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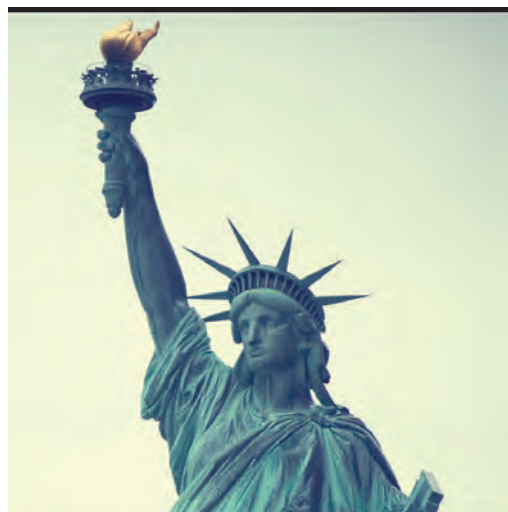
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## New York-New Jersey Club celebrates mom even when family cannot be here



New York - New Jersey  
Club

Mothers should have a special day – even when their family members are in different parts of the country.

The New York-New Jersey Club decided to make this happen.

For the first time, members of the New York-New Jersey Club combined efforts to give community moms a chance to be spoiled.

A special Mother's Day dinner took place in the East Activity Center Auditorium in May. There were beautiful balloons and table clothes, with a bag full of chocolate kisses at each table.

Dinner was catered by Mama Felice's Italian Deli and music was provided by DJ Frank.

Pat Hayes, president of the New York-New Jersey Club, said his membership wanted to try something new and at the same time make the moms in our community smile even if their children could not be here.

"This event was very successful," Pat said. "We sold 85 tickets and even picked up new members. People said it was wonderful and thanked us for hosting it."

The New York-New Jersey Club is making an attempt to host community events over the spring and summer even after our Snowbirds leave town. Club members are tired of hearing people say "nothing ever happens here when the Snowbirds leave."

So last year, for the first time, the New York-New Jersey Club held an indoor picnic in the Auditorium just to see if anyone would show up for a mid-summer event. The reaction was above expectations. It turned out to be a huge picnic in the air conditioning.

So a Mother's Day dinner was added as a second spring event and the second annual indoor picnic will take place on Thursday, Aug. 10, from 5-8 p.m. Felice's Deli will be supplying picnic-



The East Activity Center Auditorium was filled with moms and family one day in May as the New York-New Jersey Club introduced a special Mother's Day dinner celebration for the first time in the club's history. There was food and dancing, but most of all, there was a place to go even for moms with family out of the area.  
(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

style subs with pasta salad and more, Kathy McAbee will be providing music and the charge will be \$16. The event is open to any resident – not just club members.

But wait! There's more for this summer.

The New York-New Jersey Club will be teaming with Good Neighbors Association and the Veterans Group for a very special day on Friday, July 14. All three clubs are organizing a "Desert Night" to benefit active service people around the world.

Here's what is going to happen.

The organizers are asking other On Top of the World clubs to donate a unique dessert for the evening. It is a chance for other clubs to meet, plan and do something active over the summer. The more clubs that get involved, the more variety of desserts that will be available.

Then, admission to Dessert Night is free to residents, but when you walk in the door, you are required to drop off an item that can be packaged and shipped to an active military person somewhere around the world. Our own Veterans Group will make sure someone serving our country gets your donation.

What can you donate? Toothpaste, tooth brushes, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, energy bars – anything that



will travel without getting spoiled.

In return for your donation, you get to choose from the dessert donations plus karaoke music will be provided by disc jockey Jesse Tiamson.

Finally, after an active July and August, there may be some time in September to finally relax.

New York-New Jersey Club will be back on Thursday, Oct. 12, for Southwest Night from 5-8 p.m. in the Auditorium. Mama's Italian Catering will provide pulled pork and chicken strips.

You will have to try their special apple crumb cake. The cost is \$25 and anyone can attend.

Tickets for all New York-New Jersey Club events will be sold 8:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays, in the East Activity Center Auditorium. All club information tables will be in the EAC Clearwater/Kitchen Room on June 15.

You can even stop by the New York-New Jersey Club information table to join the club. The annual fee is \$5. Anyone from any state or country can join.





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# An elevator is so much more than a box with shiny numbers

### Elevator Talk

On Top of the World’s Parkway Elevator Division has been a state-licensed provider of maintenance services to the Clearwater community since 2015.

Parkway’s licensed elevator mechanics have more than 30 years of technical experience between them.

In any given month, they may perform preventative maintenance, total equipment replacements, troubleshooting, as well as scheduled and emergency repairs. This ensures that when interruptions do occur, the response time, and often the repair time, are by far more expedient than with outside companies.

Additionally, all elevators receive monthly preventative maintenance which equates to 12 times yearly for each one!

Recently, I had the opportunity to sit down and talk with your Management Company’s elevator team. I was curious to know some of the everyday challenges they face with any one of the 83 elevators that service the community.

Now, I must share with you that I am somewhat out of my lane when it comes to these types of technical talks, so I was very interested to better understand the day-to-day challenges and how they reach a resolution to get the elevator back in service as quickly as possible.

Long story short, elevator diagnostics is not an easy process. Often times it involves equipment manufactured by multiple vendors. If a problem is not obvious, a vendor needs to be contacted for additional support.

The process may require using numerous diagnostic steps to resolve. The elevator’s main controller (or “brain”) may not always provide a specific fault code related to the problem. When this occurs, it may require extensive troubleshooting and technical support phone calls to multiple vendor manufacturers, which may add a few hours to the process of bringing the elevator back online.

I, for one, would like to take this opportunity to thank our elevator repair crew for their hard work and continued commitment to the community and for keeping our elevator equipment operating reliably and safely. If you could take a few minutes to thank them, I know they would appreciate it.

Tune in next month for “Roof Talk.”

**Did You Know About These Great Tips?**

**Community Service Office Saturday Hours**

Are you unable to visit the Community Service Office (CSO) during our regular hours of Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon or from 12:30-3 p.m.?

For your convenience, the CSO will be open Saturday, June 17, and Saturday, July 15, from 8 a.m. to noon. You may renew your Activity Card or Access Card (Fitness Center), obtain your initial Activity Card or Access Card, inform us of a service-related issue, or ask us a question about our community.

To renew or obtain an Activity Card or an Access Card, please remember to bring a valid photo ID, a piece of mail delivered to you at your OTOW address, and the appropriate fee (if any).



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### Board Duty

One of the duties of the Board is enforcement of the provisions of the Declaration, By-laws, and Association rules.

Enforcement action may only occur on valid Association matters reinforced by factual information. If you are witness to a violation, I encourage you to write to the Association. If a violation is brought to you by a “well meaning” neighbor, please encourage them to document the facts and send the information to the Association.

The Association does not act based on hearsay or rumors. Matters that require action must be documented and supportable for legal follow-up.

The Association requests that when providing information, you provide specific date, time, location and specific description of what you observed. This is especially important when you write regarding possible rule violations.

### Driver Courtesy

One-way traffic signs are used to inform motorists that traffic on a street or parking lot entrance is traveling in one direction only.

The one-way traffic sign is a regulatory sign and drivers encountering a one-way sign must travel in the direction that the sign indicates.

Drivers must not travel in the opposite direction of a one-way sign due to the risk of a head-on collision.

While a crisis may be avoided, the reality is that the consequences can be very real. Not following directional signs can be a dangerous decision that may not only impact the driver involved, but others as well, and the outcome could be life altering.

So, the next time you encounter a one-way sign, please follow the direction, for yourself, as well as others in the community.

### Smoking Areas

The community pools, activity centers, dog park and Pavilion areas are non-smoking areas. Smoking is not permitted within 20 feet of either activity center or swimming pool.

The tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits and lawn bowl areas are also non-smoking venues.

All building elevators are areas within the community where smoking is not permitted.

“No Smoking” signs cannot be posted

on the walkways, ends of buildings or core entrances as they are considered open air and therefore not subject to the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act.

### 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 the 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 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 once. 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.

### 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.

For a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911.

For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

### After Hours

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.

### OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page and look for the “Sign Up Now” box 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!



**Pictured above is a beautiful, designated smoking area On Top of the World created alongside the East Activity Center swimming pool. Smokers can sit peacefully, enjoy their hobby and respect fellow people at the pool.**


**Pictured below is people not using the designated smoking area - instead throwing butts behind bushes. Please use the designated smoking areas.**

**Community pools, activity centers, the dog park, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits, lawn bowl area and the Pavilion are non-smoking areas.**

**Smoking is not permitted within 20 feet of either activity center or swimming pool.**

**Please help keep our community beautiful.**





## What you should know: WATER HEATERS

Water heaters traditionally last 10-15 years.

It may be time to replace your water heater if it is...

- ...more than 10 years old.
- ...leaking around the base of the unit.
- ...not producing as much hot water.
- ...noisy.

If your water heater fails, you may be held financially responsible if it causes damage to surrounding units.

**When was the last time you checked your water heater?**



# General Meeting date set for June 15 -

The On Top of the World General Meeting date has been changed from June 9 to June 15 allowing the Board and Management Company time to understand if any legislative changes would impact the upcoming fiscal year operating budget.

There were numerous changes in Senate Bill 154 (SB 154) – the legislature’s “glitch fix” bill, which addressed problems created by last year’s Senate Bill 4D (SB 4D) - itself a response to the Surfside condo collapse on June 24, 2021.

Some changes were neutral. Some not so helpful.

Is SB 154 any better than the previous SB 4D legislation? That has yet to be seen.

For a more comprehensive review of the legislative changes, and their impact on the OTOW community, please visit [OTOWClearwaterInfo.com](http://OTOWClearwaterInfo.com).

At the June meeting, the Board will be asked to engage an engineering firm to begin the mandatory Milestone Inspections required in the new legislation. Multiple proposals were sought and received. Only one firm gave an acceptable proposal designed to comply with the SB 154 mandate.

The goal of the inspections is to determine if there are any structural deficiencies among our condominium buildings that need to be investigated further (Phase II). If none are found, then the next inspection cycle would be in another 10 years.

After the Milestone Inspection is completed, the Board must engage a qualified firm to perform a Structural Integrity Reserve Study (SIRS). This looks at the useful life of stipulated components and then establishes a dollar amount for reserves. This requirement would primarily affect the Fiscal 2024-25 budget cycle.

The most important matter before On Top of the World condo owners is that unless you vote to waive reserves this fiscal year, \$77 will be added to your monthly community services fee beginning July 1. It’s your choice. You will need to vote in this important matter.

The upcoming mailing provides many alternatives on how to cast your vote. One very easy way is in voting 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

**OTOWClearwaterInfo.com**  
**Click the “Association” tab**  
**Proceed to “Electronic Voting”**

This web page will provide you more information on how to opt in for this convenient and secure voting option.

Electronic voting closes on June 14, 2023, at 11 a.m.

**Cable and Internet Update**

Summit Broadband had made headway on resolving many of the reception problems some residents experienced. As of this writing, Summit Broadband believes the bulk of the reception problem is with the local, “off-air” channels. (It figures it would



affect the most watched channels.)

In our weekly meeting with Summit Broadband, Board representatives have stressed the need for Summit to establish a fiber link to the local providers. This is in the works according to Summit, and the link to the service will be expedited once a final agreement with Summit and the carriers is inked. As of this date, Summit Broadband does not have a specific date for service switch-over to fiber.

The other item was for Summit Broadband to provide signal testing in the same configuration as any owner would have, to measure performance of both internet speeds and video feed signals and uptime. To this end, Summit Broadband has established a test model within both of their two signal hubs.

We also asked Summit Broadband to install the same test set-up to several residents so the Board can be assured that the testing is mirroring actual customer viewing and experience. Otherwise, 4,005 condos have been connected to date. The redundant service connection has been completed and tested.

To state the obvious, the Summit Broadband service interruption that started on May 21 was completely unacceptable.

Several Board representatives were unable to speak directly or get a meaningful email response from Summit Broadband during the interruption to ascertain the cause of the outage, the expected duration, or if any customer data was compromised.

As Summit Broadband wrote in a recent email to customers, it appeared to be a high voltage surge - meaning a direct lightning strike on their primary headend. The outage ranged from the Miami area, up the west coast to Clearwater, and on to Orlando.

While service was mainly restored, there were still significant areas within OTOW affected by the interruption until May 24.

As a reminder, should you have any issues with your Summit Broadband service, please contact them directly, much like you would contact Duke Energy if you experience a power outage.

The frustrating part of that statement is the sense of helplessness felt by your Board and Management Company at not being able to assist more with this type of situation.

**Upcoming Projects**

Painting/Waterproofing: The paint-

ing contractor will continue working on the east side of property with the rear facade of Building 32 and the front facade of Building 34 being re-coated in June.

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

Walkway coating improvement projects have concluded for the fiscal year and will resume again in the fall once Florida’s rainy season draws to a close.

**Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects**

The East Activity Center started a re-roofing project in late May that will carry over into early June. The building will undergo partial closings as work progresses overhead.

Also, the pool may experience closure during certain work times. This is a matter of safety. Please follow OTOW-TV channel 901 for specific times of closure.

As you read this column, the asphalt maintenance projects for the current fiscal year should be close to wrapping up. This year’s improvement work encompassed the sealcoating and restriping of 20 building parking areas, which will increase the longevity of the asphalt and provide a renewed surface for parking.

The pedestrian lanes in the community were also refreshed with a thermoplastic application, which will yield better visibility for drivers and walkers alike. We appreciate the community’s cooperation in making these projects a success by relocating their vehicles and allowing ample time for the contractor to finish their work safely and unimpeded.

Buildings 77 and 78 are on the schedule to be the next structures to have their railing systems improved. The dates for this work have not been determined at this time as the projects are still in the engineering phase with county permitting to immediately follow.

As with other railing projects, a licensed contractor will effect the removal and replacement of the aluminum components in the walkways, center core and end stairwells as applicable.

The improvements are estimated to be completed in 2-3 weeks from the start of the project.

Notices will be posted in advance of the start date, so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates. As with all other improvements, please exercise caution in the areas where this work is taking place.

The spring tree removal and replant cycle also began in mid-May as the permit was pleasantly issued ahead of expectations by Pinellas County.

As with many years past, On Top of the World’s vision of a healthy green-space, in which residents can live and enjoy, met with Pinellas County’s requirement for replacing

all of the elder-trees that had to be removed.

Many of the stately oaks being removed had provided shade, habitat, and scenic charm for the community for many decades, but rest assured, new saplings will do the same for future generations of On Top of the World residents.

**Recurring Reminders For All Community Residents**

Let me start by thanking all the residents who responded to my article on “Zombie condos” and their potential negative consequences to the community.

We had more than 20 units reported and the Management Company is following up on inspections of those units. We anticipate additional reports coming in.

On March 1, 2023, the Management Company recommended its enforcement efforts by removing all unapproved items placed in building common areas.

This includes, but is not limited to, plants (live or artificial), personal items, non-exterior rated furniture, rusted chairs/tables or in disrepair, tchotchkes, etc., as these items are not permitted to occupy common spaces.

As has been referenced in the newspaper, on the community TV channel, and the bulletins posted in all building center core lobbies, these items will be removed and disposed of without further notice.

These ongoing efforts help keep areas safe for first responders, as well as maintain an aesthetically pleasing community for all to reside in.

We ask that residents help keep the community’s common areas in compliance by reporting violations of this nature to the Management Company.

We appreciate the community’s cooperation and support in reporting any violations of this nature so the Management Company can investigate and correct if necessary.

The Management Company would also like to thank the residents who live on the second and third floors for their cooperation in making the On Top of the World community a safer and more-aesthetically pleasing place to live by removing their floor mats from these common area.

The community’s response for compliance was astounding, as has been the feedback regarding these efforts.

Now that the notification and compliance piece has been completed, the Management Company will continue the ongoing compliance enforcement of these common areas where the mats were once located, as well as re-painting areas that could not be cleaned to community standards.

As a reminder to all residents, and in keeping with condominium rules governing common areas, any floor mats placed in the second or third floor balcony walkways or center core areas will be removed without any further notification.

Please assist us in keeping these walkway areas clear while making your community a safer and more beautiful place to live.

*(Please turn to page 5)*

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OTOW General Meeting

Broadcast Live, 11 am on Thursday, June 15

(Also on YouTube)



# attend in person or watch from home

### Inspection Services Division

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

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

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

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the current improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association

rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you are not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

First floor unit owners will continue receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department as the Management Company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

The Management Company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that

service the individual units is also ongoing.

The Management Company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas.

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

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

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Inspection efforts continue to be focused on the tagging and removal of portable barbeque grills, be it propane, charcoal, or electric, which are not permitted in any building common areas as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

Only grills meeting the approved Clearwater Fire Department standard are permit-

ted on the patios of first floor units.

If you're a first floor unit owner and not sure if your grill is in compliance, please stop by the Community Service Office to request a visit from our friendly Inspections Services staff.

The Management Company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East.

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

Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the Management Company.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## PREPARE NOW FOR A HURRICANE

Don't wait for a very bad  
storm to be hours away.

Don't think, "It never hits here."

## Your pre-storm checklist

1. Purchase a battery-operated radio and a supply of batteries.
2. Purchase flashlights with batteries. Use caution when using candles.
3. Get an ice chest. Stock up on one week's worth of water and food that won't spoil. Don't forget pet supplies, toilet paper, a battery-operated fan.
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.
- B. Traffic lights may be out. Stop at all intersections.

For more information, visit [www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes)





# Swimming pools will require new Access Card by July 10

With a focus on safety and enjoyment at two of the most popular amenities offered at On Top of the World, a new electronic Access Card will be required to enter the Fitness Center and the East and West Activity Center swimming pools beginning July 10.

Entry to the Fitness Center has already required an access card for several years, but due to technology changes, the new scanning system will not be compatible with the current card.

The renewal of activity cards for the 2023-2024 fiscal year will begin Monday, June 5, for owners and residents. This is also the first day the new Access Card will be issued.

To renew your activity card, obtain a new activity card, and to receive the new Access Card, please visit the Community Service Office (starting June 5) Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch).

The Community Service Office also will be open on Saturday, June 17, from 8 a.m. to noon, if you are unable to visit during regular business hours.

If you already have an access card for the Fitness Center, you will receive the new Access Card (at no cost to you) when you renew your activity card.

You will continue to use your current access card to gain entry to the Fitness Center until the new scan reader is installed on July 10.

If you do not have the current Fitness Center access card, you may still obtain the new Access Card beginning June 5. There will be a one-time fee of \$7. You must still have a valid activity card in place to get

the new Access Card.

Please note, your current Fitness Center access card will not work at the Fitness Center or at either swimming pool after the new scan readers are initiated on July 10.

The new Access Card will look very similar to the current access card, but there will be an identifier added to the new card to distinguish the difference.

For Association approved tenants, your activity card is valid for your approved lease term so renewal may not be required during the month of June.

To renew or acquire an activity card, or obtain an access card, you must 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 (if applicable) to the Community Service Office.

There is no fee for renewals, however, if your activity card has expired (all fiscal years have been punched at the bottom), a new activity card is required and the fee is \$3.

If your issued activity card is lost, damaged, or stolen, there is a \$25 charge for a replacement.

To expedite the process, you may complete the Waiver of Liability Form located on the official On Top of the World website: [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com). Select “Community Services” then “Waiver Form.” Please fill out the form prior to visiting the Community Service Office. This form will be required for activity card renewals or access cards.

If preferred, you may obtain a copy of the form from the Community Service Office.

## Important Upcoming Dates

### June 5

First day to get an activity card, renew your activity card, and request the Access Card for the Fitness Center and swimming pool.

### June 17


Special Saturday date to get an activity card, renew your activity card, or request the new Access Card for the Fitness Center and swimming pool.

### July 10

New scan readers will begin use at the Fitness Center and swimming pools. You will need your new Access Card to enter either facility. Your current Fitness Center access card will no longer work.

# On Top of the World

John Doe  
1018 World Parkway Blvd.  
Building 20, Unit 1  
Clearwater, FL.



## Activity Card

# PSTA transportation seminar

Amanda Harig (with blue microphone) visited On Top of the World in May and talked to residents about the Pinellas-Suncoast Transit Authority. She explained how to ride the bus independently and safely, where to get maps and pricing information, and how apps can be a huge benefit when planning travel and waiting for a bus to arrive. Some residents wanted to know more about transferring from one bus to another, or going places that didn't have direct routes from OTOW. Amanda answered every question. If you were not able to attend this seminar, but you have PSTA questions, you can visit their official website at <https://www.psta.net/>.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)





# Veterans Group re-establishes mission statement



By Pam Rosenblatt

The Veterans Group’s most recent meeting was on April 19 and we had many of our current team members in attendance.

But to our surprise, several new volunteers showed up to join us!

Team member roles and responsibilities were clearly defined and discussed. In addition, our mission statement below was reviewed and distributed to all team members:

“OTOW Veterans Group provides a venue to bring veterans together to network, share information and make new friends. We also guide the veterans in obtaining valuable veteran administration benefits. Our group supports the Bay Pines VA with donations and promotes the Honor Flight of Southwest Central Florida. We have several social

outings, cookouts and meetings to bring our veterans together on a regular basis. Our mission is you!”

The weekly Veterans Group information table was a hot topic. There is a need for even more volunteers to man the table from September through April. Our group has relied on Terri Fefer, Janet Gentile and other team members to provide consistent coverage. They all have done an excellent job providing continuity.

The table is our opportunity to get the group’s message out about what we do, attract new members, share earned benefit information, provide guidance to our veterans and the community, collect for Bay Pines Veterans Association (VA) and advertise Honor Flights and our social events.

Our social events are always fun.

Our Veterans Working Group has been busy brainstorming. Communication is paramount and our focus is on how do we effectively get information to our community? We recently created an OTOW Veterans Group-Clearwater Facebook page to assist in facilitating communication. You can find us on Facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/groups/791175075316245](https://www.facebook.com/groups/791175075316245)

Check it out. Let us know what you think.

Our group continues to welcome our OTOW veterans, their spouses, family members and neighbors. Everyone is welcome.

You can contact us by email at [otowveteransgroup@gmail.com](mailto:otowveteransgroup@gmail.com).

# OTOW Chorus announces new director - and he’s one of us!

By Sylvia Rieder

On Top of the World Chorus is pleased to announce that Gordon McMann is our new director. After a 42 year career as a church music director, Gordon then became the director for the community chorus at Ranchero Village in Largo for the past 7 years. Gordon and his husband Bob Anstey moved to OTOW in late January of this year. At that time he resigned his position as the Ranchero chorus director.

After reading the May newspaper article that announced the retirement of our beloved, long time director Beth Kendall, he along with two other candidates applied for the director position. Our search committee after due deliberation, chose Gordon.

The OTOW Chorus will start our fall/winter season in October with Gordon McMann as our director. He plans a fresh new



Chorus

vision for our group. The OTOW Chorus with Gordon at the helm will be presenting our Christmas performance the first week in December. We look forward to a “Jolly Ole Time” celebrating the holiday season by entertaining everyone with a mix of carols and other popular tunes that will be a holiday highlight to lift up your spirits and bring added joy to the holiday season.



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OTOW Chorus’ new director, Gordon McMann

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# OTOW Community Activities Calendar

## June 2023

### SPECIAL EVENTS

On Top of the World General Meeting, Thursday, June 15, 11 am to 2 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium (Also live on OTOW-TV 901 and YouTube)  
Farmer's Market, Wednesday, June 7, 10 am - 5 pm, Wednesday, June 21, 10 am - 5 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot  
Movie Night: 4 - 7 pm, Wednesday, June 14, East Activity Center Auditorium  
Laughter Yoga, Wednesday, June 14, 1:30 - 2:15 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
Club Information Tables and Ticket Sales, Thursdays only, 8:30-10:30 am, East Activity Center Auditorium  
Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee - none in the month of June.

### CLUB AND GROUP EVENTS

Art Guild Friendship Painters, 1 - 3 pm, Thursdays, EAC Largo Room  
Art Guild Meeting: 3:30 - 5:30, Thursday, June 8, EAC Largo Room  
Art Guild Painting Pals: 1 - 4 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
Baby Boomers Group: Meetings, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Wednesday, June 7 and Thursday, June 15, EAC Largo Room  
Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am - 1 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
Bible Study: Fridays, 2 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
Billiards (8 Ball): 6:30 - 10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, West Activity Center Billiards Room  
Billiards (Scotch Doubles): 6:30 - 10pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Billiards Room  
Billiards (9 Ball): 1 - 3 pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Billiards Room  
Bingo: 6 - 10 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
Caregivers Support Group: Wednesdays, 9 - 10:30 am, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
Caring & Sharing: 9 am - 12 pm, Tuesdays, Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
Ceramics: 10 am - 2 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
Coffee Corner , Mondays, Wednesdays, 9-10 am, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
Coloring Book Group: 12 - 3 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
Computer Club: Computer Help, 8:30 - 10 am, Wednesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
Computer Club: Meetings, 8:30 - 10 am, Saturdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
Cornhole: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
Democratic Club: Meeting, 2 - 3:30 pm, Thursday, June 8, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
Democratic Club: Happy Hour, Tuesday, June 27, 7 - 9 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room  
Democratic Club Board Meeting: 2:00-3:30 pm, Thursday, June 29, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
English For Everyone (new class): Thursdays, 11:45 am - 1:15 pm; Saturdays, 9:30-11 am, EAC Dunedin Room  
Entertainment Committee Board Meeting: Monday, June 12, 10 - 11:30 am  
Entertainment Committee Dance: 7:30 pm, Saturday, June 17, East Activity Center Auditorium  
French Language Society: 10:30 - 11:30, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
Good Karma Book Club: 10 am - 12 pm, Thursday, June 15, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
High Vibe Tribe: 7 - 9 pm, Thursday, June 8, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
Keyboard Club, Thursdays, 10 am - 11 am, June 1, 15 and 29 only, West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room  
Knitting Group: 9 - 11 am, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
Lambda Club: Social, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Friday, June 9, East Activity Center Largo Room  
Lambda Club Chat: 10:30 am - 12 pm, Fridays, June 2 and 16 only, East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room  
Learning To Dance with Noland: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, 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 - 8 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Rm  
Moving and Grooving: Tuesdays, 9 - 12 pm, 1-4 pm Fridays, EAC Auditorium  
Music Group (new group): Tuesdays, 3 - 6 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
Philosophy Club: 10 - 11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
Plant-Based Living Club: 3 - 5 pm, Friday, June 2, Saturday, June 10, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
Ping Pong: 10 am - 1 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
Pray for America: Meeting, 10 am - 12 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
Republican Club: Meeting, 7 - 9 pm, Tuesday, June 13, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
Texas Card Game Club: 3 - 10 pm, Friday, June 16, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
TOPS: 10:30 am-12 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (please note new room)  
Travel Club: 2 - 4 pm, Friday, June 2, EAC Oldsmar Room  
World Quilters: 8 am - 2 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
Writers Ink: 1 - 3 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room

### CARDS AND GAMES

Bid Euchre: 6:30-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Crystal Beach Room  
Blackout (Canadian Club): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
Casual Bridge: Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, EAC Ozona Room; Wednesdays 1:00-4:00, EAC Dunedin Room  
Cribbage: 10 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
Dominos: 5:30 - 8 pm, Tuesdays, EAC Ozona Room  
Double Deck Pinochle: 1 - 3:30 pm, Sundays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
Duplicate Bridge (Beginners): 9 am - 12 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
Duplicate Bridge: 11:30 am - 4 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
Duplicate Bridge: 11 - 3 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
Ladies Bunco: 6:30 - 10 pm, Tuesday, June 13, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
Mahjongg: 1 - 4 pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room  
Mexican Train Card Game (Dominos): 1 - 5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room  
Poker (Alonzo's Group): 6 - 8 pm, Mondays, EAC Safety Harbor Room  
Poker (Barry's Group): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room  
Poker (Bob's Group): 6 - 9:30 pm, Tuesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room  
Poker (Carol's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, EAC Safety Harbor Room  
Poker (Laura's Group): 6-9 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room  
Poker (Tom's Group): 5 - 9 pm, Wednesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room  
Poker (Richie's Group): 6 - 8:45 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room  
Samba Hand/Foot Canasta: 6 - 9 pm, Thursdays and Fridays, EAC Ozona Room

### EXERCISES

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10 am, Monday through Friday, East Activity Center Swimming Pool  
Bonesavers: 8-9 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. East Activity Center Exercise Room  
Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11:15 am, Mondays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11:15 am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
Ladies Exercise: 8-9 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance: 12-1 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 9-10 am Saturdays, EAC Exercise Rm  
Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance Light: 1:15-2:15 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 Saturdays, XR  
Moving & Grooving Broadway Bound: 10:30 am - 12 pm, Sundays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
Slimnastics: 9-10 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
Tai Chi Flow 108: 3:15-4:15 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
Tai Chi Qigong: 3-4 pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays East Activity Center Exercise Room

**OTOW General Meeting**  
**11 am to 2 pm**  
**Thursday, June 15**  
**EAC Auditorium**

**Also live on OTOW-TV channel 901**  
**and on YouTube**

**Starting in June,**  
**Club and Group information tables**  
**will be on Thursdays only**  
**from 8:30-10:30 am in the**  
**EAC Auditorium.**

**DANCE**  
**Ron and the Classics**  
**Saturday, June 17**  
**7:30 pm**  
**EAC Auditorium**

**Pickleball**  
**6-8 pm,**  
**Monday through Friday,**  
**9-12 pm, Sundays**

**Shuffleboard**  
**Will return in October**

**Tennis Club**  
**7:30 am - 11 am,**  
**Monday through Saturday.**  
**4:30 - 6:30 pm, Sundays**

### BUILDING EVENTS

Swiss Alps Chalet  
Saturday, June 24, 12-5 pm  
EAC Clearwater/Kitchen Room

### PAVILION

No Events Scheduled

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### FACILITIES

**Library**  
10 am to 12 pm, Mondays  
1-3pm, Wednesdays

**Woodshop**  
8 am-4 pm Monday-Thursday  
8 am-12 pm Friday  
(membership required)

**Fitness Center Hours**  
7 am to 9 pm, Monday through Saturday  
9 am to 8 pm Sundays  
(closed 12:30-2:30 Mondays and Thursdays)

**Swimming Pools (May through Sept)**  
Monday-Saturday, 8 am to 8 pm  
Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 8 pm

**Swimming Pools (Oct through April )**  
Mondays-Saturdays, 8 am to 6:30 pm  
Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 6:30 pm





A tribute to Johnny Cash took place on May 18. This was the last show until Oct. 26.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)



# We will have a dance every month through the summer

By Mary Ann O’Neil

The Entertainment Committee had another exciting show on May 18. We were all entertained by Keith Coleman’s Tribute to Johnny Cash.

I think it’s wonderful listening to the entertainers who the Entertainment Committee brings to our community. They may not be the originals, but they sound pretty close to the originals.

This was our last show until Oct. 26.

A big thank you to all of you who attend our fall, winter and spring shows, and we hope to see you again later this year.

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

We know a lot of our residents have gone back north for the summer, but we want to assure those of you who are full-time residents that the Entertainment Committee will still have events to attend during the summer months.

We will have a dance every month.

Our June 17 dance will feature Ron and the Classics. This band has performed for us for many years and brings us music of the ‘50s and ‘60s. So, keep your dancing shoes on and come out and support our dances.

Tickets for dances are only \$10 per person. Our dances are reserved table seating - bring your own beverages. We will try

to accommodate your group 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 ask you to leave.

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.

New Year’s Eve is one of our biggest dances of the year and we are always sold out. Cost of tickets is \$30 per person.

During the summer months, the Entertainment Committee will be selling tickets on Thursdays only between 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Besides visiting us on Thursdays, there are many ways to keep track of our summer events. We promote on OTOW-TV channel 901, on the Box Office website ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)), and we hang flyers at both activity centers and on building bulletin boards.

If you have any questions, please call 727-449-9243 or 215-431-4799

On behalf of the OTOW Entertainment Committee, thank you for your support!



Look for our new information table banner when tickets are sold in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Find our banner and you will find ticket sales for all of our upcoming events, plus we will answer your questions. This summer our information table will only be open on Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m., but will return to Mondays and Thursdays this fall.



## Monthly Calendar

# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



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)



Ron &  
The Classics  
(left)  
will be here  
in June  
and  
Louie Bravo  
(right)  
will be here  
in August.

(OTOW News  
photos by  
Mary Lou Wall)



## JUNE

17 Ron and The Classics (dance, 7:30, \$10)

## JULY

15 Three's Company (dance, 7:30, \$10)

## AUGUST

19 Louie Bravo Duo (dance, 7:30, \$10)

## SEPTEMBER

23 Sequel Band (dance, 7:30, \$10)

24 General Meeting/Horse Race (Sunday Meet & Greet)

## OCTOBER

26 Music group called 1969 (Music from the '60s)\*

**\*Thursday shows will return in October**

For more information about  
the Entertainment Committee  
call (727) 449-9243.



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<b>June 5 and 19: Countryside Mall &amp; Square</b> <b>June 12 and 26: Clearwater Mall</b> Mondays, 8:30 am
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## Canopies for Fall Festival

Activity Director Nancy Rogers is currently taking orders for tables and canopy rentals for the 2023 Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 4. Clubs and groups that want to rent a canopy for the day must place their order before the end of June. Only a limited number of canopies are available. They will be rented out on a first-come, first-served basis. Once payment is received, there are no refunds. Register for a canopy at [general\\_activity@scaclw.com](mailto:general_activity@scaclw.com).

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# You might see some local artists featured at Dunedin art gallery

By Julie Awot

Art Guild members attended the final demonstration of our season on April 14. Pastel artists Brenda Mattson and Karen Baker demonstrated their techniques.

Both artists have gallery space at the Stirling Art Studios & Gallery on Broadway in Dunedin.

Irene Piper, one of our On Top of the World residents and Art Guild members, currently has one of her pastels on display at the Stirling.

After the demonstration, new board members were elected to fill vacancies for the upcoming 2023-2024 season. Plans for next season's events are in progress.

One date to note is Thursday, Oct. 5. The popular acrylics class with instructor Rosemarie Lugg will begin.

On April 20, club members hosted a potluck/pizza party. We had great attendance and quite the feast. Some mem-



bers are heading north for the summer, so it was a chance to say goodbye and safe travels before they leave.

Some members met for lunch recently to honor our acrylics teacher, mentor, and friend, Rosemarie Lugg. We had quite a lively time at Johnny's Italian Restaurant. While we waited for food, we passed cell phones around to show paintings we had done or were working on.



Gloria Agosto, Rosemarie Lugg, Kathy Phipps, Joan Walton, Martha Green, Maggie Reinhart, Linda Tyler and Irene LeBel enjoy lunch.

It is a real compliment to Rosemarie that she has ignited such enthusiasm in us.

The Art Guild has the Largo Room

in the East Activity Center reserved on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. for any interested painters. I hope to meet you there.



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Sasha was a rescue. Jeanne got her when Sasha was 2.  
Sasha has been the best companion ever!  
She is so sweet and doesn't know a stranger. She loves all people and most all other dogs (she is a bit scared of big dogs).  
Sasha is well known at Austrian Alpine. She goes and visits neighbors, and they also come to visit her!  
Sasha is a good eater. Her favorite foods are cooked beef liver, salmon, chicken and green beans! And if she eats her dinner, she gets a small vanilla ice cream cone for dessert!



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: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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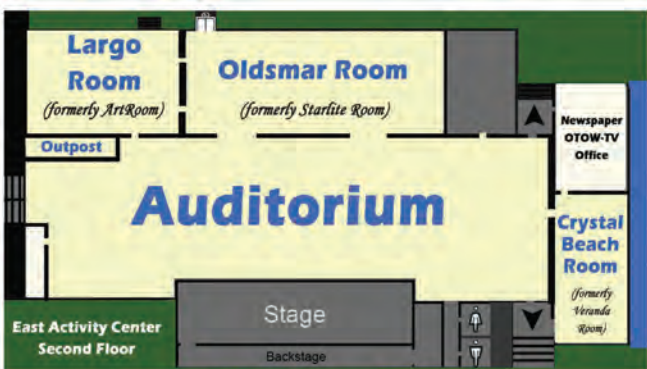
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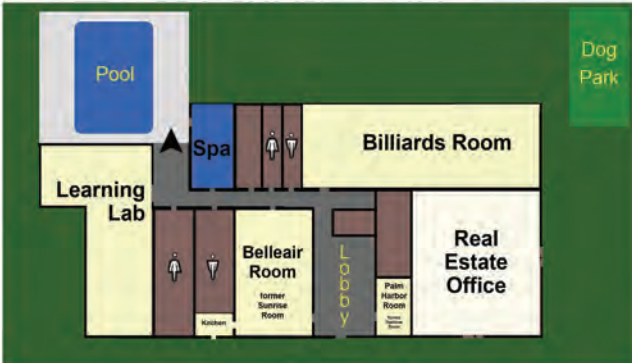
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# You’ve been reminded!



In case you have not noticed yet, Bingo has a new banner. There is no longer an excuse for forgetting Monday night is bingo night. Diane Like, right, wanted something colorful, bright, bouncy and a banner you will easily notice while driving by the East Activity Center. Pictured above is the answer as the new banner got tied up one Monday afternoon in May. No more excuses for missing a fun-filled evening. As we all know, summer is approaching and our Snowbirds have left us. Bingo will still be going strong in the month of June with doors opening at 4 p.m. and games beginning shortly after 6 p.m. In July, we will take one month off to relax, take a vacation or just stay cool at home. But we will be back the first Monday in August - Aug. 7. We will look forward to seeing you. If our new banner is out, we’re playing bingo!

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# Thursday morning music



Scott Perloh sang karaoke-style music to the Get Acquainted Coffee crowd in May. He sang a variety of songs, including his own Elvis rendition. Good Neighbors Association announced there will be no Get Acquainted Coffee in June as the Snowbirds have migrated north. When the next one is scheduled, OTOW News will let you know. *(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)*



## NEW RESIDENTS!

(OTOW News Photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Eugenia and Douglas Williams of New York



## New event scheduled for July

By Susan Trost  
Get Acquainted Coffee in May included entertainment by singer Scott Perloh.

Scott sang karaoke-style music while residents enjoyed their free coffee and donut.

Good Neighbors Association will not host a Get Acquainted Coffee in June, July or August. The popular event will return when our Snowbirds come back.

However, on Friday, July 14, from 6-8:30 p.m., Good Neighbors Association and the New York/New Jersey Club will host a karaoke and dance party along with coffee and desserts. Many of our community clubs will be contributing.

Admission for the event is free, however, we do ask that all those attending please bring any type of hygiene supply (such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, tissues, etc) or a monetary donation for postage. The hygiene products will be packaged up and donated to active veterans.

There also will be the opportunity for residents to talk with several club representatives who will be available to you if you have any questions regarding the clubs activities.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Karaoke, Dance & Dessert Fest, but we would like to get a ballpark idea on how many people will be attending. Please sign up at our Good Neighbors Association information table in the Auditorium on Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m.



**Save the Date: Friday, July 14, 2023**  
**Event: Dessert & Dance Fest**  
**Time: 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM**  
**Place: EAC Auditorium**

The Good Neighbors Assn, New York/New Jersey Club and The Veterans Club are inviting all clubs to be involved in our Community Wide "Dessert & Dance Fest" which will benefit our **Active Military**.

This is a chance for all those that cannot attend morning get-togethers to see what is available to all residents in our community.

This event will be no cost. We are asking those residents that will be attending to donate Personal Hygiene items (ie: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, socks, mouthwash, etc.) or a monetary donation to cover mailing expenses.

Each club will be asked to donate a dessert or make a small monetary donation to cover the expenses of this event. We will be providing coffee, water and ice for those who wish to BYOB. Clubs that want to setup a table for club information will have the adjoining 2 rooms to the Auditorium to do so.

We will also have karaoke and dancing.



# Scammers are now using text messages more than emails for attempting to trick people

Scam Alert: I got a phone call from my grandson. He was in terrible trouble. I asked him his name. He didn't hang up as I would have expected a scammer to do. Instead, he said his name was Michael.

I don't have a grandson named Michael. I hung up.

Look, by now we should all know the "grandchild-is-in-trouble" scam, so why am I bringing it up?

Well, frequently, these folks will use a name or two and almost assuredly, it will be a fairly common name. They're hoping they "hit it" with you.

Now, many of us cannot hear well enough to tell the difference between our true grandchild's voice and a scammer. However, there are a couple of things we can always do to protect against the grandchild scam, or any scam.

(1). Have caller ID and check it before answering a call. If you don't recognize the caller or phone number, don't answer it. Your real grandchild will leave a message that you can then verify.

(2). If you are asked for money during a conversation, say something akin to "buzz-off" and hang up. Better yet, say nothing and just hang up.

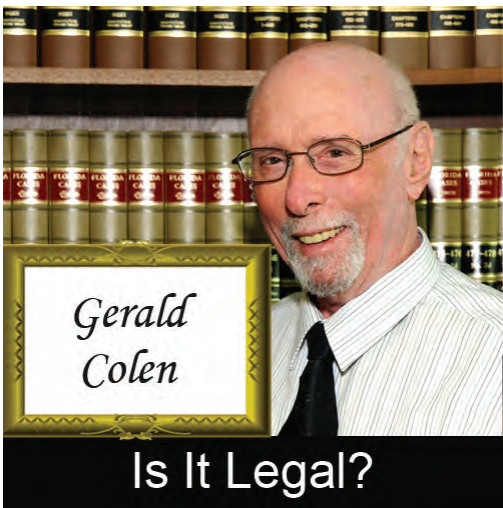
Scam Alert: Text scams are abundant and growing, and are designed to look very official and very real.

Scammers are sophisticated and using text messages more than email.

Frequently, a scammer can spoof a real company or real person. You can't be sure who it is.

So, with this in mind:

(1). Your bank will never text you about your account. If you receive a suspicious text from a bank, delete the text, don't respond,



and never call the number in the text.

(2). Amazon will never text you about your account and ask you to verify personal information. Do not call the number in the text. Delete the text.

(3). Paypal, Venmo, or other similar payment companies will never text you for any reason about your account. Delete the text and do not call any number in the text.

(4). The I.R.S., the police, the F.B.I., any company, no matter how official the text seems, will not text you and ask that you call a number in the text. Delete the text and do not call the number in the text.

Be careful folks. It's not because we want to be careful. It's because we have to be careful.

Q. We are Florida residents and own our home here.

Our lawyer is a good friend and lives in (a midwestern state), but is licensed to practice law in Florida.

He said we don't need to worry about

the probate of our home when we both pass, because in Florida, a homestead is not a probate asset. We were at one of your lectures, and my wife's impression was that you don't agree. So, is our home a probate asset or not?

A. There's a lot to unpack here.

Yes, your home (I assume it is your Florida homestead), is not a probate asset. It is what is referred to as an exempt asset for probate purposes.

However, it does have to be listed as an exempt asset, in an inventory of probate assets filed with the court, if there's a probate estate. Then, at the same time, a second petition should be filed requesting the court, to designate the homestead as "Protected Homestead." That way, it descends to your heirs (if they are of blood or adopted), and creditors' claims cannot be exercised against that exempt asset.

It is critical to obtain that Order of Protected Homestead.

Where do you get it?

You get it in the probate court.

So, your out of state attorney, who is licensed to practice law in Florida, but lives elsewhere, is correct, but hasn't told you everything you need to know.

He/she needs to brush up on what Florida law really and truly provides. This is why I believe that if you are a resident of Florida, or of any other state, you should, at least, have your will, durable power of attorney and advance directive drafted by an attorney, who not only is licensed to practice law in that state, but also resides in it and has her or his office in that state.

Q. This may be complicated.

My son has a domestic partner with whom he lives. They are not married at this

time. My son is still married to his wife (is she still my daughter-in-law?). All three live together in a house my son and his wife own.

I guess they share different rooms, but all three seem comfortable as things are.

But I worry. Should I?

A. Frequently these days, we come upon relationships and living arrangements that seem unusual to us, but possibly not to the people in them.

And that's all I shall say about this.

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# Tip of the Month

Each month in OTOW News, a Tip of the Month is going to be published in hopes everyone will learn something new! Best part is, residents get to submit the Tips of the Month.

Do you know a secret to make life more fun or easier? A unique way of doing something? A secret tool for the kitchen? A hidden place in Pinellas County that is peaceful or quiet?

Fill out the form below (100 words or less) and mail your Tip of the Month to: OTOW Newsroom, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E, Clearwater, Fla. 33763. Tips must be mailed - No emails or drop-offs will be accepted. Only OTOW residents can submit a "Tip of the Month."

Your name:

Bldng #:

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(Your last name and address will not be published in OTOW News)



## This month's Tip of the Month

International Travel Tips  
Submitted by Tom

1. Before traveling, do your research. Get to know your destination in depth before you arrive.
2. Know who to call in an emergency. Get the contact information for the nearest embassy or consulate, police station.
3. Don't draw attention. People who look like they are from out of town are especially vulnerable to crime, so try to blend in as much as you can. Be discreet when looking at maps and approach people if you need to ask for directions.
4. Consider investing in protective clothing and gear that will make it more difficult for pickpockets to steal money and other personal items.
5. Make copies of important documents. You never know when you might need a copy of your passport, driver's license or another form of identification. Take pictures with your phone.

# OTOW News to introduce new column

Your On Top of the World newspaper is going to try something new and you get to help!

Every month, we are going to run a column called "Tip of the Month."

The column will be a learning tool for everyone who lives in our community – and the best part is, anyone who lives here can submit a tip.

Do you know how to remove a scratch from a car? A better way to peel potatoes? Maybe you know a secret location for some outdoor quiet time and you want to share the location? Well, send in a tip.

Tips will be collected and run in the newspaper.

At the Press Association meeting in May, 21 staffers attended the first gathering of the new season, which runs May through April. Those 21 people only need two more meetings to help qualify for the Appreciation Dinner in April 2024.

During the meeting, Editor Doug Kates



announced it was election time. Based on a deadline, Doug said he knew of only one person who wanted to run for each Press Association office, which includes president, vice president and secretary. Tom Butcher

offered to run for a second term as president, Joe DeChiaro offered to run for a second term as vice president and Cecile Sangiamo had offered to fill the vacant position of secretary.

Elections were scheduled to be held online, but Doug asked those in attendance if they wanted to bypass the online election and just vote in the meeting because each position was unchallenged. There were 21 people present (out of 80 members), so a quorum was in order. By a unanimous vote, everyone voted to hold the election at the meeting and a vote followed. All 21 members voted to elect Tom as president, Joe as vice president and Cecile as secretary.

After the meeting, Cecile was contacted and told she was elected. She was also told that fellow staffer Joanne Cordes had offered to help if she needed assistance. Cecile then asked Doug to ask Joanne if she would take full responsibility as secretary. Cecile said she only offered to take the position if no one

else had an interest.

Joanne responded back that she would gladly accept the office.

A formal revote will take place in August and all three officers will be sworn in during the Thursday, Aug. 3, meeting, 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Doug told everyone there will be no meetings in June or July. He wished everyone a relaxing two months off from meetings, but reminded everyone there are still June and July newspapers.

Doug also said the club bylaws have not been updated since 2014. He is going to make some minor adjustments and email the revisions to staffers for a formal vote at the August meeting.

The August meeting will be shared with out-of-town staffers via YouTube. An email will be sent later to share the link for the meeting. The meeting, however, will not count towards an official meeting for those not present.

# Steven L. Sherman will lead the Bible Study group over the summer

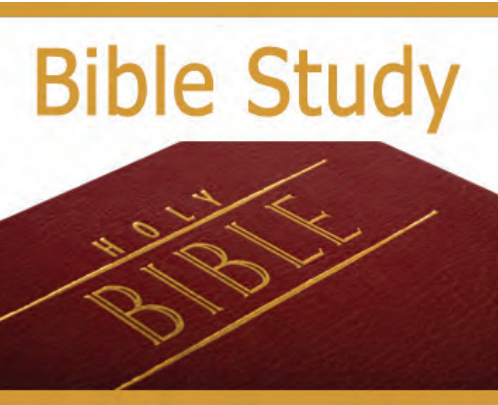
The Bible Study group, which meets from 2-3 p.m. on Fridays, will be hosting a guest speaker over the summer.

Bible Study was going to take the summer off, but Steven L. Sherman stepped up and will be the guest speaker for June, July and August.

There will be no disruptions in the meeting schedule.

Steven is an author and guest speaker. He wrote the books, "The Last Days Calendar: Understanding God's Appointed Times" and "The Revelation of Jesus Christ: Understanding the Apocalypse."

Steven has also had numerous radio



and television book interviews, including an appearance on the Herman and Sharron Bailey Show on the Christian Television Network, and he was a fea-

tured speaking on the "700 Club" television show.

Steve is active in his own jail ministry program. In addition to purchasing Bibles for people behind bars, his group provides hygiene products and footwear.

He oversees a quarterly newsletter entitled, "Inside Ministries."

The Bible Study group at On Top of the World meets once a week in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room. The club does not focus on any one denomination. The group is open to everyone with a valid Activity Card. One guest per resident is allowed.



## FARMER MARKET

Wednesday, June 7  
Wednesday, June 21  
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# LOST & FOUND

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(3) **GO ONLINE** to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com).  
Go under the service tab to fill out a request.



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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## Line dancing does not have to be your favorite hobby - just one of the many things you love to do

By Hope Tera

Moving ‘n Grooving Club offers some wonderful activities, but what makes our group so awesome are our members.

And we never take that for granted.

It’s obvious when you join one of our activities that there is a warm, welcoming vibe with smiles all around.

A prime example is Tess Green.

Although she’s only lived at On Top of the World in Clearwater for a few years, she jumped right in and has become an integral part of our club.

Back in 2019, Tess was living in Washington State and came to OTOW to visit a friend. She met a kind gentleman and the rest is history. The happily married couple now have a home at OTOW, as well as in Washington State and Staten Island, N.Y.

You could say dancing is in Tess’ DNA. Dancing is a common hobby in Philippine culture and Tess grew up in a musical family. Her parents introduced her to Filipino music and folk dancing at an early age.

In college she performed with a local dance troupe. So when Tess discovered line dancing, Zumba, cardio dancing, etc., here at OTOW, she jumped right in.

To watch Tess dance is a joy.

Her graceful movements are well known in class. And Tess is happy to share her talents with our club.

At a recent party, Tess not only sang with our Star Shine Singers, but also added a few dance steps to enhance the performance.

Tess is enjoying the positive, fun atmosphere of our Moving ‘n Grooving Club. She



One of our line dancers is a very talented piano player - meet Tess Green.

finds the choreography fresh. She is passionate about staying active and is grateful for the sense of community and friendships she has made with other club members.

She likes to bloom and flourish where she is planted.

Tess has two daughters back in Washington – one in the military and one in college. She returns to her home there often, mainly

to spend time with family.

Turns out, she also has a hidden talent - she is quite the pianist, too.

Tess has a strong faith, and enjoys praise and worship singing.

Indeed, we are blessed to have Tess in our club. If you time it right, you can catch her in action at our line dance and cardio dance classes.



How about trying some line dance classes with Margaret LeTourneau? She caters to all levels, and a great time is guaranteed. The schedule is listed below.

You can refer to the listings for cardio dance/cardio dance light, Broadway Bound, and cornhole for more information on those activities.

Members of our club receive monthly calendars, showing dates/times/locations for our activities.

The Moving ‘n Grooving Club is always welcoming new ideas and new beginnings. If you’d like to check out an inclusive line dance, cardio dance, Broadway Bound, and cornhole club that teaches to all levels, guarantees great fun, and promotes an atmosphere of kindness and creativity, please contact Hope Tera at 914-217-9206, email [movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com](mailto:movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com), or come to any of our activities to try them out.

You can also learn more about our club on the OTOW Box Office website ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)).

Look for our logo.

## In case you ever toss 20 perfect cornholes in a row - we have a medal for it

By Margaret LeTourneau

Even though the Moving ‘n Grooving Club’s cornhole game is a bit competitive, the cornhole gamers love to cheer each other on.

A few gamers have made four perfect tosses in a row during one game, but there’s only one gamer who has played 20 perfect games!

Yes... that’s 20!

Roger Perry, a regular Moving ‘n Grooving gamer, is by far the king of cornhole!

He’s unbeatable!

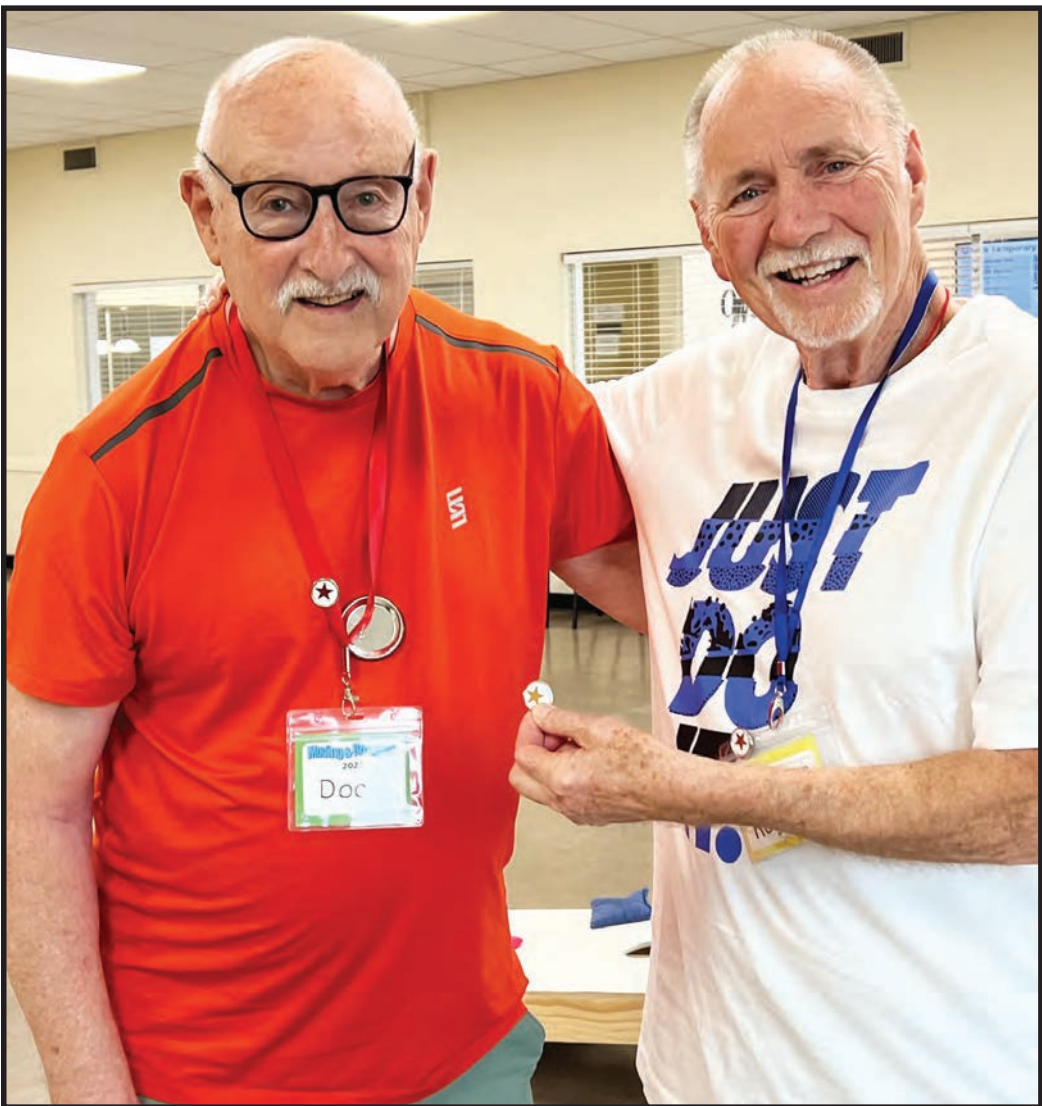
Roger and his wife, Susan, who are from Ohio, have two wonderful sons and three very athletic grandchildren.

Roger, who loves the variety of activities at On Top of the World, enjoys playing cornhole, billiards and dancing the polka.

Roger was recently awarded a pin by Dick LeTourneau to signify his great achievement of having played 20 perfect games.

During the hot months ahead, why don’t you try playing a friendly game of cornhole on Mondays from 1-3 p.m. in the West Activity Center’s Belleair Room.

It’s cool, comfortable and great fun.



Roger Perry, left, the king of cornhole, receives an award from Dick LeTourneau for tossing 20 perfect games in a row.

### LINE DANCING SCHEDULE

EAC Auditorium  
Tuesdays  
9:00 - 10:20 Levels 1/2  
10:30 - 12:00 Levels 3/4

Fridays  
1:00 - 2:20 Level 1/2  
2:30 - 4:00 Levels 3/4

### CORNHOLE

West Activity Center Belleair Room  
Mondays  
1 - 3 p.m.

### BROADWAY BOUND

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Saturdays  
9 - 10 a.m. - Regular Class  
10:15 - 11:15 a.m. - Cardio Dance Light

(No Class June 10 or 12)



# Travel Club members enjoy a great dining experience from chefs-in-the-making



By Janice Berman

Have you ever considered going to a high school for lunch?

Let me tell you about a very special high school in Tarpon Springs where you can enjoy a gourmet dining experience.

On May 4, 50 On Top of the World Travel Club members drove out to The Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy located at Tarpon Springs High School.

We were treated to a fine dining experience in the middle of the afternoon.

All aspects of the food preparation and service were done by high school students under the watchful eye of Chef/Instructor Tony De Vincenzo.

Our meals started with warm, freshly made bread and rolls and ended with a citrus inspired crepe topped with vanilla bean ice cream.

An added attraction for many of us was being able to talk to the students and learn a little bit about them and their plans. The room was full of positive vibes which added to our enjoyment.

The Travel Club information table will be in the Auditorium on Thursdays only starting in June, from 8:30-10 a.m.. Please come and sign up for our events.

Our next meeting is 2 p.m., on June 2, in the East Activity Center Oldsmar Room.

We are resting in July and August so we may be energized in September. We are planning more exciting lunches and events for the fall and winter season.

Remember our motto - "we are going places."



This may look line a fancy restaurant in downtown Tampa, but it is actually the dining area at Tarpon Springs High School where Travel Club residents were able to dine while students learned how prepare and serve food.



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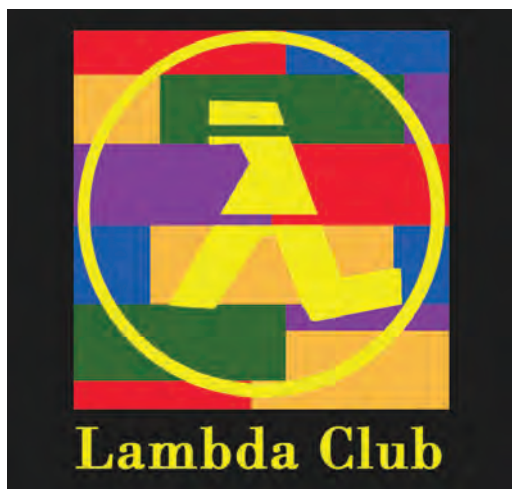
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# Cinco de Mayo was practice for Pride Month



By Bruce Lovett

Everybody has heard the expression April showers bring May flowers, but this year the On Top of the World rains poured everywhere.

We had Lambda members sprout up all over the world.

There were buds spotted in Spain, Hawaii, India and Canada, not to mention any Caribbean Island a cruise ship visits.

And the few seasonal members we have spread us into Germany and covered the northern states like Michigan and Maine.

It's safe to say that Lambda members love to travel and spread the good word, but as Judy Garland once said, "There's no place like home."

Consequently, most of the flowers bloomed right here at OTOW. And a lot of them took root in the East Activity Center's open air Pavilion on the second Friday in May - our monthly social night.

It was our belated Cinco de Mayo party.

Unfortunately, Earl Ballance, our club photographer/videographer and horticulturalist extraordinaire, was on one of the cruise ships spreading his seeds. So he couldn't arrange dahlias, poinsettias and sunflowers all over the place to honor Mexico for the holiday bash.

So instead we Lambdians did what the average American does to celebrate the occasion: drink margaritas and eat guacamole.

A true fiesta was had by all.

Next month is Pride Month so go wild.

Our social will be held, as usual, on the second Friday of the month (June 9) at 6 p.m. in the EAC Largo Room.

Wear your wildest pride colors and cook



Lambda Club members and guests celebrated Cindo De Mayo at the East Activity Center Pavilion. The party was a tribute to Mexico.

the most exotic thing you can think of to celebrate. Pride punch will be served at the bar, but be careful, you'll want to wake up the next morning with a little pride left and a few of the clothes you wore the night before.

There are three other little seedlings our Hawaiian island-hopping president, Dave Beaven, would love fellow Lambdians to give a little love and support to. He has started a coffee talk group that he has been meeting on intermittent Friday mornings.

Come try it out 10:30 a.m. - noon on Friday, June 2, or Friday, June 16, in the EAC Safety Harbor Room.

On Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Golf Guyz meet for some casual fun. All levels are welcome and two of our members, Dave and OTOW sports superstar Marcel L'Heritier, are available to help those who don't even know how to hold a club.

And last, but not least, this article will be my last Lambda feature. I am retiring and hanging up my fountain pen, hoping someone familiar with 21st century technology is waiting in the wings.

Since 2020, Lambda's membership has bloomed significantly. Many of the new members are teachers, retired teachers, Hol-

lywood big wigs and countless other creative people. Let's hope those April showers have brought out some budding journalists above ground.

Lambda is a club that serves the LGBT population at OTOW as well as their neighbors and friends. Should you wish further information about the exciting opportunity to become one of its reporters, or learn about the club in general, go to our Web page at [lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com).

You can also check us out on the Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](mailto:otowboxoffice.com)), or call Dave at (727) 410-7566.

## Casual writing can bring laughs - it can bring tears

By Lori Gottshall

Spring seems to have lifted our writers' spirits.

Students in the Writer's Ink group were amused by a tongue-in-cheek poem about how to get your book published, and another poem about the man on the moon winking at a star-gazing writer.

The writings for this group are as diverse as the lives of the members.

Pure fiction is sometimes presented and always welcome. However, the majority of pieces are somewhat autobiographical.

Through poetry and prose our members

explore their lives by presenting vacation memories (good or not-so-good, amusing or frightening), college highjinks, reunion ruminations, grandchildren and grandparents, political and patriotic observations, and so much more.

Nostalgia can be bittersweet.

Remembering the music we grew up with, one writer called it "the soundtracks of my life."

Another writer recalled some of the folks who used to belong to the club and envisioned the camaraderie that would be enjoyed when we all get together again in the

hereafter.

Each of those pieces brought both smiles and tears.

Writer's Ink welcomes new members and new topics of interest.

If you have a story to share, you will fit right in. Meetings are on Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Dunedin Room of the East Activity Center.

Why don't you bring a sample (not more than three pages) of your writing and join us?

Or come empty-handed to see what it's like.



## Keyboard Club will meet three times in June

By Audrey Strong

Our Keyboard Club players are busy learning new music and skills to enhance their playing ability.

In May we welcomed so many new members that we now are a group of 10 who work together, at both beginning and intermediate levels, to learn more about playing the piano. Playing a keyboard is a skill which we never lose, but sometimes just need to refine.

Because of our rapid club growth, we are now in need of more keyboards for our players. In the past, so many of our neighbors have generously donated keyboards that they were no longer using that we had plenty, but now we find ourselves in need of more.

If you have a keyboard you do not use anymore and are willing to donate, know of a neighbor who might be willing to do-



Keyboard Club

nate one, or know of someone who is selling a keyboard at a very reasonable price, please contact me at [astrong52@yahoo.com](mailto:astrong52@yahoo.com).

Our classes this month are June 1, 15 and 29 from 10-11 a.m. in the West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room if you'd like to join us.

All are joyously welcomed.

## Sound-healing meditation coming back to High Vibe Tribe

By Laurie LeClaire

Greetings to members and curiosity seekers. I am pleased to announce that our honored guest, Greg Akin, will return with gong and sound-healing meditation.

Last year we invited Greg to conduct a sound meditation process that was so well received that I invited him to return again this year. He has graciously accepted.

Healing sounds, breathwork and releasing tension are all welcome during these crazy times post-pandemic. Greg has honed his skills over the past several years and is offering this service from his heart.

He suggests you dress comfortably, bring a mat, pillow, light blanket and water if you choose to lay down on the floor.

You are also free to just sit comfortably in the chairs as the sound wafts over you.

We are indeed blessed to have such a wealth of volunteers willing to share their metaphysical talents and inspiring discussions.

We welcome discussions and insights during our meetings. I hope to see new faces and discuss how we will create a drum circle/sunset on the beach this year.



High Vibe Tribe meets once a month on the second Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the Clearwater Room/Kitchen in the East Activity Center. You may contact me at [otowwoo@gmail.com](mailto:otowwoo@gmail.com) or call Laurie LeClaire at 727-265-1671.



# Ping pong, tennis and pickleball players gather for a thank you luncheon for two of their biggest fans



By Marie Clodge  
Greetings everyone!  
There has been much activity in the past couple of months at the Ping Pong Club. We held a "Farewell Fiesta" on April 12 for Ping Pong President Don Guidara and his lovely wife, Cathy, at Ford's Garage. They are moving and we wanted to celebrate how much we appreciated them and all they have done for our club. We had 43 people attend from across various On Top of the World clubs, including ping pong, tennis and pickleball, where Don was a valued member and very well liked. A table was decorated with balloons, chocolates and homemade cookies from Christy Mills (one of the members of the



More than 40 people showed up at Ford's Garage to say thank you to Don and Cathy Guidara for all they have done in our community.

Tennis Club). There was a card for everyone to sign as well as a "Memories Box" for people to write down memories on notes and drop them along with photos in the box. Don and Cathy were gifted with a beautiful "New Home, New Beginnings, New Memories" wall hanging from the group as well, presented by Sally Jetter. Thank you to Phil Henne who took some photos to celebrate the special event.

Don and Cathy were truly thankful to everyone who showed up to wish them well. Our club also celebrated a milestone birthday with Phyllis Tetztaff, who turned 80 years young. There was a large group at ping pong that day and we took a photo to celebrate. There were also cupcakes to help celebrate her special day. Happy birthday Phyllis! We wish you many more trips around

the sun! On Friday, May 12, we also had a lovely surprise from Sally who brought some sparkling juice to celebrate all our mothers, past and present for Mother's Day. That was indeed a very thoughtful gesture which everyone appreciated! This group really knows how to have fun and we invite you to join us!

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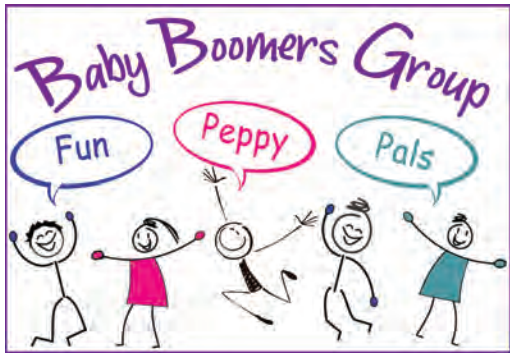
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# Nothing beats being with friends at dinner with music in the background



By Dianne Dvorak

Prior to the pandemic, Baby Boomers had many favorite local musicians and favorite places to hang out.

Then COVID hit and many things changed.

This year, the Baby Boomers have discovered new options.

First, we found the Bogota Kitchen and Bar in old Palm Harbor where a pre-pandemic favorite, McLean Mannix, now plays every Wednesday from 6-9 p.m.

It's been a fun outdoor dining option for us who love listening to the great music of our time by a classic local guitarist and singer.

Our Baby Boomer friends, Marsha and Don Hurda, were two of McLean's biggest fans and introduced some of us to his band Jericho Turnpike.

On April 19, On Top of the World Baby Boomers celebrated spring with old friends. So many changes have occurred, but one thing remains, "we get by with a little help from our friends."

Ringo Starr sang and John Lennon/Paul McCartney wrote words to live by.

Baby Boomers have given us so many options to spend time doing fun stuff we all enjoy while meeting new friends and enjoying the old ones.

We hope our new members find the



Members of the Baby Boomers enjoy listening to live music from one of their favorite performers.

same to be true, and we welcome them into the group.

Our weekly activities are informal, such as bowling on Mondays at 10 a.m. at Maple Lanes in Dunedin. This is not a league, so you can just bowl when you want.

Baby Boomers also have Acoustic Music Jam from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. These activities are great for the summer here.

Summer biking and golf outings will be announced.

Music venues and ideas are posted on a regular basis by our veteran music aficiona-

do, Joyce Monahan, who does a great job of keeping our group informed on live music happening in the Tampa Bay area.

Our Baby Boomers members are encouraged to bring ideas to the group.

Future plans under consideration include Rays games, park tours, etc.

Members are encouraged to bring up suggestions at Boomer meetings or on the Baby Boomers group gmail link.

We encourage all members to use our link to post ideas and meet ups and to participate in Baby Boomers activities posted. There is never too much fun!

The Boomers group is not a club with

dues or officers. It is a meet-up group which utilizes a GoogleGroups gmail link. Come to a 30-45 minute meeting on the first Wednesday and the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the EAC Largo Room (back of the ballroom). After meetings there is always an option to head out afterwards for a beverage and a bite to eat.

For June, meetings are Wednesday, June 7 and Thursday, June 15.

In order to get on the email list for activity notifications, you must come to one of our meetings. Happy summer from the Baby Boomers group!

## Poker tournament night includes a finals table and food

By Joe DeChiaro

The Texas Card Game Club tournament in May produced a tie as the top two finalists, Joe DeChiaro and Bill Whipps, decided to split the prize pool.

The third place winner was Pat Hayes.

This was Bill's and Pat's second "top three" prize finals of this year.

The club provided sandwiches from Publix for all those who attended. Debbie Hall also baked homemade cookies for everyone to enjoy.

The next four Friday tournaments are June 16, July 21, Aug. 18 and Sept. 15 starting at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

For more information, please send an email to joegdechiaro@yahoo.com.



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# New writer takes over entertainment column

Around the Bay is taking a month off from OTOW News as we transition to a new reporter. Mike Wood is taking over this column and he will be providing you with ideas and suggestions for monthly entertainment.

Pinellas County, alone, offers dozens of entertainment options per month and Mike will be sharing with you what he believes are opportunities you won't want to miss. You may know Mike from the Entertainment Committee, Jesters and Theater Work-

shop. He is also a part of his own barbershop-style band, Three Ties and A Skirt. Around the Bay will be back in July. OTOW News thanks Laurie Fischer for getting this feature off to a great start.

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Classes will be taught by resident Lola Dickert,  
a professional instructor for communication skills,  
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Classes will take place 11:30 am - 1 pm on Thursdays and  
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# Democratic Club gets educated on the Socialist side of county politics

By Dave Beaven

Still getting my feet wet as the new president of the Democratic Club.

There are club meetings to program, agendas to set, emails to send and save, people to motivate and train, other local party groups to work with, etc.

And of course, I am writing the club article now.

It was a lot easier to be a club gofer. But I am up to the challenge which is to make our club and its members a valuable source of support for our county's party and its candidates.

This past month, the Democratic Club had a guest speaker, Alec Wilcosky, who is the co-chairperson for the Pinellas County Democratic Socialists of America.

This is the progressive side of our party typified by Senator Bernie Sanders.

Alec explained to us that his group was not a political party, but an organization that concentrated on the welfare of working people.

Through campaigns for minimum wage increases and mixed housing developments, Alec's group is making advances here in Pinellas County. On the political side, St. Petersburg now has a Democratic Socialist city councilman, Richie Floyd.

Alec impressed us with his enthusiasm and sincerity, and I'm sure we'll hear more about him and his group in the future.

Regarding our own club, we are encouraging our members to become more active in helping to strengthen our county Democratic Party.

Currently, we are contacting voters in our district who have fallen off the mail-in vote roster. Due to a change in Florida law, voters must request a mail-in ballot every two years. The mail ballot is the most con-



venient method of voting and has the best record of participation.

We advise everyone to check their voter status by contacting the Supervisor of Elections office at 727-464-8683 or go online at [votepinellas.gov](http://votepinellas.gov).

Our club meets every second Thursday at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

You can find out more about us by visiting our official website [worlddemsclub.blogspot.com](http://worlddemsclub.blogspot.com).

We are also on the Box Office at [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com), or you can call 727-410-7566.

Pictured at right is Alec Wilcosky, the co-chairperson for the Pinellas County Democratic Socialists of America group.



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# Got a computer problem?

## A Wednesday morning help session might work



**Computer Club**

By Joe Wisinski

The On Top of the World Computer Club exists to teach its members about the world of computers, as well as cell phones and tablets.

But that's not all the club does. It also assists anyone who lives at OTOW with technical questions.

Several club members help residents each Wednesday morning in the Learning Lab, which is in the West Activity Center.

Services include teaching computer skills, resolving issues and computer repair, if feasible.

Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance.

"The Wednesday morning help sessions are an important part of the Computer Club," said club President Lisa Pompeo. "We enjoy helping people in our community. If you don't know something, ask. We can either help you or try to find an answer for you. Please stop by."

Some of the issues the club has recently helped people with are:

- Transferring photos from a phone to a computer.
- Learning how to use Google to search for airplane flights.
- Removing computer viruses.

All services are free.

To receive assistance, come to the



Scott Mascitelli helps Computer Club members Joe and Sandra Ross with a smartphone issue.

Learning Lab between 8:30-10 a.m. on any Wednesday.

The club encourages people to come as early as possible so they have maximum time to help.

Only OTOW residents are eligible.

The Computer Club plans to hold a "computer cleanup month" this fall. Anyone is invited to bring their computer in for a free checkup and tune up. Look for more details in an upcoming story.

**About the Computer Club**

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30-10 a.m. Meetings take place both in-person at the West Activity Center Learning Lab and 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.

The club does not offer help to residents with computers that require service in their condos, but can offer guidance and assistance in locating service providers.

For more information about the Computer Club, or to ask computer service-related questions, email [otowcc@gmail.com](mailto:otowcc@gmail.com), visit our website at [www.otowcc.com](http://www.otowcc.com), or click our link on the OTOW Box Office, [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com).

# Now is the time to consider the Jesters

By Rodger Hillier

"We need you, you, you."

This lyric comes from a song sung by the Blues Brothers titled, "Everybody Needs Somebody."

This is what I found when I joined the Jesters just last year. Oh, what a perfect fit it was for me.

I'm talking about the friendships and the mutual trusts among the members, and all the fun and laughs.

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I encourage you to come to our meet-

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munity.

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# Republican Club to announce schedule of 'fun' events for 2023-24 season

By Deborah Russell

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club is planning fun and productive fund raising activities which the residents of On Top of the World can enjoy.

We will be scheduling these activities over the rest of 2023.

A schedule for these activities will be presented in the July edition of On Top of the World News.

Now that we have passed the COVID pandemic, let's have some fun!

Our club meeting in May was called to order by Carl Turner, president, at 7 p.m. MaryJane Lofton offered a prayer to God. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Huffman. Jim and Maureen Bjorgo led the group in singing God Bless America.

Janice Rydell was welcomed as a guest. Stan Riley and Gemma Cima were introduced as new members.

The minutes from the April meeting were read and are to be filed for audit.

Karen Tatge gave the treasurer's report. The current balance was \$1,900.40. There was no unfinished business.

New business. Jim Bjorgo proposed two changes to the bylaws - one regarding an increase in dues to \$15 per year and starting our regular meetings at 6:45 p.m.

These changes will be voted on at the June 2023 meeting.

It was also noted that Third Friday in Safety Harbor no longer allowed political booths, but we may attend and possibly raise awareness of our goals on our own.

Fundraising efforts were discussed and Marilyn Nelson spoke about volunteer opportunities with various Pinellas County Committees.



The website for such committees is: <https://Forwardpinellas.org>. Click on the Advisory-Committees tab.

Our guest speaker in May was Pinellas County GOP Republican Party Chairman Adam Ross, who has been involved with the Pinellas GOP in many ways. He has been involved in volunteering for local, state and federal candidates, has a law degree and had a career on Wall Street!

He doesn't just talk the talk. He wants to build a stronger union among Americans!

Adam is also the executive director for our State Attorney's office! He spoke of the culture wars in our country and how it causes division.

He talked about the history of the Republican and Democratic parties and that the history and heritage of the United States needs to be taught.

Young people need to have the drive to build a life for themselves and, in turn, make contributions to our country to keep it free.

Adam said that retirees are best suited to volunteer and asked for our help, especially during the coming 18 months.



Carl Turner, on left, welcomes Adam Ross.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering, please use the website previously mentioned.

Please join us on the second Tuesday of the month in the Belleair Room of the West

Activity Center.

For more info, contact: [carlmarvinturner@gmail.com](mailto:carlmarvinturner@gmail.com) or call Carl Turner at 443-624-9303.

# Canadian Club will be spending the summer pondering new ideas for new events

By Mary Smith

It is that time again when the majority of the Canadian Club takes a well-deserved summer break.

It is a long drive for many as we head north to our summer homes.

We are grateful to our American hosts who join us for our events, as well as welcome us into their southern homes.

Nonetheless, things are still happening.

The On Top of the World Canadian Club executive committee is making plans for our next season.

We have noticed that people at OTOW like to dance and that they like to sing. So, we are going to do our best to give people the things that they like.

We will be adding dance parties and more karaoke events to our schedule.

As the plans solidify, our calendar of events will be posted to our Facebook site, as well as our official website. We want to see



people on that dance floor having fun.

The executive committee is always looking for innovative ideas of ways to have fun. If you can think of something that we might be able to add to our schedule, please reach



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# Plant-Based Living Club holds their first dinner event at the Pavilion



By Ronald A Baltrunas  
The Plant-Based Living Club had its first potluck dinner at the Pavilion.  
We feasted on roasted veggies and a mixed-greens salad without dressing. There was a pasta dish, an Italian-type bean salad, brown rice/cauliflower meatballs, quinoa salad, banana oat bars, vegan potato salad, soy nuggets, and a whole food, plant-based peach cobbler.

Also, good camaraderie.  
At our April 5 meeting, we opened with a discussion about “Blue Zones.”  
These are areas around the world that have above average high numbers of centenarians as well as better overall health for all.

Some of the locations include Loma Linda, Calif., Sardinia in the Mediterranean Sea, Icaria in Greece, Okinawa in Japan and the Nicoya Peninsula in Costa Rica.  
We noted that plant-based diets, and minimizing or avoiding animal products, are probably the main reason for these Blue Zone designations.  
In Loma Linda, most of the Seventh Day Adventists are vegetarians. They have community and worship, along with lifestyle regimens like getting outside, exercising, eating plant-based meals, and managing stress.  
As a result, Loma Linda’s residents live up to 10 years longer than the average American.  
In Sardinia and Icaria, people eat what is called the “Mediterranean diet,” also a plant-based diet.



Members of the Plant-Based Living Club held their first potluck dinner at the Pavilion. The event was so successful and educational that the group planned another potluck dinner for June.

Okinawa is losing its longevity as its younger generations are adopting a more Westernized diet. The elders are still studied for their health and longevity.  
Most of these areas are all close to the Equator allowing more local farming and gardening.  
Club members discussed many other things, such as sunscreens.  
We talked about how the use of sunscreens has been rising for decades, yet the incidence of skin cancers is also rising. There could be many reasons for this to be the case.  
We talked about whether people are not using enough sunscreen or not covering enough areas.  
We also discussed that sunscreens wear

off and some chemicals in sunscreens may do more harm than good.  
Group members then talked about fluoride. There was general agreement that fluoride is not too healthy. We can get it through tap water, taking a shower and toothpaste. It was pointed out that there are filters to remove fluoride from water.  
We talked about plastic waste. Members brought up the dangers of plastic waste that are forming massive islands in the oceans as well as clogging up rivers and lakes.  
We are learning that micro-plastics are being found everywhere in the world in land, water and living creatures.  
We discussed “dead zones” in the ocean where nothing can live for miles due to pes-

ticide, fertilizer and other river runoff pollution.  
The two largest U.S. dead zones are around the Mississippi river and Hudson river.  
After all of this talk, we agreed to another potluck dinner in late May.  
Our next meeting will be on Friday, June 2 at 3 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. We will have a video on the environmental destruction of animal agriculture or “factory farms,” the result of a meat-based diet.  
For information on our club or to get on to our email list, visit Vegans\_10@aol.com.  
For information on the reasons for plant-based diets, visit Vegansalvation.com.



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# Men’s Golf Association website is available for anyone to review scores and photos

By Barney Hanrahan

This report will deal with a couple of different topics I am asked about occasionally regarding different golf procedures.

But before I get to the fun part, I have been asked to update everyone as to what goes on with On Top of the World Men’s Golf Association.

We have a website that answers most questions regarding our league and its operation.

Our website is [www.otowmensgolf.com](http://www.otowmensgolf.com).

The website covers contacts, play details, documents and event pictures.

Once logged onto the website, you will see tabs covering topics.

The “Contacts” tab covers names of various members and officers.

The “Play Details” tab offers current scores and previous scores, weekly hole assignments and monthly handicaps, as well as club championship results.

The “Documents” tab is a complete list of annual calendar, by-laws and rules. We encourage all players to become familiar with this information.

The “Event Pictures” tab has photos from past events stored and activities calendar of events.

We encourage players to send in photos of interest for all of us to share. The web is your link to all happening in our league.

OK. That is enough of procedures. Now two questions that require answers.

First: Can a player change balls during play?

It is a rule that in tournament play should a ball be damaged, lost or in the water, a player must use the identical manufacturer or suffer a two stroke penalty.

Example: If you play Titleist Pro V, you must use the same make. You cannot substitute a Callaway ball. However, this only applies to tournament play and does not apply to our average play.

What a relief as hole six is my nemesis.

Second: What marker can be used on the green?

This is an interesting one as some players take exception to what others use in play. Ironically, there is no standard rule for a ball marker as long as it is an artificial object.

It was reported that the legendary Brian Barnes, known for his eccentric wardrobe (plaid shorts, socks,) was in a tournament and lost his ball marker.

He saw a concession stand locally, bought a beer, and played the final five holes using his beer can as a ball marker. And it qualified as equipment since he carried it from hole to hole.

The point is, a ball marker can consist of any artificial object, such as a shiny coin, Krugerrand, poker chip, plastic chip, etc., if it does not interfere with opponent’s putt.

Trust me, I do not make these things up and you can find many interesting questions answered in Golf Digest.

**April 19  
Flight A**

First Place: Jay Schwallie, 62, Jere Keiser,

64, Barry Pelham, 65, Ed Sixon, 65, Gary Sandine, 65.

**Flight B**

First Place: Dick Pasco, 61, Ron Nobile, 61, Mike Schuyler, 61, George Mead, 62, Jerry Fugat, 62.

**Flight C**

First Place: Paul Seggeline, 56, Gerald Morrisette, 59, Tim Finan, 60, Harry Crawford, 61, Sal Vasapolle, 62.

**Flight D**

First Place: Sonny Morris, 59, Alex Miller, 62, Jim Mutschler, 62, Phil Perez, 63, Les Meneilly, 64.

**April 26  
Flight A**

First Place: Bill Higgins, 65, Fred Peace, 62, Ed, Sixon, 67, Fran Majewski, 67, Tom Stephens, 67.

**Flight B**

First Place: Pete Gagnon, 61, Marc Schell, 62, Tom Petit, 63, Dick Pasco, 63, Stanley Doran, 63.

**Flight C**

First Place: Ken Schifferle, 57, John Gill, 62, Ron Lafond, 63, Ronald Murray, 63, Jerry Jordan, 63.

**Flight D**

First Place: Chuck McAllister, 59, Jay Laracuate, 60, Irving Hernandez, 63, James O’Neil, 63, Joe Ventimiglia, 64.

**May 3  
Flight A**

First Place: Mike Crittendon, 61, Davis Johnson, 64, Jim Anzalone, 65, Roger Amundson, 66, Ed Sixon, 67.

**Flight B**

First Place: Mike Smith, 59, Ron Lafond, 60, Dave Hansford, 63, Bill Holland, 64, Dick Pasco, 66.

**Flight C**

Flight C: Gerald Morrisette, 59, Jerry Jordan, 60, Harry Crawford, 62, Ken Nield, 67, John Gill, 67.

**Flight D**

First Place: Phil Perez, 59, Tim Palmquist, 60, C.J. Messina, 62, Joe Ventimiglia, 62, Henry Rejman, 64.

**May 10  
Flight A**

First Place: Stanley Doran, 57, Mike Schuyler, 58, Nilson Sabadin, 60, David Johnson, 61, John Taylor, 63.

**Flight B**

First Place: Bob Beals, 61, Mike Smith, 61, Dick Pasco, 62, Guy Bertuzzi, 63, Daniel Morey, 64.

**Flight C**

First Place: Jerry Jordan, 62, Bob McGrogan, 63, Harry Crawford, 64, Ken Nield, 64, Sal Vasapolle, 65.

**Flight D**

First Place: James O’Neill, 58, Richard Zamboni, 63, Irving Hernandez, 64, Tim Palmquist, 64, Jay Laracuate, 65.

# Batters with perfect days go home happy

By Bob Rittner

At any age, fans find thrills in baseball and are elated by special moments.

In our On Top of the World Softball League, there was Tara Gunning who had a perfect four-hit day, lacing liner after liner into the outfield, driving in runs and tearing around the bases to score critical runs for Red’s victory.

There was Don Mandeville, racing from left center to right center field to catch a deep fly ball over his shoulder on the run, frustrating a batter who thought he had a sure extra base hit.

There was Jack Wright, stretching to his limit to bring back a screaming line drive up the middle.

And there was Bill Holland, lofting a majestic, soaring, fly ball over the outfield fence for one of the very few such homers allowed by wood bats.

There was elation in the households of Ron Childress, Ron Shields, Rick Champ, Bob Fields and Guy Bertuzzi, each of whom had a perfect day at the plate.

And we had two examples of the most exciting hit in baseball, a triple, struck and run by Gille Chartrand and Lenny Segall.

Red won this game with 14 runs, White had 11 and Blue 5.



**Red 10, White 10, Blue 9**

Guy Bertuzzi and Ron Nobile, both had perfect three-hit days for Red. They also scored three runs apiece and were instrumental in Red’s comeback to tie White.

White relied more on power as Robert Bannick tripled to drive in one run and Bob Voigt’s homer drove in three runs. Don Mandeville’s homer drove in two more.

Blue fell short by one run, but Ralph Scunziano’s two RBI homer and Melvin Tennille’s two hits and runs, gave them an early 9-8-5 lead.

**White 11, Blue 10, Red 6**

This game demonstrated baseball extremes. Dennis Kuvalanka crushed three balls deep to the outfield, but was retired by three spectacular catches - two by Robert Bannick and one by Bill Holland.

Dennis’ fourth effort was dunked to short center field for a hit.

Meanwhile, Jim Tiano, with infielders playing back respecting his power, topped two balls just a foot or two in front of the plate and hustled into two hits and an RBI.

The game was marked also by some brilliant defense by Jack Wright at second base and Rick Champ, making a spectacular catch

of a rising liner in left field.

And there was the catch of the day as Jim Costello sprinted in from center field, reaching down for a backhand catch of a sinking liner. The crowd gasped.

Catcher Jim Tiano tied a league record by making three putouts at home plate - two on throws from the outfield and one on a foul pop-up behind the dish.

One of his catches was quite difficult as he had to keep one foot on the base while reaching for a ball that was bouncing away from him.

The winning run scored in the bottom of the last inning when consecutive singles by Bob Dembinski, Ron Shields and Don Mandeville brought home the winning score.

**Blue 14, Red 12, White 5**

Newcomers Barry Yellets and Mike Blaa went 5-for-7, each making just one out in a promising start to their On Top of the World softball careers.

Barry added luster to his resume with three outstanding outfield catches, looking very professional in the process.

The game was clinched after Bob Studwell’s three-run double briefly gave Red a lead when Bob Voigt hit a three-run homer to finish the scoring.



# Now one Sunday class

Broadway Bound is an aerobics class that works out to Broadway music.

The class has become so popular that instructor Hope Tera is now creating one Sunday class for the East Activity Center Auditorium.

The group will meet 10:30 a.m. to noon on mornings when the Auditorium is not being used for concerts or shows.

You must be a member of the Moving ‘n Grooving Club to participate, must pay an annual club fee and have an updated Activity Card.



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# Harry Barbin captures Friday Mixed Golf title with nine-point margin of victory



Harry Barbin and Bruce MacPherson finished first and second in the Friday Mixed Golf League season championship.

By Sheryl A. Barbin

The Friday Mixed Golf League 2022/2023 official championship season, which runs from the beginning of November to the end of April, came to end on April 21.

Harry Barbin won the league title with 66 points and Bruce MacPherson finished second with 57 points.

Third place was Bill Whipps with 47 points. Fourth place was Deb Young with 44 points. Fifth place was Fred Schick with 39 points. Sixth place was Peyton Grogan with 38 points.

Seventh place was Sheryl Barbin with 37 points. Eighth place was Gary Sandine with 34 points. Ninth place was Ada Maloof with 33 points. Tenth place went to Dan Hyden, John Maloof and Ken Smith all with 31 points.

Points are awarded for weekly play and rankings.

The league ran six tournaments during the season. The 666 and Scramble tournaments were both won by Harry Barbin and Deb Young.

The Better Ball of Partners Tournament was won by Joyce and Fran Majewski.

The Select Drive Alternate Shot Tournament was won by Geri MacIntosh and Bill Whipps.

The Shamble Tournament was won by Ada and John Maloof.

A Four-Person Scramble was won by Bruce MacPherson, Warren Levene, Dan Hyden and Pat Mahony.



Rick Muchler shot a hole-in-one on hole No. 3. Congratulations Rick!

We had an enjoyable end-of-the-season celebration on May 5 with pizza and drinks donated by an anonymous donor.

The Friday Mixed Golf League was created to provide On Top of the World 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.

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Nine-Hole Ladies Golf League luncheon



The On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League held its spring luncheon in April at the Dunedin Country Club. Pictured above are some of the ladies from the league who attended the year-end event. Awards and prizes were passed out. A list of honors appeared in the May newspaper. The 9-hole league is now off until next fall.

A couple spring outings and then time off

By Paula Ergang

The On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League is officially on a summer break. Our last day of play, where scores were recorded, was May 16. Goodbye hugs and good wishes for summer were given to the last of the Snowbirds by the “full timers.”

In the summer months, ladies who want to continue playing Tuesday mornings, should come to the little house at 8 a.m. Notice the time change. It’s an earlier start before the heat of the day gets too bad.

We will have informal play. Scores are not recorded and handicaps are not kept.

We had one special event May 2. Everyone played the best drive on each hole. There must have been many great drives because another six birdies were made that day!

Then on May 9 and May 16 were regular play days with low gross/low net scores recorded.

If you’ve been by the 9-hole course after dark, you might have noticed our new solar light shining on Old Glory. President Carroll Harris would arrive at the course very early Tuesday mornings and hoist the flag up the pole. There it would fly as we played. After playing, she would take it down until the next week.

Now the flag is on display 24/7 for everyone to admire. Thank you Fred Schick and Kirk Safee for installing the light.

9-Hole



Ladies Golf

Our league is on a summer break now and so am I. This was the first year that I was our reporter. I enjoyed writing the monthly articles and hope that they kept you informed about the happenings in the league.

Watch for the October OTOW newspaper. That should have all the information about our fall restart date.

Now for some of the last scores

April 18  
3 Clubs and a Putter Tournament

Flight A: Marilyn Lisbon, Pat Holland,  
Flight B: Linda Graff, Carole Whynot, Flight C: Marge Sivek, Carroll Harris, Flight D:

Sheri Blaa, Mary Ann O’Neil.  
Birdies: Carole Whynot No. 2.

April 25  
Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Ann Stewart, Paula Ergang,  
Flight B: Carole Whynot, Flight C: Marge Sivek, Carroll Harris, Flight D: Mary Ann O’Neil, Sheri Blaa, Ava Ciolli.  
Birdies: Anne Jarvis No. 2

May 2  
Play Best Drive


Flight A: Ann Stewart, Paula Ergang  
Flight B: Linda Graff, Carole Whynot, Flight C: Marge Sivek, Sheryl Barbin, Flight D: Mary Ann O’Neil, Sheri Blaa, Ava Ciolli

Birdies: Sheri Blaa and Ann Stewart No. 2, Theresa Gates and Ava Ciolli No. 4, Linda Graff No. 2 and No. 4

May 9  
Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Paula Ergang, Ann Stewart  
Flight B: Carole Whynot, Linda Graff  
Flight C: Sheryl Barbin, Marge Sivek  
Flight D: Mary Ann O’Neil, Ava Ciolli  
Birdies: Anne Jarvis No. 2, Paula Ergang No. 2 and No. 4

Lastly, I’d like to wish everyone a happy, safe summer. Keep golfing. Time flies and before you know it, we’ll be back on the course every Tuesday morning.



Jack Souza recorded his first career hole-in-one on the ninth hole in May.

He used a driver on the 134-yard hole. The shot was witnessed by Patrick Mahoney.



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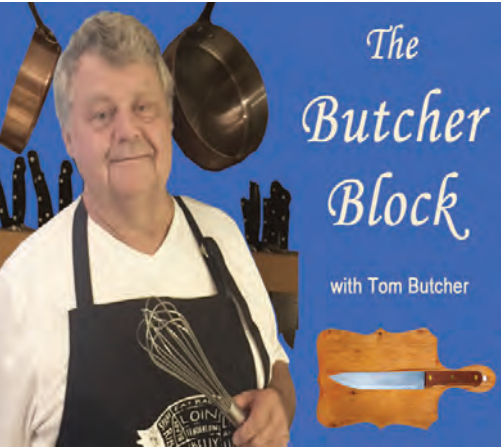
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# Tagine North African Cuisine



North African cuisine is a combination of many different influences and cultures and has its roots in ancient civilizations which invaded, traded and visited the shores of the region known as the Maghreb - Algeria, Morocco, Libya and Tunisia.

Tagine, also spelled “Tajine,” is historically a Berber dish, named after the special pot in which the meal is cooked.

It is a stew made of meats and vegetables, traditionally slow-cooked in a vessel made of heavy clay or terracotta, which is sometimes painted or glazed.

The design consists of two different parts - a wide round, shallow, base in which the food is cooked and a unique conical shaped lid designed to lock in moisture and flavors.

The lid’s shape was not created for artistic purpose, but for functionality. The lid sits high above the base and heat, so that it stays cooler.

As steam rises and makes contact with the cool lid, it condenses and drips back down to the stew, cooking the food gently in a small amount of liquid.

In the Maghreb region, tagines are traditionally cooked over a clay stove, or brazier, which is stoked with charcoal to maintain constant heat.

Heat sources that are suitable for use with the Tagine are gas, electric, radiant or solid plates, including ceramic, halogen and induction. You may also try a range fired by gas, oil, coal or wood.

On glass stovetops, always lift the base on and off, or over the glass, never drag it across the surface. The base can be used, on its own, in the oven or under the grill. This may be useful for cooking dishes other than Tagine.

The authentic Tagine method of cooking will only be achieved on the stovetop.

While the complete Tagine can be placed in the oven (and used as a regular casserole dish), the all-round heat will make the lid very hot, and steam will not condense into the food in the same way it does on the stovetop.

Do not use the cast iron base on high heat at any time. Low and medium heat settings will provide the best results for pre-browning of ingredients.

When cooking and preparation of ingredients begin, always match the base diameter of the Tagine to a similar size heat zone on the stovetop. Leave it cooking at a very low heat setting.

If a gentle simmer is difficult to achieve, move the Tagine to the smallest heat zone on the stovetop and continue at a very low, setting.

The essence of Tagine cooking is that it is slow and gentle, usually over many hours. If the contents simmer very rapidly, they will cook more quickly. As a result, more steam and liquid will be produced in the base. No harm will come to the recipe, but this may result in some seepage of liquid between the base and lid.

If a slightly faster rate of cooking is unavoidable on your stovetop, stir the contents from time to time and reduce the liquid for the recipe.

Use a heat-resistant silicone, plastic, nylon or wood spoon to stir your food.

Do not use knives, electric hand-held beaters or mixers in the pan - permanent damage to the enamel may occur.

The Tagine will become hot during stovetop as well as oven use.

Use a dry, thick cloth or an oven mitt for handling the base and lid at all times. When lifting the lid from the base, I recommend that both the top of the lid and the rim are supported.

Always stand the hot cast iron base on a silicone surface protector, trivet or board, never on an unprotected surface.

Do not place the lid down on any direct heat, or a very hot surface.

Always cool the Tagine for a short time before soaking or washing in hot soapy water. DO NOT PLUNGE the Tagine into cold water while it is hot as thermal shock may cause damage to the enamel.



## Chicken Tagine

### Ingredients

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| 1 tablespoon olive oil, | 1 medium onion,                   | 2 garlic cloves (crushed)     |
| 4 chicken quarters      | 1 teaspoon turmeric               | 2 tablespoon chopped cilantro |
| 3/4 cup chicken stock   | salt/ground pepper                | 2 cups of cherry tomatoes     |
| 2 cups baby carrots     | 1/2 cup whole black pitted olives |                               |

### Directions

1. Heat the oil in the Tagine base on a medium setting. Fry the onion and garlic gently for 3 to 4 minutes without coloring.
2. Cut the chicken quarter into two pieces. Add these to the Tagine and brown evenly, turning the piece frequently. Lower the heat if necessary.
3. Add the turmeric, 1 tablespoon of cilantro, tomatoes, carrots, olives and the stock with some salt and pepper and bring to a simmer.
4. Cover and let simmer for 2.5 hours. Remove the lid and, if necessary, boil the liquid rapidly for a few minutes to thicken the consistency. Garnish with the remaining chopped cilantro before serving.

## Beef Tagine with Green Olives

### Ingredients

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| 1 1/2 pounds braising beef    | 1 teaspoon paprika             | 1 teaspoon cayenne              |
| 1 teaspoon cinnamon           | 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger     | 2 garlic cloves, crushed        |
| 4 tablespoons olive oil       | 2 tablespoons tomato paste     | 4 shallots, quartered           |
| 1 large potato cut into cubes | 2 large carrots cut into cubes | 1 15 ounce can chopped tomatoes |
| 2 tablespoons chopped parsley | 1/2 cup green olives pitted    |                                 |

### Directions

1. Mix together the paprika, cayenne, cinnamon, ginger, 2 tablespoons of olive oil and the tomato paste.
2. Add the beef and turn in the mixture. Cover and leave in the refrigerator overnight.
3. Heat the remaining oil in the Tagine on a medium heat. Fry the shallots, potatoes and carrots until they are beginning to brown. Remove and set on a plate.
4. Add the marinated beef and fry until browned.
5. Add the ingredients from step 3, any remaining marinade, the tomatoes, parsley.
6. Cover and cook over a low heat for 3 to 4 hours.
7. Stir the olives into the dish, remove, allow 15 minutes to heat through.

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# To get the most nutrition from your vegetables, consider steaming and creating a casserole-like dish

Science of  
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By Marie

Email questions, suggestions and comments to  
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Are you wondering what to do with vegetables so they are not boring?

The broccoli cauliflower bake casserole at right is a different way to bring vegetables into your meal. It is a great recipe for those who like low carbohydrate meals.

This casserole is somewhat like a frittata. Both are egg dishes where vegetables slowly pre-cooked on stovetop and then finished in the oven.

My dear chefs, you can experiment by adding leftover salmon or tuna, or any cooked meat if you want. You can mix it up with other veggies like mushrooms, kale and small diced sweet potato.

If you like, change seasonings. Make it Mexican with cumin, chili powder and oregano, or Italian with basil, oregano and rosemary.

With this dish, you get a rich crust on the bottom, while keeping the interior custard-like. It is delicious at just about any temperature ... from fresh-out-of-the-oven hot ... to room temperature ... or even cold.

For lunch or dinner, you complete the meal with a side of lightly dressed greens. For breakfast, add fruit.

The Science

Fresh vegetables are best cooked by steaming to obtain maximum nutritional value, texture and flavor.

Bring water to a boil before placing vegetables in the steamer. This minimizes overcooking.

An ice bath helps keep bitterness out



and ensures broccoli remains bright green. The ice bath also prevents over-cooking. This way the broccoli and cauliflower taste fresh and crisp.

Flour gives the desired firmness to the sauce so that the number of eggs can be reduced. With flour, six eggs are used.

For a large 12-inch baking dish, the recipe typically needs a dozen eggs if flour was not used.

So, this dish is good for your budget, too. As of February 2023, a dozen eggs averaged \$4.21 across the U.S. versus \$2.05 year

before. (Source; Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Concurrently, total red meat and poultry production in 2023 is forecast to decrease for the first time in nearly a decade (Source: U.S. Dept. of Agriculture).

Vegetables are more important for our diet than ever.

Heavy cream has a high fat content (36 percent) so it does not curdle when added to hot items such as sauces or soups. It also contributes to a thicker sauce.

Creams with lower fat content are better used in beverages or for pouring over des-

serts.

Cheddar cheese and turmeric help give a golden-brown appearance without risking overcooking to achieve this look. Bake only long enough that the dish sets.

The Nutritional Value

Sulforaphane is a sulfur-rich, natural plant compound found in many cruciferous vegetables like broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussel sprouts and kale. It has been associated with various health benefits and may help prevent cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and indigestion.

More high-quality research is needed to understand the extent of these effects on humans. That said, population studies have linked a higher dietary intake of cruciferous vegetables with a significantly reduced risk of cancer.

One way to activate sulforaphane is to cut, chop, or chew the vegetable. You could simply chop the vegetables in the morning, several hours prior to making the dish.

Steaming vegetables for one to three minutes is the best way to maximize sulforaphane levels when cooking.

In the oven, it is optimum to keep food temperatures below 284 degrees. Avoid boiling or microwaving cruciferous vegetables.

To further boost sulforaphane after cooking, add one-half teaspoon of mustard seeds or mustard powder to your meals. Use a tea strainer to evenly spread the spice. This works best for single vegetables ... not so well with a casserole dish like today's recipe.

If you are not a broccoli lover, there is still good news to share. You can increase your consumption of sulforaphane, and other nutrients, by daily eating raw broccoli sprouts. Sulforaphane levels are highest in raw vegetables.

According to Johns Hopkins University, broccoli sprouts contain as much as 50 times the amount of some of the health-boosting phytonutrients of mature broccoli.

Broccoli sprouts do not have the taste of broccoli, nor do they require cooking. They add a pleasant crunchy texture to food. They can be used as a topping on salads or vegetables or scrambled eggs.

You can buy broccoli seeds for sprouting at a local health food store, such as Nature's Food Patch, or online. They are made from broccoli seeds easily sprouted in your kitchen in the matter of 3-4 days.

## Broccoli-Cauliflower Bake

Step 1

2 cups fresh broccoli  
2 cups fresh cauliflower  
Cut broccoli into bite-size florets.  
Bring to a boil in a steamer and steam broccoli for two minutes.  
Place broccoli in a bowl with cold water in it, plus several ice cubes to blanch.  
Drain and place in 12 inch by 8 inch baking dish.  
Repeat with cauliflower.

Step 2

½ cup finely chopped carrots  
½ cup finely chopped red peppers  
1 onion, chopped  
Sauté carrots for three minutes. Add pepper and onion and continue sautéing for two minutes. Gently stir into veggies in baking dish.  
½ cup halved cherry tomatoes  
Stir into veggie dish.

Step 3

½ cup flour  
1 cup heavy cream  
6 large eggs  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon dried parsley  
½ teaspoon dill weed  
½ teaspoon turmeric  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
Beat eggs. Stir into eggs, then mix in spices. In a separate bowl, slowly stir a little cream into a small amount flour and mix until no lumps. Repeat until all cream and egg mixture are blended into flour.  
Pour over veggies and gently stir.

Step 4

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
Sprinkle over veggies. Bake in preheated oven at 300 degrees for 40 minutes.  
Makes eight servings.

## Did You Know ...

Past recipes in OTOW News can be found on the Box Office?



otowboxoffice.com (look for the Past Recipes link)





## Food Truck Night May 2023

The final Food Truck Night of the 2022-23 season took place on May 17 and residents took advantage of their last chance to dine in the East Activity Center back parking lot. SeaDog Cantina, Gigglewaters, My Cone Creamery, Steve D's Philly Cheesesteaks, BarBQ Queen and Big Daddy Dave's Deli Wagon were on hand. Residents took advantage of tables in the parking lot while others retreated to the Pavilion and dined at the picnic tables. (Photos by Doug



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# Check No. 1 off the bucket list - the Lisbons have now been to Southeast Asia

Joe and Marilyn Lisbon decided it was time to take their trip of a lifetime and check off the top pick on their “bucket list!”

They flew to Singapore, where they spent four days, then boarded the Silversea Silver Spirit Ship (a high end, all suites, luxury ship with a maximum of 600 guests) for a 28-day cruise to Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines and Hong Kong.

The ship made Thailand port calls in Koh Samui, Bangkok and Pattaya.

Vietnam port calls were Saigon, Da Nang, Hoi An, Chan May and Ha Long Bay at Haiphong.

Philippines port calls were Vigan, Manila and Palawan Island.

They found the architecture of the buildings in Singapore very modern and futuristic, as no two buildings are alike.

The crown jewel was the iconic Marina Bay Sands Hotel, featured in the movie “Crazy Rich Asians,” with three towers and a 57th floor observation deck that includes a pool for hotel guests.

Singapore is noticeably cleaner than any other city in the world!

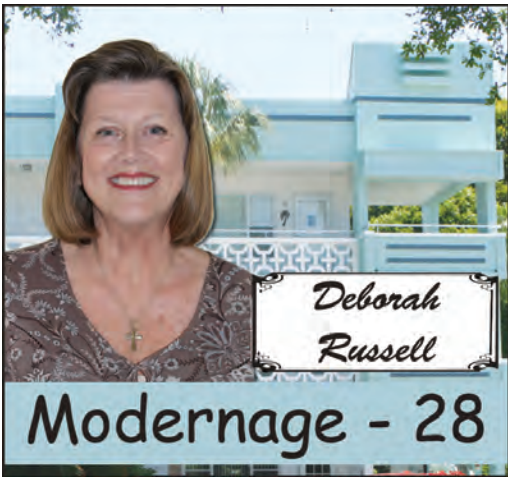
Singapore harbor is gorgeous at night with spectacular lighting and the Merlion fountain.

Nearby is the iconic Raffles Hotel and the Long Bar, home of the “Singapore Sling!” If you love flowers, the many orchids are among the top five flower gardens in the world!

Leave your cigarettes at home. Smoking isn’t allowed.

Don’t spit on the sidewalks - it’s a crime. You will get arrested.

Thailand’s air quality is the opposite of Singapore, with visibility less than three miles.



Bangkok is a rapidly growing city with beautiful gold temples. The Lisbons think they counted 50 gold buddhas at the temples. The most iconic were the sitting Buddha and the Reclining Buddha. They love the spices of Thai street foods.

Vietnam was very meaningful to visit.

Joe served 15 months in the United States Navy 50 years ago in the coastal waters off of Vietnam. This trip was a chance to reflect.

The highlights in Vietnam were the Cu Chi Tunnels (Viet Cong) north of Saigon, the charming city of Hoi An, near Da Nang, and HaLong Bay near Haiphong.

In Saigon/HoChiMinh City, the motorcycle traffic was horrendous, according to Marilyn. They clung to each other, holding hands, as they maneuvered through the hazardous traffic.

The Philippines were meaningful, as Joe’s navy ship would re-supply at Subic Bay naval base during 1972-1974.

On this trip, they visited the town of Vigan, Manila, for three days and Palawan



This is not ‘Crazy, Rich Asian.’ This is real life. Joe and Marilyn Lisbon saw the Marina Bay Sands Hotel, including three towers and 57th floor observation deck, while touring Asia.

Island.

Joe had an ancestral moment when they came to a statue of Jose Rizal, a brilliant, educated man, who fought in the Spanish War. Jose was charged with unsubstantiated war crimes and was punished.

Joe’s grandfather, Francisco, was born on the island Negros Occidental and his great-grandfather, Manuel, was an officer in the Spanish Army.

Joe and Marilyn were among 300 guests aboard Silversea Silver Spirit Ship and claim


the food was the best they have ever experienced. Everything was done to perfection!

The entertainment and amenities were terrific.

Marilyn and Joe were “enhancement crew,” meaning they actually worked on the cruise. This was their 12th international cruise teaching the game of bridge.

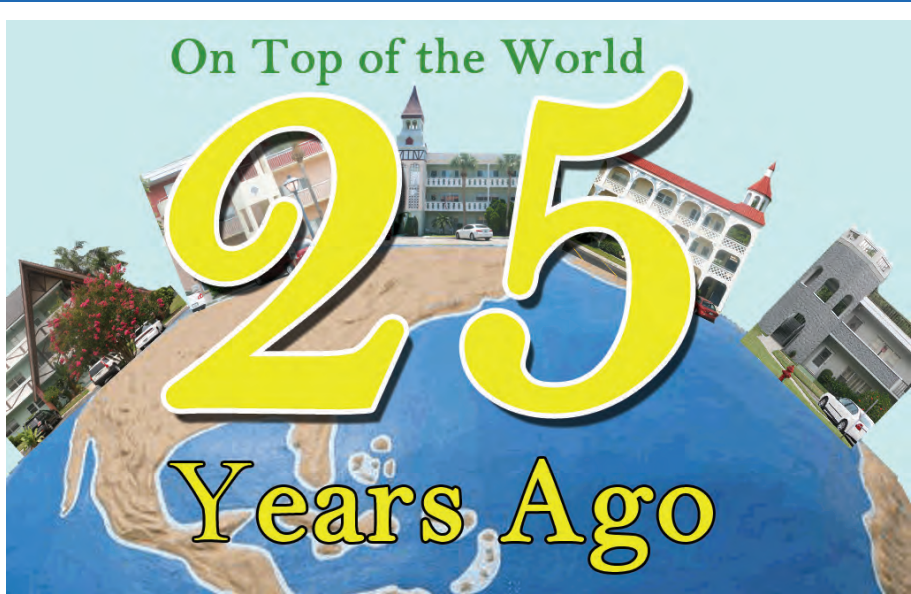
They have no plans as of yet, but hope to sail away and cruise again in the near future.





OTOW General Meeting  
Broadcast Live, 11 am on Thursday, June 15  
(Also on YouTube)





## June 1998

By Dave Hart

**OTOW Press Association:** The final Press Association meeting for the 1997-98 season has taken place. President Johnny Johnson, his executive committee, and those in attendance were entertained by Joe Mistretta at the piano. At the end of the meeting, Johnny remarked on how he had enjoyed his two-year tenure as president and passed the gavel to incoming president Katherine Amend. He wished her a successful reign. The new executive committee is as follows: president, Katherine Amend; vice-president, Adele Tyler; secretary, Ruth Gray; assistant secretary, Irene Collin; treasurer, Ray Flickinger; assistant treasurer, Barbara Lemieux; program coordinator, Helen Johnson. At the close of the meeting, coffee and pastries were served.

**Ladies 18-Hole Golf:** Our May 5 tournament started out, then lightning arrived, so we were unable to complete the play. One more reminder about summer golf: Contact Dot Gonsalves if you are interested. You must be a paid-up member of the Ladies 18 Hole Golf, and the cost is \$2. Play starts June 2, 1998.

**Theatre Workshop Flea Market:** The OTOW Theatre Workshop will soon hold its annual Flea Market. In past years, this popular event has always enjoyed strong community support. We are again appealing to the community to help us make this year's Flea Market another big success. This event is scheduled for Oct. 30, 1998, in the main auditorium of the East Activity Center. All residents, particularly former members of the Theatre Workshop, who are interested in helping with this project, please make plans to attend the next Theatre Workshop meeting on Sept. 2, 1998. We urge everyone to dig out those items that you no longer really need and consider recycling them as new treasures for one of your neighbors.

**Mandalay Building:** On Thursday, April 16, 1998, the residents of Mandalay building enjoyed a picnic at Philippe Park. There was fresh air and sunshine and lots of good times. The water sparkled and rippled as several dolphins cavorted and played offshore. The greenery of the grounds and trees stretched out into the distance. All we had to do was repose ourselves amid the beautiful surroundings. The order of the day was food. Under the direction and efforts of our genial host, Warren Rauscher, and his equally convivial co-worker, Tom Lawson, we were soon provided with an abundance and variety of pizza. The pizza was plentiful and savory.

**American Colonial Building:** June is the anniversary month for the American Colonial Building, so we are now 30 years old. The east wing opened in June of 1968, the north wing in July, the west wing in August and the south wing in September of that year. There are still a few of the originals here: Lena Jackson, Kitty Johnson, Eileen Garner, Dot Ackerman and Betty Wenner. After 30 years, we can still say that this is the greatest place to be. The annual business meeting of our building was held on April 14, 1998, at the East Activity Center with 18 attending. Jean Larison, building captain, led the meeting. Kitty Johnson, secretary, read her report and Eileen Garner gave the treasury report. The new second and third vice-presidents, John and Barbara Wilson, were voted into office. Refreshments were served.

**Chetnik Building:** Work projects and vacation days are filling Gladys and Leon Turner's travel schedules. Leon's "post retirement" work with The Salvation Army makes Gladys wonder if he will ever really retire! Leon headed up a mission work team recently that re-vamped an unused building in Buenos Aires, Argentina, which will now serve as a "guarderia," or day care center, for children in that teeming city of more than 10 million. In seven days, the team completely remodeled a warehouse to be used for that purpose. Leon will lead a similar project later this year in Santiago, Chile, where a rehab center for those fighting addictions will receive attention. An additional trip, serving as a vacation, will take the Turners to St. Louis to see their youngest daughter, Karen, receive her third university degree.



Maria Denehan and Linda Van Praag recently returned to Florida after a world cruise. What were the highlights? One was meeting the sloth pictured above.  
(Photo by Maria Denahan)

# Not often a sloth poses for pictures in OTOW News

On May 13, a contingent of four Bohemia girls headed to Tampa's Union Station. Their purpose was to welcome home Maria Denehan.

Maria left Fort Lauderdale on Jan. 3 for an around-the-world cruise. The trip lasted 128 days and made 71 ports of call.

Her traveling companion was Linda Van Praag, of Delray Beach, who she had known since her nursing days in New York.

This was Maria's second cruise around the world. This trip, however, followed a different track, thereby affording new adventures.

When asked what their favorite sites were, they agreed. The African safari, the tulips in Amsterdam and a sloth in Puerto Limon.

Maria and Linda are home now and taking it easy for four months before a 73-day cruise to the Amazon in South America and to Antarctica.

Other building members have been doing some traveling, too.

Twenty-four residents headed to the Mexican-themed Poblano's Restaurant for a night out. The following week they were off to Largo's Jagerstube for a taste of Germany.



The building closed out the month with its annual Memorial Day scavenger hunt challenge, which was Irish Lane versus Jamaican Street. For two years in a row, Irish Lane has held the title as champions, but Jamaican Street had vowed to take it away this year.

Who won? See our July newspaper. At the conclusion of the hunt, residents join together for a potluck that shows off delicious dishes prepared by our champion cooks from both sides of the building.

# Brahman sets brunch, lunch outings for summer

By Patrick Hayes

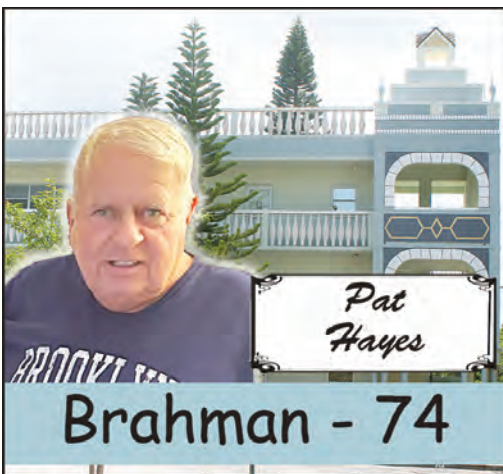
The Brahman building committee has organized several functions for the upcoming summer so we can meet one another and make plans for the future!

All Brahman residents are welcome to join us. Come to one or come to them all. We will meet in the core at 9:45 a.m. for brunch or at 12:15 p.m. for lunch.

Sign-up sheets for the most recent event will be posted on the Brahman bulletin board. If you will need a ride to the restaurants, please leave your phone number on the sign-up sheet so we can contact you.

Brunch at Clearwater Family Restaurant at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 13, and 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 11.

Lunch at Queen's Pizza at 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 20, and 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday July 18.



If you have any suggestions regarding future plans or have questions about these functions, please feel free to call Patrick Hayes at 516-728 7883.

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# Spring is here - so let's eat!

Hello fellow Polynesians!

Seventeen of us recently got together to celebrate spring at Duff's Buffet.

The food was wonderful and the camaraderie was even better.

We had a nice leisurely lunch and no one went away hungry, that's for sure. However, there was a run on the lemon meringue pie and a few of us were just plain out of luck.

Note to self - eat dessert first next time!

A couple of weeks later, we said our hail and farewells to the folks leaving us for a few months by partaking in a pizza party on the lawn of the Canadian Way side of the building.

Twenty-two of us dined on pizza and proved, once again, the draw that food has for gatherings.

It's always nice to break bread with neighbors and friends.



If anyone wants to have get togethers during the summer, feel free to post a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. We can carry on the fun and keep cool at the same time.

Have fun and be safe!



Seventeen residents celebrated spring with lunch at Duff's Buffet.

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# 75 trips around the sun



Chinese Cathay Building: Friends and family gathered at Ha Long Bistro in Dunedin for a family-style meal to celebrate Andy Watson’s 75th birthday! Andy’s daughter in-law, Debbie Liske, sang and played guitar providing incredible entertainment after dinner. When asked, what’s the secret to making it to 75 years, Andy said, ‘A good wife!’ Wishing you many more trips around the sun Andy!

## Club information tables will relocate on June 15

On Thursday, June 15, club information tables will take place as usual from 8:30-10:30 a.m., but on this day only, the tables will be relocated from the East Activity Center Auditorium to downstairs in the Kitchen and Clearwater rooms to accommodate the OTOW General Meeting. You can purchase tickets for upcoming events, ask questions or join a club.



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When Valencia residents were invited to attend a picnic at the Pavilion, they almost all showed up. Pictured above is a group photo as residents, friends and at least one dog took advantage of hot dogs, burgers, cornhole and fun on a spring day at On Top of the World.

## If your building held a picnic at the Pavilion, would this many people attend?

Valencia did it again - another record turnout for our building cookout held at the East Activity Center Pavilion.

Many thanks to Cathe Clinton and all the volunteers who helped with the set up and the clean up.

Our grillmasters, Phil Roth and Dennis Hemmling, did a smokin' job and kept those burgers and dogs coming just the way you like them.

Many of our neighbors chipped in with all the fixings and various sides, and of course an array of outstanding desserts.

Perfect weather, perfect food and desserts all for a perfect group of people.

Although we are a friendly group, things changed when we started the cornhole competition. There were some very close games, which had everyone on the sidelines cheering.

It started off with Marianne Burton confusing her opponents with her unorthodox



dox overhand toss.

Then, Philly Clinton demonstrated his "In Your Face" dance when he rallied his team with back-to-back tosses that kept his team in the running right to the end.

The team of Jeanne Hedrick and Kim Copeland outlasted the rest of the competition with their consistent play and wore down each opponent one by one.

Everyone was exhausted from the tension and the cheering, and cheerfully congratulated the well-deserved winners.

Check the bulletin board for information on our next luncheon at American Legion Post 273 in Madeira Beach.

And now for our new "Name That Teen" contest. Here is a picture of a lady who lives in our building, who was about 12 at the time the photo was taken. An anagram of her name is Cloak Crime. It might help to use our building telephone list to figure it out.

May's teen photo was Stanley Morris. Thanks, Stan, for participating.

One more thing, only two of our neighbors correctly identified Susie Roberts as the teen in our April edition.



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# If you were at the Austrian Alpine spring social, you would have had triple layer chocolate, peanut butter brownies

Austrian Alpine residents came out to enjoy a welcome and overdue social hosted by Marilyn Whelan, Ginny McDowell and Donna Gagnon.

The Spring Social was held in the second floor core where tables were set with vibrant floral arrangements created and donated by Joyce Jennings.

Many of our dear neighbors volunteered to bring homemade treats. Some of the offerings included strata, cheesecake bites, triple-layer chocolate peanut butter brownies, pies, grapes bouquet, bread pudding, snickerdoodle cookies and mini donuts from Van Dough.

Thank you Joanna Hudson, Bob Young, Christine Rathbun, Dottie Ferrence, Marilyn Whelan, Ginny McDowell and Janice Farnham.

Continuing in the spirit of generosity and friendship, Marilyn Whelan donated exquisitely-created gift baskets that she created, and artwork from Park West Galleries. Many neighbors went home with something delightful and memorable.

Mike McDowell generously donated a 14 cup coffee maker to replace an older coffee pot. We thank Mike for his constant support and this gift.

A huge thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the conviviality.

Our active neighbors are out and about golfing, playing pickle ball, bicycling, cruising, attending concerts and traveling here and there.

Turning the spotlight, Christine Rath-



bun and Nelson Sparks had a memorable 14-day cruise with Viking along the Amazon River.

Once they landed in Manaus, Brazil, they set out to explore this capital city and 1,000 miles of the Amazon River.

Skip and Christine enjoyed the architecture of Manaus, the largest city along the Amazon basin.

What made this cruise unique and special from other adventures they've enjoyed was the experience of being immersed in the diverse cultures and meeting self-sustaining indigenous people of the region.

It was not commercial like many of the other cruises they've done.

To add to this, they spotted pink dolphins in the Amazon River, watched tapioca being ground, learned about rubber trees and the early rubber trade, saw cultural dances,



Austrian Alpine residents enjoyed a spring social in the second floor core in May. Many brought food. Some brought decorations.

colorful facades of buildings, tropical birds and lush landscapes.

Christine and Skip continued on their cruise through French Guinea, Antigua, Bar-

bados, St. Lucia and finished in Puerto Rico. Thank you for sharing your experiences with us.

Cheers, neighbors!

## Activity Card renewals begin June 5

On Top of the World-Clearwater residents may renew their Activity Cards for the 2023-2024 fiscal year beginning Monday, June 5.

The Community Service Office (CSO) is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch). The CSO will also

be open Saturday, June 17 from 8 a.m. to noon for anyone who cannot visit during regular business hours.

You must 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 renewals, however, if your Activity Card has expired (all fiscal years have been punched at the bottom), a new card is required. The fee is \$3. If you do not have your most recently issued Activity Card, the fee is \$25 for a replacement.



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Deb Houot and Mello love it at the Villa.

Welcome to our new neighbor, Deb Houot, and her pal, Mello.

Originally from Adirondack Mountains N.Y., she visited On Top of the World a few years ago and liked it so much that she bought a condo here at Viennese Villa.

Deb loves all the activities offered, and both Deb and Mello have made many new friends.

As Deb says “there’s always something to do to stay active, or just spend leisurely time at the pools.

Both Deb and Mello are a welcome addition to our corner of paradise.

Chris Tuttle celebrated her newest trip around “Ole Sol” with pals enjoying a birthday dinner at Al Frescos.

Since pooches are welcomed, my pal, Kevin, joined the celebration.

Bill and Mary Carey had a fun time in Las Vegas with family.

Judy Read returned home after visiting newest grandbabies in New England.

Glad no one smokes inside their condos. That sure wouldn’t be pleasing for neighbors. Instead, enjoy the aromas coming through the air conditioning vents? At times, the wonderful aromas of Italian cuisine have been sifting through.

Have you noticed items left in the trash room for disposal? If you have such items to dispose of, there are recycling centers on Hercules Avenue just before the tracks on the left.

We have to pay on our HOA fee if OTOW disposes of the items for us.

So far my Summit Broadband has worked smoothly. Replacing the fiberoptic



wiring seems to have done the trick. Summit has some great options, especially like going back to locate a missed program.

Recently a suggestion was made to a worker cleaning those hidden sprinkler heads to paint the sprinklers so they would easily be seen by walkers as well as mowers.

When leaving Ecuadorian Way to World Parkway Boulevard, best not to “California stop” (look quickly). Double look as electric bikes are pretty fast in the bike lane.

Well, boys and girls, that’s about it for this month. Remember to fly “Ole Glory” on Flag Day.

Brian Lance and Earl Balance are our new flag guys. Thanks in advance.

Birthday greetings to Steve Mezurek and Trudy Berry and all other celebrants.

Till next we meet, remember any news fit to print (or not), send an email to fresca@maine.rr.com.

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If you have lost anything within the last couple of months, please consider stopping in to see if the Community Service Office has it.

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# Rural French welcomes a new coordinator

In the Rural French building, if you ask you will receive.

That's exactly what happened during our May building luncheon.

Although our numbers have dwindled and many of our neighbors have headed north for the summer, our monthly luncheon still had 19 hungry mouths join in, enjoy the food and each other's company.

The luncheon was hosted by Jim and Carmel LeBlanc and was held at Rumba Island Bar and Grill in Clearwater.

After nibbling on the cornbread and cinnamon butter, we took a few minutes and discussed our buildings needs. One topic was what restaurants to visit for our future luncheons as we're always looking for new food experiences and luckily we have plenty of restaurants in our area.

Next was the talk of finding a new building coordinator to oversee our building needs and functions. We discussed the vacant position and we asked for a volunteer to take over the position. That's when David McClellan stepped up and volunteered to do it.

Everybody who was present at the luncheon agreed on David taking over that position.

On behalf of our entire building, we'd like to thank and welcome David as our new building coordinator.

Lunch was then served. The food and atmosphere were enjoyed by all and many of us already talked about revisiting the Rumba Island Bar and Grill at a later date.

Building luncheons are fun and a good way to get out and eat and socialize with your



neighbors. The signup sheet is on our building bulletin board. You can sign up to host one of our monthly luncheons. Or you can just sign up to join in and be a part of one.

The food and company are always good. We're looking forward to seeing you at our next luncheon.

Once again we'd like to remind everybody about our garbage room. If it's not household garbage and it doesn't fit in the garbage can, it doesn't belong in the garbage room.

Please break down and flatten your cardboard boxes and follow the garbage and recycling regulations. The mess you leave behind has to be cleaned up by one of your neighbors.

If you have a story or a function to share, and you'd like it printed in your On Top of the World newspaper, contact Jim LeBlanc and we'll make it happen.



If you put three tables together, you have enough space to hold a luncheon for Rural French residents. Residents also talked building business at the same time.



Donald Lamborn was presented a plaque for 100 gallons of donated blood.

## Granadian donates his 100th gallon of blood

Our very own Granadian, Don Lamborn, has reached an impressive milestone that many people have yet to achieve – all while saving lives in the process.

On May 14, OneBlood announced that Don donated his 100th gallon of blood.

Don began donating blood back in college and has continued to do so ever since.

While his process of donating blood has changed over the years (he now gives platelets), his blood has continued to help many recipients, including cancer patients.

He donates like clockwork every two weeks, with his donation going to patients within five days. His platelets are vitally needed for transfusions during chemo and radiation therapies.

Healthy people who are 16 years old or older, and weigh at least 110 pounds, can donate blood. Donors will need a photo ID to give blood.

Watch this newspaper and OTOW-TV 901 for the next time OneBlood is at On Top of the World.



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# Mother, daughter celebrate birthdays in Vegas



Barbara Reece and daughter, Shannon Mitchel, recently celebrated birthdays together with close relatives in Las Vegas.

It was a dream trip.

On arrival, everyone checked into the Flamingo Hotel, which was perfect. Then they were off and running for the next five days.

They ate breakfast at the famous Peppermill Restaurant where all the stars dined in the early days. The food was delicious, no matter which restaurants they selected. There was every dish you could imagine.

The group toured the famous Wax Museum where the figures looked incredibly real. They rode a monorail and took in a few shows.

Did they gamble?

Of course they gambled. You do not go to Vegas and not gamble. Unfortunately, there were no big winnings.

Next they hopped on a charter bus to tour the Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam all in one day. What a breathtaking experience. it was for everyone.

They took a lot of pictures to help remember how important quality time is with family.

This surely was a trip they will never forget.



OK. Here is photographic proof Barbara Reece and Shannon Mitchel were about to enter Las Vegas for their birthdays, but there are no pictures once crossing into the city limits. You’ll have to ask them what happened next.

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# Rizal residents have spent 52 nights at sea so far this year

Rizal residents caught the cruising bug. No, I am not talking about a flu-like illness. I'm talking about a strong desire for a fun adventure at sea!

This year has seen several Rizal residents board cruise ships for an exciting vacation on the high seas.

At least eight people in our building have chosen to take a vacation at sea this year.

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Just take a look at this year's adventures from our building residents alone:

In January, Sherry Lile and her friends traveled to Miami to board the Carnival Horizon. They visited the Dominican Republic, Bonaire and Aruba in the Southern Caribbean.

This eight-day cruise was the perfect way to celebrate the Kentucky friend's 70th birthday.

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My husband, Mike Wood, and I sailed out of Tampa aboard the Carnival Paradise in January.

Our five-day cruise took us to the Bahamian ports at Nassau and Bimini. We enjoyed exploring Bimini, as that was our first time to this port.

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April found Sue Fugatt and her friend, Patricia West, boarding the Carnival Pride in Tampa for a trans-Atlantic adventure at sea!

After leaving Tampa, they spent seven sea-days relaxing and enjoying the ship.

Their first port was Ponta Delgada (Sue's



favorite port), a city on the Portuguese archipelago of the Azores.

They spent two more days at sea and sailed through the Strait of Gibraltar, which is a narrow seaway between Europe and Africa.

Their last three ports were Malaga, Valencia and Barcelona, Spain.

What an exciting way to see the Mediterranean!

Sue also has plans for an Alaskan cruise in the near future.

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The month of May found Mike and I boarding a cruise ship, new to us, to Margartaville at Sea Paradise.

We sailed out of Palm Beach.

This two-night cruise brought out the Jimmy Buffett Parrot Heads in us for sure!

Two evenings and overnights at sea, along with a day at Freeport, Bahamas, was the perfect quick getaway for our busy lifestyle.

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How about celebrating a 20th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Cozumel?

That is what Robbin and Ray Klaver decided to do in May.

Sailing out of Tampa aboard Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas, they took their very first cruise. A balcony cabin was



Robbin and Ray Klaver enjoy some shade with Pancho Villa in Cozumel, Mexico.

the best way to enjoy a romantic getaway and enjoy the western Caribbean breezes.

Jerry Esposito and Lisa Torrens joined Ray and Robbin to help them celebrate this milestone anniversary.

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If you have never gone on a cruise and want to talk with someone who has been before you take the plunge, you will find many people at the Rizal building.

At last count, our residents have spent

52 nights at sea this year!

The Travel Club can help answer other questions.

Happy cruising!

If you live in the Rizal building and have an exciting trip, hobby or other experience you feel would make a great story for a future newspaper article, please contact me, Charlie Wood, by leaving a note for the building coordinator in the mailbox outside my door at apartment 55.



Azores residents gathered for a lively luncheon at Outback Steakhouse on May 4. Fifteen residents attended and are pictured above. From left to right are Angela Profera, Katherine Mahoney, Nan Rudolph, Bob Kelly, Nick Paulus, Ruth Paulus, Anne Marie Davis, Jean Fowlie, Margaret Sayward, Doris O'Meara, Carol Gasparre, Nancy Lo, Evie and Maryann Staffieri.

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# Before heading home to Ireland, Villa Riviera family made sure resident knew she would be missed



May and early summer are known world-wide for the big three horse races - the famous Triple Crown.

Well, now Villa Riviera also will be famous for its three lunches, the famous triple fork.

One was planned by our social committee and the other two just sprang up organically.

Anne Flippo, a long-time On Top of the World resident (sitting front row center), has left the USA and moved back to her beloved homeland, Ireland.

But before she left, Villa Riviera gave her a proper send off luncheon.

Anne was a young lass when she was swept off her feet by an American and moved across the Atlantic to start a young family. When the marriage didn't work out, she returned to the bonnie hills of Ireland and lived there for a long time as a single mother.

As fate would have it, Anne finally met her soulmate, another American, and moved her adult boys back to the States, one eventually settling in Boston and the other in Florida.

When Anne and her second husband retired, they followed the sun-loving child and also headed to Florida, eventually ending up at OTOW in 2005.

In 2011 they purchased a ground floor unit on Ecuadorian Way, where she has stayed until this year.

Her husband recently passed away and once again, Anne has decided to return to Ireland.

One of her sons is also retired and moved back across the pond. Anne's sisters and other family members are in Ireland.



Villa Riviera residents took Anne Flippo out for lunch recently before she moved back to her homeland Ireland. Anne is in the front row, seated center. She had been an On Top of the World resident since 2005.

(Photo by Becky Ryan)

So Anne decided to go back where she had the most family.

But her Villa Riviera friends need not worry. She still has one son in Florida and promises to be back to visit.

The second luncheon was a complete surprise because that's exactly what it was, a surprise party.

Linda Pregenzer turned 75, but both she and this reporter are saying 65 and that's the story with which they are sticking.

With her great looks and overabundance of energy, it's totally plausible she never left

her 60s.

Linda's niece opened her beautiful home to her Ecuadorian friends and neighbors (not to mention countless other family members) and had one heck of a Mexican fiesta with enchiladas, tacos and even a pinata.

Last, but not least, was the one luncheon that was planned by the social committee.

A small, but mighty crowd, turned out and had a fantastic time gossiping about all the other luncheons, and deciding on some exciting activities for the rest of the year.

Christmas plans were discussed as was

the idea of a happy hour.

If anyone has some latent musical talent, and would like to bring it out for happy hour entertainment, please contact the social committee.

That's it for this special edition of Villa Riviera's silver fork edition. We'll see you again in two months. Don't forget, if you have any news that's fit to print, you need look no further than the old guy sitting outside with his chubby pug, Cuddles. If you have any musical talent, look for Puddin' or Tam-Tam.

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# Don't be the bad neighbor from the laundry room

We are quickly marching into our hot and humid season followed by hurricane season.

Be sure to check this newspaper for a really good graphic which outlines all you will need to know to be totally prepared.

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Remember, even if we have not had a hurricane hit us directly in a long time, that does not mean it cannot happen.

Hurricane Ian was a near miss for the Tampa Bay Area.

Now for a little building business. There have been a number of complaints regarding the laundry room. Unfortunately, some

people are leaving their laundry in the washer and/or dryer long after either one has stopped. This, of course, affects the other residents because nobody wants to remove someone else's laundry.

Please be aware of what you are doing regarding this issue. Don't be the person everyone else is talking about.

Be a good neighbor. Your fellow residents will thank you.

Happy birthday to all of our residents who celebrated May birthdays: Renee Dollar May 2, Treva Olinger May 3, Ellen Modena May 8, John Lovasc May 8, Doris Kazeck May 9, Song Kyong May 10, Larry Faulkner

May 11, Bud Goeke May 19, Thelma Tilbert May 19, Patty Harrison May 23 and Rob McKee May 26.

Hope you all had a wonderful day.

We have been doing a game day in the building for about a year now and it has been going very well.

We have had small groups and larger groups. We have a large assortment of games and we pick a game based on the size of the group. You get the preference.

It is a great way to have a fun afternoon, meet new people and enjoy each other's company.



## Summer is here June 21!



One of the many things residents of the Bavarian Chalet building enjoy are decorations that fill the big bulletin board in the corridor. The decorations are changed as a new holiday approaches and normally by the building captains. The past Easter decorations and now the beautiful summer decorations are the work of one of our Snowbirds, Lee Miranda. She arrived at On Top of The World in late January and right away offered to help with this project. We are so grateful for her sharing her talents with us. Take the time to stroll through our corridor and enjoy Lee's talents.

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Glass Bottles

Grocery Bags

Paper Plates/Cups

Bubble Wrap/Package Material

Scrap Metal

**WHY THE CHANGE?**

The recycling market has changed. Currently Municipalities are sending recyclables to the landfill, as there has not been a market for them. In an effort to stop sending recyclables to the landfill; We are changing what can and cannot go in your recycling bin/cart.

The new markets are very strict and will not accept anything other than what is listed as **ALLOWED** on this brochure. Current markets only pay for "clean" recycling.

As of October 1st, 2019 bins/carts will be considered "contaminated" if they contain anything other than what is on this list.

When in doubt,  
**THROW it out!**

Questions? Call 727-572-6800 • [www.wasteconnections.com](http://www.wasteconnections.com)



# Free Activities

All Year Round!

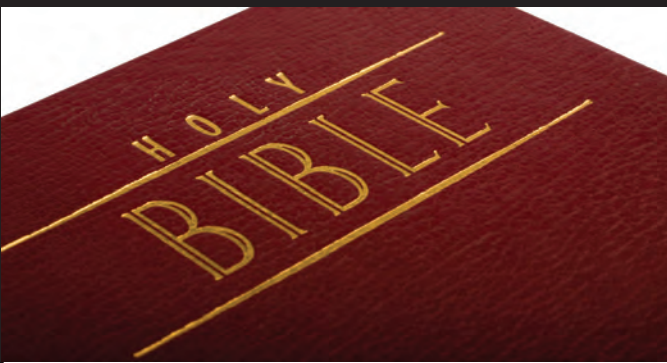


## Aqua Aerobics Classes

If The Outdoor Temperature Is Over 62 Degrees, We're Exercising

Need a fun way to exercise?  
Join our exercise classes each morning.  
All are welcome. Classes are free.

9-10 a.m., Weekdays, East Activity Center Swimming Pool



## Bible Study

### All Summer

### 2 pm, Fridays

## Crystal Beach Room

### All denominations welcome

## OTOW SHUFFLEBOARD

Thank you everyone for a great season.  
League play will return in October.

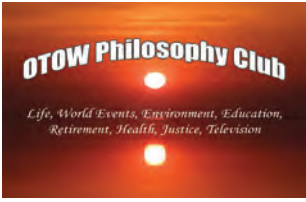


Shuffleboard is open to all OTOW residents with a valid activity card. Just show up and play. We have the equipment.

## Philosophy Club

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.



## tops

"Take Off Pounds Sensibly."

New Day, New Location

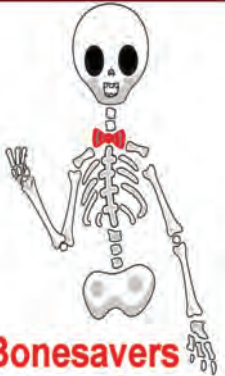
Meets 10:30 am-12 p.m.  
Fridays in the East Activity Center  
Crystal Beach Room.

We are very motivated to help you if you want to lose weight. We are a friendly group and usually go out for a healthy meal after our meetings. Because we are a part of a national club, we charge \$37 per person for yearly national dues. Please come to our meetings at no charge for one month to try us out.



**Real People.  
Real Weight Loss.®**

For more information  
call Libby Shear  
at 727-669-1486.



## Bonesavers


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

## Learning to Dance with Noland



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

Beginner duplicate bridge takes place 9 a.m. to noon, Thursdays, in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

Regular duplicate bridge takes place 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

## Mah Jongg players wanted

Wanted: 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. No experience needed!

## Billiards

9-Ball Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

8-Ball 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

## Ceramics

### Thursdays

### 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Clearwater Room

## Pray for America

### Saturdays

### 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Crystal Beach Room

## Casual Bridge

A new, casual bridge club is started up in March.

New bridge players, and not so new bridge players are welcome.

The first meeting is March 7, 1-4 p.m., and then every Tuesday after.

The club will meet in the East Activity Center Ozona Room, the former puzzle room. Come enjoy some fun card playing while challenging your skills - old and new. No partner necessary. For further information, contact Christine Nason by calling or texting 727-366-0221.



## Canadian Club Social Games

# BLACKOUT

### Year Round

## Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30 PM

## West Activity Center Belleair Room

Coordinator Tom Jamrozy is available to train new players at 5:50 p.m. each Thursday, followed by practice games from 6-6:30 p.m. and regular games running from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Bring your own beverage of choice. Must have a valid activity card.

## Experienced Mah Jongg players wanted

Are you ready to toss your tiles again?

If so, there is a group of experienced Mah Jongg players that meets each Friday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. in the West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room.

We mainly adhere to the National Mah Jongg League guidelines with just a few variations.

No sitting at home in your room wishing you were playing Mah Jongg! Bring your lucky Mah Jongg card and join us Friday afternoons. We look forward to seeing you. If you have questions, please stop by the Palm Harbor Room before our games begin.



# Classifieds

### COUCH SLEEPER

For sale: Couch sleeper, never slept on, double bed-size mattress, Couch fabric with throw pillows. Excellent condition. Asking \$350. Call 727-797-1893. Ask for Jeanne.

### PET STROLLER

For sale: Pet stroller, \$20. Very good condition. Also for sale, Kenmore sewing machine in cabinet with many attachments. \$80. Vintage Queen Anne’s chest. Would be a nice focal point. \$125. Call (727) 686-6265 and ask for Fran.

### RECORDS

Wood Allen vinyl records from the 1960s for sale. Also John F. Kennedy and Bronx memorabilia. All reasonably priced. Call (727) 472-0656 and ask for Laurence.

### DINING SET

For sale: Dining set, including four chairs with padded backs and seats, arm-rests and wheels. Tables measures 48 x 36 and can be expanded with a drop leaf to 60 x 36. Color is light beige. Asking \$150. Call Jim at (727) 386-5636.

### SLEEP SYSTEM

For sale: Enso Sleep System Zero. Barely used. Remote controlled positions. Single-person use. Call with an offer. (727) 423-1397 ask for Julia.

### DUMBBELLS

For sale: Marcy 3-Level Dumbbells with rack. Six weights (10-35 pounds). Comes with utility bench. Purchased from Dick’s Sporting Goods. Call and make an offer: (352) 445-3170.

### BATTERY CHARGER

For sale: HP Laptop Battery Chargers, \$95. New walking cane with pegs, \$40. New king-sized bed in a bag (8-10 pieces) \$60. Cordless Panasonic phone with two chargers, \$25. Call (239) 766-9303 ask for Laurel.

### ROTATING MEDIA STORAGE TOWER

For sale: Rotating Media Storage Tower approximately 5.5 feet tall, in excellent condition. Real wood. Holds CDs and cassettes. \$75. Call (917) 443-0581. Ask for Rachel.



According to information published in the Tampa Bay Times on Aug. 26, 2020, you can get a productive, fun workout right in a swimming pool - and you don’t have to attend a group class. You can exercise and enjoy the pool on your own. Pool exercises can improve muscle strength, endurance and flexibility. Some simple suggestions are listed below.\*

1. Water Walking: Stand in waste-high water and simply walk. Don’t forget to walk backwards, too.
2. Twisting: Hold arms and hands under water and twist. Holding an object in each hand makes the exercise even better.
3. Jumping Jacks: In waist-high water, try some jumping jacks. Make sure no one else is near you and don’t splash anyone.
4. Knee Squats: Hold a noodle in your hands, stand in waist-high water and do knee squats. Force the noodle under water.

\* Before trying the four exercises above, please check with your doctor to make sure these activities are right for you. On Top of the World is not responsible for anyone exercising in our swimming pool. If you want to work out with a group, please visit the Activities Office to learn about available options.

## 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:  
OTOW Condominium Association, Inc., Attn: CSO, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E., Clearwater, FL 33763

Building Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Today’s Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This change is: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary; Effective \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Owner Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Forwarding address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Don’t forget to notify the United States Post Office of the change!**  
**(Submit new form upon return)**



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BRAIN TEASE

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OTOW NEWS

WORD MIX

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.

K C N K A

R A T F E

R K A Y E B

O O I N N S


Z U C U Z B T

L S V A E G A

SECRET WORD

Last month's scrambled words: Santa, apple, victor, openly, raccoon, younger. Secret Word Last Month: savory

OTOW LIBRARY



NEW BOOKS!

Peter May - "A Winter Grave"

David Baldacci - "Simply Lies"

Lisa Scottoline - "Loyalty" (large print)

James Patterson - "The 23rd Midnight"

Karen White - "House on Prytania" (New Orleans series)

Join the library for \$5.

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FLORENCE ADLER SWIMS FOREVER



Rachel Bealand

10 a.m., Thursday, June 15  
"Florence Adler Swims Forever"  
by Rachel Bealand

10 a.m., Thursday, July 20  
"The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna"  
By Walter Isaacson

All of our meetings take place in the EAC Crystal Beach Room  
For more information, see our Webpage on the Box Office:  
otowboxoffice.com - look for our link

Need more information, write to Jslantz1948@aol.com or call 727-754-3823

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Community Service Office  
(727) 683-6981  
Leave Message If Needed

Water Turn On/ Turn Off  
(727) 799-3417  
Menu Option 6

Emergency Service  
After Hours / Weekends  
(727) 799-1115

Activities Office  
(727) 799-2734

Duke Energy (report power outages) ..... 1-800-228-8485

Pinellas County Sheriff (Non-Emergency Line) ..... 727-582-6200

Pinellas County Consumer Hotline (Report Scams) ... 727-464-6617