announcements and introduction of guest vendors.

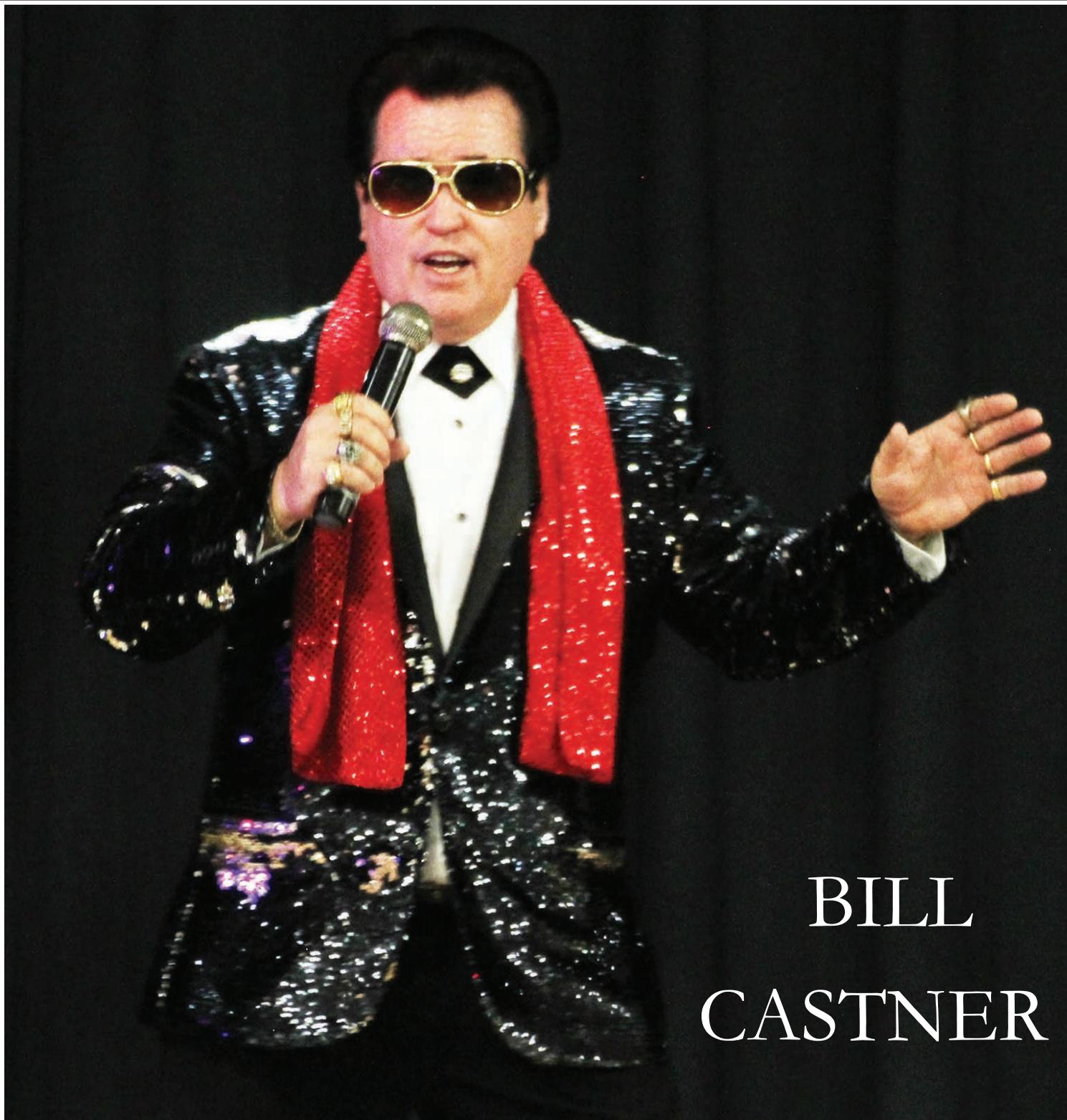
Four new residents were introduced to the community.

This was the final Get Acquainted Coffee of the spring, but the monthly event will return this fall.

Bill Castner performed live on stage and did a mix of music, comedy and magic. He sang some of the most treasured slow songs ever written and couples were able to dance in the aisles.

At the conclusion of the event, raffles were held and prizes awarded to those still in attendance.

Good Neighbors has some big announcements to make for the upcoming fall season. See their story in Section 2 of this newspaper.



**BILL  
CASTNER**

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

# Welcome to On Top of the World!

(OTOW News photos by MaryLou Wall)



Sheila Maddox of Arkansas



Cliff Brooks and Francesca Robbins of Connecticut



Rosalind Hine of New Jersey

# Siboney enjoys a picnic at Philippe Park



Siboney building had a great picnic held at Philippe Park

We enjoyed great food and desserts. President Tom Tarka was busy getting the barbeque ready for hamburgers and hot-dogs. A homemade potato salad, noodle salad and a bean salad were enjoyed by all.

Cookies and a strawberry salad was a special treat for everyone.

It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed the time together with our neighbors.

Do you know the pools are now open to 8 p.m. until October? I personally enjoy going for a walk in the pool after dinner and getting some laps in.

Please consider coming and enjoying this great amenity offered in our complex.

So many great options are available to residents so check out the sports, shows, dances, exercise classes, water aerobics and much more available to you.

Please pick up the On Top of the World newspaper from the bins and all the information will be listed.

This is a great place to live and if you



are bored, it's your own fault. Look for signs on the bulletin board for upcoming events happening.

I would like to tell you about two special anniversaries for four of our residents.

Lyn and Kevin Taecker will be celebrating 50 years while Barbara and Bob Stone will be celebrating 72 years.

Have a wonderful summer to all, and if you are traveling, please be safe.

Pictured at right is the Siboney building picnic held at Philippe Park in May. President Tom Tarka is busy cooking and Linda Tarka is setting up the table.



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# If you see a young Italian woman smiling on her patio, she is probably our Lucy

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Lucia Taravella, also known as Lucy, has lived in the Swiss Alps Chalet building for two years and has already made her mark as everyone's friend.

Lucy's is a true immigrant story, the backbone of what built America.

She was born and married in Italy, and came to the U.S. as a young bride.

Her husband, Gandolfo, had moved to America at the age of 13. When he returned to Italy on a visit, he met 19-year-old Lucy, and found his wife.

After moving to America, Lucy and Gandolfo chose to live in New York, first in Brooklyn and then settling down in Queens.

Lucy did not speak English and had to learn the language to make her way. She taught herself to read and write English, which is amazing considering her fluency today.

Gandolfo was a plumber, taking over and expanding his brother's business in Brooklyn.

For 35 years, Gandolfo and Lucy grew the business and their family, raising



three children.

When Gandolfo had a heart attack, they retired to Florida.

Interested in working, Lucy got a job working in a hotel in Tampa.

After living in Carrollwood for 10 years, Gandolfo passed away, followed by their son.

Lucy then moved to Sun City to be by her daughter, Maria.

After nine years in Sun City, Lucy decided to move to On Top of the World in Clearwater, to be near her other daughter, Christina.

Lucy is blessed with two wonder-



Lucia Taravella

ful daughters, and two sons-in-law who all take good care of her. She has several grandchildren, the only local one being a

star basketball player. Watching her granddaughter play in her school competitions are one of her favorite things.

Taking care of a beautiful garden is another favorite thing, which gives all of us pleasure with its various blooming plants and flowers.

Lucy also has a new white cat named Lily, who is 4 years old, and who she bonded with immediately. Lily comes when called - a unique trait for a cat.

Lucy keeps connected to Italy through cable television and watching Italian soap operas.

You want to learn Italian?

Go visit Lucy!

Actually, check the bulletin board first. Italian lessons are offered here at OTOW, during the winter months, plus there are other fun activities listed. Other information includes announcements for cleaning out the bike and storage rooms, and notice of activities for both the building and community.

Thanks to everyone who paid their \$10 dues to Ava Ciolli, our building captain. The dues go toward Christmas decorations as well as soda, plates, ice and food provided for our building picnics.

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Our building has recently transitioned from a single building captain to a committee consisting of Kathy Walker, Carol Whynot, Gerri Martin and Jackie Rappolt. More about these amazing women will be reported in future articles.

We would like to thank Pete and Clara Fratus, who decorate our third-floor core for every holiday, along with Mike Albano for allowing us to use his table and chairs to display these amazing pieces.

Karen Phipps and Barney Hanrahan added their creative flair to our main core to the delight of everyone entering this area.

Kathy Walker, who not only schedules and coordinates our monthly outings, but is also head of the Sunshine Club, sends out birthday and special oc-

casation cards.

Our monthly bingo callers Les Whynot, Barney Hanrahan and Steve Caffey always keep us entertained and holding our

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**OTOW NEWS**

## WORDMIX

Unscramble the six words listed below.  
If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month.  
If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words.

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**SECRET WORD:**

Last month's scrambled words: Pappy, IGLOO, COLORS, NICELY, ICEBOAT, CABBAGE. Secret Word Last Month: PICNIC



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8 AM and 12 Noon: Exercises with Jessica and Cammy from Ocala

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# Vito Betti and Elle Belle make it official - no more singles' bars, they are married

Spring, as the old saying goes, is when a young man's fancy turns to love. This saying is certainly true for the Bohemia building as we celebrated our first ever dog wedding.

On May 2, Vito Betti from our building wed Elle Belle from a neighboring building. The ceremony was officiated by our building captain.

The bride wore a satin gown trimmed with pearls and a sheer veil accented with crystals. The groom was decked out in a tuxedo complete with top hat.

A reception followed immediately with approximately 20 residents in attendance. A special cake made from dog food, shaped like a bone, was served to the wedding couple.

Nine women in the building decided to relive the days of old by spending an afternoon, in the yard, tie-dying T-shirts. The girls enjoyed this lost art and just spending the time together. The amazing part of this activity is that each shirt is unique in design and color.

The dinner out this month had 20 residents in attendance. Jack Willies was their choice as it's known for its seafood.

Mother's Day was special for Jutta



Lane, daughter Nicole, and Maria Denehan and daughter, Yolanda. The ladies, along with other friends, spent seven days on an Alaskan cruise. They admit it was cold, but the sites were spectacular and they would do it again.

Our "Girls' Day Out" this month was at the Morean Art Center in St. Petersburg. The gallery features local, national and international artists who work with many different media. Following their viewing of the talented artists, the girls found a unique restaurant for lunch.



Vito Betti and Elle Belle tied the knot in May with full wedding attire.



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# Reporter discovers it is possible to watch the sun rise in Jupiter and set in Clearwater on the same day



This park in Jupiter, Fla., is dedicated to actor Burt Reynolds. Phyllis King couldn't resist having her picture taken with the sign.

Spring has sprung for Malaguena residents.

And we are getting around, including yours truly.

My husband and I recently took a long-awaited (delayed because of you-know-what) trip to Florida's other coast, the area known as the Treasure Coast.

We stayed in Jupiter, a beautiful town on the Atlantic coast.

The resort where we stayed is right on the beach and each morning we got up in time to see a spectacular sunrise.

Here on the west coast, folks gather in the evening to watch sunsets. On the east coast, folks watch the sunrise.

Florida is one of the few states where you can see a sunrise and sunset from the beach on the same day. You could actually start on the east coast and see a sunrise and drive to Clearwater on the same day to see a sunset in plenty of time.

There's lots to see in Jupiter, but one thing I like is the park named after the actor Burt Reynolds. I couldn't resist taking a picture with the sign. He lived here and filmed movies in the area. He was beloved by the town and the park was dedicated in 1985.

But we weren't the only ones traveling in May.

Candice and Fred Peace, and Candice's mom, Carolyn Hendrickson, also an On Top of the World resident, took a month-long cruise to Hawaii and Alaska.

The cruise included five ports of call



in Hawaii with its lush greenery, waterfalls, hula girls and guys, and of course, the majestic Pacific ocean.

The trio had a connecting trip into Seattle, which included stops at Pike's Place to see the market and the "flying fish."

In Alaska, they saw glaciers and humpback whales and experienced a snow whiteout. It was a once-in-a-lifetime trip!

Our June 7 building dinner will be at Frenchy's Outpost Bar & Grill on the beautiful Dunedin Causeway. This is a fun place with great food and a wonderful location. Signs and sign-up sheets will be posted on both bulletin boards.

Remember, if you've done something interesting, taken a trip, had a surprise visit from family, have an unusual hobby that you'd like to share, let me know so I can write an article about it. Everyone loves to hear what others are doing!

## OTOW CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for permanent or temporary change of address. This form may be dropped off at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center or mailed to:

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# Chetnik has five members of the 90s club

This month the Chetnik building is recognizing our oldest residents.

Yes, welcome to the 90s.

I am just sharing some fun facts about these amazing people, although after speaking with each of them, I could author a book!

They live independently, have extraordinary lives and are extremely active in our community.

Joseph Tancredi is 95 years old and has been at On Top of the World since 2012. He is a native of Newark, N.J., and has four children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Prior to retirement he was an expert carpenter and contractor.

Phil Meissner is 94 years old and has been living at OTOW since 2003. He is a native of New York City. He has two nieces, a grandniece and grandnephew. He is a retired schoolteacher and currently is the treasurer of the OTOW travel club.

In 1972-1973, Phil had the opportunity to travel around the world. He found Cape Town, South Africa, to be quite interesting and while there he gave a lecture to a college group who had no idea what the rest of the world was about.

Staying in South Africa was dangerous and going out was difficult and restricted to certain times, but Phil found it to be a rewarding experience.

Theresa Kawalec is 94 years old and has been living at OTOW since 1992. She



is a native of the Bronx, N.Y., and has six children, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

For the past 20 years, Theresa has been a contributing writer for Building 61 for this publication and did a wonderful job.

While in high school she majored in art and won science awards, moved on to college and received degrees in chemistry and medical research.

On Fridays, Theresa brings communion to shut-ins at OTOW and is an avid bridge player. For years she traveled on pilgrimages to South America, Italy, Portugal, France and Spain.

Betty McKay is 93 years old and has been at OTOW since 1992. She is a native of Indiana and brought her children up in Michigan. She has four children, three



Seated, left to right, are Theresa Kawalec and Betty McKay. Standing are Tom Wright and Phil Meissner. Absent from photo is Joseph Tancredi.

grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Betty owned an arts and crafts business for years and is the author of a book called "Repousse."

She taught the form of decoupage and the art of cutting nationally.

Betty is an avid golfer with multiple holes-in-one (two here at OTOW) and is still golfing.

Tom Wright is 91 years old and has been living at OTOW since 2001. He is a native of Long Island, N.Y., has two children, three grandchildren and one great

grandchild. He served in the Air Force and is an avid golfer.

Prior to retirement, Tom owned a fuel oil business and a franchise which offered services to clean painted tile roofs.

Thank you, Joseph, Phil, Theresa, Betty and Tom for your time. It is a pleasure to get to know all of you.

Reminder, on Thursday, June 23, from 5-9 p.m., the Chetnik building will be having their first annual cookout for Chetnik residents at the Pavilion. Watch for sign-up sheets.

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# If passing by the Rural French building, do not be surprised to see a couple of cats out for a walk



Cats being walked on a leash?

At Rural French, we have two neighbors who live on different sides of our building - one on Persian Drive and one on Rhodesian Drive. They take their cats outside for fresh air and exercise and walk them on a leash.

Stan and Alison Doran have two cats. They've been residents of Rural French for eight years, originally hailing from Maine. Stan was a production manager for General Dynamics and Alison was a judicial administrative assistant for the Maine Court System.

The Dorans' cats are MeiLing, a Siamese cat that's 7 years old, and Melody, a Calico mix that's 3 years old.

MeiLing is very finicky. She loves to walk outside on her leash and harness, but only when it's her idea.

Stan tried to get her ready for the picture, but she wanted nothing to do with the leash. Finally she gave in and the picture was taken.

MeiLing also likes chasing bugs and lizards when she's outside.

Melody is the opposite. She's content to just sit there and watch out the window.

Sharon Sanders moved to On Top Of the World from New York in September 2021. Sharon has had cats in the past but upon moving here she missed having a little furry companion by her side.

Sharon did a lot of research and finally found a beautiful female Persian kitten named Febee. Talk about a coincidence, Sharon's cat is Persian and she lives on Persian Drive. I wonder if her address had anything to do with her decision?

Febee has been a godsend for Sharon. Febee is a lot of fun. She loves to play and is Sharon's little shadow. Mostly, she likes to keep an eye on the many squirrels we



have here at OTOW.

The first time Sharon put the leash on Febee, she didn't fuss at all and loves it. Morning and night she walks on her leash in search of the squirrels. She's a very smart cat and can't wait to go for her next walk any time of the day.

In other building news, our building had two luncheons since our last publication.

On Friday, April 22, Floyd and Deborah Benning hosted our monthly luncheon at Prohibition Kitchen in Dunedin, a southern hospitality restaurant. We had 19 residents attend. They all enjoyed the food and each other's company.

Floyd and Deborah went above and

beyond with their generosity. Floyd had us all put our name on a piece of paper. Then a name was drawn and Floyd and Deborah paid the bill for the winners.

Kim and Bob Stackpole's name was drawn so they won the free lunch. They were very grateful for the unexpected good deed.

On Friday, May 13, Jim LeBlanc hosted the May luncheon. It was held at Cricketers British Pub and Restaurant in Dunedin. We had 22 residents attend.

Jim and Carmel LeBlanc had vacationing friends from New York stop in to say hello for the day. Ken and Pat Colletta were happy to join us for the luncheon.



At left is Stan and Alison Doran with MeiLing. Above is Sharon Sanders with Febee.

They were both impressed with the luncheon.

Everybody, once again enjoyed the food and each other's company. Both luncheons gave us good food, good company and a good staff. Some residents even had leftovers that they took home for dinner that evening.

We hope to see the same good participation in future building activities and it would be great if some new faces could join us. The signup sheet is on the building bulletin board if you'd like to host a building luncheon or dinner.

## VOICE Experience

Free concert at On Top of the World

Thursday, June 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

# Seventy-two years and several countries later, Max and Jo Ann prepare for another anniversary

June 25, 1950, was a milestone for Jo Ann and Max as they pledged their wedding vows and faced the world as Mr. and Mrs. Max Bethune.

This date marked the beginning of a classic marriage love story and a wonderful relationship.

Jo Ann Davis and Max Bethune were both born in 1931 just miles away from each other in Ohio, but they had not met until Jo Ann's friend introduced them.

At the age of 13, Jo Ann had her tonsils taken out and while she was in the hospital, Max, already a romantic at a young age, demonstrated his love for her when he brought her flowers.

This romantic overture marked the beginning of a love story and a loving relationship.

Max and Jo Ann dated exclusively all through their high school years until their wedding day. To celebrate their marriage, Max and Jo Ann went to Niagara Falls for their honeymoon. Shortly after they were married, the Korean War broke out and the newly married couple returned home to Ohio.

Max enlisted in the Air Force, which, at the time, was Army Air Force. It was subsequently changed to the Air Force.

Max enlisted as a private and was given military OJT (or what is commonly referred to as "on the job training").

Max was sent to France while Jo Ann remained in Ohio.

In 1956, Max was sent to Anchorage, Alaska, and Jo Ann was able to accompany him.

While in Alaska, Max and Jo Ann welcomed two daughters who were born 21 months apart.

Out of necessity, Jo Ann learned to drive while she lived in Alaska. At the time they lived there, Alaska was a United States terri-



tory as it was not yet a state.

After a tour in Alaska, Max was deployed to Bermuda for three years. While based there, Max and Jo Ann experienced an historic event. Max and Jo Ann witnessed President John F. Kennedy when he made his last international address.

After the stint in Bermuda, Max was sent to Germany for three years while Jo Ann became the trip coordinator for wives of enlisted soldiers.

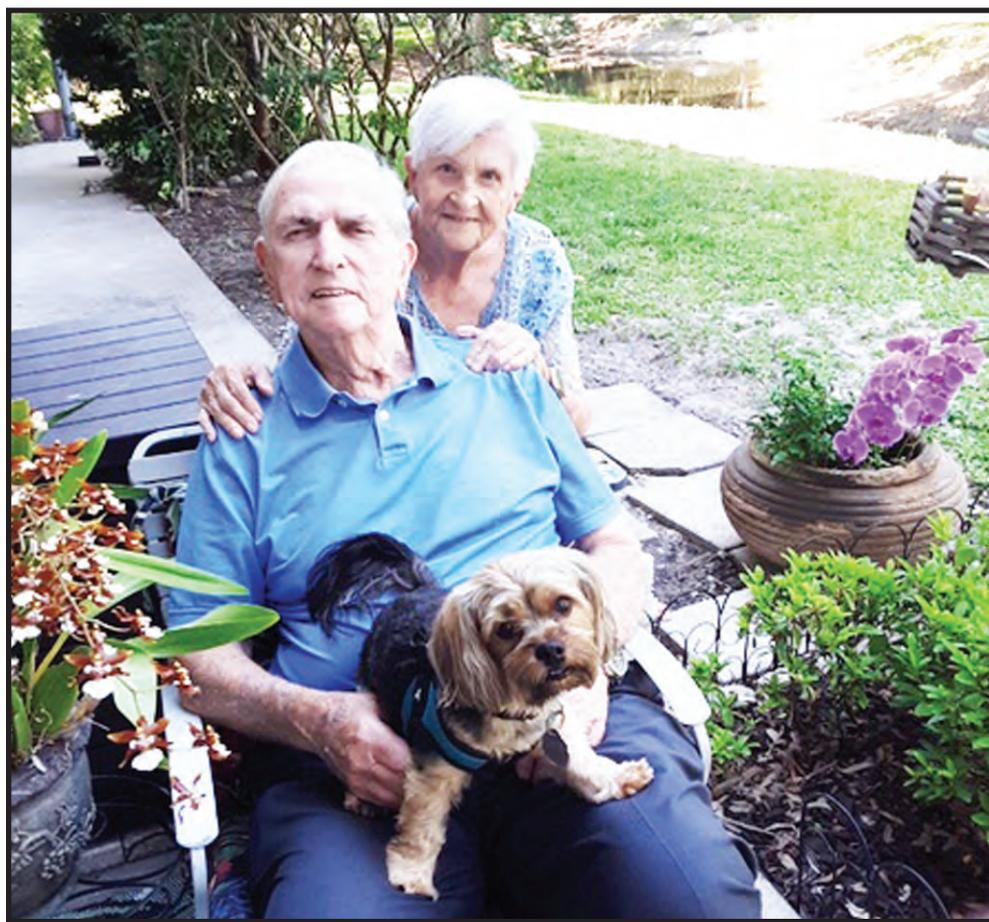
Jo Ann planned numerous trips during this time and visited, Italy, Great Britain, Sweden and Denmark among other countries,

After the European experience, Max was assigned to California for 18 months at which time he began to complete the paperwork necessary for his retirement.

On June 4, 1972, Max officially retired as a tech sergeant. A lifetime of military service had come to a conclusion.

Now, Max and Jo Ann had plans to move to Florida and embark on a new adventure.

Max and Jo Ann accepted positions at Bellevue/Biltmore as managers of seven buildings. Jo Ann acted as secretary and Max worked as manager of the buildings.



Max and Jo Ann Bethune and their dog, Rosie,

During this work experience, Jo Ann coordinated with local attorneys and assisted in the preparation and completion of Act 718, also known as Florida condominium rules and regulations.

Subsequently, Jo Ann obtained college credits for her life-work experience and graduated in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts in Art. She learned to play the organ and has traded in and upgraded 19 organs since.

Max and Jo Ann currently reside in

the Waterford building in our Paradise section. They have two daughters, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They have one fur baby who they call "Rosie."

Max and Jo Ann call themselves soul-mates of a match made in heaven. They are now looking forward to their 72nd anniversary on June 25 and also to many more years together.

Congratulations to Max and Jo Ann Bethune!

## Welcome Faith Beebe

# After 32 years with Department of Motor Vehicles, retirement to On Top of the World is welcome

Welcome, Faith Beebe!

We are so happy you have joined our building community at On Top of the World.

You already bring smiles, fun and music to our corner of the world.

Faith grew up near Albany, in Altamont, N.Y. She graduated from St. Rose College, Albany, having studied business management.

She was fortunate to have toured internationally with the St. Rose women's chorus.

She worked for the Department of Motor Vehicles for 32 1/2 years and is happy to now be retired.

Faith is thrilled with OTOW, having moved here in November. She loves



line dancing, singing with our chorus and walking Pinellas County parks.



Faith Beebe

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