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From left to right are Flight B champions Cindy and Marc Schell; Flight A champions Terry and Dick Kuplen; Flight C champions Donia Stadler and Hiram Walker; and Flight D champions Terri and Dick Mikszenas. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

This time around, a little water didn't stop the Jack & Jill Flight A champions

By Doug Kates

After 47 years of marriage, you would think Terry and Dick Kuplen would be comfortable playing 18 holes of golf together.

For the first part of the Jack & Jill Golf Tournament in early February, things, in fact, were going smoothly for the 17-year On Top of the World couple.

But then came the 17th hole.

Dick told Terry they had a good score and might be in position to win Flight A. That's when Terry said she got nervous and put her drive and mulligan both into the pond.

Six years ago, Terry and Dick were in a different tournament and

put the ball in the same pond the same way. That year they lost the tournament by one stroke.

With that near miss still on both of their minds, Dick told Terry the water probably cost them a championship again this year.

But turns out, Terry and Dick rallied for a birdie on the 18th hole, and that last effort proved crucial. This time around, Terry and Dick won their flight by one stroke.

"We were in shock," said Terry, after hearing the final results.

"She played very well and made good putts and good chips," Dick said of his partner. "I made a lot of good putts - ones I don't usually make. We're

going home to celebrate and split the money."

Terry and Dick won Flight A with a net 62. Kim Norried and Bill Higgins, and Marie Belliveau and Edgar Belliveau both shot 65s. Jan and Duane Hinrichs were fourth with a 65.5.

The Flight B champions were Cindy and Marc Schell with a net 55. Christine and Ian Miller were second with a 60, and Donna Smertz and Les Whynot were third with a 61. The teams of Leora Hamm and Van Bradley, and Dee Wisslead and Lloyd Chirdon both had scores of 61.5.

In Flight C, the winners were Donia Stadler and Hiram Walker with

a 55.5. Betty and Tom Gerkin were second with a 57.5. Elaine Stretavski and Dave Combs were third with a 58. Thelma and Hal Jacobsen were fourth with a 58.5.

In Flight D, Terri and Dick Mikszenas took top honors with a 53.5 - low net score among all 72 teams.

Pat Cassidy and John Bladykas were second with a 58, followed by Dot Graham and Bob Young with a 60.5, and Maria and Scott Im with a 61.

There were two Closest to the Pin awards. The winner on hole No. 15 was Gloria Sayer, 85 inches from the cup, and the winner on No. 16 was Don Rice, 34 inches from the cup.

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Staying ahead of the curve

Beginning in late 2012, your Board instituted a notice procedure to all residents identifying the problems with improperly installed washer/dryer units.

These unauthorized installations were not made 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, it would have been installed without the benefit of using a licensed plumber or electrician.

Since that time, residents have been stepping up and doing their part in having inspections performed. Most inspections, but not all inspections, are performed prior to listing the property to resale. Simply put, failing to disclose the existence of a washer/dryer to a perspective purchaser may constitute a fraudulent act on the part of the seller.

I'm both pleased and horrified to report that (1) inspections are getting done, but (2) some of the errors we are finding are very scary in their potential for serious risk to life and property.

Aside from the faulty electrical installation issues, we are also learning the full extent to which residents have failed to properly maintain their dryers: Specifically, the risk from accumulation of lint within the dryer itself.

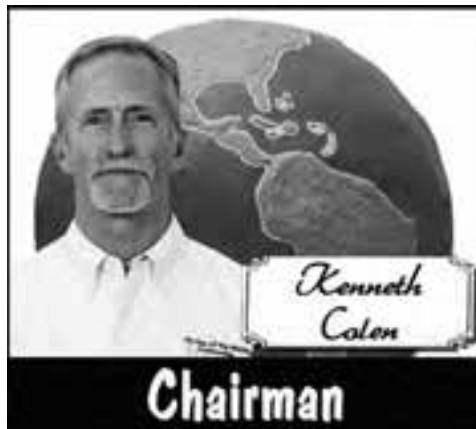
Lint poses its own set of hazards for a flash fire, being light and highly combustible.

My point in mentioning this is to remind you that regardless of when or how your dryer was installed, it needs periodic inspection and maintenance by a licensed appliance specialist.

Insurance Update

My February article addressed insurance coverage that each owner should have in place on their individual condominium. I noted that insurance coverage is inexpensive and there is no good excuse to have your personal contents insured for less than \$25,000. Remember, the Association only insures the structure. Contents are your responsibility.

Since last month, we have been in contact with a company out of Orlando (Florida Insurance Specialists, LLC) which has developed a special condominium insurance. The company hosts a Website, www.Challenge-MyRate.com where you can compare your rate with other quotes. It is free,



anonymous and without obligation.

While it is not your Board's function to promote any individual or company over any other agency, I believe you may be pleasantly surprised if you visit this Website and get a quote. Certainly, it gives you negotiating leverage with your current insurance agent.

Being without coverage is not a risk anyone would want to assume. Damage within the interior area of your home can become quite costly, especially if a leaking air conditioner or water heater causes damage in adjoining units and the Association's property between the units.

The cost of repair for your unit, the Association's property and the adjoining unit can be large. It is the owner's obligation to maintain or replace these components, and the owner's liability when they don't. Proper insurance coverage will help save you large out-of-pocket expenses as a result of a leaky air conditioner or water heater.

The HO6 rider covers the insured owner for a portion of the deductible the Association maintains. Currently, your association maintains a deductible of \$10,000 per occurrence to property damage from any peril other than wind (such as fire). Speak with your insurance agent to make sure you have adequate coverage in place.

Community Updates

Painting/Waterproofing: Building 39, back elevation starts March 1. Building 29, back elevation starts March 15. Building 45 back elevation starts March 28. 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 rescheduled to a later date.

Hard-Wired Smoke Detector Installation will continue through December 2013. Currently, Buildings

7, 8, and 9 are scheduled for February and March. The exact dates will be posted in your lobby and by door-hanger notices. Please remember, we need your complete cooperation in providing access to your condo. So far, the work has progressed very smoothly with only a few glitches with access.

Roofing: Building 36 is scheduled for March 4 (anticipated start date). Building 94 re-roof is now scheduled for May 2013. Again, roofing work is very weather dependent, so start dates and time to complete may vary.

Floor replacement in Buildings 48 (third floor) and Building 49 (second and third floor) will be starting. The installation may progress slower than expected based upon condition of existing floor and air temperatures. 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!

Leaf Collection

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 was completed for the 2012-2013 project cycle.

Finally, inspection services will continue with landscape enforcement, and clutter enforcement on front and rear porch condominium areas (very dangerous in a high wind situation). The tagging and removal of excessive furniture and clutter in the center core areas will be ongoing. Awning inspections (all buildings) are ongoing. Parking lot stall number re-stenciling has been completed for the entire property. Water meter box number re-stenciling is ongoing.

The structural inspection and correction program will continue as necessary from March through June with an emphasis on header/window sill repairs. The purpose of this program is to make property-wide condition inspections and determine repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.

Repairs of spalling have been ongoing. Spalling occurs over time when infiltration of water has caused the reinforcing bars to begin to oxidize and expand. There is no way to predict

this rare occurrence, but timely and thorough inspections afford the opportunity to identify and address any affected areas before it becomes a serious problem.

Typically, a structural engineer evaluates the extent and directs a repair solution. Generally, this involves exposing and cleaning the steel of any scale, treating it with a retardant, and then closing the area with a two part epoxy that is stronger than the concrete encasing the steel.

The potable water delivery improvement project wrapped up. The next phase of this water line project is to replace the individual supply lines to each condominium building within the replacement area. This is a very complex process that is anticipated to take several years to fully implement. We will be addressing this on a building by building basis beginning in the next fiscal year.

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.

Consumers can visit the agency's Website at <http://www.IRS.gov> and click on "Where's My Refund" to check on the status of their refunds."

*To advertise in our April edition, checks must be received by March 15**

***The normal deadline for purchasing ads is the 15th of each month, but we are in our busy season and our color ad space will likely sell out way before the 15th. Black and white ad space could also sell out before the 15th.**

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Smoke Detector Retrofit Schedule

JANUARY

Buildings 1, 2, 3

JULY

#24, #25, #26

FEBRUARY

#4, #5, #6

AUGUST

#27, #28, #29

MARCH

#7, #8, #9

SEPTEMBER

#30, #31, #32, #38

APRIL

#10, #11, #12

OCTOBER

#40, #41, #42, #43

MAY

#14, #15, #16, #17

NOVEMBER

#43, #44, #45

JUNE

#17, #21, #22, #23

(note: Buildings 17 and 43
will be split between two months)

Shown above is the schedule for smoke detector replacement work. If you believe you might not be present or available during your building's designated month, please cut out this form and return the information to On Top of the World. Forms can be delivered in person to the East Activity Center Service Desk or they can be mailed to the address below.

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On Top of the World introduces a new 'vendors list' for residents

As outlined in the Amended and Restated Rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association, one of the functions of the Association is to review and approve, or disapprove, plans for proposed alterations or additions to the common areas of the community.

Not only do the rules for community standards help retain the harmony of the architectural and landscape designs, the rules also help protect you, the unit owner.

As stated in numerous articles, I cannot stress enough the importance of hiring licensed and insured contractors, especially when work within your unit involves electricity or plumbing.

You may pay a slightly higher cost to contract the services of licensed and insured professionals, but typically, that cost is well worth it.

When you are dealing with life safety code and the potential for property damage losses, the pennies saved using an unlicensed contractor will add up to nothing in the event of a loss due to improper/incorrect work performed.

In order to assist you in making vendor choices, the Association has compiled a vendors list. This list does not, in any way, guarantee the products used, or the performance of the vendor. It does provide you with a list of licensed and insured vendors who have complied with the On Top of the World community standards and approval process. These vendors have also demonstrated to be in compliance with Pinellas County codes and permitting.

Emergency References

I want to take this opportunity,



while the majority of our owners are in residence, to remind you to update your emergency references and contact phone numbers.

Emergency references and emergency contact phone numbers are collected at the time of your interview and for many of you that information is well over 10 years old. We urge you to update this information.

In the event of an emergency involving your On Top of the World unit, or in the event of an emergency situation involving you, the Association needs current emergency contact information.

If you are a part-time resident, please notify the Association and the Community Service Office with contact information for the key holder of your unit. While an emergency situation may not originate in your unit, an emergency situation may impact your unit. You will find the necessary emergency contact form in this month's newspaper as well as the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center.

Landscape services

The fast approach of spring,

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combined with a mild winter, are the perfect ingredients for a challenging landscape season.

Please keep in mind, all proposed plantings in the common areas must be approved by the Association. Landscape crews are currently addressing landscape material in excess of 4 feet tall, plantings on water meters and water lines and invasive or incompatible landscape.

Stump removal is continuing throughout the community, as well as thinning of overgrown landscape areas.

Landscape areas not actively maintained by respective unit owners are also being addressed.

Enforcement Matters

The Association is working diligently on enforcement matters in regards to underage residents and tenants, and we are starting to see the results of our efforts.

The On Top of the World Condominium Community is designated as an age restricted 55-and-older community. The Association rules do not allow persons under the age of 17 (seventeen) to reside in the community. If you are aware of any units in violation of this age restriction, please notify

the Association in writing. **Safety**

During the month of January, the community experienced bicycle thefts from center core storage rooms and back patios of units. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, working with the management company, successfully identified suspected perpetrators involved in the recent series of bicycle thefts. As suspected, this was not an "outside" job, rather the perpetrator was a resident.

This drives home several points: (1) Your security is your responsibility. Lock your bike and any valuables you may have in the storage room. (2) If you are aware of any under-age residents leasing a unit, please advise the Association. The Association does follow-up and will enforce age restrictions as spelled out in your Condominium Declaration.

In order to do that, we need your involvement in helping identify occupants not in compliance. The Association urges you to secure your property by locking windows and doors when you are absent in your unit. Secure your vehicles and remove valuable personal items in your vehicle. Do not provide a "crime of opportunity" for people who may be desperate during these difficult economic times.

Do your part - stay off World Parkway the morning of March 9!

The Irish Club is hosting its traditional parade on Saturday, March 9, starting at 10 a.m.

Please do your part to make sure the parade runs smoothly and safely, and everyone gets to enjoy the floats and music.

Please stay off World Parkway Boulevard once the parade starts! We don't need your vehicle blocking residents from seeing the displays. We don't need band members marching around your car. We don't need your truck holding up the clowns!

Plan ahead. Don't choose 10 a.m. to go to the grocery store, the drug store, the hair stylist or the liquor store. If you have friends or family visiting, make sure they arrive before 10 a.m. or after 11 a.m. If you have scheduled a repairman for that Saturday, make sure the appointment is before 10 a.m. or after 11 a.m.

Be aware, the Belcher Road gate will be closed during the parade. Most streets that connect to World Parkway Boulevard will also be closed.

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(this list could change monthly)

Learn how to create your next painting using watercolors

By Jean E. Doane

The Art Guild used their regular meeting date, Friday, Feb. 11, for a Trash and Treasure sale.

Coffee and goodies were for sale while everyone browsed for something to purchase and bring home. The sellers were happy and hopefully the buyers were too.

Our next regular meeting will be on Friday, March 8 at 1 p.m. when J. M. Rodgers will give a demonstration using watercolors. We will also be considering new officers for the year, which includes November 2013 through April 2014. Think about offering your unique ideas for the club.

When you read this, the Art Show will have occurred on Sunday, Feb. 24, but I will be writing about it in the April paper.

During the show, art viewers voted for the "Peoples Choice Award." We will tell you who won the award in



the April newspaper.

The Wednesday afternoon Painting Pals group continues from 1-3 p.m., as well as John Fier's drawing class on Thursday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. These sessions are in the East Activity Center Art Room off from the auditorium.

This month's Artist of the Month is Barbara Holland with her lovely painting of a Cyprus Swamp with a white egret perched in a tree.

It will hang in the East Activity Center lobby for the month of March.



Marge McClure, Art Guild president elect, left, presents the Artist of the Month Award to Barbara Holland for her painting entitled "Alone in the Cypress."

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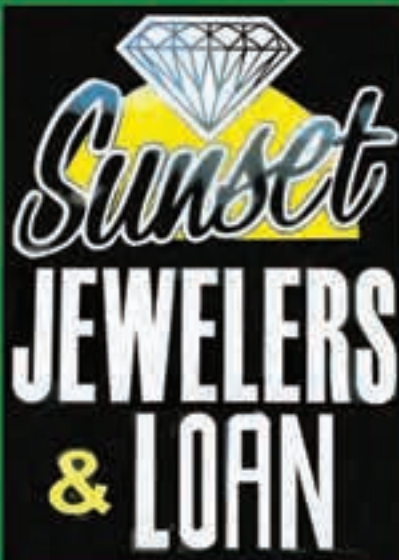
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A. It is not true. Florida does not have what is known as "forced heirship." That is, a person (or persons) are not required to leave anything to anyone except as follows:

- In the absence of a pre-nuptial agreement or a valid post-nuptial agreement, one spouse cannot completely cut out the other, and that is true even if the couple do not live together or have not lived together for quite some time.

Further, minor children cannot be cut out by means of a Will or Trust. This is a complex area of Florida law and the best thing to do is consult with an estate-planning attorney who has experience in this area.

Q. My husband and I were married for 22 years before he passed on in 2012. He had been previously married. While he was working for (a large national and international company), he had a pension plan. He forgot to name me as the beneficiary of that plan. I have been denied the proceeds of that plan and my husband's employer said that since his previous spouse is still alive, she will get the pension benefits. Please mention this in your newspaper column.

A. This points out a very important and complicated problem. In those circumstances, where there is a second or subsequent marriage, if a spouse wants his/her new spouse to



receive pension benefits, it is absolutely necessary to change the name of the plan's beneficiary.

If the name is not changed, then whoever IS named will receive the pension benefits, and this includes IRA or 401K or 401B benefits.

Further, if the named beneficiary is deceased, it does not follow that the new spouse will receive the pension benefits. Instead, they will probably pass to the closest blood relative of whoever was named the beneficiary of the pension plan.

As with the question above, it is wisest to seek the advice of an estate-planning attorney who has experience in this particular area.

Q. My boyfriend is 75 and I am the same age. We are taking a Caribbean cruise and he will be purchasing an ED medication in one of the ports we are visiting.

Since I doubt he will use all of it, can he safely bring back a certain amount of it to the U.S. without violating any federal or state of Florida laws?

A. Um....uh....well...

I am not going to discuss how

much of it will be left to be brought back when you and he return.

I am not aware of any prohibition against bringing back erectile drugs that have been purchased out of the country. However, I am assuming that he would only bring back medications for his continued personal use.

If he were actually attempting to bring in a medication he intends to sell or distribute to others, then I very strongly urge him not to do that.

As an aside, I have sometimes seen reports of pseudo ED drugs being sold in foreign countries. So it seems to me that perhaps a better practice would be to get a doctor's prescription from a physician who practices medicine here in the U.S.

Q. In light of what has been happening lately around the U.S., can you tell us what laws are on the books here in Florida that are concerned with gun control?

A. I am not getting into the conflict, except to say that Florida is not a gun-control state. Whether it should or should not be, is a matter for the citizens of this State to discuss with its legislators.

Q. What are your favorite estate planning documents?

A. I don't have a particular favorite estate-planning document because I believe that estate planning, be it for simple or for complex estates, is a matter to be determined on an individual basis.

Some folks may be best off with a Will, durable power of attorney, and advance directive.

Other folks may need some kind

of revocable trust, along with a Will, durable power of attorney and advance directive.

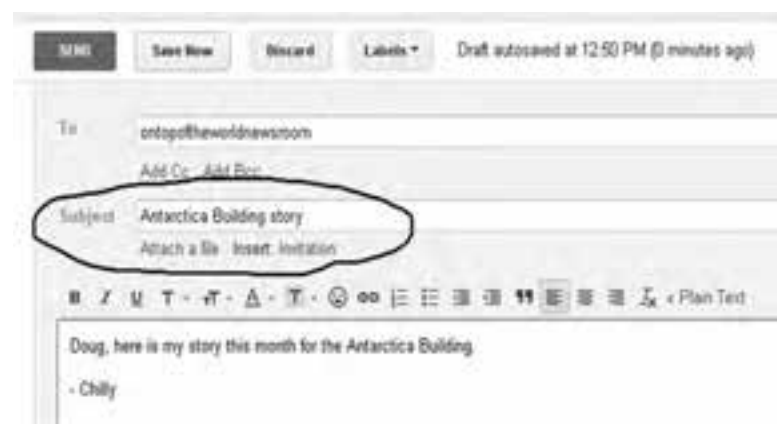
Still, others may need more sophisticated planning documents, including irrevocable trusts, qualified income trusts for Medicaid purposes, Elective Share trusts and even more complex documents.

As a general statement, it seems to me that at the minimum someone should have a Will, durable power of attorney and advance directive. However, whatever one has, needs to be specific to that person's needs.

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Attention OTOW News writers ...

When submitting your stories to the newsroom by email, please put the name of your building, group or sport in the subject line of the email.



One person can be credited with TV sales rush in late '40s

Something happened on April 13, 1949, that had far reaching consequences and changed the way Americans entertained themselves.

On that date, the Texaco Star Theatre, featuring Milton Berle, hit the airwaves on NBC-TV. For five years, Tuesday nights belonged to Texaco and Milton Berle.

People rushed to buy TV sets.

After his show began, TV set sales more than doubled, reaching 2 million people in 1948.

If you didn't have your own TV, you visited someone who did.

Night life around the country was hit hard. Movie houses were empty and many restaurants were closed on Tuesday nights.



**Walter
Balderson**

Inside Showbiz

"Uncle Miltie" as he liked to call himself, did his show live and was the first to bring in Hollywood celebrity guests, who were petrified. The celebrities could always do as many takes as necessary on film, but now it was live and if they muffed a line, it was out there for millions to see.

I remember twice where an actress was too scared to go on.

Milton's mother was a "not-easy-to-get-along-with" stage mother and very domineering. She came as a plant in the audience at every show and led the audience in laughter. Milton once said his mother was responsible for every one of his failed marriages. She would also find a way to break them up after he had dated a girl three times.

In late 1965, Milton's ratings began to tumble. Texaco pulled out of the show and Buick came in until the end. CBS had scheduled Sergeant Bilko with Phil Silvers opposite Milton, and the Dupont Network was having a huge success with Bishop Fulton Sheen. The end of the Milton Berle Show was in sight.

After the show failed, Milton

made several movies and frequently appeared in Las Vegas. He formed the Friars Club all-male celebrity roast, the forerunner to the very popular Dean Martin Roasts.

Milton was very loose with four-letter words in his personal life, but never used one in his act. He often criticized Lenny Bruce and George Carlin for using X-rated material.

Born Milton Berliknger, he changed his name to Berle at age 15. After his success, his mother changed her name to Sarah Berle.

Before his death, Milton found solace in Christian Science. He called himself a Jew and a Christian Scientist. He died on March 27, 2002, in Los Angeles, from colon cancer.

Free tax help from AARP

AARP representatives will be here to provide free tax help to On Top of the World residents.

The free tax service will begin Feb. 5 and will take place 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, through April 16 in the East Activity Center Blue and Yellow Rooms across from the library.

You must bring all your necessary papers with you.

There is no early sign up through the Community Service Office.

Free blood pressure screening

Blood pressure will be taken 8:30-10:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month in the East Activity Center Veranda Room through April 2013.

You are also welcome to volunteer during this time. All we ask is two hours of your time.

NOTICE

Important bulletin for all residents of On Top of the World

A new standard has been implemented for sealants that will affect window, awning, and air conditioning contractors performing work for residents at OTOW.

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.

We are working harder to make OTOW your wonderful place to live!



Newcomers

OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall



**Gilka Pereira
of Brazil**



**Barb and Mike Lenzi of
Pennsylvania and New York**



**Liselotte Gade
of Tampa**



**Lucy Chen
of New York**

Start of March meeting moved up to 6 p.m.

Appreciation Luncheon set for Nantucket Bucket

The Press Association has tentatively decided to hold its annual Appreciation Luncheon at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 4 at the Nantucket Bucket in Safety Harbor.

Any proofreader, building, club or sports reporter, who has submitted three or more stories and attended three or more meetings in the past 12 months, may attend free of charge – On Top of the World is “thanking you” for your contributions to the newspaper over the past year. Any other Press Association member may attend for \$15.

Directions to the restaurant and confirmation of the banquet will be provided at the March 7 meeting. We will need a head count at this time. If you cannot make the March meeting, call the newsroom with your reservation, 799-3216.

The Press Association also announced the March meeting will start at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. so residents can attend a concert in the East Activity Center. Horse racing jockey Ronnie Allen Jr. will be a special guest (time to be determined) and he has volunteered to be the subject of a press conference so our reporters can practice asking questions, listening to answers and taking notes. Ronnie was one of the top-100 jockeys in the country last year and is currently competing at Tampa Bay Downs. The meeting is open to the community. Anyone who wants to learn more about horse racing may attend and ask questions.

There will be free pizza at this meeting for Press Association members. Pizza for non-members is \$1 a slice.

At the February monthly meeting, the association welcomed new reporters for the Monaco Building, Royale Dutch and Paradise, plus a new library reporter came on board.

Editor Doug Kates reported that the Holiday Lights Contest and Pet of the Year Contest wrapped up with distribution of prizes. He said the Holiday Lights Contest may return next year, but judging could take place based on individual units, instead of buildings. Online voting would decide the top 25 decorated units in the community and the winners would share the grand prize.

Discussions will resume in Oc-



Press Association

tober when the Snowbirds begin to return.

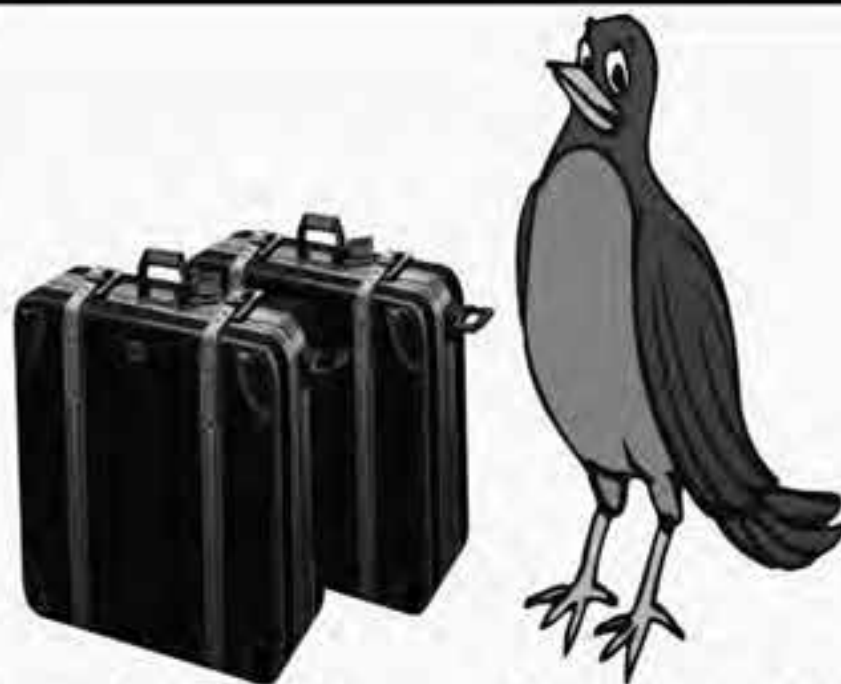
Doug also asked the association if they wish to continue holding three night meetings a year. The original plan was to add night meetings to give reporters a chance to attend a meeting, who might otherwise be unable to attend a day meeting. But so far, the same people attending the night meetings are the same people who attend the day meetings. The association has about 80 members and each month the same 30 people support the meetings.

Association members suggested keeping the night meetings one more year and then re-evaluate next year. Some questioned if all 80 members of the association know they are supposed to attend the meetings. Doug said the guidelines have been mentioned in the past and new reporters are always invited to meetings when they join the newspaper.

For those who don't know, here is a reminder: Anyone who writes, takes photos or proofreads for the newspaper is a member of the Press Association. This includes people who write for clubs, groups, buildings or sports teams. Monthly meetings are held nine times during the year – six afternoon meetings, two night meetings and one nightly workshop. The meetings generally last 45-60 minutes and are an opportunity to share feedback, provide new ideas and improve skills.

Anyone who writes at least three stories and attends at least three meetings qualifies for the Appreciation Luncheon at the end of the season.

Lastly, Doug informed everyone that there will be a change to the otowclearwaterinfo.com Website. It will no longer provide a source to download the current newspaper. Anyone who wants to view the monthly newspaper Online should go to the Press Association Website at <http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com/clearwater/news.html>.



Snowbirds “Summerize” Checklist

- Update your contact information with the Association and include the name and phone number of the emergency key holder you designated for your unit. If you are leaving your vehicle in your assigned space, please leave a note in the dashboard or with the Association as to an emergency key holder in the event the vehicle must be moved for resurfacing or an emergency.
- Complete a mail forward request and submit to the Association as well as your local postal service.
- Have your HVAC professionally serviced before you depart. Set your air conditioning thermostat at 80 degrees. (Remember, your HVAC unit's main function in your absence is to remove moisture from the air). If you have a humidistat set at 55. Change AC filter.
- Turn off inside water valves: under sinks, behind toilets, washing machine and hot water heater. Drain water from pipes (open spigots). Schedule for water turn off by calling 727-799-3417 option 6, visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center or submitting an email through the Service Department tab at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com
- Wrap toilet bowls with Cling Wrap to help keep water from evaporating in toilet bowl. A dry toilet bowl encourages pests.
- Empty refrigerator, turn off ice maker and ice maker valve, turn off refrigerator and prop open doors.
- Unplug appliances including washing machine.
- Remove food to discourage pests, or store staples in glass, metal or thick plastic containers.
- Lock windows.
- Turn off breaker to hot water heater.
- Have someone check your unit every one to two weeks. (Remember unchecked items can cost you thousands of dollars).
- Secure and store patio items. Patio furniture that can become airborne during a storm should be stored inside your unit.
- Hurricane shutters and awnings should be lowered and secured.

Boneless leg of lamb - one of my favorites



It's spring time and for my family that means boneless leg of lamb and fresh asparagus.

Every year we have an extended family dinner at the end of March. I cannot begin to tell you the endless amount of food that is prepared, and boneless leg of lamb is one of my favorites.

I chose this recipe because I think the serving size will be just right for many of you.

Enjoy.

Ingredients

2 lbs. boneless leg of lamb
olive oil
1 cup fresh parsley, chopped
1 teaspoon fresh rosemary, chopped
1 teaspoon fresh thyme, chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper

Recipe adapted from Food.com

Directions

Generously rub leg of lamb with olive oil.

Season lamb with all the ingredients listed, making sure that they are evenly distributed.

Place leg of lamb on a rack in a roasting pan.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees and bake leg of lamb uncovered for 30 minutes per pound or until internal temperature reaches 120 to 130 degrees at the thickest point.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dryers, washers must be inspected by licensed plumbers, electricians

The management company for On Top of the World Condominium Association has found instances of improperly installed washer/dryer units in several condominium units. These washer/dryer installations have been made without approval and guidance from the Association and without compliance to the plumbing code or the electrical code. This leaves the owner and/or prospective new owners open to significant liability in the event of an overflow or a fire.

Your Association strongly urges an inspection of washers and dryers installed in any condominiums built prior to 1995, in particular, those units located on the east side of Belcher Road. If your unit is located on the west side of Belcher, you may also be impacted if a washer and dryer were added after purchasing the unit.

The Association strongly urges you to contact both a licensed, insured plumber and electrician and arrange for an inspection immediately. Corrections to these potential hazards are the unit owner's obligation.

Forward any documentation from the inspection to the OTOW Condominium Association, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E, Clearwater, Fl., 33763. A copy will be retained in a permanent file for that unit. If work was undertaken to correct the problem, such remedial work must be described in the documentation. Only documentation received from a licensed plumber or electrician will be considered valid.

All parties are put on Notice that the Association does not accept responsibility nor shall it assume responsibility for any type of loss or damage resulting from installed washers or dryers. In those instances where the Association has been required to expend sums of money to make repairs resulting from installed washers or dryers, the Association reserves the right to take legal action against the owners of the units where the washers or dryers are installed.



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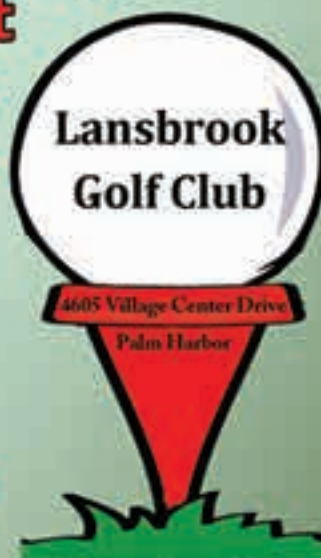
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Pictured above are the Canadian Club Lawn Bowls Triples Champions. From left to right are Thelma Jacobsen, Denise Dion and Edgar Hachey with convener Bob Laplante. (Photo by Gabriel Taillefer)



Top 2 Teams Canadian Club Triples Tourney

FIRST PLACE

**Thelma Jacobsen,
Denise Dion and
Edgar Hachey.**

SECOND PLACE

**Dave Murray,
Ray Allard and
Mary Pineau**

Canadian Lawn Bowls Tournament highlights February

By Rollie Lapointe

If you drove by the lawn bowl court last month, and it looked like it was covered in red and white shirts, good chance it was the Canadian Club holding its annual Triples Tournament.

The tournament is a highlight for the winter season and club members enjoy preparing for the event as well as compete in it.

This year's tournament took place over two days and was led under the guidance of Bob Laplante.

The winning team was comprised of Edgar Hachey, Thelma Ja-

cobsen and Denise Dion.

Runners-up were Dave Murray, Ray Allard and Mary Pineau.

A total of 48 club members participated, which broke down into 16 teams of three players. Each team played three games with total scoring used to break any ties.

Congratulations to all who participated.

Tampa Bay Downs greeted 91 Canadian Club members on Jan. 18. We enjoyed a buffet lunch and then went on to 'beat the odds' by placing well-thought-out bets on our favorite

horses.

We had a wonderful time thanks to the organization of Rick Carr.

Upcoming events include our annual Spring Fling, Friday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for members and \$13 for visitors.

An all-you-can-eat pizza and salad feast will be provided, as well as our usual, wonderful DJ providing your dance music.

Tickets go on sale at the East Activity Center from 8:30-10:30 a.m. until the Monday, March 4 deadline. Contact Shirley Hunter (726-8086) for

more information.

The Canadian Club will participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 9. Volunteers should meet at the East Activity Center at 8:30 a.m. with the start location on Mexican Way at 9:30 a.m.

On Saturday, March 16, our club will take in a Blue Jays game and on March 19 we will take a trip to New Orleans.

And, to wrap things up, our annual general meeting will take place on Friday, March 29 at 7 p.m.

Where has the time gone?

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Travel Club introduces new 'Lunch Bunch' group



Travel Club

By Pat Zorland

Our Feb. 1 meeting was extremely well attended.

The slate for the new board was presented, voted on and accepted. Our new board members for 2013 are as follows: Audrey Jones, president; Roxie Maggio, vice president; Beverly Namath, secretary and Shirley Brucolere, treasurer.

The new board was sworn in and club business meeting continued.

The secretary and treasurer gave their reports. The meeting continued with old business. Audrey gave a report on the progress of a trip to New York City, Philadelphia, Atlantic City and Baltimore Inner Harbor scheduled for April 19 through April 27. We are still in need of more people to sign up, so the trip will be able to proceed.

Then in March a return visit to Solemn Castle. This was a very nice trip last year and everyone enjoyed it and asked to do it again.

Hopefully we will have more day trips during the summer months.

We now have a Lunch Bunch



Residents recently had the chance to pick up information about the OTOW Travel Club.

Group for the purpose of new members getting to know one another and signing up to go on planned outings. We will be going to lunch once or twice a month. Please come to our monthly meetings or come and see us at the East Activity Center on

Mondays and Thursdays from 9-11 a.m.

New Business: On the agenda for September, we are planning a trip to Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains Show Trip (seven days, six nights from Clearwater). More details will be

covered at the March 1 meeting.

Our meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. For more information on our club, come to a meeting or call Shirley at 726-4619.

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Family History Group members find seminar full of facts, figures and opinions

By Anne B. Watkins

Four Family History Group members attended the premier genealogy seminar in this area, that of the Pinellas Genealogy Society, held every February at the Largo Public Library.

The society brings in a nationally known figure in the field, and this year featured Sharon DeBartolo Carmack as primary speaker.

Sharon gave four talks, each about an hour long, and there was also a break-out session in the early afternoon where we could choose one of three different topics.

The day began at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast, continued with a box lunch at noon, and broke up about 4 p.m. It was a very full and satisfying day in all respects!

At our FHG meeting on the Monday following the seminar, we recalled what we had heard, thus reinforcing our learning and educating our fellow members.

Sharon is the author of 16 books



Family History

and teaches nonfiction writing classes, so it was no surprise that her first talk was called "Flesh on the Bones," which emphasized using historical perspective when writing your family histories. She did not advocate writing from a strict chronological timeline, but rather employing social history, such as food or dress, into your narrative, in order to make it more interesting to the reader.

Sharon said that all our stories needed to be told, as each of us is unique and has a point of view that only we know and can tell.

Sharon next tackled the problem of "The Silent Woman," with some tips on how to research female relatives, since many times only the man's name appears in public records.

She gave us some surprising facts: Women were often institutionalized in past centuries for being crazy during the period we now recognize as menopause, and that abortion was common, and without stigma, as recently as the 19th century, before the advent of birth control.

After lunch we went to separate sessions.

One was about "Learning More about Genealogy," a review of genealogy societies, classes, TV, Webinars and even cruises.

Another was on "E-Books for Genealogists," the best Internet sites and how all your smart devices and PC

can be interconnected to digital books online.

The third was about "Those Other Census Documents," for finding lists of slaves, agriculture and manufacturing, veterans, Native Americans, defectives or prisoners.

Sharon's two afternoon sessions were about "Love Letters, Diaries and Autobiographies" where she read an excerpt from one man's diary that told of his exploits, especially those he called his "flourishes." His diary entries would most certainly liven up any family history!

The last talk of the day was called "Cryptic Clues," and it was about cemeteries, the kinds of gravestones and ornamentation used on them, as well as funeral and burial customs.

For instance, did you know why widows wear black?

Sharon says it makes them invisible to the spirit world, so their husbands can't come back and pester them!



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If you are reading this on newspaper delivery day, hurry to our library book sale

By Katy Gerritt

March will bring a special sale in the library.

On March 1, from 10-3 p.m., in coordination with Flea Market Friday upstairs at the East Activity Center, we will have special pricing on our already great prices for paperbacks and hard-bound books.

Our sales books are great for travel - just read them and leave them for someone else to enjoy!

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Several recent additions are "Sins of the Mother" by Danielle Steel, "Zoo" by James Patterson, "The Bridge" by Karen Kingsbury, "Portrait of a Spy" by Daniel Silva and "Betrayal" by Danielle Steel.

We have recently revamped our hardcover sales books by author to help you find those favorites more easily.

We have discovered quite a few non-fiction titles and have shelved them separately in the sales section.

Paperbacks are 25 cents each and hardcovers 50 cents each, plus we add to this collection frequently thanks to your generous donations.

So bring in your books you no longer have room to store and drop them off at your library during our regular hours.

We are thinking of instituting a rack to share magazines that you may no longer need, but would like to recycle. Please let us know if this is something you would be interested in.

For those of you who love the feel of a book in your hands, we are here to help! Stop by and see us soon!

Spring picnic set for March 24 at Philippe Park

By Dave Beaven

Spring officially arrives this month.

In honor of our great March weather, Lambda will be having a Spring Picnic on Sunday the 24th at 1:30 p.m. at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor.

This will be a potluck affair. I will maintain a log of what people are bringing on our Webpage to avoid having all desserts. Actually, that wouldn't bother some people.

Another eating occasion will be our annual holiday meal on Easter Sunday, the 31st. Members will be



Lambda

bringing in their own favorite dishes to share. This is always a popular get together for the majority of us who are far away from family.

Our March meeting on the 8th will have an Irish theme in keeping with St. Patrick's Day. We invite our

members to wear green and listen to Irish music and videos. Meanwhile, the bar will be serving Paddy's Punch.

For all these events, go to our Webpage for more information.

Lambda is a social club for 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 Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all 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 7:30 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.

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Fixers' role as 'go-to people' is a win/win

By John Koning

What most folks already know is that the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers are the go-to people when your dresser drawer is sticking or Grandma Mae's heirloom rocker has a broken arm rest.

That's because the Fixers Club embodies a solid knowledge base. It's also because the workshop is bursting with quality tools.

While the benefits to residents are obvious, the symbiosis of the relationship is not widely known.

One benefit to the Fixers Club is a financial one. The donations made by happy and relieved residents goes directly into the purchase of wood. That wood is used by the Toy Shop for the manufacture of toys for hundreds of underprivileged children each year.

Without grandma's broken rocker and the willingness of our volunteers, much of this goodwill would not be realized.

Another hard-to-detect upshot of donations is the maintenance and modernization of the shop. Donations keep our membership rates manageable and provide our members with a clean, safe and efficient place to work. Donations also help provide little perks like glue, screws, nails and



Fixers Club

sandpaper.

Can you imagine having to run home every time you needed a little of this or a little of that?

The really interesting part though, is the non-monetary bonus that Fixers derive from their role as community fixers. It is the "je ne sais quoi" factor. That genuine smile of gratitude; the hearty handshake; that look of pure relief on the face of Grandma Mae's great-granddaughter.

In short, it's a hard-to-define feeling that a Fixer gets from making someone's day.

In many cases, especially when Fixers do projects for other clubs, it improves inter-club relationships and spawns new friendships.

If that's not a win/win, I don't know what is.

Visit www.fixersfiddlersandfumblers.com to learn more.



Roger Reynolds, left, takes possession of the Computer Club's new storage unit, built by Doug Erickson, right, of the Fixers Club.

Join us for a two-day casino trip

By Walter Copeland

Wow! It is March already and our club is still going strong.

A recent Key West trip was interesting and enjoyable. Most of us had not seen so many alligators up close.

On Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23, we are traveling to Immokalee Casino near Fort Myers for an evening we'll all enjoy.

There will be an excellent buffet in the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, followed by the wonderful musical "Sound of Music."

Day two, after breakfast, we will return to the casino. Each day we will receive \$30 in free play and \$5 toward lunch. Thereafter, we will visit the Large Warehouse "Best of Everything" store where everything is \$10. Many people have raved about this place.

On Tuesday, March 26, we will have our annual picnic at Philippe Park Shelter 2, at noon. BYOB, no alcohol. There will be free bingo with prizes. Cost \$15. This is a catered picnic. Bring your tablecloth.

On Easter Sunday, March 31,



Pennsylvania Club

we will celebrate at Ed Fletchers Early Bird Dinner Theater with a super buffet. Thereafter we will enjoy a funny comedy "Murder among Friends."

On Wednesday, April 3, we will gather in the East Activity Center auditorium for our Appreciation party called, "Last Hurrah." We'll have a complete catered dinner at 5 p.m. The cost is \$20. Our club will pay \$10 and your cost is \$10. We are featuring entertainment following dinner that will include dancing.

We will be at the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays, from 8-10:30 a.m. selling tickets. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. The April 4, meeting will also begin at 10:30 a.m.



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If Hazel can line dance every day at 92, so can you!

By Julie Narancich
Hazel Donnelly is a prime example of dedication to line dancing. Hazel celebrated her 92nd birthday in October and she is still a faithful member of line dancing on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Hazel is originally from Ontario, Canada, however, she and her husband, Harold, moved to On Top of the World from Appleton, Wisconsin.

Hazel is a retired registered nurse and has worked at hospitals across Canada.

Hazel and Harold have been married for more than 60 years.

The line dancers are getting ready to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Pa-



rade here at On Top of the World. We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, March 9.

Mary Becker is still collecting the annual \$5 membership fee from our members. Please remember to present your On Top of the World identification card along with your money to Mary.

This is a great time to learn line dancing. We have wonderful individual instruction and provide moral support, so please 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 lessons start at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for 30 minutes. The beginner lessons are extremely helpful. We welcome everyone 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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St. Patrick's Day parade set for 10 a.m. March 9

By Mary Skaarer

It's almost that time again, so get your shamrocks and greenery out of the closet as you will be needing them.

St Patrick's Day is fast approaching.

The grand parade will be on March 9 starting promptly at 10 a.m. The parade route will be coming down World Parkway Boulevard with all the pomp and circumstance this warrants.

St. Patrick, himself, will be smiling and, who knows, he may be heard singing, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

Once again we had another outstanding show from Ken McBride, who received a standing ovation for a most loved song, "You raise me up," who he dedicated to our very own Betty Eggleton.

Indeed, it was a most delightful performance with all the many old and new songs we all love and cherish.

In addition, Ken blasted out his



Irish Club

famous rendition of "Phantom of the Opera" to the highest of notes together with his exceptional talent on piano.

The finale, too, was truly amazing when he gave a glowing tribute in song to all segments of our military, with the audience so proudly taking part in the flag waving.

Astounding applause rang out and from all accounts it is understood this performance will be remembered for long and many a day.

Good job Ken!

Please make your reservations early for the upcoming St. Pat's dinner dance 5:30 p.m. on March 13 at the East Activity Center.

The entree selection will be

corned beef and cabbage or chicken. BYOB. This surely will prove to be a fun event.

For those of you who like clogging, or don't like to clog, you can waltz or sing a song to the lovely Irish music of "Tommy and Sharon."

Last, but not least, our next business meeting will be 7 p.m. on March 22 in the EAC. Refreshments and desserts will be served - come and enjoy!

Also, please mark your calendars for another fun event.

For April 8, our annual picnic will be held at Philippe Park Shelter No. 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost will be \$3 for members and \$5 non-members.

Please bring your own tablecover, along with beverage - (non alcoholic) and dessert to share.

I will be watching for all of you at the Irish desk at between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays in the EAC to get your tickets for above events.



Philosophy Club

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 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.

'Bon Worth' fashion show set for Saturday, March 16

By Mary Widman

Many thanks to the "Premier Dancers" for their wonderful show after our February meeting.

We have a special treat for our members at our March 2 meeting. It is our Strawberry Fling.

March brings us our spring fashion show. Fashions are by "Bon Worth." Time is 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. Tickets are \$3.

For April we will have a picnic at noon at Philippe Park. This special event, will be catered and held on Saturday, April 6. Tickets for this event are \$5. Don't miss out on this fun day. We will carpool.

On Saturday, May 4, we will have a Spring lunch. Cost is \$5. The time is to be announced.

Remember, our club meetings are held on the first Saturday of each



Singles Club

month at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for our coming events will be sold every Monday and Thursday from 9-10:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center. If you have any questions about our club or activities call our Club President Dorothy Carpenito at 796-4460.

If you know of any member who is ill and needs a note of good cheer, call our sunshine lady Mary Widman at 796-1184.



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Next, we had a computer (his wife).

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I was recently asked if I tweet.

I answered "No, but I toot!"

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need any more gadgets. The remote for TV and the opener for the garage door are about all we can handle. I'm still trying to learn how to use the cordless phone. Although I have had it for some time, I still run around the house looking for it when it rings in the kitchen or bathroom.

At the grocery store, it's still "paper or plastic?" You'd think they could settle on something themselves.

Now when they ask, I say it doesn't matter. I ask for "Bi-sackual" and they stare at me with a blank look.

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To enjoy a bottle of good wine, open the bottle and allow it to breathe. If it doesn't look like it's breathing, give it "mouth to mouth."

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It doesn't matter if the glass is half-empty or half full, there's clearly room for more wine.

Wine is cheaper than gas – drink, but please don't drive.

I drink wine because I don't like to keep things bottled up.

The biggest lie I tell myself is that I don't need to write it down – I'll remember it.

Here's one thing I remember: As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point your way.

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More than 80 greyhounds expected for club's annual birthday bash

By Bill Sharpsteen

Would you and your greyhound like to join us on Saturday, March 9, when we walk in the Irish Club's St Patrick's Day Parade?

Please let Bill O'Sharpsteen know. We hope to have many greyhounds supporting the Irish Club on their big day.

Our 10th anniversary Birthday Bash will be Sunday, March 10 with the event running from noon to 4 p.m. A catered buffet meal will be served from 1-3 p.m. Shelter No. 2 at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor. We will be right near the water with 80 greyhounds and 150 people joining us for this Big Celebration!

If you need tickets, please call



Greyhound Club

Bill at 797-7977 and he will reserve yours at the same price of \$13 per person or \$35 for a family. This will be a nice outing and you will be well fed on Pollo Asada (roasted mojo chicken), chargrilled skirt steak served on soft tacos with an assortment of salsas, leafy green salad, beans and yellow rice, mint tea and something sweet....

Of course, there will be birthday

cake!

It will be fun watching all the greyhounds participate in contests and enjoy this beautiful natural setting!

We will also have a famous guest with us, who previously appeared in an On Top of the World article last year. Meet "Freeway," the greyhound who fell out of a track transporter vehicle at 35 mph on I75 near Gainesville. We named him Freeway due to his ordeal. His vetting cost over \$11,000 but we covered it with generous donations across the US from 35 states and three countries! He will be at the Birthday Bash for hugs and pictures.

Always remember, we meet every third Friday during "Third Friday" in downtown Safety Harbor. We set up

next on Friday, March 15, at Second Avenue and Main Street to show off our greyhounds for adoption. We also continue to visit several ALFs in the county each month to bring cheer to their residents with our "Gentle Giants!"

Please add our OTOW Greyhound club meetings to your calendar. We meet the third Thursday of each month. Our next meetings are March 21 and April 18, at 11 a.m.

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!

Good Neighbors, Salvation Army bring you Easter morning service

Well, this is March and spring will be here soon - not that the weather hasn't been wonderful.

The big events this month are the Flea Market and Craft Show. By the time you read this article they will be underway or over.

Don't forget our Easter Sunrise Service organized by the Good Neighbors Association. Music will be provided by the Salvation Army Band and Chorus.

SCA and Good Neighbors are purchasing some replacement chairs for the pools.

In April, we are planning another straw draw on Good Neighbors Thursday, so we need those good unused items you want to get rid of. Drop them off at the Gift Shoppe.

Building reps, don't forget your

Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

meeting the second Thursday of the month in the Large Card Room or Kitchen at 8:45 with Debbie Bonomo. We will discuss issues.

We can always use volunteers, so stop and see me at the Gift Shoppe. I am usually there til 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Don't forget to support the Gift Shoppe. We get new arrivals every Wednesday, so come in and check it out

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Search continues for new coordinator

Our meals are nutritious

By Carl and Betty Leiby

Families "up north" can be assured their loved ones are receiving good nutrition from Meals on Wheels.

Whether the need for Meals on Wheels is age or illness, the service is simply a phone call away to the Neighborly Care Network.

Meals on Wheels can give assistance to residents who are arriving home from the hospital and need help with meals. Plus, a caring neighbor is there to check up on a client Monday through Friday.

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Meals On Wheels

ents love their volunteers and enjoy meeting their neighbors. They bring delicious, hot meals planned by a Neighborly Care Network dietician. The meal is well balanced with an interesting variety each month, including

a main entrée, vegetables, salad, bread, fruit, milk and often a dessert.

New volunteers are always welcome to help deliver meals to a home-bound neighbor. Time required is from 10 a.m. to noon.

OTOW Meals on Wheels is also looking for a new coordinator. If a new coordinator is not found soon, local clients will have to join a Clearwater service, which currently has a waiting list. If you would like more information on volunteering as the coordinator, contact Carl or Betty Leiby at 727-791-3861.

The Neighborly Care Network also has other services available to keep seniors independent and in their own homes. The color bus, you see, will take residents to Dunedin to join other seniors for lunch, social entertainment, cards, bingo and music. Skilled nursing, physical therapy and home health aides are also available.

Service to Senior Day Care and transportation to the doctor are available.

For more information on the Neighborly Care Network, call (727) 573-9444.



WANTED:

Meals on Wheels coordinator for On Top of the World

Carl and Betty Leiby will soon be stepping down as Meals on Wheels coordinators for On Top of the World.

If this position is not filled, OTOW residents will have to depend on Meals on Wheels in Clearwater for service and there is currently a waiting list. The coordinator does not deliver meals, but organizes deliveries. It is a 7-day a week volunteer job, which often requires finding new drivers and scheduling. For more information, call Carl or Betty at 791-3861.



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Experience some of your favorite show scenes from years past

By Lilli Scheifen

The month of March is upon us and with it comes spring, St. Patrick's Day and, most of all, the annual Theater Workshop show!

Spring is the season for renewal and rebirth. Just look at all the trees beginning to blossom as the sun gets higher in the sky and the breezes become much warmer.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated with more gusto in the United States than in Ireland. Corned beef and ale are consumed, and Irish jigs and dances take place at many pubs. The On Top of the World St. Patrick's Day Parade is a cause for celebration and fun with bands, floats, local officials, dignitaries and many of our own clubs marching – a yearly delight for participants and onlookers.

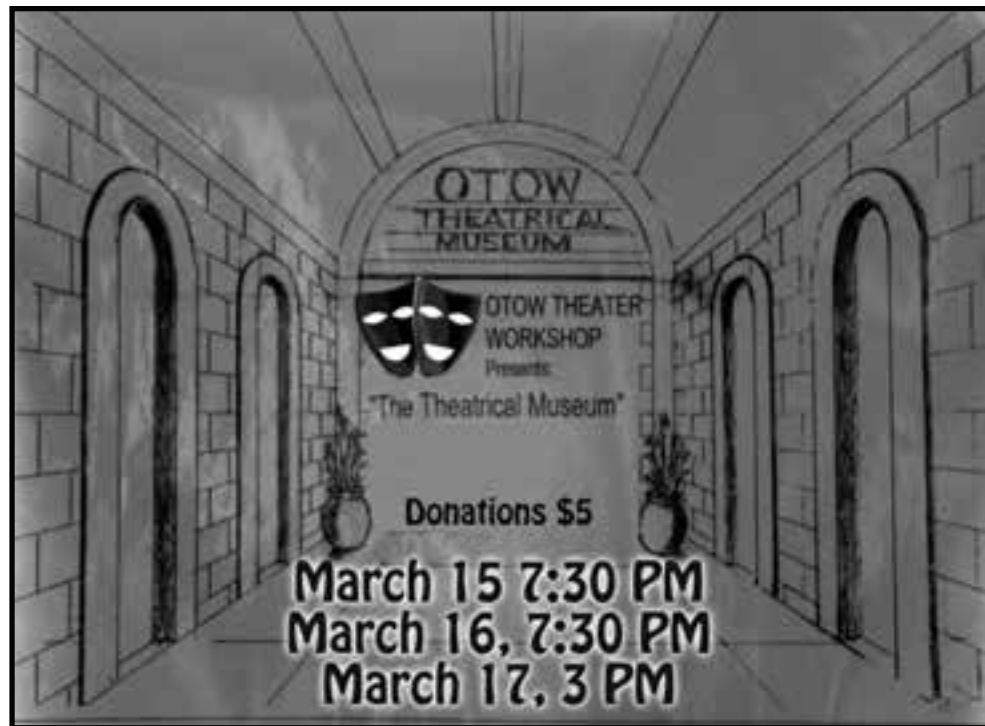
At Theater Workshop, we contribute a tip of the proverbial hat by celebrating the Irish in our upcoming show, "OTOW Theatrical Museum," with a recreation of "Riverdance"



Theater Workshop

featuring our lovely lady dancers. The toe-tapping dance is not for the out-of-shape among us and the ladies put their best "feet" forward. Michael Flatley couldn't make it, so we will carry on without him – his loss!

When you attend our production, you may recognize some of the acts from previous shows. You may be sitting there saying, "I remember when so-and-so did that. What a treat to be



seeing it again in a whole new light!"

This is exactly what Theater Workshop is hoping to achieve with our trip to the past, some acts from a long time ago, and some fairly new acts.

Many of our members are selling tickets and/or you can visit our table 8:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays and

Thursdays in the East Activity Center.

The shows are March 15, 16 and 17 in the EAC auditorium. We are working hard in the final days to perfect the show. Sometimes we think we will never make it in time, but things all seem to come together when the curtain goes up. It will be a privilege to share the fruits of our labor with you.

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St. Joseph Dinner Dance set for Wednesday, March 20

By Gary J Gates

We are doing another race outing at Tampa Bay Downs and there are a limited number of tickets available.

The outing will be Wednesday, March 13. Get your tickets early, first come first served.

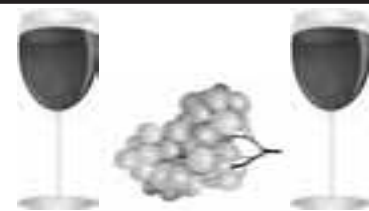
On Wednesday, March 20, we will have our St. Joseph Dinner Dance with an Italian buffet from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

The menu will be antipasto salad, stuffed shells, meatballs, chicken parmesan, eggplant parmesan, bread and butter, wine and St. Joseph pastry. Entertainment will be provided by Carlo.

Cost for members is \$16 and non-members \$20. You may BYOB. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

On Wednesday, April 3, our annual picnic will take place at Philippe Park, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with hot dogs, hamburgers, pepper and sausage and games. Cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

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tivity Center from 8:30 -10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Our April 17 meeting will be at 5:30 and is for members only. A pizza party will follow, but you must get \$1 tickets in advance. Tickets are sold every Monday and Thursday in the East Activity Center from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Join us for a \$4 membership.

The club needs help. At this time, Pete LaPorta and myself are no longer in the running to be president of our club. The club is in need of a few members to step up. At the present time the club has four good members directing the month-to-month operation. We need a new president.

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The Jesters 34th annual musical variety show took place in mid-February with three shows for On Top of the World residents. The show was called 'Our Favorite Things' and featured music, dancing and comedy. The producer was John Kannaly and his crew consisted of Tony Baker, Pat Cummisky, Carol Muntzenberger, Eileen Hawk, Bernee Krause, Donna Bittner, Bob Krause, Donna Ryan, Ocean and Laura Dekker and George Shenkel. Pictured above is one of the scenes entitled 'Cell Block Tango' where a bunch of OTOW inmates got on stage and explained why they committed murder. The skit left the audience in laughter. From left to right are Carol Muntzenberger, Joann Mar-
rick, Betty Baker, Eileen Hawk, Donna Ryan, Pat Cummisky and Roger Nicoll. (OTOW News photo by George Swiderski)

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As usual, this evening is intended to recognize the achievements of all past presidents, and they and their spouses were heralded in to pipe music.

President and dance organizer Andy McEvoy (although Andy gives

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Baby Boomers going green

By Katarina Tepesh

Our Baby Boomers group visited the fabulous Ringling Estate, home to a variety of unique venues: an art museum, circus museums, a historic home, an elegant theater, and we strolled in 66-acres of bay front beautiful gardens near Sarasota.

We are currently getting ready - more so this year than ever before - to participate in the On Top of the World St. Patrick's Day parade.

We will be dressed in green and will be inviting our OTOW neighbors to come join us at one of our monthly meetings. We will introduce you to our functions and activities.

From street concerts to cultural events, especially dancing, we go kayaking at Lake Arbor on OTOW's west side, as well as ride bicycles, play golf, play tennis, swim and do our daily stretching exercises.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all-volunteer group. All of us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events. In addition to two monthly meetings, we communicate via email, Facebook, Box Office and Channel 96/720.

We meet the first Wednesday and third Thursday in each month. Therefore we are meeting on March 6 and March 21 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. Following the meeting, we will attend a Happy Hour at a restaurant/bar such as Nauti Nancy, Varsity Club, Cody's or Whistle Stop. For more information, send an email to Katarina at katarina2379@gmail.com



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Snowbirds preparing a western party to say ‘adios Amigos’ to folks heading north

By John Koning

As Media Editor for your Snowbirds Club, my job is to communicate club information clearly and effectively. With that in mind, please take note of this important announcement from your organizing committee:

Howdy, pilgrims! We sure hope y’all are fixin’ ta mosey on over to our Wild, Wild West Party on March 24. Y’all can tie up yer horse on the rail outside, and yer pardner, too, if yer so inclined.

We reckon to git started at 5:30 with some rib ticklin’ viddles, served up right to yer table by some right friendly folks. Then git ready fer some foot stompin’ to them line dancing songs y’all like so much, under direction of the plum purdy Dolly Foland.

After that we’re fixin’ to bring on our amigos, At Large, (we call ‘em El Grande). They’ll keep y’all dancin’ ‘till they wear themselves plum out. We reckon y’all won’t never fergit it!

Now folks, it’s a wild wild shindig, but we still gotta have some rules:

Y’all don’t need to wear western duds. We like city duds, too. Not too fancy mind ya!

If y’all bin wearin’ yer boots fer more than a month, y’all need to leave ‘em outside the door.

You gunslingers gotta leave yer irons at the



Snowbirds Club

bar, but keep yer smiles with y’all.

Don’t tie yer horse up under the awning. It puts a burr under some cowpokes’ saddles.

So mosey on over and help us say adios to our northern amigos!

This concludes the announcement. Thank you for your kind attention. If you require any more information about Snowbirds Club activities, you can visit us in the East Activity Center Monday and Thursday mornings. You can also peruse a wide range of information, including the continuing summer activities for our “Sunbirds” as we affectionately call them, at www.snowbirdsotow.com.



Club golf outing set for March 21

By Dan Hyden

Hoosier Club members have enjoyed good fellowship and many events since our fall schedule began last November.

The events have included Christmas Dinner at the Island Way Grill, New Year’s Eve Party and a luncheon at Johnny’s Italian Restaurant.

In addition, we have had several meetings for playing euchre. The Hoosier Club Euchre Tournament was held Jan. 16 at the West Activity



Hoosier Club

Center’s Sunrise Room. An entertaining and competitive evening ended in a very close contest with Dan Hyden, Shirley Wishmier, and Judy Mieth in

first, second, and third place, respectively.

What promises to be a varied and fun-filled schedule of remaining Hoosier Club events has been planned through April.

The schedule is as follows:

March 5 - General Meeting with special speakers, followed by euchre at 6:30 p.m.

March 9 - St. Patrick’s Day Parade at 8:30 a.m..

March 21 - 18 Hole and 9 Hole Golf Outing at 12:30 p.m.

Theatre outing at Capitol Theatre on Cleveland Street in Clearwater - date to be determined.

April 2 - General Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

April 17 - Game Night with cheese and wine tasting at 6:30 p.m.

April 18 - Euchre Tournament at 6 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

February Photo Search Answers

1. Extra light pole

2. Dolphin logo on shirt

3. Women’s shoes

4. Closest dolphin’s eyes

5. Handbag missing

6. Ground spotlight missing

7. Word on closest dolphin

8. Yellow wall of background building

9. Wrist band missing on man

10. Spot missing on third dolphin

Frances FitzPatrick grew up hating Florida, now she is a fixture at On Top of the World

Getting to Know You

A monthly feature about the people in your On Top of the World community.

by John Koning

I want to tell you a true story that took place a couple of years ago.

It's a story about a boy and a girl from different countries and diverse racial roots.

His folks came from the land of klompen and her ancestors hailed from the Emerald Isle.

These two first met on the Internet. She had something he desperately wanted and she did everything in her power to make sure he got it.

It is the story of how this reporter first met Frances FitzPatrick. You didn't think it was about something else, did you?

Fran was selling tickets for the New Years Bash at the East Activity Center and I was north of the 49th parallel with no way to pay for tickets that were disappearing fast.

Without knowing me, Fran took me at my word and slipped a couple of tickets aside with no more than a promise to pay for them at some point before the party.

I learned something that day about Fran and I learned about selling tickets "old school."

How Fran came to On Top of the World from the Bronx, N.Y., is one of her many entertaining stories. You see, she hated Florida, or at least she thought she did, until she agreed to visit her sister in Tarpon Springs, and then, only if her sister would wait on her hand and foot.

Since Fran had already come all this way, she decided to go a bit fur-

ther south and pay a visit to "Junior" in Clearwater. To the uninitiated, "Junior" is her first cousin, OTOW News reporter Tom Brennan, who was living here and is still here.

To make a short story shorter, before the sun had set on that fateful November evening, Fran was the proud owner of an apartment in OTOW. A few weeks later, on Dec. 22 of that year, she flew back down from up north for an interview.

"Can you believe it?" Fran says with mock disbelief. "It cost me a fortune to fly all the way back here so I could pay \$50 bucks and they could make sure I wasn't wacko!"

If you're of the impression that Fran uses colorful language and loves to tell stories, you can trust your instincts. Story telling is one of Fran's many gifts.

Another of Fran's talents is getting things done. Evelyn Flam was quick to pick up on that strength and enlisted Fran eight years ago as she walked across the EAC floor one morning.

"That was the end of my former life as I knew it," states Fran with a hint of pride.

Since that day, she has worked tirelessly for the Entertainment Committee and forged a strong friendship with the Flams. She is clearly impressed by their "git 'er done" attitude.

"People complain about them," Fran says cleverly. "Marvin is kinda bossy," she pauses, "and Evelyn is



Hazel Kelly and Frances FitzPatrick

even worse," Fran states with a mischievous grin.

Together, Fran and the Flams have impacted our community like few others. From Good Neighbors to The Blue Book to the Jesters, Fran, and those who work with her, are a force to be reckoned with.

To anyone who has heard Fran's life story, this shouldn't come as a surprise. This mother of three successful children has done it all, from transcending an oppressive educational system to raising a family on her own to flourishing as a career woman in a man's world.

All this can be attributed to the fact that Fran never backs down in the

face of adversity.

When I asked her if there was anything she misses about the past, Fran gave me her modus operandi for life, "I don't miss anything. I don't regret anything. I don't live in the past."

Wise words.

Now that she faces some health issues, Fran is trying to learn to slow down, but she remains in the thick of things through, you guessed it, the Internet. When it comes to Fran FitzPatrick, WYSIWYG.

Do you know someone in our community whom we should get to know? Send your suggestions to jck@johnkoning.com



visit the otowclearwaterinfo.com Website, click the Rec Centers link followed by the Box Office link

ON TOP OF THE WORLD



Yes! The real Joey Dee is playing here!

"A Big Thank You" to everyone who has come out to support the 2013 Entertainment Committee (EC).

Several people said they love the free prizes given away at our shows and dances, but wanted to know how winners are selected.

The process is simple.

When you buy an admission ticket for an EC event, a free drawing ticket with your name and phone number on it goes into a box. At our monthly Board Meeting, three tickets are pulled for each of that month's events. The winners are announced at the shows and dances. If you are not present, you will receive a phone call so you can pick up your prize.

It's another way we say Thank You for your support.



**Hazel
Kelly**

Chairperson

We have some exciting events coming up this month and - to answer the lady who asked about our March 7 show - "Yes!" It's the real Joey Dee coming here!

Joey Dee brings a touch of nos-

talgia you won't soon forget.

On March 21, we have a tribute to the Carpenters, which will bring back timeless music that made Richard and Karen the best-selling artists of all time.

On the dance scene, we have a new band coming in March 9 for our Spring roundup. They are called "Bump In The Road" and, having seen them perform, I can tell you that they play a full range of '50s to '90s music, and specialize in '70s classic rock.

That Saturday night, however, they are going to devote one segment of the dance to country music. So put on your western gear and maybe win a prize for the best country-western outfit.

On March 23 we have our Eas-

ter Parade Dance with Flashback, and, yes, we will have an Easter Bonnet Contest. Men and couples can also enter the contest.

Sunday In The Park is free and will be on March 10 at the East Activity Center, featuring Special Arrangement, a barbershop quartet who are four-part a cappella harmonizers and love to share their gift of song.

A heads-up on two reserve early events: We're going to have a cabaret-style show on Friday, April 19, featuring long-time favorite Bobby Palermo. The cost is only \$10.

For those of you who go north for the summer, we want you to know that Thanksgiving Dinner will be back here in the EAC. Make your reservations now before you fly north.

TWO EVENTS ADDED TO EC'S APRIL SCHEDULE



**FRIDAY NIGHT - APRIL 19, 2013
SPECIAL CABARET SHOW**

BOBBY PALERMO

America's #1 Neil Diamond Impersonator

7:30 PM - BYOB - \$10

Tickets Available

Monday and Thursday 8:30 to 10:30 AM at the EAC
For information call: 797-4106 or Email: entcom13@aol.com



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OUTING**
Come play
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Tournament

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**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUNDAY
APRIL 21 - NOON - GOLF TOURNAMENT**

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THUR
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THURSDAY NITE SHOW-7:30pm-\$15



JOEY DEE



AND THE STARLIGHTERS

THE GREATEST SHOW IN ROCK 'N ROLL

SAT
9



SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE-8pm-\$8

SPRING FORWARD

Music by BUMP IN THE ROAD

Puts Your Dancing in High Gear

SUN
10



SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK - 2pm - FREE

"SPECIAL ATTRACTION"

BARBERSHOP QUARTET

4 PART HARMONIES and DELIGHTFUL HUMOR

THUR
21



THURSDAY NITE SHOW-7:30pm-\$15

CARPENTER'S

TRIBUTE SHOW

The Timeless, Legendary CARPENTER'S Sound

SAT
23



SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE-8pm-\$8

EASTER PARADE

OTOW Loves FLASHBACK!

Bring Your Finest Easter Bonnet



PREVIEW OF APRIL EVENTS

APRIL 11 - Show - VINNIE TALARICO

APRIL 13 - Dance - RICHIE V

APRIL 14 - Sunday in the Park - AL FORMAN

APRIL 19 - SPECIAL Friday Show - BOBBY PALERMO

APRIL 27 - Dance - BITTERSWEET



TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY AND THURSDAY AT THE EAC - 8:30 TO 10:30



Stop by the tennis courts at 8 a.m. March 12 and meet our new instructor

By Laura Evans

Want to “forget your worries?”

Take up tennis.

Got bills, to-do lists, challenges of life?

Tennis is like taking a vacation.

The game teaches us how hitting a tennis ball across the net can be a pleasurable moment.

The secret, of course, is hoping your opponent will return the ball so you can hit it again.

Which leads to the introduction of Greg Reardon, nationally ranked (men 50 and over) player who is ranked in the top 10 players in Florida.

Greg answered our plea for help and these past few months has coached a few chosen students from the women’s side of the court.

A snapshot of his lessons: Communication skills on the court (com-



Ted Rost uses perfect form to teach tennis buddies Woon Young Rye, Vic Collier and Dean Baker how to serve.

plaining about yourself, does not increase the odds of a good return). He teaches playing the net, holding the racquet correctly, and the most important skill, the power of being positive which can carry you into the rest of

the day.

Greg coaches, tells stories and is encouraging. He also teaches children how to play tennis.

So, there’s a good chance his students will leave the tennis court with

Tennis

a positive attitude, because he knows how to make sure a child doesn’t go home crying, which comes in handy with our age group.

We are ready to share Greg with the rest of On Top of the World. We have convinced him there are many people here who have a deep desire to play tennis, yet want proven good lessons. He has agreed to help us out.

At 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, we will host an open tennis event that will allow you to observe and ask questions about classes.

Come on down and evaporate your worries. For more information, contact Laura Evans at 799-1410.

Cookout planned before season ends

By Marge Sivek

In January, 19 of our shuffleboard players enjoyed breakfast together at the Farmer Boy Restaurant.

We are now planning a cookout this month before everyone leaves to go back north.

It is not too late to join shuffleboard. Join us Mondays or Thursdays

Shuffleboard

at 1:30 p.m. and learn the game. We will be glad to teach you.

The following players won three games in January.

3: Kasy Linkewich, Charlie McKague, Larry Henderson, Paul Santacrocce.

7: Paul Santacrocce, Bob Rittner, Doreen Paine.

10: Bob Rittner, Larry Henderson.

14: Doris Brown, Bob Rittner, Kasy Linkewich, Marge Sivek, Virginia

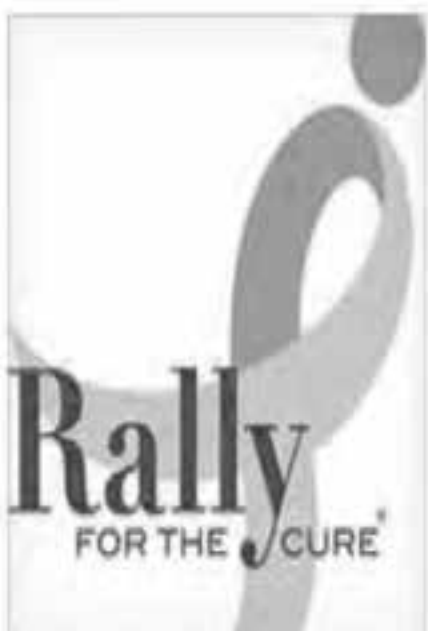
Butler, Larry Henderson.

21: Jose Pereira, Doris Brown, Bridget Dwyer, Doreen Paine.

24: Doris Brown, Bob Rittner, Larry Henderson.

28: Larry Henderson, Chris Paine, Jose Pereira, Inez Linkewich.

31: Paul Santacrocce, Doreen Paine, Jose Pereira.



RALLY FOR THE CURE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, April 3, 8:30 Shotgun Scrambler

Members of all OTOW golf leagues are welcome.

\$20 donation goes to RALLY FOR THE CURE
\$7 is for dinner. Information regarding sign-up and payment is currently posted on the Ladies 9-Hole, Ladies 18-Hole and Men’s League bulletin boards.

You do not need to play in the tournament to attend the dinner. Dinner tickets are available at the 18-Hole Green House on March 5 and 19 between 7-9 a.m. and on March 6 and 20 between 7-10 a.m. For information call Arlene Hanson at 475-8253 or Jackie Woloszyn at 796-7969.

SAVE THE DATE!

Deadline to signup and pay is March 20.



Presidents Tournament set for March 19 and 26 and next month's Rally for the Cure is April 2

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Here we are halfway through our league play season and what fun we have had so far.

The weather has been excellent and we have had anywhere between 30-35 players per week.

It is great seeing all you ladies out in our beautiful Florida weather while many of us have families and friends up North shoveling all that white fluffy stuff!

Weekly Awards

February 5

Flight A – Connie Saylor and Jean Norris.

Flight B –Doris Prekopa, Carol Kapoor, Ann Stewart and Dorothy Ryan.

Flight C – Verona Titus, Nancy

Ladies 9-Hole

House, Vayna Cormier and Marge Sivek.

Flight D – Ginger Murphy, Nancy Geyer, Dolly Foland, Pat Murray, Hilda Platte and Pat Palladino.

Birdies – Jean Norris on No. 3

February 12

Flight A – Ellen Gilbert, Jean Norris and Anna Hyden.

Flight B – Alice Wilson, Doris Prekopa, Dee Cellitti and Theresa Gates.

Flight C – Vayna Cormier, Marge Sivek, Karen Johnson and Madeline Nawrocky.

Flight D – Pat Palladino, Nan-

cy Parlatore, Ginger Murphy, Romy Brady and Dolly Foland.

Birdies – Marge Sivek on No. 2, Ellen Gilbert on No. 2 and Dolly Foland No. 5

Eagle – Vayna Cormier on No. 5.

Our Flight Tournament was held on Feb. 19 and 26 with 34 players competing. The Presidents Tournament will be held on March 19 and 26, so be sure to sign up for this event. The winners for the two tournaments will be announced at our annual Spring Luncheon that will be held on Thursday, April 4.

Rally for the Cure is scheduled for April 2 and registration is underway for this event. We would like to donate a couple of baskets that will be

raffled off at the dinner, so if you have any items you would like to contribute to the cause, such as golf items, wine, spa, etc., it would be greatly appreciated. All questions should be directed to Marge Jacobs, as she is our representative for this event.

The Ladies 9-hole League would like to welcome four new players: Romy Brady, Vayna Cormier, Carol Kapoor and Sue Leich. Welcome ladies and we hope you are enjoying Tuesday mornings with your new golfing buddies.

Don't forget our General Meeting on March 12 at 2:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda. This is our last meeting of the season. Election of league officers will take place during the meeting. A social with snacks and beverages will follow.

No snow scraping necessary to play at our golf course

By Pete Milner

As I was thinking about what I could possibly write about in the March edition of the On Top Of the World newspaper, I had to take a quick trip up north to visit my dear mother who is in a nursing home in Massachusetts and in poor health.

I arrived at the Manchester, N.H., airport on Thursday, Feb. 7, just in time for the famous Blizzard of 2013.

In less than 24 hours, two feet of white stuff fell from the sky as temperatures dropped to 19-degrees.

When I left the airport on Monday, Feb. 11, to return home, I had decided I had had enough winter to last me the rest of my life.

We are so fortunate to be able to enjoy the good weather in Florida and to be able to play golf all year without having to worry about scraping the windshield before driving down the street.

Our Club Championship Tournament took place last month and new champions were crowned. I cannot tell you who they are in this article because of press deadlines, but I can tell you

Men's Golf

with certainty that a good time was had by all.

We also played a "three clubs and a putter" tournament in February.

March 20 will be our monthly tournament, and as usual, food, beer and soft drinks will be enjoyed by all, post tournament. Remember, our monthly tournaments are always an 8:30 a.m., shotgun start.

A reminder to all who sign up for weekly golf to report in at the sign in window at least a half hour before your assigned tee time as a courtesy to your fellow golfers in your foursome. If you signed up to ride, you owe half your cart fee to the other rider.

Thanks to those who have volunteered to work in the shack, signing golfers up and as starters. If you wish to volunteer, whenever you are not playing, see Jack Yorkery.

Until our next article, good golfing and hopefully no one will have to scrape a windshield for the rest of the winter.



By Dominic Contorno

David Marcus had a great hole-in-one on the second hole of the 18 hole course.

You could be sure he was excited. David was playing with Lou Antonucci, John McIntyre and John Waggle.

Congratulations, David on a very good shot. David came back into the pro-shop for his scorecard, as if it were a \$1 million bill. It probably felt like a big bill because it was a big shot.

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Dave Perts dropped off his hole-in-one record so everyone at On Top of the World would know about his success on the course.

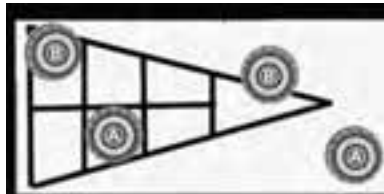
Here is his list:

Oct. 10, 1999 - No. 13, 3 iron; Oct. 15, 2001 - No. 17, 3 wood; Jan. 26, 2001 - No. 16, 4 iron; March 9, 2002 - No. 14 – driver; Nov. 17, 2010 - No. 3, driver; May 1, 2005 (nine hole course) - No. 5, driver.

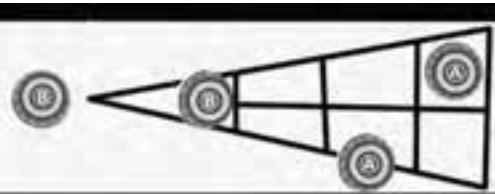
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On Feb. 12, Pat Eastman made her eighth career hole-in-one, which was her third at On Top of the World. Pat used a 7-iron which she purchased for \$1 at a Hospice resale shop on Belcher Road. Her playing group was Berry Gerkin, Barbara Morrison and Deborah Champs.

We will be waiting for number nine. Congratulations!



SPORTS



Hardy golfers simply accept wind as another challenge on the golf course

Thursday Golf has been a challenge over the last month.

We experienced one rain out, two extremely windy tournaments, and one all-day drizzle.

But the hardy golfers came through and the matches were quite competitive.

Week 10 saw Dan Hyden take first place. Mike LaViolette was second and Dave Pittenger won a tiebreaker for third place. There were only two skins collected by Alan Pier and Dan Hyden.

The champion for week 11 was John Maloof. Ken Smith was second and Dan Hyden placed third. Don Leamy walked away with two skins. Ada Culbertson, Duane Hinrichs,

Thursday Golf

John Mullin and Ian Miller each had one skin.

Bob Maynard survived a windy day and was the week 12 champion. Bill Gambacurta took second place and Jack Huerter was third. Mike LaViolette set a new record for the largest skin. He chipped in on the fifth hole and walked away very happy!

The scorecards were very soggy on week 13, but that didn't stop John Maloof from shooting a great score and posting a first place win. Bill Gambacurta took second place with a tiebreaker over Rich Ziembicki,

who settled for third place. Rich was completely disappointed after winning three skins. Vic Ruggiero, Jack Huerter and Bruce MacPherson collected one skin apiece.

The race for league champion has heated up. Mike Laviolette retains the lead with 26 points, John Maloof, with two recent wins, has 25 points. Dennis Smith, Don Leamy and Paul Farrell follow with 21 points each. Dennis Trauffer, Bruce MacPherson and Dan Hyden are next with 19 points. Another 10 players are within striking distance.

The league welcomes new members at any time. All OTOW residents are encouraged to join. The Thursday

League is a mixed league. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format. There is no weekly sign up - if you show up, you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

Anyone wishing to try the league before joining is welcome to do so. Play begins at 11 a.m. and sign-in starts at 10:30 a.m.

We play the course to a Par 67 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow tees where available. For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolf@aol.com.

As weather warms, bats get hot

Good weather apparently brings good games as evident in the first On Top of the World softball games from last month.

In the opener, Tommy's Produce edged OTOW 9-7 on a close defensive game. Tommy's managed to bunch its hits together to score three runs in three different innings.

Bill Lepping, Ken Graham, Lenny Segal, Bob Rittner and Van Farber led the way with multiple hits.

For the losers, Bill Arkins had four hits, Bob Fields blasted a home run, and Tony Caputo, Bob Stoddard and Joe Farrell all had three hits apiece.

Scott's Pharmacy 20
OTOW 11

Scott's Pharmacy blew out

Softball

OTOW with unstoppable hitters, including Lenny Segal, Glen Ohl and Bob Fields with five hits apiece.

Greg Zimmer, Keith Law and Van Farber all had four hits apiece. The defense went three innings without allowing a run.

In defeat, Bill Arkins and Gary Burkett had four hits apiece while Tony Caputo had three hits.

Scott's Pharmacy 14
Cody's Restaurant 12

Greg Zimmer collected five hits as Scott's Pharmacy continued to hit the ball well.

Trevor Dixon added four hits

and Lenny Segal had four hits, including a home run. Jim Pollock and Ken Graham chipped in three hits apiece.

Cody's was led by Guy Bertuzzi and Doug Murray with a home run apiece. Joe Maley and Glen Ohl both had three hits.

Tommy's Produce 18
Scott's Pharmacy 12

Hitting was about even, but Tommy's Produce was still able to win by six runs.

Tommy's collected 30 hits, including five singles by Gary Burgett. Guy Bertuzzi, Joe Farrell and Bob Rittner all had four hits.

Scott's Pharmacy tallied 28 hits, including home runs by Bill Lepping and Lenny Segal. Bill finished with five

hits and Lenny with four hits.

The game was close until the end, but Tommy's scored six runs in the final inning.

Cody's 22

Scott's Pharmacy 13

Cody's Restaurant collected 34 hits as a team and scored in every inning. Ten runs crossed the plate in the final three innings.

Leading the barrage was Bill Lepping and Bob Fields with five hits apiece. Lenny Segal poked his third home run of the month and finished with four hits. Greg Zimmer and Bob Rittner had four hits apiece.

In the loss, Bill Arkins belted five hits, Doug Murray had four hits, including a home run, and Glen Ohl had four hits.



St. Patrick's Day Parade
10 a.m., March 9
World Parkway Blvd.





Our billiards club is a great mix of veteran members and new members

When you join the Que'T Billiards Club, you will meet some wonderful, talented, funny women, who will welcome you as if you've been playing here forever.

For example, meet Ellen Frederick, a retired registered nurse, who is one of the original members of our club.

Ellen told us that the president of the club encouraged her to join and "there were only six or eight of us then." Ellen played with her husband before that time, but was happy to have the instruction that was offered.

Ellen is originally from Pennsylvania, but has lived in Florida since 1979 and in OTOW for the past 15 years. In addition to Que'T, Ellen stays busy doing alterations at home and volunteers by calling bingo. Watch for her in the next Theater Workshop Show in March!

Karen Ball, a retired registered nurse from Northern Vermont, is one of our newest members. She joined our club in January. She heard about Que'T from a member who lives in her building. Although she never played pool before, she and her best friend joined and are fast advancing in their skills.

Karen is a Snowbird who lives on the East Side and enjoys riding her bike and travelling. When at home



Karen Ball and Ellen Frederick

in Vermont, she camps, hikes, sews and knits, but "when I'm down here, I don't bring projects," she said. "It's

time for relaxation!"

Come join Ellen, Karen and all of us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.



Que'T Billiards

in the West Activity Center Billiards Room. All OTOW women are welcome and there is no need to know the game when you first come. We are lucky enough to have wonderful coaches who patiently spend time helping us learn this fun game.

League Tournament

Que'T women competed during the last week in January. Maureen Doire took first place, Sandy Wall second and Becky Balderson third. Congratulations!

The next Guys and Dolls Tournament took place Feb. 28. Results will be posted in the April newspaper.

A special Thank You goes out to Helen Crombie for making chalk holders for all of us on the team.

For more information on our club, call Becky Balderson, President at 727-674-1733 or email her at becky@beckybalderson.com

Allen Pier wins all four, eight-ball, A Flight events

There were four Monday night eight-ball tournaments last month and Allen Pier won all of them in the A Flight.

Four different opponents took second place.

In week one, Bill Robertson was second and Howard Wilson was third. In week two, John Fier was second and Norm Theriault was third.

In week three, Denny Balderson was runner-up and Herb Jordan was third. In week four, Herb Jordan was runner-up and Pat Elliott was third.

In the B Flight, the exact opposite took place. There were four different winners.



Men's Billiards

Mario Rodriguez was the first week winner, followed Gene Baranowski in second and John Fier in third.

Dan Iacovelli took top honors in week two. Joe Doire was second and

Nick Sapienza was third.

In week three, Nick Sapienza was the winner, Charles McKagne was the runner-up and Joe Doire was third.

In the final week, Ray Quirion was the champion, Dan Iacovelli was second and Joe Doire was third.

The Men's Billiards Club also hosted Thursday Night eight-ball scotch doubles last month.

Norm Theriault captured two titles with two different partners.

Norm and Bob Ellis finished with the win in week two. Tony Baker and Gene Baranowski took second place. There was a tie for third between the teams of Allen Pier and

Terry Wittman, and Bill Robertson and Ray Diguilio.

In week four, Norm teamed with Garry Patrick for the title. Bill Robertson and Joe Ventimiglia were second. Gene Baranowski and Bob Ellis were third.

The month opened with Bill Robertson and Mario Rodriguez taking first place, followed by Allen Pier and Nick Sapienza in second, and Joe Doire and Mike Elliott in third.

In week three, Mike Elliott and Bob Ellis were the champions. Allen Pier and Mario Rodriguez were the runners-up. Norm Theriault and Ray Diguilio were third.

SPORTS

Bob Eads, Denny Balderson, Frank English win past titles

If you have free time on a Tuesday afternoon, join a men's billiards nine-ball tournament

After a Jan. 22 playoff game between Bob Eads and Joe Doire, Bob came out on top in men's 9-ball tournament action.

Denny Balderson took first place and Gene Baranowski placed second at both the Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 tournaments.

On Feb. 12, Frank English placed first while Denny Balderson took second place.

If you don't know Andy Suhar, come on over to the billiards room in the West Activity Center on Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. when Andy holds a 9-ball round-robin tournament for anyone interested in playing. Just bring your activity card and join him. A strong field exists in each very popular, fun and challenging tournament.

Andy is a member at large of the Men's Billiard Club. He is also running for President this year. Andy is co-founder of the Ladies Que't Billiards



Men's 9-Ball

Club and he started the first Guys and Dolls Annual Billiard Tournament.

Andy is responsible for setting up different formats, which now exist in both the Men's Billiard Club and Ladies Que't Club. Such formats include the round-robin format, and the men's flights. We also draw chips for partners to try to keep the competition equal.



Gene Baranowski and Denny Balderson were second and first, respectively, in back-to-back tournaments.

Lawn Bowl Club awards life membership status to John Wigle

By Bob Laplante

The beginning of March is perhaps the busiest time of the year for lawn bowlers.

It heralds the culmination of the tournament season and has the year end activities.

February saw the Valentine's Day fun tournament, which is open to those just beginning to bowl, as well as the seasoned veterans. The luncheon following the morning play was coordinated by Pat Murray and her crew of helpers.

Unluckily, the weather did not fully cooperate and rained out the last of the four games scheduled for the morning.

Fortunately, we had Paul Evans serve as the draw-master, who restructured play into two tournaments - the first with two games and the second with only one game. Well done, Paul.

The 4-3-2-1 Triples Tournament was held on February 21 and 22. Results will be posted in the April edition. This tournament uses an alter-



John Wigle

native method of scoring in that both three-person teams may score with the four closest bowls to the target score 4, 3, 2 or 1 point, thus the descriptor 4-3-2-1.

It's never too late to receive instruction on how to lawn bowl. Membership fees paid after March 1 apply to the subsequent year. If interested in being trained so you can play next autumn, contact Trevor Colby or leave your name at the club and a trainer will

contact you to answer any questions that you may have.

The Past Presidents' dinner dance was held on Feb. 27 with a theme of Calypso Carnavale. Participants dressed in casual tropical attire or Island costumes for this event. Catering was provided by Marguerite's and the DJ was Frank Labano. A special thanks is extended to all who chipped in to make this event a highlight of the Lawn Bowl Club's social Calendar. Past Presidents were duly recognized with the appreciation expressed for their past service.

A highlight of the evening was the awarding of a Life Membership status to John Wigle, who served as President during the 2004-2005 year, but his contribution goes much beyond. As a consummate volunteer, John devotes time each week to Habitat for Humanity, the OTOW Chorus, his church in Dunedin and any other of a number of opportunities to serve the community at large.

As for the Lawn Bowls Club,

John's training has been a gift. He reviews the books each year. He has chaired the ratings committee for a number of years; this is the Committee that issues rating levels to each player according to their level of ability.

The club has received a number of compliments over the years for the appearance and care of the grounds that is performed by volunteers. John has consistently offered his service to these work parties.

During the reviews of policies and procedures, John offered his experience and counsel to ensure that the final product was accurate **and reflected the members views**.

Although all of the aforementioned are commendable, John's greatest contribution is his outgoing and friendly personality. He always makes new bowlers feel at ease and has developed a very positive relationship with the old timers as well. The lawn bowlers are proud to have John Wigle recognized as their newest Life Member.

Show your patriotism and sing with us during two special concerts in April

By Ilene Bargerstock
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One of the things that attracted me to On Top of the World was the facades on the buildings representing many countries and places around the world.

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

Learn Chinese

A new class on learning the Chinese language, letter characters and history, will begin on Friday, March 8 from 10-11 a.m.

On Top of the World resident Jay Chang will be teaching the first class for free to anyone who wants to learn more about the Chinese language.

The class will take place in the East Activity Center Blue Room. If the class is successful, follow-up classes will take place next fall.

For more information, contact Jay at 444-0223 or check out our Web page on the Box Office Web site.

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Tasha is an 11-year-old Bichon Frise owned by Jean Nicolaus of the Americana Building since February of 2012. Jean says Tasha is such a good girl. She never barks, and is so wonderful with everyone, including people, cats and other dogs. She is a true pleasure to own!

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

Find 10 Differences In The Two Photos Below (answers will appear in next month's newspaper)

Photo at left courtesy of Michelle Kalanja, butterfly farm in the Virgin Islands.



OTOW-TV Channels 96 and 720



New resident brings a wealth of talent to OTOW

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Let me tell you about a “Jack (or maybe ‘Jill’) of all Arts” who now lives in our building. Her name is Penny Page.

Penny moved to On Top of the World in August after retiring and she quickly settled in.

Penny is from Western Massachusetts. She had several careers that were both rewarding and fulfilling. She worked many years as Vice President of Development for a company which helps raise funds for private schools all over the United States. She traveled extensively over the years.

Penny worked for the last three years as a Vice President of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of the State of New York. She served 21 programs that trained and managed over 900 volunteers who advocated each year for more than 3,000 children.

Penny has two daughters. One daughter lives in New York City. She is the Director of Technology at the Law Institute. She has written 22 books in this field and does speaking engagements internationally.

Penny’s other daughter lives in



South Carolina with her family. That daughter has two daughters of her own, ages 10 and 11.

Penny loves to sew and create. She never had the time until retirement. She designed and sewed a Halloween Chewbacca costume for her daughter in New York City. It was highlighted in a “Cosplay” photo shoot. She also made her a costume for The Steampunk World Faire.

Penny is a member of the OTOW Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers woodworking club. She made her first piece which was a newspaper box and is now planning a second project.

She joined the Clearwater Sailing Center and is now certified



Talented new OTOW resident Penny Page and one of the oil paintings she created.

to sail. Her favorite craft to sail is the Wave Runner.

Penny took her first golf lesson from Dom, the OTOW pro. She is working towards becoming good enough to join The Women’s Nine-Hole League.

Penny always wanted to learn how to play pool. She now has the chance because of the coaching that happens with the Ladies Que’ Billiards Club. She was elected as reporter for this club for the next year.

As you can see, Penny has settled in nicely at OTOW and, despite her outside activities, is finding time to oil paint, sew, quilt and work on her plants.

Penny set up her Florida room as her “play room.” A paint easel is up fulltime on one side for the best lighting. The other side combines her sewing and art projects and also has become her peaceful retreat.

Penny is currently working on a counted cross stitch of a ‘Classic Geisha,’ a very complicated piece.

Penny said “OTOW has the

best of all worlds when it comes to retirement.” She is lucky to have found the perfect condo.

Welcome Penny, we are happy to have you as our neighbor.

Pictured at below left are our neighbors, Nelson and Shelley Beall from Maryland. Nelson and Shelley are here about a year. When they returned this winter, they brought with them an eye-catching three-wheeled yellow motorcycle.

They both enjoy taking the cycle out on nice days. Glad you both are enjoying having fun exploring around Florida!

We hope all of you have a great St. Patrick’s Day celebration and a wonderful Easter.

Periodically check the bulletin board for important messages from the building captain or the Service Department. If you have any news for the column, please drop a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board.

I will be featuring many of our neighbors over the next few months. Look for our column.



These are neighbors Nelson and Shelley Beall out for a spin on their new motorcycle.

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Resident steps up to become Monaco building reporter

A big welcome to our newest residents, Bill and Linda Floyd, who recently moved to On Top of the World from Huntsville, Ala. (see photo).

They met in Bill's hometown of St. Louis, Mo. In Huntsville, Bill had his own landscaping business for 10 years. Linda retired from Wyle Corp., where she had worked for 23 years.

Bill and Linda say they just plan to take it easy for awhile. Maybe take a few trips. They especially would like to take a trip out to Yellowstone. They both are avid sailors and possibly would like to join a nearby yacht club.

Fifty-four residents of the Monaco and French Renaissance I buildings shared first prize in the second annual OTOW News Holiday Lights Contest.

(See photo at far right.) Winning Monaco residents attending the complimentary luncheon at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa included (L-R) Edna Penders from Cape May, N.J. who has lived at OTOW for six months; Sandy Cashin, OTOW for five years from Cincinnati, Ohio; Barbara Maurer, OTOW for three years from Warner Robbins, Ga.; and Karin Kollar, OTOW resident for 11 years, originally from Germany.

We held the first meeting of our newly-formed Monaco Building Organization, in memory of our past building captain, John Cashin.



New Monaco residents Linda and Bill Floyd moved to OTOW from Huntsville, Ala.

On hand for the meeting were 22 of our building residents. At the meeting we named our Board of Director members. They are as follows. Julie Narancich, President; Sandy Cashin, Vice President; Linda Floyd, Treasurer; and Christine Buppert as Secretary.



Monaco residents enjoying the prize luncheon at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa include (L-R) Edna Penders, Sandy Cashin, Barbara Maurer and Karin Kollar.

Tom Whiteway, along with Ralph Knapp, Herb Kuhi and Donia Stadler have volunteered to take charge of getting our second-floor storage room cleaned out, in order to make it more assessable to all residents of the Monaco building who would like to use it.

Maryellen Knapp presented a report on estimates for painting the common stairways and walkways. Many upcoming activities were addressed and discussion on future outings and activities took place.

I, Christine Buppert, have also been appointed as Monaco Building News Reporter.

Maryellen Knapp did a great job in replacing the numbers on the top floor units. Most of the numbers were unable

or difficult to read especially by UPS or FED EX when they had deliveries to be made.

Maryellen took each unit number and repainted them, placed them on a tile backdrop and fastened the tile to the side of the door of each unit.

You know, I guess she just has too much time on her hands, because after she finished the numbers, Maryellen also painted our bulk mail box and our outgoing mail box. A big thank you goes out to Maryellen.

I appreciate the opportunity I have been given to get our building news out to the residents of OTOW. Thank you for reading about us. See you next time.

Reporter gets 'connected' after years of resistance

Hi, I am back. Hope you had a wonderful Valentine's Day, whether it was in the present day or in your special memories.

While most of us have had to take various tablets prescribed by the doctor, I just got a new "tablet," but it wasn't a pill! However, it turned out to be the best medication I've had in a long time.

The cyber world and the world of the Internet had long been avoided by me. No desktop computer for me, and I even missed the explosion to laptops.

A neighbor, who had been threatening to introduce me to this "scary" new world, finally got the best of me by giving me a gift of a new tablet computer!

Only 10 inches long, very thin and lightweight, unrestricted of wires and devices to hook onto it, this exceptional piece of equipment is now my new best friend!

No more wads of paper everywhere; no more dictionaries, almanacs, TV listings, and old periodicals.

No more tapes, CDs, DVDs, cameras or photo albums. My tablet has



replaced all that. I can even place a call (via Skype) on my tablet, and it also has a video connection as well.

I wasn't a believer. I was fearful at my age. I didn't think I needed to bother. How wrong I was! This "tablet" was the best medication for me. And I highly recommend it to my neighbors!

Got any happy news for me? It looks like the fire-damaged condos are nearing completion. Velma, you and your family are in our prayers and hearts. God Bless!

"Bee" well, beee happy, and beee good to one another!

Welcome to new residents

Can it be March already? Remember to change your clocks on the 10th. You don't want to be late for the golf tournament. Check the bulletin board for information on the tourney.

The St. Patrick's Day parade will be March 9. I'm sure we'll see several of our Modernagers participating.

We have a new couple in our building, Barbara and Michael Lenzi. They are from Pennsylvania. Michael retired from the Navy, then he and Barbara both worked for the Post Office.

He has two sons living in New York. She enjoys cards, especially Euchre, and likes to read most anything. She volunteered at a Senior Center in Pennsylvania.

He enjoys bowling and they both like to spend their time volunteering. They have traveled extensively, with Hawaii being their favorite destination. Oh, yes, I also met their sleepy cat, Newman. Be sure to welcome this delightful couple.

There was a bunny in my back yard today. Think it's getting ready to visit on Easter?

Was Bill Moriarity smiling when he was pictured in the Lowell, Mass. paper



recently with his son Dennis? I would say definitely!

That big smile was indeed on Bill's face as Dennis received the department's Medal of Honor because he and other police officers held their fire for hours trying to reason with a 21-year-old man who Dennis approached when the man wanted to be shot.

Our Goodbye Snowbirds BBQ is planned for March 23.

Check the bulletin board for details on this.

My wish is a blessed Easter for all of you. See you next month. That is, if you give me some interesting news to print.

Resident meets up with long-time N.Y. friends

Patricia Kessler had a long awaited visit from her dear friends who reside in Albany, N.Y.

Leonard Perlmutter and his wife Jenness Cortez took a side trip from their stay in Naples to come and spend the day with "Trish" (see photo).

Leonard is the Founder and Director of the American Meditation Institute in Averill Park, N.Y. Jenness is a renowned American master painter.

The couple was spending a week in the Naples area where Jenness's paintings were being shown in an art gallery. Jenness is represented by Classic Gallery.

It has been quite a few years since Trish has seen her friends. She met them years ago when she attended the Meditation Institute. Trish considers the Perlmutter to be "family."

Leonard, Jenness and Trish all treasured the time they were able to spend together.

"Till We Meet Again"



Patricia Kessler, center, poses with Leonard Perlmutter, left, and his wife Jenness Cortez during their recent visit. (Photo by Marguerite Laskowski)

New Chetnik dwellers hail from diverse backgrounds

A warm On Top of the World welcome to all our new Chetniks. First are Linda and Vince Zeyak, who bought the Zolkower's former condo.

They lived in Safety Harbor for five years before moving here, and are originally from Binghamton, N.Y.

Linda is a quilter, and Vince, an engineer, works for LSI from home. They are both very active in the Open Door Church.

They have two married children and five grandchildren. Their son and his family live in Binghamton, and their daughter lives in Fargo, N.D., where she is a professor at the University of North Dakota.

Another newcomer (in the Whilite's former unit) is Joan Berta, a Snowbird from a community north of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Joan worked for the steel industry in sales for Stelco, now a part of U.S. Steel, and traveled extensively and internationally for the company. Joan was also consultant for family businesses.

She was involved in much volunteer work and at one time chaired the United Way. She has two married daughters in Canada with three children each.

Now fully retired, she's ready to join OTOW activities, especially golf, bridge and Euchre. I met her well-behaved pet, Lola, a Portuguese Water Dog.

We also welcome Michael and Cindy Spahalski to our building. They come to us from Overland, Kan.



As soon as they are all settled in, we hope to see them at our building activities.

Phil Meissner had a 10-day vacation in Costa Rica. He enjoyed a series of tours, and the only drawback was coming home! Because of the Immigration Customs, he missed his Tampa connecting flight by mere minutes in Fort Lauderdale and had a 13-hour layover. Oy!

On Jan. 31, my sister Pearl turned 95. Her children held a birthday luncheon for her where she resides at Royal Palms in Largo.

They came in from New Jersey, North Carolina and Fort Meyers. All went beautifully, and to top it all off, they brought in a Casata Cake, which is the Rolls-Royce of all cakes.

Our building luncheon was held at the Olive Garden on Thursday, Feb. 21. More about that in my next column.

Enjoy St. Patty's Day and our parade and have a happy Passover and a blessed Easter.

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Family reunion spans the generations – four to be exact

A four-generation family reunion was how Alice Langguth described their recent holiday get together in Clearwater.

Looking at the top right photo, on the far right is great-grandmother Alice, who is the first generation. Next to her is Trina, her daughter, who with her husband Jim, make up the second generation. Then we see their two daughters, their spouses and three children as the third and fourth generations.

The second picture (at right) shows Trina and her proud mom, Alice.

How lucky Alice is to have so much family living nearby!

We are fortunate to have some more new neighbors in our building.

Paula and Jim Castagno, who are originally from Boston, moved onto the third floor. Their adorable papillon dogs love the On Top of the World dog park.

Paula is a retired hair stylist who owned her own salon in Jacksonville. Jim has done extensive work with stained glass and now is trying his hand at writing (a screen play, perhaps).



Malaguena resident Alice Langguth (right) with daughter Trina.

They are looking forward to visiting children and grandchildren in Jacksonville soon.



A four-generation reunion was held recently. At far right is great-grandmother Alice Langguth, who is the first generation. Next to her is Trina, her daughter, who with her husband Jim, make up the second generation. Then we see their two daughters, their spouses and children, generations three and four.

Next door to them lives Bob Hynes. He started life in Brooklyn (yea!) but has lived in many places since then. In addition to serving in the U.S. Air Force, he also taught business instruction to U.S. Navy personnel.

Bob is a pilot and while living in California, he used his skills to fly to

a number of states and many areas of interest. Two children and their families live nearby while his other two children live in other states. Bob has joined many clubs, so you will have the opportunity to meet this outgoing and gregarious man.

We welcome both families!

Resident golfer nails his second hole-in-one

Congratulations came personally from Harry Krentz, president of the Senior Golf Association, to building resident Bud Cruickshank.

Bud got a hole-in-one on a windy Feb. 11 while golfing with the Association at Crescent Oaks. Bud and three witnesses watched in amazement at the ball flew from his 5 wood directly at the pin, bounced two times and settled in the cup on Hole 3.

Our neighbor only had time to stare in shock and think, "That ball is right in line with the pin." as it plunked out of sight.

This is the second hole-in-one in Bud's lengthy golfing career. His first was in his home state at a golf course in Mokena, Ill.

Anyone wanting information about the Senior Golf Association may call for information at 727-725-1199 or visit their internet site at <http://www.golf4seniors.net/index.php>. Let us know when you get the third one, Bud!

I have been busy lately helping Todd Ramquist and Kiaralinda with the construction and collection of materials to be used on the Safety Harbor Art and Music Center, known lovingly as SHAMc by the locals.

I have been gathering large mirrors and cutting them with a glass cutter into



shapes to mosaic onto cement board. These three-foot by 5-foot mirrored panels will be attached to the walls of the building.

Several different groups, including the Garden Fairies of Tarpon Springs, have been helping with the project.

All groups are welcome to contact Kiaralinda at www.SafetyHarborArtandMusicCenter.com to volunteer to mosaic or grout pieces or to donate materials.

The construction project is located at 706 2nd Street, N. Surrounding the site are pickets painted by local residents, including me.

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Flea Market is called a success

The community flea market was a big success, with tons of treasures for sale.

The Fujiwara Building had two tables loaded with goodies with much of it finding new homes. Thank you for all the volunteers who donated things, helped clean things up, hauling it over to the East Activity Center, and manning the tables.

Are you starting to catch the sweet aroma of orange and grapefruit blossoms in the air? The pollen has also been letting us know it is here in full force. Every time I open my windows I hear sneezing coming from someone else's window. They probably hear me sneezing also. We certainly have had a fair winter this year.

If anyone has any news to share with me before our next edition, please feel free to email it to me at: cflach5@juno.com. Until then, keep a song on your lips and love in your heart!



Building has a special feeling of community

February may have been a short month, but there was a lot happening.

We were allowed to hoist our nation's colors for President's Week. Our flags were displayed for a full week.

Groundhog Day found our friend out and not seeing his shadow — ah, an early spring. I think we in Florida may miss winter all together this year.

Looks like they are more than making up for our good fortune with record-setting snows in other parts of the nation.

We also got a "State of the Union" report. Sounds like the good old "U.S. of A." is doing pretty well and chugging along in the right direction. Guess we will see as time goes on; we all need those encouraging words from our leader.

Hope everyone remembered Valentine's Day and showed their appreciation for those they love. We at the Azores decided that a pizza party was a great way to get everyone together for some tasty pizza and lots of good old fashion visiting. We had 30 persons show up in the Sunshine Room for



the party. Might not have been the most romantic evening — but we sure enjoyed it!

On February 6, Frank Staffieri celebrated his 88th birthday. The celebration started with the arrival of son Francis from Delaware. More of the family joined in as his two daughters and son-in-law from St. Pete Beach showed up for a great party on Frank's birthday, plus a bigger bash on the weekend. A great time was had by all, with the greatest gift being the family together for the celebration. I look forward reporting your next birthday, Frank!

Keep an eye on the bulletin board. We have a St. Pat's party, a trip to the races, a spring business meeting, a casino trip and a cookout coming up. Lots of activities — all to give us a sense of community.

We are so lucky in our building to have that special feeling of community and an opportunity to interact with one another in a casual, social setting. Friendships develop that might not happen otherwise.

Tuesday night poker is back in high gear. I think most players would agree that Jim Williams and Jack Lundgren are fighting for top billing as winning the most hands. The rest of us are moving up slowly, if at all. Hope eternal keeps us in the game.

I have an unofficial report that the whack-a-balls are an active growing group. They meet on Sunday afternoons for a few quick holes of golf before retiring to the 19th hole to trade lies. Hey guys, share some of those lies with me so I have more to write about.

Guess that is it for this month. Don't forget where my new drop box is located in the core and get me those news items by the 10th of the month.

Some reminiscences of early days at OTOW

Twenty seven of our neighbors in the Siboney enjoyed breakfast at First Watch on St. Valentine's Day. Many wore red, of course.

This tradition was started several years ago by Bob and Ethyle Lee, when Ethyle was president of the Siboney Club. And believe it or not, the Lees picked up the entire tab! That's one of the reasons why the Siboney was considered one of the best buildings here at On Top of the World.

Our building opened in 1985 and we had a marvelous fun-loving group of retirees. We took many trips together: Nashville, Las Vegas (twice), Biloxi and New Orleans.

We went on a "Mystery Trip"; a tour of the University of Tampa, then to the Lowry Park Zoo, on to lunch at Branch Ranch, then to Lakeland and an Amtrak train ride back to Tampa where our bus awaited us. We were surprised to learn that several of our residents had never been on a train. This trip was organized by Audrey Jones, before she even lived here in the Siboney.

We have monthly building meetings, monthly pot luck parties in the core, monthly luncheons, and each month we take turns creatively decorating the core above the mailboxes, according to the current season or occasion. I have had "February" for 26 years and love putting up all the valentines. Even the mailman commented on how he loves



Doris Prekopa's great-granddaughter visited from Texas and while here attended a tea party given by Laura Evans. (Photo by Robert Evans)

coming into the building and seeing the decorations.

There are only five of us "originals" still here, but we'll continue our activities and hope to involve the "newcomers." Come join us!

Doris Prekopa's great-granddaughter visited from Corpus Christi, Texas, and we all enjoyed her visit. Her daddy is the assistant editor of the local newspaper there. Her grandfather, Allen, took her to Lowry Park where she loved the animals and even rode a horse.



Our lovely neighbor, Laura Evans, invited great-grandma Doris and the little cutie to a "tea party" at her house, complete with cute hats and a bongo drum, which she loved. Only... it was too short a visit.

The luncheon at the Olive Garden was well attended. Thanks to Rita Tombari for making reservations.

Paula Ergang has booked a trip to Derby Lane. Please sign up as we all love attending the races and their great buffet. Everyone is invited and we'll carpool.

The Siboney building meeting is always on the 4th Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Sunrise Room. Please attend on March 27th.

Come out for the Irish Parade on Saturday, March 9th at 10 a.m. Wear green! Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

Birthday celebration continues – this time aboard ship

How do you cap a special year of celebrating one's 90th birthday? Take a Caribbean cruise, of course!

A group of 20 friends and family of Ginger Currier's from the Mallorca building left the Port of Tampa on Jan. 27 for a seven-day cruise aboard the *Norwegian Dawn*.

The ports of call included Roatan, Honduras, Belize, Costa Maya, Mexico, and Cozumel, Mexico.

Those helping Ginger celebrate her birthday from Mallorca were: Ginger, her daughter and son-in-law Maureen and Jim Finguerra, Josie Marsiglio, Terry and Dick Kuplen, Vito Conforti and friend Shirley Snellen, and Helen Pawlikowski.

Helen's daughters Joan Lynch and Debbie Jones from New York State joined in the fun and warm weather, along with Helen's sister-in-law Joanna Pawlikowski, from Pennsylvania.

Debby and Bill Benzinger from Emerald Isles joined the group as well as Freda Larson and Mary Lou Wall from Mandalay. Rounding out the OTOW sailors were Les and Sheila Menielly from España.

Ginger's niece Karen King and her husband Bob from Largo celebrated with the On Top of the World group.

A pre-cruise cocktail party was held at Maureen and Jim's on Saturday, Jan. 26. Since some of the cruisers did not know one another this was a good way for them to meet and greet.

Two fun days were enjoyed at sea, one of which consisted of a birthday cocktail party provided by the ship. This was a lovely party with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and our favorite cocktails.

On the island of Roatan, eight of us went to the Parrot Tree Resort, where we enjoyed our Coco Loco drinks served in coconut shells under thatched roofs of palm fronds. A lunch buffet was served, following a swim in the delightful lagoon.

In Belize our group took the "Calypso Train" which toured the streets of Belize City. It was an interesting tour, especially since the schools were dismissing the students and we could see by the students' uniforms which school they attended.



Ginger Currier being serenaded during a stopover on a seven-day cruise held in honor of her 90th birthday.

Others in our group shopped, took a tour of the country, or enjoyed the spa facilities onboard ship.

One of the favorite excursions of the trip was the one in Costa Maya. Karen had done some serious research and had discovered the "Tropcante," operated by a Texan named Steve. Steve welcomed our group of 14 and explained the amenities of this delightful, balmy resort. We had a table reserved for us where we enjoyed a delicious lunch and killer cocktails!

Ginger, Shirley, and Maureen treated themselves to an hour-long massage, which was a total delight! The water was great and the sand was warm and white.

The highlight of this afternoon was when Karen bought a T-shirt which had the Topicante's name on it, and had all of us sign our names, even Steve, his waiters and the masseuses.

On Cozumel, 10 of us took the Salsa and Salsa excursion. This was so funny! On this tour we were to learn to



A group of 20 friends and family members of Ginger Currier pose aboard the *Norwegian Dawn*. They were on a seven-day Caribbean cruise to honor Ginger on her 90th birthday.



Vito Conforti and Jim Finguerra at the "Salsa and Salsa" excursion. See story for details.

make salsa and then to dance the salsa.

When we entered the restaurant there were chefs' hats and aprons at our place setting (see photo). We were instructed to put on the hat and apron and then the fun began.

We learned how to make lime margaritas, and then the rest of the time the waitresses kept our glasses filled with frozen strawberry margaritas. There were seven different salsas which we made and tasted.

Chips were served to accompany the salsas. Some of us attempted the salsa dance but as the weather was taking a turn for the worse, we decided to cut the dance short and head back to the ship.

We had a wonderful time, getting to know one another and helping Ginger celebrate her 90th birthday. A milestone like that is one to be recognized and made special by family and friends.

Need An Extra Newspaper?

OTOW News
is available
in the East and West
Activity Center lobbies

WANTED: OTOW Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Carl and Betty Leiby will soon be stepping down as Meals on Wheels coordinators for On Top of the World. If this position is not filled, OTOW residents will have to depend on Meals on Wheels in Clearwater for service and there is currently a waiting list. The coordinator does not deliver meals, but organizes deliveries. It is a 7-day a week volunteer job, which often requires finding new drivers and scheduling. For more information, call Carl or Betty at 791-3861.





FAMILY NIGHT

By Alma W. Hudson

Sunday night at home
Brought out our family love
As we gathered around
And sang songs from above

My beautiful Mother
With her hands on the keys
Would never miss
Playing all the melodies

Then my Daddy joined in
On his special violin
And the daughters' voices
Surely did begin

We sang and sang
Had the greatest fun
The evening meant so much
When all was done

How grateful I am
For those few years
Mother and Dad were called home
Amid all our tears

The main lesson we learned
From those beautiful people
Was to keep our priority
Always upon the steeple.

MIND AND BODY

By Madeline Wanda

A will of my own controls my destiny
The food I eat is called ingestion,
How I absorb the food is called digestion
How my blood moves is called circulation.

My mind is like an engineer
It directs the body how to steer,
It's up to one to do my part
To keep this little old lady sharp.

Adequate diet and vitamins, minerals galore
Helps optimal thinking and memory sure
It helps the brain and stimulates the heart.

Learning something new every day
Will keep boredom away,
It doesn't matter how old you are
You too, can be a great star.

MARCH

By Madeline Wanda

Mike, how sweet the day was when you were born
You gave me my first daughter Carol Ann
Then Ruth was her first child
Both lovely babies, so meek and so mild.

Son-in-law Gerry was a March baby too
A good husband and a father of two
March winds do blow with lots of snow
But in Florida we have sunshine and rain.

The heating bills are lower and we walk slower
So, we'll think twice before we complain
The whole world is Irish on St. Patrick's Day
And no one ever complains.



BRIGHT ANGEL TRAIL

By Alma W. Hudson

I stood at the edge of the canyon
Leaning against the rail
And looked across the vast canyon
To find the Bright Angel Trail

I wondered just how this description
Was given to such a vast space
I wondered if I were searching
In just the best possible place

Did this mean that some lovely Angel
Had come to this breath-taking fault?
Or was it a name meant to conjure
The vastness of this wondrous vault?

I wondered about that Bright Angel
Did she live, did she die, was she real?
Would the echoing sounds of the canyon
Ever her story reveal?

I wondered again if the canyon
Was where she elected to roam
I am sure she was not a real angel
Cause all the bright angels stayed home



===== The below story submission is from an OTOW Writer's Ink member =====

“IRISH SHENANIGANS”

By Cathy Curran

Finn O'Malley's life used to be simple: Work, walk to the pub, and drink. But not anymore. Not since Seamus Ignacious O'Hara came into his life, a little guy in a green suit sporting a red beard.

“Leave me alone, Seamus,” said Finn. “I regret the day I bargained with you.”

“You wanted the deal. You wanted to marry Myra. A deal is a deal. Pay up.”

“But you tricked me. She was an angel and you turned her into a shrew. Why?”

“Because it's the side of her you refused to see. We're not all perfect, except for me, of course. Now, come on, keep your end of the bargain — a shot of whiskey on the mantle for me every

night for the rest of your life. You know, Finn, a man is only as good as his word. That's a human saying, not mine. Think on it.”

Seamus was right, he had agreed to the deal. When Finn brought the bottle of whiskey into the house that night, Myra nagged until she fell asleep.



Worn out and beaten down, he placed the shot of whiskey on the mantle. Seamus appeared and with a wink, drained the glass.

The next few weeks brought some shocking changes. After work, Finn was greeted with more and more laughter from Myra, a good meal and a drink or two. He was becoming a happy man.

As he put that night's whiskey on the mantle, Seamus appeared again. “You're right, Finn, I did trick you — it's what we leprechauns do. But you're an honest man, Finn O'Malley, a man of his word. I couldn't continue the deception. And in the end we both got what we wanted. I guess a leprechaun can be as good as his word, too.”

THE WAY WE WERE

A look back at the OTOW News

(Part 46: March, 1975)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- On Easter Sunday, March 30, the Entertainment Committee and the Good Neighbors Association arranged for an Easter service in the Grecian Gardens complete with special music and a handmade cross. Refreshments were served in the auditorium after the service.
- Home Federal Savings and Loan offered a four-year savings certificate with 7 percent interest and a regular savings passbook (\$10 minimum deposit) with 5¼ percent interest.
- The monthly meeting of the OTOW Stamp Club was very lively. All stamps collected to date were delivered to the Bay Pines Veterans Hospital.
- The new Bicycle Club was formed recently. Sounds like fun and exercise. Think about joining them.

See you next time!

Building Valentine's party enjoyed by 30 residents

The Americana Social Club held its annual meeting in early January, presided over by President Winston Pineau.

We discussed the successful turnout at our holiday party and the terrific attendance of residents and guests. Also discussed was yearly income and how the funds are used. A vote was taken keeping the dues at the same level.

The election of officers was simplified, since all officers and wing captains were willing to continue their positions for another year.

On Feb. 13, about 30 of us got together on the second floor core to celebrate Valentine's Day. Winston made two bowls of his famous punch (one non-alcoholic). Everyone else donated some kind of finger food, either savory or sweet. I don't think anyone needed to prepare dinner that evening!

Of course, thanks to Joyce and Arnie Engelbert, there was the 50/50 drawing. First place winner was Mary Gwynn-Timothy, second place Janet and Earl Shettel, and third place Ann Talner. Congratulations!

Gotta' mention that during this party we all heard the rumbling of thunder in the distance. Mother Nature loves the Americana! The downpour didn't start till the party was finished,



the tables stored away and everyone was home, completely dry.

Warm welcome is extended to two new families. Susan and Dean Cober arrived here in January and have already become active with Americana's social activities.

During our Valentine's party, we had a quick hello from our newest residents, Rita and Ian Moy, who came to us across the pond from England. They were actually in the process of setting up home in their unit. We look forward to them joining us at the monthly luncheons and the April barbecue. Details of these will be posted on our bulletin board in the core.

Once again we owe thanks to Catherine Gray for updating the Americana phone list. If you haven't received your copy yet, get in touch with your wing captain.



The Mandarin Building ladies luncheon group had an enjoyable lunch at the recently opened Sea Dog Brewing Company restaurant, located at highway 19 and Enterprise Rd.

Here's a safety idea for OTOW nighttime walkers

A couple of walkers have been spotted walking around the Mandarin building at night with flashing red lights on their wrists.

It turns out they are night walkers that believe that wearing light-colored clothes and carrying a flashlight is not safe enough. The beam of a flashlight on the road surface is not easily seen by car drivers and white clothing is not noticed by any one backing out of a parking space or making a sharp turn at an intersection. By the time the headlights reflect from the white clothing, it is too late.

The Mandarin night walkers concluded that a flashing red light around their wrist is much easier for drivers to see at night. The night walkers are often asked "where did you get those?"

See the Mandarin building bulletin board for information on a do-it-yourself kit.

They are simple bicycle flashers sold at most places that sell bicycles. They are intended to be mounted on bicycles, but there are other possibilities



as most all of them have a clip that fits over the belt, or over a wrist band and worn by walkers and joggers.

Bike room security has been beefed up so that the only way to get into the bike room is with a key. If you notice suspicious activity around the building, please call the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office at 727-582-6200.

The three remaining bikes with flat tires and no name tags are scheduled to be removed from the bike room after the March 15 storage room cleanup weekend.

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Welcome to our new reporter

Hello, Royale Dutch Building!

When I was in high school, I learned how to write like a journalist, but, unfortunately, I never got the chance to actually write for a newspaper until now.

Oh, I've written things here and there, but I've never allowed anyone to read them.

I've lived here at On Top of the World for 20 years. I saw our building was in need of a writer and thought I'd give it a try. Maybe I can provide a little building news and help us get to know each other a little better.

As a new reporter, I am anxious for your news. You will find an envelope waiting near the bulletin board for your news tips and newsy news. I hope I'll hear from you soon.

Here goes! Gone are the hearts and flowers of February, and now emerges love for the color green, four-leaf clovers and leprechauns.

We are proud to welcome three new residents to Royal Dutch: Joyce Chancey, Jessie Baval and Laurie Bickelman. We welcome our newest family members.

Parades will dominate this month, so be prepared to wear green!

Taking care of a few housekeeping items

Loch Lomond's annual building meeting on January 19 was not only an enjoyable social event, but accomplished any number of "housekeeping tasks."

Being building captain or assistant is a deceptively broad role to play and Bill Davies and Phil Woods have done a stupendous job for several years, but we obtained the services of newcomers or "return to service" residents.

Sophia Kugeares offered to be building captain with Sheelah Leonard as back up to Sophia. New resident Lucille Greenhalgh will take on the secretary role.

Continuing to function as a committee are Shirley Swift, treasurer; Enid Goodman and Sherry Lodell, Sunshine and core decorations; Dottie Liberti, Good Neighbor rep; and Jane Haynes, news reporter.

What we hope is to learn from the residents are ways we might spice up a few Loch Lomond "activities," that groups might want to use to enjoy during our generous leisure time.

Individually, we stay busy but would enjoy some day trips: a day at the Hard Rock, a monthly game night (reserve an evening at the Sunrise room and have several board or card games going), trips to the races, a theater group etc.

Please make suggestions by calling one of us listed as committee. Phil has updated the phone list. Stop us whenever you see us at the mail, dog walking, whenever and mention whatever is on your mind.

Dottie Liberti, our Good Neighbors rep, keeps up and in touch



with the activities available through the GN volunteers who staff the ticket tables on Monday and Thursday mornings, as well as the reps of different clubs who will include a group for their activity as space is available. Prices of the tickets for the activities are reasonable.

Often, several of us just need to know of a few others who are venturing out together. It is an easy way to know your fellow residents. Some functions may have a bus available, or we can car-pool if you are not sure of a location.

Remember that "On Top of the World" holds a big St. Patrick's Day Parade right here on World Parkway, usually starting from Netherlands or Israeli staging area.

It is a really big fun affair and we have access to the whole area. Wear your green, go out (take a chair), applaud and give or get beads. This year it is Saturday, March 9, starting 10 a.m. and ending by noon.

Due to the parade, if you need to go anywhere by car, you should plan to

leave by 9 a.m. and stay out until about noon. The parade and reviewing stand need our cooperation that morning. I'm told that snacks will be available in the East Activity Center parking lot.

Remember the Tuesday Lunch Bunch; a sign-up sheet is posted every month. Phil and Linda Woods would appreciate suggestions on restaurants to check out. It is a pleasant social time beginning about 11:30 a.m.

Those who enjoy that afternoon siesta — you can be home in time. Others might choose to shop or keep an appointment or just come home and relax.

Thanks to Enid and Sherry for the lovely Valentine décor and many thanks to our past and present volunteers.

Thanks from the Director of the Haven, who came to let us know how much the women and children who are in need of their services appreciated our bountiful Christmas gifts.

Shirley Swift, our treasurer, pasted a fine notice explaining why each building collects yearly "dues" from each unit to cover various necessities.

Some of these are holiday decorations, office supplies (paper, ink copying fees, etc.), lovely decorations in the core, get-well cards, contributions to Hospice or others in memory, snacks, food, paper goods, etc.

\$15 is certainly a reasonable yearly contribution and if you give Shirley a call she will arrange to accept a check or cash. Please contact her.

Thanks for your attention to this "housekeeping article."

Here's another new building reporter

Here we go beginning a column as reporter for our condo building.

Of course, it means we will all be in this together making our contribution with inputs of whatever you may have to offer. The bulletin board is accessible for helpful messages and for news to help fill this column.

Our building was once a hub of activity, a place of social camaraderie, a tribute to the contributions of those who made a determined effort to gather together all of us who had made their home here and become one family.

We would like to regain that spirit again, and we can do it again with your cooperation in working together to make our building a united effort in that regard.

We have already begun to take a step in that direction by having held



our first condo meeting of the current business year on Saturday morning, Feb. 9, and addressed details left dangling and needing completion.

We have organized a social agenda of monthly women's luncheons and considered plans for holiday celebrations.

Underway is a planning committee's program for group activities to be undertaken to participate together in viewing live theatre performances, attending movie outings, joining in morning and/or evening walking groups, and whatever ideas any one of you has to offer.

Our goal is to engage one another by becoming better acquainted so that we can more fully enjoy the wholesome environment in which we live.

A reminder: Storage room cleanup reduces needless accumulation and removes hazardous substances that should not be stored there. All stored items should be noted with name and unit number.

A big "thank you" to all who contribute their time in helping whenever the need arises.

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Celebrations marked by cruises, trips and family visits

Let's celebrate! Terry and Louise MacKenzie (see photo at far lower right) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of their vows on a 15-day cruise to Hawaii.

Louise's brother, Jim, and his wife Marleen, also celebrated their wedding anniversary on the cruise. They will repeat it all again this spring at home in Nova Scotia

Pat and Nancy Kennedy's daughters celebrated Pat's 80th birthday by heading off to a "Magical Day at Disney World." The finale was dinner at the Beachcomber followed by drinks at Bobby's Bistro. It all ended when the visitors returned home to a windy, rainy Chicago. See photo at top right.

Dottie Gonsalves (photo at right) celebrated her 85th birthday on January 28th with two parties — one at the Hospice Resale Shop and one at her nephew's home along with her great-great-niece, Natalie, who was 5 on the same day. Dottie has been a volunteer at the Hospice Resale Shop in Clearwater for 16 years.

Pat Eastman, Dottie's daughter, celebrated her third hole-in-one on the OTOW 18-hole course. She aced it on the 9th hole with a 7 iron she bought for \$1 at the Hospice Resale Shop. Her partners in the tournament were Betty Gerkin, Barb Morrison, and Deborah Champ. This is her eighth hole-in-one.

Thirty-three Bohemians spent an enjoyable day at Tampa Bay Downs. They participated in the special group package which includes clubhouse



Dottie Gonsalves celebrated her 85th birthday in a big way — with two parties!

admission, programs, a special race named for our building, and a photo of the winning horse and jockey.

Best of all was a delicious buffet with carving stations. We had more winners than losers. You might ask the DeLisle's about their lucky day there.



Pat Kennedy celebrated his 80th birthday with (L-R) son-on-law Brian, daughter Maura, Pat, wife Nancy, daughter Kelly and daughter Bernadette. Among places visited were Disney World and the Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach.

Paula and Jim Schelling recently attended his bi-annual high-school reunion for the Marmion Academy, an all-boys school. It's held every other year someplace in the country, but this year was at Ava Maria University in Ava Maria, Florida near Naples. The town features unusual shops that surround the traffic circle which hosts a magnificent church.

Carol and Jerry DeLisle hosted our annual Super Bowl Party and I understand there was more than enough to eat, a great turnout, some card playing by the ladies during the game, and delightful visiting by all.

Check out the March events on our bulletin board. Next time, we'll write about our new building manager, a skiing trip, the cruise on the *Carnival Glory*, and maybe some of our pets. Let me know if you have any newsworthy



Terry and Louise MacKenzie marked their 50th wedding anniversary with a 15-day Hawaiian cruise.

items you want us to print. Thanks for all your help.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour

Daylight savings time arrives on March 10. Set your clocks ahead one hour.

You know what that means: you have one more hour of daylight before you fall asleep in your chair!

Our Valentine's Day early bird luncheon was again held at the Beachcomber on Clearwater Beach, on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The food and service was outstanding as usual. Attendance was light.

The ladies and men's luncheons were held on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. The ladies went to Paradise in Safety Harbor and the men enjoyed lunch at Johnny's on 590. You can always find something you like on the menu.

Mark your calendar for the Valencia pizza party Wednesday, March 20 at 5 p.m.

The location is the second floor core. Bring the libation of your choice. Music will be supplied by Art. Do not miss it.

Our storage area cleanup is under way The Salvation Army will make its



pick up Saturday, March 23, before noon. Put donations in the first-floor core in front of bulletin board only.

Do not put in core the night before. Please try to part with some of the bikes Thanks.

The dates mentioned for the Florida State Fair in this column last month was in error. I apologize.

Mama sez you know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.

Here are the hours for activity centers & recreation

East and West Activity Centers	
Monday- Saturday	7:00 AM- 10:00 PM
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM- 9:00 PM
Swimming Pools	
Monday - Saturday	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM (May- September)
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM (May- September)
Monday - Saturday	8:00 AM – 6:30 PM (October- April)
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM – 6:30 PM (October- April)
Spa	
Tuesday- Sunday	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Monday	Closed for cleaning
Fitness Center	
Monday- Saturday	7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Monday & Thursday	12:30 - 2:30 PM Closed for cleaning

Highlight of trip to Ireland is meeting newborn triplets

Irish blessings came in triplicate for Sheila Bonomo when she and her three sons traveled to Dublin, Ireland, to attend the baptism of triplet daughters born to her niece (see photo).

After a month-long stay in the hospital the girls, who weighed in at 2.5, 3.1 and 3.5 pounds respectively, were ready to meet their family, and the family arrived not long afterward, eager to greet them.

Although Sheila Bonomo was born in County Cork, Ireland, this was a first visit for her two younger sons who had never met their relatives.

The oldest son had accompanied his mother to the niece's wedding several years before and had been chosen to be the godfather of one of the triplets.

Bonomo's brother, Patrick, a priest, assisted the parish priest in conducting the ceremony. Her brother teaches philosophy and theology to Seminarians-in-Training in Ghana and at Trinity College in Dublin.

With the strong connection to Trinity College, it goes without saying that it would be one of the first places on their list to visit. Trinity College's library is said to be the largest library in the world and houses one of every book in print.

Their next stop was Kilmarinam Jail. The boys wanted to see where the movie "In the Name of the Father" was filmed and where freedom fighters had been executed. It is located in what else but — a castle.



These three little Irish lassies are all decked out for St. Patrick's Day in their Dublin home. The newborn triplets are the daughters of Sheila Bonomo's niece.

Touring makes you thirsty, and what better place to stop but the Guinness Brewery where her youngest son, now 18, was of age to experience his first pint. They toured the brewery that encompasses 15 city blocks and learned how beer is made.

Then on to Knapogue Castle for a Medieval Banquet/Feast complete with harp music, Celtic dress, songs and dance.



Sheila Bonomo leans way over to kiss the Blarney Stone on her recent trip to Ireland.

Last, but not least, on this three-week visit: Blarney Castle, home of the Blarney Stone. Bonomo was born only five minutes from Blarney Castle, but had never visited the stone until she was an adult.

She says that it is quite a climb up the stairs to the top of the castle where the stone is located. Then you must lie on your back and lean over backwards to kiss the stone (see photo). A guard holds your legs so you don't fall in.

Now the boys are back to college and Bonomo is back to work and ready

to explore more of the activities that On Top of the World has to offer.

Although golf is not her thing, American Gothic is holding a Golf Scramble on Sunday, March 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the 9-hole course. A signup sheet is posted and prize money of \$4 should be turned in to Donna Osborne by March 3. A pizza party at Cici's Pizza will follow, at your own expense.

I am pleased to announce that we had a record number sign up for the dinner/business meeting on Feb. 20. I will let you know in the next issue any new business discussed at that time.

Family visitors are always welcome at the Melbourne

*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."*

Yes, spring and daylight savings time are on the way. Also St. Patrick's Day, Palm Sunday, Passover and Easter, all of which make March a special month.

Eighteen Melbournites enjoyed a very nice get-together at Daddy's Bar and Grill restaurant, Saturday, Jan. 26. The menu had a lot of good choices and we had a lot of good conversation. Pat Dooley was a guest and says thanks for the invite. Would like to see even more of you at our next outing.

Helen Valentine had guests visiting from New York, and Iowa. Her friend, along with her friend's daughter and husband, spent a week enjoying the sights and sunshine.

Ruth LaHoy's grandson, wife and three children, 14, 10 and 4 came from Michigan. They went to Clearwater Beach and the Marine Aquarium to see



Winter the dolphin. Then they came back and took Ruth out to dinner. The next day they left on a Caribbean cruise. Ruth was happy to see them.

Micki Cobb's daughter, son-in-law and three dogs have left after being with her for three months. She says she misses the dogs.

Anita Mazzella's children, granddaughter and two dogs have been recent visitors. They had a grand time. Son John has been staying with her but has found an apartment nearby and will be moving there soon.

Anita says they have all been a great help and good drivers as she gave up driving last year. John will be close and can still help and drive her.

Grace Rudman says she is enjoying her new home and meeting so many wonderful people. She visited the Clearwater Aquarium with the Snowbird Club and had the best time. The animals were appealing, cute and sassy and she would go again. She also spent some time in Georgia with family, always the most fun.

My son-in-law Greg and granddaughter Samantha from Connecticut spent five days with me. They are trying to get me into the 21st century with a new laptop computer. I think my old one was on its last legs.

Samantha programmed it so a computer-illiterate grandmother can work it, I hope!

Also helped me get a new cell phone where I can read the numbers. Oh, the joys of being eighty-plus! Enjoyed visiting with them and all the different restaurants where we ate.

At this writing they are digging out from over 30 inches of snow. Bet they wish they were still here...

Looking forward to the big St. Pat's parade going by my window soon. What else will March bring? Don't eat too many Easter eggs!

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Hello Spring! Happy St. Patrick's Day to all who are Irish (and who isn't on the 17th?) Fun to view the parade here at OTOW. Looking forward to corned beef and cabbage as well.

February was a busy month.

Viennese Villa's Valentine gathering had quite the turnout on Feb. 11 for the pot luck get-together (see photo). We enjoyed quite the array of delish food as well as desserts. No one left hungry!

The weather was marvelous, unlike last year when we scurried with tables, chairs and food to the core when the skies opened. We need a gazebo. Russ Lamesfeld took advantage of the large turnout and collected e-mail addresses. Great idea.

The annual Viennese Villa nine-hole golf tournament and BBQ is set for March 18. So guys and gals, dust off the clubs and practice a bit!

We wish to welcome new



neighbors, Carol and Fred Schick. They are busy getting acquainted with the area.

Rosalie Borsell's grandson, Ian Ceraolo, a recent Florida State graduate, was invited to Washington D.C. for the presidential inauguration. Ian worked on the Obama campaign in New Hampshire.

He enjoyed a tour of the East Wing of the White House, attended ceremonies at the mall and danced



Couple of snaps of Viennese Villa Valentine gathering and potluck on Feb. 11



the night away at a staff ball. What marvelous memories he will have. Thanks Rosalie for this story.

Belated Birthday greetings to Howard Rochtel, who celebrated being (39?) again! I understand there was cake and a key lime pie involved.

We played tourist with house guests from the frozen snowy North. They needed some R-and-R after an old-fashioned Connecticut winter.

We never tire of sharing our wonderful sunsets and all the activities the area has to offer. Even got in a few games of Pinochle!

I think some Good Samaritan is going to replace our laundry room chairs, which are dearly missed. Machines have been whirling away with the company we've all had.

Remember March 18 for the BBQ and golf...

Any news you wish to share, let me know:

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Tip of the month: Substitute club soda for milk in waffles, pancakes and biscuits. Fewer calories and ohh so light and fluffy.

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YOUR STORY - Thurs., March 7, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Personal story telling. Free.

BOOK CLUB - Mon., March 11, 3 to 4 p.m. *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. Free.

ENERGY WORKS - Wed., March 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Reiki, Therapeutic Touch. Free.

LAUGHTER FOR HEALTH - Wed., March 13, 3 to 4 p.m. Laughter Yoga. Free.

HISTORY: Eleanor Roosevelt - Fri., Mar. 15, 2 to 3 p.m. Free.

HEALTH CARE REFORM - Fri., March 15, noon to 1:30 p.m. Larry Florian, M.D. Free.

BRAIN EXERCISE SERIES - Mon., March 18, 1 to 2 p.m. Cognitive exercise. Free.

HISTORY - Florida's Grand Hotels - Thurs., March 21, 1 to 2 p.m. Free.

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This was the week that was for English Tudor. We all gathered on the second floor core for a fantastic pot luck supper organized by Dana and Barbara.

Without them we would be a dreary bunch but the wine and good food got everyone in the mood. Thirty-seven of our neighbors made merry for a few hours.

Captain Eloyd made a few announcements but kept the meeting light and reminded us about our upcoming building meeting. The festivity was topped off by a glorious Red Velvet cake masterpiece baked by Charlene.

Two days later, 31 interested neighbors gathered to review matters of importance to all residents. With Building Captain Eloyd presiding, in attendance were your building reporter Cecile, Charlene, Dana, Gary, George, two Dorothys, two Bills, Harry and Peg, Ledon and Floyd, Kenny and Kay, Ed and Marilyn, Ian and Shirley, Rita, Marie, Beverly, Joanne, Joyce, Ann, Barry, Tom, Jo, George, Don and Van.

The first order of discussion was the aspects of insurance in the condos. It was recommended that everyone carry homeowners insurance



for the interiors of the apartments and have the insurance agent include an HO6 Rider.

In March the units in our building will be hardwired by the association for smoke detection via the electrical system rather than limited use batteries.

Someone must be home to allow entry for the work to be done or else notify the association how they might gain access to the apartment.

Improperly installed washers and dryers must be either removed or installed properly to avoid the risk of fires or flooding.

Trash room rules must be observed because when large items are left in the rooms, the building has to hire a hauler to cart the pieces away.

We are asked to be responsible neighbors and bring anything larger than a trash bag to the county dump ourselves.

Once the business was concluded we relaxed over donuts and beverages.

Dana was happy to relate that she had a family visitor during the month. Her daughter and her 15-year-old grandson flew in from Ohio for a long weekend.

Her grandson specializes in golf, but they did get a chance to go swimming off Siesta Key. Bet that water was a bit chilly this time of year!

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What do you call a Scotsman? Well, here at Mandalay, we call ours "Scotty."

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He began by playing ballrooms on the west coast of Scotland, and then spent three years aboard the *Mauritania* cruise ship. By the time he was 23, he had been around the world six times.

In the 1950s he played in London's night clubs. Then in 1960 he returned for the final cruise of the *Mauritania*. It was there that he was discovered by Jack French, musical director for large productions in the States.

Recruited by Mr. French, Scotty arrived in New York on Halloween Day in 1961, and traveled south from there. He began his U.S. career at the Casino Royale in D. C.

Next came "three years of joy" at the Bayou Club in D.C., where he reveled in Dixieland jazz.

In 1968, just coming off a tour, he pulled his convertible up to the curb in front of a restaurant. He saw a very attractive young woman sitting at a table in front of the window. He winked at her.

She saw a tall, dark-haired man wearing a blue tuxedo. She winked back. Encouraged, he beckoned to her to come out. Intrigued, she did so.



Ever the man to know his own mind, Scotty skipped all the small talk and came straight to the point: "Will you marry me?" he asked?

"Yes, I will" she replied.

"We were soul mates, and we both knew it from the moment we met," Scotty recalled. "We were married for 36 wonderful, happy years."

They moved to Los Angeles in 1971. In addition to playing with bands and orchestras, he acted as an extra in over 100 movies. He also played one of the leads in a stage presentation of "Brigadoon," adding singing and dancing to his repertoire.

His wife, Shirley, a medical technician, learned to play drums also and appeared on stage as a drummer.

They relocated to Las Vegas in 1990 and remained there until Shirley's death 14 years later. It was then that Scotty semi-retired and moved to Clearwater where his sister already lived at OTOW. He brings with him fascinating memories from his years as



Mandalay featured resident and long-time professional drummer "Scotty" Fullerton.

a professional musician, having known so many stars of stage and screen.

Now, he is the drummer with St. Andrews Bagpipe Band. Among their recent gigs they played at the Highland Games in Sarasota, the Scottish Clan in Dunedin, and for a "Kirkin," a celebration of the clans.

OTOW is home to many very talented and accomplished people. Need I say that our Scotty is among them? Drum on, Scotty, DRUM ON!

Seems like the year is already flying by

The month of March — wow! Seems like New Year's was only yesterday.

Well, here we are ready for Saint Patrick's Day, Easter Sunday, the Easter Bunny, spring breakers and for all the college basketball fans: March Madness.

Just think: another month or so and some of our neighbors will be packing up to head north for the summer. The snow might be melted by then. Where did the time go?

You may have read in this newspaper that the Pet of the Year Award winner is a pooch named "Pearl." What you may not know is Pearl has some roots here at Capistrano.

Seems like Pearl's original owner Louise was a short-term renter resident of Capistrano before returning to her home state of Ohio.

Unable to take Pearl, she left her with her good friend Helen Holden of the Dorado building. Helen tells Julia Galpin that Louise is very proud and happy to hear that



Pearl is doing fine and that so many folks voted for Pearl.

The February meeting of residents of Capistrano building was held at the West Activity Center and a potluck dinner was served. Capistrano has some mighty fine cooks.

Residents in attendance (there were many) enjoyed choices of pulled pork, meat balls and sausage, homemade mac and cheese, chicken wings, many salads, and, of course, deserts that made your mouth water. I

saw many folks return for seconds — I won't say if any of us went for more than seconds!

Capistrano residents like to travel. You may remember my January and February account of the Danube River trip.

At the potluck dinner, folks were talking about the cruises enjoyed by several of our neighbors, and it sounded like there were some interesting trips.

The annual Capistrano picnic is set for March 3 at our lovely building landscape on Philippine Drive. Check the bulletin board for updates on picnic information.

Remember to sign up for your annual air conditioner checkup. Like us, the air conditioning system needs its pressure checked periodically. I taught AC and worked in the trade many years.

Well that's it for March. Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Easter, and if you are a college basketball fan, may your team go to the final round!



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It's been a 'collage' of fun in January and February

January and February had a lot of fun meet and greets to share. First, our building meeting of Jan. 9 was productive as we selected the Building Board and agreed on the outlined plans for the season.

After providing the Treasurer's report, Bob Wentzel gave his resignation as Treasurer after 20 years of dedication to the Board.

Current officers are: Esta Schwartz, Building Captain; Helen Saul, (temporary Treasurer) and Sunshine Coordinator; Mary Harker, Secretary; Lucy Jennings, Wing Captain (Swedish side); Jeannette Rosa, Wing Captain (Swedish side); Van Jones, Wing Captain (Costa Rican side); (Van unfortunately had to step down, so this will need to be filled); John Bladykas, Wing Captain (Costa Rican side).

Gloria suggested that we should try to have a coordinator per month to set up the events. There will be three areas to consider: a coffee/donut hour, women's lunch, and dinner for men and women.

Before ending, we sang Happy Birthday to those celebrants of January, Bud Sayer and Nancy Schifferle.

The month chosen by each individual is on the bulletin board. We need more volunteers to step up and help plan the empty months. We are fortunate there are some new neighbors that have joined us, and we look forward to their contributions as well.

In January, the coffee moved indoors to my home, as it was too cold to sit in the core. This made a very cozy meet and greet for everyone.

The planned luncheon for the women at Wildflower Café in Clearwater was wonderful. We had a great time there. Nancy Schifferle was surprised when the server came to her seat with an animated singing birthday cake and



beautifully decorated cupcake. It was great fun, great food!

Next item was dinner at Salsa's Mexican Restaurant in Palm Harbor. We had 25 people support this event. Food was great. We celebrated another birthday, when the troupe of singers along with the server placed a beautiful sombrero on Bud Sayer. What a sport! (See photo collage at right). His brother Pat Sayer and sister-in-law Betsy happened to be visiting and joined us only to see his red face. In addition, we had two new neighbors Jane and Bill Lee joined in the fun.

February's coffee went inside as well at Nancy and Ken Schifferle's home. We missed those who did not make it. We had good conversation and enjoyed seeing a neighbor we had not seen for some time, Marlene Mullen.

Next, we had dinner at Lucky Dills (a favorite with many).

We ended February with the ladies' lunch at Bon Appetite (another favorite).

In-between all the planned activities some of the women attended "Wicked" in downtown Tampa. It was a spectacular show. Pictured in the photo collage front row left to right are Lorraine Davis, Nancy Schifferle, Sue Queary, and Esta Schwartz; in the



Photo collage shows many of the events Brahman residents enjoyed recently. (Photos and collage by Esta-Lee Schwartz)

back row left to right are Gloria Sayer and Ginny Tufano.

We also had dinner at Maggiano's (who does not like that).

All day Tuesdays at Cobb Theater, there is \$6 movie tickets for seniors. If you request a (free) reward card, you can

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I look forward to see the fun planned for March. Planned for March 20 is the potluck dinner. Gloria, tag you are it! Pat Faw and Glo Wentzel are the birthday women.

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Gino and Luisa Tralficante recently visited New Jersey. Pictured (L-R) in the back row are Zoe, Shannon, Tori, Keri, Julianna, and Thomas (grandchildren). In the front row are Gino, Dylan and Hailey (great-grandchildren), and Luisa. At lower right is grandson Patrick holding Jaegger, a Portuguese Waterdog.

OTOW News welcomes yet another new reporter

A best friend is like a four-leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have. Happy St. Patrick's Day to each of you!

We have several new residents to welcome to our building: Joe Wright from Virginia, Ross and Sarah from North Carolina, Ken and Karen from Massachusetts, and Bob and Joy Kurd from New York.

Gino and Luisa Tralficante went to New Jersey recently for a visit. See the photo above for identification of the individuals in the group shot.

Our annual yard sale will be held Saturday, March 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The pricing and set-up of yard sale will be Friday, March 15. We can use volunteers on both days and there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Thanks to Mary and I who decorated the building for Valentine's Day. We had a great turnout for our building meeting in February. If you did not attend the meeting, the minutes are posted on the bulletin board.

Happy belated birthday to Euni (Feb. 20th). If you have a birthday, anniversary or other celebration, advise Mary at the monthly meeting.



We have many activities to attend at On Top of the World, but here are a few events you might want to venture out to:

1. 2013 PGA Tour Championship at Innisbrook, March 11-17.
2. At Ruth Eckerd Hall, upcoming shows include Doo Wop on March 9, Helen Reddy on March 16, and Bill Cosby on March 23.

There are some special days to note: Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

St. Patrick's Day is on March 17, Palm Sunday is on the 24th, and Easter is on March 31. Have a great month!

Showing good manners can be contagious

January was a busy month for the people of España.

There was a pot luck dinner in the Sunrise Room and a rummage sale that took place on the odd side of the building. Ellen Fier, the secretary of the España Building Association, was in charge of both of these events. Ellen did a spectacular job.

As to the rummage sale, Ellen posted notices on the bulletin boards of neighboring buildings, made arrangements with the owners of first-floor porches, and arranged for tables, etc.

The turnout of sellers and purchasers was magnificent. This rummage sale was a first, but I predict that it will not be the last. Thanks Ellen for all your hard work!

Joan Farrell, a former resident of the España who also still owns the apartment in the building, married William Cutts, Jr., on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, at Light of Christ Roman Catholic Church. The reception was held at the Elks Club in Dunedin. Our best wishes to you both. (See story on page 72.)

Have you noticed that people are forgetting their manners? For example, have you noticed that when you hold a door for someone, they walk right through and neglect to say "thank you?" I have started to say "you're welcome," even though they say nothing.



It's amazing that my "you're welcome" brings forth a "thank you" from the person. We may be senior citizens, but if we all try to remember the politeness that we were raised with, maybe others, seniors and non-seniors, will start to remember their manners. Little by little our saying "you're welcome" might make a difference.

It's hard to believe that we are about to celebrate Easter. March 31st is the day. That means the Snowbirds are getting ready to leave and relatives from the North are getting ready to come down and visit for the holiday.

So far we have had a wonderful winter and that huge snowstorm that hit the Northeast made me glad that I left New York and moved to Florida where I don't shovel snow. Instead of shoveling snow, I am pulling weeds.

Have a great Easter!

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Attention Dog Walkers

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Covered dish party attended by more than 30

Welcome to the month of daylight savings, St. Patrick and spring. We also have Good Friday, Easter and Passover. All in all it is a good time to get ready for summer.

The past month was an exciting one for residents of Orizaba. We had some record numbers at our Wednesday breakfast outings, we had several fine luncheons involving multiple residents and we had a covered dish party that was outstanding.

The covered dish party was hosted by Elizabeth Kokenyesi and was attended by over 30 residents. The food that was prepared and brought to the Sunrise Room was far and away the best to date.

Some of the dishes deserved to be featured in our finer restaurants. There was enough food to go around and some to take home for another meal. Andy and Joan McEvoy, Jim and Lynn Anzalone, Walter and Helen Sutkowi were just a few of those bringing delicious morsels to the party.

Fannie Battistas, Fran and Andy Grillo, Pearl Lowry and Fay and Ray Howell were present to represent our long time residents. Flo and Jack Herman (possibly our longest time residents) volunteered to host the next luncheon.

Ed Fournier and Jackie Blair had



Proud grandfather John Kokenyesi with his grandson, who was the youngest attendee.

a visit from his grandson, all 6' 5" of him. John and Elizabeth Kokenyesi



Good eats at a recent covered dish party. (Photos by Howard Bergendahl)

were visited by their daughter and grandchildren. Flo Gracia has her sister visiting (maybe to help her celebrate her birthday) and I think that all of the visitors had a good time and enjoyed our wonderful weather.

Flo Herman had an afternoon coffee klatch to help Ed Fournier celebrate his 88th birthday. Happy Birthday Ed but Fannie thinks you are just a kid.

Leslie Carlson was recently welcomed to our building as a new resident. If you see Leslie, say hello.

Remember not to sweat the small stuff because it's all small stuff. Do something nice for someone else – and don't tell anyone about it. Ask yourself the question, "Will this matter a year from now?" Choose being kind over being right.

The golfer asked his caddy if he thought that the golfer could reach the green with a 5 iron. The caddy said, "Yes, eventually."

Happy Anniversary to Pam and Al Corcoran. He says it is 35 years but I doubt that since Pam is obviously too young!



Correction

In the February edition of On Top of the World News, a list incorrectly stated the Granada Building did not have any stories submitted in 2012.

In fact, Arlene Berger submitted five stories in 2012. OTOW News appreciates her contributions!

In this month's newspaper, 41 different building reporters submitted stories, including five new writers: Kathy Hovelman for Paradise, Christine Buppert for Monaco, Audrey Barker for Royale Dutch, Lois Linett for Royal Chateau and Diane Norwood for English Gothic.

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A great way to spend Valentine's Day – get married!

By Cele Radeloff

Can you think of a nicer way to spend Valentine's Day than by attending a beautiful wedding?

Well, our newlyweds are two line dancers: Joanie Farrell and Bill Cutts. Joanie has lived here for 17 years and was a profit management specialist with General Electric Financial Operations. She is originally from Schenectady, N.Y., and now resides in the Queen Victoria building.

At line dancing, Joanie is a demonstrator and our former treasurer. She also volunteered in the ID center for many years.

Bill has been at On Top of the World for three years. He is a retired schoolteacher from Tracy, Calif. He is a member of the OTOW Chorus, and is a bingo volunteer, line dancer and water exercise member.

Speaking of the water exercise class, that's where Joanie and Bill met, on a beautiful sunny day in September! Joanie had come out of the pool at the end of the class while her two friends, Barbara Kelley and Chris Nason, remained behind, conversing with Bill.

He asked them if they knew of a nice single girl who liked to dance. The ladies came out of the pool to get Joanie's permission to introduce Bill to her. Joanie gave her approval and Bill came over to meet her... while her two "guardian angels" witnessed the beginning of a "love affair" that was meant to be.

You may remember that Joanie was our paper's "Guess Who" subject in the November, 2010 issue, pictured in her U.S. Navy WAVE uniform (see



Joanie's photo from the November, 2010 OTOW News as the "Guess Who" subject, highlighting her Navy days.

photo above). It's ironic that both Joanie and Bill joined the Navy in 1954. Both are proud veterans.

Wedding bells rang out Feb. 14 at Light of Christ Catholic Church, with a reception following the ceremony. Joanie was given away by her son, Michael. The matron of honor was her daughter-in-law Kasey, and the best man was Rich Hayes.



OTOW residents Bill Cutts and Joanie Farrell were married on Valentine's Day at Light of Christ Catholic Church. Reception was held at the Elks Club.

It was a dancing crowd at the reception at the Elks Club. The OTOW Line Dancers were up for every number, even "Trashy Women." A great time

was had by all at the reception..

Congratulations to the bride and groom and to a real "Top of the World" romance!

Birthday bash guests were the same for two events



Attending two recent birthday celebrations are (L-R) Gay Hunt, Edie Ryzek, Shari Anthony, Marsha Orrell, Joyce Mehas, Norma Jean DuBois and Margo Robson.

Brrrr...with all the cold weather and snow up North, we have to stop and think how blessed we are to be in this wonderful place.

We are truly "On Top of the World," aren't we?

Well, another birthday celebration at the Grecian Classic. Gay Hunt, this reporter celebrated her birthday on Jan. 26 with a luncheon at the Island Way Grill.

Arsha Orrell celebrated a milestone birthday with a surprise party on Feb. 7. That celebration continued on Valentine's Day with the Snowbirds' trip to Ft. Myers for the River Cruise.

Those attending both celebrations are pictured below from left to right: Gay Hunt, Edie Ryzek, Shari Anthony, Marsha Orrell, Joyce



Mehas, Norma Jean DuBois and Margo Robson (see photo).

We are looking forward to our building picnic, where we get a chance to taste all the pot luck dinners and best of all, to meet all our new neighbors!

Some favorite Irish tunes of Casa Verde residents

Since St. Patrick's Day is coming up, I thought that this might be a good time to find out what my neighbors' favorite Irish songs might be.

As you can probably guess, a couple of songs came up over and over again. "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" was the favorite for Betty Manard, Judy Zuckerman, Leon Trahan, Barb Sbordon, Mary Dicke, and Jo Settle.

"Danny Boy" was chosen by Felicia Hamilton, Tony Limosani, Heidi Maisolle, Jean Wilson, and Gary Ordway.

Peggy French loves "Peggy O'Neill" because that is her maiden name. Jan Jacobs also likes that song.

Janet Mathews likes "Look, Look to the Rainbow" from "Finian's Rainbow."

Ed Stefan's favorite is "What Do You Do with a Drunken Sailor" and Louise Smith likes the "Irish Lullaby" because it is a song in the movie "Going My Way" with Bing Crosby.

Jean Smith and John Mikles both like "My Wild Irish Rose." Dotty Ott likes "I'll Tell Me Ma" and Bill Lee likes "Will Ye Go Lassie Go." Pat Dooley voted for "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen."

Mirza Cogan couldn't remember the name of the particular song, but



she knew the words. She said that the words included, "I've got a ticket in my hat, that will take me here and back, and I'll be in Killarney in the morning." Can someone help with the name of that one? I tried to get the title from the Internet but I couldn't come up with the title either.

Dennis Babini will be the neighbor most excited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. He has been waiting more than two years for a dog from the Southeastern Guide Dog School in Palmetto just south of us over the Skyway Bridge.

Dennis should have his new friend soon. We are all excited to meet and greet our newest neighbor.

"I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen"...

Building at full occupancy

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 roses myself. It sure feels good to be loved!

A big shout out goes to Rich Hayes as he retired from a year as President of the On Top of the World Entertainment Committee. The dances, shows and special events entertained us all during the year. Thank you, Rich, for all you do for our community!

Our Englander Building is bursting with residents! Welcome home Bobby and Jackie Milam and to Bob and Linda Precoda who arrived just after the holiday. In the 10 years that I've lived in this building (can't believe it's been that long), it is the first time that all of our condos are occupied. How great is that!

Our building was well represented in the Ladies 18 Hole Jack and Jill golf tournament in February. The team of Marc and Cindy Schell and the team of Terri and Dick Mikszenas each took first place in their own respective flights, just proving that long-term married couples can still play nice together!




And, this just in... breaking news... congratulations to Cindy and Marc Schell on the birth of their first granddaughter, born on Feb. 15. Marc and Cindy already have two grandsons, but now they'll be shopping in the pink and polka-dot aisles!

Happy March to everyone. Remember "spring ahead, fall back," which means we turn the clocks ahead on the evening of March 9.



We will then wear the green on St. Patrick's Day March 17 with all our Irish friends!

Easter Sunday, March 31, is early this year, especially compared to the Orthodox Easter which follows the Julian calendar and is more than a month away on May 5.

Happy celebrating one and all!



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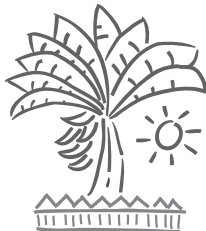
MONTHLY CALENDAR				
MARCH 1 – 31				
1	Friday	9:00 AM	Auditorium	Good Neighbors Flea Market
1	Friday	2:00 PM	Sunrise Room	Travel Club Meeting
2	Saturday	6:00 PM	Starlite Room	Singles Club Meeting
3	Sunday	10:00 AM	Auditorium	Good Neighbors Crafts
3	Sunday	3:00 PM	Kitchen	Music Jam Social
4	Monday	11:00 AM	Starlite Room	Snowbirds Club Meeting
5	Tuesday	4:00 PM	Yellow Room	Irish Club Meeting
5	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Kitchen	Hoosier Club Meeting
5	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Sunrise Room	No.82 Capistrano Meeting
6	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Veranda	Baby Boomers Meeting
6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Sunrise Room	No. 50 Azores Meeting
6	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Auditorium	Theater Workshop Meeting
7	Thursday	10:30 AM	Starlite Room	Pennsylvania Club Meeting
7	Thursday	11:30 AM	Kitchen	Contract Bridge Cards
7	Thursday	6:00 PM	Sunrise Room	Press Association Meeting
7	Thursday	7:30 PM	Auditorium	Entertainment Committee Show
8	Friday	10:00 AM	Blue Room	Learn Chinese Class
8	Friday	5:00 PM	Auditorium	Canadian Club Dance
8	Friday	5:00 PM	Sunrise Room	No. 44 French Renaissance Dinner
8	Friday	7:00 PM	Crafts Room	Lambda Club Meeting
9	Saturday	8:00 AM	Starlite Room	Irish Club Parade Meeting
9	Saturday	10:00 AM	OTOW Complex	Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade
9	Saturday	8:00 PM	Auditorium	Entertainment Committee Dance
10	Sunday	2:00 PM	Auditorium	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park
11	Monday	8:30 AM	Veranda	Good Neighbors Blood Pressure Screening
11	Monday	12:30 PM	Computer Room	Family History Meeting
11	Monday	2:00 PM	Sunrise Room	German Interest Group Meeting
12	Tuesday	2:30 PM	Veranda	Women's 9-Hole Golf Meeting
12	Tuesday	4:00 PM	Yellow Room	Irish Club Meeting
12	Tuesday	5:00 PM	Kitchen	Bible Study Potluck
13	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Auditorium	Irish Club Dinner/Dance
14	Thursday	9:30 AM	Auditorium	Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee
14	Thursday	6:00 PM	Sunrise Room	No.50 Azores Party
15	Friday	10:00 AM	Blue Room	Learn Chinese Class
15	Friday	7:30 PM	Auditorium	Theater Workshop Show
16	Saturday	7:30 PM	Auditorium	Theater Workshop Show
17	Sunday	2:00 PM	Auditorium	Theater Workshop Show
18	Monday	9:30 AM	Auditorium	Good Neighbors Free Eye & Ear Testing
18	Monday	6:00 PM	Sunrise Room	Men's Billiards Meeting
19	Tuesday	11:00 AM	Rainbow Room	Always Educators Meeting
19	Tuesday	1:00 PM	Sunrise Room	Stamp Collectors Meeting
20	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Sunrise Room	No.74 Brahman Potluck
21	Thursday	11:00 AM	Veranda	Greyhound Club Meeting
21	Thursday	4:00 PM	Sunrise Room	Hoosier Club Dinner
21	Thursday	6:00 PM	Veranda	Baby Boomers Meeting
22	Friday	10:00 AM	Blue Room	Learn Chinese Class
22	Friday	7:00 PM	Auditorium	Irish Club Meeting
23	Saturday	1:00 PM	Veranda	No. 54 Brittany Farmhouse Meeting
23	Saturday	5:00 PM	Sunrise Room	Rainbow Club Meeting
23	Saturday	6:00 PM	Crafts Room	Lambda Club
23	Saturday	8:00 PM	Auditorium	Entertainment Committee Dance
24	Sunday	5:00 PM	Auditorium	Snowbirds Club Party
26	Tuesday	4:00 PM	Kitchen	Pinochle Party
27	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Auditorium	NY-NJ Club Meeting
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Sunrise Room	No. 89 Siboney Meeting
28	Thursday	2:00 PM	Starlite Room	Democratic Club Meeting
29	Friday	7:00 PM	Auditorium	Canadian Club Meeting
30	Saturday	6:00 PM	Crafts Room	Lambda Club Social
31	Sunday	7:00 AM	Auditorium	Good Neighbors Community Service
31	Sunday	12:00 PM	Kitchen	Lambda Club Luncheon




Daylight Savings Time begins
Sunday, March 10
(Set clocks ahead one hour)




St. Patrick's Day
Sunday, March 17



First Day of Spring
Wednesday, March 20



First Day of Passover
Tuesday, March 26



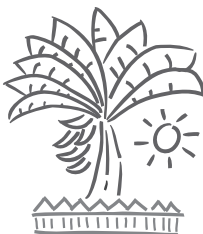
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St. Patrick's Day
Sunday, March 17



First Day of Spring
Wednesday, March 20



First Day of Passover
Tuesday, March 26



Easter Sunday
March 31

DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY

East Activity Center

8:00 AM Bonesavers Exercise
 8:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class
 8:30 AM Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales
 9:00 AM Polar Bear Swim
 9:00 AM Slimnastics Exercise
 9:00 AM Computer Help
 10:00 AM Aerobics Exercise
 11:30 AM Duplicate Bridge Cards
 11:30 AM Dancercize Exercise
 11:30 AM Contract Bridge Cards
 1:00 PM Canasta Game
 1:30 PM Tai Chi Exercise
 2:30 PM Tai Chi Exercise
 6:00 PM Bingo Bingo
 6:30 PM Contract Bridge Cards

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 9:00 AM Photo IDs
 10:00 AM Mens Exercise Class
 12:30 PM Mahjongg
 5:00 PM Mahjongg
 6:30 PM Mens Billiards 8-ball tournament

TUESDAY

East Activity Center

8:00 AM Bonesavers Exercise
 8:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class
 8:30 AM AARP Free Tax Service
 9:00 AM Polar Bear Swim
 9:00 AM Slimnastics Exercise
 9:00 AM Caring and Sharing
 9:00 AM Computer Help
 10:00 AM Philosophy Club Meeting
 10:00 AM Aerobics Exercise
 10:30 AM Ballroom Dancing Class
 11:00 AM Yoga Exercise
 12:00 PM Ceramics Crafts
 1:00 PM Canasta
 1:00 PM Line Dancing Line Dancing
 1:00 PM Oil Painting
 1:00 PM Music Group
 5:30 PM Dominos
 6:00 PM Pinochle Cards
 6:00 PM Euchre
 7:00 PM Bible Study Meeting

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 1:00 PM Mens Billiards 9-ball Tournament

2:00 PM Chess
 6:00 PM Mahjongg

WEDNESDAY

East Activity Center

8:00 AM Bonesavers Exercise
 8:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 AM Polar Bear Swim
 9:00 AM Slimnastics Exercise
 9:00 AM Spanish Speaking Class
 9:00 AM Good Neighbors Crafts
 9:00 AM Knitting Group
 9:00 AM Sewing Class
 9:00 AM Tai Chi Exercise
 9:00 AM Computer Help
 10:00 AM Zumba Gold
 10:00 AM Cribbage
 10:00 AM Spanish Speaking Class
 10:00 AM Aerobics Exercise
 10:30 AM Jazz Dance Class
 10:30 AM Jazz Dance Dance
 11:00 AM French Speaking Class
 11:30 AM Tap Dance Class
 11:30 AM Tap Dance Dance
 11:30 AM Duplicate Bridge
 1:00 PM Painting Pals
 1:00 PM Double Pinochle
 1:00 PM 500 Card Game
 1:30 PM Scrapbooking Class
 1:30 PM Tai Chi Exercise
 2:30 PM Tai Chi Exercise
 6:30 PM Contract Bridge

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 10:00 AM Mens Exercise Class
 12:00 PM Mahjongg Game
 6:30 PM Ladies QueT Billards

THURSDAY

East Activity Center

8:00 AM Bonesavers Exercise
 8:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class
 8:30 AARP Free Tax Service
 8:30 AM Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales
 9:00 AM Polar Bear Swim
 9:00 AM Slimnastics Exercise
 9:00 AM Computer Help
 10:00 AM Aerobics Exercise
 11:00 AM YogaExercise
 12:30 PM Writers Ink

12:30 PM Euchre
 1:00 PM Drawing Class
 1:00 PM Mahjongg
 3:00 PM Italian Speaking Class
 5:00 PM Pinochle
 6:30 PM Canadian Club Game Night
West Activity Center
 8:00 AM Snowbirds Club Line Dancing
 8:30 AM Exercise Class
 9:00 AM Snowbirds Club Line Dancing
 2:00 PM Chess
 6:30 PM Mens Billiards Tournament

FRIDAY

East Activity Center

8:00 AM Bonesavers Exercise
 8:00 AM Ladies Exercise Class
 9:00 AM Polar Bear Swim
 9:00 AM Slimnastics Exercise
 9:00 AM Pinochle
 9:00 AM Ceramics
 9:00 AM Computer Help
 10:00 AM Hula Hooping Exercise
 11:30 AM Dancercize Exercise
 1:00 PM Music Group
 1:00 PM Mahjongg
 6:30 PM Contract Bridge
 6:30 PM Hand & Foot Canasta

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 10:00 AM Mens Exercise Class
 1:00 PM Chess

SATURDAY

East Activity Center

8:30 AM Line Dancing
 8:30 AM Computer Club Meeting
 11:30 AM Duplicate Bridge
 1:30 PM Tai Chi Exercise
 2:30 PM Tai Chi Exercise

West Activity Center


SUNDAY

East Activity Center

2:00 PM Wii Bowling

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Verna Olson.....3540

Jan. 10

Marian Vizey3680
Verna Olson.....3300

Jan. 14

Julie Solfronk4290
Verna Olson.....3680

Jan. 17

Julie Solfronk3120
Nancy Savelle2510
Joyce Tidmore2510

Jan. 21

Regina Dietrich 4410
Nancy Savelle3060

Jan. 23

Mary Spearman 4210
Jan Bachus3650

Jan. 24

Julie Solfronk3540
Regina Dietrich 2970

Jan. 25


Verna Olson.....3210
Nancy Savelle3980

Jan. 28

Verna Olson.....2660
Nancy Savelle2520

Jan. 31

Nancy Savelle4700
Margaret Powlowski3400



Pinochle

WEST SIDE
Bertie Lewis

Jan. 17

6280 (1st Place)..... Gwen Nolan
6170 (2nd Place) Eileen Brust
Took All Tricks Maryann Staffieri/
Frank Staffieri; Russ Zurkin/Bertie Lewis

Jan. 24


6830 (1st Place)..... Gwen Nolan
6400 (2nd Place) Darlene
Double Pinochle..... Bertie Lewis
Took All Tricks Virginia McGinnis/
Ed Fronzoni

Jan. 31

7250 (1st Place)..... Chet Czczot
6940 (2nd Place) Bertie Lewis
Double Pinochle..... Alma Zurkin,
Ed Fronzoni, Ruth LaHoy, Nancy House

Feb 7

6540 (1st Place)..... Alma Zurkin
6260 (2nd Place) Ann Stewart



CARDS

Pinochle

EAST SIDE
Fran Milanec

Jan. 15

6620 (1st Place)..... Clayton Hancock
6490 (2nd Place) Bertie Lewis
Double Pinochle..... Bertie Lewis

Jan. 17

5710 (1st Place)..... Wray V. Henderson
5620 (2nd Place) Helen Gonzalez

Jan. 22

6490 (1st Place)..... Al Lecher
6480 (2nd Place) Gary Gates
Double Pinochle..... Maxine Murray
Took All Tricks Theresa Gates,
Rose Oshaben

Jan. 24

6540 (1st Place)..... Mary Chirdon
6360 (2nd Place) Joan Wolf
Double Pinochle..... Helen Gonzalez

Jan. 29

6800 (1st Place)..... Joan Wolf
6390 (2nd Place) Vic Henderson
Double Pinochle..... Gary Gates,
Mary Chirdon (2x)

Jan. 31


6500 (1st Place)..... Sergio Pistella
6370 (2nd Place) Rose Oshaben

Feb. 5

7290 (1st Place)..... Vic Henderson
6980 (2nd Place) Al McKay
Double Pinochle..... Maxine Murray (2x)
Took All Tricks Gwen Nolan,
Mary Chirdon

Feb. 7

7070 (1st Place)..... Al Lecher
6590 (2nd Place) Sergio Pistella
Double Pinochle..... Sergio Pistella



500

Muriel Landau

Jan. 9

2120.....Muriel Landau
1830..... Elsie Toth

Jan. 16


2570.....Ann Gehrling
2500..... Elsie Toth

Jan. 23

3440..... Elsie Toth
2980.....Ann Gehrling

Jan. 30

2260..... Janine Maziarz
1790..... Elsie Toth



**Duplicate
Bridge**

**Mondays, Wednesdays
& Saturdays**
Walter Balderson, Director
(Top leaders listed for each playdate)

Wednesday, Jan. 16

N/S: Harry Schloen, Ella Van Dorn
Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
E/W: Thelma Jacobsen, Marie Hebert
Ken Carrol, Carol Carrol

Saturday, Jan. 19

N/S: Renee Fishman, Miriam Liberman
Cobie Stimming, Rainer Stimming
E/W: Joan Moore, Pat Van Hise
Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston

Monday, Jan. 21

N/S: Frank Schlotter, Dorothy Ehlers
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W: Charlie McKague, Thelma Wishnek
Eldon Smith, Bruce Mills

Wednesday, Jan. 23

N/S: Gloria Ferris, Dot Graham
Charlie McKague, M.A. Sinnenberg
E/W: Juanita, Witham, Pat Regan
Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine

Saturday, Jan. 26

N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Frank Schlotter, Dorothy Ehlers
E/W: Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann
Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine

Monday, Jan. 28

N/S: Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague
Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
E/W: Betty Sagun, Jana Packer
Tom McKee, Hilda Platte

Wednesday, Feb. 6

N/S: Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
Frank Schlotter, Evelyn Reece
E/W: Carmen Dixon, Carol Gray
Hilda Platte, Betty Hayhurst

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE

EAST SIDE – Thursdays
Maxine Murray — Fran Milanec

Jan. 17

1..... Fran Milanec
2..... Ron Murray/June Sweeney (Tie)
3..... Mary Ann Fontaine

Jan. 24

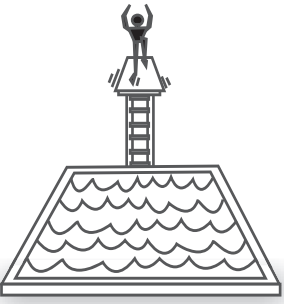
1..... Arnie Engelbert
2..... Fran Milanec
3..... Maxine Murray
4..... Joyce Engelbert

Jan. 31

1..... May Blair
2..... Mary Ann Fontaine/Ron Murray (Tie)
3..... Joyce Engelbert

Feb. 7

1..... Ron Murray/Arnie Engelbert (Tie)
2..... May Blair/Joyce Engelbert (Tie)



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The Granada golfers were at it again. Tom and Betty Gerkin won prize money playing in the Jack and Jill Tournament sponsored by the Ladies 18 Hole Golf League.

Trish Burch, Pat Dalziel and Juanita Witham also participated, and all had a great time.

February was a busy month for our family. Stan and I celebrated our 57th anniversary with our son Stuart and daughter-in-law Helene. Later in the month the four of us went up to Tallahassee to help our granddaughter celebrate her 22nd birthday. She is a senior at Florida State University, and her kid brother is a sophomore, so we had a great family get-together. We ended the month by celebrating Stan's birthday on the 28th.

Once again, we enjoyed the great theater opportunities here in our area. We started and ended the month of February by attending performances of "Traces" and "Flash Dance" at the Straz in Tampa.

We saw "The Piano Lesson" at the American Stage Theatre in St. Petersburg, and we also attended a musical at the Frances Wilson Playhouse in Clearwater.



We have already ordered our season tickets for next winter at the Straz, which opens the season with the great "Book of Mormon," which is coming direct from Broadway. It is all here for the taking if you so choose.

There is a box in the building lobby for all news items, so if you have something to announce or celebrate, please drop it in the box for me and I will write it up. We would particularly like to hear from building newcomers, so that we may welcome you.

Think of yourself as being "Negative Thought Intolerant," because to think negatively is bad for you.

Until next month, enjoy your holiday — be it Passover or Easter, and welcome to spring...

Plan now for a full month of activities in March

Welcome to all the new people to our building. I am sure you will enjoy On Top of the World. There are many things to do for your pleasure.

Here are a few things to do this month: Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m. the Irish Club will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Many of the people in the parade are from OTOW. You don't have to go far. It is on World Parkway, so bring a chair and just sit and enjoy.

Members of the Theater Workshop will be presenting their show March 15, 16 and 17. All the performers are from OTOW.

Easter Sunday is March 31, and there will be a sunrise service at the East Activity Center. Check with the Center for the time. Everyone is invited.

Sunday, March 10 marks the beginning of daylight savings time, so don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour.

Monday evening, March 25, is the beginning of Passover.



The building held its annual meeting in February. Many important items were discussed, including the cleaning of storage areas, having emergency cards filled out so if anything happens to your unit and you are away we can contact someone.

Maps of OTOW are now available. If you need information on any of these items, contact Dave Linderman.

Plenty of new things this month, so get out and enjoy!

Hope all of you will enjoy the Passover and Easter holidays.



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New World French

Pizza party, luncheon draw many

Lots of news and happenings since the last edition of our paper.

Gin Upton had a visit from her daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen. They traveled to Minnesota to be with Gin's sister, Marilyn, who lovingly had her help paint her house. Upon her return, her comment was "ugh" to the cold and snow and always happy to be back here at the New World French.

Jeannette Marsden made a quick trip recently to Alabama to visit relatives, then traveled with her sister-in-law, Joyce, to Miami Springs. Joyce is Grand Chief Daughter of the Daughters of Scotia, an organization for women of Scottish descent or married to a Scot. Jeannette held this same office in 2002.

An impromptu "pizza party" was held Feb. 2 at which at least 30 people participated. Especially great was the fact that Julie Werkheiser was able to attend. Another attendee to this get-together was "energizer Bonnie Elliott", a former resident now living in New York. She was visiting Jan Guyton for the month of February.

Thank you Ralph Wells for setting up the chairs and Bob and Connie for overseeing this gala.

We had a good turnout of 18 residents for our monthly luncheon which took place at Countryside Pizza.

Welcome Ron Topa and Esther Marchiso to our building. Another unit has been sold but as yet I have not met the new owner.

Take care everyone and, as always, I urge you to check the bulletin boards for upcoming events and/or vital news.



Well done! A salute to Mary Ellis for her years of service as Saratoga reporter

For personal reasons, this may be my last column for Saratoga.

If any resident, new or old, is able to carry on with news from his or her neighbors over the recent past month or planned in the near future, I am sure the newspaper editor, Doug Kates, would be pleased to know of it. It also helps if the reporter enjoys writing.

A number of our residents have been very helpful in providing their own news lately, for which I have been very thankful.

One of those residents is Terry Mikulski, who reported to me that she and her husband Mike have become great-grandparents for the 11th time! On Jan. 8 a pair of twin girls was born to their granddaughter Danna Becker in Buffalo, N.Y.

Riley, 5.5 lbs., and Bristle, 6 lbs., came home in just two days (see photo). The Mikulski's first great-grand is now 12.

This event happened a week before Terry and Mike's scheduled cruise to the Western Caribbean and they were able to get in their visit to Buffalo "just in time".

Their grand cruise was booked by them for 20 travelers, and they were able to visit Cozumel, Belize, Honduras and Grand Cayman.

For our building's enjoyment, Barbara Jacques again made arrangement for 14 of us to share rides to the Rumba Restaurant in Oldsmar for an early dinner together on Feb. 1. We found



Twin girls were born on Jan. 8 in Buffalo, N.Y. to the granddaughter of Terry and Mike Mikulski. Welcome to the world!

ourselves enjoying a variety of delicious and reasonable meals as well as good conversation. However, we had looked forward to hearing about Pat and Laurie Wookeys' recent cruise to the Orient, which they were unable to fulfill!

Jane Turnbull has accomplished the first step toward her dream of learning to play golf, as mentioned in the December issue of this paper. With

the help of a very kind golf-enthusiast Saratoga neighbor, she has purchased a set of ladies right-handed clubs at an amazing price from a lady in a nearby building. Jane seems to be well on her way to becoming a pro!

Phyllis and Paul Farrell of Prince Edward Island tell us that their daughter Janice and her husband James and grandson Jack will possibly be able to visit them in March for a week.

We Saratogans attended the Jesters February show, all three performances en force probably, to see our own member of the cast, Roger Nicoll, in "Our Favorite Things." He will be putting his best foot forward on the stage again this month in the Theater Workshop show "OTOW Theatrical Museum."

Roger is one of the stalwarts we can expect to find and a very experienced person on the board after all the years he has lived here.

As I hinted in my first paragraph, I must give up my writing for this paper as the reporter for Saratoga Building, much as I dislike quitting, as I have enjoyed the privilege. I hope someone will come forward or know of someone, who would be a good fit that enjoys writing. We have a great bunch of folks who live here both year round and "part-time" and a very fine editor, who has delightful ideas.

If you have good ideas or know someone who has, please share your names with editor Doug Kates or me.

Everything is shipshape at Alsace Lorraine

The folks at Alsace Lorraine are doing well and having fun. People have taken to the Friday social hour (or two) and we are so happy that they have.

One of our neighbors brought a guest from Quebec City and we had to use a translator to keep everyone included in the festivities. Five of the 20 people who were present are bilingual, so there was no problem keeping everyone engaged.

We were also using our cell phones to include Kate's husband who happened to be in New Hampshire. He and I were both on submarines during our time in the Navy and as all submarine sailors have common experiences, it was easy to communicate with him.

During the mid to late 60's, I spent several weeks around Vladivostok and Petropavlovsk Harbors in the then Soviet Union. During those days it was a game with us following them and them following us. We just happen to be better at it.

When you are in your 20s, you don't see the danger in things, you



just see the excitement. I'm sure our captain was looking at things a little differently, however.

There are two basic types of submarines, Fast Attack and Fleet Ballistic Missile (FBM). While the Fast Attack looks for trouble, the FBM tries to stay out of trouble.

After making several patrols on an Attack Submarine, it was very difficult hiding out, going slow and waiting to fire your missiles. Avoiding all contacts while keeping morale and training at its best was very difficult. The men of the

Submarine Service give a lot, and that may be the reason we party so much when we come ashore!

As we would say in the Navy, "Change One to the Plan of the Day" — the date and time for the pizza party has been updated. The information is on the bulletin board first-floor core.

I have found it does not make good print to announce a date or time too far in the future.

We are so happy for Sheila and Ray Samson who recently sold their condo to move back to New Hampshire to be with their family in Loconia. They will be missed very much, especially on Fridays.

Sheila and Ray have been part of the Alsace Lorraine family for more than 15 years. Family is the best reason to move on, our very best to you and your family.

The wind has kept the building crew busy with leaves going everywhere. They have done a bang up job in keeping OTOW looking its best.

And that's the way it is at Building 8.

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Resident Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid activity card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver’s discretion.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- If space allows, residents with current Activity cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
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- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
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- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building’s elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Service Department.

St. Patty's, Easter and the 'Wonders of the World'

Legend has it that each leaf on a four-leaf clover means something: the first is for hope, the second for faith, the third for love, and the fourth for luck.

Over eight million St. Patrick Day cards are exchanged for the holiday, making Hallmark very happy, while over 94 million people here in the good old U.S.A. plan to wear green. St. Patrick's Day brings out the Irish in everyone; from shamrocks to leprechauns to green rivers and parades.

For many "revelers," a St. Patrick's Day party would not be complete without one important provision: beer. On this day, the smiling Irish and those who imbibe with them will drink about 528 million gallons or 4.2 billion pints of beer. And, if you should get hungry, over 41.5 billion pounds of beef, and 2.5 billion pounds of cabbage are produced to go along with all that beer.

I'm guessing our planet gains a few pounds on this holiday. So, a toast: "May the wind at your back not be the result of the corned beef and cabbage you had for lunch."

Three guys, one Irish, one English, and one Scottish, are out walking along the beach together one day. They come across a lantern and a Genie pops out of it. "I will give you each one wish — that's three wishes in total," says the Genie.



The Scottish guy says, "I am a fisherman, my Dad's a fisherman, his Dad was a fisherman and my son will be one too. I want all the oceans full of fish for all eternity." So, with a blink of the Genie's eye FOOM! — the oceans were teeming with fish.

The Englishman was amazed, so he said, "I want a wall around England, protecting her, so that no one will get in for all eternity." Again, with a blink of the Genie's eye POOF! — there was a huge wall around England.

The Irishman asks, "I'm very curious. Please tell me more about this wall." The Genie explains, "Well, it's about 150 feet high, 50 feet thick, protecting England so that nothing can get in or out." The Irishman says, "Fill it up with water."

March isn't just about the color green. Daylight Savings time begins on Sunday, March 10th. March 20th is the first day of spring, (a/k/a the vernal equinox), and you know what that means: Of the 7 billion people on the planet, three are going to try and stand a raw egg on its end.

Good Friday is March 29th, which would make Easter Sunday, March 31st, which would also make all Lent sacrifices for the past 40 days null and void...

There is a lot of confusion regarding what Easter Sunday is all about. For some, Easter Sunday is about the Easter Bunny, colorfully decorated Easter eggs, Easter egg hunts on the White House lawn, (can't you just see our building having an Easter egg hunt), family get-togethers, large honey-baked hams, and lots of movies about the holiday on TV.

However, most people understand the true implications of Easter Sunday, and why it's called Resurrection Sunday, whose religious spirit is celebrated around the world.

A group of people were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes: 1. Egypt's Great Pyramids; 2. China's

Great Wall; 3. the Hanging Gardens of Babylon; 4. the Panama Canal; 5. Hoover Dam; 6. the Taj Mahal; 7. the Grand Canyon.

One person apparently misunderstood the question. He wrote on his list, the "Seven Wonders of the World" are: 1. to see; 2. to hear; 3. to touch; 4. to taste; 5. to feel; 6. to laugh; 7. to love. Travel can be an extraordinary experience for all of us, but the true "Wonders of the World" are those things we overlook as simple and ordinary, and that we take for granted... those are the real adventures for the soul.

Happy Easter, everyone.

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Our building has been going through a complete storage makeover.

There have been owners without an assigned space while others consumed more than their share. Bikes have been sitting around for years with flat tires and spider webs. Most residents are still on speaking terms, thank goodness!

The goal is for everyone to have the same size space and for many of us to start pitching some of those items that we think we can't live without! I keep telling my husband that if we bring something in, we have to let something go! Unfortunately, it isn't working!

I'm blessed to have two residents that I can continue to count on to share news for our building.

Bob and Emily Anderson's granddaughter, Erin, is on the dean's list in Bronx High School of Science her freshman year.

Bob's train friend, Al, from Pennsylvania is visiting. So far, Bob and



Al went to Venice to meet another train collector friend to look at his amazing layout and to buy a train or two. They also took a trip to New Port Richey for a train show. Homosassa Springs is on their to-do list.

Bob and Emily will be busy helping their dear friends, Heinz and Ute, move into the Brittany Farmhouse building. We welcome them to our community.

In addition, friends that Bob and Emily made during their trip to Germany last year, Claus and Uta, came for a visit. This was their first trip to Florida. They also spent a week in Miami and a week in Key West.

Dorothy Churchill had a surprise three-day visit from her nephew and his wife, who live in Daphne, Ala. Mike is Captain of a freighter and Joyce is a nurse. They went to the Pennsylvania Club's Ground Hog dinner where they even got up and enjoyed line dancing!

They took a trip to IKEA which they had never been to and while in the area went to the original Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City.

Dorothy served them a delicious breakfast before they headed home and told her they had such a great time.

Wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a very happy and blessed Easter!

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As you enter on World Parkway and approach Americus Boulevard, remember to come to a **complete stop** before making your turn. **Do not** pass a left-turning car on the right, inasmuch as that blocks the other driver's vision and could cause an accident. Thanks!

An amazing woman at OTOW – Frances Cichanski

A call came with a lead for a story. When I followed up the reference, an amazing life story resulted.

Frances Cichanski is a resident of Paradise Reserve, and her life story is one full of living and doing just what she has wanted to do. We recently sat down and a couple of hours later this reporter was impressed and encouraged by her life and living.

Her life began as the youngest of nine children. She recalls her punishment for being naughty was to knit argyle socks for her brothers. Later in life she came to appreciate this punishment as it gave her a skill which she finds of interest today.

For over 26 years she and her husband Leo lived and worked in the Detroit, Mich., area. He was a detective with the police department and she an anesthesiologist for an oral surgeon. They shared 37 years together until he passed away Sept. 11, 2004.

A love of the water lured Frances and Leo to boating on Lake Huron in Michigan. The Ballerina was their boat for a few years before retiring. When it was time for them to retire, Frances wanted to move to Florida.

Upon arriving in Florida she “wanted to learn how to swim.” She was 60 years old. Frances did just that and went to the St. Petersburg YMCA and took swimming lessons.

Later she approached the St. Petersburg Masters Club to join the swim team and being denied a place on the team proceeded to spend the next four years swimming with a synchronized swimming group.

At the age of 64 she became a member of the St. Petersburg Masters Swim Team. She competed until she joined the swim club, the Florida Mavericks. There were many trophies, ribbons, certificates of recognition and awards earned over the next 25 years.

In a one-hour competition swim meet, Fran set a world record by swimming 1,700 yards; she was 90 years of age. She has since retired from swimming competitions, but still has a love for swimming.

She looks out her condo windows and sees the pond near her home. Her love for water still brings her comfort.

As we talked, Frances shared many memories of growing up and the variety of things she has done in her lifetime.



Frances Cichanski with a Barling aircraft.



Frances ready for action at a swim meet.

She even once owned an Indian Junior Scout motorcycle.

She was a co-pilot in a two-seater Barling aircraft which was “no luxury liner” (see photo). Many Sundays were spent “barnstorming” little cities and giving rides to the brave and adventurous.

She recalled one Sunday as it was getting near dusk the pilot gave one more fly by and “it was a hair-raising trip home!”



Frances Cichanski in front of a few of her many swimming awards.

After her husband, Leo, passed away, she wanted to “do more for others.” So now she spends much of her time knitting and crocheting for others. She belongs to the Good Neighbors Knitting Club, an OTOW club of about 20 women who meet on Wednesdays from 9–11a.m.

As the “captain” of the group, Helen Duranti, has lead the women for 25 years. Phyllis Butler, “the co-captain,” also helps lead the women in knitting and crocheting lap robes and blankets which are given to hospital and hospice patients, veterans groups and families of prematurely born babies. “I’m thankful I learned how to knit and crochet in my early years.”

Frances led me around her home and many beautifully-framed

homemade items hang on her walls. She has put her talent of crocheting to use and made intricate and meaningful wall hangings. She crocheted two renderings of the Statue of Liberty, which were donated to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and the Hospice North Community Center.

There was one of two framed replicas of the Lord’s Supper, the other having been donated to the Lady of Fatima Parish in Spring Hill, Fla., as an Easter gift.

This amazing woman has accomplished much in her life and it doesn’t seem she is slowing down any too soon.

This reporter is grateful for having met her!

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New building co-captains elected at Feb. meeting

Welcome spring! Well, not quite yet officially, but the weather has been unseasonably warm most of the winter.

Some buds are popping open early, pollen is beginning to dust our cars (oh my!) and baseball is in the air! We can remind ourselves of these lovely things even when some of our days are less than easy.

Several of our residents (nine to be exact) attended the opera "Tosca" at the Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg last month. We were delighted and proud to see our own Stella Zambalis in the lead role of Tosca (see photo).

Stella's soprano voice and dramatic talent took our breaths away, as we immersed ourselves in the three-hour performance. And we even got to meet her backstage afterwards. What a wonderful day!

On Feb. 6 we held another building meeting in which we elected new co-captains, Dick Smedley and Jim Hinthorn. Thank you for taking on the job! They encouraged us to continue working and socializing together, as we do well in our building!

We thank our past captain, Hugh Quirk, for all the great things he has done for us these past three years too!

At our meeting we also voted against recycling cans and bottles due to the possibility of attracting pests, since items could only be picked up weekly.

And we voted to keep our storage areas the same, although we did have a clean-up day to sort and straighten.

A little leprechaun saw



Flamenco resident Stella Zambalis played the lead role in the opera "Tosca" recently at the Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg.

Jim Hinthorn recently planting flowers in our front garden. Top O' the World to you, Jim!

Austin Murphy stepped up to the plate and volunteered to arrange a St. Patrick's Day get-together. We will be eager to hear what he plans!

And so, "May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may troubles avoid you wherever you go!"

CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number (or four column lines). Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. ***If the submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.***

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. We cannot accept ads over the phone. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

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Ladies bicycle, 26", good working condition \$10; men's golf clubs, complete set, right-handed \$15. 799-1261

Oreck upright vacuum, late model, excellent condition, with bags \$95. 726-6524

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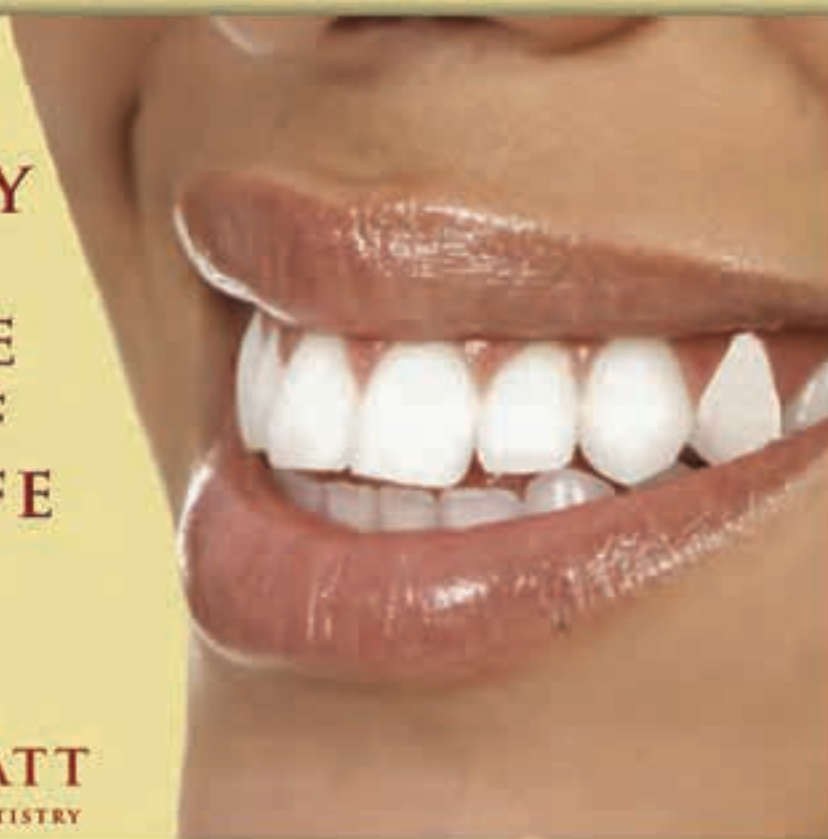
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