



OTOW couple brings their favorite New York tree with them to Florida

By Laura Evans

When newlyweds Mary Jane and Ralph Devoe moved into their new home in Mayfield, N.Y., a cherry tree was growing in their yard.

That first week, the tree showed signs of its commitment to the young married couple by presenting them with the first signs of spring.

For 50 years - just like a good marriage - that tree weathered its ups and downs and grew stronger and stronger.

To Ralph, the tree's greatest gift was shade during the hot days of summer.

To Mary Jane, she admired the way the tree survived snowy winters and ice-covered branches.

She said the tree's beauty was a form of living art.

When Mary Jane and Ralph moved to On Top of the World in 2007, they became Snowbirds. They spent their winters in Florida.

Normally, Mary Jane and Ralph left New York with little guilt for those who they left behind, because winters in Mayfield were mild.

However, two years ago they were spending their winter here at OTOW when they heard stories of record snow, ice and wind back home.

Upon returning to Mayfield the following spring, Mary Jane and Ralph discovered their precious cherry tree had fallen - a victim of the season.

Despite the immediate sorrow, Ralph touched the precious cherry bark of his friend and knew there

was still beauty inside.

Right then, Ralph made a decision to create a gift for his wife that would forever remember the history of their favorite tree and their past 50 years together.

This gift would be a cherry wood desk.

Ralph sketched plans on a sheet of paper, then cut the tree into logs and lifted them into his truck.

With a mill located near their New York home, Ralph drove to the plant and requested the logs be turned into planks. He returned home, where, for one year, the planks were dried in his brother-in-law's barn.

Next came the cutting, the shaving and the sanding, which revealed the beauty of the grain Ralph had predicted.

Then, just a few months ago, the wood traveled with Ralph and Mary Jane from New York as they made their journey back to OTOW for this winter.

Once here, the wood was taken to the OTOW woodworking shop, where more cutting, drilling and shaping took place.

Today, the cherry tree is home again - but from now on it doesn't have to struggle through any more winters.

The cherry tree, in the form of a beautiful desk, resides in the Devoes Siboney condo.

The desk provides pull out drawers to place pictures and memorabilia from 50 years of marriage,



Ralph and Mary Jane Devoe recently opened their Clearwater home to an old friend from up north.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

and a desktop to put brochures for future fun trips.

For Ralph, he knows he has given his wife the perfect gift, because she keeps telling him so.

And one look at the desk and you can tell it is also very happy - still honoring its commitment to a "young-at-heart couple" who moved into the tree's home 50 years ago.

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February was an exciting and busy time at On Top of the World and March promises to be the same.

The calendar page is filled with some great activities, so be sure and get out to enjoy as many of these great events as you can fit into your schedule.

The Jesters Club's hard work and dedication paid off with their presentation of "A Really Big Show," a tribute to the Ed Sullivan show of yonder years.

Most of us never missed that show. We looked forward each week to see and hear all his newly discovered talent. Their production was another



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great success and we look forward to next year's show.

You will find great articles about our many clubs in the OTOW newspaper, giving you detailed information about their events and trips, but in this

article hopefully I will give you just enough information to entice you into purchasing tickets 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center.

The Singles Club will visit Sarasota, March 15 and will hold a card party/fashion show on March 21.

The Italian American Club's annual St. Joseph's dinner/dance will be March 21.

Be sure and put March 10 on your calendar as that is the big day for the Irish Club and its annual St Patrick's Day Parade. It's a fun event for several clubs and you won't want to miss.

Most everyone loves a good Flea Market, so don't miss the Good Neighbors Flea Market 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 30.

If you would like a table to sell your wares, sign up Monday or Thursday mornings in front of the Gift Shoppe.

Our Theater Workshop group will be performing March 16, 17 and 18. Their show this year is called, "Money." The cast is diligently practicing and we are looking forward to another great show this year. Be sure to get your tickets.

Wishing all of you a happy St. Patrick's Day.

Puzzle room moves

By Lill Cervinka

The On Top of the World puzzle room was removed from across the Library to the room right outside the library door – Room No. 2, small classroom, downstairs in the East Activity Center.

Some folks use the room for card playing, etc., but feel free to enter and take puzzles. When you work a puzzle and pieces are missing, toss the puzzle in the garbage, but first check your floor in case you may have dropped a piece.

My doctor said, "Puzzles are good for the brain."

Toastmasters has come to On Top of the World!

Do you want to learn the art of speaking, listening, thinking and leadership?

The Tampa Bay Women Speakers Club is now meeting at On Top of the World.

These women create a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which to learn these arts and skills. Membership is open to all women for a nominal fee. Everyone is welcome as a guest.

The meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:15-8 p.m. at the East Activity Center downstairs in the Yellow Classroom, across from the library.

For more information, please contact Lisa Seward at linxu2me@gmail.com.

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Good time to get projects done



As I was starting to compose an article for March, I was wondering what I could discuss. It was blessedly quiet for a change, no catastrophes to deal with. That was before the fire in a unit in building 17.

Needless to say, open flames, like candles, in a condominium, is a really bad idea!

If there is any upside to that event it is (1) there was not an accumulation of combustible material, (2) the owner responded very quickly in pulling the alarm, and (3) there was no structural damage.

Yes, there is a mess to clean up, but it is a "normal" mess.

Once again, we found improperly installed washer/dryer units in several condominiums. Clearly, there was never any attempt to make the installation in accordance with any plumbing or electrical code.

If you live on the east side of Belcher Road, and you have a washer/dryer, it was installed without approval or guidance from the Condominium Association. More to the point, the washer/dryer would have been installed without the benefit of using a licensed plumber or electrician.

This leaves you, the owner, open to significant liability in the event of an overflow or fire.

Simply put, a dryer may result in an overload at the electrical panel because it is drawing excessive power. The installations we have seen so far are improperly wired and leave the unit vulnerable to an electrical overload. This is an open invitation for trouble.

We strongly urge you to contact a licensed and insured electrician and plumber, and arrange for an inspection.

Community Updates

Painting/Waterproofing: Building 66, back elevation starts March 1,



Charles Stephens of Mike Moody Painting & Weatherproofing does some delicate paint work on the American Swiss building in February. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

and Building 63 back elevation starts March 15. Please remember that painting and waterproofing services are very weather dependent on temperature, humidity, and precipitation. The right mix of factors can result in delay, so inevitably, some buildings may slip back in the cycle and need to be re-scheduled to a later date.

Roofing: Building 91 is scheduled for March 1 (anticipated start date). Building 92 re-roof is scheduled for March 19 (anticipated start). Building 60, Building 51 and Building 52 are scheduled for roof mansard replacement in March as well.

Again, roofing work is very weather dependent, so start dates and time to complete may vary.

No flooring removal and replacements are scheduled for March. Regular stripping and finishing will be ongoing. Please exercise extreme caution

while traversing around or near any work area. The workers take every precaution to ensure your safety, but your attention and cooperation are a must!

Spring is around the corner and the oak trees will be dropping their leaves making ready for a new flush of green. The grounds crews will be busy with leaf collection for the majority of the month.

Tree removal and stump grinding will be ongoing.

Fire hydrant maintenance and testing will be continuing in March. Wet Pipe/Fire Suppression System Maintenance involving the maintenance and testing of the building fire sprinkler system will be ongoing in March in the Paradise section.

Construction projects on Building 29 SW Tower/Cupola restoration should complete by early March. Repair work on Building 29 Southeast

Tower Stairwell will be progressing with an epoxy injection application in stairwell. Restoration plans of the tower feature is in permitting,

Fire damage repairs on Building 56, apartments 45 and 69, was anticipated to begin in late February or the first of March. We have been delayed by the insurance investigators completing their work. The repair process will not progress rapidly because of the extent of damage and complexity of the work.

Sidewalk panel replacement will continue in March and April.

The building permit for the dog park was recently granted. When the pavilion is finished, the dog park will be opened. Please follow the posted rules, clean up after your dog, and enjoy the park safely.

SCAM ALERT AT TAX TIME

Yes, it is that time of year again. The Florida Attorney General sent the following bulletin, "To avoid being scammed by a non-legitimate tax preparer, consumers should get the credentials of the tax preparer and ask if he or she belongs to a state board or bar association, which requires continuing education."

The Attorney General's Office also recommends that consumers shop around for quotes and ask tax preparers if they will represent consumers who are audited or pay any audit-related fees. Only attorneys, certified public accountants and enrolled agents, can represent taxpayers before the IRS in any matter including audits, collections and appeals.

One of the more common scams associated with tax season is "phishing," which occurs when individuals pose as Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or other government or banking representatives and send consumers e-mails seeking personal information allegedly for the purpose of processing refunds. The emails are usually created to look official and may include subject lines that read "Refund Notice" or similarly misleading phrases. However, the IRS does not send e-mails asking for personal information to process refunds.

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Residents should be aware that due to an extremely high failure rate, silicone sealants are no longer approved for use as a caulking and weatherproofing product within On Top of the World.

Failure of the silicone sealant bond has resulted in water intrusion into units. This has resulted in significant water damage and costly repairs. **WATER INTRUSION** is a serious issue that may damage belongings and lead to mold growth.

Protect yourself by asking your contractor in advance if they are using an **ACRYLIC URETHANE** or **POLY URETHANE** sealant recommended for use by your Association. Applying the proper sealant in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications may prevent water intrusion.

Detailed information is available at the East Activity Center Service Desk for your convenience. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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In the three years I have been here, the St. Patrick's Day parade has always been successful.

But last year I started to hear whispers that more people wanted to watch the parade instead of participate in it.

This may have been the reason why some On Top of the World clubs were missing last year.

Well, here's some good news. For the first time, you will be able to participate in this month's parade and "hopefully" watch it over and over again in the future.

Thanks to your new Channel 96, we now have the ability to air videos on your closed circuit TV station.

If everything goes right - keep in mind I'm still new to the TV media market - OTOW News will have its own video coverage of the parade and will televise the entire parade at later dates.

OTOW News will shoot its own video, but with the miracle of editing equipment, we can also add video taken by other people.

So here's the deal, if you use your own video camera to shoot the



A float goes by during the 2011 St. Patrick's Day parade. This year, these same ladies will be able to watch the parade, too.

parade, drop off a DVD of your video at the OTOW Newsroom by March 15. We will use parts of it during the final copy that airs on Channel 96.

The bottom line is this. Don't worry that if you participate in the parade, you won't get to see it. By March 17 you should be able to watch it again in the comfort of your own home.

Now, if you're not participating in the parade, hopefully you are going to bring a lawn chair and line the parade route to watch.

Floats and bands make a parade half successful. A big crowd cheering the participants makes it a complete success.

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east side, please be courteous to everyone who has contributed to this parade. Do not drive on World Parkway Boulevard between 10-11 a.m. Leave your vehicle parked. Do not invite people over. Do not make appointments with the plumber or electrician during this time. Don't be a parade distraction - just enjoy it.

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Who's interested in sharing gardening ideas?

By C. Wallace

"Hey, there was talk at the Association Meeting about a garden club! You should go find out about it!" Antoinette Doronzio told me.

Antoinette had seen me pruning her mother's key lime tree and weeding the rest of her back garden, just for fun. Before that, she knew that I had gone plant shopping with Bernice Tokarski and replanted the garden in front of her place in Building 10. It looks great now.

In the summer, I live on the coast of Maine and have the wonderful luxury of spending as much time as I like messing about in my garden. I go out in the late afternoon, when it starts to cool off, put the gloves on, and do whatever seems right until there's no light left and I can't see.

The worst day of the summer in Maine is the day I see the first display of mums in one of the stores in town. It means that summer is over and so is the refuge of the garden. That's what it is for me, a refuge.

This year, as I thought about spending my second winter making On Top of the World my home base,



I wondered what would be my refuge here, living on the third floor with no garden of my own.

One afternoon in October, I was visiting with Bernice out front on her porch. Looking at her garden, I saw a live rose bush, a dead rosebush, two dead poinsettias, an out of control swath of Mexican petunias engaged in a take over, a few gum wrappers, some leftover red cedar mulch, and an impressive collection of weeds.

I wanted to get my hands on it!

"Do you like your garden like this?" I said to her.

"Are you kidding?" Bernice responded. "It's a mess! I'd be fixing it up if I hadn't broken my back twice!"

"I'll do it!" I begged. "Fine!" she said.



This garden appears in front of a condo owned by Bob and Mary Gwynne-Timothy of Building 24 - Americana.

Just like that, I was gardening again.

There would be many benefits to starting a garden group, including "field trips" to see what residents are doing in their own dirt. Together we could increase our understanding of how to work within condo parameters

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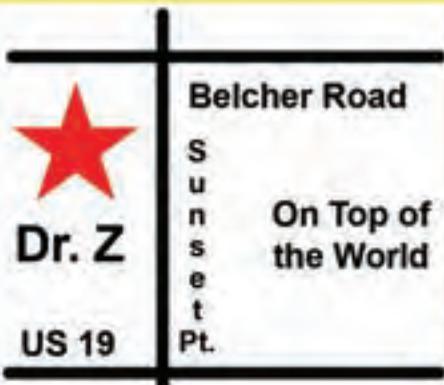


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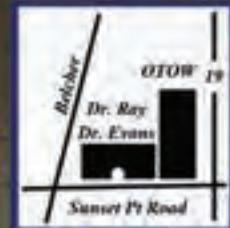
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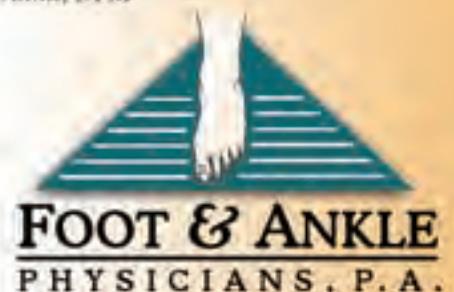
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Q. You seem to have a good line on the many scams that are around. Can you give us some thoughts about what to watch for?

A. I don't have any more of a good line than anyone else because scams are all over the place and are becoming more and more sophisticated.

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So the best thing we can do is suspect every email, every letter and every phone call where we are asked for any personal information, charitable donation, or requests for money even if it's from our children, grandchildren, friends, relatives.

If you get an email from an unknown source or if it just look suspicious, delete it.

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Do not click on any link in an email for any reason whatsoever unless you are 100 percent sure you know who sent it — NO EXCEPTIONS.

If you see an email where there is nothing in the address line, don't open it — immediately delete it.

If there's an email from some name you don't recognize, delete it.

If you use Facebook, be cautious about what you write. If you get an email from your bank, credit card company or from Pay Pal or from a brokerage firm and you are asked to provide information, delete it!

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number to call and check on whatever you received.

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If you get a letter (or email or phone call) from someone who says you've won the Irish Sweepstakes, toss the letter, delete the email and hang up on the caller.

You do NOT need a certified copy of your deed, so if you get a letter saying that you do, ignore it!

If an offer for something — it doesn't matter what — sounds too good to be true. IT IS! Dump it!

Q. My father was involved in a very serious auto accident in (a county in Florida). He was told by the police officer who cited the other driver that if my father were going to sue the person who ran into him, he needed a lawyer from the county in Florida where he resides. I thought I would ask you for your thoughts.

A. The idea that you have to have the attorney from the county where your father resides is silly. Look, have you no-

ticed all of the billboard ads for attorneys?

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In my opinion, it doesn't matter, at all, where the personal injury attorney has his/her office. What matters is (1) that the attorney is experienced in personal injury matters; (2) that he sees his or her client as a person, rather than just a "client"; (3) that he/she takes a sincere personal interest in each case and in the client; (4) that no matter where the attorney's main office is, he/she arranges to meet with the client at a convenient place that should be near where the client lives. (5) that the attorney, and not his/her paralegal or assistant, meets with the client.

In my personal judgment, the best thing for someone who needs a personal injury attorney, is to seek a referral either from their family attorney or their family accountant or a friend.

When I get phone calls for a referral to a personal injury attorney, I try to refer folks to the small, what I call "Boutique" personal injury attorneys — the single practitioners or small law firms where the attorney or attorneys care about their clients, will advise them correctly about the condition of their case, and won't try to settle the case for the "quick buck" but will work diligently to bring the case to a good conclusion.

Q. To do my income tax for this year, am I better off using a CPA, Public accountant, bookkeeper or one of

the tax firms?

A. What matters is that you have confidence in the person you select. I happen to use CPAs. That works for me, but maybe for you or someone else, using an accountant who doesn't have the CPA designation works fine.

The same is true for a bookkeeper of one of the firms that does income tax.

Another very good option would be to meet with a Senior AARP Tax Aid volunteer who does income tax returns and who might live in the complex where you live. These are all good choices.

Gerald R. Colen is an attorney who is a member of both the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. He concentrates his practice of law in the areas of real estate, elder law, wills, trusts, probate, business law and simple and complex estate planning. He welcomes your questions and comments. This column is not intended to provide legal advice, but is only intended to provide limited information on the specific matters raised in the questions and answers. You should always consult your own attorney for specific advice. Mr. Colen is available for conferences at his law office at 7243 Bryan Dairy Road, Largo, FL, 33777. His phone number is (727) 545-8114. He is also pleased to respond to email at his email address of gcolen@tampabay.rr.com or through his Web page at www.gcolen.com. In Ocala, FL, Mr. Colen is available, by appointment, for legal conferences at the On Top of the World sales office, which is located near Sid's Cafe.

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Press Association sets date for Appreciation Luncheon, sets date for a computer class and moves Web site

The Press Association has set 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 5 as the time for its Appreciation Luncheon, which will take place at the Golden Coin Restaurant, one of the On Top of the World News advertisers.

Anyone who has written at least three stories and attended at least three meetings since May 2011 is eligible to attend free of charge. Writers who do not qualify can still pay their own way.

Guests will have a choice between stuffed chicken, sirloin steak, talapia and vegetable lasagna.

In March, writers who want to learn how to use computers in the computer room, will be able to attend a class for OTOW news writers only from 7:30-9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7.

The purpose of the class is to show writers how to use OTOW computer equipment to type and send their stories to the newsroom so someone else doesn't have to retype them.

A Computer Club instructor will teach the class and there will be hands-on experience for everyone.

The important thing to know is, you don't have to have a computer in your condo to type and send stories directly to the newsroom. You can visit the computer lab and do everything yourself and on your time.



Press Association

The computer lab currently has six computers available for members.

There are many advantages to typing a story yourself, including reducing the chance for typo errors and someone else misreading your handwriting.

Anyone interested in the class should call Doug in the newsroom at 799-3216 to reserve a space.

In other computer news, the Press Association has moved its Web site to the main OTOW Clearwater Web site. The address is :

<http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/community-information.aspx>

Look for the newspaper link and click where it says "Clearwater Press Association."

At this Web site, Press Association members can read basic guidelines and new reporters can watch a

quick video.

There is a link for up-to-date information about the Press Association, plus a meeting schedule and link to the current newspaper.

New to this site is a story drop-box where writers can paste and send their stories to the newsroom without using email.

February's Press Association meeting got started before the opening gavel.

Rosemary Totaro, representing the OTOW Democratic Club, stood before the Press Association and expressed disappointment because a majority of the club's February article was left out of the newspaper.

Doug Kates, the editor, explained that OTOW News is different than other local newspapers, such as the Tampa Bay Times and the Tampa Tribune, as the OTOW newspaper is comprised of only good news. Clubs are not allowed to report on bad news, problems in the world, or express opinions on how life should change.

The article submitted by the Democratic Club expressed concern with agricultural, education, population and payroll taxes in our state. The article went on to provide editorial comments about millionaires, and taxing the wealthy.

None of these topics are welcome material in your OTOW newspaper.

All clubs - whether it be the Snowbirds Club, Canadian Club or even the Singles Travel Club - must write about positive, good news, or provide factual, beneficial information to readers.

Editorials and viewpoint-type stories written by residents are strictly forbidden.

One Press Association writer asked if the Democratic Club was allowed to report viewpoint information which was provided by a guest speaker.

Doug said any information provided by a guest speaker, which is not negative, can be reported in an article as long as it is perfectly clear the guest speaker is sharing this information and it is not the opinion or viewpoint of the club. This type of information must be accredited to the guest speaker, which usually takes place in the form of a quote.

The guest speaker can be quoted providing good news, hope for the future, or valuable, factual information. The speaker cannot be quoted providing bad news, bad-mouthing other individuals, or expressing displeasure for another club or organization.

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‘Bombshell’ once Hollywood’s highest-paid female actress

By Walter Balderson

Famous around the world in the ‘40s and ‘50s as the Brazilian Bombshell, Carmen Miranda was actually born in Portugal, but moved to Rio at a very early age.

In 1929 she signed a recording contract with Brunswick Records, a German company, which ultimately led to a contract with RCA.

By 1934, Carmen was Brazil’s most popular singer.

After appearing in several shows on Broadway, she signed a contract with 20th Century Fox and was immediately assigned a role in “Down Argentine Way” with Betty Grable and Don Ameche. Critics said the only fault with the movie was that Carmen was not on the screen enough.

After her enormous success in that movie, she received star billing the following year in “That Night in Rio” again with Don Ameche and Alice Faye.

By 1959 Carmen had appeared in 14 movies and in 1946 she was Hollywood’s highest tax-paid female entertainer, making more than \$200,000. That would translate to \$2.2 million today adjusted for inflation.

Carmen’s last movie was in 1953, “Scared Stiff,” with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

Her outrageous costumes, most



Walter Balderson

Inside Showbiz

notably her tall-fruited headgear and high-heeled wooden shoes, complemented her style of singing and dancing. She quickly became known as the “Tutti-frutti hat girl.”

Later all was forgiven and she was once again their superstar.

On Aug. 4, 1955, Carmen suffered a heart attack during a live segment on the Jimmy Durante Show on NBC. During a dance number, she fell to her knees. Durante immediately told the band to stop the music and helped her to get up. She pulled herself together and was able to finish the show. She died later that night.

According to Carmen’s wishes, her body was flown back to Rio where the Brazilian government declared a period of national mourning. More than 60,000 people attended the mourning ceremony at Rio Town Hall and more than a million followed the funeral cortege to her burial site.

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Bohemia Building

Residents celebrate Bohemia race win

By Charlie Christ

Many On Top of the World residents enjoyed a day at the races on Jan. 25 at Tampa Bay Downs, where the third race of the day was called the "Bohemian Trophy Race" in honor of the OTOW Bohemia Building.

The winning horse was BJ's Gibson, owned by Mary and Robert Farman.

Carol DeLisle, Barbara Sundberg, Ellen Marina and Paula Schelling had their pictures taken in the winner's circle, but none of the ladies were talking if they had the winning bet.

There was a good turnout for our Wednesday "Hump Day" dining experiences as our first stop was the Varsity Club restaurant. Dinner featured sumptuous steaks.

Other dinner trips were to the Hurricane Grill for great wings, and Greek Town for delicious Greek salads and lamb, along with their famous drink called "usu."

While at the Dunedin Brewery, we were allowed to sample different beers of the world that turned out to be out of this world.

A super crowd of 37 had a super party watching the Super Bowl at Carol and Jerry's place. Everything, including the kitchen sink, was served and enjoyed pot luck-style as we ate,



Bohemia residents and friends celebrate their own day at the races with Tampa Bay Downs jockey Laurent Beaucamp, who won the third race that day. From left to right are winning owner Robert Farnan, winning jockey Laurent Beaucamp and residents Carol DeLisle, Barbara Sundberg, Ellen Marina and Paula Schelling.

(Photo courtesy Stephanie/Tom Cooley Photography)

drank, played cards and saw New York win a thriller over New England.

A good crowd had a "hearty" time at our Valentine Coffee on Saturday morning, Feb. 11.

I heard that Rose threw a birthday bash in honor of her mother, Lee Lozowski's 91st birthday. Asked to share her formula for living into the

'90s, she related that being raised on the farm near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was a healthy start, plus walking regularly, doing cardio-vascular exercises, and working out at the pool with the mermaids during the summers.

Congratulations, Lee and many more to come!

Our Bohemian Walking Club

continues to be going strong on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:45 a.m.

"I'm keeping my weight down and feeling great" exclaimed one of the bunch.

In closing, a report of our last Building Meeting is posted on the bulletin board in the Core Room.

World of beauty awaits outside Dorado Building

By Don Jones

January has been a month of sun and warmth. I have decided to write about the beauty just outside our windows and the satisfaction gained from having a comfortable, safe environment in which to live.

First – have you looked at the roses and poinsettias that residents over the years have planted?

Have you looked at the trees that are in the front and rear of our building?

Often as I read the newspaper, I look out at the hibiscus bush. Since the flowers replenish every day, they appear on a different part of the bush each day.

The groundskeepers were here before 9 a.m. to trim. The sound of the machines drew me to the window where I looked out and watched them trim the hedge around the power box that is well hidden from our view.

We have a resident who rises

early and walks with her dog for hours each day. She keeps a close eye on all the flowers and takes the time to trim when she can. It makes our surroundings more beautiful.

This month I salute her. Her name is Helen Holding, and she is a cheerful reminder to all of us to enjoy the out of doors and fresh air.

It is comforting to know that the groundskeepers have their schedule for trimming and that neighbors tend to some of the small trimming and planting that helps our environment.

Of course it helps that the average temperature in Clearwater for January is normally in the 70s and the rainfall for January this year totaled only 1.08 inches.

Enjoy some of the pictures I have taken of the beauty that surrounds our Dorado Building and remember the old saying "Take time to smell the roses!"



Flowers around Dorado. (Photos and montage by Don Jones)

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In the left side photo, Pet Supplies Plus Store Manager Dennis Jankowiak presents Judi and Larry Richardson with a gift basket for their dog, Barklee, who was voted On Top of the World Pet of the Year for 2011. Before receiving the gift basket, Barklee was the recipient of a complete bubble bath and grooming from Lynn Hutchins of Barks and Bubbles. In the photo below, Lynn makes sure there are plenty of suds for the occasion. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

By Doug Kates

Turns out, On Top of the World's Pet of the Year didn't receive votes from just residents in her community.

Barklee is actually an international star.

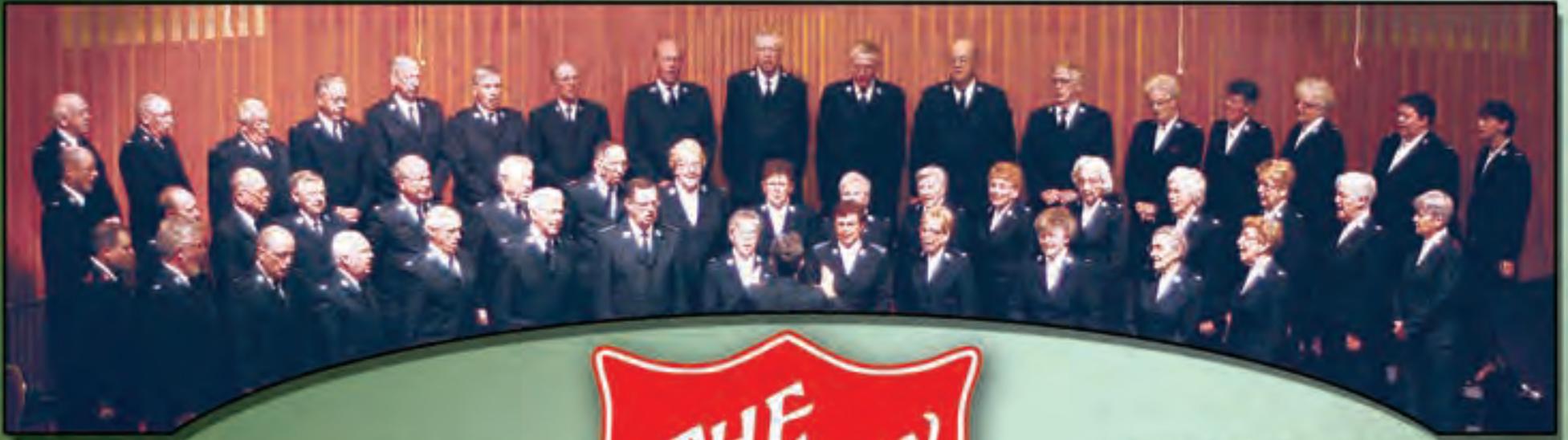
In early February, Barklee received a gift basket from Pets Supplies Plus, and a gourmet bubble bath and grooming from Barks and Bubbles.

During the presentation of gifts, Judi and Larry Richardson said family and friends from across the country took advantage of the Online voting system to help Barklee gain the honor. In fact, Barklee even received votes from friends in Canada.

Barklee, Miss. October, was one of 12 local pets featured in the OTOW News Pet of the Month feature for 2011. All 12 vied for Pet of the Year honors.

Next, Barklee plans on being on hand when the new OTOW dog park opens in March. Judi said Barklee is eagerly awaiting the grand opening and may even sign autographs.





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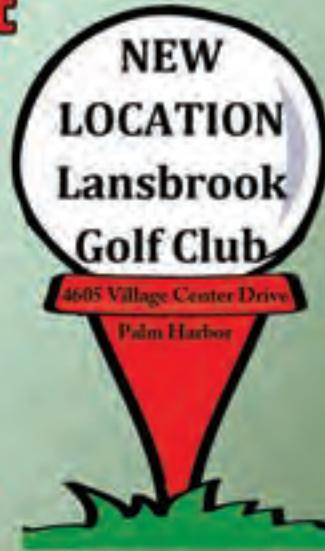
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Sign up for the Hoosier Club golf outing

By Nancy House

The Hoosier Club Executive Board met last month to review the club's purpose, objectives and policies.

The bylaws were discussed, updated, and presented to the members at the Feb. 7 meeting.

Executive board members Mary Beth Hufty, Susan Rose, Nancy House, Jerry Rice, Wade Candler and Bill House agreed that the club is currently achieving its main purpose. The goal is to allow On Top of the World residents the opportunity to share entertainment and fellowship with residents proud of their Indiana backgrounds.

A review of past schedules shows this purpose is taking place.

Jerry Rice, treasurer of the club, chaired a Euchre Tournament held



Hoosier Club

Jan. 18 in the Sunrise Room. Twenty-six attended the tournament with 24 competing for top card playing honors. After eight games, the first place winner was Bill House with 59 points and second place was Bonnie Rice with 57 points.

Even when Anna Hyden tried her best, the cards were not kind to her and she won the low score honors.

A chili supper, with all the toppings, provided a social night on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

President Mary Beth Hufty stated, "We need to try something different for a social night. Let's have chili instead of pizza this year."

Forty-six hungry members arrived ready to eat chili and play euchre while their food digested. All who attended agreed that the chili supper was a big hit and want to do it again next year.

Other activities scheduled for February were an afternoon bowling pizza party and a trip to Tampa Bay Downs for lunch and to bet on horses.

During the month of March, members will participate in the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade and will attend the Ed Fletcher's Early Bird

Theater to view, "What is Susan's Secret?"

Cathy and Larry Faulkner have organized the trip to the theater.

Ann and Jim Stewart have started rounding up golfers for the annual Hoosier Golf Scramble scheduled for March 15 on the 18 hole course. You don't have to have a handicap or be a club member to play. Let Jim know if you would like to play and eat fried chicken with club members after the scramble.

The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. You may want to call President Mary Beth Hufty at 317-374-8619 for additional information or come as a guest to meet the members of the Executive Board and experience some Hoosier hospitality.

St. Joseph's Dinner Dance set for March 21

By Gary J. Gates

Where did January and February go?

Oh well, "March onto March" I say, but then I am showing my age with that old saying.

Our Feb. 2 trip to Tampa Bay Downs race track was a big success. I did not hear of any big winners or losers, but the food and service were great.

On Wednesday, March 21, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. we will host our St. Joseph's Dinner Dance with entertain-



Italian American

ment provided by Robert and Sassy Keyth. Tickets are available at the East Activity Center between 9-10:30 a.m.

on Mondays and Thursdays.

See our menu. Get your tickets and reserve a table. Bring your favorite beverage. A good time will be had by all. Ticket prices are \$16 for members and \$20 for non-members.

On April 12, we'll be having our fun picnic at Philippe Park Shelter No. 7 down by the water.

This will be a traditional picnic with hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and all the fixings, plus games and prizes. The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

Our pizza party will be on April 18. This is for members only, and not those wearing "members only" jackets. Cost is \$1 for all the pizza we can serve (and not that much), but you will get your fill, along with coffee, tea and soda. We anticipate good conversation with fellow members.

The end of the season party will be the Board's thank-you to all members of the club.

The board also wishes all of you a safe and healthy summer.

Take a road trip and go dancing with the Baby Boomers on March 15

By Katarina Tepesh

Our Baby Boomers group is going dancing to Billy Jacks on Thursday, March 15.

Billy Jacks is well known, not only for great music and dancing, but also for good, reasonably-price food.

Before dancing, we are having our monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

Join us at our meeting to learn about our bicycle schedule. We love to peddle to glorious Clearwater Beach, Safety Harbor, Dunedin and even all the way to the Honeymoon Beach. We enjoy walking to Caladese Island and collecting seashells.

Another favorite for our group



Baby Boomers

is watching new movies at various libraries, with lively discussions that proceed and follow the films.

We also attend cultural events at Ruth Eckerd Hall, be it opera, classical ballet or comedy.

Our group is in the process of making plans to visit Ringling Brothers Museum, Sunken Garden in St. Petersburg and taking advantage of a

discount at Disney World.

We love concerts in the park, especially blues, jazz and Rock and Roll. We enjoyed the Mardi Gras concert and parade in Dunedin.

Of course, our group is all over the OTOW community, volunteering at the annual Irish parade, supporting the idea of a Garden Club, participating at karaoke, learning golf, and taking lessons in the Computer Club, among others.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all volunteers group. All of us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events.

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Art Show set for March 4



Pictured above is a scene from last year's art show.

By Jean Doane

It's time for the annual Spring Art Show and Sale sponsored by the Art Guild.

The show will occur on Sunday, March 4, from 1-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center ballroom.

There will be 14 exhibitors and the show promises to be an excellent display and sale.

There will be a raffle for a beautiful orchid centerpiece made by Marge McClure.

All attendees will have an opportunity to vote for a "People's Choice Award." Each exhibitor will place one painting in competition for this award, which will be given out to the winning exhibitor after ballots are counted.

Come and have some complimentary refreshments while you browse during the show. This event has always been a success in the past and is a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

On Friday, March 9 at 1 p.m.,



Art Guild

the regular Art Guild meeting will be held in room A1 off the ballroom of the EAC. After a short business meeting, and discussion of the Art Show, we will have a watercolor demonstration by Pat Gorow, a local artist. This program will be of special interest to many Art Guild members. Remember to bring a picture for the "Picture of the Month" award and also consider the 50/50 drawing. Refreshments will be served.

Thanks to all the participants and attendees for your participation in the "Trash and Treasure Sale" on Feb. 10. It was a big success.

Line dancing instructor celebrates citizenship

By Julie Narancich

On Feb. 7, 25 line dancers attended a beginner's class before joining a larger group 30 minutes later.

Several men joined our group this week and we encourage more men and women to attend.

Our beginner's line dancing instructor, Sheila Bolster, was thrilled with the turnout, and, as always, did a great job in teaching the newcomers.

We want to congratulate Sheila on becoming a United States citizen. Sheila was naturalized on Jan. 9. Sheila came to the U.S. from London and



Line Dancing

she and her husband, Jack, have lived at On Top of the World for 12 years now. Jack is the treasurer of the Lawn Bowling group and he became a U.S. citizen in November 2011.

Congratulations Sheila and Jack.

We are so happy you are a part of the OTOW community.

Our leader and emcee, Georgia Jensen, celebrated her 84th birthday on Jan. 20. Georgia is truly a beautiful woman, who is very committed to the line dancing group. She keeps us on our toes and makes sure we are in straight lines as she announces the dances.

We wish Georgia many more happy and healthy years. Thank you for everything you do for our group.

Social Committee member, Helen Crombie, advised we will be having

a "Spring Fling" party in March. The date will be announced at line dancing.

We welcome you to join us every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium. The beginner's lessons during the first half hour are very helpful. Please join us and bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

For any questions regarding Line Dancing, please contact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100. Hope to see you soon!

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Fixers Club

By John Koning

The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers club is always happy to invite newcomers to our shop.

On one particular day recently, we were especially eager to welcome Brad Day. That's because he was there carrying a big check!

Brad, who was chairman of the Entertainment Committee in 2011, stopped by the shop to present the Fixers Club with a check for \$500. It was the committee's way of saying thank you to the Fixers Club, which had been upgrading cabinets for our friends in the Entertainment Committee.

It was a timely gift, too, because the Fixers Club is one of those organizations that provides and maintains a bunch of expensive machinery that is in need of service. These tools are there for the benefit of our membership and, many times, for the service of individuals and clubs who rely on us to do projects for them.



Brad Day (center) presents a check to Fixers Club President Steve Stiffler while past president, Steve Sutton, looks on. (Photo by Doug Erickson)

Although the club requires a donation to do jobs for non-members and other clubs, these gifts often won't come close to covering the costs when a band saw goes down or a wood turning lathe suddenly decides to retire.

This gift will go to good use and we are grateful to the Entertainment Committee for their generosity.

Be sure to mark March 3 on your calendar when we will host our annual Fixers and Friends Open House from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Come over to the East Activity Center and tour the facilities where we will be, along with our friends from the Art Guild, Caring and Sharing, the Computer Club, the Craft Workshop, the Lapidary Club and the

Veterans Project.

We will have free refreshments for your belly, handmade treasures of all kinds for your eyes and information for your curious mind. It will be a one stop sensory smörgåsbord. See you there!

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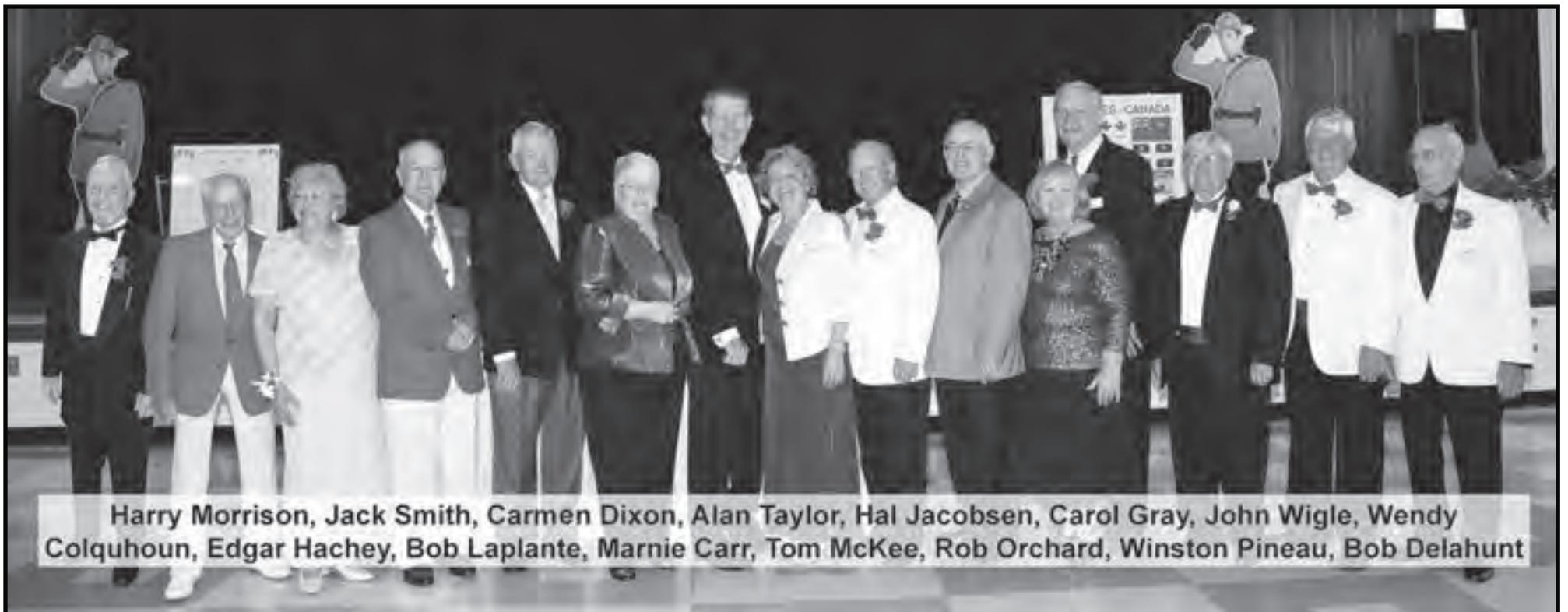
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Fourteen past presidents and current president Marnie Carr line up for a photo op before dinner was served at the annual Past Presidents' Ball

Past Presidents' Ball kept Canadian Club busy!

By Marnie Carr

Our Past President's Ball was held on Friday, Jan. 27. The ballroom was decorated in a red and white theme to compliment the Canadian flags on display.

The red and white linens and fresh flowers completed the look.

Everyone was dressed in their finest. The past presidents were toasted by the members and the first dance of the evening was dedicated to them.

Our DJ, Ward Hemond, was at his best as everyone filled the dance floor. We gave out three door prizes and three spot-dance prizes.

Thanks to Rich Hayes, chairman



of the Entertainment Committee, who donated four tickets to a dance and two tickets to see The Platters.

Following are some dates to circle on your calendar for March.

Our Spring Fling is scheduled for Friday, March 9 at the East Activity

Center. This is a popular dance. Last day to purchase tickets is March 2 - contact Rene Careau.

Volunteers are needed for the St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 10. Float decorators and riders will assemble in the East Activity Center north parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Parade marchers will assemble at Mexican Way at 9:45 a.m. Contact Andy McEvoy with questions.

The Canadian Club bridge banquet is March 22 at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Cocktails will be at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. The prizes for marathon bridge will be awarded that night. Contact Grace

Meeham with questions.

The final event of the year is the annual general meeting on Friday, March 30 at 7 p.m in the EAC. At this meeting we will propose the new executive for the upcoming season. The executive and convenors will report on this season's activities and we will close with a wine and cheese social.

Looking into the future, contact Rob and Jill Orchard regarding a proposed Canadian Club bus trip to New Orleans on March 19, 2013. The four-day, three-night trip includes seven meals, happy hour beer and wine, and more. The hotel is located near the French Quarter and Bourbon Street.

Greyhounds preparing for parade!

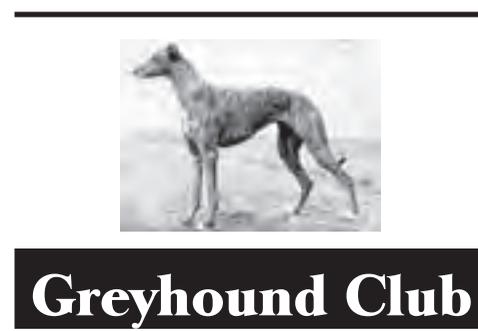
Order a calendar and support our club

By Bill Sharpsteen

We are publishing a 2012 greyhound picture calendar for \$10 as a fund-raiser.

Thanks to all of our adopters and volunteers who sent in over 200 "greyt" pictures. We picked the best of the best. I hope you will support us and call Bill at 797-7977 for at least one calendar.

Now we need to start planning our participation in the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade as well as our ninth annual Birthday Bash and Greyhound Reunion to be held in Philippe



Greyhound Club

Park in Safety Harbor this spring. More details will follow. Save April 1 between noon and 4 p.m. to join us at this catered event. Tickets are just \$13 in advance and we serve from 1-3 p.m!

Join us for a musical event every third Friday (next March 16) at the corner of Main Street near Second Avenue with others for a music fun-filled evening from 6-10 p.m. Park near the library off Second Avenue North off Main Street. Bring a folding chair, join us and walk the festival and listen to the music.

We also have monthly visits to several area nursing homes! The residents really light up when they see the greyhounds and the greyhounds love the visit for all the petting they get! A win - win! All residents can attend our

no dues club fun meetings. Come and bring your neighbors and friends. Enjoy meeting retired racing greyhounds to pet. Meetings are 10 a.m. in Veranda Room No. 2, second floor in the East Activity Center. Please mark your calendar for every first Thursday, including April 5.

Call Bill today at 727-797-7977 to help foster or babysit a greyhound for a day to a week, or adopt a greyhound, donate, or volunteer with this group. You will be richly rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!

Audiences loved 'A Very Big Show'



Jesters

By Fran FitzPatrick, president

Since "A Very Big Show" ended, all we've heard from our audience is that "this was the best show performed here."

They loved the talent, costumes, song, dance and humor.

Two highlights our audience mostly mentioned were The Supremes and Swan Lake Ballet. Shimmering costumes and marvelous beehive wigs captured the Supremes' look, but awe turned to laughter when audiences realized our Supremes had moustaches.

Tom Belezarian, Joey DiTolvo, and John Kannaly joyously kept the Jester role reversal tradition alive. And, Joanne Marick, Eileen Hawk, Dottie Johnson and Al O'Connor had the audience chuckling as they performed the Swan Lake Ballet.

We apologize for failing to mention Ann Kilcup as a choreographer last month. Ann typifies the Jester



Al O'Connor, 'the prince in Swan Lake,' takes aim on three swans, left to right, Dottie Johnson, Joanne Marick and Eileen Hawk. (Photo by Richard Fleig)

spirit of being there to lend a helping hand, and we're blessed with many members like Ann.

In Secret Agent Man, we had Mary Becker, Linda Carter, Carmen Dixon and Dot Michael - team members who don't always get the publicity they deserve, but who, like music-maker Bob Krause, are always ready to

help.

In the April newspaper we'll single out our off-stage volunteers. For now, we extend a big thank you to all who helped make the show a success. We extend our gratitude to our sponsors and audiences for their support.

If you missed seeing the show, a

DVD will be available for \$10. Please stop by the East Activity Center on a Monday or Thursday morning to reserve your copy.

Join us on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Activity Center for the Election of Officers Meeting.

Let's Get Together - JEST FOR FUN.

Plans in the works for annual picnic, Easter dinner theater and New Orleans

By Walt Copeland

Punxsutawney Phil, Pennsylvania's famous groundhog, made his appearance and predicted six more weeks of winter (up north).

Due to another commitment, Phil was unable to join us as we celebrated his "good?" news with a wonderful catered turkey dinner with all the fixings, including pumpkin/pecan pie. We had dozens of satisfied members. We also raffled prizes and enjoyed Ralph Rogers' music and songs following dinner. He was excellent.

On Feb. 11 and 12, we headed to Fort Myers. Our first stop was the Immokalee Casino, followed by a quick visit to our hotel, the Hyatt. Then it was on to the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater for their buffet and "Me and My Girl" production.

Everyone enjoyed both and we returned to our hotel for the night. The next day we took a cruise from



Pennsylvania

Naples.

March will be a busy month starting with a three-day bus trip to Savannah, Ga., on March 11. We'll also tour Jekyll Island. We'll be dining at both the Pirate House and Mrs. Wilkes' Boarding House.

Thereafter, from March 22-25, we'll embark on a four-day bus tour to Nashville, Tenn. We'll tour the lobby of the famous hotel and then see a show at the Grand Ole Opry. We'll enjoy dining at the famous barbecue restaurant, a winery tour, and a visit to historic Franklin, noted for its expan-

sive boutiques on the order of Rodeo Drive in California.

Our annual picnic will be on March 29 at Philippe Park. It will be catered and we'll have free bingo with prizes and games. Please bring your own tablecloths and soda. Alcohol is not permitted.

On March 31, we'll be bussing to Sarasota to enjoy a matinee performance of the Greatest "Little" Circus. (No animals are included.) Moreover, we'll see highwire acts, trapeze acts and clowns all by younger talent.

Thereafter, we'll dine at the Dutch Heritage Restaurant, noted for its Amish style family servings.

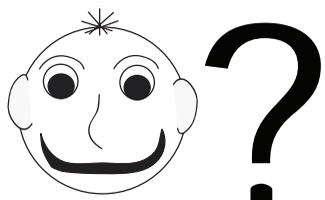
Easter Sunday we've reserved three front row tables at the Ed Fletcher Dinner Theater featuring "What Is Susan's Secret?" Dinner is at 4 p.m. followed by the show. Cost is \$35 per person. Transportation is not furnished.

The following day, April 9, we'll travel by bus to New Orleans. We'll stay downtown and will receive a guided tour of the French quarter, a Natchez River boat cruise, and an optional extra tour of the World War II Museum at a cost of \$15.

Then on April 13, we'll have our free appreciation party. This, too, will be catered. It will be at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center. BYOB. We'll have entertainment. This is a members only affair. You will need your ticket and membership card for admittance. Tickets are not transferable.

Our membership is open to all residents of OTOW (not just Pennsylvanians), and the cost is \$4 per calendar year. Tickets are on sale on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the EAC.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 5 at 10 a.m. in the lower level card room in the EAC.



Guess Who



It's parade time again and throughout the month of February, editors and proofreaders in the OTOW newsroom have been listening to the lady above talk about her famous days as a baton twirler.

Sidney Colen once called this lady the official baton twirler for On Top of the World, and up until a few years ago, she often marched in our St. Patrick's Day parade, showing off the skills she developed since she was 16 years old.

This lady performed for Kelly High School football games, DePaul University, the Salvation Army and American Legion Auxiliary, to name a few.

Today she is a typist for this newsroom and usually writes this column. Do you recognize her? This is Lillian Cervinka.

Club considering local and out-of-state future trips



Singles Travel

By Roxie Maggio

We did not have an article in the newspaper last month, so this one will be full of good news.

In January, we had elections for new officers: Shirley Broccoleri remained president, Roxie Maggio was named vice president, Audrey Jones was named secretary and Pat Zorland remained treasurer.

We now have 40 members.

Nancy, from Advantage Travel, comes out each month with a wealth of new ideas for local and out-of-state trips. She mentioned a trip to New Orleans, my favorite place, and an extensive trip to Alaska. So you can see the wide range available.

Audrey Jones is planning a trip to Heritage Village and the Lipizzan Stallions on March 3.

Trudy Miller and myself went on a seven-day cruise to St. Thomas and St. Maarten. We'll report on it for the April edition.

Our dues are only \$5 per year. Our next meeting will be Friday, March 2 at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center. Contact Shirley at 726-4619 if you have any questions.



Margo Lindsay, left, and Shirley Bruccolire stand in front of the Grand Floridian Hotel in Orlando.

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Family History

Examining coats of arms

By Anne B. Watkins

Where's the lion?

That was the question I put to the Family History Group at our February meeting. Somewhere in On Top of the World is the depiction of a heraldic lion. This particular lion is described in the language of heraldry, known as blazonry, as a "lion rampant." Have you seen it? (Answer at the end of this article.)

My topic for the meeting was heraldry, the collected designs of coats of arms, along with the family histories that accompany them.

In this way, heraldry is related to genealogy. Heraldry is defined as an ancient visual language, originally used to identify warriors. Men in armor all looked alike, so it became necessary to distinguish one from another. This was done by the designs they fashioned on the outer garment worn over their chain mail, or "coat of arms." The same designs were later used on their shields, pennants and even horse armor.

We learned the total parts of a coat of arms, called a heraldic achievement, and then we looked at several examples. Two of them were of my family lines, Bostok (15th century) and Pommerai (11th century), as well as those of Charlemagne of France (8th century), and the Scottish arms finally awarded to Donald Trump this very January, after a four-year battle!

Heraldic artists work from the blazon to draw the arms, consisting of a shield, crest, motto, etc., and are free to interpret it as they wish. However, looking at those found Online at sites such as houseofnames.com, we found them to be very generic and none of them was completely accurate.

Can commoners have a coat of arms? Yes, they can. In fact, you can design your own. And if you want to see a "lion rampant" at OTOW, just look on the Villa Riviera building at the corner of World Parkway and Finlandia East!

Our next meeting will be 1-3 p.m., March 12 in the East Activity Center classroom No. 1.

Where else can you hear singing, and see dancing and skits at such a bargain rate?

So step right up, show us your money and get those tickets on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium or from a Theater Workshop member.

If you can't attend opening night, March 16 at 7:30 p.m., you will still have two more opportunities to



Theater Workshop

attend the show as it will have encore presentations on Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m.

Rehearsals are moving right along. Singers and dancers have been holding extra sessions and the full cast has been meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays. Dress rehearsal will be on Thursday, March 15 at 6 p.m.

With all the excitement going on, it is easy to forget that there will be a general meeting March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. We hope to see you all there.

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Plan on honoring St. Patty and spring

By David Beaven

Spring is nature's way of saying: Let's Party! - Robin Williams

Besides the coming of spring, March has another excellent reason for a party. I'm talking about St. Patrick's Day, of course.

Lambda will be observing both of these events this month. Our March meeting will go green for St. Paddy. Green punch, Irish tunes, and wearing of the green will be the order of the day.

Later in the month, we will be honoring spring and its warmer weather with a picnic at Phillipe Park in Safety Harbor. If you haven't been there, it is located by Old Tampa Bay and is one of the nicest parks in the county. We'll save a plate for you!

Lambda is a social club for our gay and lesbian residents of On Top of the World. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include cocktail parties, dine-outs, game nights and movie nights.

Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at



Lambda

Countryside Mall for an hour.

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

Lambda meets monthly on the second Friday at 7 p.m. in the Crafts Room downstairs in the East Activity Center. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at lambdaclw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.



Marge Mayer

Marge's Humor

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A thrifty young fellow of Shoreham
Made brown paper trousers and woreham;
He looked nice and neat
till he bent in the street
to pick up a pin; then he toreham.

A tutor who tooted the flute
tried to tutor two tooters to toot.
Said the two to the tutor,
"Is it harder to toot
or to tutor two tooters to toot?"

There was a young lady named Ruth,
who had a great passion for truth.
She said she would die
before she would lie,
and she died in the prime of her youth.

As a beauty I'm not a great star,
there are others more handsome by far,
but my face, I don't mind it,
because I'm behind it -
Tis the folks in the front that I jar.

They tell of a hunter named Shephard
who was eaten for lunch by a lephard.
Said the lephard, "Egad!
You'd be tastier, lad,
if you had been salted and pephard."

A flea and a fly in a flue
were imprisoned, so what could they do?
Said the fly, "Let us flee."
Said the flea, "Let us fly."
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.

There was a young girl named O'Neill,
who went up in the great Ferris wheel:
But when halfway around
she looked at the ground
and it cost her an eighty-cent meal.

There once was a cook named Pam,
who ruined the holiday meal.
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she wasn't up tight!
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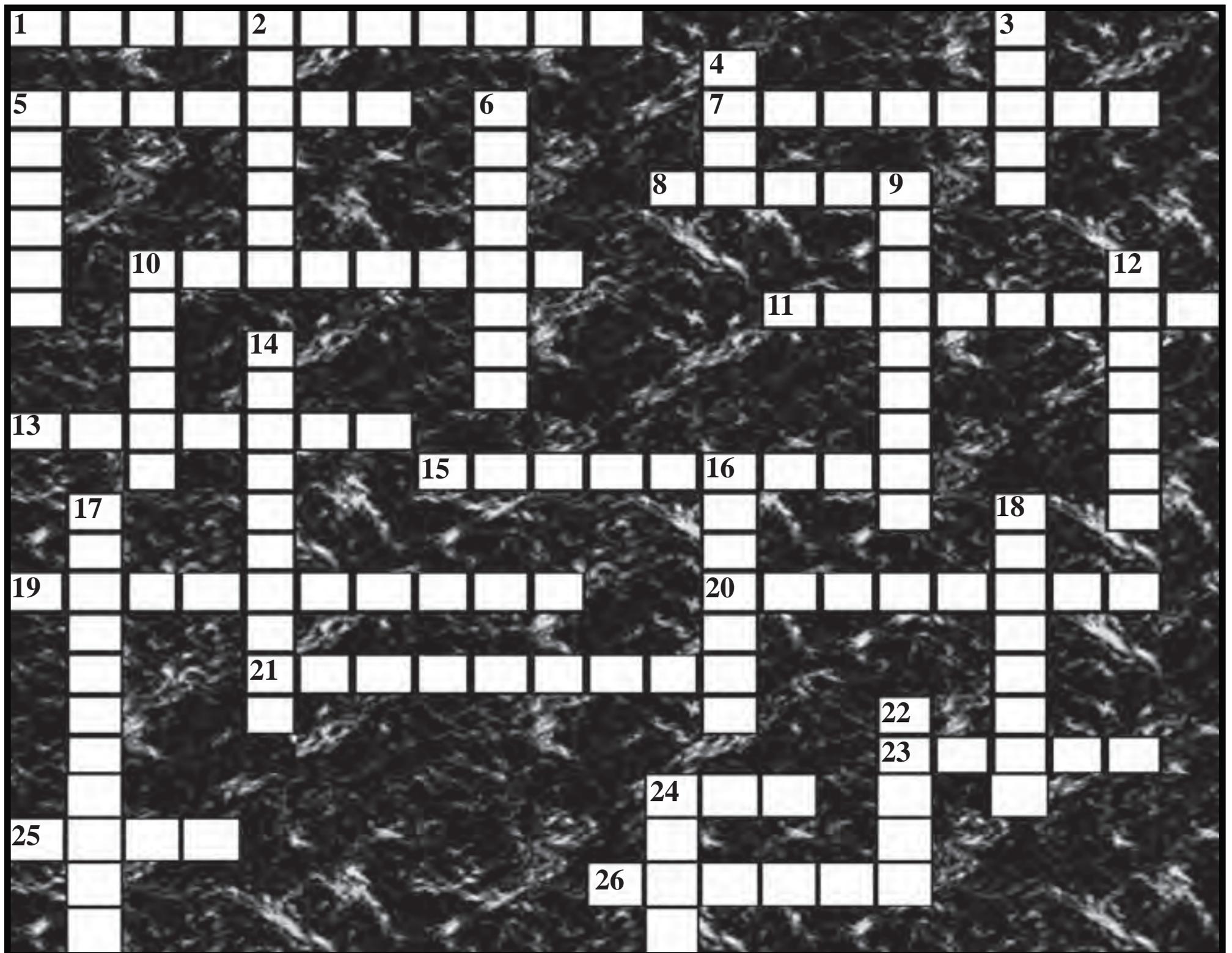
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You can find the answers to the questions below by reviewing the previous month's newspaper. The number in () indicates the page number the answers appear.

ACROSS

1. Saratoga residents Bob & Barb Hamels went to Connecticut over the holidays. They ended up going a whole week without _____. (76)
5. Ron Marten and Lois VanDeBogart married here on Valentine's Day. What class were they taking when they met? (1)
7. On March 26, the Entertainment Committee will be taking residents to the _____ Museum. (39)
8. More than 14,000 of these left the EAC and returned at some point in 1973. What were they? (56)
10. A novel by James Patterson currently on our OTOW library bookshelf, "_____ killers." (6)
11. Residents at the Orizaba Building are considering a new club. It would be called the _____ Club. (64)
13. OTOW Chorus member Carolyn Hunt was once a singer with a symphony orchestra from what U.S. city? (24)
15. A signature New Orleans cocktail consumed last month by the Lambda Club. (27)
19. Rosemary Clooney's career began on a radio station in what city? (14)
20. HVAC units should be serviced how often? (4)

21. Fixers Club Secretary John Koning once attended a firefighters exchange program. What country did he live in during this program? (21)
23. If you want to tell a greyhound-in-training to pee quickly while it's raining out, what word would you use? (15)
24. One hundred years ago, the McCoy-Hatfield feud in Indiana started over a stolen _____. (17)
25. How many options are there to turn your water on/off at On Top of the World. (12)
26. Flamenco reporter Dawn Rubio was recently told you should always finish what you start. So the first thing she did was finish what? (55)

DOWN

2. According to Marge's humor, she can no longer drink a soft drink because she learned they can also be used to clean what? (5)
3. The last name of the previous Gift Shoppe manager was Paino. What is the last name of the current manager? (36)
4. This type of cookie makes the perfect crust for peanut butter pie. (14)
5. More than 5.5 million people have used this type of Internet

social service. (17)

6. The Art Guild artwork of the month for February was called, "Working on the _____." (9)
9. Max was the February Pet of the Month. What kind of dog was Max? (47)
10. In March, Pennsylvania Club members will be feasting on a buffet at a place called "The _____ House." (35)
12. In Allen Winston's version of the ABCs, the letter V represents what word? (53)
14. OTOW resident Don Schlough is president of the Pinellas _____ Society. (25)
16. The "Mystery Building" featured in February's OTOW News was what building? (75)
17. The former Fort Harrison Hotel is now used by what church? (29)
18. Azores residents recently got together for a party in which each was supposed to show off their _____ skills. (73)
22. Snowbirds Club members recently saw the play, "Lie, _____ and Genuflect." (30)
24. In his working years, American Gothic resident Bill Honoski helped build what Clearwater landmark? (69)

Bands, floats, clubs to march down World Parkway Blvd on March 10



The Dunedin Highland Middle School Pipe Band participated in the 2011 parade.

By Mary Ann O'Neil

The last meeting before the St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for March 6, 4 p.m. in room 1A of the East Activity Center. This is a very important meeting. All clubs participating in the parade should have a representative in attendance.

Don't forget the parade takes place on Saturday, March 10 beginning at 10 a.m.

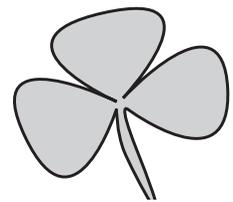
Tentatively scheduled to appear are the Dunedin High School Scottish Highland Band and cheerleaders, Dunedin Highland Middle School Pipe Band, and the Stephen Scariff School of Irish Dance.

Plus, look for the Dunedin High School Navy ROTC Colorguard, Westcoast Irish Club, Gold Coast Greyhound Association, Safety Harbor American Legion Post and more.

After the parade, refreshments will be served in the EAC parking lot.

Our annual Irish Club Picnic will be held on Monday, April 2, 11-3 p.m. at Philippe Park. Cost is \$3 for club members, \$5 for non-members. This event usually sells out so get your tickets early. Plan to have a fun day with great food, games, raffles and best of all great company. Tickets are available Monday and Thursday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center.

I hope you attended the Ken McBride Show on Feb. 6. The hall was sold out and his performance was a big success. We plan to have him back here to On Top of the World next year.



Parade

10 AM, March 10

Irish Club

A friendly reminder to residents

The annual Irish Club parade will take place from 10-11 a.m. March 10 along World Parkway Blvd. on the East Side.

For those of you who live on or near the parade route, please respect those who are attending and participating.

For this brief period, please do not drive on World Parkway Blvd.

Please do not make appointments with plumbers, repairmen, electricians or carpet cleaners during this time period.

If you are expecting family or friends, ask them to arrive before 10 a.m. or after 11 a.m. If you need to visit the grocery store, drug store or liquor store, go BEFORE 10 a.m. or AFTER 11 a.m.

Let the floats and participants be center stage.

We do not need your personal vehicles on display.

All we ask is one peaceful hour.

-- Thank You! From everyone who loves a parade.

Ken Jenner preparing to sing in his 31st OTOW chorus spring concert



Ken Jenner and Maryann Mercer after a rehearsal.

By Dana Garlick

After 37 years with Chrysler Corporation in Syracuse, N.Y., Ken Jenner and his wife moved to Florida, where they became renters at On Top of the World.

That was in 1979 - 33 years ago.

In 1981, Ken's cousin, who also lived at OTOW, thought Ken should join the chorus. Ken was introduced to then choral director, Louise Kelly and he's been singing here ever since.

Ken loves to sing and he loves to harmonize - could there have been a better club to join?

After five years as a renter, Ken bought his condo and his choral activity continued.

Choral singing at OTOW started 31 years ago. You can do the math. Ken is proof that singing is not only fun; it is good for your health.

We are so happy to have him with us. He has been a part of what makes being in the OTOW chorus such a pleasure. This month, the men's section has nearly doubled in size. I'm sure his greetings and encouragement to the men, who have joined, has helped that to happen.

Ken, and the rest of the chorus, are all looking forward to our upcoming program. It's full of familiar Broadway songs and favorites from musicals and hit shows that have lasted in popularity through the years.

Ken and the rest of the chorus



Chorus

think audiences will enjoy the songs and have a lot of fun listening to the music.

Our members, the old and the new, are enjoying the melodies and harmonies of these favorite show tunes. We're hoping that after the show the tunes will remain in everyone's heads for days to come - maybe even whistling or humming them.

Maybe, they'll even make you think about joining the chorus. It does make you happy.

Come join us Saturday evening, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday afternoon, April 1 at 3 p.m. to hear the OTOW Chorus Spring Concert, Broadway Memories.

Tickets are on sale at the East Activity Center auditorium Mondays and Thursdays until the show. You may purchase them there, from any chorus member in your building, or at the door on the evening or the afternoon of the concert.

We hope to see you there.

ID/Activity Card Information

Recreation/OTOW ID Cards are available at the West Side Activity Center every Monday morning from 9-11:30 a.m., except holidays.

Each person must present proof of residence to validate his/her own card. Proof may be a valid Florida driver's license, a Florida ID, electric or cable bill, bank statement or check, or a cancelled stamped envelope which shows name and OTOW address.

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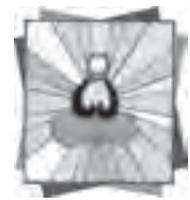
By Bob Reis

Our club is currently enjoying presentations, which are followed by a question and answer period.

The discussions give you the opportunity to express your own views.

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

Join us on any Tuesday. You



Philosophy Club

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



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Dave Murray, Pat Murray, Cathy Mills win annual Canadian Club Triples Tournament

The annual Canadian Club Lawn Bowls Triples Tournament was held Feb. 2-3 with 16 teams competing for the championship trophy.

The winning team, with four wins, was Dave Murray, Pat Murray and Cathy Mills.

There were several teams tied with three wins, including the teams of Dot Graham, Norm Chandler and Sandy Wall; Margaret Hachey, Hugette Sylvestre and Nicole Pelletier; Ian Moy, Paul Evans and Juanita Withem; and Peter Koukoutsis, Betty McWhiter and Gabriel Taillfer.

Congratulations to all who competed in this great sporting event.

Each participant was a member of the Canadian Club and the Lawn Bowls Club.

Teams are formed randomly and the tournament takes place over two days.

Everyone wore red, white, or a combination of both, which made the event a spectacle to anyone headed down World Parkway Boulevard.



Behind the backdrop of the Canadian flag, Canadian Club lawn bowlers aim for their targets in this annual February competition. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

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OTOW tennis player shares time serving as principal at African school

By Charlie Christ

This story is all about one of On Top of the World's best tennis players, Harry Morrison.

We haven't seen much of Harry lately. Why? Because he's been on a mission in Africa.

Harry volunteered to spend only two months in Africa, but it's been almost two years now.

Why?

Because he's probably as hooked on Africa now as he was hooked on tennis here at OTOW.

Originally, Harry retired as a high school principal in Canada. Then he moved to OTOW to become active in lawn bowling and tennis.

Recently, Harry became involved in a Canadian operation started by Jimmy Carter's Friendship Club. Harry volunteered for service in Burundi, Africa, one of the smallest countries in the world (about the size of Rhode Island). Burundi is located alongside Lake Tanganyika, the second deepest lake in the world.

"They really like to have English-speaking people there," Harry said.

This experience all began when



Pictured above are the staff and students of the Burundi English School Bujumbura in Burundi, Africa. Harry Morrison is pictured to the far left in the back row.

Harry took a safari with his wife, Barb. She returned to her business in British Columbia, but he became principal of a K-4 African school with 40 kids.

His hours were 4:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. for which he received meals and accommodations.

The diet consisted mostly of

fruits, veggies, fish, and tough chicken. He reported to the Tambur African Aid Society in Canada, which places volunteers and gives financial help in Africa.

"Volunteers receive much more than they give," Harry learned from his experience.

He also learned about hugging, because that's what the students do on a daily basis to their teachers there.

Harry was far from his wife, but they communicated with the computer program SKYPE. As a result of his experience, Harry has started a scholarship fund for the school and has several supporters from OTOW.

Despite being far from home, Harry has still been able to practice his tennis skills. He did manage to play a set with a father of one of his students. Harry learned that playing tennis in Africa is very expensive and the father could not afford it.

Harry came home for the holidays, went back to Burundi and returned home again after completing his two years of service.

Many of us were anxious to see Harry back on the OTOW tennis courts.



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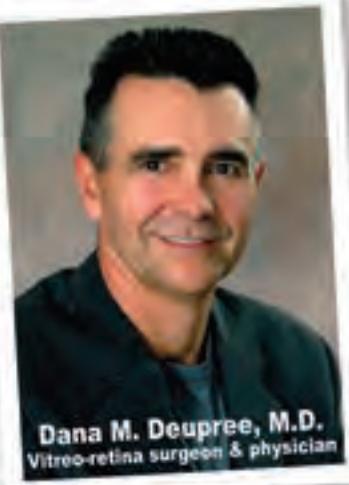
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Snowbirds already thinking about a 'fly away party' to end season

By John Koning

For many of our On Top of the World residents, March is a bitter-sweet time of the year.

As the days grow longer and the beaches fill with sun-seeking college students, those residents who hail from the north are starting to think about the family and friends they left behind when they migrated to the Clearwater sunshine.

They are sad to leave this piece of paradise, but anxious to return home. We at the Snowbirds Club understand that sentiment.

Fortunately for us, March brings two special occasions to celebrate the waning days of the Snowbirds Club season – the St. Patrick's Day Parade and our Snowbirds Fly Away Party.

We are very proud to be invited to participate in this great OTOW parade tradition, hosted by our generous friends at the OTOW Irish Club.

We invite you to come out on March 10 and enjoy the festivities. We will be there too, celebrating with you in true Irish style.

A couple of weeks later, on March 23, at 5:30 pm, we will say goodbye to our seasonal residents with our "Oldies but Goodies" dinner and



Snowbirds Club

dance featuring the musical diversity of "At Large." Dust off your saddle shoes or find some tight blue jeans (shouldn't be a problem) and shimmy on over for some good time fun and delicious food. Period clothing is optional, but the fun is mandatory.

February rewarded our members with three dynamite shows at Ruth Eckerd Hall. The happy participants enjoyed not one, but two Elvis tribute artists in the same entertaining show. Then they sang along with the great music of Sha Na Na and laughed until they hurt at the very funny and talented Viki Lawrence.

There is more detailed information on our Web site. Go to www.snowbirdsofotow.com and click on the big blue "Events" button to learn all about it.



Elvis tribute artist Scot Bruce poses with fans Katie Fritz on the left and Dawn Reid on the right. (Photo by Ed Foland)



Stamp Club

Stamp Club meets March 20

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 20.

The next On Top of the World Stamp Club meeting will be 1-3 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

If you have any questions concerning your stamp collection, please give Jim Sundberg a call at 847-951-2284.

Hope to see you in March.

SNOWBIRDS CLUB

Oldies but Goodies Party
March 23, 2012 @ 5:30 pm
in the EAC auditorium

Join us for some great music from the 50s and 60s, presented by the talent of "At Large."

Enjoy some delicious food delivered right to your table and line dancing led by Dolly Foland.



For more information contact Sandy Sanborn 727 271 9051

www.snowbirdsofotow.com



We are here to provide information

By Rosemarie Totaro

We applaud our fellow club organizations which provide so many fun activities in our life.

The Democratic Club's mission is to disperse the news and issues that may have an impact on our lives. We are here to promote our democratic rights.

In the past year we have presented speakers who addressed energy, newspaper reporting, state gov-



Democratic Club

ernment, candidates, environment and many more. We have joined protests for teachers, the free trade zone, vot-

er registration and number of voting days.

The recent bank settlement will give some condo owners some monetary relief from Bank of America. If you have a mortgage, contact the bank.

The Sierra Club spokesperson addressed the need for concern with development and transportation as more people come to Florida as the economy improves.

We will hold a picnic in Philippe

Park on March 23 at noon. The cost is \$12. Great chicken and trimmings. All the profit will go to the candidates fund.

Send your check to the On Top of the World Democratic Club, c/o Rosemarie Totaro, 2170 Americus Blvd. South, No. 14, Clearwater, FL, 33763 or call 727-797-7927.

We will notify you of the shelter number.

Singles Club fashion show set for March 21

By Edna Androvette

Our Strawberry Fling, held in the Starlight Room, was a huge success with 64 members participating.

Members were happy to greet Cele Radeloff after her absence, and she won a 50/50 drawing. Way to go, Cele!

Single newcomers to On Top of the World, we would love to have you join our club and enjoy the socialization with members and our planned events. The Singles Club's next regular meeting will be Saturday, March 3 at

6:30 p.m.

The first event planned for March is a trip to St. Armand's Circle and Tommy Bahama for lunch in Sarasota. The cost will be \$50. The date is Thursday, March 15. The bus will depart at 11 a.m. Tickets will be on sale Mondays and Thursdays at the East Activity Center from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

The next event is a Fashion Show on Wednesday, March 21 at 2 p.m. in the large card room downstairs. Please purchase your \$3 ticket for this event

and enjoy the latest fashions from Bon Worth.

The annual picnic will be at Philippe Park in April and will be catered. For more information about the picnic or any information about the club, please call Dorothy at 796-4460 or Lucy at 699-3784.

Remember to contact the club's Sunshine Lady Mary Widman at 796-1184 with information about any ill member.

I am sad, but must say goodbye

to the Singles Club. I enjoyed writing the column for the OTOW newspaper the last two years, but this is my last column. I am moving to a new location. I wish to thank Board members Dorothy Carpenito, Lucy Costello, Evelyn Johnston, Sue Fleming, Paula Weir and Ruth Ewbank for their friendship. This is a great club and they continue to keep it great. Blessings to all.

Have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day and enjoy the OTOW parade.

I will miss you.

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Answers to February crossword puzzle

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- Telephone
- Aruba
- Courtney
- Restaurant
- Nine
- Glass
- Bathtub
- Modernage

DOWN

- Restaurant
- Cartooning
- Lizards
- Cheese
- Victorian
- Mallorca
- Storytelling
- Broadway
- Shuffleboard
- Sauerkraut
- Necklaces
- Barbados
- Thirteen
- Christmas
- Listen
- Fat
- Globe

Teachers Club

Teachers wanted

If you were a teacher in your former life and you are interested in meeting other teachers living here at On Top of the World, come to a meeting at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Let's decide if there is enough interest to start a new Retired Teacher's Club here and to learn the goals, needs, and wants of everyone attending.

Would you like to hear speakers, go on local field trips, volunteer at local schools, and/or have someone teach a class about the area?

The sky's the limit. The first meeting will be on March 27 at 11 a.m.. Call Jane Lee at 727-266-4380 if you have any questions.



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Library News

Library will be open during Good Neighbors' Flea Market

By Joan Tannahill

Great news for all you bargain hunters out there!

We will be taking part in the Good Neighbors' Flea Market on March 30 this year.

Yep, that's right. After checking out all the goodies upstairs, you can come down to the kitchen (behind the library) and peruse our selection of good, used books at our usual, wonderful prices of 25 cents for paperbacks and 50 cents for hardbacks.

This just might include some large print books.

We will be open the same hours as the rest of the Flea Market and will be happy to keep your purchases for you if decide to check us out before you go upstairs.

The library will be open normal Friday hours the day of the Flea Market, so you will have a good opportunity to check our shelves and enjoy good reading throughout the year.

We've been delighted with how busy we have been lately. Isn't it wonderful to be able to stay right in the complex for reading material?

For some it is easy to walk to the activity center, but even for those who live too far to walk, it is still just a short ride to pick up new reading material.

Also thanks to everyone who has renewed their membership and to our new members. It is wonderful to walk into the library and see it teeming with so much activity.

As always we continue to add new books to our shelves, but please remember to check out our other shelves.

While the books there may not be new, they are still good reads and the print doesn't wear off.

We continue to appreciate your donations so please don't forget us when you clean out your bookshelves at home.

Flea Market set for March 30

By Doris Paino

Greetings, good neighbors.

Don't forget to reserve your table for the March 30 Flea Market to be held at the East Activity Center.

You can reserve a table on Monday or Thursday at the Good Neighbors table in front of the Gift Shoppe from 9-10:30 a.m. Hurry, tables are going fast.

Also, we are having a Spring Fling straw draw at April's Good Neighbors meeting. If you have items

Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

you no longer want, we need them for prizes. Item must be new and unused - things people gave you that you never opened - now is your chance to get rid of them. You can drop them off at the

Gift Shoppe Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - noon.

Over the years, Good Neighbors has donated thousands of dollars to various clubs and projects to better the community. Things like chairs at the pool and benches in front of your buildings. I would like realistic suggestions, in writing, for projects Good Neighbors might be able to fund. You can also drop those suggestions off at the Good Neighbors table any morning between 9-9:30.

Meals are nutritious, warm and tasty

By Carl & Betty Leiby

Families "Up North" can be assured of residents receiving "good nutrition" while receiving Meals on Wheels.

Whether the need is "age" or illness, just a phone call to the Neighborly Care Network is all that is needed.

Meals on Wheels can give assistance to residents arriving home from the hospital and needing help with meals, plus a caring neighbor to check on them Monday thru Friday.

Our On Top of the World clients love their volunteers. They bring delicious, warm meals, which are planned by a Neighborly Care Network Dietician. It is a well-balanced meal with an interesting variety each month. A main entrée, vegetables, salad, bread, fruit, milk and often a dessert are included.



Meals On Wheels

Always new volunteers are welcome to help deliver meals to our homebound neighbors. The time required is from 10 a.m. to noon.

Once again we are driving to Dunedin to pick up the meals.

The clients do enjoy meeting new neighbors who help in this very special way. We work with your available hours.

Many folks are aware of the

Meals on Wheels program, but Neighborly Care Network makes available many other services to help keep seniors independent and in their own homes. That colorful Neighborly Care Bus you see driving thru OTOW will take residents to Dunedin to join other seniors for lunch and a social time of entertainment, cards, bingo and music.

Also available is service to take seniors to Senior Day Care and transportation to doctors offices. The Neighborly Care Network has many additional services available as skilled nursing, physical therapy and home health aides.

For services, phone the Neighborly Care Network at (727) 573-9444. To volunteer for this rewarding service at OTOW, call Carl & Betty Leiby at 791-3861.



Civitan Club

Civitan Club guest speaker draws interest

Carl & Betty Leiby

In January, Dr. Alan Percy was our guest speaker at the Civitan Club meeting.

Dr. Percy is the principal investigator of rare disease at the Civitan International Research Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Shortly before the meeting, the OTOW Civitan Club also received a letter from a community resident currently in Rhode Island. The resident read the January edition of OTOW News and wanted information from our meeting. She has a child with Rett Syndrome.

We sent her literature from the meeting and told her about the Civitan Research Center and the marvelous local Paul B. Stephens School here in Clearwater, which serves handicapped students.

Help us contact you in case of an emergency

If there is an emergency, and On Top of the World must contact you or a family member, please make sure a contact list is available at your building.

This contact list should be stored on file in a core room, at a neighbor's condo, with your building president or with a designated resident.

No one ever knows when an emergency will take place, so fill out your contact list today and make sure your neighbors know where it is being stored.

Your contact list should also be dropped off at the Service Desk.

Your contact list should have the name and phone number of at least one family member, plus a phone number where you can be reached when you are not living at OTOW.



Music, dancing and trips continue in March

Thank you for turning out for last month's shows and dances.

Not only did you have fun, but as you saw, the entertainers responded well to an appreciative audience in a full house.

We received great comments about the shows that appeared here the past two months. This month we have two more exciting shows for you.

The first is The Shae Laurel Show on Thursday, March 8. It is one heck of an experience watching that family's show-stopping comedy, music and sheer talent.

And speaking of talent, on Thursday, March 22, you don't want to miss the amazing Rick Larrimore's dynamic



Rich Hayes

Chairman

tribute to Rod Stewart in a show that has thrilled audiences wherever he's appeared. Please buy early. We don't want you to be disappointed if we have to put up another "Sold Out" sign.

We appreciate your kind words

about the new band, The Treasure Island Sound. They'll be performing again for your dancing pleasure on Saturday, March 10. We hope you'll be there to dance the night away.

On Saturday, March 24, we're pleased to have back another favorite, At Large. We look forward to seeing you and please note that we've added more line dancing to round out your evening's fun.

We thank you for attending our Sundays-In-The-Park, and we appreciate your favorable comments.

This month, on March 11, we'll continue the fun with our eighth annual Fashion Show, and will feature clothes from the Rose Garden of

Dunedin, modeled by our very own residents.

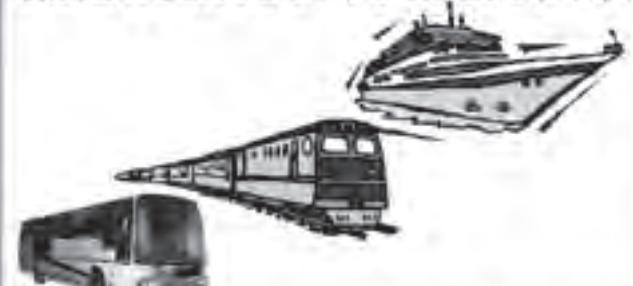
To round out a full month of activity, join us at 10 a.m. on March 26 for a trip to the Ringling Art Museum. The \$29 cost will cover transportation and the Art Museum entry.

On April 26, we are planning a trip to Senior Prom Day at the Rays Game against the LA Angels. The \$39 cost will cover game tickets, transportation by the Jolley Trolley, and a day of fun.

Please see us at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings between 8:30-10:30 a.m. to reserve your place at the events we've especially designed with you in mind.

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Terry Mikszenas serves salad to Diane Gervais while Elaine Stretavski and Linda Rice serve pizza.



Rules committee members Maureen Stewart and Fran Zaloski

Two teams tie for Fun Scramble top honors

By Pat Eastman

The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association held their Special Fun Scramble on Jan. 24.

The weather was terrific, the OTOW Golf Course was challenging, and the lunch was delicious.

Lunch was pizza and salad served by Linda Rice, Elaine Stretavski and Terry Mikszenas.

Following lunch was a rules seminar conducted by Fran Zaloski and Maureen Stewart. Fran explained

18-hole Ladies League

league rules and answered questions. Maureen handed out updated rules and hole information.

Then the winning score was announced -- 61 -- a tie between the teams of Pat Eastman, Judy Garland, Shirley Gibson and Verna Delahunt, and Barb Morrison, Betty Gerkin, Pauline Couture and Peggy Lischkge.

Good scoring ladies!

Photos are on the league Website: otowladiesgolf.web.officelive.com thanks to Webmaster Linda Rice.

Results

Jan. 31: Flight A low gross - Maureen Stewart, low net - Sharon Hackenmiller. Flight B low gross - Pat Dalziel, low net - Jill Orchard, Ann Wilson, Juanita Witham, Gwen Lemke. Flight C low gross - Judy Garland, Marie Belliveau, low net - Betty McKay, Flight D low gross - Sue Morse, Teresa McHugh, low net - Rose Mulhall

Jan. 24: Scramble Winners - Pat Eastman, Judy Garland, Shirley Gibson, Verna Delahunt, and Barb Morrison, Betty Gerkin, Pauline Couture, Peggy Lischkge.

Jan. 17: Flight A low gross - Cathy Mills, low net - Sharon Hackenmiller, Flight B low gross - Dale McMinn, low net - Donia Stadler, Flight C low gross - Maria Im, low net - Judy Garland, Boots Stanton, Flight D - low gross - Shirley Gibson, low net - Elaine McDonald.

League members are reminded Rally for the Cure is April 3

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Our Jan. 24 meeting was well attended.

Many topics were discussed, such as raising our dues and changing rules for time of play.

Please review your handbook so you are familiar with the rules as well as upcoming events.

Feb. 7

A Flight - Gilda Gamburcato, Connie Saylor, Joyce Harvey. B Flight - Marge Jacobs, Joyce Monahan, The-

Ladies 9-Hole Golf

resa Gates, Marnie Carr, Verona Titus; C Flight - Nancy Parlato, Barbara Sensale, Pat Palladino, Barbara Velky; D Flight - Pat Murray, Mary Ellen Cavalieri, Ingrid Durhan, Betty Sulmonte. Birdies: Connie Saylor No. 3.

On Feb. 14 and 21 we had our Flight Tournament with 34 golfers participating. Winners for each Flight

will be announced at our Spring Luncheon in April.

On March 13 we will have our general meeting starting at 2:30 in the Veranda Room. Please plan on attending.

Just a reminder that Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 3 on the 18-hole golf course. If you haven't signed up, please contact Mary Ann O'Neil at the "Little House" during regular golf time or call her at 449-9243.



Rally
FOR THE CURE

April 3, 2012

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Deadline to sign up is March 20. Check your league's bulletin board for details, or call Ariene Hanson at 475-8253.



Dimmitt Chevrolet gives up 'grand slam' in ninth inning, but still rallies for victory

By Don Grabowski

Ken Graham collected seven hits, including the game-winning doubles, as Dimmitt Chevrolet edged Scott's Pharmacy 19-18 in a thriller last month.

With Dimmitt ahead 17-14 late in the game, Howard Huff belted a grand slam home run for Scott's Pharmacy to give the pharmacists a 19-18 lead.

Scott's players were so excited about the base-clearing blast that they nearly carried Howard off the field.

However, Guy Bertuzzi and Bob Field both reached base for Dimmitt, and Howard smacked his home run that changed the lead again - this time for good.

Bob Fields and Bill Bennett both finished the game with six hits. Lenny Segal had six hits, including a home run. Guy Bertuzzi finished with five hits and Jim Pollock had three hits.

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Scott's Pharmacy was led by Bob Rittner with six hits, and Bill Arkins with five hits, including a home run.

Scott's had an exciting rally at the end of the game, but did not score a run in three innings.

Scott's Pharmacy 16 OTOW 8

Scott's Pharmacy won this game because of its terrific defense. OTOW was limited to no runs in five of the nine innings.

The victors were led by Pat Kennedy with four hits, including a home run. Lenny Segal, Greg Zimmer, Bob Fields, Hugh Quirk, Glen Oh and Lou Peterson all had three hits apiece.

OTOW was led by Paul Fice with four hits, and Bill Arkins and Guy Bertuzzi with three hits. One of Guy's

hits was a home run.

Tommy's Produce 21 Broward A/C 18

Tommy's Produce had five players with five hits or more and cashed in for the win.

Bill Arkins led the way with six hits, and Bob Fields, Joe Farrell, Guy Bertuzzi and Bill Lepping all had five.

For Broward Factory A/C, Pat Kennedy had five hits, including a home run. Lenny Segal also chipped in five hits.

Tommy's Produce 15 Dimmitt Chevrolet 11

Tommy's Produce won in a hitter's slugfest.

Bill Arkins and Greg Zimmer tallied five hits apiece, while Bob Rittner, Pat Kennedy, Sam Macaluso, Joe Farrell and Lou Peterson all had four hits apiece.

"Joe Farrell is hitting like gangbusters with men on base," said statistician Don Grabowski.

In the loss, Lenny Segal, Guy Bertuzzi and Ken Graham all had four hits.

Broward A/C 14

Scott's Pharmacy 12

Broward Factory A/C out-hit Scott's Pharmacy 34 to 24, but only managed to win by two runs.

A ninth inning, five-run rally did the job. The winning rally was sparked on doubles by Greg Zimmer and Pat Kennedy, and singles by Lenny Segal, Hugh Quirk, Bob Rittner, Lou Peterson and Doug Murray.

Pat Kennedy had five hits in the game - one was a home run.

For Scott's Pharmacy, Bob Stoddard had four hits with a home run, and Bill Lepping also had four hits.

It was a tight defensive game between both teams.

Winners announced from Australian Pairs tournament and Valentine's tournament

Congratulations to Ralph and Norma Ross, who won the Australian Pairs Trophy Tournament in January.

Tom Barrett and Bob Laplane took second place, and the teams of Christine Miller and Betty McWhirter, Bob Miller and Brooke Reid, and Peter Koukoretsis and Marj Kells were consolation winners.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, Myrtle Poirier, Wally Colquhoun and Greg Middleton were jitney winners. The team of Tom Barrett, Huguette Sylvestre and Mario Altieri was second, while the team of Clarence Poirier, Jocelyne Laplante and Jacques Breton was third.

Lawn Bowling

The next jitney took place on Jan. 28. Winners were Marg Hackey, Juanita Witham and Nicole Pelletier. Second place went to the team of Tom Barrett, Rick Carr and Sandy Wall. Third place went to the team of Rita May, Wall Colquhoun and Howard Wilson.

On Jan. 26 a general meeting was called to present a revised edition of the Constitution and Bylaws for approval. After a few minor changes were made, the document was approved.

Thank you to Bob Laplante for all his work.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, a jitney took place with Wally Boudreau, Christine Miller and Sandy Wall collecting top honors.

On Friday, Feb. 10, the club held a Valentine's Tournament. The champions were Thelma Jacobsen, Paul Evans and Wally Colquhoun. The runners-up were Dave Murray, Rick Carr and Jean Evans.

Following the tournament, a potluck luncheon was enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Pat Murray and her helpers.

Winners of a 50/50 drawing were

Mary Bates-Smith, Maureen Boudreau, Jackie Bedard and Patricia McLeod. The drawmaster was Brian Bedard.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, a jitney doubles took place with Hal Jacobsen and Wendy Colquhoun teaming up for the win.

Lastly, on Saturday, Feb. 12, a Novice Tournament took place for anyone with five or less years of experience. Competitors had to brave temperatures below 30 degrees.

The winner was Sandy Wall and there was a second place tie between Joan O'Connor, Howard Wilson, Rick Carr and Agnes Doyle. The drawmaster was Paul Evans.

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Paul Bevin scores second ace in past 11 months

Alternate shot tournament set for March 14

By Pete Milner

The weather has certainly cooperated with the On Top of the World Men's Golf League.

We have enjoyed some of the best golf weather of the season.

The renovations to our golf course continue to be a fine challenge to our members. It didn't take long for Paul Bevin to master the fifth hole as he aced it with his 6-iron. John Lewis, Lloyd Chirdon and Sam Copple were lucky to witness his great shot.

Why is it that when you miss a hole-in-one by a couple of inches, your playing partners say what a great shot

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you made, but when it actually goes in, they say what a lucky shot that was?

All who have played with Paul know that it was a great shot. This one was almost a year after his last one on March 19, 2011. What took you so long, Paul?

This month we have our Two-Man Team – Alternate Shot tournament. Food, beer and soft drinks will follow the March 14 event, which be-

gins with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Hopefully the sun will be up by then.

If you happen to be lettered out that day, please don't hesitate to come over and help us set up for our refreshments. If you would like to help out with the signing-up detail on league days, speak to Jack Yorkery; there is always room for members to help in different ways.

The OTOW Men's Golf League officers for this year are as follows: Ken Nield, president; Jay Schwallie, vice president; Russ Caughey, treasurer; Pete Milner, secretary; Jim O'Neil, trustee three years; Frank Giarrizzi,

trustee two years; and Phil Smerz, trustee one year. If you have something for the betterment of our league, please speak to your officers.

Don't forget to check our bulletin board for tee times, handicaps, winnings and other important information pertaining to our league. The bulletin board is that great big green thing near the 19th hole.

Also, don't forget to check the "lettered out" schedule on the bulletin board. Remember to give the maintenance crew a big thank you for the fine work they do maintaining our great course.

Thursday league adopts new scoring

The Thursday Golf league strives to provide On Top of the World golfers with an opportunity to play competition golf at all skill levels. To that end, the league has adopted a modified Stableford scoring system.

Weekly competitions will use a "quota point" system. This type of play is used by many leagues throughout the country.

It is an easy way to keep averages of golfers' scores. It also is easy to revert to a handicap system.

To record your score, using the Quota Point system, you would use the point system at right.

The unique feature of this type of scoring is the fact that a bad score on a hole will not hurt and a great score will be rewarded.

Using this system, even par would be 36 points, which would be a score of 67.

This system will average your last five rounds of golf. This would be the golfer's "quota." Whatever your quota is, you will be shooting against that quota on your next round of golf.

For example, if your quota is 29 and you have 35 points for your round of golf, you would be +6 for the day. The person with the highest positive score would be the winner.

Congratulations go to the following winners of our weekly tournaments.

Week nine winners were Don Baker and J.T. Norris with Gary Bronson finishing second. Week 10 winners were Dan Morey and Bob Stoddard in

Thursday Golf League	
SCORECARD	
TYPE	POINTS
✓ Double Bogey or higher	0
✓ Bogey	1
✓ Par	2
✓ Birdie	3
✓ Eagle	4
✓ Double Eagle	5



a tie, and Gary Bronson and Vance Wilson second. Week 11 saw Don Baker finish first, Bill Gambacurta second and Paul Meyers third.

Each week, points are awarded according to how the players finish. Accumulated points at the end of the season will determine the league champion and seeding in the match play tournament.

This year's points race is heating up. Vance Wilson and Paul Meyers are tied at the top with 22 points. Bob Odle follows with 21. Bruce MacPher-

son and Bob Stoddard have 20. Don Baker 15, Dan Morey 14, Ian Miller 13, and Kim Norried and Gary Bronson have 12 each.

Play begins each Thursday at 11 a.m. The league plays by USGA rules. Men play from the extended blues and both men and women play to a par of 67. The Thursday League is open to all OTOW residents, male and female.

New members are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining can contact: Paul 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolf@aol.com



Congratulations are in order for David Mathewson.

David was playing with friends, Bob Evans and Ralph DeVol, when he scored his first career hole-in-one.

The ace took place Feb. 6 on the second hole of the nine-hole course. David was using a 7-iron.

Picking up guest passes

Golf is free to all On Top of the World residents.

However, guests must purchase a pass at the OTOW/Palm Acre Real Estate sales office before teeing off.

Passes are sold during regular business hours, which are 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sundays.

A resident must be present when a guest pass is purchased and the resident must have an up-to-date activity card.

A guest cannot play without a pass.



East Side earns bragging rights with team crown

By Gail DuCharme

On Jan. 25, the Que'T Ladies Billiards Club held a tournament featuring the East Side against the West Side.

The East Side emerged victorious.

Winning team members were Maureen Doire, Elizabeth Asselta, Reva Heymann, Judy Garvey, Alice McCullough and Becky Balderson.

West Side team members were Jean Doane, Barbara Barnhart, Ellen Fredrick, Rashanee Turner, Helen Crombie, Margo Lindsay and Tina Tucci.

The tournament consisted of four rounds with the East Side collecting 14 points and the West Side collecting 10 points.

Elizabeth and Reva had a great tournament for the East Side. Elizabeth won four games in a row and Reva won three games.

This tournament victory was the result of a lot of practice on Saturdays, and taking advantage of expert instruction from Ed Solivan, Andy Suhar and Terry Wittman.



Pictured above is the East Side Team which defeated the West Side Team in a mid-January tournament. From left are Maureen Doire, Judy Garvey, Elizabeth Asselta, Becky Balderson, Alice McCullough and Reva Heymann.

Keep those wins coming ladies! The Que'T Ladies Billiards Club has also welcomed new members and season members, including Debra Champ, Joan Endriss-Alteri, Gilda

Gambaurta, Meg Geary and Hannah O'Sullivan.

It's a joy to welcome new members. We love expanding our club.

You don't need any experience



Que't Billiards

or equipment to join. Experienced instructors are here to teach the game.

In fact, the men's billiards league is starting to notice the women are getting pretty good at the game.

On Feb. 2, the men held an 8-ball Scotch Doubles Tournament and Andy Suhar teamed up with Jane Turnbull, from the ladies' league. Andy and Jane played great and were one win away from advancing to the second day of the tournament.

Good going Jane! What a great representative of our club!

On Feb. 9, Terry Wittman teamed up with Andy Suhar in the same 8-ball Scotch Doubles tournament and this time won it!

How's that!

Instructors show 'students' how it's done at pool table

On Feb. 9, the Thursday night Men's Pool League held a Scotch Doubles Tournament with a round-robin, eight-ball format.

Winning the tournament was the team of Andy Suhar and Terry Wittman, whom defeated the team of Joe Doire and Allen Pier.

It just so happens, Andy and Terry are instructors, too.

Taking third place was the team of Mario Rodriguez and Howard Wilson.

In regular Monday night eight-ball play, there were eight winners in eight tournaments last month.

Bill Robertson was the first week winner as he won the A Flight title. Jim Anzalone was second and Allen Pier was third.

In the B Flight, Mario Rodriguez was first, Joe Ventimiglia was second and Ray Diguilio was third.

For week two, Marc Schell finished on top in the A Flight. Tony Baker was second and Hugo Orantes was third.

In the B Flight, Andy Suhar was



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first, Caesar Lemos was second and Mario Rodriguez was third.

In week three, Denny Balderson was the A Flight champion, followed by Tony Baker in second place and Allen Pier in third place.

In Flight B, Joe Doire was first, Norm Theriault was second and Ray Diguilio was third.

In the final week, Bart Gooch topped A Flight. Denny Balderson was runner-up and Tony Baker third.

Norm Theriault became the eighth winner of the month when he won the B Flight. Joe Doire was second and Howard Wilson was third.



Terry Wittman and Andy Suhar won a Scotch Doubles tournament.



SPORTS

Origin of horseshoes is a mystery, but OTOW club up-to-date on current history

By Jerry Rice

According to Ottie W. Reno, winner of the 1964 thru 1969 Alabama State Championships, in his 1971 book "Pitching Championship Horseshoes" a little history of the game is provided.

Ottie is also the author of "The Story of Horseshoes," which was published in 1963.

The origin of horseshoe pitching may very well be a mystery. Different writers have given different versions of its beginning.

One version is, the discus used in the Olympic games was too expensive for the average person, so poor people began to fashion metal rings as a substitute object to throw.

Originally, people may have thrown horseshoes for distance, but later the accent shifted to accuracy, with pegs being driven in the ground as targets.

Horseshoes

Players tried to encircle the peg for ringers. Thus, a new game was born.

Later, the Greek and Roman armies began to attach metal strips to the feet of their horses to protect them from the rough terrain. As these first horseshoes were discarded, they were collected by the soldiers and others and pitched.

The Norman soldiers are said to have brought the game to England.

The early settlers in America brought the game with them, too.

A link between the game and our early history is the quoted observation of the Duke of Wellington who said, "the Colonial War of Liberation" was won on the village greens by pitches

of horse hardware."

Our forefathers were players of the game and our soldiers have played horseshoes in their leisure time in every war. Even with all this play, there is no trace of organized play in the United States until an active club was formed at Meadville, Pa., in 1899.

During the next 20 years, horseshoe pitching flourished in different parts of the U.S., including Kansas, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Florida, New York, Ohio and California. There are records of local clubs and tournaments in all of these states prior to 1915.

The game of horseshoe pitching, as we know it today, came into its own about 1920, at which time pitching the open shoe became a deliberate scientific attempt, instead of a mere toss with the hope that it would be a ringer.

Next month we will cover some playing rules and court layout as provided by the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association.

As of early February, our top three pitchers were Roy Monteith, Sam Bryant and Bo Craddock all with a ringer rating above 20 percent.

If you enjoy seriously pitching shoes for competition or just like to pitch a few old stories, you are welcome to join the OTOW Horseshoe Club. Membership is only \$10.

It's never too late to join. Come and have some fun.

League play starts about 8:45-9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays with practice about the same time on Saturday mornings.

If you have any questions, stop by the horseshoe pits and talk to us any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday morning.

Bowling

By Lillian Ginn

Jan. 4 – High game: Marge Jacobs 184, Mary Kennelly 175, Madeline Nawrocky 167.

High Series: Marge Jacobs 475, Liz Buckley 441, Madeline Nawrocky 434.

Pins over average: Liz Buckley 69.

Splits: Marge Jacobs 5-10, Madeline Nawrocky 2-7-8, Linda Gooch 4-5, Linda Gooch 4-5, Mary Ann O'Neil 5-10.

Jan. 11 – High game: Marge Jacobs 199, Loretta Macaluso 167, Gerri Corcoran 166.

High Series: Marge Jacobs 538, Donna Smerz 443, Jackie Kail 434.

Pins over average: Marge Jacobs 79.

Splits: Isabelle Houston 3-9-10, Jackie Kail 5-10

Jan. 18 – High game: Mary Ann O'Neil 419, Lil Ginn 415.

Pins over average: Eileen Bekofske 50.

Splits: Nancy House 4-5, Sandy Sanborn 3-10, Gerri Corcoran 3-10 and Liz Buckley 9-10.

Jan. 25 – High game: Shirley Bowers 179, Marge Jacobs 178, Madeline Nawrocky 167.

High Series: Shirley Bowers 486, Marge Jacobs 475, Sandy Sanborn 437.

Pins over average: Mary Beth Hufty 92.

Splits: 2-3-10 Liz Buckley, 5-6 Mary Ann O'Neil 6-7 Sherry Ohl 6-7.

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At left is birthday boy Pete Bellew. Above is 'everyone.'

When is the last time you played shuffleboard? Give it another try

By Marge Sivek

If you happened to go pass the shuffleboard courts in the last two weeks, you noticed there are some different shuffleboard players enjoying the game.

That is exactly what we like to see.

Everyone has been enjoying the opportunity to learn the game. Some people are playing shuffleboard for the first time and others haven't played in a long time.

On Feb. 2, shuffleboard players enjoyed a picnic lunch at the East Activity Center and celebrated a special birthday with cupcakes. Pete Bellew turned 90 and everyone sang "Happy Birthday."

The following people won three games in recent weeks:

Jan. 2: Kasy Linkewich, Bob Rittner.

Jan. 5: Bob Rittner, Anne Lockhard.

Jan. 9: Marge Sivek, Bob Rittner, John Lockard.

Jan. 12: Ann Lockhard, Ed Stenger, Paul Santacrice.

Jan. 16: Dean Darby, Kasy Linkewich, Ann Lockhard, Bob Rittner.

Jan. 19: Kasy Linkewich, Bob Rittner, Ed Stenger.

Jan. 23: Bob Rittner, Doris Brown, Bill Young, Joy Jones.

Shuffleboard

Jan. 26: Jose Pereira, Bob Rittner, Doreen Paine, Pete Bellew.

Jan. 30: Dean Darby, Virginia Butler, Paul Santacrocce, Chris Paine, Ed Stenger.

Nov. 7: Bob Rittner, Marge Sivek.

Nov. 10: Dean Darby, Paul Santacrocce, Bob Rittner.

Nov. 13: Ed Stenger, Bob Rittner, Marge Sivek.

Nov. 17: Charlie McKague, Paul Santacrocce.

Nov. 21: Kasy Linkewich, Ed Stenger.

Dec. 1: Paul Santacrocce, Bill Young.

Dec. 5: Bob Rittner.

Dec. 8: Bob Rittner, Virginia Butler, Bill Young.

Dec. 12: Doris Brown, Bob Rittner, Ed Stenger,

Bill Young.

Dec. 15: Shirley Crowder, Charlie McKague, Ed Stenger, Paul Santacrocce.

Dec. 19: Doris Brown, Ed Stenger, Bill Young.

Dec. 22: Bob Rittner, Bill Young.

Who wants Pickleball?

Is anyone interested in playing Pickleball right here at On Top of the World?

Currently, residents can play Pickleball indoors at the Long Center just up the road in Clearwater, but at OTOW the east side tennis courts will be redone soon and there might be an opportunity to bring Pickleball to our own backyard if there is enough interest.

Pickleball can be played indoors or outdoors and is a great activity for people wanting to get into shape. You can play at your own speed and still have fun.

Pickleball courts take up less space than a tennis court and therefore there is less running around. Most times you are within a few feet of the net and the ball is usually within a simple reach.

If you are interested in supporting Pickleball at OTOW, send an email to wmcutts@gmail.com or call Bill at 210-7597.

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Do you want to save your bones?

Come join our class which meets 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the East Activity Center lower level, opposite the library.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises that were developed by Tufts University in an effort to prevent further bone loss. We never do floor exercises. There is no charge for this class.

For further information, call Libby at 727-669-1486.

Line Dancing

Come discover line dancing on the East Activity Center ballroom floor.

We dance each Tuesday at 1 p.m. and each Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Stay for as long or short a time as you wish. For further information contact Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.

Yoga

Yoga with Ann meets 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center.

Wear something comfortable. Bring a mat. Cost is \$5.

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For more information call 724-3864.

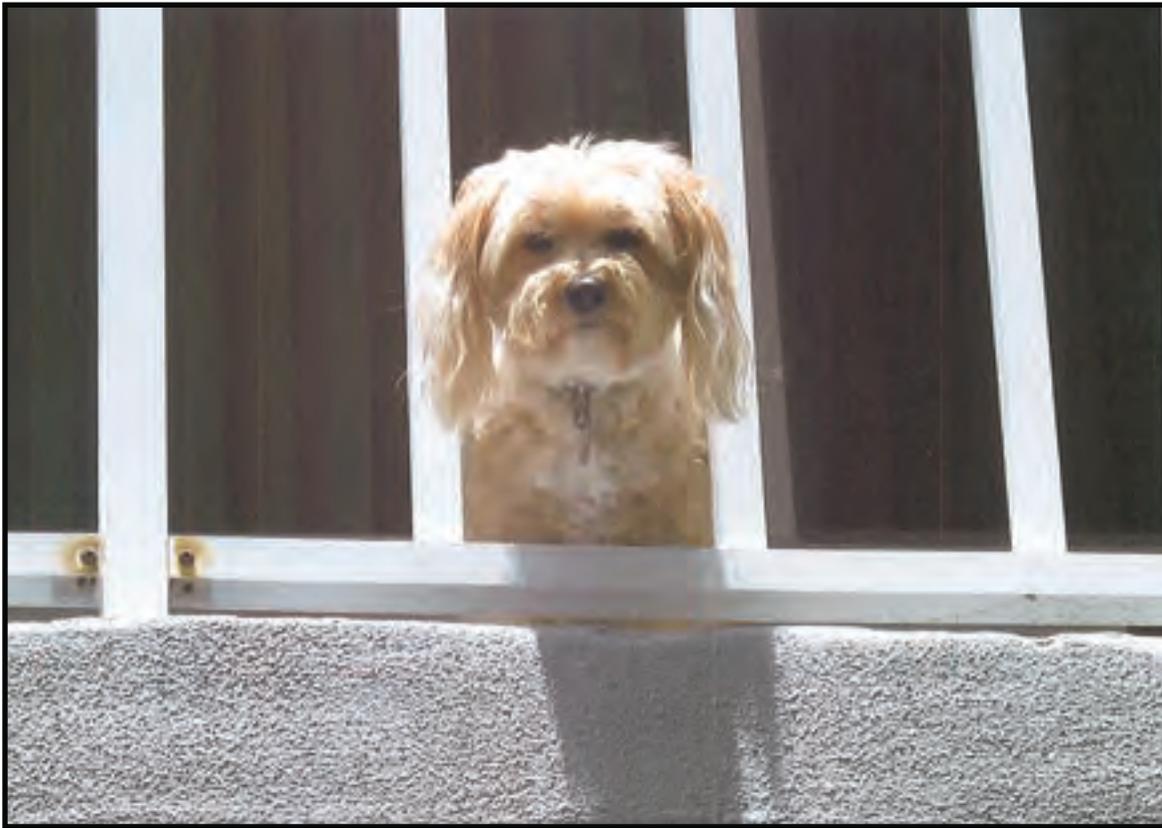
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Rungo Dance meets Tuesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon. There are newcomer, intermediate and advanced levels. Have no worries, if this is a challenge we can assist with that very easily.

If you have any other questions please call 727-741-3337.

Morning exercises start at 8 a.m.

Ladies, come join us every morning at 8 a.m. in the East Activity Center lower gym room. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, and a short cardio workout. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups. Also bring your hand weights to our weightlifting/strength training-classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone. As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.



“OZZY”

This is Ozzy. He is a 3-year-old Morkie who lives in the Southern Colonial Building with his best friends, Tom and Pat Belezarian.

Ozzy lives on the walking trail and greets walkers everyday by sticking his head between the rails.

Most of his walking friends always look for Ozzy and they all know him by name.

Do you know someone who wants to be the Pet of the Month?

Each month OTOW News and Walgreens are going to feature a “Pet of the Month.”

Any pets living at OTOW are eligible to enter the contest.

One pet will be featured each month.

To enter your pet in the contest you must have one perfectly clear, large color photo of your pet, along with background information on why you think your pet should be chosen as our monthly celebrity (maximum 200 words). Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. If you are the winner this month, just bring this newspaper and an original pet photo to Walgreens to receive your prize. To enter, email your pet’s best photo and information to: bootss@tampabay.rr.com. Include your name, your pet’s name and the building you reside in. Good luck!



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Austrian Alpine resident with sharp eye and nearby camera photographs wandering owl



Photo by Don Schlough

Our neighbors, Don and Pat Schlough, left their condo on Sunday morning, Jan. 14, to go to breakfast. As they headed to the end cap stairwell, Don noticed an owl sitting on the porch rail cap. Pat had already passed the bird without noticing it. Don told her to stop and watch the owl while he got his camera.

He was able to get nine pictures of the owl, exemplified by the photo at left. He got so close he was beginning to think the bird was injured because it didn't fly off.

Within inches, he reached out to touch it, thinking he might have to take it to a sanctuary. As his hand touched its wing, it took flight. Wow! What an exhilarating experience!

This is the month that comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Like we Floridians really care! It's so rough living here where the sun shines every day, and when I do search for winter clothes, I'm wondering what color sweater to wear.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! And happy first day of spring (March 20). Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 11.

My karaoke at OTOW is a huge success. Almost 100 people last month, (97 to be exact). We had 24 singers and a good time enjoyed by all. Our next dates are March 4 and March 11 from 6-9 p.m. at the East Activity Center.



Our building enjoyed a nice dinner at Lucky Dills (see photo, below).

Remember, March is the month for green beer, shamrocks and great parades. I already had a talk with my Shitzu (Cassidy). She insists on marching with the greyhounds again.

On Jan. 29, Richard and Jesse Collins celebrated their wedding anniversary of 19 years. Richard was in the hospital for a while shortly after that, but he is home now doing much better. Jesse says he just needs some female loving care!

On Feb. 4, a surprise bridal shower was held at Leo's Italian restaurant for Lois Van De Bogart and Ron Marten. They were married on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day. There is a story in the February issue of the OTOW News about their Valentine's Day wedding—the first at the East Activity Center.



Austrian Alpine building residents enjoying a dinner at Lucky Dill's recently.

ABOUT THIS OWL...

By Boots Stanton

To the best judgment of our local bird experts, the critter above is most likely a screech owl.

Screech owls are normally 10 inches tall and come in a brownish or grayish color. They have tufted ears and yellow eyes.

Screech owls live in wooded areas, near lake shores or suburban areas. They are fearless and will protect their nests. In the night time hours, protection might mean striking a person on the head if they get too close.

During the day, if an owl sees a person approaching, it will freeze still in an upright position.

Screech owls can be found across the United States and parts of Canada.

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These BFFs (Best Friends Forever) can be found at OTOW

The hostess said, "Happy birthday times 60!" and the card on the table sported the number 60 in large numerals. But this was not a 60th birthday party.

No, this was an 81st, given by the same hostess who had given me a surprise 21st birthday party in 1952, 60 years ago.

Now, birthdays are fine; the more the better. But better yet is friendship. Sixty years ago, Margaret Welch and I were flitting about Clearwater in her yellow convertible.

Today Margaret Doran and I both live at On Top Of the World, and are sharing various activities now just as we have throughout the years.

We have been friends through all the stages of adult life, through dating and marriage, through diaper days and teenage days, through careers and retirement. Having a close friend with whom to experience all life's passages is a gift beyond price. The New Year has brought me another birthday, and with it the opportunity to celebrate a 60-year friendship.



People seem to need friendship just as they need food. We are nourished by our relationships. Perhaps that is the underlying appeal which attracts us to OTOW. The many activities available here offer opportunities to meet and socialize with others.

Mandalay residents recently enjoyed a building potluck in the Sunrise Room. We were happy to have newcomers Gail and Frank Bettis attend.

Gail and Frank, upon returning from 10 years in Saudi Arabia, first located in Tennessee. It was too cold there! Presently renting at OTOW,



Then: 1952

In this photo, taken 60 years ago, Margaret Doran is on the left and Anne Rost, with the white off the shoulder blouse, is at right.

they are considering buying here, as they are enjoying golf, bingo, dancing, and other activities. We welcome



Now: 2012

On the left in the dark blouse is Margaret Doran. Anne Rost is at right. Both live at OTOW and have been best friends for years.

them now, and hope to extend the welcome permanently.

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Cele is in top form again as building reporter

The Top of the Morning to you! I'm back — again. It's wonderful to be in this warm climate. I was always freezing in New York even though they're having an unusually warm winter.

The Siboney building meeting was very informative and interesting. We welcomed our new president, Skip Heller, and new vice-president, Bob Evans, and thanked our outgoing officers. Linda and Dave Mathewson, for all their hard work on our behalf. President Heller spoke of future plans and current problems. Dates were made for a picnic, trip to Derby Lane and perhaps on Easter dinner again. Watch the bulletin board.

Our Core Party was well attended, and we had quite a variety of delicious dishes, including Pat Heller's soup. The jokes were great too!

What a nice turnout we had for our luncheon at the Olive Garden. Twenty-nine residents attended and we thank Rita Tombari for making the reservations. Rita also helped me put up the February decorations in the core.

The "GNO" is still going strong. That's the "Girls Night Out." About 14 of our young ladies play dominoes in the East Activity Center card room. In the summer, the winner paid for ice cream at McDonald's, but they discontinued that for now. Keep enjoying yourselves, girls!



My family did some neat things over the holidays. At Thanksgiving, my granddaughter brought slips of paper for all 16 of us, with the words "I am grateful for..." and we had to complete the phrase and *not* sign our name. After dinner, each one was read and we had to guess who wrote it. The funniest was my son-in-law's (he had just retired) who wrote "Social Security."

Then at Christmas, we all gathered at my son's in Sparta, N.J. We were told to bring a wrapped gift, worth \$15 to \$20 — something "you can't live without." I brought a picture of my family and a gift card to Panera's. I just can't live without soup. Funny gifts included money, coffee and a cup, the *New York Post* (sports), even a hair dryer. We picked a gift by number and you could even swap gifts. It was fun!

A big "thank you" to Laura Evans. She invited several of my wonderful

neighbors to dinner in her home because they had been so kind to me. Wasn't that a nice gesture? She is a reporter for the *OTOW News* and writes the Tennis column and does a terrific job.

Also she initiated a "Flash Mob" last month, calling several neighbors and friends who gathered with their chairs and drinks, down by the lake. About 25 enjoyed a lovely peaceful evening. We need a repeat, Laura!

We had two great shows, the Van Dells and The Platters. My cousin, Barbara Shay, and her husband, Tim, really enjoyed the Platters. She is originally from Wantagh, L.I., but now resides in Ballston Spa, N.Y.

Our next building meeting will be on our regular fourth Wednesday of the month, March 22, at 7 p.m. I suggest having a "decorated hat contest" for Easter. We'll have our own Easter parade and choose a winner. Let's discuss this at the meeting. I know it will be fun! Dues are now due.

Please come out for the St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 10, at 10 a.m. Bring a chair, wear your green and enjoy a hot dog and beer after the parade, courtesy of the Irish Club. See you there!

If you have to dispose of a computer, go to Best Buy on Drew Street. Go to the Geek counter and they'll take care of you.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

February was big month for cruises, visits and trips

Well, February may have been short, but it is sure was full of exciting stuff, starting with Groundhog Day and that furry rascal promising us six more weeks of delightful Florida weather. This was followed by Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day and Fat Tuesday. Almost more excitement than one month ought to enjoy!

I do have a couple of "leftovers" to report: Gordon Fowlie turned 80 on the last day of January. More than 50 friends and neighbors dropped by to wish him well with many more birthdays to go. Happy birthday Gordon!

The second "leftover" is a picture of Jean and Joe Spahalski as they serenaded our recent Casserole Grand Slam cook-off last month — great job, guys (see photo at far right).

John and Dolores Parham flew to New York to celebrate their wedding anniversary, but their children had other ideas and the whole family celebrated on a 10-day cruise out of New York. There were 17 family members including children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who made the cruise of a lifetime to the warmer weather of the Caribbean. A fantastic time was enjoyed by all.

On Feb. 5, some 22 Azores residents and friends left by luxury



bus to the Tampa Port to begin a great cruise on the Carnival's "Legend of the Seas" to the Western Caribbean with ports-of-call being Grand Cayman Island, Cozumel, Mexico, Belize and Mahogany Bay.

They all had balconies for watching the glorious sunsets. The trip was so successful that plans are in the works for another fabulous cruise.

On Feb. 17, we of the Azores gathered in the Sunrise Room for a Pizza Party. We each kicked in four bucks to cover the pizza and soft drinks. We all brought our own plates, glasses and dinnerware. A great time was had by all. A great chance to visit and build community in our building. Thanks to Maryann Staffieri and Diana Eggleston.

On Feb. 18, Gordon and Jean Fowlie organized a trip to the race track. Twenty-five eager souls came to try and outsmart the horses. I think that a healthy majority did exactly that and came home brimming with good fortune and wonderful memories of the great buffet served at the track — just for us, wow!

I received a report that we have new residents in our building: Mr. And Mrs. Jack Lundgen from Glenville, N.Y. Let's give them a big welcome.

Elsie Colvin reports that she has had visits from two of her favorite people, Bill Merrill and Robert Colvin, both grand nephews. These lads help Elsie with a few chores and lots of visiting. It is great to have visits from family that really care. Elsie feels she is so lucky to have such caring grand nephews.

Petie Fornuto reports that one of her sons visited her recently and that her other son will be visiting in early March. Petie sure has those boys well trained in looking after their mom. Good job, Petie!

Keep an eye on the bulletin board for upcoming activities. We will be having our building spring business meeting on March 8, so please plan to attend. If you haven't paid



Jean and Joe Spahalski play for the "Casserole Grand Slam" cookoff in February.

Diana Eggleston your \$20 building activity fee, please plan to do so at the spring meeting.

The whack-a-balls haven't put a thing in my envelope, so I can't really report on their activities, but guess they are still abusing a few golf balls every Sunday afternoon about 2 p.m.

I thank all of you who have given me the news items this month. Keep up the great job!

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St. Pat's Day growing near

Hello to all you Leprechauns and non-Leprechauns — this is your month for all kinds of fun! I am sure many of you will be enjoying St. Patty's day, which will be Saturday, March 17. I know I will since I am married to a Leprechaun.

I had a little bit of time to share some blarney with Jim and Lenice Harrington, who are a couple in our building. They are Snowbirds from Portsmouth, R.I. Jim became a Leprechaun by the way of his grandparents, who were from Ireland.

Jim and Lenice went to high school together then went on their separate ways. Many years later at a Christmas Eve party, Jim's sister introduced him to Lenice and life went on from there.

The Harringtons celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary by taking a cruise out of the Port of Rome. They traveled to many islands.

One of the items of interest concerning this trip did not happen



until about mid-January. They enjoyed their voyage in September, 2011, the same port, but on an American ship. The incident is the sinking of the ship *Costa Concordia* out of the Port of Rome. The time the Harringtons were on their cruise there were many concerns about the *Costa Concordia's* lack of policy.

Please remember to come out and enjoy our St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 10. Keep watching the bulletin board for the happenings in our building. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!



Some of the Rila Renaissance residents who attended a recent building dinner outing.

A few tips for a safe home

The Rila Renaissance building had a great get-together of our neighbors. It was the first time we were together since our December dinner. There was a nice turnout at the Ivory Restaurant, Dunedin. It was wonderful to socialize and catch up with what has been going on in our lives. We are already looking forward to the next event.

I hope everyone read the On Top of the World newspaper from February. Mr. Kenneth Colen's article on page 4 is very important as well as helpful.

It is so important that you update your emergency contacts with the Service Department. It is also important that your building captain have emergency contacts. The Service Department needs to know who has a key to your unit if you are out or away. Emergencies do happen.

If you are having any work done in your home, make sure the person is licensed and has the necessary permits. This is for your own benefit.

Also, please have your air conditioner/heater serviced annually and check your lamp cords for worn or stiff plugs and replace them. This can prevent sparks and possible fires and is so vital to your safety as well as your neighbors.



News from our building captain, Gerri Jaeger: Thank you to all who are washing and crushing the aluminum cans for recycling. If you have any beer cans, please thoroughly wash them out. It makes it hard to transport and the smell is awful. Our bags of cans have disappeared several times. These are turned in and funds received are put into our building treasury.

Thank you to all the residents who helped in our building while I was in Hawaii with my family. We all had a great time. Thank you for all your care and cooperation.

Please have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day celebration.

If you have any news to report to me for the articles, please leave in the white mailbox under the bulletin board.

Building reporter is now also the building treasurer

Lots of goings-on. Oh, what fun we had this past month.

First, the ladies of Building 45 had their monthly building luncheon at the "First Watch Cafe," and I will say, we have a wonderful group of women in our building, so the fun was contagious and the food was great as well (try the fruity chicken salad). This luncheon was hosted by Elaine Stretavski another of our lovely ladies. I tell ya' folks, we have some great ones in this building.

One of our good friends, Carol Lambdin, came home for a visit. We all gathered in her home to see her and she looks great and I am happy to report she is doing well. We had snacks and chatted up a storm, the laughter was wonderful. This is our Carol, her dimples are still there and she is as beautiful as ever (see photo). Take care of yourself, our good friend!



I would like to take this time to thank you for the building dues that are



being collected; they are most needed and truly appreciated.

Hopefully next year we will win first place in the Holiday Lights contest, and whatever we need to make this the best building at OTOW will be in our grasp.

Oh, and by the way, if you didn't see anyone to pay your dues to, bring the payment to me, since I am your new Treasurer.

Thank you and have a great month. This reporter is signing off for now — talk to you next time.

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Nice visit from old friends

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Remember to come out and watch our fabulous On Top of the World St. Pat's Parade Saturday, March 10.

We had company from Orchard Park, N.Y. (home of the Buffalo Bills football team). Jackie and Mike Ring are dear friends who we have known for over 25 years. Jackie and I first met while working in a jewelry department at a catalog store in Buffalo, N.Y. In later years we both worked in the office at an Electrical Workers' Union. We have great memories to share.

While the Rings were visiting, we went to many of our Florida-themed restaurants. We also went to Clearwater Beach and spent a couple of evenings watching great entertainment at the Activity Center. The guys were able to enjoy golfing, as the weather was spectacular.

Wally and I then went on a Caribbean cruise. We visited Jamaica, a port we had never been to before. The ship also took us to Grand Cayman. I wish I could report we went to visit our money, but no such luck! We just toured the island as we have been to the Caymans on previous trips.

"Till We Meet Again."

Here are some March holidays you've probably never heard of (thank goodness!)

May peace break into your home and may thieves come to steal your debts. May the pockets of your pants become a magnet for 100-dollar bills. May happiness slap you across your face and may your tears be that of joy. May all the problems you have forget your home address.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Did you know over 34 million Americans are of Irish descent? That's almost nine times the population of Ireland!

Here's a suggestion how to celebrate: Pour lime Jell-O into a bowl; stir boiling water into Jell-O until dissolved.; stir in cold water; stir in Irish whiskey; pour into shot glasses or a Jell-O mold; chill in refrigerator until set.

Of course there's always green beer for the unimaginative...

Why the recipe for Jell-O shots? March is truly a month of festivity. We'll also be celebrating National Pig Day, If Pets Had Thumbs Day, Holy Experiment Day, Multiple Personality Day (one of my favorites), Be Nasty Day, Panic Day, Everything You Think is Wrong Day, The Ides of March, St. Urho's Day (the Finnish Saint of the Grasshopper) and Incredible Kid Day.

There is also Dumbstruck Day, Goddess of Fertility Day, Extraterrestrial Abduction Day, National Goof-Off



Day, Plan a Solo Vacation Day, Witch Hysteria Day, Middle Name Pride Day, National Open an Umbrella Indoors Day, True Confessions Day, Lips Appreciation Day, Awkward Moments Day, Snowman Burning Day, Viagra Day, Niagara Falls Runs Dry Day, and Make Up Your Own Holiday Day.

Make a lot of Jell-O shots! It's going to be a very happy month for a lot of us. It's the month of Irish jollification.

Why is March so special? Daylight Savings Time begins March 11; the first day of spring is March 20.

Life and all its complexities often leave us scratching our heads at times. You can't go back and start a new beginning, much as you may want to. All you can do is start with today, and make a new ending.

In many ways I'm sad that yesterday's over, but I'm grateful for having experienced it in the first place. There's an old saying that states, "One day your life will flash before your eyes, so make sure it's worth watching."

We all have a history. Our lives tell a story. Your memories should be shared with the most important people in your lives. Your "stories," are the history of who you are. The anecdotes of your life are a gift to your family.

I've learned first-hand, that who you are can be stolen from you in an instant. Your life is a once-in-a-lifetime gift to be shared.

Did you know the first testicular guard, a/k/a "The Cup," was used in hockey in 1874, and the first helmet was used in 1974. That means it only took 100 years for man to realize that their brain is also important!

And finally, this is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it. It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching.

New residents moved here to be close to kin

Hello Granadans! It is that time of month again, and we have more new neighbors to welcome. Roger and Marie Guyton are from Killen, Ala., where they raised a son and daughter.

Roger recently retired from the TVA and Marie is a retired accountant. Marie is a lovely woman who took early retirement in order to care for a beloved sister-in-law who was ill. The Guytons chose to move to OTOW because they have family members who have happily resided here for 20 years.

Their son, who has a child of his own, is coming to visit this month, and their daughter is expecting her first child, so Marie is one very happy lady.

Their family also includes their dog, Pia, which they rescued from the dog pound.

In her spare time, Marie loves to read, listen to music, crochet, and as a Weight Watcher, she exercises and walks. The Guytons seem to be kind and caring people, who are most welcome to our building.

Stan and I had six days of theatre



going in one week. Sunday we saw "Les Miserables" at the Straz in Tampa, followed by "Memphis," at our own Ruth Eckerd Hall. We topped it all off by viewing "Becky Sharp" at the Free Fall Theatre in St. Petersburg. It was a fabulous week.

You can't mention theatre, without thinking of auditions. Stan and I both auditioned for roles in a pharmaceutical company commercial.

We were overwhelmed by the number of people who were trying out.

There were about five different scenarios to audition for, and it literally was a "cattle call." Eventually it was decided to send many people home, with the thought of possibly having them return another day.

Fortunately, we were not among those sent out, and when we were informed that we would be the next couple to be called in, we were sent to the holding area, which was basically a large closet.

What an experience that was, but we have had many similar occurrences over the years. It will be several weeks before we learn whether or not we made it. You win some, you lose some. That's show biz! Wish us luck.

Our annual golf get-together will be on March 3 at 3 p.m. The annual building picnic is on April 14 at 5 p.m. Don't forget to sign up.

Quote of the month. "Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend a little than to break."

— Jane Wells

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THE WAY WE WERE A look back at OTOW News

(Part 34: March, 1974)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- On Feb. 20, residents of On Top of the World enjoyed a pleasant trip to Silver Springs.
- Changes and additions to the Verandah Shoppe (which are still in evidence in 2012) consisted of a permanent enclosure to enhance its attractiveness and protect the stock for sale.
- Chicken Unlimited, at 1425 Sunset Point Road, offered a chicken special of four pieces for \$1.79 and eight pieces for one cent more at \$1.80. A great buy!
- Under construction were the Viennese Villa and the Modernage buildings.
- Round dancing, ballroom dancing and square dancing were very popular at OTOW.

We'll be back in April, 1974!

Building meeting imparted some important information

Our building captain called a meeting for the last week in January. We were overjoyed to see 36 neighbors gathered around in the third-floor core with some new faces and returnees from up North. With so many names, it would be too long to list them here.

We discussed the rules for landscaping, parking spots, passageways, trash room and storage room and special sealant requirements if new windows are to be installed.

Bill Gambacurta was praised for improvements made to the landscaping adjacent to his unit.

We were reminded that certain items are not to be dumped in the trash room. At the last incident, our building fund had to be used to hire a trucker to remove large items that had been left for several months.

Building dues for this fund remain at \$10, which should be sufficient for normal expenses. Please take your dues to Betty Amond and Dana Burgett.

Eloyd has been our building captain for nearly 20 years and is hoping to be able to retire. He asked for an assistant; Dave Satkowski was voted in unanimously as co-chairman.

We've got a pizza party coming up and our 2012 Christmas party is already in the works. Some new owners have stepped up to the plate for the holiday celebration. Betty Amond will be happy to share her past experience with them as she was our Christmas party cheerleader for many years.

A new 8-lb. 3-oz. grandson, named Hunter, was born in New Jersey in



September to the daughter of Tom and Barbara Holland. Granny is going to fly up to see that gorgeous baby!

Last autumn, Eloyd Baldwin went on a 10-day cruise out of Fort Lauderdale, stopping at Bonaire, Aruba, Grand Cayman and Costa Rica. He has been awarded Platinum status by Holland America for 250 days at sea on their luxury liners.

A great-grand nephew's first birthday was celebrated by Ann and Ernie Kilcup in Vancouver, British Columbia, during their time up North. The baby's father is Ann's brother. He loved his birthday cake and all the presents.

Rita Kalorides went on an eight-day cruise in January to Princess Key, Caramor and Aruba. On the night of the Captain's Party, they danced until 3 a.m.!

Also aboard were 300 persons of Greek descent who danced to a Greek orchestra from 3 in the afternoon to 11 at night. Wow — that must have been some party boat!

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THE GOLFERS LAMENT

By Walter Laskowski

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But then stop — and you smile —
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Will be perfectly fine.

But way deep down you know —
As you start up the car —
That you can play every day —
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SPRING TIME

By Alma W. Hudson

The wonderful March winds
And April showers
Always bring along
Those pretty May flowers.

It is such an honor
Seeing all the flowers
And look out the windows
To see them hanging on bowers.

Spring Time is of course
A beautiful time of the year
We should take advantage
As it draws near.

Use to the fullest each day
And never let it pass by
For if you do
You will look back and wonder why.

THE BIRDS

By Alma W. Hudson

They soar through the air
With the greatest of ease
Those cute little birds
Seems to want to please.

They perform so beautifully
In their own way
We enjoy watching them
Each and every day.

There are cardinals, blue jays
And yellow warblers galore
Robins and hummingbirds
And many many more.

When they sing their songs
It's like a melody
No one can repeat
The message they say.

They are so numerous
I've mentioned only a few
By the end of summer
There will be many anew.

JUST THINKING

By Madeleine Wanda

March winds do blow
And we don't have snow.
Where we live, I think it's sublime,
We do what we want with our time.

The birds as they please, build their nests in the trees.
The fish in the brook, catch a fisherman's hook.
Our orange growers supply the country with plenty.
Why do some plates seem so very empty?



HAPPY DAYS

By Alma W. Hudson

This terrible war
Has lasted so long
But, it's now beautiful
To think it's mostly gone.

We're so very happy
For all of the men
As well as the ladies
Who helped serve to win.

We surely want to thank
Each and everyone
And give them great praise
For all they have done.

We hope we'll have peace
As long as we live
For all of the years
They had to give.

MY NEW OCCUPATION

By Pete Ferrero

I called a job mine for some time.
But, I've changed my occupation.
Now, my days run like a rhyme,
Without concern or consternation.
Work walks away from dirt and grime,
In a stride much more sublime.
Once fueled by fury and frustration,
I'm driven now by dedication.

What I call my new career
Has no need for arbitration.
For I'm employed by my sweet dear
And her love's my compensation.
Her moment's need is all I hear.
She knows I've always got her rear.
There are no time clock computations,
Only each day's situation.

It does not matter what the task,
There is no hesitation.
I'm glad to do all that she asks.
I'll take a leave on liberation.
In her glow I'll gladly bask.
My desire will not wear a mask.
Employment's full of fascination,
When the boss is a sensation.

I don't want to call in sick.
I won't take my vacation.
Seconds not like hours tick.
Work is fun when recreation.
Scheduled spells cannot conflict,
Because I have that problem licked.
Days are not dues to duration,
Because I love my occupation.

GOD'S WILL

By Madeleine Wanda

If you have a little problem
Ask the Lord to see you through
He'll be glad to solve your troubles
In His way, so don't be blue.

Aid might come from your neighbors
Just think, it might be from a special friend,
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Mandarin residents enjoying dinner at the Beachcomber on Feb. 7. (Photo by Ed Foland)

Potpourri: Restaurants, ospreys and pesky squirrels

Which of the many restaurants in the area is the favorite of the residents of the Mandarin Building? For many years, eating out as a group has been a favorite social function, rotating between new restaurants in town and going to well established favorites.

There has never been a building-wide vote on a favorite, but each year our best attendance occurs when we go to the Beachcomber on Clearwater Beach. If you have a favorite, please let us know. Our attendance on Feb. 7 was 30 (see photo, above).

The ladies luncheon group is very adventurous and they like to check out new places, which 20 of them did on Feb 23. Grimaldi's was the destination of choice at Countryside Mall. While there, they checked out the new theatre in the mall and were pleased to learn about reduced prices on senior day which is each Tuesday.

Oscar the osprey has been spotted circling low around the Mandarin Building. It seems like the squirrels go into hiding when he is in the area. If the cute bushy-tailed, tree-dwelling rodents only knew Oscar preferred fish over squirrels, they would watch the



osprey glide gracefully through the sky with no worries.

The squirrels are well liked by the residents when they are playing in the trees, but disliked once they go under a car and start feeding on the wires, recently causing hundreds of dollars in damage to some of the cars in the parking lots where they play.

All of our resident Snowbirds have migrated back to the Mandarin, and it feels alive with energetic people. Nearly every unit is occupied.

Renters are encouraged to attend our meetings and are welcome to attend all of the building functions.

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These 'angels' go above and beyond to help building activities

New World French seems to be a blur of activity with many comings and goings. Thank you to all who decorated our building and made it so festive for all to enjoy.

Our Christmas Party at the Clearwater Country Club was wonderful. We were entertained by At Large, a multi-talented husband and wife duo who sang, told jokes, played the sax and assisted with our prize drawings.

Their Christmas songs really helped the holiday spirit come alive. Now we can look towards spring and friends and family visiting and hopefully take in a few spring training baseball games.

Jan Guyton has had a wonderful February. Her family came to visit from all corners of the country. Most notably, her son Richard and wife, Sheila came from Alaska for business in Orlando and were able to spend a few days in Clearwater with the family.

Jan also had family from Washington, St. Louis, Tennessee and Michigan to celebrate son Dan's birthday and enjoy an informal family reunion.



Belatedly, a special thanks to our building "Angels" who planned the Christmas party and all other activities that take place in New World French.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Angels (photo at right), they are volunteers from throughout the building who meet regularly to discuss building issues and business. We decided to have building Angels instead a building captain in order to better represent the entire building.

If you have concerns regarding anything or would like to be an Angel, please contact any one the ladies pictured with this article.



New World French Building Angels: Back row: Jan Guyton, Bev Huber, Reta Carney, Ginny Tousigant. Front row: IE Davies, Connie Saylor, Donna Cameron, Judy Bolie.

Welcome home to Eva Bishop who spent some time away doing a little recuperation. We are glad Eva is back with us!

The ladies lunched at the new Lucky Dill on Highway 19. The lunch was well-attended and enjoyed by all.

Watch the bulletin board to sign up for next month.

This reporter has been busy and feeling out of the loop, so please share your activities and events with me so that I can share them in this column.

Upcoming events discussed

In December, Becky and Denny Balderson received a gift of a vacation in San Francisco from their oldest son. One of the tours they took was a trip to Alcatraz which they describe as fascinating but frightening. It still has that somber atmosphere of a prison.

Another day they drove across the Golden Gate Bridge to tour the Sonoma and Napa Valley wine areas. They visited five private wineries where they explored the vineyards and tasted grapes they picked from the vine. They were surprised to find the grapes were sweeter than the ones we buy locally for our home.

Demonstration of wine-making was provided, and later they sampled so much wine that they drank no more for the rest of their vacation.

They did the other typical tourist options such as riding the cable cars and visiting Fisherman's Wharf. After their California trip, they spent Christmas visiting their son, who lives in Germany and where they got to cuddle and love their newest grandson.

At the January committee meeting, which was held at President Winston Pineau's condo, plans for spring get-togethers were discussed, and committees for each event were selected.

The next big party on the agenda was the Valentine's Day party which, appropriately, was held on Feb. 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. on the second floor core. Winston made his famous punch, the one which is a favorite with everyone.



All the residents provided snack foods or munchies for this fun party. Ernie and Joyce Engelbert and Marge Mayer handled the sale of 50/50 tickets.

Also discussed at this meeting was the season-ending barbecue/potluck. It's tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 11. Details will be provided next month.

There also was dialog concerning the 2012 Christmas/holiday party. Though plans are far from final, the Committee is looking forward to Dec. 3, 2012 for the gala.

Catherine Gray has updated the telephone directory for the Americana building. If you haven't received a copy of it yet, contact your wing captain.

The Americana Social Club ended the month of January with its last Monday of the month luncheon at the Clearwater Country Club. Catherine Gray was the hostess. We had a really large turnout of 25 residents.

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New residents are welcomed

Hi, I'm back! I see that John Scarpa's buttons are popping with pride — from birth to wedding and, in between, his daughter Wendy's wedding to Peter Osusky (see photo at right). I attended, along with Dottie Ott and her husband. It was a great day. Dottie is our instructor for water aerobics.

A speedy recovery to Rollie Lapointe, Anna Sturgis, Jane Libbey, and Bob McClellan.

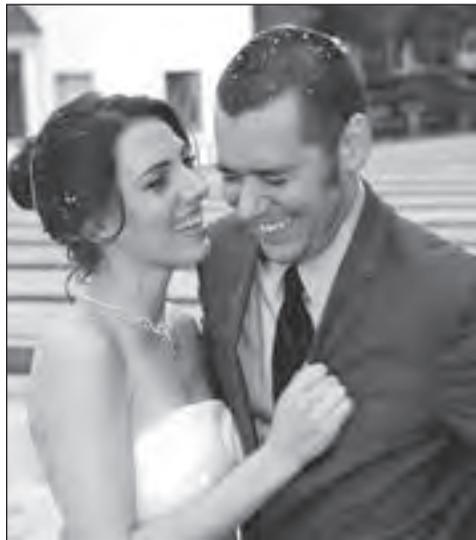
Welcome Marie and Edgar Belliveau from New Brunswick. They enjoy golfing, and they found time to help with our building decorating.

I didn't receive any birthdays for February, so I'll make up for it. On Feb. 1, my great-grandson Bradley celebrated a birthday with a park picnic. Thank goodness, as a tradition, we sat him on the grass to devour his cake. What a happy mess! Remember those days?

On Feb. 6, "Sweet 16" for granddaughter Shauna. On Feb. 14, my live box of candy, son Sean, and, last, me on Feb. 23.

Hope you all enjoyed Valentine's Day. I'll be glad to see those affected by the fire to be in their homes soon.

God takes knee-mail. Send me your birthdays, your visitors and all happy news. Be good and God bless.



Rural French resident John Scarpa's daughter Wendy got married recently. She and her new husband, Peter Osusky, are shown here after the wedding getting a traditional sprinkling of confetti.

Return to DST should be time of national rejoicing

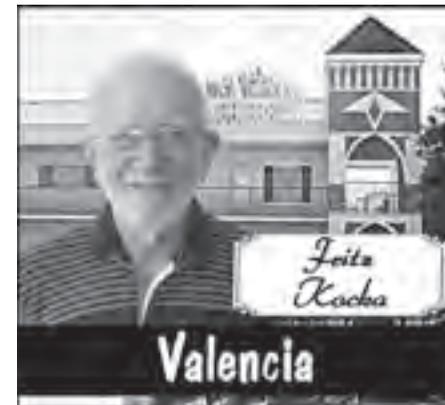
This month we have another day to celebrate. Sunday, March 11 marks the return of Daylight Savings Time. It really should be a national holiday. It adds another hour of daylight that was taken away last fall.

Our Valentine lunch/dinner at the Beachcomber was well-attended. It is nice to sit with your neighbors, enjoy a little fellowship and have a meaningful conversation while enjoying a wonderful meal. Think about it. We have exceptionally nice people here at OTOW.

Along with all the activities we have here each month, check the local mullet wrapper on activities in the area that are free or inexpensive to attend.

The one that comes to mind is the Annual Strawberry Festival in Plant City March 1-10. The Snowbird club has a bus going over on March 9. Contact them to go.

Our monthly ladies and men's luncheons were held Feb. 9. The ladies went to Queen's Pizza and the men went to Oriental Super Buffet. The men, of course, relived the Super Bowl game.



Our thanks to Marther Franzone, who took time out of her busy schedule to pick up our new cushions for the first floor core furniture. They look great.

Our Valentine and spring decorations make the core look inviting. Thanks, Ellen.

Thanks again to our good fairies for another abundant supply of delicious grapefruit that was left in our share baskets. Keep hitting that ball over the net!

Good news! I hear that the elevator is back up and running again.

Mama sez you know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the birthday cake!

Thanks to building captain

Larry Ishida, thanks! During our building's annual meeting on Feb. 24, after many years of volunteer service, our captain Larry Ishida officially retired. We want to thank him for his countless hours of helping and answering questions about our building, especially to newcomers.

As of this writing, no other volunteer has stepped forward to replace Larry.

Spring cleaning is taking place in the Bracken family; also our building received new, high-quality garbage bins.

Since we are enjoying such a great winter, our windows are often open and beautiful music is heard from the condo of Evelyn and James Salta. As professional musicians, both enjoy singing in chorus and are regular visitors to the Florida Symphony Orchestra.

Several families decorated their windows and doors for Valentine's Day with pretty red hearts, sometimes in romantic images as in double hearts. Decorators included Davidson, Hazel, Hanley, Grealish and others.

Mitzi and David Hoffman are expecting a visit from their daughter.



Pat and Dot Thomas are always seen together, totally devoted to each other. They are often seen driving to their physical therapy and helping each other.

Thanks to Elaine Roth for the chicken soup during my recent cold. Elaine invests a great deal of effort into cooking delicious meals.

I had visitors from Prague, the Czech Republic and Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. I took them for lunch to our award-winning Clearwater Beach and to the beach at Honeymoon Island for a long walk right to the edge of separation with Caladesi Island.

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Snowbird farewell BBQ will make use of new grill

Did you make the building meeting in January? Many attended and many plans were made. March will be a busy month. The golf tournament for our building residents will be on the 22nd. There is a signup sheet on our bulletin board.

On March 24, we will be holding a garage sale to add to our treasury. Start thinking of things you can contribute. See Annie Wilson for information.

We will be saying goodbye to our Snowbirds with a BBQ on March 31. This is only one of the many things our yearly dues help to pay, so come take part.

Our new grill does a good job of making the burgers and brats tasty. What delicious dish will you bring to contribute? This is a good time to meet some of our residents you have not met before.

Joe O'Riordan is our new building captain. However, Gerry Lamothe will still be in charge of the social planning. Gerry will also take over whenever Joe is gone.



We have another couple joining us from Toronto! Be sure to welcome Marina and Lloyd Molyneaux to our building. They seem to like to keep moving such as walking, dancing, bowling and swimming.

They have five children and seven grandchildren. Marina worked for public transportation and Lloyd was a construction supervisor.

You are sure to enjoy the Chorus program on the last day of March and first day of April. You will recognize the familiar show tunes from years gone by.

Family celebrations abound

We had lots of family celebrations in January. Our niece from Sarasota and her daughter with her 4-month-old daughter visited. Little Emily, a beauty (and already a party animal) would not take her nap while the visiting was going on. She was wired. When she couldn't take it anymore, one tired baby started to wail, so her mom and grandma had to cut the visit short and take her home.

Our son, Johnny, from Virginia, came for a week. The weather was perfect for the pool, so we were down there whenever we could fit it in.

My sister, Pearl, turned 94, and her son and daughter-in-law from N.J., now enjoying their new condo on Sand Key, threw her a party at the condo.

Early February, John and I drove to Savannah for our granddaughter's confirmation. I was privileged to be her sponsor.

Our faithful volunteers took down the Christmas core decorations. They were Phil Meissner, Dick Knight, Sam Bryant, Dale and Pauline Corkum, Bill Jacobs, Joan Cooney and yours truly.

A great luncheon at Lucky Dill's



was hosted by Phil Meissner; 22 attended. Snowbirds Sam and Sue Bryant from Kokomo, Ind., joined us as well as Erma Croce's daughter, Ann Marie Eaton, from Port Richey. She visits her mom often and Erma says she is a godsend.

As they promised, Lillian and Murray Zolkower came from Mease Manor to join us.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gorey to our fine building. We hope they will join us in the building activities.

I am thoroughly enjoying my Italian classes. Ciao!

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Are you a registered Republican? Did you vote in last month's primary election? If you are a registered Republican, and did not vote last month, you should take a good look at your actions.

Some say they are only one vote, and "one vote can't make a difference." What if every voter thought the same way? Others say they are too old and it is too hard to get to the polls. We here at OTOW have no such excuse, because the polling places are right here in our activity centers.

Others say they are tired of hearing all the slanderous commercials and shut their minds to the whole election campaign. Our forefathers went to great lengths to bring about our right to vote. We should take this civic responsibility very seriously.

We have eight more months to read, research and study the candidates. We have a good source in our Republican and Democrat Clubs right here in our community. Look in our newspaper for the dates of their meetings, and try to attend them.

Read articles about the candidates and consider their past performance to help you to decide who is the best person to lead us for the next four years.

I hope the candidate you finally choose is the one who wins!

Her dream will have to wait for another year

"Never give the devil a ride; he will want to take over the driving..."

Happy News: John and Ileen Ogrady are proud to announce that they are now great-grandparents for the third time: Little Eric Kizlhan was born Dec. 29, 2011. Congratulations!

Lee Landre is no longer flying. That limits her travel to Tampa and St. Pete. However, her brother and sister and friends from California spent over a week here with her during the holidays.

Her brother likes to cook, and Lee was more than happy to turn her kitchen over to him.

Lee and her guests were able to visit extended family in the Tampa area, so it was quite a festive time.

Avona Carroll has been "Dreaming of a White Christmas" for many years since she became a Snowbird from Minnesota.



So she flew back to Minneapolis for the holidays of 2011. Unfortunately, Minnesota had no snow while she was there. Some days temperatures were the same as in Florida. But fortunately, driving was never a problem in Minnesota during this time.

She was able to join her cousins for festive holiday dinners in their spacious

suburban homes for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It had been years since she had been in the middle of a house full of excited kids while they opened Christmas gifts from a pile as high as the Christmas tree.

Because of no snow, she was able to visit with more family in the lake country in north-central Minnesota. This was a very unusual "winter vacation" and she will keep "Dreaming of a White Christmas" for another year.

News was short this month — come on people, give your news to me.

Cooking facts: Peppers with three bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with four bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.

Travelers return just in time for meeting

Our building is alive and well, and good news abounds. In December, we held our annual holiday party at the Island Way Grill. Everyone who attended had a great time. We all appreciated the ride back at the end of the evening.

Monthly luncheons have started up again. January's lunch at Sunset Grill was very successful. It is so rewarding to see us all enjoying good times with our neighbors. In February we went to the diner on Gulf-to-Bay. We had a good turnout there, too.

Welcome back to our Snowbirds: Cathy and Bud Grokey are back as are Marilyn Trokey and Debbie and Bill Benzinger. Joe Heller was up North visiting with his grandson, but he's back now feisty as ever.

Joyce and Mike Donnelly are here with their pet.



Cathy and Larry Faulkner were gone up North for a few weeks and are so happy to be back in our glorious Florida sunshine along with Bojo.

We have new neighbors in our building — let's offer a big Emerald Isle welcome to Joanne Sappio and Lance Goonan!

Our building meeting was held

on Jan. 26 with 22 residents attending. Liz Buckley will continue as building captain. Ceil Reddy and "Yours Truly" will continue as treasurer and secretary. New telephone lists were distributed. Thanks to Laverne Lorio and Julie Hofmaster for helping with this task. If you did not receive a telephone list, please see me.

Topics discussed at the building meeting included cleaning out the storage rooms and building individual storage bins. Concerning the trash room, it was agreed that trash can covers would certainly help keep the odor down.

A discussion was held regarding building safety. Those present agreed that everyone should share a key with a neighbor or the building captain in the event we need to access their unit. It's also important to "keep an eye out" for our neighbors.

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For nonagenarians, building party is a time to be honored

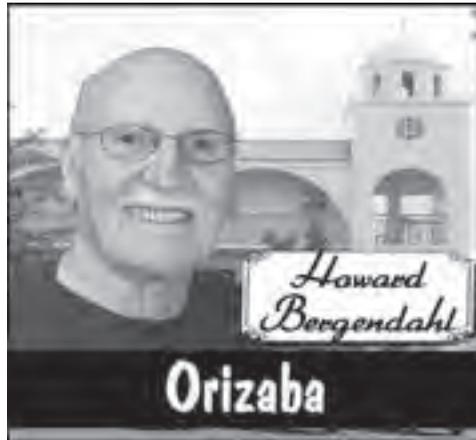
The month of March is upon us and we are ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, clock changes and some more beautiful weather.

Speaking about clock changes, I remember when a wrist watch was an important piece of decoration for most people. Years ago everyone wore a watch on their wrist and some spent a bundle of money for this privilege.

Today almost everyone carries a cell phone or an iPad and we are surrounded by digital reminders as to what time it might be. Wrist watches are being relegated to the memory file. Rolex has been replaced by Smartphone.

The building held a Valentine's Day covered dish gala that was attended by 45 people. It was a great turnout and all had a great time. It must be evident to everyone that our building has the best cooks available. The dessert line was by far the longest and probably the most enjoyed.

Many thanks to the setup crew of Andy McEvoy, John Kokenyesi, Walt Sutkowi, Jim Anzallone and the rest of their crew. I couldn't help but notice that many of the ladies were recruited to handle the heavy work.



Part of the festivities was the recognition of the residents who have reached the 90-year-old plateau. Among this group were Fannie Battista, Pearl Lowry, Chet and Mary Peck and Walt Pawley. Andy Grillo came up a little short since he won't be 90 until August.

Jackie Blair utilized this gathering to update many of the emergency call cards for the building residents. If you haven't updated your information recently, Jackie is available to help with this project.

Some of the attendees didn't qualify for the above group, but also celebrated birthdays. Susan Keilitz, Ed



A Valentine's covered dish gala attracted 45 Orizaba residents, who dined, celebrated birthdays and recognized a number of 90-year-old men and women. (Photos and montage by Howard Bergendahl)

Fournier and Chet Peck were serenaded with an outstanding rendition of "Happy Birthday" (see photo). Flo Gracia's sister, Ester, celebrating her birthday on Saturday was also serenaded.

Interesting thoughts: Someone once said "If I agree with you then we

will both be wrong."

You don't need a parachute to skydive; you only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Don't forget to sign up for the next lunch trip to Bahama Breeze Restaurant hosted by Flo Gracia.

Attention once again focuses on fire safety

Another fire has been reported recently at On Top of the World. Turn off burners and remove pots and pans from the stovetop when finished cooking. Unplug your iron and let it cool before putting it away. Same with your curling iron.

If you smoke, be careful where you put your butts and don't leave a cigarette unattended in an ashtray.

Lighting some candles can be romantic, but a little nightlight is much safer.

In sum, stay alert when playing with fire — it can be disastrous.

Most of us are courteous of our friends and neighbors, but remember that a seemingly innocent remark about someone can do a lot of damage and cause hurt feelings. Remember that what you say also reflects on your character.

Have you ever gone to a storage unit sale? Mike McDonald and friends go about once a month and although he says he has never bid on a unit, it's fun to check them out and see what treasures are hidden away. With all the



attention the media gives to storage sales, they can be a busy place to be.

If you haven't noticed the new flagpole on the Finlandia side of our building, check it out. Much enthusiasm was shown when Char Donato, our building captain, asked for and received permission from OTOW to purchase a 20-foot flagpole and flag (which is equipped with solar lighting).

Geoff Windisch drew up the plans for approval, and he and Joe Reiter installed it. We are so proud to have such patriotic people in our

building. The cost was very minimal and we thank all those who contributed towards this endeavor.

I noticed after one of my recent articles about helping to keep our garbage room clean and picking up trash when we see it on the grounds and parking lot, people are becoming more aware of wanting to keep our surroundings clean and beautiful. It is an ongoing effort and we all appreciate having a clean environment.

Our garbage room still gets a little smelly sometimes -- just remember to wrap garbage in newspaper and bag it before dumping it in the garbage can.

Please remember Don and Shirley Miller with a card of encouragement. Don has been working hard to regain enough strength to come home for a short time recently before going back to rehab.

February was a good month, and March promises to be even better. Remember to keep love in your heart and a song on your lips!

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Bob Reis, President

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A colorful photo display makes for a delightful ‘change of pace’ for Malagueña column this month

Here are some photos of a few of our building residents “doing their thing” in recent months.



Rose Moriarty in Jakarta Indonesia, part of her recent 70-day Grand Asia and Australia Voyage cruise. This photo and the one below were inadvertently left out of the February Malagueña column, which featured Rose’s trip.



One of the Malagueña Building’s residents, Howard Arcon, visited in North Carolina to celebrate his 97th New Year’s Eve birthday with four generations of family. Great grandsons Austin and Griffin are in the front row. Howard is flanked by granddaughter Monique and her husband Steve, with daughter Elaine and husband Fred on the right. An active nonagenarian, Howard plays golf, paints, plays piano, and socializes.



At right, Rose visits Xiamen, China. Her cruise included stops in such exotic locations as Fiji, Australia, New Caledonia, Russia and American Samoa. The cruise began in Seattle, Wash., and terminated in Hawaii, where the passengers were treated to a night luau.



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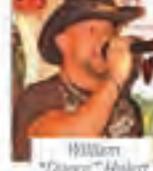

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Winners of holiday decorating contest collect their prize

January was certainly a busy month for the Mallorcans! We had visitors and fun events galore.

More than 40 people from both Mallorca and Monaco, along with friends, enjoyed a delightful day at the Hard Rock Casino as our prize for winning the Holiday Lights Contest. We traveled by motor coach to the Hard Rock, which donated free chips and a lunch voucher. Some were rather successful in supplementing their retirement checks, while many of us were consoled with the fact that, yes, it was a fun trip. Everyone had a great time.

Our annual building meeting was called to order by our outgoing president, Jim Finguerra. Much discussion revolved around ways to keep the building safe from fire and water intrusion, as well as the emergency contact list.

Ed Reed was introduced as our Good Neighbor representative, replacing Larry Hildebrand. Ed has Vial of Life supplies which can be stored in the refrigerator and in the car.

Wendy Colquhoun has agreed to be our new president; the



remaining officers will continue their current positions. Thanks, Jim, for a job well done!

Our major fund raiser, the White Elephant Sale, took place in the Sunrise Room. Previously, we had cleaned out our closets and storeroom areas and donated these treasures to the sale.

We began the evening with cocktails, followed by dinner. As usual, everyone brought a dish to pass, which is always popular. Then the hilarity began as each item was delivered to the winning ticket-holder. Sometimes the winner never knew that he or she had placed a ticket for a particular item, thanks to a little elephant-elf.

Suffice to say that no one went home empty-handed, even if that was their intention.

Wendy Colquhoun has now officially retired and can golf whenever and as much as she likes. To celebrate this event, on Jan. 29 she and Wally hosted a retirement party on their back patio. We all wish you many healthy years doing exactly what you want to do, when you want to do it, and how you want it done. Congratulations!

Ginger Currier hosted Crazy Bridge at her house Feb. 3. There were 24 friends playing this crazy game, which doesn't resemble bridge too much, but which is lots of fun. The evening culminated with prizes given to Josie Marsiglio, Ray Barager, John McKinsey and Sheila Meneilly. Congratulations to all. Thanks, Ginger.

The Super Bowl party was hosted by Dick and Terry Kuplen at their home. We joined them to root for either the Giants or the Patriots, or just to socialize with each other. It was another event where everyone brought a dish to share. The football pool was a great success, with \$20 prizes to these lucky winners each quarter: John Cashin (twice), Dottie Meissner and

Terry Kuplen. In addition, \$10 prizes were won by Terry Kuplen, Les Meneilly, Rita Rudderham (twice), Ray Barager, Eldon Smith, John Cashin and Josie Marsiglio.

Ginger Currier's daughter-in-law spent a week visiting. They enjoyed shopping and eating out, and visiting their cousins from Largo. Then they traveled to Jacksonville for the weekend, where they met half-way with Lyndsay, who lives in Georgia. They visited several tourist attractions. Diane was very happy to escape the cold and the 32 inches of snow she left in Fulton, N.Y.

Helen Pawlikowski entertained her brother-in-law Ted and his wife Arlene from Pennsylvania. They had a great time at the White Elephant Sale and went back home with several treasures.

Events tentatively planned for March are mini-golf followed by dinner out and a day at Tampa Bay Downs. Be sure to sign up for some great times!



Here's a St. Patrick's Day story that shows 'kid smarts'

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I always look forward to the parade at On Top of the World. A couple of years ago, a friend's young grandchildren watched the parade and eagerly picked up the candy that was thrown by the marchers. When the 3-year-old boy had filled his pockets, he scooped up more candy and stuffed it in his grandfather's pockets. Smart kid!

I hope all the football fans enjoyed the Super Bowl game. Sixteen of us gathered at Hugh Quirk's home for his annual Super Bowl party. Besides all the great food, it was an opportunity for us to catch up on what our neighbors were doing.

Most of us talked through the game but tried to pause long enough to watch the commercials. The Chevy commercial that capitalized on the Mayan prediction of the 2012 end of the world was my favorite. But we were all talking so much that we sometimes forgot to watch for the commercials. Thanks again, Hugh, for a great party!

John and Marilyn Jernberg enjoyed a recent visit by their son from Illinois and their daughter, who lives in Minnesota. The Jernbergs had lived in Miami while their daughter was in college, so their son is familiar with



that part of the state but not so much with the Tampa Bay area. I'm sure they found plenty to do around here.

My daughter and her friend visited me in January and explored downtown St. Pete, which they loved. My older son visited me last month, and my younger son will come down in March. My kids always find so much to do here, and it's great to be able to entertain them. But it wears me out trying to keep up with them!

We saw an old Ford pickup from the early 1950s in Dunedin recently. On the back of the truck was a sign that read "Caution — Old Truck, Old Driver."

As a friend recently told me, we'll be friends until I'm senile. Then we'll be new friends!

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Jan. 5	
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Marilyn Miller	3800
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Naoma Harper	3350
Nancy Savelle	2980
Jan. 9 (PM)	
Chet Czczot	3510
Sergio Pistella	3300
Jan. 11 (PM)	
Rudy Scolnik	3410
Sergio Pistella	3310
Jan. 12	
Verna Olson	4170
Regina Dietrich	3890
Jan.13 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	4280
Rudy Scolnik	2670
Jan. 16	
Julie Solfronk	5340
Naoma Harper	3940
Jan. 18 (PM)	
Rudy Scolnik	3820
Sergio Pistella	2670
Jan. 19	
Van Jones	3960
Marilyn Miller	3460
Jan. 20 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	3400
Rudy Scolnik	2640
Jan. 23	
Nancy Savelle	4210
Regina Dietrich	3680
Jan. 25 (PM)	
Jane Child	2820
Sergio Pistella	2730
Jan. 26	
Van Jones	4400
Roland Wrigley	4220
Jan. 27 (PM)	
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Jane Child	3290
Jan. 30	
Julie Solfronk	2790
Nancy Savelle	2580
Jan. 30 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	3290
Beni Sturcken	2830



**EAST SIDE
Fran Milanec**

Jan. 12	
6291 (1st Place).....	Marge Garvey
6220 (2nd Place).....	Marilyn Thome
Double Pinochle.....	Mary Cherdon
Jan. 17	
6750 (1st Place).....	Paul McCormick
6510 (2nd Place).....	Rose Oshoben
Double Pinochle.....	Joyce Harvey, Jeanne Sanders
Took All Tricks	Anne Reed/ Paul McCormick, Peggy Kane/ Guy DaRos
Jan. 19	
6800 (1st Place).....	Joyce Harvey
6490 (2nd Place).....	Gene Karlin
Took All Tricks	Madelyn Thome, Gene Karlin
Jan. 24	
6820 (1st Place).....	Al Lacher
6720 (2nd Place).....	Peggy Kane
Double Pinochle.....	Al Lacher, Helen Gonzalez, Yolanda
Round House.....	Gwen Nolan & Sam
Took All Tricks	Gwen Nolan & Sam
Jan. 26	
5060 (1st Place).....	Al Lacher
5050 (2nd Place).....	Marge Garvey
Jan. 31	
6590 (1st Place)..	Guy DaRos/Chet Czczot
6550 (2nd Place).....	Gwen Nolan
Double Pinochle..	Hilda Platte, Guy DaRos, Don Leamy, Ed Fronzoni
Feb. 2	
6570 (1st Place).....	Helen Gonzalez
6470 (2nd Place).....	Fran Milanec
Round House.....	Joan Wolfe
Took All Tricks	Alice Langguth, Al Lacher
Feb. 7	
6760 (1st Place).....	Frank Spero
6700 (2nd Place).....	Guy DaRos



**WEST SIDE
Bertie Lewis**

Jan. 19	
7050 (1st Place).....	Frank Staffiere
6980 (2nd Place).....	Eileen Brust/ Clayton Hancock (Tie)
Jan. 26	
6380 (1st Place).....	Frank Staffiere
6340 (2nd Place).....	Pat Gilghrist
Feb. 2	
6610 (1st Place).....	Ed Fronzoni
6580 (2nd Place).....	Clayton Hancock
Took All Tricks ..	June Newman, Bill House

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**(West Side Pinochle continued
from previous column)**

Feb. 9	
6990 (1st Place).....	Virginia McGinnis
6240 (2nd Place).....	Frank Staffiere
Double Pinochle.....	Chet Czczot
Round House.....	Chet Czczot
Feb. 16	
6840 (1st Place).....	Frank Staffiere
6830 (2nd Place).....	Ed Taylor
Double Pinochle.....	Mary Ann Staffiere, Virginia McGinnis
Took All Tricks	Ruth LeHoy, Ed Taylor



**Mondays, Wednesdays
& Saturdays
Walter Balderson, Director
(Top leaders listed for each playdate)**

Monday, Jan. 23	
N/S: Jana Packer, Bob Zeman	
Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague	
E/W: Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston	
Nita Akers, Liz Bohl	
Wednesday, Jan. 25	
N/S: Gloria Ferris, Dot Graham	
Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson	
E/W: Evelyn Reece, Karen Russell	
Betty Hayhurst, Maxine Swanson	
Saturday, Jan. 28:	
N/S: Cobie Stimming, Rainer Stimming	
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness	
E/W: Tom McKee, Marnie Carr	
Bob Zeman, Jana Packer	
Monday, Jan. 30	
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Bob Zeman	
Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle	
E/W: Betty Sagun, Jana Packer	
Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann	
Wednesday, Feb. 1	
N/S: Walter Balderson, Evelyn Reece	
Joan Moore, Jean Rhame	
E/W: Charlie McKague, M. A. Sinnenberg	
Betty Sagun, Karen Russell	
Saturday, Feb. 4	
N/S: Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle	
Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague	
E/W: Jerry Sandidge, Joan Sandidge	
Tom McKee, Marnie Carr	
Monday, Feb. 6	
N/S: Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle	
Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague	
E/W: Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch	
Jerry Sandidge, Joan Sandidge	

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**(Duplicate Bridge continued
from previous column)**

Wednesday, Feb. 8	
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson	
Charlie McKague, M. A. Sinnenberg	
E/W: Jackie Frenette, Pat Van Hise	
Julie Berry, Fay Landry	
Saturday, Feb. 11	
N/S: Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle	
Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson	
E/W: Betty Sagun, Karen Russell	
Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine	
Monday, Feb. 13	
N/S: Bob Zeman, Jana Packer	
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness	
E/W: Jerry Sandidge, Joan Sandidge	
Trish Burch, Georgia Jensen	
Wednesday, Feb. 15	
N/S: Charlie McKague, M.A. Sinnenberg	
Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman	
E/W: Thelma Jacobson, Marie Hebert	
Carole Meyer, Dorothy Ehlers	
Saturday, Feb. 18	
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson	
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness	
E/W: Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston	
Sally Hill, Lorraine Prentice	
Monday, Feb. 20	
N/S: Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle	
Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague	
E/W: Betty Sagun, Jana Packer	
Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch	

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Jan. 26 Winners	
1.....	Ron Murray/May Blair
2.....	Arnie Engelbert
3.....	June Sweeney
4.....	Marvin Bruning
Feb. 2 Winners	
1.....	Dick Gordon
2.....	Arnie Engelbert
3.....	Marvin Bruning
4.....	Maxine Murray/Norma Neiland
Feb. 9 Winners	
1.....	Ron Murray
2.....	Maxine Murray
3.....	Joyce Engelbert
4.....	Elwyn Legg

There may be a new puppy event on the spring horizon

We have rolled into a new season, with a spring feel about it. Our chairman, Laurie Wookey, is calling us to a building meeting to which all residents, old and new, are invited. It will be held on Friday, March 9 at 5 p.m. in the Sunshine Room of the West Activity Center.

The building funds will provide main meat and we will bring potluck sides and desserts. Please read the notice on the core bulletin board to know the plans for a program.

New residents have moved into our midst on the Persian side, but it is difficult to find them at home and their neighbors have no news of them to print.

Our friends from Canada, Pat and Bart Santamaria, and her sister, Jane, across from us in the Brittany Farmhouse, came down for a few weeks.

I am a poor reporter for our neighbors on the Rhodesian side, who have given me nothing to pass along. Having come down with a head cold, I go out as little as possible.

However, I've dreamed up a fun activity, which I hope will be of interest to our increased dog population and their masters: a Puppy Show, when the weather is warmer and we can gather on the island of our Persian parking lot.

I have a promise of a loan of a microphone to introduce each family to one and all who sign up to receive doggy bone treats.



It has been a pleasure to visit with the Brackens, Tom and Virginia, this time while they ate in the dining room of the Emeritus retirement living, and with Phyllis Gregori in her new care home, Highland Pines Center. They were the last friends/neighbors to enjoy the tail-wagging visit of my 14-year-old Wheaten Scottish Terrier, who went to doggy heaven this past week.

Some of us are seasoned recyclers of our no longer used items, but still of use to others. It is appropriate to leave them in one of the baskets in our core near the mailboxes. We pass them along to our favorite organizations.

Also, we are glad to find empty and clean plastic and aluminum bottles and cans in separate bags in the garbage room for those of us who are glad to collect them for recycling centers. Even squashing their size helps the collectors. Here's another way to observe Lent!



Rosanne and Arnie Moon's Brahman Building home was the setting for a well-attended open house in February.

Coffee and donut mornings continue to draw nice crowds

What a great time we all had at the February open house at Rosanne and Arnie Moon's. We had a good turnout (33 of us), lots of socializing, and fantastic food (see photo above). Sorry all of you couldn't make it.

Our coffee and donut mornings have drawn nice crowds. There are two more scheduled this spring: March 30 and April 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the second floor core.

In February, we started a monthly lunch for the ladies, with 12 in attendance. We also started a building dinner out for all residents. However, since it was held after the deadline for getting the column in the paper, I can't tell you how it turned out. If it was successful, watch for more in the near future.

Our spring potluck dinner and



fish fry will be held at 5 p.m. in the Sunrise Room in the West Activity Center on Tuesday, March 20. Watch for signup sheets for this and other events on the building bulletin board.

If you have any news items, please contact me at home 386-5100 or email me at arniemoon@earthlink.net.

Lucky lady: St. Pat's parade goes right by her window

Mrs. Robin blames her mate:

"I told you, Red, we ought to wait, You head up North at spring's first whiff and now my feet are frozen stiff."

Spring is just around the corner, but he should have stayed in Florida. I haven't seen any robins this year. Hope they all didn't leave too soon. Can't wait for all the trees to bloom forth with their blossoms. Florida has a beautiful spring.

Ruth LeHoy moved into the Melbourne building in December 1990 and her son, Rob, was the only family member not to visit. Finally, he and his son come for a few days. They spent most of their time at Clearwater Beach since the temps were in the 80's.

Now Rob wants to bring his wife and the grandson wants to bring his wife and three children, 4 to 13 years old. Ruth says, "That would be



a full house." But I know she will enjoy them being here.

Talked with Connie Valentin. She also had a house full of company. She hadn't seen her grandchildren, ages 2 to almost 4, in a while and it is always fun to have the little ones around. Can't believe how much they grow between visits.

Also her nephew was here with his three children. She has been washing sheets and preparing for her daughter's visit soon.

Adele Friedlander is looking forward to her Caribbean cruise this month. She had been working hard selling tickets and helping with the Jesters Show. She hopes you all were able to attend and enjoy.

We still need a roving reporter on the Irish Lane side. Think I could use one on the Haitian side too. Any volunteers?

My son-in-law, from Connecticut, is staying with me for the month of March. He volunteered to paint my bedroom if I can get organized. He is also looking forward to playing softball and attending several spring training games. Will let you know how all this works out next month.

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Much accomplished at building meeting

What a pleasant occasion our building meeting was – copious food from salads, fruit and many entrees, to scrumptious desserts.

First came the social hour, and it was just that, as we spotted friends and returnees whom we hadn't seen recently; we circulated and caught up with all things old and new.

During this hour, our treasurer, Shirley Swift, accepted 2012 dues, cash or checks, for \$15. It's amazing how far the Building Committee manages to stretch these monies for our various needs, so please contact Shirley if you have not found an opportunity to pay.

Jim Jackson offered a blessing, and the parade to the tables led to a quieter dinner hour, but not really quiet!

The Building Committee (plus many other "consultants") consists of Debby and Bill Davis, captains; Shirley Swift, treasurer; Dot Graham, outgoing secretary; Phil Woods, incoming secretary; Dorothy Liberti, Good Neighbors representative; Sherrie Ladell and Enid Goodman, sunshine gals, core decorations, and cards for special occasions.

Phil had requested a "sabbatical" last year, and Dot Graham had agreed to accept that role for this past year with the stipulation she could revoke it for 2012 – and she did, so Phil is our secretary again.

Bill reminded us of several "old



friends" who have made moves or have passed on. Upon a death, the treasury makes a contribution to Hospice or any group that the family wishes.

Several years ago we had a big storeroom clean-up. Many worked all weekend, and much "trash" was hauled away. Each year we try to keep things orderly and safe. I hope all useless things are discarded; everything is in your cubicle and clearly marked with your name and apartment number.

We have all had the news of two recent fires in the community to remind us of the care each must take to prevent the chance of such a disaster.

Each unit owner needs unit insurance. Some of us have experienced our insurers notifying us of withdrawal of our unit policies. Then begins the hectic effort to find replacements. Florida law allows this action by insurers

even though you have never had a claim. It's rather ridiculous, but do please try to keep insured. You might, additionally, contact your legislator.

Sherrie Ladell had spent lots of time and thought compiling, copying and distributing a "history" of activities Loch Lomond used to participate in but have slacked off on recently. She'd like you to respond to the survey she placed at each door last month or call her. Share your socializing ideas and let's implement some of them.

Remember the super cookout of St. Patrick's Day 2011? After being notified that the building would be totally without any power on March 17, 2011, the Davies undertook a wonderful brisket and vegetable dinner for the entire building, served very comfortably on tables and folding chairs that many of us have. It's a big undertaking, but they insist they will do it again. So do help with plans, games, activities, and accounting for food costs.

Our yards were certainly busy and full of laughter and music last year. So make them your St. Patrick's Day venue this year. See you in the yard!

Phil has placed an envelope of maintenance forms on our bulletin board. If you need maintenance to check on something, complete it and turn it in at the office. Also, if needed, please complete a contact form and turn that in. Thanks.



Visitors enjoy our springtime

Dorothy Churchill entertained three nieces: Joann, Joyce and Judy (all sisters) and their spouses when they dropped in for a short visit.

They went to lunch at Bon Appétit Restaurant in Dunedin. Dorothy's nieces have visited each winter for the last four years. Also included was another niece, Pat, who resides here at On Top of the World.

They all had a lovely visit and hope next year they can visit again. The weather was great and they really enjoyed the family getting together.

We welcome our friend and building neighbor, Dick Stump, who has been having a good time since his arrival in January.

He's been able to relax, get in some golf, visit his aunt and building neighbor, Pauline Nodar, as well as entertain a visit from a friend from Michigan.

Birthday wishes are extended this month to Barb Schinn on March 1 and Emily Anderson on the 29th. Joe and Farrell Malandro will be celebrating their wedding anniversary on the 13th. Enjoy celebrating these special days!



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Ideas solicited for activities

Hello, everyone in Building 9. I wish you a happy belated Valentine's Day. Also, I would like to wish Mildred Balestra a happy 92nd birthday, belatedly. Her birthday was on Feb. 13. Her granddaughter visited and took her out for dinner. She had a very good time.

Welcome to Tommy Day. We wish you a long and happy stay with us. Also, welcome to the new couple on the third floor of the Canadian side.

Our building held a business meeting on Feb. 18. We are looking for new things for all of us to do. Also, the Christmas decorations for next season were talked about. We are looking for ideas for building luncheons. All ideas would be welcome.

There was a fire across from our building. Thank God, nobody was hurt. All I would like to say is we all should be very careful with candles. Also, don't overload our electrical sockets.

We had our monthly lunch at the Ivory Restaurant on Feb. 9. A good time and a good meal were had by all.

I would like for all of you good people to give me some news to write about.

Again, I'm so lucky to be living with so many good people in our building. God bless and keep you all. See you.



Gloria's annual tea party is another success

By Barbara Sundberg

Before Gloria Mitchell could hold this year's tea party, her guests were invited to lunch and asked to bring a wide-brimmed hat, silk flowers, netting, scarves, and ribbons and pearls, so that each of us could make our own Victorian styled hat. Pictured above are the results from Gloria's third annual tea party held Feb. 6. The food was delicious and the company delightful. It was another wonderful time to remember!

Seated from left to right: Erna Mandl, Verna Privitera, Brid Mitchell, Ingrid Durhan, Esther Glowatsky and Betty Rizzo.

Standing from left to right: Gloria Mitchell, Brigitte Maseck, Julie Narancich, Donia Stadler, Jean Doane, Kitty Anderson, Diane Bigelow, Joyce Harvey and Jan Jankowski. (Photo by Barbara Sundberg)

OTOW Press Association Meeting
 All reporters and those who contribute to our newspaper are requested to join us. Sign in at the desk when you arrive.
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Reporter and husband win first place in golf tournament

Hello fellow Englanders! I hope that your Valentine's Day was a very special occasion for you. I saw flowers being delivered and even got a lovely bouquet of red roses myself. It sure feels good to be loved!

Frank McGuire sure knows what to do on Valentine's Day... he took his lovely wife on a cruise out of Fort Lauderdale. They hadn't been on a cruise in many years, so hopefully they'll give us a good report for the next issue.

Rich Hayes, this year's president of the OTOW Entertainment Committee, had the Super Bowl fever this year – lots of balloons in the window and a gang of friends to watch the game and enjoy some munchies. His team won – not mine – so that's all I want to say about that; except that I am not a poor sport, so congratulations on "your" win!

Welcome to Bobby and Jackie Milam, who arrived just after the New Year holiday. They've been sitting out in the sunshine reading their books, but not getting much reading done with everyone coming by to catch up on their fun and family news while they were in Georgia.



At least they are enjoying the sunshine!

And welcome to Carol and Hugh Carroll who are from Canada and seasonal renters in our building. We hope you are enjoying your Englander experience.

Dick and I played in the Jack & Jill golf tournament sponsored by the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League and won first place in Flight C. With 37 years of marriage under our belts, it's nice to know we are well-matched on some things! We've always joked that Dr. Phil should be on call when all the husbands and wives play golf together. It's sort of like taking driving lessons from your spouse, if you know what I mean.



Terri writes: "It's not only people who like the morning newspaper... this stork is enjoying reading the paper with Dick Mikszenas. I believe he wanted Dick to turn the page!" (Photo by Terri Mikszenas)

Happy March to everyone. Remember "spring ahead, fall back," which means we turn the clocks ahead

on March 11. Then we wear the green the following week on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, with all our Irish friends!

Worthy reporter hangs it up

Our building business meeting on Feb. 7 was well-attended, and our planned yard sale for Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., was discussed at length. The second floor storage room is filling up quickly with items donated for this sale.

Our yard sale last year was very successful, and we hope to have a repeat performance. Flyers will be placed on bulletin boards in other buildings and will be advertised on Craig's List.

Ronald Quatkemeyer and Patrick Rahill are new residents, and we welcome them and hope they will attend the events we plan and will attend our monthly business meetings.

Mary Margaret McDonald went to the local fire department and picked up brochures on smoke alarms, nutrition, falls prevention, reduction of the risk of hazardous materials in your home and other subjects. Thank you, Mary Margaret. We all need more awareness on these subjects.

It seems early to discuss a building Christmas party for 2012, but a vote was taken and most agreed to schedule a date to have a catered party at the East Activity Center, and we want to be locked in. More information will be forthcoming at the March business meeting, to be held Tuesday, March 13, at 7 p.m.



The restaurant of choice for our February luncheon was Sunset Grill. We have been there many times and always receive a warm and friendly greeting from staff.

Enjoy the St. Patrick's Day parade at OTOW, and Happy Spring to all!

I have enjoyed writing the OTOW newspaper column for English Gothic the past two years, but this is my last column. I am moving to a new location. Hopefully someone living in an English Gothic condo will take over and enjoy writing the column as much as I have.

Remember, life isn't always fair, but it is still good.

(Ed. Note: The staff and volunteers of OTOW News thank Edna for her faithful service and many contributions to this newspaper over the past years.)

Tours, visits, dining and cruises make relaxation fun

The past couple of months have been very busy for some of our Casa Verde family.

Lani and Leon Trahan held a family reunion in January. As you know, Lani and Leon were married in the past year. This was an opportunity for their children to meet one another and to get acquainted. This reunion was held at the Cedar House in Clearwater.

Leon's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren came from Ault, Colo.; Lenexa, Kan.; Red Bank, N.J.; Atlanta, Ga.; and Rockledge, Fla. Altogether, 29 were in attendance.

During their time here the weather was a little cool to begin with but ended in very nice typical Florida winter sunshine. Boat rides, water skiing, fishing, sport events, swimming indoors and out, and card games kept everyone entertained when the partying slowed down.

Shirley Morrison entertained two of her brothers from New York and her sister from Connecticut.

Jean and Fred Wilson spent a week in Cary, N.C., with their daughter Lara. Lara had an open house to introduce her neighbors to her parents along with relatives from California.

The party lasted all day with food served for breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Dinner was composed of Syrian cuisine and this was enjoyed by all according to the Wilsons.

The Manards went on a cruise with some members of their church family while the Maisolles went through the Panama Canal on their cruise.

Jo Settle celebrated her 80th birthday with 10 members of her family on a western Caribbean cruise.

In January the residents got together for dinner at Cody's Roadhouse; in February they went to Cheddar's Restaurant.

The façade of the building has been painted and it looks great. The flowers are still intact on the building and the green color helps describe the building's name, "Casa Verde."

OTOW "Mystery Buildings" Report

Azteca Building couple can usually be found mornings on the OTOW golf course

This is the third in a series of reports from buildings that have not had a regular OTOW News reporter in a very long time, if ever. Feature writer Diane Cavanaugh will visit a different "mystery building" regularly and report on its activities.

By Diane Cavanaugh

If you play the On Top of the World golf links, there is a strong chance you will see either Stan or April Glenn out for their morning game. Glenn plays two times a week; April plays five. It's one of the things they love about Florida, and believe OTOW gives you the best "bang for your buck" as far as benefits and recreation.



Stan and April moved to Florida from Bedford, Ind. Stan served in education for 37 years. He received his bachelor's from Marion College in Social Studies with a minor in English. He received his master's degree from Ball State and his EDS from Indiana University. April received her degree from Indiana University.

Stan first taught at Marion Bedford High School. He later was promoted to principal at Fayetteville Consolidated and also served as principal at Bedford/N. Lawrence. Many of his students attended West Point or the U.S. Air Force Academy.

His goal was to educate as many children as possible, continue their further education, and help them become productive members of society. Stan's leadership qualities were a definite asset.

Stan served as Bedford City Council President for 14 years. He was successful in passing resolutions regarding infrastructure, the elderly, and keeping taxes at a minimum.

April was employed as city auditor for a utility company for 24 years. She contributed through the Exchange Club and "PALS," a local group that counseled struggling and disadvantaged teens. She was also involved in the PTA.

They are both cruise enthusiasts and plan on taking their 17th ocean cruise later this spring.

The Glens have two children; their daughter works for Indiana University and their son works for the State of Indiana. He also does interviews at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Stan and April will be married 53 years March 8. Congratulations to them both!



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Featured resident had a multi-service military hitch

By Thomas Brennan

Hi, neighbor. How in the world R.U.?

Let's visit with octogenarian John M. Grasso, resident of the Polynesian building (and OTOW News reporter), and a Wednesday morning volunteer at the daily East Activity Center Coffee Corner from 7 to 10:30 a.m.

John and his wife Barbara came to On Top of the World on Dec. 5, 2010, from Trenton, N.J. They both were heart disease survivors when they came to Florida. John has been recognized as the top fundraiser for the American Heart Association in all of Mercer County, N.J. Jersey's loss was our gain.

John was born at home on Sep. 30, 1926, to Canio and Frances Grasso, the last of their four children. He tells me there is no record of him being born; the doctor who did the delivery never registered his birth at the Hall of Records in the state of New York.

In 1944, the Army accepted his Certificate of Baptism from Saint Clement, South Ozone Park, N.Y., in place of a birth certificate. However, John failed the Army physical and was classified 4F.

Most of his friends were going overseas, and John was left behind feeling sad. He got the idea of joining the Merchant Marines. He passed the physical and became a seaman at age 18.

He signed a waiver that the government would not be responsible for his bad eye.

After six weeks of basic training in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, he was ready for active duty.

His first assignment was on a merchant ship hauling coal between Boston and Baltimore. His second tour was on the *Westbrook Victory* ship sailing to Naples, Italy. Their mission was to bring the soldiers from Europe back home.

His third mission was on the *Henry Groves Connor*, an old ship that served in WWI. Sailing into LaHarve, France, the hull of the ship got ripped open by a sunken ship lying in the harbor. The crew hurried to unload their cargo as quickly as possible.

When the ship was empty of supplies, they sailed (very slowly) to the largest ship repair port in Europe.

While the ship was in dry dock at Antwerp, Belgium, John got the notion to join the Army. He inquired at a U.S. Army camp, and they checked with George Patton's headquarters in Brussels. He was advised to get a release from the Merchant Marine captain of his ship, and if he passed the physical he would be welcomed into the Army. He got the release and was inducted into the Army at the American Embassy in France.



Featured Polynesian resident John Grasso
(Photo by Mary Lou Wall)

His basic training was 60 km outside of Paris. He trained with European Americans, of which he was the youngest. He was assigned to the 333rd Armored Engineers in Germany.

John was transferred to Frankfurt near an Air Force hospital and was reassigned to the 14th Constabulary Squadron Regiment. He went to communication school and, shortly after, came home on a troop ship to be discharged.

He was separated from the Army at Camp Kilmore, N.J., in August, 1947.

He enlisted in the Army Reserves on the way out.

In 1951, he was called back into the Army to serve in the Korean War. This time he served over a year in occupied Germany.

"John, when we pull it altogether, what do we have," I asked. "Well, Tom, I've had two honorable discharges from the Army and one from the U.S. Maritime Service," answered John.

In addition, he was a specialist in entertainment and the M1 rifle. He holds a WWII Victory and an Occupation medal. Under the G.I. Bill, he enrolled in Columbia University where he studied music, harmony, public speaking and pantomime. John has performed in Woodstock, off Broadway, and Waterbury, Conn. to mention a few.

One of his most prized possessions is a letter from the White House, signed by Harry S. Truman. The letter thanks John for his valor during this time when our country needed him the most.

John, thanks for your time and wonderful interview. We all have heard of G.I. Joe, and now we have met G.I. John. See you at the Coffee Corner in the morning!

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| 2 | Fri | 2:00 PM | S | Singles Travel Club Meeting | 15 | Thurs | 5:00 PM | S | Azores Building St. Patricks Day Party |
| 2 | Fri | 5:30 PM | A | Irish Club St. Patricks Dinner/Dance | 15 | Thurs | 6:00 PM | CL1 | Baby Boomers Meeting |
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| 6 | Tues | 6:00 PM | L-Yellow | Toastmasters: Tampa Bay Women Speakers | 20 | Tues | 6:00 PM | L-Yellow | Toastmasters: Tampa Bay Women Speakers |
| 6 | Tues | 6:30 PM | CR & K | Hoosier Club Meeting | 21 | Wed | 1:00 PM | V's | Brittany Farm House Annual Meeting |
| 7 | Wed | 6:00 PM | S | Capistrano Building Meeting | 21 | Wed | 1:30 PM | Starlite | Singles Club-Fashion Show |
| 7 | Wed | 6:00 PM | V's | Baby Boomers Meeting | 21 | Wed | 5:30 PM | A | Italian Club Dinner Dance |
| 7 | Wed | 7:30 PM | A | Theatre Workshop Meeting | 22 | Thurs | 2:00 PM | Starlite | Democrat Club Meeting |
| 7 | Wed | 7:30 PM | CL1 | Press Association Word Processing Class | 22 | Thurs | 5:30 PM | S | Canadian Club Bridge Banquet |
| 8 | Thurs | 8:00 AM | L | AARP Free Tax Service | 22 | Thurs | 7:30 PM | A | Entertainment Committee Show: Rick Larrimore |
| 8 | Thurs | 9:30 AM | A | Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee | 23 | Fri | 5:00 PM | A | Snowbird Club Fly Away Party |
| 8 | Thurs | 7:00 PM | S | Azores Building Meeting | 23 | Fri | 6:30 PM | CR & K | The Gamers |
| 8 | Thurs | 7:30 PM | A | Entertainment Committee Show: Shae Laurel | 24 | Sat | 6:00 PM | CR | Lambda Club Movie Night |
| 9 | Fri | 1:00 PM | A1 | Art Guild Meeting | 24 | Sat | 8:00 PM | A | Entertainment Committee Dance |
| 9 | Fri | 5:00 PM | S | Saratoga Building Meeting | 25 | Sun | 5:00 PM | A | Jesters Appreciation Dinner |
| 9 | Fri | 5:00 PM | A | Canadian Club Spring Fling Dance | 26 | Mon | 12:00 PM | S | Lawn Bowl League Wind-Up |
| 9 | Fri | 7:00 PM | CR & K | Lambda Club Meeting | 27 | Tues | 8:00 AM | L | AARP Free Tax Service |
| 10 | Sat | 10:00 AM | A | Irish Club Parade | 27 | Tues | 11:00 AM | S | Retired Teachers Meeting |
| 10 | Sat | 6:00 PM | S | Rainbow Club Meeting | 27 | Tues | 4:30 PM | K | Pinochle Pizza Party |
| 10 | Sat | 8:00 PM | A | Entertainment Committee Dance | 28 | Wed | 7:00 PM | S | Siboney Building Meeting |
| 11 | Sun | 2:00 PM | A | Entertainment Committee: Sunday in the Park | 29 | Thurs | 7:30 PM | A | Irish Club Officer Installation |
| 11 | Sun | 6:00 PM | A | Karaoke with Kathy & Lenny-Free | 29 | Thurs | 8:00 AM | L | AARP Free Tax Service |
| 12 | Mon | 8:30 AM | V's | Blood Pressure Screening | 30 | Fri | 7:30 AM | K | Library Book Sale |
| 12 | Mon | 10:30 AM | Starlite | Entertainment Committee Meeting | 30 | Fri | 9:00 AM | A | Good Neighbors Flea Market |
| 12 | Mon | 12:30 PM | CL1 | Family History Group | 30 | Fri | 7:00 PM | A | Canadian Club General Meeting |
| 12 | Mon | 2:00 PM | S | German Interest Group | 31 | Sat | 6:00 PM | CR | Lambda Club Movie Night |
| 13 | Tues | 8:00 AM | L | AARP Free Tax Service | 31 | Sat | 7:30 PM | A | Chorus Holiday Concert |
| 13 | Tues | 2:30 PM | V's | Ladies 9-Hole Golf General Meeting | | | | | |

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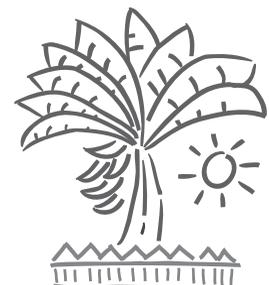
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| A | Auditorium | CL | Classroom | R | Rainbow Room (W) |
| C | Card Room | K | Kitchen | S | Sunrise Room (W) |
| CR | Craft Room | L | Lecture Room | V | Veranda |



Daylight Savings Time begins
Sunday, March 11
 (Set clocks ahead one hour)



St. Patrick's Day
Saturday, March 17



First Day of Spring
Tuesday, March 20

DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 8:30 Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Spanish for Beginners
 10:00 .. Continuation of Spanish Conversation
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge
 11:30..... Contract Bridge
 1:00 Crafters Group (2nd Monday)
 1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 2:00 French for Beginners
 2:00 Butterfly Tai Chi (Level I)
 3:00 Continuation of French Conversation
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:30 Bingo

West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
 9:00 Photo IDs
 9:00 Chess Club
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class
 12:30 P.M. Gym closed 12:30-2:30 for cleaning
 12:30 Mahjong
 5:00 Mahjong
 6:30 8-Ball Tournament

TUESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Ladies 18-Hole Golf
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Horseshoes
 9:00 Caring & Sharing Group
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Ladies 9-Hole Golf
 10:00 Aerobics
 10:00 Philosophy Club
 10:30 Ballroom Dance Class
 11:00..... Yoga
 12:00 Library
 12:00 Ceramics
 12:30 Oil Painting Class
 1:00 Poker
 1:00 Canasta
 1:00 Line Dancing
 1:00 The Music Group
 3:00 Italian Speaking Class
 5:00 Min's Poker
 5:30 Dominos

6:00 Pinochle
 6:00 Bid Euchre
 6:30 Bob B.'s Poker
 6:30 Tom's Poker
 7:00 Bible Study Club

West Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .. West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 6:00 Mahjong

WEDNESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Weight & Strength Training Class
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Sewing Class
 9:00 Zumba
 9:00 Tai Chi
 9:00 Good Neighbors Veterans Project
 9:00 Good Neighbors Craft Workshop
 9:00 Veranda Consignment
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Cribbage
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00..... Tap Dance Class (Beginner)
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge
 1:00 Painting Pals
 1:00 500 Card Game
 1:00 Double Deck Pinochle
 1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)
 2:00 Butterfly Tai Chi (Level II)
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 5:30 Sheila's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge

West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class
 6:00 Don's Poker
 6:30 Ladies Que't Billiards Club

THURSDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Mens Tennis Doubles
 8:30 Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00..... Yoga
 12:00 Bob B.'s Poker
 12:00 Contract Bridge
 12:30 Euchre

12:30 Writers Ink
 1:00 Drawing Class
 1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 2:00 Butterfly Tai Chi (Level III)
 3:00 Italian Speaking Class
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker
 6:30 Canadian Club Game Night

West Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .. West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 9:00 Snowbird Line Dancing
 12:30 P.M. Gym closed 12:30-2:30 for cleaning
 1:00 8-Ball Matinee
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:30 Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

FRIDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Weight & Strength Training Class
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Polar Bear Club
 9:00 Ceramics
 9:00 Pinochle
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Hula Hoop Exercise Class
 12:00 Library
 1:00 Mahjong
 1:00 The Music Group
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 7:00 Hand & Foot Canasta

West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class
 1:00 P.M. Chess Club

SATURDAY

East Activity Center

8:00 A.M. Mens Tennis Doubles
 8:30 Computer Club Meeting
 8:30 Line Dancing
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge
 12:00 P.M. Min's Poker
 12:00 Putting
 1:00 Casual Bridge

SUNDAY

East Activity Center

4:00 P.M. Putting

Here's a St. Patrick's song

In like a lion, out like a lamb — this, of course, is a description of the month of March, but I have noticed all around OTOW the beautiful little pansy faces, little harbingers of spring, which is surely coming.

Looking forward to the St. Patrick's Day parade, I must tell you of a song that I have just learned and hope to sing at a function in Dunedin at an appropriate time. Here goes:

"Saint Patrick was a gentleman, and he came from decent people, In Dublin town he built a church, and on it put a steeple; His father was a Gallagher, his mother was a Brady. His aunt was an O'Shaughnessy, and his uncle was a Grady. Then success to bold Saint Patrick's fist, he was a saint so clever. He gave the snakes and toads a twist, and banish'd them forever! The toads went hup, the frogs went flop, slap dash into the water, And the snakes committed suicide, to save themselves from slaughter."

There are always "comings and goings" at The Gables, so many that since I've been ill, haven't really kept up with everything, except to say that everyone has been pleased so far with the mild winter we've had, especially our Snowbirds who come from northern climes to escape the more severe weather.

Building maintenance is in the process of replacing our floor tiles in the second and third floor cores.



All the removal has taken place, and one day soon we will wake up to new non-slip tiles.

A cousin of mine, who presently lives in Hudson, was pleasantly impressed with the town of Dunedin and the facilities at OTOW, put her big house on the market and hopes to relocate to OTOW. I am looking forward to that time!

I do have to say that Charlie Santasieri has had the annual visit from his sisters, Bridget and Rosemarie. They staggered their visits with some overlap, and I'm sure that Charlie has enjoyed having them. One came from northern Virginia, and the other from New Jersey.

In the meantime, keep your chin up, think good thoughts, be good to yourself and others, and keep the faith!

Plans for future events discussed at meeting

Bon Appétit! That and more can be said about our latest potluck supper/business meeting held on Valentine's Day in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center.

The main course was lasagna that was brought in, but our residents outdid themselves with the wonderful array of salads and desserts. We will all have to renew our New Year's resolutions!

At the business meeting following dinner, a big "thank you" was given to all who helped with the storeroom inspection and cleanup. I am happy to report at deadline only two items remained unclaimed.

The fun events planned for March and April were discussed. Dates are still to be determined for two of the events, but on Thursday, March 8, at 4:30 p.m., we will have an early dinner at Cheddar's Casual Café on Roosevelt Blvd. in Clearwater. I have not personally eaten there, but have heard only good things about it and the prices are reasonable.

Also in March, possibly on the 25th, we will once again hold our



building golf tournament. So do get out the front door and make use of the practice greens. They couldn't be any closer.

Then in April, the Ellises will once again graciously host our annual picnic on their patio and in the backyard. This event has usually signaled the start of our Snowbird migration north for another season.

Times, dates and sign-up sheets for all these functions will be posted on the bulletin board, so please do check frequently. We hope to see all of you at these events.



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Thursday Morning

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Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

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Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
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Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & U.S. 19)

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Friday Afternoon

Super Wal-Mart

Paradise/West Side..... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
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