



St. Patty's Parade

New entry is causing quite a buzz!

By Doug Kates

When you think of traditional Irish music, the first instruments that come to mind include the fiddle, harp and accordion.

But on March 8, at the annual Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade, a new instrument will take center stage right next to the Scottish bagpipes, "At Large" on the Snowbirds Club float, and "Who Let the Dogs Out" music from the Greyhound Club.

Thanks to the On Top of the World Baby Boomers Club, this year's parade will have a new, featured attraction, which you should hear coming from a mile away.

The surprise?

A kazoo band!

"We thought a kazoo band would be a really great idea," said club member Ron Clement. "At rehearsals, we will decide what songs to do and then try to play the kazoos in a way people will recognize the songs."

The kazoo is a small, basic, one-note instrument, more noted for its static vibration sound, than anything else.

The Baby Boomers were able to



Members of the newly-formed Baby Boomers kazoo band practice a rendition of Whiskey In The Jar for the upcoming Irish Club St. Patrick's Day parade. From left to right are Rich Dvorak, Mary Skaarer, Dianne Dvorak and director Ron Clement. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

purchase a dozen instruments for \$1.25 apiece, and were busy all month practicing for their concert debut.

Ron said the kazoo is the perfect instrument for this Baby Boomers group.

"Our club is a bunch of noise-making, partying, bunch of fools," he said.

"I like loud," said parade organizer Mike Cooper, who approved the kazoo band entry without hesitation. "It will create a lot of noise and I'm happy with that. We'll see how it blends in with the rest of the parade."

Everyone will know ahead of time the kazoo band is coming down the street, but don't expect to see 12-20 club members in a marching formation.

Heck, don't even expect to hear all of them playing the same song at the same time.

But ... it will still be entertaining.

Last year the Baby Boomers entertained the traditional parade crowd with original banners, bicycles, hula-hoops, golf push-carts and so much more.

This year, parade watchers will be privileged to see another talented side of the club, which has grown to more than 50 members in less than five years.

The Irish Club always puts on a wonderful parade, with a variety of OTOW clubs participating, plus bands, clowns, police cars and politicians. The Irish Club is always looking for new acts and originality, so the ka-

zoo band is a perfect fit.

Also new at this year's parade should be an entry by the On Top of the World dog park. Four-legged creatures from the park have asked to march together. The 2013 Pet of the Year may be included in the mix.

Mary and Dave Kennelly are this year's honored guests of the Irish Club for their ongoing, dedicated services to the OTOW community. You will find them on the reviewing stand at the turn.

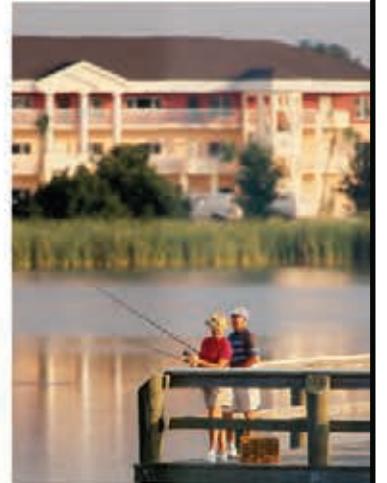
Dan O'Brien will be the grand marshal. He will be leading the Irish Club contingency.

After the parade, guests are invited for beverages and pretzels in the East Activity Center back parking lot.

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Making Good Karma with fresh, convenient food

By now, many of you know about the newest edition to On Top of the World: The Good Karma Café.

Good Karma is located in the lower level of the East Activity Center. The Café is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week. The food is made fresh and restocked daily. This is entirely a self-serve concept and requires either a debit or credit card, or Good Karma account through the Community Service Office.

The response has been overwhelmingly positive from the many residents we have been hearing from.

Credit for this idea goes to Leslee Colen. She clearly perceived the need for convenient dining and offering quality food, and did her homework to fill the demand. I'll also add that the very creative interior design is her concept as well, and thanks to John Brown for his carpentry expertise in making the design come to reality.

We hope you enjoy this newest edition and make good use of the convenience.

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) that has developed a specialty in insuring condominiums. The company hosts a Website, www.Challenge-MyRate.com where you can compare your rate with other quotes. The Website is free and 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 as 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 ad-



joining unit(s) 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: Buildings 33 and 14 will have new rear waterproofing membranes applied in March. Remember, all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Flooring replacements in the center cores are continuing slowly because of below-average temperatures the west central Florida region has experienced this winter. Building 4 will have the third floor improved and Building 72 will have the third floor improved in late March barring any late season cold snaps.

Utility contractors will continue replacing the potable water lines that service individual units during a two-stage improvement project that began in October. Building 11 and part of Building 12 are scheduled to be affected in late March with the project now concluding in mid-April.

Railing improvements will continue in March with Building 17 seeing required work. Licensed contractors will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails, so please exercise caution in the areas where these improvements are being made. The majority of these railing projects are estimated to last 2-5 weeks, depending on the scope of the work and the

size of the structure. Additional railing projects are currently in the bidding phase and notices will be posted to the respective buildings once contracts have been executed and the work scheduled.

A project affecting the third floor walkway on the south side of Building 26 has been delayed until early March. A specialty concrete restoration company has been contracted to repair a portion of the southwest wing. These repairs will involve the exposing and cleaning of steel of any scale, treating it with a retardant, and then closing the area with a specialty concrete product that is stronger than the existing concrete encasing the steel. Notices will be posted in the building regarding the exact start date as soon as permitting from Pinellas County has been issued.

A project to restore the decorative stucco on the front façade of Building 31 is underway and now anticipated to conclude in late March. Crews will be utilizing scaffolding and high-reach equipment. Residents may be asked to temporarily relocate their vehicles while this work is underway. Please be aware of this work and pardon our dust while we make the necessary repairs.

The roofs of Buildings 2 and 3 have been scheduled for improvement in the month of March. Notices will be posted in advance of the work and residents may be asked to relocate their cars temporarily to allow for materials and equipment. The contractor estimates that each project will last a total of two weeks, pending favorable weather conditions.

Ongoing construction projects are as follows: Curb lines will continue to be restored during the month of March with the project most likely wrapping up in April in advance of the rainy season. Please exercise caution and slowdown in areas where workers are making these improvements. Flagmen may temporarily stop traffic if the situation warrants. Sidewalk panel replacements will continue throughout the year, as will header and window sill repairs.

Asphalt paving and resurfacing projects will commence in May of 2014.

The structural inspections and correction program (an inspection process by the management's construction department that affects repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) will be an ongoing process throughout this and future years. As buildings age,

more detailed inspection and assessments are required. Timely reporting of maintenance matters by residents is helpful to the continuing success of this program.

Residents may notice an increase in the patching and painting of center core areas as this will be the main focus in the spring of 2014. The management company asks that residents do not drill penetrations into the structures as this becomes a costly item to continually repair.

Compliance inspections by the Inspection Services division of the management company are ongoing. There is an increased emphasis on the removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units.

The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times, decorative rocks or landscaping is installed without the advance approval of the association. Clutter enforcement is another item which requires constant monitoring by the management company. This includes the tagging and removal of excessive furnishings placed in the center core, walkways, and end stairwells areas. Remember, much of the material placed there was unapproved by your association and may actually violate the life safety code for building access.

Awning inspections continue to take place by the Inspection Services Division of the management company. The Clearwater area has seen an increase in storms and rainfall the last few years, and as a result, many of the awning attachment points have been weakened to the point where the "clam-shell" style awning must be removed to halt any further damage to the structure.

The management company continues to contact owners regarding their compromised older-style awnings in disrepair or with weak attachment points. As noted in prior articles, the "clam-shell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.



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Tax preparer advice from the Florida Attorney General

By Ken Colen

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."

Bing Crosby's success did not carry over to family

Bing Crosby, the legendary pop singer of the 20th Century, and his wife, Dixie, had four sons. The story of their lives would make an epic movie.

Gary, Lindsay, Phillip and Dennis were known in Hollywood as "The Bad Boys." They were constantly getting into trouble because of their drinking.

The boys did form a band and played in night clubs in the late 1950s, but never had much success. The band featured each of the boys as lead singers and they appeared once on the very



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popular Ed Sullivan show.

But their lives were greatly affected by their father's alleged emotional and physical abuse, and their mother's decline into alcoholism.

Heavy drinking and emotional problems took their toll.

After their mother's death, Bing remarried, began a new family, and the boys were pretty much out of his life.

After his father's death, Gary wrote a book, "Going My Own Way," where he tells of Bing's abuse and how it affected his life growing up.

According to Phil Harris, a close friend of the family, none of the boys ever had a real job. They basically lived off a trust fund set up by their mother.

When the mother's fund ran out,

Lindsay committed suicide.

Dennis also died from suicide.

Gary, the eldest, died at the age of 64 from lung cancer. He, too, had many bouts with alcohol.

Bing put money aside for his boys, but because of their unstable lives, they could not get any of the money until they reached age 65. Phillip was the only one who lived long enough to benefit from the fund and he died at the age of 67.

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Renting your condo is a serious issue

During these challenging economic times with the real estate market still on a slow recovery, tight finances are presenting difficulties for some residents.

Some of our residents have chosen to rent their units in hopes of recouping some of their income or perhaps trying to reduce the amount of their cash outflow. While it is important to have units occupied and to be current on maintenance fees there are concerns with rentals in the community, specifically underage residents and short-term rentals.

On Top of the World was built as a residential community, in structure, in spirit and in design. The intent of the developer was to discourage rental property investors, timeshare mind set or allow a stream of weekly/monthly vacationers. There is no disputing the fact that temporary vacationers and full-time residents have different priorities, just as there is no disputing the fact that 20-year-old renters and 60-year-old residents have different needs.

Short-term renters and underage renters normally do not have the respect for our residents and our community in regards to noise levels, parking spaces and facilities use. They typically have little regard for the long-term effects of their actions on full-time residents. There is no doubt that greater



frequency of renters increase the usage on the common areas and recreational facilities, as well as the additional wear and tear on our roadways and parking lots. Some of our residents who do elect to rent their condominiums on a long-term basis are in such a rush to fill the vacancy in their unit, that they neglect to verify references, run background and credit checks. This level of laxity inevitably results in difficult tenants that aren't a good fit for the community (and aggravation for the unit owner).

Interestingly, the frequency of rule enforcement actions has increased as the Association holds the unit owner responsible for adhering to the rules as well as for tenant related difficulties.

Your Association has an obliga-

tion and duty to maintain the community in accordance with its articles, by-laws and rules. The community rules very clearly state "in no event may any unit be leased in a furnished condition for an initial term of less than six (6) months plus one week, and no unit may be leased in an unfurnished condition for an initial term of less than one (1) year." Florida law (F.S. 125.0104) also states that the renting of property less than six months is subject to taxation, referred to as the Tourist Development Tax. The repercussions to rentals of a period of less than six months include legal action, which includes attorneys' fees, a possible tax audit, assessment of penalties and interest as well as notification of the violation to the Florida Department of Revenue, as well as the Internal Revenue Service.

In fact, the Tax Collectors office is so serious about collecting this tax, they have instituted a phone line to anonymously report short-term rentals. You may contact the Tax Collectors office at 727-464-7777 or visit them online at www.taxcollect.com for further information.

Your Association's rules also state "the unit will be occupied by at least one (1) person who is fifty-five (55) years of age or older." This rule helps maintain the community age-restricted

status and also ensures compatibility of the residents within the community. While young adults may be respectful in multiple unit family residential communities, many are not and their priorities are inconsistent with the very nature of yours.

Simple steps taken by you, owner landlords can help prevent bad things from happening:

- Conduct credit and background checks on all prospective tenants.
- Avoid renting to questionable tenants with bad credit or arrest histories
- Follow the age restrictions of the community
- Comply with the Association rules regarding direct owner rentals. Tenants need Association approval to reside within this community. Association approval will ensure your tenant may obtain an activity card and participate in many of the amenities available in the community.
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Good Karma Cafe open for business



I would like to thank everyone who attended the grand opening of the Good Karma Café on Feb. 3.

There was a very good turnout and a warm welcome from the residents.

Currently, while the café does not accept cash, we are diligently working with Good Karma Vending to have the ability to offer prepay cards through the Community Service Office. This would give residents the opportunity to purchase the cards paying cash and then using them in the café.

As a reminder, the café is open to residents and employees of On Top of the World from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. If you're looking for just a little snack or a full, take-home heat-and-eat meal, stop down to the café and enjoy everything it has to offer.

The West Activity Center pool will be resurfaced and new drainage



and pavers will be installed. Work will commence March 3 and will continue for six to seven weeks.

Please note the pool area will be closed during these renovations. It is important to observe safety rules during the construction period so please do not try to enter the work area at any time. Once again I would like to thank our residents for their patience during our many improvement projects.

The AAA Senior Defensive Driver Program will be held at the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Classes will

be held on Thursday, March 20 and Friday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and is payable the first day of class.

Additional classes may be offered in May, but will be based on need. Those dates will be announced. A registration form for the March class can be found in this newspaper and needs to be submitted to the newspaper office no later than March 13.

Also, the Florida Licensing on Wheels bus will be at the East Activity Center North parking lot on Wednesday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you need to renew your license or change your address this is an easy, quick way to do that without leaving the community.

I want to thank the SCA staff for their hard work and assistance in maintaining our beautiful facilities. We think they do a great job and if you think so too please write a note and drop it off at the Community Service Office. Let us know so we can share your good comments with the staff.



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Newcomers

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Egg shell painting class March 21

Marie Lamothe named Artist of the Month

By Cheryl J. Reese

By the time you read this article, our annual Art Guild Art Show will have taken place.

The 16 exhibitors were as follows: Svea Anderson, John Fier, Lyse Frenette, Bob Hammond, Barbara Holland, Audrey Lerigo, Yvonne Mattz, Margie McClure, Rosanne Moon, Sue Naylor, Penny Page, Patricia Perez, Ruth Phillips, Dianna Smith, Dale Stackhouse, and Paul Zipperlin.

Connie McDonald and Carol Martin were the co-coordinators of the Art Show. Thanks to all those people who worked behind the scenes.

We hope that you enjoyed the Art Show, demonstrations and refreshments, and that you felt inspired to try your hand at art. It is never too late to learn a new hobby.

Remember Anna Mary Robertson Moses, better known as "Grandma Moses?" She became a renowned



American folk artist, also known internationally. She is a great example of an individual who successfully began a career in the arts at an advanced age. She started painting in her 70s.

Having a hobby is relaxing and rewarding. Could that be part of the reason Grandma Moses lived to the age of 101?

You are welcome to join the Art Guild and begin your journey of learning. We welcome all levels, beginners-to-experienced artists.

At Feb. 14's Art Guild meeting, four more members joined for a total of 56 members. We are a growing group - doubling our membership

from last year.

During the February meeting, Marie Lamothe became the Artist of the Month as voted by guild members. Her winning work was an oil painting of a coastal scene with a lighthouse. Her painting is being displayed in the East Activity Center at the front lobby showcase until April's winner is selected. Do stop by and take a look.

In other news, Taylor Ikin demonstrated watercolor on yupo paper — a shiny paper used wet when painting. She introduced the form of art through Cheap Joes and is a faculty member at the Dune-din Art Center. She has taught in the Caribbean for many years. Her class was entitled, "Dancing with Yupo." Taylor had a great sense of humor, had a great teaching style, and held each member's interest completely. Many members expressed their desire to paint on yupo paper this summer during Painting Pals, from 1-3 p.m.



Last month's award winner, Bob Hammond, right, presents the February Artist of the Month award to Marie Lamothe for her lighthouse oil painting.

Also, Margie McClure, our president, will teach an "egg shell" painting workshop on Friday, March 21. It is quite nice to have exposure to so many forms of interesting art.

We continue our Painting Pals on Wednesdays, 1-3 PM, as well as Drawing Classes led by John Fier each Thursday, 1-3 PM in the Art Room, A-1, East Activity Center.

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Press Association nixes two night meetings for next season

After a two-year experiment, the Press Association is going to eliminate two of its three nightly meetings because an effort to increase attendance did not pay off.

The annual "Writer's Workshop" in November will remain a 7 p.m. start time, but next season, meetings in January and March will return to 1:30 starts.

"It didn't work," said editor Doug Kates. "We tried to attract more writers to our meetings by offering an opportunity to attend three meetings in the evening, but the response was not what I hoped. Rather than create confusion between day meetings and night meetings, Large Card Room or Veranda Room, I would rather keep it simple and make eight of our nine meetings at the same time and at the same place."

No official vote was taken, but those staff members who were in attendance at the February meeting,



showed overwhelming support to go back to eight day meetings and keep one nightly Writer's Workshop.

Some residents even asked if every November's meeting could be made mandatory, as was the case this past November. The Press Association saw its greatest attendance figure ever with more than 70 people attending the meeting. Normally, 20-30 people attend.

Doug said there were many people who were unhappy about making a meeting mandatory, but he agreed it was well-attended and a lot was accomplished.

He said "mandatory" may be too harsh of a word when it comes to asking club members to attend one of their own functions, but he said there might be a better word out there that could still produce a large crowd.

Doug said he would give it some thought.

The Press Association also discussed the timing of holiday parties and how they get covered in the newspaper.

Doug reminded everyone, we are a newspaper and the contents need to be time relevant. He said anyone who has a holiday party before deadline is more than welcome to write about it and submit stories for the next edition of the newspaper. However, once that holiday season has come

and passed, it is too late to run old holiday stories.

For example, the newspaper cannot run Christmas Party stories in February, or Happy New Year stories in March. Writers have to realize that even though they may be writing about a recently held party, people may be reading about that party more than one month later when the next edition comes out.

As an alternative, one sentence or one paragraph can be written to mention a group held such a party, but it should not be the lead item in a story, nor should it be the focus of the story. It's better yet just to leave it out and concentrate on a more recent event.

The next Press Association meeting will take place 5 p.m., Thursday, March 6 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. This will be a pizza party for Press Association members only.



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Holiday Lights winners

Merlyn and Raymond Cooper were the winners of the 2013 Holiday Lights Contest. In February they received their first place prize from the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa. The prize included a two-day, one-night stay at the resort, access to basic amenities and brunch for two. The Cooper's winning display was located at the Casa Verde Building. More than 30 condos were entered in the contest. Next year there will be two divisions - one for first floor units and one for upper floor units. Voting will continue to take place online with five votes accepted per computer.

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SCAM ALERT. I want, again, to address the scam where you get an email saying that there is a Court appearance in some city and you must attend.

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This is a scam!

I hope you are all getting my point. You NEVER get email notifications of Court appearances.



Target hacking matter

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Target says that such an email will NOT ask for any personal information. So if you get an email from Target and it asks for personal information, it's yet another scam and do NOT

respond to it.

For that matter, you should never give out personal information based on an email and, of course, you must never click on a link no matter how interesting or how important or how scary the email seems.

ANOTHER SCAM ALERT

For folks who just bought a home in Florida, please be on guard for the certified copy of deed scam. You NEVER need a certified copy of your deed—especially, of course, when you have the original. Further, if you want just a plain old copy, you can download one for free from the clerk of courts Website.

Q. Tell me again, why I need title insurance when I buy a property, even if it's from a developer or builder.

A. In my opinion, everyone who buys real property, be it a resale or from a developer or builder, should have title insurance to protect their interest in the property.

Yes, if a problem arises, you can always sue the seller to you, but why would you not want to be able to hand over the matter to the title company and let them deal with the problem and pay all costs including attorneys fees?

I really can't understand why someone would not insist on having title insurance. The banks always get title insurance in a form known as mortgagee insurance. Why shouldn't you get it too?

Q. I understand from your newspaper column and a couple of your lectures, that you feel my husband and I should title our bank and brokerage accounts in our names as tenants by the entireties. However, when I went to (a large National Bank with offices in Ocala), I was told that they don't offer that. What should we do?

A. I am well aware that some banks do not permit their depositors to title their accounts in the name of a husband and wife as tenants by the entireties. This is not a law anywhere in the United States. Rather, it's just the bank's policy.

Why they do that? I really can't comprehend. However, as long as you make sure that the account lists you and your spouse's names as husband and wife that is OK.

Or, of course, you can check with local banks to see if they will permit the tenancy by the entireties designation.

By the way, a tenancy by the entireties is what is known as the Husband and Wife estate. When one passes on, the account belongs to the survivor and without the necessity for any probate proceedings.

Q. I am getting married to a won-

derful man and we have decided to have pre-nuptial agreements. We are both from (another state), but now reside in Florida. My fiancé's son said that one attorney can represent both of us and that is standard here in Florida. Is it really what is standard here in Florida?

A. Nope. It's not standard at all, and in fact, it is not appropriate for one attorney to represent two parties to a pre-nuptial agreement. Each of you need your separate attorneys. If only one of you wants to see an attorney, then the pre-nuptial agreement should clearly state that the non-represented party is NOT represented by the same attorney and further, but advised to retain a separate attorney.

Q. I am a widow who has been estranged from one of my sons for well over 10 years. My neighbor told me that under Florida law, I must leave a child at least 30 percent and thus cannot simply cut him out. Is that true?

A. Your neighbor apparently practices law without the slightest idea of what the law really is on this subject. Unless your son is a minor, you are not required to leave him anything.

Typically, I suggest language in a Will that makes it clear that you are, by intention, not leaving anything to anyone other than the persons specifically named in the Will.

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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.

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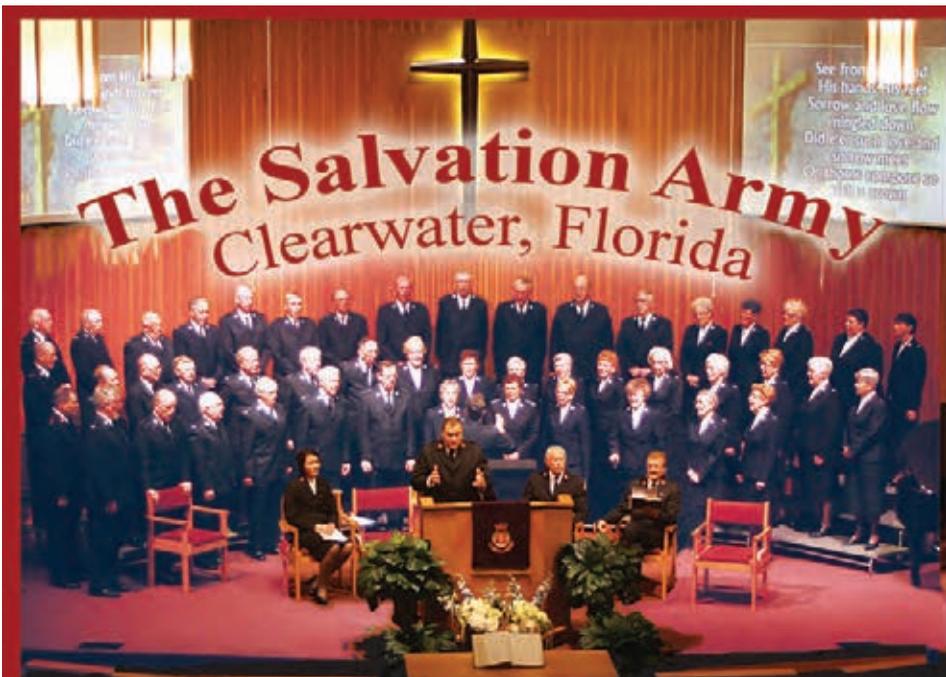
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Newest club member fosters first greyhound, plans reunion at St. Patrick's Day Parade

By Pat Sprouse

I had the opportunity to have a very special house guest recently – a tall, handsome male named Max.

OK, the guest wasn't actually a guy - but a handsome greyhound!

As the newest member of the On Top of the World Greyhound Club, my first assignment was to foster a greyhound while his parents took a brief trip out of town.

The greyhound's name was Max.

To meet Max for the first time, I went to Third Friday music night in downtown Safety Harbor, where the Greyhound Club gets together once a month.

When I arrived, I saw a young couple walking toward me with a greyhound, so I let them know I was going to be fostering a greyhound for a few days and wanted to meet my client before he arrived at my condo.

The couple asked if I was going to be fostering Max?

I said "yes."

"You are looking at Max right now," the couple said.

"Wow!" I said. "How did that happen?"

So, I got acquainted with Max that very night!

Meeting Max, and his "parents," Lisa and Fabio, helped me feel more comfortable leading up to the day Max arrived for my first day of foster care.

Once I welcomed Max into my home, everything else was a treat.

Knowing greyhounds love to run, I planned a trip for Max and me to visit our OTOW dog park on the first morning. As I pulled up to the park, I noticed another large dog already in the park. I started walking with Max toward the front gate and what to my wondering eyes did appear? No not



Lisa, Max, Pat and Greyhound Club President Bill Sharpsteen.

Santa, but something much better for Max - another greyhound.

Veronica was beautiful and Max almost leapt over the fence to see his new found fast friend.

So, for the next four days, Max went to the OTOW dog park every day and met "Ronnie," as she was called.

What fun we all had.

I just want to acknowledge all the help I got in my new adventure. Prior to fostering Max, everyone was very supportive and answered all my ques-

tions.

Greyhounds are truly Gentle Giants who will bless you with the love they have to share. I am looking forward to the next time I am asked to foster a giant.

My next encounter with Max may be at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 8, at the annual Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade. I hope some of you will watch for me marching with the greyhounds. Greyhound marchers are asked to meet near the corner of Irish



Greyhound Club

Lane and World Parkway Boulevard about 9:15 a.m. Wear green or white and support the Irish and Greyhound Clubs!

If you want to learn more about the Greyhound Club, I would encourage you to join us every third Friday at the Third Friday music event in downtown Safety Harbor. We set up next from 5:30-10 p.m. on Friday, March 21, near the corner of Second Avenue and Main Street to show off greyhounds for adoption.

The club also visits several assisted living facilities 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 for the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be at a new time, 4 p.m., Sunday, March 9 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room overlooking the pool, following the Sunday in the Park series.

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.

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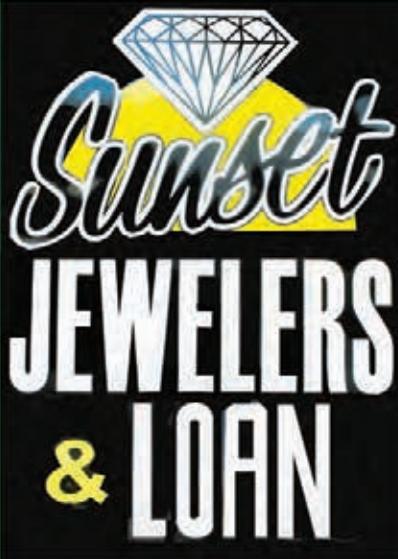
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Rain shortens Lawn Bowl championship



Canadian Club

By Rick McLauchlan

The Canadian Club Triples Lawn Bowl Tournament was held on February 6 and 7.

Although rain caused the last of eight sessions to be shortened, the tournament was both competitive and a great opportunity to test oneself against fellow club members.

Sixteen teams of three players required two draws for each morning and afternoon session. The team that ended up as winners included skip - Lorne Reid, vice - Bob Laplante and lead - Doreen Paine.

Congratulations to the 2014 champions.

Second place was the team of Jackie Bedard, Mario Altieri and Denise Dion.

The Spring Fling is on Friday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the EAC Auditorium. Bring your appetite for pizza and salad, and also BYOB and dancing shoes.

On Friday, March 21, from 2-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium, the Canadian Club is sponsoring a Canadian Snowbirds Association (CSA) presentation. Karen Huestis, a CSA Director, will be sharing information especially of interest to Canadians on the allowable number of days out of country, cross-border issues, as well as retired-person's visas. The presentation is open to all Canadians at OTOW, not just Canadian Club members.

Who wants to go to a Blue Jays game?

Tom McKee has a block of tickets for the Blue Jays versus the Phillies. Game time is 1:05 p.m. on Monday,



Lorne Reid, Doreen Paine and Bob Laplante were winners in the annual Canadian Club Triples Lawn Bowl Tournament in February. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

March 24, last day for tickets March 9. Please contact him at 727-470-9161.

The annual general meeting for the club will be held on Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Please consider becoming part of the leadership team by contacting René Careau at 727-726-8474 and placing your name in consideration for second vice president, secretary, golf tournament or social games convenors.

Renters wishing to join the club are reminded that they must obtain an On Top of the World Recreation Card from their landlords.

Keep informed regarding happenings at your club by going to our Webpage <http://otowcanadianclub.com/> as well as the On Top of the World Box Office Website <http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com>. Click the Box Office link.

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Line Dancers participate in annual show



By Julie Narancich

A group of line dancers were in The New Jesters Show on Feb. 14, 15 and 16.

They worked very hard and we hope all of you enjoyed the show.

We want to thank our president, Georgia Jensen, for asking us to participate in the show. We enjoyed being a part of this wonderful group.

We also welcomed award-winning and internationally recognized choreographer Ira Weisburd to On Top of the World on Feb. 18 in the East Activity Center auditorium. Joining us were the line dancers from the Snowbirds Club. What a great opportunity to learn from the best in the world.

In addition to the above activities, the Line Dance Club is preparing for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will take place on Saturday, March 8 at 10 a.m. on World Parkway Boulevard. This year the Line Dancers will be joining the Snowbirds Club Line Dancers. Please come out and show your support.

Mary Becker is collecting our



From left to right - Lynn Anzalone, Joanne Walland, Mary Becker, Julie Narancich, Ellen Gilbert, Sheila Bonomo, Lilia Bensonoff.

club's annual membership fee of \$5. Please remember to present your On Top of the World identification card along with \$5 to Mary.

Please join us as any time is a great time to learn line dancing. We have wonderful individual instruction and provide patience and 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. 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

invite you to bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

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

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Baby Boomers

By Rita Kress

Baby Boomers' members, Bill and Gilda Gambacurta, have volunteered to give free, first-time, golf lessons to our Baby Boomer group every Monday at 3:30 p.m.

Boomer member Cheryl Reese was kind enough to visualize her first golf training session with us. Cheryl states it was a beautiful day and a nice respite from the Polar vortex cold for us Floridians.

There were 24 people from the Boomers taking lessons, with six groups of four persons each.

Within each group was an experienced golfer, either Bill or Gilda, to help new golfers learn which golf club to use and why, how to hold the club, proper swing technique, and golf course etiquette.

We found out there are many rules to abide by to be a conscientious player.

The type of golf we played was a "four person scramble," in which golfers placed their ball beside the person who had their ball closest to the hole. We cheered everyone on so that we could move along to the next hole.

Our foursome had a really good time, and I believe that others shared the same experience. It was a great social game for beginners.

Our Valentine's Dance was an overwhelming success, tickets were sold out early, we packed the Sunrise Room and we packed our stomachs with fabulous potluck dishes.

Then we danced the night away to the sultry voice of Louie Bravo.

Baby Boomers is a very active group, participating in many fun-filled



Boomers training to be future On Top Of The World pro golfers.

activities, including biking, kayaking, sailing, golfing, deep sea fishing, cruising, dining out, dancing, potluck dinners, holiday parties and picnics.

We also do outings to the theater, museums, festivals, concerts and local day trips.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every

month, at the East Activity Center Starlite Room, at 5:30 p.m.

Meetings for March will be on March 5 and March 20.

Anyone interested in joining the Baby Boomers Group is welcome to attend the meetings and should bring their current On Top of the World Recreation Card. There is no member-

ship fee. Our meetings usually consist of everyone participating in creating weekly or monthly social activities. After the meeting we usually continue with a fun-filled activity, such as dining out, dancing, or visiting a local club for additional socializing.

Watch our ads on OTOW-TV and visit our Web page on the Box Office.

West Activity Center pool will close March 3 for renovations



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We hold a business session, presentations, and advanced and beginners classes every Saturday morning from 8:30-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center main card room.

We help members with hardware and software issues from 9-10 a.m., Monday mornings, no appointments necessary, or you can schedule an appointment from 9-10 a.m., Tuesday-Thursday.

We will help any member with Windows XP or Windows 7 instruction from 9-10 a.m., on Fridays. Our club offers free Wi-Fi in the EAC, and a computer equipment recycling service to members for a small, modest fee.

The computer lab is located opposite the large card room. By joining our club, you can ask all your computer questions in a relaxed, friendly environment, and your questions may help others with similar situations. You are also encouraged to share your own past computer experiences - both good and bad.

Club taking trip to Dali Museum in April

By Mary Widman

Our annual strawberry spring fling was enjoyed by all who attended our February meeting.

Club president Nancy McMullan said she has received many suggestions for future day trips. Our club will be traveling to the Dali Museum for a tour, which also includes the Warhol exhibit. Next we will see the Chihuly glass exhibit. The cost is \$58 and includes lunch and transportation. Guests are welcome. Tickets for this event will be available at the East Activity Center every Monday and Thursday between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

The date of this trip will be Wednesday, April 9. For further information, call Dorothy Carpenito at 796-4460.

At our March meeting we will be entertained by the Premier Dancers. Don't miss this great show. We also have a fashion show coming up (we need ladies to model). We have a trip to John's Pass on our list of places to visit.

Join us at our March meeting, Saturday, March 1, at 6:15 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium to hear more news about our future activities.

If you know of any club member who is ill, please call Sunshine Lady Mary Widman at 796-1184 and she will send a card from our club members.



Singles Club

Flea market March 28

Opera Tampa here March 13

The annual Flea Market is Friday, March 28.

Tables are on sale in front of the Gift Shoppe on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10 a.m.

Cost per table is \$15.

It's a great opportunity to get rid of that household stuff you no longer want or need.

As usual, we will have some organization there to take the items you didn't sell and don't want to take back home. We usually have a good turnout, so come and reserve a table before they are all gone.

Opera Tampa is scheduled to perform on Good Neighbor Thursday, March 13. I suggest you be there because they put on a great show and it's free. It is probably the single most popular show on a Good Neighbor Thursday.

Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

I want to give a special thanks to the Workshop ladies who make wonderful crafts for the Gift Shoppe. They do a great job.

Remember, word of mouth is the best advertisement, so if you read my article, pass the information on to your neighbors. They might appreciate it.

Have a good month. See you in the auditorium.

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Good Neighbors is looking for building representatives from every On Top of the World building.

If your building does not already have a representative, and you would like to volunteer, please call Debbie at 946-3968.

Variety of movie detectives come together to help Jesters' detectives solve a mystery



By Marvin Flam, President

The Jesters presented their 35th annual Musical Variety Show "50 Shades, The Musical Mystery" in three performances before three packed and enthusiastic audiences.

The show, which took place in a Hollywood Movie Studio, let the audience enjoy old movie favorites and classics.

Included in the show were a wide-range of favorites, such as the Charlie Chaplin Dancers, a Nelson Eddy and Jeanette McDonald spoof, a visit from the Welcome to Burlesque dancers, and a special visit from Johnny Cash.

Against this background there was a murder mystery that was investigated by a host of guest movie detectives, who all assisted the Jesters' own Lt. Charlotte Chan.

In the end, Lt. Chan solved the crime and revealed who done it. Hint the Butler did not do it!

If you missed the show, but still want to know who done it, DVDs are available for sale for only \$10.

Contact Marvin or Evelyn Flam at 797-1761 or email us at jestfun21@gmail.com or visit us on the OTOW Box Office site for more information.

There will now be a 365 day intermission to the next Jester musical variety show in February 2015. And now



In the picture above are, left to right, Sue Calinski, Donna Bitner, Carmen Dixon, Bernadette Krause, Pat Sprouse and Carol Muntzenberger. At bottom left are Mike Albano and Georgia Nolati. At bottom right are Joanne Marick and Mike Kaplan. (OTOW News photos by George Swiderski)



the 60-member cast and support crew will rest up for that show.

The Jesters thank all who bought tickets, were Jester Angels and supported us this year. We are grateful for that support which makes the effort all that much more fun.

We look forward to you joining us on this fun experience. Let's get together "JEST FOR FUN"

Library membership sees a surge

By Katy Gerritt

We have noticed a surge in new memberships in the past month, with most everyone commenting on our \$2 annual membership deal.

We have to agree, as we are putting six to 10 new books on our shelves every month, and these are titles our readers really seem to enjoy.

We also want to know what other authors or titles would be a good addition, so please let any of our volunteers know and we can look into obtaining them.

New titles for March include "Still

Life with Bread Crumbs" by Anna Quindlan, "Private LA" by James Patterson, "Home to Seaview Key" by Sheryl Woods, "That Old Black Magic" by Mary Jane Clark and "Killer" by Jonathan Kellerman.

New books will be on the first shelf on the left as you enter.

We also have a great new sign on our glass window, so no excuses to miss the library. We are right across from the Karma Café in the East Activity Center.

Speaking of which, get a good book and then enjoy a cup of coffee in the café.

Remember our First Friday sales. You can't beat the prices on gently-used paperbacks and hardbound books. We have a selection of biographies and several large print items on our shelves as well.

We also accept donations of gently-used books. If they are recent, they will go into our regular collection. If not, we will place them in our sales area, which allows us to raise money to add new books. So check those shelves, bags and closets and bring them by.

Happy reading!



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Library News

The well-dressed Fixer, Fiddler and Fumbler

By Doug Erickson

Safety in the shop and at home is our aim, and thinking of safety is the first step.

At right, Carla Dunlap is modeling an exaggerated use of safety equipment, but let's review what is needed.

Safety glasses are essential when operating saws and drills. Members may use the club's safety gear or your own. If using your regular glasses, be sure that they are shatter proof.

Dust masks should be worn when power sanding and sometimes hand sanding. Inexpensive safety kits are available for under \$10. They contains glasses, paper dust masks and ear plugs.

Some people are adversely affected by specific types of wood dust, and reactions are accumulative. Each time the symptoms become more severe. Teak is harmful to me so I need the best possible protection.

Listen up!

Can you hear normal conversation when machines are running?



Carla Dunlap models safety equipment.

(Photo by Doug Erickson)

If not, wear hearing protection, either the type shown or at least ear plugs.

We have a new class!

Brian Prime, our carving trainer, will instruct you. This is an activity

you can do in the shop or at home. We have tools for your initial instruction, and Brian will give you advice about buying your own.

Join the Carvers, who are in the toy shop, some afternoons. Watch for



Fixers Club

the next class.

We are also excited about the mini lathe program that Jim Calamas and John Sutton are organizing, a chance to do fine wood turning.

In the spirit of helping others, Arnold Englebert is organizing our "Tools for Missions."

Hand tools, power tools, and work gloves are being gathered to supply missions in many parts of the world and to congregations here at home. Donations can be brought to the shop weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. More about this program next month.

Club discusses the possibility of sending members off on a mystery trip

By Pat Zorland

February is behind us and we are now heading into March.

The weather has not been the greatest. In reality, if you were to ask me to express my opinion, I would have to say "it stinks."

But, we are a lot better off than the northern parts of the country that are getting hammered with one snow storm right after another.

Our club's Feb. 7 meeting was very well attended. Even with the rain, some 40-plus people attended and we are still signing up new members.

It seems that more people are hearing about us and the fact that we



Travel Club

are a true travel club, but sometimes, we do have to cancel a trip because of weather conditions, or we are not able sign up the required number of people to make the trip a go

Unfortunately, our trip to New York in April had to be cancelled. Hopefully, the trip to San Antonio in

October will be a go, as well as the November trip to the Biltmore Estates in Ashville, N.C.

As for day trips, there are a few on the schedule. One trip was to the Citrus Winery and then on to the Sun Coast Bird Sanctuary. You will hear more about this visit at the next monthly meeting.

We have discussed doing an over-nighter and maybe even a mystery trip for those looking for a little adventure to add to their lives.

For those who are new to the club, we meet once a month on the first Friday of each month at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. You will also find us on chan-

nel 96/720 or on the On Top of the World Box Office Web Site

You will find us on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center. Stop by and see what is happening.

Roxie Maggio handles our Lunch Bunch group. Her lunch trips are held once a month and she will be making a presentation on her selections at our monthly meetings.

Roxie has been putting together a luncheon for each month, when members can meet one another and make new friends, or even find a traveling companion. The luncheons are presented at the monthly meetings.

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Community Information right on your own TV

During spring concert, you will hear an experienced organist, drummer leading the chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

The backbone of the On Top of the World Chorus is the three Bs – Beth, Betty and Bill.

Having previously introduced you to Beth, our director, I believe now is a good time to tell you more about our instrumentalists, Betty and Bill.

Born in Canada, Betty Dethmers began learning piano at age 8 at the Ursuline School of Music in Windsor, Ontario. By age 12, she was accompanying vocal groups in school and has not stopped since.

Betty also played the clarinet and bassoon and studied voice, theory, harmony and music history.

Besides accompanying the girl's high school choir, she was the soprano lead in the operetta, the Mikado.

At age 20, Betty immigrated to Detroit, Mich., where she began organ lessons.

The Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, granted her associate diplomas in both piano and organ.

Her extensive experience as an accompanist includes: the Bel Canto Chorus in Milwaukee, performing in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Mexico City and the Spoleto Festival in Italy; the Milwaukee Jewish Chorale, performing in Jerusalem, Chicago and New York; and the Church Street Singers in Wisconsin, commissioning over a dozen anthems by composers Raymond Haan, Joseph Martin and Gilbert Martin.

Before moving to OTOW seven years ago, Betty had visited many times. She refers to this community as her "Canadian family retirement complex."

Her parents lived on Ecuadorian



Chorus

Way for 30 years and were enthusiastic supporters of all the shows and activities. Her aunt and uncle lived on Norwegian for almost 20 years, and her sister and brother-in-law have lived here for 15 years.

Betty is active in the Clearwater American Guild of Organists. She is the organist at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater. In addition she plays for the Dunedin Community Chorus and is temporarily filling in for the director/accompanist of the International Chorale of Dunedin.

Betty has been a citizen of the USA for 10 years. She says, next to family, music is her life. She also enjoys reading, card games, travel and, as you might guess, attending concerts.

Bill Bledsoe is a native of Akron, Ohio. He began his musical experience playing sousaphone in junior high school and continuing with the senior high marching band.

His heart's desire, however, was to play the drums, so he took marching percussion lessons at school during the summer months and later had the opportunity to have private drum set instructions with a professional club drummer in the Akron area.

Majoring in music at the University of Akron, he studied all of the percussion instruments.

Upon moving to Florida in 1986,



Bill Bledsoe and Betty Dethmers

Bill began to play in the pit orchestra at several of the area community theaters such as St. Pete Little Theater, Francis Wilson Playhouse, American Stage and Carrolwood Players.

For several years he enjoyed playing with a classic rock group called The Relics.

Currently, Bill drums and plays the synthesizer for his church. He has been with the OTOW Chorus for a couple of years and also plays for the Theater Workshop.

He expresses his thanks for the opportunity to make music along with us at OTOW.

Bill believes music is a gift from

God for those times when words are not enough. He says that music is his life and his favorite saying is, "I've got a passion for percussion!"

OTOW Chorus is blessed to have leaders like our three Bs! You will enjoy seeing and hearing them in action at our spring concert, "Music by the Numbers."

Get your tickets from a chorus member or stop by our table at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings. Check out our poster listing a few of our "number" songs. Ticket donation is \$5. Concert dates are March 29, 7:30 p.m. and March 30, 3 p.m.

New York/New Jersey Club staying active this summer

The New York/New Jersey Club is staying active through the summer of 2014.

Jack Casey will remain as president. Membership dues will remain at \$5 for the year. We will continue to collect the dues on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center. Please look for our table and say hello.

Be sure to watch for information regularly on OTOW-TV 96/720 and check our Box Office Web page and our articles every month.



NY / NJ Club

At 6 p.m., March 26, we are having an indoor picnic in the EAC Starlite Room. Tickets are \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.





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USO arrives at OTOW on March 14, 15 and 16



Theater Workshop

By Lilli Scheifen

Uncle Sam wants you and so do we!

Theater Workshop's annual show is taking place 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 14 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, plus 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 16.

Our show, "Swingin' with the USO," has been a barrel of fun creating. We have been reminiscing about the glory days of the USO, with songs, dances and skits.

You can sing along if you wish and no "Music Police" will arrest you if you are a bit off key.

We rehearse every Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3 p.m., at the East Activity Center. Our dancers have been practicing overtime as they must be in sync to avoid tripping over one



Keeping a clean ship are, left to right, Susan Little, Susan Carlson, Joan Brennan, Mary Sundblad, Pat Kanaas, Janet Walker, Ann Kilcup and Barbara Hynson. (OTOW Artwork by Doug Kates)

another on stage. They leave that part up to the singers and actors in the skits.

Don't forget to stop and visit our table every Monday and Thursday at the East Activity Center, 8:30-10:30 a.m. We will provide you with infor-

mation about our club and tickets for our upcoming shows.

Also in March, Theater Workshop members will again be joining the Irish Club in their annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

We have a float this year, so those

who cannot walk the distance can take part in the fun. Beads will be thrown and candies tossed to eager children of all ages along the parade route.

Hope to see you there.

"Sayonara, You All," as they say in southern Japan!

We love to show off our stamp collections

By Jim Sundberg

The On Top of the World Stamp Collectors meetings have been well attended.

The biggest interest is being able to show off collection and share stories of past and present adventures.

We are always learning and we are always amazed at what others have gone through to further their hobby.

Come join us in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room on the third Tuesday of every month from 1-3 p.m. Upcoming meeting dates are March 18, April 15 and May 20.



Stamp Club

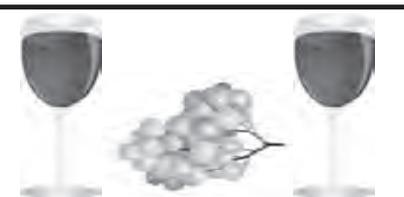
St. Joseph's dance set for March 19

By Jerry Kaplano

Can you believe it's March already? We had a great turnout for our outing to Tampa Bay Downs. We had a great buffet, some winners and some losers.

Our Feb. 19 meeting was fun, too. We had a Night At The Races with refreshments.

Instead of a meeting in March, we will be having our St. Joseph's Dinner Dance, 5-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19. There will be an Italian Buffet and entertainment by Carlo. Bring your own beverages.



Italian American

Tickets will be sold in advance from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the East Activity Center. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for non-members.

Hope to see you there.

Next Press Association meeting is 5 p.m., Thursday, March 6 in the WAC Sunrise Room. It's pizza day for members.

Snowbirds unveil a new multi-media meeting format



Snowbirds Club

By John Koning

We live in a multi-media age. Our world is bursting with so much computer aided imagery that often it's hard to tell what's real anymore.

These hyperbolic advances in technology also have their beneficial effects. They allow us to more easily present information in a manner that is both interesting and informative.

That is why the Snowbirds Club has recently unveiled our multi-media members meetings and event slide shows. It's all about making your choices easier and more clear. Plus, it eases congestion in front of the Snowbirds sales desk on Mondays and Thursdays because folks can view the options from just about anywhere in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Our monthly members meetings now offer more than dry dialogue to go with the wine and cheese plates. We can present more information in a shorter time span – something that's beneficial to the audience and the presenters alike.

Stop by the Starlite Room on



Lois Burham takes a minute out from ticket sales to check out the new events slideshow

March 3 at 11 a.m. and check out our multi-media format. This meeting will also include special guest, Marie Emerich, who is a cruising specialist. She will give us the benefit of her vast cruising and travel knowledge. Chances are you will walk away with more than just a plate of goodies. You will

take away some solid travel knowledge and exciting opportunities to expand your horizon, quite literally.

The Snowbirds Club has acquired two laptops to power the new format and manage our 570 members and the many events we offer. Without this technology, the task would be onerous.

Let's face it, even with the technology, it's a huge job and our dedicated volunteers are the main reason it works.

If you don't know how to find our Website, come to our next meeting and we'll show you in one of our five minute Web tutorials. If you already know how, go to www.snowbirdsotow.com.

Casino trip and club picnic scheduled for March

By Walt Copeland

Our March membership meeting has been canceled. Therefore, our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 3.

We all shared a fun Ground Hog Day dinner in February and the entertainment was a surprise visit by Punxsutawney Phil from Pennsylvania (actually an imposter.)

Our overnight travel to Clewiston, Fla., to see the sugar cane fields, the mills, the sugar storage buildings, as well as a cruise from Moorhead to Clewiston via Lake Okeechobee, was enjoyed by all.

Our trip to the dog races was fun although no one admitted to being an appreciable winner.



Pennsylvania Club

On Valentine's Day, we had an excellent buffet followed by a delightful play.

On Sunday, March 23, we're going to the Victory Ship Casino at Port Canaveral for a gambling cruise. It will feature a buffet, free drinks while gambling, entertainment and

\$20 in free play. All this for \$39, including roundtrip bus fare. This trip is a steal.

On Tuesday, March 25, is our annual picnic at Philippe Park, Shelter 2, at noon. We'll have a super catered all-you-can-eat buffet, followed by free bingo with prizes and a putting contest. Please note no alcohol is permitted in the park.

As noted above, our next membership meeting will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 3, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

From April 7-11, we'll depart and visit the famous Lake Lanier Resort in Georgia. We'll receive eight meals, several shows, a gold mine, and a visit

to the Hofbrau House. Cost is \$599 per person double occupancy or \$749 single. Past visitors have told us it's like being in Europe.

On Easter Sunday, April 20, we'll dine at the Early Bird Dinner Theater for a sumptuous buffet and a delightful comedy "A Bad Year for Tomatoes." Cost is \$35, including tax and tip.

On Friday, April 25, we'll have our end-of-the-season party. It will be catered and followed by entertainment and door prizes. Cost is \$12 per person. Our club will subsidize our short-fall.

Our membership is open to all residents of On Top of the World, not just Pennsylvanians.

Did you know you can search for a club's activities one month in advance by visiting the Box Office Website?

Great entertainment expected for March 8 parade and March 12 dance

By Mary Skaarer

Once again, we enjoyed a wonderful concert from Ken McBride.

Ken is a great entertainer and brought the audience to their feet in a standing ovation many times during his passionate Irish songs and jokes. He is truly a great performer.

The activities we have planned for March point to another fun month for our members:

The St. Patrick's Day grand parade is scheduled for Saturday, March 8 at 10 a.m. World Parkway Boulevard will be a sea of green with many beautiful floats and bands from a variety of groups.

St Patrick would be pleased!

After the parade, refreshments and pretzels will be served in the East Activity Center parking lot. Come and enjoy!

Our St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will be on Wednesday, March 12 to celebrate the St. Patrick holiday. Come dance to the music of Sharon and Pat, and dine on traditional corned



Pictured above is a scene from last year's dinner dance.

beef and cabbage. The menu will also have roasted chicken, so you can have your choice.

This is usually a sold out affair, so purchase your tickets early to enjoy

good seating arrangements.

The Irish Club annual picnic is scheduled for Monday, April 7 at 11 a.m. at Philippe Park. Once again, tickets sell out fast for this event so secure



Irish Club

your tickets early. Come to the park and enjoy the festivities and comraderie. Please bring a dessert to share and a cover for your table. The park does not provide table coverings. Also, no alcoholic beverages are permitted in the park.

I look forward to seeing everyone there and enjoying good food and having fun.

Tickets for the dinner dance and picnic are on sale at the EAC every Monday and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Cost for dinner/dance tickets are \$25 per person and picnic tickets are \$3 for members and \$5 for guests.

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Spring Chorus Concert

March 29

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March 30



Sandy, Eva, Suzanne and Fred work on a jewelry project.



Guess Who

By Lill Cervinka

This beautiful lady has been at On Top of the World for 10 years.

She is originally from Philadelphia. She is a widow with one son, Michael.

You can tell by her beautiful figure she does a lot of exercise. If you saw the Jesters show, she was one of the sexiest gals performing.

She formerly performed with her sister, Ashley. She is also active with the OTOW Computer Club.

It's Phyllis Brooks and we love seeing her in our shows.

New class to teach silversmithing

By Penny Page

A lot is happening in Lapidary these days.

We are growing in membership, renovating our space, buying new equipment, and offering new classes to the On Top of the World community.

Last month three new members joined us in both stone cutting and wire wrapping.

We are lucky to have an experienced gem setter, Fred Maisolle, who is also a talented teacher.

Eight of us have joined his wire wrapping class and we are having so



Lapidary

much fun making beautiful jewelry that is wrapped in silver and copper wire.

This class is the first of several we will offer this year.

Our next class will be silversmithing that will begin on Friday, March 21. This class will last five weeks and is open to members of our community, including those who are not Lapidary Club members.

If you are interested in receiving more information, please stop in on Tuesday or Thursday mornings when Lapidary meets between 9 and noon.

You can also reach us through our president, Penny Page, at pagepenny@gmail.com or 727-648-4729.

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Why not take another cruise?

By Nancy House

Anna and Dan Hyden made a very important decision this past July while they were spending a quiet evening alone on their patio.

They had returned to Morehead, Ky., for the summer. Many of their lifelong friends had moved away to be closer to their children or no longer were in good health. Very few close pals were available in the area to invite over for a cookout or to play cards.

Dan admitted to Anna that he was missing his On Top of the World friends, who were always ready to play golf, go to the movies, or eat out at Cody's on a Sunday afternoon.

Anna quickly agreed. They con-



Hoosier Club

tacted a realtor and put the house on the market. The next week they returned to Clearwater to locate a condo big enough to hold all of Anna's "stuff."

In August, they bought a larger condo in the Malaguena Building.

Over the years Anna and Dan frequently enjoyed vacations on cruise

ships. At times their grandchildren were invited to see the world with them. Places like Juneau, Skagway, and Hubbard Glacier were toured while on an Alaskan Cruise.

"Seeing huge walls of ice fall from a glacier is an amazing sight and watching the humpback whales engage in cooperative hunting and bubble net feeding is an experience of a lifetime," remembered Dan.

Catalina Island and Ensenada, Mexico, were explored on a west coast cruise.

Twenty-three ports in the Western and Eastern Caribbean have had the Hydens' on their soil with more than 50 cities in Egypt, Greece, Spain, Italy, Israel, France, and Turkey included in

the ports-of-call during Mediterranean Cruises.

Anna recalled, "We have been on at least 20 different cruise ships over the years."

Soon, this couple will be joining several Hoosier Club members and other OTOW residents on an Eastern Caribbean Cruise.

When asked why they signed up to go when they had already visited all the destinations, they both replied, "We just love having fun with good friends!"

The next Hoosier Club meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the EAC craft room. Come and enjoy the evening with other members and guests.

Wear-something-red-day is history - now dig deep for something green

By David Beaven

Can you believe spring is here?

The roads are a bit more crowded as are the fairways. Everything is turning green again, too.

That's an appropriate color, considering St. Pattie's Day falls in March, and to celebrate, we will be having a Green Party - not to be confused with our Valentine's Day Red Party last month.

On March 14 at 7 p.m., put on something green and come over to the East Activity Center Large Card Room. You'll hear some traditional Irish music playing when you walk in. Head over to the bar (where else?) for some Paddy's Punch. It will make your



Lambda

Irish eyes smile or go bloodshot as the case may be.

There will be refreshments provided by our members. And everyone is hereby made Irish for the night. Cohen becomes O'Cohen, Shafer becomes McShafer, etc.

On March 23, Lambda is also going to have a Spring Picnic at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor. We've reserved a shelter right on the water. Here's hoping for a clear day. The picnic will be a potluck affair. Attendees are asked to RSVP with what they're bringing. More details will be put on the club Website as we get closer to the date.

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, and coffee klatches. 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 LGBT residents in the OTOW community, and 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 Club is just one more reflection of that fact.

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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Barbara, Lenny and the Hudson Stompers bring music and laughter to seniors

By John Koning

People seem to come in two types. There are those who enjoy being entertained and those who enjoy entertaining others.

Barbara and Lenny Proietto are two of the latter.

When you combine that desire with their genuine love for humanity you get a plethora of good works.

The Proiettos' values might be considered old fashioned in today's narcissistic world, but they are truly modern people. They, like an increasing number of folks, met online. To Barbara and Lenny, it made perfect sense and, to use Lenny's words:

"It allowed us to easily find someone who shared the same values."

Barbara was hesitant about the introductory coffee date with Lenny until her granddaughter agreed to accompany her.

Lenny, on the other hand, wasn't so sure about a meeting that included what he thought was a pesky little grandchild. When Barbara clued him in about her 40-year-old chaperone, he agreed to meet.

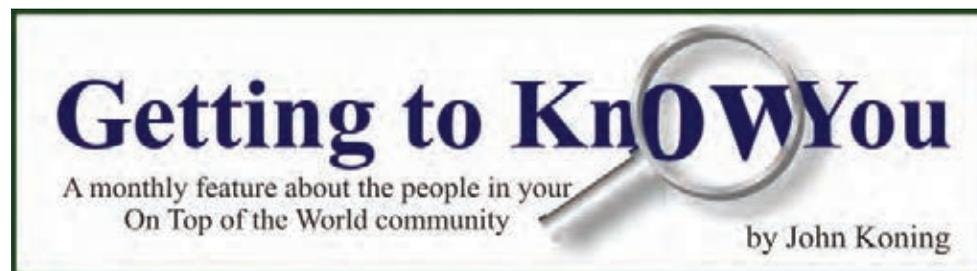
The first rendezvous went so well that more followed and they were married less than a year later. They have been going strong ever since.

The compatibility that Barbara and Lenny share comes from their mutual desire to love and serve others, and the two guiding forces in their lives – a local group of entertainers called the Hudson Stompers and their church, The Salvation Army.

Barbara was the first to be enlisted by the Hudson Stompers through her line dancing instructor about a year before she met Lenny.

Once she met and married Lenny, it made perfect sense for him to join the group as their master of ceremonies, comedian and mime artist. It is a job that requires an outgoing personality and an ability to work under pressure when the ladies' elaborate costume changes get hung up, so to speak.

On one occasion, not long ago, Lenny was left scrambling for comedy material on stage when his six-minute routine needed to be stretched into 20 long minutes. Thankfully a 94-year-



old audience member from Brooklyn gave Lenny some much needed audience participation. Lenny, a Brooklyn boy himself, engaged the fellow and included him in his extended routine.

A potentially disastrous delay became the highlight of one lonely senior's week.

Meanwhile, life back in the Hudson Stompers' dressing room is best described as chaos, with up to 19 ladies, ranging in age from 64 to 91, undressing and re-dressing during Lenny's standup routines. It is a well choreographed mad scramble of unzipping, zipping and getting zipped.

Meanwhile, on stage, Lenny is per-

fectly at ease while winging it in an outrageous Elvis costume or a floral skirt and coconut bra.

Of course, Barbara is equally comfortable in any of her many colorful and flamboyant costumes. She has even been spotted in a poncho and sombrero, shaking her maracas like there's no tomorrow.

Barbara, Lenny and the rest of the Hudson Stompers average a half dozen shows a month in nursing homes and churches in Pinellas County. They don't ask for a cent in return, and they pay for all their own gas – something that impacts the wallet more significantly these days than at any other

time in history.

Grateful recipients of their talent and energy will sometimes donate some cash. That money is documented and sent straight to the bottomless pit of costume expenses.

So why do these folks keep up the endless practices, the travel and the expense?

It's simple really. Lenny, Barbara and the rest of the Hudson Stompers feel like they get more out of each performance than they contribute.

They are regularly bathed in genuine gratitude, heart-felt comments, lingering handshakes and, on one awkward occasion, a 90-year-old boob flash. For the record, that last gesture of appreciation is not why they do this!

When the curtain comes down at the end of another performance, Barbara, Lenny and the rest of the Hudson Stompers can rest assured they have brought music, love and laughter to some of our most under-appreciated citizens.

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Above, a full house packed the Starlite Room as Alex Sink talked about her future political agenda. Below, Alex expresses her ideas for the future. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Congressional candidate Alex Sink stops by to chat with Democratic Club

By Charlie Christ

The On Top of the World Democratic Club had a full house at their January 2014 meeting.

Alex Sink, Democratic candidate to represent the 13th District of Florida in Congress, was the speaker, enlightening all those in attendance of her plans for District 13 if she wins the special election in March.

Alex spoke of her experience and qualifications, and answered questions from the floor. Here is a brief summary of her address:

"I'll work across the aisle focusing on solving problems and finding commonsense solutions to the challenges we're facing," she said.

"The FEMA affordability study needs completion so Congress can pass new flood legislation that protects Florida's business and families.

"I will protect Social Security benefits that Pinellas County seniors have earned over a lifetime of hard work. As a wife and daughter of Marines, I will ensure that our country is doing all we can for veteran benefits and promoting efforts to get returning veterans back to work.

"As a businesswoman, I know that the key to getting results will be to bring all stakeholders together and stop the finger-pointing - the opposite



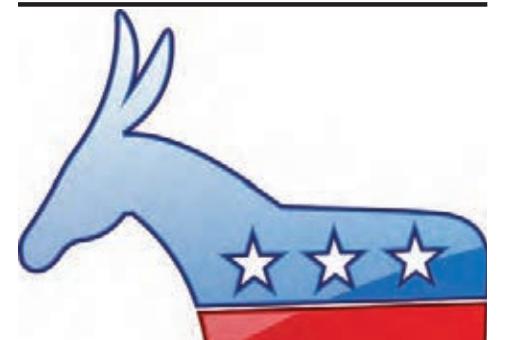
of what Washington is doing now.

"I will work to empower local entrepreneurs and businesses to create an environment of economic opportunity.

"As a chief financial officer, I introduced commonsense initiatives that saved millions for Floridians by cutting red tape and holding government accountable for waste and abuse. We

can start getting America's fiscal house in order without balancing the budget on the backs of middle class families and create a strong fiscal environment that helps businesses promote jobs."

The OTOW Democratic Club extends special thanks to all the members in attendance, as well as to those who invited friends and neighbors, Democrats, independents, and yes, even Re-



Democratic Club

publicans.

It was a great community effort.

Our March meeting will be the fourth Thursday, March 28. All members, please plan to pay your dues of \$12 for the year and make sure we have your correct address, phone number, and e-mail address.

If you have our form for this information, fill it out and send it to Jim Schelling, treasurer, at 2361 Jamaican Street, Apt. 11, Clearwater, FL, 33763. Otherwise, just write the information on any stationary and drop it in the mail.

Thank you. It helps pay our bills and get information out to you.

Finally, if you haven't already, don't forget to vote in March.

Questions or comment about our club? Call 754-6749 or 797-0793.

-- This is not a political ad. This is an actual event that took place during an On Top of the World Democratic Club meeting --

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Jack 'n Jill golf tournament had no repeat champions

By Doug Kates

Not surprising, all eight Jack 'N Jill champions were smiling when their group picture was taken on Feb. 4.

What was surprising was when all eight champions admitted it was their first title ever in this competition.

"I cannot believe it," said Clarence Hebert, who teamed with Marie Hebert for the D Flight championship.

This was their 10th try at this tournament.

Ed Hanson said he and his wife, Arlene, have been trying to win this event for six years. Mission successful with a two-stroke margin of victory.

Vick Ruggiero and Mary Beth Devine were put together as a team as each signed up as individuals. The teamwork was nearly flawless as they won the B Flight title.

And in the A Flight, Diane Moxley was without a partner two days before tee time. Herb Kuhl stepped in at the last minute, had never played with Diane before, but the chemistry still worked fine on the course.

Diane and Herb won the flight title by a half point over Christine Miller and Ian Miller.

Herb said the key hole was No. 5 where his partner drove to within two feet of the cup. From there, under enormous pressure, Herb sunk the putt for one of four birdies on the day.

"Anyone else would have missed it," Diane said.

"We just ham-and-egged it," Herb said.

Ada Bryant and Tom Bryant were third in A Flight, followed by Rita Ramey and Mike Ramey.

In B Flight, there was a tie for second place. After matching cards, Gwen Lemke and Gary Sandine were declared runners-up while Dale Mc-



Pictured above are the flight winners from the 2014 Jack 'N Jill Golf Tournament. From left are A Flight champions, Herb Kyhl and Diane Moxley; B Flight champions Vick Ruggiero and Mary Beth Devine; C Flight champions Arlene Hanson and Ed Hanson, and D Flight champions Marie Hebert and Clarence Hebert. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Minn and Tom McMinn settled for third. Fran Zaloski and Dock Oshaben were fourth.

In C Flight, Pauline and Couture and Norm Couture were second, Pauline Jones and Jack Gow were third,

and Debra Champ and Bo Craddock were fourth.

In D Flight, Elaine McDonald and Cal Gotts teamed for second; April Glenn and Stan Glenn teamed for third and Terri Mikszenas and Dick

Mikszenas teamed for fourth.

Closest to the Pin honors went to Ian Miller, 42 inches from the cup, and Donna Smith, 43 inches from the cup.,

RESULTS

A Flight

Diane Moxley-Herb Kuhl 59.5, Christine Miller-Ian Miller 60, Ada Bryan-Tom Bryant 60.5, Rita Ramey-Mike Ramey 61.

B Flight

Mary Beth Devine-Vic Ruggiero 54.5, Gwen Lemke-Gary Sandine 59.5, Dale McMinn-Tim McMinn 59.5, Fran Zaloski-Dick Oshaben 60.5.



RESULTS

C Flight

Arlene Hanson-Ed Hanson 56, Pauline Couture-Norm Couture 58.5, Pauline Jones-Jack Gow 59, Debra Champ-Bo Craddock 59.5.

D Flight

Marie Hebert-Clarence Hebert 60.5, Elaine McDonald-Cal Gotts 62.5, April Glenn-Stan Glenn 62.5, Terri Mikszenas-Dick Mikszenas 63.5.

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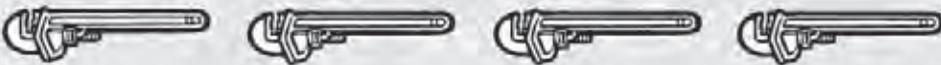
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On Top of the World genealogy class takes educational field trip to Safety Harbor Museum

By Anne Watkins

The Family History Group was treated to a very special afternoon at the Safety Harbor Museum and Cultural Center in Safety Harbor.

If you haven't been there in a while, you are in for a surprise, for the whole place has undergone renovations in the past couple of years.

There are new concepts - history and cultural. You now feel a certain excitement as you enter the refurbished space, where you see everything from mastodon bones from the past, to current city residents engaged in a paint-



Family History

ing class.

We were especially fortunate to have as docent the new curator of the

museum, Scott Anderson, whose enthusiasm for his subject and his perspective made him an excellent guide.

He helped prepare many of the exhibits.

As a native of the area, Scott spoke with genuine affection of the old buildings, newspapers, schools, firehouses and post offices.

There is an archaic telephone system for the techie, as well as a painting of a famous Brahman bull from the former Boot Ranch, whose "boot" sign still graces a local mall.

Of course, as genealogists, we

were all fascinated by the pedigree chart of the famous Odet Philippe, for whom the local park and highway are named.

One of his legends actually is true in that he developed the Duncan grapefruit, which is still grown today.

We recognized the McMullens among his descendants, a name familiar to us all and very much a part of our everyday world.

Our next meeting will be back "on campus" at the East Activity Center on Monday, March 10, from 1-3 p.m. in the Computer Room.

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This list could change monthly.



Philosophy Club

Express your views

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.

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Chances are, you will drink at least one green beer this month and someone at your table will be Irish

Each year on St. Patrick's Day, as folks down 4.2 billion pints of green beer, we're often in too festive a mood to remember that Irish culture is much more than intoxication, law enforcement, "Riverdance," and leprechauns.

It's also corned beef, four-leaf clovers, castles, pubs, Lucky Charms, Notre Dame football, the Blarney Stone, unicorns, shamrocks, shillelaghs and rainbows (with pots of gold, of course).

Did you know the Irish learned how to distill spirits from monks that came to Ireland during the seventh century, and that now there are more than 400 different brands of Irish whiskey being exported to the USA?

(A toast to the monks!).

Did you know that the famous Guinness Brewery in Dublin has a 9000 year lease (with an option to extend it further)?

Did you know there is a village in county Kerry called Inch, and on a road outside the village there is a sign that reads (you guessed it), "Inch 1 Mile."

Did you know the White House in Washington, D.C. was designed by James Hoban, an architect born in Kilkenny, Ireland?



Or, did you know that an Irishman, Cedric Gibbons, designed the Oscar trophy given out at the Academy Awards?

Or, did you know that MGM's famous roaring lion was born in the Dublin Zoo and was called Cairbre?

Did you know, of the 44 U.S. Presidents elected to office to date, 20 of them are of Irish descent?

And that John Hancock, signatory to the Declaration of Independence; Peter Keating, Prime Minister of Australia; Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada, and Chaim Herzog, Sixth President of Israel - born in Belfast and son of the Chief Rabbi of Ireland - are also of Irish descent?

Did you know the rosary and it's

use came from Ireland?

Did you know that the founder of the Ford Motor Company, Henry Ford, was of Irish descent, and while his achievements are legendary, it should also be pointed out that the Titanic, the unsinkable ship, which sunk on its maiden voyage, was made in Ireland.

Jonathan Swift wrote "Gulliver's Travels."

Bram Stoker wrote "Dracula."

Margaret Mitchell wrote "Gone With the Wind."

Other famous writers of Irish heritage include Oscar Wilde, William Butler Yeats, James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, Brendan Behan, F.Scott Fitzgerald, Eugene O'Neill, Raymond Chandler, Mary Higgins Clark, and of course, George Bernard Shaw, who once noted, "Never wrestle with pigs. You both get dirty and the pig likes it."

Did you know that Paul McCartney, John Lennon, and George Harrison of the Beatles are of Irish ancestry?

Did you know Bruce Springsteen, John Wayne, Errol Flynn, James Cagney, Shirley Maclaine, Bruce Willis, Jackie Gleason, Mary Tyler Moore, Warren Beatty, Angelica Huston,

Bing Crosby, Spencer Tracy, Anthony Quinn, Jack Lemmon, Burt Lancaster, Gregory Peck, Robert Redford, Pierce Brosnan, Liam Neeson, Maureen O'Hara, Peter O'Toole, Gene Kelly, Buster Keaton, George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, Alec Baldwin, Bill Murray, John Travolta, Robert DeNiro, Diane Keaton, Anne Hathaway, Tommy Dorsey, Georgia O'Keefe, John McEnroe, Rita Hayworth, Bill Gates, Marilyn Monroe, Robin Williams, Neil Armstrong, Walt Disney, Elvis Presley, Shaquille O'Neal, Lucille Ball, Ben Hogan, Donald O'Connor, Alfred Hitchcock, Ellen DeGeneres, Regis Philbin, Bat Masterson, Cher, Judy Garland, Grace Kelly, Art Carney, Kevin Costner, Sondra Bullock, Conan O'Brien, Harrison Ford, Muhammad Ali, Charles de Gaulle, Clint Eastwood, Jennifer Aniston, George Carlin, James Dean, Marlon Brando, and Billy the Kid, just to name a very, very, few, are also of Irish heritage.

The Irish are a remarkable people, with a truly exceptional culture and heritage, and, if there's a single word to describe them, that word would be "pride."

Happy St. Patrick's Day everybody. Erin Go Bragh.

As long as you believe in Santa, you can also believe everyone is Irish

Happy Saint Paddy's Day!

I figured out why leprechauns dress so funny. They're single guys who have never had a wife.

Actually, I saw a leprechaun once. After enough green beers you see all kinds of stuff.

No green food for me. I got enough of that in the fridge.

Will you be bringing noise makers to the party or hiring a sitter?

I love parties that have a piñata. Any excuse to whack something with a stick.

St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland. I wonder if I could get him to stop by the office?

If you find a four-leaf clover, it means you have entirely too much time on your hands.

It's OK to pretend you're Irish on



St. Pat's Day. We pretend we're good on Christmas, don't we?

Only Irish coffee in a single glass provides something from all the essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.

May the wind at your back not be the result of the corned beef you had for lunch.

Irish Blessing

May there always be work for your hands to do

May your purse always hold a coin or two

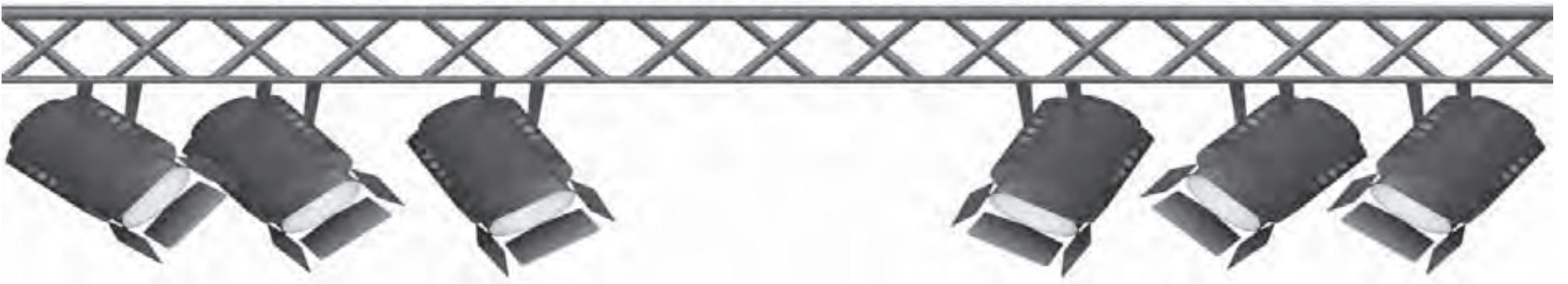
May the sun always shine on your window pane

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain

May the hand of a friend always be near you

May God bless your heart with gladness to cheer you

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



John Denver Tribute Show here March 20

Hi everyone!

Boy, it's March already.

How the time flies when you're having fun. Hope everyone out there is having a good time this season.

Our first two months of shows and dances have been well-attended. The performers certainly did not let us down. It's been great to see our dance floor filled with people dancing, meeting new friends and having a great time to great music.

If you have not attended one of our shows, or if you have but did not

bring your friends, come join us in March. You might be surprised how much fun you can have in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Our March lineup is exciting.

Unfortunately, we could not accommodate the Edwards Twins, so on March 6 we have a great show to replace them. Lola and the Saints were here about three years ago and put on a fabulous show. They are coming back. Don't miss it!

On March 20 we have a John Denver Tribute Show. Remember, "Take Me Home, Country Roads,"

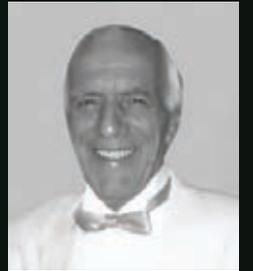
"Rocky Mountain High," and "Sunshine On My Shoulders" to name a few?

For your dancing pleasure we have two great bands. "Bittersweet" will be here on March 8 and "Rebound" on March 22.

Your Sunday-In-The-Park will feature the very popular, "Carlo." Sunday-In-The-Park is free and is inside the East Activity Center.

Tickets for the above events are on sale at the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Buy early and save money.

Tony Baker



Chairperson



Sunday-In-The-Park line dancing.

(OTOW photo by Mary Lou Wall)

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Sunday-In-The-Park - 2pm - Free

Carlo Lovas

Performed on Carnival Cruise ships in the Bahamas

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John Denver Tribute

A journey into the many facets of John Denver's Song writing



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Saturday Night Dance - 8pm - \$10 at the door

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PREVIEW OF APRIL EVENTS

April 3- Robin Roth - Concert

April 5 - Richie V - Dance

April 6 - Lenny & Kathys Karaoke - Sunday-In-The-Park

April 19 - Flashback - Dance

Tickets On Sale Monday & Thursday At The EAC – 8:30 to 10:30



Flach, Buck, Nawrocky and Pitman are winners on a day when the even holes didn't count

By Vayna Cormier

It's March already and St Patrick's Day is upon us!

Get all your green outfits out, plus make up and decorations, and let's have fun.

Come join us as a participant in the annual Irish Club parade or stand by the curb and wave at us.

Here are the weekly awards for the month of January.

January 21

Flight A- Ann Stewart, Char Flach.

Flight B-Vayna Cormier, Marge Jacobs, Laypa Buck and Margo Smith.

Flight C-Sue Liesch, Mary Ann O'Neil, Marjorie Sivek, Nancy House, Karen Johnson and Ginny Tousignant.

Flight D-Pat Murray, Romy Brady, Pat Palladino, Verona Titus and Nancy

9-hole Ladies Golf

Geyer.

Birdies: Dorothy Ryan and Vayna Cormier each had a birdie on hole No. 2

Laypa Buck was closest to pin on hole No. 4.

January 28

Count Odd Holes Only

Flight A - Char Flach, Jean Norris and Carol Kapoor.

Flight B-Laypa Buck, Anna Hyden, Vayna Cormier and Marge Jacobs.

Flight C - Madeline Nawrocky, Nancy House, Karen Johnson, Mary Ann O'Neil and Alice Wilson.

Flight D-Fran Pitman, Romy Brady, Pat Murray, Patty Aden and Pat Palladino.

Birdies: Vayna Cormier on hole Nos. 2, 3 and 5.

Dee Cellitti was the lucky winner of the 50/50.

Congratulations Ladies. Despite Mother Nature's lack of cooperation, you did great in January.

Remember, March 11 is "Wearing of the Green day."

March 18 is the President's Tournament. Let's all come out and play the game to show our present and past presidents our appreciation for their full commitment to this wonderful sport.

In fact, Connie Saylor was first time president of the league in 2007-08. This year she kindly accepted a sec-

ond mandate.

March 25 is a shotgun start and it was agreed at the last meeting that we will have a hot lunch after the game. We will either go out or have some good food delivered at the picnic tables. We will keep you updated.

March Schedule of Events

4-Low Gross/ Low Net

8-St. Patrick's Day Parade

11-Mystery Hole. General meeting 2:30 p.m. Starlite Room. Refreshments.

18-President's Tournament. Low Gross.

25-Low Gross/Low Net 9 a.m. shotgun start . 50/50. Lunch follows.

Enjoy each other's company, the outdoors, and all your time on the course.

Three aces with three clubs

By Pete Milner

Since our last article about the Men's Golf Association, we have only had league play twice.

Between the cold weather and the rain, we have not had very much good luck.

Since our last printing, three of our members have made holes-in-one. Marshall Greenman aced the 13th hole with his 3-wood while Ed Belliveau and Jim Anzalone watched it drop in.

Martin Forde did it with one try on the 16th hole while playing with Mike Cowan. He used his trusty 7-iron.

Bill Higgins rolled it in on the 17th

Men's Golf

hole with his 4-hybrid as Jimmy Stewart, Fred Blatz and Paul Beaven witnessed the feat.

All three deserve an ovation for a combination of having a great golfer eye and a wee bit of luck.

Please remember to come at least 30 minutes before your tee time to check in and sign up for the following week. Please know your tee time and member number when you come to the window.

Good hunting!



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SPORTS

West, Sayer, Meissner win Fun Scramble

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association held their yearly Fun Scramble and rules seminar on Jan. 21.

The winning team with a 5-under par score was Dottie Meissner, Gloria Sayer and Becky West.

Two teams tied with 61. The tie was broken by low score on hole No. 12. So the second place team was awarded to Karen French, Gilda Gambucurta and Rose Mulhall. Coming in third was Christine Miller, Margaret Hachey, Thelma Jacobsen and Melva Cooper.

After the tournament, delicious box lunches were handed out by Elaine Stretavaski, Sheila Meneilly and Carloe Whynot. Lunch was followed by an informative rules seminar by Fran Zaloski.

On Feb. 4, the annual Jack and Jill Tournament was held. See page 34. The event was a huge success due in part to hard-working committee members Marie Belliveau, Leora Hamm, Sherry Ivey, Pauline Jones, Terry Kuplen, Dottie Meissner, Sheila Meneilly, Terry Mikszenas, Rose Mulhall, Co-Chair Donna Osborne, Billie Pineau, Chairperson Gloria Sayer, Elaine Stretavski, and Becky West.

18-hole Ladies Golf

Gloria Sayer, chairperson, stated that her husband, Bud (Gary) Sayer was especially helpful and supportive.

More thank yous go out to Lester Whynot, Mark Schell and the OTOW golf course and golf course grounds crew.

There were 124 participants who enjoyed a wonderful day of golf and camaraderie.

Following up with last month's "what's in your golf bag," Elaine McDonald carries virgin mimosas and Dottie Meissner carries an extra pair of pants in case she gets a hole in one.

Speaking of a hole-in-one, congrats to Leora Hamm for her hole-in-one on Jan. 20, on hole No. 5 using a driver. The shot was witnessed by Van Bradley.

Another great course improvement by Drew and his crew was the spreading of a ton of red mulch around trees, bushes and bench areas. With all the continuing upgrades, our 18-hole course is becoming the best executive course in the area.



Annual Fun Scramble winners were Becky West, Gloria Sayer and Dottie Meissner. (Photo by Pat Eastman)

Upcoming Events

March 10-1

Handicap Tournament

March 26

Spring Luncheon at Clearwater CC

April 1

Rally for the Cure

Tournament Winners Jan. 28

Flight A: Pat Eastman, Dot Graham.

Flight B: Gloria Sayer, Gwen Lemke.

Flight C: Karen French, Ada Bryant.

Flight D: Elaine Stretavski, Elaine McDonald.

Kasy Linkewich named new shuffleboard president

Kasy Linkewich was officially elected president of the Shuffleboard Club on Jan. 6 at the club's annual breakfast at the Farmer Boy Restaurant.

There were 34 shufflers in attendance.

Also, Marge Sivek, past president, was presented with a heart-charm bracelet and beautiful silver jewelry box as a thank you for her work the past year.

The following shufflers won three games in January:

Jan. 13 -- Debbie Welker, Virginia Butler, Bridget Dwyer, Ray Willis, Larry Henderson.

Jan. 16 – Larry Henderson.

Jan. 20 – Bob Rittner, Larry Henderson, Bob Kurdt, Trudy Willis.

Jan. 23 – Kasy Linkewich, Bob Kurdt, Jose Pereira, Doreen Paine.

Jan. 27 – Inez Linkewich, Bob



Shuffleboard

Rittner, Rod Jones.

If you would like to learn to shuffleboard, please come any Monday or Thursday, 1:30 p.m., to the shuffleboard courts located near the tennis courts behind the East Activity Center. For more information, call Kasy at 386-5080.

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You may create your own foursome, but all golfers must be On Top of the World residents. Extra lunch tickets are for sale. Sign-up sheets are available at the pro shop through March 11. After March 11, you must call 669-7853. Registration fees will be taken March 4 and March 11 between 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the golf course. If you are a single player looking for a team, sign your name on the back of the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League bulletin board at the course. Questions, call Linda Rice at 669-7853.



Big tournaments taking place for lawn bowlers

By Bob Laplante

March continues to be a very busy month for lawn bowlers.

For competitive bowlers, the South East Division major tournament takes many players on the road for up to a week.

In addition, the On Top of the World club has a full agenda with the Novice Tournament, the St. Patrick Tournament and the Wind Up Fun Tournament.

We also have an inter-club tournament with the Clearwater Lawn Bowl Club and our annual General Meeting will be held on March 19 in the Veranda Room at 1 p.m.

Last month, the Robbie Burns

Lawn Bowling

Tournament was held with the team of Wendy Colquhoun, Jocelyne Laplante and CJ Sickles winning the overall title. A pizza luncheon was served. In keeping with the theme, as pizza is not very Scottish, the recitation of the "Address to a Haggis," written by Robbie Burns, was presented, along with the recipe to make a haggis.

Thanks to Denise Dion and her team, Wendy Colquhoun and Gabriel Taillefer, for providing the entertainment and lunch. Hal Jacobsen and Jerry Cotton provided direction for the play.

The Australian Pairs Tournament was coordinated by Tom Barrett with teams competing in this unusual format, which has both players on the team alternating as skip and lead. The winners of the two-day knock-out tournament was Bob Laplante and Tom Barrett.

The month-end fun tournament and BBQ had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. I must take full blame for this as, in the January article, I reported a great year weather-wise and hoped that I did not jinx us by making such a claim. I must have, as January proved both cold and wet.

Lesson learned.

I will never again comment on the

weather. I will simply enjoy the warm Florida climate.

The Valentine's Day tournament was held with the team of Jackie Bedard, Nicole Pelletier and Joan O'Conner succeeding as the overall winners. The luncheon was coordinated by Pat Murray and her team to make the day extra special. Thanks to Jerry Cotton who coordinated the play.

Past Presidents were honored at the annual dinner dance held on Feb. 27. Many participants dressed up to commemorate the 1960's decade, which was also reflected in the décor and music.

Thanks to all who participated in the organization of the event.

Two points separate first and second in points standings

If it's Thursday, it will probably be rainy, windy or cold.

The weather hasn't been kind to the Thursday Golf League. Events have been scheduled and rescheduled. Still, a hardy cadre of players continue to show up each week.

Week nine of individual play saw Duane Hinrichs not only take first place, but low gross honors as well.

Gilda Gambacurta placed second and Gary Bronson was third. The longest drive winner was Don Baker. Rich Ziembicki took closest to the pin honors. There were skins galore this week. Duane Hinrichs, Jim Cawley, Bill Higgins, Don Baker, Clyde Hershberger, Bruce MacPherson and Don Leamy all had one.

Bruce MacPherson was the week

Thursday Golf

10 champion. Gary Ordway came in second and Gilda Gambacurta placed third. Clyde Hershberger and Bruce MacPherson shared low gross honors. Individual skins were taken by Bill Higgins, Clyde Hershberger and Don Baker.

A number of great rounds were played in week 11. Bill Cook cruised into first place. Don Leamy was second. Bill Higgins placed third and garnered low gross honors.

Patti Cook was longest drive winner for the women. Tom Ramstack boomed one out to take the men's side. Dennis Trauffer was the closest to the pin winner. A number of skins

were captured, including Bill Higgins with two, and Roland Provost, Jim Keagy, Jahn Lawson and Paul Meyers with one apiece.

Week 12 was a shootout with some low rounds played. Don Hunter was champion. Don Leamy placed second and Paul Meyers was third. The low gross round was played by Bill Higgins. In an unusual turn of events, the only skin was collected by Paul Meyers.

The points race to the League Championship remains tight. Clyde Hershberger remains on top with 23 points. Dennis Trauffer is in second place with 21 points.

The next closest competitors are Gilda Gambacurta and Don Leamy with 19. Paul Farrell has 18.

The next grouping includes

Don Baker, Paul Meyers and Bruce MacPherson with 17 points. Following with 16 points are by Fred Schick and Bill Gambacurta. Many other members are within striking distance.

The Thursday League is a mixed league. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format. Our league welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Players must sign in by 10:30 a.m. and play begins at 11 a.m. every Thursday.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. 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.

February Photo Search Answers

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| 3. Parking block moved | 6. Lamp post is bigger | 10. Hubcap missing on car |



Allen Pier captures three A Flight victories, two seconds



Billiards

By Barb Sundberg

In 8-ball play on Jan. 20, Feb. 3 and Feb. 17, Allen Pier picked up three first place wins in A Flight.

On Jan. 27 and Feb. 10, Allen took second place.

Bill Robertson claimed second place on Jan. 20 and Joe Doire was third. Then on Jan. 27, Joe Doire took first place and Bill Robertson took third.

On Feb. 3, Hugo Orantes captured second place with John Fier claiming third.

Norm Theriault ran away with first place on Feb. 10 by winning 10 out of 11 games with Denny Balderson claiming third. Then on Feb. 17 Denny captured second and Norm settled for third.

In the B Flight, Barb Sundberg captured first place on Jan. 20 with Ed Ramirez claiming second place and Bob Ellis taking third. On Jan. 27, Joe Ventimiglia took first place and Mario Rodriguez captured second place. Then on Feb. 3, Dennis Balling took



Pictured above are the top three finishers in a recent 8-Ball Tournament. From left to right are Ed Ramirez (third place, Flight B), Herb Jordan (second place, Flight B), Dennis Balling (first place, Flight B), John Fier (third place, Flight A), Hugo Orantes (second place, Flight A) and Allen Pier (first place, Flight A).

first, Herb Jordan second and Ed Ramirez third.

Ray Quirion edged out the field by taking first place on Feb. 10 and again Feb. 17. On Feb. 10, Terry Wittman claimed second and Maureen Doire third. Andy Suhar captured second place on Feb. 17.

Scotch Doubles

On Thursday, Jan. 23, the team of Ed Ramirez and Norm Theriault captured first place, Bill Robertson and Ian Hunter claimed second, and Bob Ellis and Ray Quirion took third place.

At the Feb. 13 tournament, the team of Dennis Balling and Ian Hunter claimed first place with Maureen Doire and Norm Theriault taking second. The team of Gene Baranowski and Ray Quirion took third.

Nine-Ball

Gene Baranowski captured first place at the 9-ball tournaments on Jan. 21 and 28.

Joe Ventimiglia claimed second place on Jan. 21 with Bob Eads edging out Hugo Orantes for second place on Jan. 28.

On Feb. 4, Ron Blaettner walked away with first place. After a playoff for second place between Gene Baranowski, Ira Wolf and Joey Ventimiglia, Ira captured second place.

Joe Ventimiglia came back on Feb. 11 to capture first place with Dennis Balling claiming second place.

Nine-ball meets 1 p.m., Tuesday afternoons, in the West Activity Center Billiard Room. Bring your recreation card, get in on the action and have some fun in the competition. We use the round-robin format.

A message from the outgoing president Becky Balderson

By Penny Page

Becky Balderson's term as president is ending this month, but she will remain as Past President for one year to help the incoming team.

We all want to thank Becky for her strength, her grace and her friendship during these past years!

Here is her message:

"The definition of the word 'club' is 'An association dedicated to a particular interest or activity.' The Ladies Que 'T' Billiard Club far exceeds that definition.

"While the ladies endeavor to improve their skills, due in no small part to our experienced instructors, it is the ladies themselves who are the heart and soul of this club. If you walk into the Billiards Room on any Wednesday



Becky Balderson

night, you will be met with a laughter that is contagious.

"And unique to competition, there



Que' T Billiards

is a spirit that binds them to be, not just winners, but friends.

"Over the past years, these ladies have built on their interest in the game and have expanded their goals. They have made extraordinary strides and I respect and applaud the achievements made by this delightful collection of women.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve as their President. They have been my foundation.

"My abilities as President have only been enhanced by their unfailing support and their unremitting influence.

"And, while I may have been their voice, they were my strength and inspiration.

"I thank the Board for their dedication to the success and growth of this Club. We have reached for the brass ring and have found it is much better shared.

"I will continue to support the members' commitment to this organization, and the Ladies Que 'T' Billiard Club will remain a haven of enjoyment on Wednesday evenings."



Jim Kemp's glove robs Guy Bertuzzi from game-winning, grand slam

Softball

By Bob Rittner

Do you fondly remember the schoolyard when there were pickup softball games against other neighborhoods or towns?

If so, you should join the On Top of the World softball league.

We accommodate all skill levels. Our goal is that everyone participates and comes away with a cheer, camaraderie, fun and competition.

Call Tony Caputo at 726-9248 for details.

The following are results from recent games.

Cody's 15, Scott's Pharmacy 12

Probably the most dramatic game of the season. Remember the scoring rules - a team may score only three runs an inning unless someone hits an over-the-fence home run with runners on base.

Down five to start the ninth inning, Scott's had two outs, two runs in, the bases loaded and premier power hitter Guy Bertuzzi at bat. Only a grand slam could win the game. Any other hit would end the inning with Scott's two runs short.

Guy slashed a screaming, rising line drive that nearly tore Jim Kemp's glove off, but Jim held on to end the game.

Scott's Pharmacy 13, Cody's 7

Four hits apiece by Greg Zimmer, Jim Kemp and Tony Caputo, plus Lenny Segall's five extra-base hits, helped Scott's build a 10-1 lead.

Cody's Jim Pollock had a four-hit day, accounting for four of his team's seven runs by driving in two and scor-



OTOW softball players

ing twice.

OTOW 23, Dunedin Elks 4

After five innings, OTOW led Dunedin 17-0.

Tony Caputo's superb pitching was supported by stellar fielding from shortstop Lenny Segall and left fielder Paul "Death to Flying Things" Fice.

OTOW is 3-0 in these monthly inter-league games.

Cody's 18, Scott's Pharmacy 18

Cody's built a seven-run lead through three innings, but Scott's fought back. Howard Huff's two-run double tied the game in the ninth.

For Cody's, Hugh Quirk had a four-hit day while Allan Bendert and Bob Fields duplicated that feat for Scott's.

Scott's Pharmacy 10, Cody's 10

With game time temperature an

invigorating 37 degrees, balls did not carry well.

Despite the difficult hitting environment, Guy Bertuzzi managed five hits.

And while the notion of clutch hitters has been debunked by analysts, Frank Schlotter provided contrary evidence by again blasting a double over an outfielder's head, driving in two crucial runs that put Cody's ahead early.

Usually, our game plan is simple. Paraphrasing Skip from "Bull Durham," "We throw the ball, we hit the ball, we catch the ball." But in the bottom of the ninth, complicated managerial tactics prevailed. Protecting a one-run lead, with extreme fly ball power hitter Lenny Segall leading off, Scott's conceded a single by moving the first baseman into the outfield, hoping to catch a fly ball or at least prevent an extra base hit. Lenny accepted the opportunity, intentionally

hitting a ground single.

Foiling Lenny's strategy, Paul Fice spectacularly speared Gary Burgett's one hopper to get the force at second. On another single, Gary alertly moved to third, but a perfect relay from Trevor Dixon to Bill Arkins to Tony Caputo nailed the batter trying to stretch his hit into a double.

Ken Graham's double drove in the tying run, but Scott's got the third out to preserve the tie.

The Fog Bowl OTOW 25, Cody's 7

A foggy day in Safety Harbor crimped Cody's play.

Cody's 16, OTOW 13

A tie game into the ninth, Cody's Roadhouse won when Doug Murray's double and Glenn Ohl's single drove in three runs to ice the victory.

Free tennis clinic for all skill levels set for March 15

We are inviting you to attend a free tennis clinic.

The clinic is designed to get you to play tennis. So take the racquet out of the mothballs and come on over to the tennis courts for this special free clinic.

If you've played before, it will be a enjoyable way to get back into the groove. If you've never played

before, we welcome you and invite you to try this exciting sport. If you've played before and stopped and you just need some encouragement to get back on the courts, this is for you.

We have new courts, lighting for night play, and this is an easy way to review the basics and lose some

calories.

The free clinic will be held on Saturday, March 15 at 10 a.m. Sign up before March 14.

To attend, you need to sign up at our bulletin board located outside the tennis courts, next to the patio by the middle gates at the No. 2 court.



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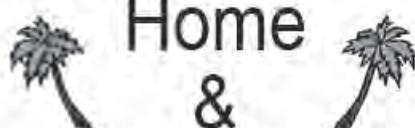


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What is slimnastics?

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Slimnastics meets in the East Activity Center gym at 9 a.m. every weekday morning.

Every class is free to On Top of the World residents.

Morning exercises

Join us in the East Activity Center lower gym every morning at 8 a.m.

Our exercises include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weightlifting to improve muscle tone, and cardio workouts to music.

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If your name is Shamrock, you have a good chance of winning Pet of the Month for March. Shamrock is a 4-year-old Bichon Frise, born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Brooklyn resident during the summer months. She spends her winters at On Top of the World and loves all the people who live here. Shamrock is owned by Jim, Joan and Mary Healy of the Mid Eastern Moorish Building.

Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to bootss@tampabay.rr.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on entrees, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

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





Stepping lively, choreographer Ira Weisburd instructs and entrances a large group of line dancers during his appearance here. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Ira Weisburd unites us, one dance at a time

By John Koning

It was like stepping back 25 years to an era when the East Activity Center auditorium teemed with line dancers.

In all, there were 64 dancers from On Top of the World, including a few guests from outside our gates, twinkling, strutting and weaving for four entertaining and exhausting hours.

Ira Weisburd, the 2013 International Choreographer

of the Year, was the drawing card and he was true to his reputation. For the record, Ira looked as fresh at the end of the workshop as he did at the beginning.

Bill Beckett, from Pinellas Park, who was a guest of an OTOW line dancer, said, "It was lots of fun and it's such a spacious floor. There's lots of room to move and the workshop was very informative."

Bill's half hour commute

to OTOW was no problem. He has ventured all the way to Deerfield Beach, Fla., to attend another of Ira's workshops.

Ellen Gilbert, vice-president of the OTOW Line Dancers, was delighted with the way things came together.

"It is wonderful to have an international choreographer here in our building. What a treat!" she said.

Doug Erickson, who dances with the OTOW

Line Dancers and the Snowbirds Club, was the catalyst who brought the two clubs and Ira together. For him, it was a dream come true.

"We are delighted to join the world-wide community of dancers. The Internet will unite all of us, if we let it," he said.

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Enjoy this potpourri of Melbourne news

*Spring stars in such suspenseful shows;
Around and round the stage she goes,
A timid creeper, breathless sprinter,
Escaping from that villain, Winter.*

So glad to see so many of you out for our dinner at the Sea Dog, Jan. 25. Cookout was canceled because of the weather. There were 22 around a long table. I loved seeing everyone although it was hard to talk from one end of the table to the other.

It was a farewell for Anita Mazzella, who has moved with her son John to Cape Canaveral. She will be near her son Frank, who was at the dinner with his friend Donna Requier. We will miss Anita but know it will be great to have two sons close by.

Always glad to have Pat Dooly join us for our dinners. Seems like she never moved from Melbourne!

Sue Salmieri's granddaughter visited from Philadelphia. She really enjoyed getting away from the snow.

Carol Futej and P. J. Wakelee



want to thank everyone in Melbourne for their expressions of sympathy regarding their sister and mother, Wanda Patrick.

Greg and Liz Thompson installed a new retractable awning. It looks great and is a lovely place to sit and relax as they feel sorry for their family and friends in New York!

I am so glad to have my neighbor, Bonnie White, back after spending a week dogsitting for her son and wife

as they traveled to snowy Illinois. Her son says that is his last trip north in the winter.

Be sure to check the bulletin board for future outings. It's always good to see everyone at the affairs and visit with them. It seems that with all the activities at On Top of the World and the community, we hardly stop going.

We welcome Lee Sciarra to our building. She purchased her unit in March, 2013, and has lived in Clearwater for 40 years. Working in real estate, she has sold about 100 units in OTOW.

Looking at the March calendar: Don't forget the St. Patrick's Day parade Saturday, March 8, in which you can watch or participate.

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 9. It takes me a long time to adjust to that...

And can you believe the first day of spring is March 20?

I'll welcome your news for the April issue by March 10. Thanks!



Luncheons are attracting more folks

We Granadans are enjoying our monthly luncheons. This enables us to stop feeling like strangers living in the same building and feel more like a family. Pat Dalziel and Barbara Humphreys chaired our February luncheon at Kally-K's. Each month we share family news and get to meet and greet new people.

We met Frank and Joyce Majewski, who just moved in from upstate New York. They have a new grandson and are very happy about that joyous occasion. He is the first of what they hope will be many grandchildren.

We were happy to see Gisela Rhorseitz again, since we had not seen her since last winter. Janette Lashua brought her daughter who was visiting from upstate Steinhatchee.

February was a busy month for celebrations. Ranier and Cobie Stimming observed 49 years of marriage, and Stan and I celebrated 58 years, in addition to Stan's birthday at the end of the month.

We will meet for lunch again on March 7 at Johnny's. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board (on the Franciscan side of the building).

We hope that next month more of our building residents will join the "family."

Until next month, remember to "Always have eyes that see the best, a heart that forgives the worst, and a mind that forgets the bad."

Fleeing Northern chill, visitors abound

If things haven't gone right for you this past month, blame it on the weather. It's been so cold and rainy that I just haven't gotten around to getting the latest "scoop."

Most often it was too cold to enjoy "happy hour" beneath our oaks. Judy Boley's front porch and walkway served as a meeting place on the few sunny days we had. Thank you, Judy, for accommodating us.

The ladies' monthly luncheon took place at the Olive Garden. Nine beautiful women were in attendance. It would be nice to see more participating. If you need a ride or even a friend to sit with, sign up on the sheet that is posted a few days before the event. We are now going to lunch the fourth Monday of the month. Thank you, Ellen Feldman, for chairing these outings.

Gin Upton no sooner returned from Minnesota, where she surprised her brother as a Christmas gift, than she packed up for a trip to San Antonio



to wish her daughter Toni a happy birthday. Shortly after her arrival home, she was graced with a visit from her sister Marilyn and hubby Andy Swift. Despite the stinky weather, the three of them did a lot of shopping and sightseeing. As nasty as it was, it was much nicer than what was to be had in Minnesota from whence they came.

Another visitor to our building was that of Joe and Fran Valenti's daughter, Heather, from Michigan.

As you read this, Case Bastmeyer will have returned from Ontario to his vacation home here at New World French. Since the middle of December, his son Rick and wife Darlene have been vacationing here.

Case had to have been surprised at the improvement Rick made to his condo – none other than new storm windows and front door. Welcome back, good friend.

I am slowly getting together a list of our residents' birthdays. Time is flying past more quickly than ever, and I am so very slow in gathering this information.

I am blaming my lack of getting this task done quickly on the weather, of course, but in reality I am just a bit lazy!

Belated happy birthday wishes to Lenny Tousignant who celebrated on Jan. 23 and to the February honorees, Gene Carney (Feb. 15), Judy Boley (Feb. 22) and Reta Carney (Feb. 24).

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Building is proud of these two OTOW Art Show entrants

Hello from Rila Renaissance. We have some very interesting and talented neighbors living in our building. It is great to be able to brag about them.

I wrote several times about the talent of Audrey Lerigo and Penny Page. They both showed pieces in the Art Show which was held Feb. 23. Audrey has been doing her art work more than 30 years. She had nine pieces of art on display for the show. Her watercolor piece titled "Mountain Lion" was her favorite. The piece shows that Audrey has worked with oils, but water color is her favorite.

Penny is a new artist but has many diverse artistic talents. She had eight pieces displayed at the show. Her best piece was her oil painting entitled "Iris."

Audrey and Penny joined the Art Club at the end of last year and are totally enjoying the group. Audrey is now working on acrylics and is doing sketching class. Audrey says that she is still learning new things. Penny was afraid her work wasn't good enough. She is being encouraged by the class to display her pieces.

There is an in-house artist named John Fiere working with the club. He has been a wonderful teacher.



Audrey is also Penny's mentor with her years of experience. Congratulations to both of you on your accomplishments and we were proud to see your pieces on display.

I totally enjoy reporting about our neighbors' interests, trips, family gatherings, births, a new pet, etc. Please let me know if you have anything for me to mention in the column.

Our neighbors do enjoy reading about it. You can leave information in the white mailbox under the bulletin board in the core.

I hope all our neighbors enjoy a wonderful St. Patrick's Day celebration. If you can, try and see the parade. You will enjoy it.



These two Rila Renaissance residents did well in the recent OTOW Art Show. Shown left to right are Audrey Lerigo with her watercolor titled "Mountain Lion" and Penny Page with her oil painting entitled "Iris."

News from our building captain, Gerri Jaeger: "This is an update to remind the neighbors that the Service Department has no way of disposing of any furniture, mirrors, doors, electronics,

etc. that are left in the garbage room. It is the responsibility of each individual condo to dispose of their items. Bring the items to the recycle centers or pay to have them removed."

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St. Patrick's-theme golf outing planned for March 7

George and Georgie will be returning this month from of all things, ice fishing. Yes, you read that right!

In the warmer months, George and Georgie own and run Snowshoe Camp in Canada. Since the ice on the lake was so thick this year, they decided to return to open the camp for ice fishing. I am sure they will be happy to be back in Florida.

For our last girls' night out we teamed up with our friends across the street at Mallorca building and went to Besa Grill for a wonderful dinner.

On Friday, March 7, we will once again team up with the Mallorca building and sponsor a golf outing. It will have a St. Patrick's Day theme.

Golfers and non-golfers will gather for a meal of corned beef and cabbage after playing on the nine-hole course. I believe the golf will begin at noon. The gathering and meal will



be held on one of our back patios. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin boards of both buildings.

In March we celebrate three birthdays: Dottie Meissner, March 4, Ludwig Schlitt, March 18 and Gundi Kenny, March 19.

Hope everyone has a great month and, like myself, looking forward to warmer temperatures and a pleasant spring ahead.

See you next time.



Mark your calendars for these dates

Be sure to welcome the nice lady that now lives in our friendly building, having come to us from another building here at On Top of the World. Her name is Rose Savini and she is originally from Italy.

She has lived at OTOW three years. She has two daughters, one of whom lives here at OTOW. She knits and enjoys other crafts. I'll bet her four great-grandchildren are recipients of some of her work!

Our neighbors to the north of us have really suffered this winter. It must not be so easy to live without power. Let's hope we don't experience that this summer. Maybe when spring gets here on March 20 they will get a break in the weather. The OTOW St. Patrick's Parade will be on Saturday, March 8, so mark your calendars.

Also remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 9.

People seem to be living to an older age now. Did you hear about the 100-year-old man who recently went sky diving? Was he doing that to impress his girl friend?

Take care and be sure to let me know your interesting news by calling 724-5909 or putting a note in the little white box by our bulletin board.

COFFEE CORNER

Coffee and donuts are served from 7 to 10 a.m. every weekday morning in the East Activity Center auditorium. Come visit and have a cup of coffee! The cost is minimal. The proceeds help other clubs and groups here at OTOW. So come visit your recreation center and enjoy a cup of coffee at your Coffee Corner!

Long-time building captain earns gratitude

Eloyd Baldwin is one of English Tudors longest-tenured residents and served as Captain of the building for 21 of his 25 years living here.

Born in Pennsylvania, he and his brother and sister moved to Cleveland, Ohio, while they were still young.

After serving in the U.S. Navy on a destroyer, Eloyd spent 15 years working for General Motors in Detroit, Mich., in the accounting department. He finished his work career in 1988 by retiring after 30 years as Director of Resources for an auditing firm in Marietta, Ga., where he maintains a home during the summer.

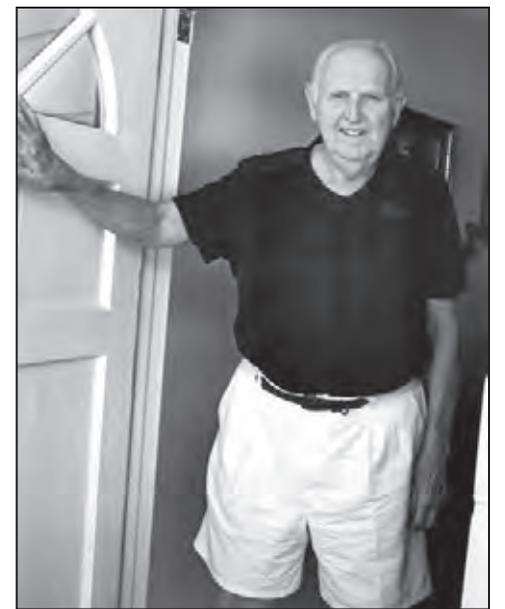
Serving in the Navy is probably what gave Eloyd his first taste of travel and created a true world traveler. During his career, Eloyd visited every continent except for Antarctica and visited every major city. He took his first cruise in 1966 on the *Bahamas Star* traveling to Nassau. He now tours the world on cruise ships, having logged 60 more cruises since then.

Eloyd first saw On Top of the World in 1968 when just a few buildings existed. A co-worker had bought a unit here and Eloyd came down to look it over.



Twenty years later, Eloyd again visited OTOW. When he saw the golf courses and more buildings being constructed across Belcher Road, he was convinced that this was where he wanted to be. He soon bought his unit in Building 7, our very own English Tudor.

Eloyd really enjoyed the people and amenities during his winter stays. Other residents asked him to be captain and he accepted. He and his "crew" of neighbors got into landscaping by seeding the grass, planting a garden, adding lawn lights, and buying the benches at the entrances.



Upon Eloyd Baldwin's retirement from building captain duties, he should have even more time for one of his favorite pastimes: traveling the world. (Photo by Kay Tenuta)

Our building, in gratitude for his long service as captain, and for his patience in keeping us informed of OTOW rules and regulations, presented Eloyd with a plaque honoring him and his 21 years of service. Now he will have even more time to travel to far-flung places in the world!

Resident and reporter go back a long way

The ladies of the Flamenco building went out for a lovely luncheon in February. They went to the Wildflower Cafe in south Clearwater and enjoyed the food as well as the company!

Last month, we had a story about a couple in our building who loves to dance (the Gentrons). Well, another resident of our building who has always loved dancing is Jeanne Grant. Jeanne often went dancing on the weekends, and her favorite mug still says "I love Dancing, Dancing, Dancing!"

Jeanne is from Corning, N.Y., where she was born, worked and raised her family of three children. Jeanne is retired from Corning, Inc., (formerly Corning Glass Works) where she held many positions for a total of 47 years.

She worked as an inspector, in quality control, and then as an executive secretary for many years, reporting to the vice president of corporate purchasing (which, by the way, is where I met her when I began working there in 1977).

Jeanne started dating her husband Bruce at the age of 15 and married at age 18 on the Fourth of July.

One job Jeanne had when they were in high school and dating was at a



taxi office. She worked 60 hours a week for a total of \$10 per week. She used her summer's earnings to have a custom suit made for her (then boyfriend) Bruce. Wow, wasn't he a lucky guy!

Jeanne has always spent a lot of time on Keuka Lake, the "Y"-shaped Finger Lake. She also loved to travel and drove around the United States seven times with her sister, Harriett.

Some of you may remember Harriett who was such a fun and friendly person; she came to On Top of the World with Jeanne for many years, after Jeanne purchased her condo here in 1993.

Jeanne also travels to see her daughter in Oregon and

her four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Did you know that Jeanne is an artist? She makes lovely Toll Art designs, often spending much of her Florida time creating several pieces each winter.

Volunteer work is Jeanne's middle name. From driving patients to doctor appointments, to being a receptionist at the Corning Hospital, to a multitude of Church work, Eastern Star work, and sending greeting cards to many folks on holidays and baking cookies (yes, she would drop off Christmas cookies for my son at our door when he was young), Jeanne has a heart of gold!

Now as we approach spring let's enjoy those tulips (yes, special ones do bloom in vases here), let's go out to see the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 8, and for those who are sports enthusiasts, come on over to Bright House Field to watch a baseball spring training game.

While there, be sure to stop in the team store and say hello to me, since there is where I will be working and soaking in some baseball and spring enthusiasm!

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Friend helps arrange an extra-special birthday

Dolores Kopack (“Doe-Doe”) celebrated a milestone birthday in February. A surprise celebration was held at Chili’s Restaurant.

Dolores moved to Florida from Chicago many years ago. She and her dear friend, Shirley Miller, met when they worked together. Their friendship has endured through the years. They are more like sisters than best friends.

Shirley and her family arranged the birthday celebration for Dolores. Friends and former co-workers joined in the surprise. Wishing you many more happy years, Dolores!

Lois Rockwell visited the Bahamas recently. Lois’s daughter, grandson and her daughter’s friends cruised out of Cape Canaveral on a Royal Caribbean ship for four days.

They played water sports at Cove Cay along with scuba diving and kayaking. Lois took the glass-bottom boat ride.

The entire family took a side trip to see the Atlantis Hotel in Nassau. Unfortunately, the weather didn’t cooperate, as it was a windy, rainy day. However, that didn’t stop them from enjoying the quick vacation and spending time with family.

“Till We Meet Again”



Shirley Miller and Dolores Kopack. Dolores recently celebrated her birthday with friends, co-workers and family. (Photo by Marguerite Laskowski)

Thank your lucky stars for our great OTOW climate

I don’t know about anyone else, but I sure am ready for some warmer temperatures and lots of sun!

I guess I shouldn’t complain as the Northeast had blizzard conditions leading up to Valentine’s Day. Our Northern friends and family likely spent the holiday inside, unless they shoveled their way out from nearly a foot of snow. Too much snow for me!

My husband and I are now taking the Italian speaking classes on Thursday nights. They are held from 3:30–5 p.m. The instructors are Igor and George. They not only tell us lots of stories about Italy and all its territories but also give us some history of this beautiful country. Plus they are teaching us how to speak the language and learn all about its many dialects. The class is interesting as well as fun. My husband’s dream is to be able to move to Italy as he has relatives living there in Calabria.

Our building had many visitors for the months of January and February. Our neighbors, Paul and Phyllis Farrell had their son, daughter-in-law and brand new grandchild with them for a week. They spent some quality family time together by visiting different attractions in the area and just enjoying each other’s company. Phyllis also got to babysit her little grandchild and that was one of the highlights of this visit.



Our other neighbors, Paul and Wendy Juneau had their son visit them for about three weeks. Paul took his son on a four-day cruise during that time.

If you haven’t visited the new Good Karma Cafe, please do. My husband and I stopped in to see what it was like and were very much impressed. There were a lot of choices for beverages as well as snacks and sandwiches. This will be great for those who are at the pool, or in one of the classes. Plus you could even take some of the foods home for a complete meal.

It’s so convenient and reasonably priced. You can even set up an account online or just use your debit/credit card. What a great idea for those at OTOW.

Have a great March and a Happy St. Patty’s day to all of you!



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March is a month full of fun activities

Welcome to the month of March. It is so hard to believe that it is March already. So many events going on this month, so get out and enjoy them.

We all can venture out to World Parkway on Saturday morning, March 8, and enjoy the St. Patrick's Day parade. Come out and see many of your friends in the parade also enjoying the parade. So bring a chair and have fun.

Theater Workshop will be having their show on the weekend of March 14, 15 and 16. We have a few residents in our building who will be taking part. Joe and Ruth Roche are selling tickets now and at the door, so get those tickets – price only \$5.

Sylvia Shelmon will be performing as a Chiquita banana. See her many talents dressed all in yellow... Paige Johnson will show her many talents in all three acts – MC, singing and skit. So come to the show and enjoy.

We have some new residents who have moved into Hawaiian Towers. I would like to say welcome.

Get out and enjoy all your friends and clubs. Soon some of them will be departing for the season or closing down.



Say hello to new OTOW building reporter

On Jan. 16 at 3 p.m., Emerald Isle's yearly meeting was called to order by Building Captain Judy Hetrick. Cecilia Reddy presented the treasurer's report and, since we had a surplus, we agreed not to collect dues this year. Cecilia resigned and Carol Pittenger agreed to take over the treasurer's duties for 2014.

Some additional personnel changes were made regarding our infrastructure (sounds important, doesn't it)? Judy Hetrick, who did an outstanding job this year tackling problems like the omnipresent and ubiquitous storage space dilemma, the bicycle room, and yes, even the trash room, decided to resign, but offered a great suggestion.

In addition to the building captain, there will now be four wing captains, who will be in charge of their respective sections of the building. Cathy Faulkner, our new building captain, will coordinate the efforts of the new wing captains, Julie Hofmeister,



Andrew Klein, LaVerne Iorio, and Marie Heistand. Sue Naylor, as in "moi," volunteered to be our building reporter for the newspaper.

A very active, lively, and friendly group of full-timers and Snowbirds resides in Emerald Isle on Sumatran Way, led by our male version of Pearl Mesta, Andrew Klein.

Andrew welcomes newcomers with cocktail parties, dinners, holiday

outings, and best of all, a constant smile, whether you meet him in the hallway, by the core, or even in the garbage room (although we don't generally tarry there too long). He is our unofficial ambassador of "good will" and also is an active and efficient Realtor.

In January, Andrew and Carol Pittenger organized a trip for seven of us from Emerald Isle to Disney's Epcot Center (which was very crowded due to the MLK holiday). Nonetheless, we had many good laughs and the two days we spent there were very entertaining.

Our all-time favorite ride there was "Soaring," which gives you the impression you are on a glider soaring through canyons, over mountains and seas, just above the treetops. In reality, you are in your seat which is about five feet above the floor. An occasional tilt or jolt really makes it feel as though you are truly moving over the California terrain.

Unique table layout made socializing easier

What a pleasant social affair was our January building dinner and potluck affair. The V-shape of the dining tables made for much mixing and mingling of residents, preferable to separate tables for four persons. The Sunrise Room can easily be decorated attractively, and the adjoining kitchen makes possible keeping items warm.

The food was especially delicious and varied and more than abundant. Many of us don't often prepare an involved dish or try a new recipe. We used to, but now it involves more shopping or more time to prepare; but a potluck with friends is a super "excuse" to go all out and we certainly did.

Several new residents joined the familiar group. Shirley Swift acted as leader of the meeting and summarized some of the occasions of the past year including both enjoyable and more difficult happenings. We are certainly pleased to have several new residents in the past few months. When you see a new face as you get mail, dog walk, do laundry or go to the activity building, do socialize with a new neighbor.



Phil and Linda Woods are wonderful at arranging for monthly lunch spots, but Phil gets many requests for a day other than Tuesdays, so it was decided to change to the last Monday instead, hoping some additional residents will join us. The very attractive poster will inform you of the time and place and we'll hope we can add to our group.

Our avid and very skilled Lawn Bowl girls – Dot Graham and Marge Kells – and their partners are gathering all kinds of local and regional awards. Such a great activity, and it was

something I had never been aware of until I moved here. It was a big thrill to see so many players all dressed in white. I was used to the informal Bocci Ballers of European parks.

Helen and Bob Lauko were quick to resume their bike riding and are racking up the miles. And I see Mary Hice seemingly heading to the pool on pleasant afternoons, catching up from her cold Christmas trip. Jim Jackson also had planned a short trip to Chicago, but since bad roads delayed his arrival he was a bit late in returning.

Thanks to all who keep up with their dues and offer their friendship to old acquaintances and new ones. An advantage of making a move is adding to our circle of friends and helping it expand.

March brings St. Patrick's Day, a big occasion at On Top of the World. We are so fortunate to have a special place to view the parade. So grab a jacket, bottle of water, sunglasses, something to sit on, etc., and join your neighbors, cheering on the paraders.

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First Malaguena building meeting in several years drew more than 50 residents.

‘A good first step’ defines building meeting rebirth

There was a terrific turnout for the first Malagueña residents’ meeting in several years, which was held on Feb. 4 in the West Activity Center. Over 50 residents attended.

A goal of the meeting was to find out if the residents were interested in more social events for this very large building; the answer was a definite “Yes.” Everyone agreed that more social events and a more organized building would benefit everyone.

The meeting was lively, with an open discussion about the types of activities other buildings here at On Top of the World are involved with.

There were many suggestions and ideas, with potluck dinners being the most popular. Many decisions about what we want to do and who will do it have to be made. We agreed that not all could be decided in one meeting; however, this meeting was a good first step.

To get the ball rolling, several residents volunteered to be wing captains. Our first social event will be a St. Patrick’s Day party on March 15, in the West Activity Center. Notices and information will be posted and distributed by the wing captains.

Another goal of the meeting was



to update the information on our list of residents. Paul King and Elaine Gotler have been working for a while on updating the list of residents’ names and phone numbers. Keeping this directory current and accurate will be an ongoing project. The list was distributed to the attendees at the meeting.

On another note, Leonard and Elaine Gotler’s son and daughter-in-law welcomed a baby boy, their second child, on Jan. 25. Baby and mother are doing great. This is Leonard and Elaine’s fourth grandchild; they now have three boys and one girl.

If Malagueña residents have family news, trips, adventures or other news to share, just contact me.

THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News

(Part 58: March, 1976)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- The Special Projects Committee designated the Singles Club to collect S & H stamps toward the goal of renovating the Card Room with items such as a silent air conditioner and acoustical tile ceiling. In the past, drinking fountains, outdoor benches and the blood pressure program have been among improvements made possible by many organizations of OTOW.
- In the auditorium on March 7, the Supervisor of Election demonstrated how to use the computer for voting. Precinct 52-C (OTOW) was the first in Pinellas County to use computers for elections.
- Preparations continued on the new OTOW Telephone Directory. Some of the numbers for the 445 exchange would be different; this would be for the four-party lines only. The private and two-party lines of 445 would remain the same.

See you in April

New neighbor is a whiz at crafts, jewelry, sewing

Well I’m back. Happy Valentine’s Day to all that are here and to those that are in our hearts and memories.

February birthdays include my great-grandson, who will be 3, and myself, on the 23rd. In Connecticut, my granddaughter turned 18 on the 6th, and my son had a birthday on Feb. 14.

The Karma Cafe is now open on the lower level of the East Activity Center (where the library used to be located). You can enjoy hot and cold beverages, packaged dinners, healthy snack, and large sandwiches.

Dessa Barabba, manager, said the opening day reception was great. Three of the workers there, Amy, Jill and Julie, said everyone seems pleased with it.

Welcome to our newcomer, Randy Matney, who moved here in November from Illinois. She drove down herself with her two cats, Dudder and George. After holding a two-day craft sale and jewelry party meeting her new



neighbors, she found herself not as shy and has mixed well with all. There were at least 25 attending the party.

Randy is a whiz at the sewing machine. She has lovely material and will make anything you want.

Our Valentine’s Day luncheon was held at Red Lobster on Feb. 13.

Erin go Bragh! Here’s wishing a Happy St. Pat’s Day to everyone!

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BEAUTIFUL MARCH

By Alma W. Hudson

For the month of March
 Spring is on its way
 We all look forward
 To wonderful days.
 There are so many things
 That we can do
 I'm sure we'll take advantage
 And select quite a few.
 For friendship is like fine china
 Very rare and priceless
 With the sincere hope
 It will never be broken.

LENT

By Madeleine Wanda

Lent is the time for fasting and praying
 But 40 more days and it's Easter day
 After sorrow, there is always joy
 That's what parents teach their girls and boys.
 When it rains, a rainbow may follow
 With beautiful colors no artist can paint.
 So, spend this Lent with the Lord
 On Easter, He'll shed His Blessings on you.

THE MAPLE TREE

By Alma W. Hudson

My father planted a maple tree	It taught me things
When I was only five	In so many ways
Each year I watched it grow	For God created us
It was beautiful and so alive	To enjoy all our days
I had a secret love	It was a healthy tree
For the shapely maple tree	For all of twenty years
And a great desire	A bolt of lightning struck
To see it to maturity	And it brought on tears
It was more beautiful	The lessons I learned
As the years rolled by	Were worth more than gold
It truly was my friend	But this is the first time
On which I did rely	The story has been told



The submissions below are from OTOW Writer's Ink members



"THE TITLE SAYS IT ALL"

By Jan Schueszler

The other day at the library I wandered into the medical section and after reading a few of the titles, I was amazed to note how often the author's name matched his specialty. Is it possible that their names influenced their chosen profession? I have jotted down a few titles and authors for you to judge.

- "Peek-A-Boo, I See You" by Anna Mae Ruggratt, M.D. Pediatrician
- "Baby Face" by Itza Mirracle, M.D. Ob/Gyn
- "Cover Up or Dry Out" by Elmer Skinner, M.D. Dermatologist
- "You Haven't Lost It — It's Just Been Misplaced" by Mindy O. Matter, M.D. Psychology
- "Put Your Right Foot..." by Harold R. Dancer, M.D. (nick-named "Tap" by his friends.) Sorry but I couldn't resist that. Chiroprapist
- "Forecast: It's an Ill Wind" by Breezie O'Toole, M.D. Pulmonary
- "Bottoms Up" by I.C.U. Smith, M.D. Urologist
- "Now I've Seen It All" by Iris B. Smith, M.D., sister to I.C.U. Smith, M.D. Ophthalmologist

There were many more titles just like these but you can see the fun of roaming the book racks on a hot August day.

"TO MARTHA GILL JESSON (DIED 1913)"

A Terza Rima sonnet
 by Barbara Humphreys

You stare at me from tinted eyes of blue
 From where your image has been safely kept
 Within its palm-sized frame on view.

This portrait proves you once were flesh but crept
 Into your grave when Dad was only ten.
 I never heard you speak for there you slept.

Your fine silk hair, long face and neck have been
 My only legacy from you, but I need more.
 They called you Angel Mother way back then.

Perhaps some day we'll even up the score.
 I'd like to find my Angel Grandma there
 To greet my spirit passing through the door.

But now I see as I return your stare —
 There on your neck — the locket that I wear.

'Wedding from scratch' was an unforgettable event

As the new reporter for Brittany Farm House, let me introduce myself.

My name is Ute Scheibe, and we (my husband Heinz, our dog "Lucky" and our calico cat "Kitty") came down to Florida from New Jersey in 2002. Last year we moved to On Top of the World from Dunedin. We both are from Berlin, Germany.

My goal as your reporter is to bring us closer together since we all share the same roof. Life is so much easier when we know each other a little better. And wouldn't it be nicer to share a good story instead of keeping it to ourselves? So I hope to get some feedback to be able to do my job.

Let me start with the story about a "Wedding From Scratch."

Our co-captain Beth Dentinne went to see her son Sky and flew to Washington D.C. Nov. 7th, last year in hope of being part of her son's wedding. She had received no invitation. Her son told her that his girlfriend Lisa had printed invitations to a reception but he didn't send them out. He procrastinated to the last minute.

The day before Beth left she asked if he had rings. He had none. So she packed her own engagement ring and wedding band.

After arriving in Washington D.C., the next morning she took the subway



and met her son. It was the day before the wedding was supposed to take place. He was so nervous he almost freaked out. The first thing he confessed: Mom, I fired the caterer and I need your help.

He knew his mother used to work with a catering company and could do a professional job. On their way home they stopped to order a heart-shaped platter of sushi for 50 people. There they also found a little white cake decorated with yellow flowers, perfect to serve as the wedding cake. Then they bought 10 table cloths and some other necessities.

Arriving at her son's house, a brisket was in the oven and he had bought three cakes. When Beth asked her son why do we have to do all this, he replied it's custom in the Philippines



Beth Dentinne traveled to Washington, D.C. recently to attend her son's wedding.

that the groom has to take care of the whole ceremony.

Next morning, with wedding set for 10:30 a.m., they packed up everything and went to the place they rented for the occasion. They picked up the sushi, set up 10 tables, prepared sandwiches and decorated the premises for the occasion.

The guests arrived, everything was in place and Beth was relieved. The groom works as a DJ. sometimes, so he provided his equipment and played the "Wedding March" for his bride. The justice came with the license and... the

rings were too small! They had to be custom fitted the next day.

About 50 friends and family celebrated and had such a good time. We wish Sky and Lisa a happy ever after life together.

Mark your calendar: Saturday, March 8th. I hope to see you all at the St. Patrick's Day parade. Grab your lawn chair or join the crowd.

Sat. March 15th our "Pot Lucky" is planned at lunch time.

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day and we all should be a little bit Irish. Enjoy corned beef and cabbage.



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70th wedding anniversary celebrated with friends, family

Just as January ended, we had a great Azores party at Kally-K's to celebrate and honor John and Bettie Warner on their 70th wedding anniversary.

Forty friends and neighbors attended. Everyone was there but the groom — John had a last minute difficulty, but insisted that “the party must go on!” John joined the party via cell phone, the photo at right showing his son-in-law Jeff holding the phone so that we could all wish him well and to let him know how much he was missed.

John and Bettie were married in Pennsylvania in 1944. They made a handsome couple, John in his military uniform with his lovely bride at his side (see photo). His bride has been at his side for the past 70 years. Bettie has aged beautifully in a way that reflects her caring for others in a loving and giving way.

After the war, John embarked on a successful career, becoming an outstanding salesman. The couple has two children, a son Berry, who is a doctor, and a daughter, Diane.

At the head table, Bettie, her daughter Diane and son-in-law Jeff were joined by the couple's oldest friends, Anita and Joseph Cavalla, and Bettie's long-time best friend, Katie Shievell. Joseph shared with us his deep feelings for John and Bettie. You could feel the love, respect and caring in the room!

What do you know — it is the year of the horse. We at the Azores couldn't let Chinese New Year occur without a



Bettie and John Warner were married in 1944 and have been together ever since.

party. Marie Pirrello made reservations at Ivory's — a great place to celebrate. Thirty-nine Azoreans invaded the eatery — they knew we were coming,



John and Bettie Warner celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with friends and family recently at Kally-K's. John was toasted via cellphone (at left) as he was unable to attend.

but seemed overwhelmed by so many at once. All went pretty smoothly after the initial shock.

Those born in the year of the horse are lively people, popular and mentally alert, good with words and are straight and honest. They do demand their freedom, and work extremely hard.

Groundhog Day brought an unwanted prediction. Punxsutawney Phil predicts six more weeks of winter. Phil, say it isn't so!

Our flags were allowed to be displayed for six days to honor President's Day.

The Azores Ladies went to lunch at Johnny's Italian Restaurant, with lots of visiting and comparing notes on what happened to them on Valentine's

Day. The Azores R.O.M.E.O.s in the meantime took refuge at the Tilted Kilt — Great food and conversation, didn't even notice those tilted kilts....

Wow, the Olympics were a wonder. Some of the things I saw these young people do simply amazed me. I am also impressed how well the contenders seem to get along in spite of the competition and language barriers. There is hope for this old world!

St. Pat's party March 16. Check the bulletin board for details.

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Eleven cheerful Chetniks attended the Jan. 30 luncheon at the Sunset Grill. Marianna (Kerr) Woyicki attended. She is the wife of Bob and daughter-in-law of Audrey Woyicki who lived here years ago.

They are from the Pittsburgh area. Bob comes down all summer with his 12-year-old granddaughter. She is on the USA Swim Competition Team. She and her grandpa swim at the Long Center and also scuba dive. She is also a synchronized swimmer. They have good reason to be proud grandparents!

We had a very good turnout at the Feb. 27 building luncheon at Smokey Bones. On Feb. 21, Phil Meissner held a wine and cheese open house. It was also his birthday and all enjoyed the celebration.

Joan Cooney and three friends went to the Kennedy Space Center



and enjoyed a wonderful tour including three short movies. The space launch was canceled, but that didn't dampen their good time.

Mary Kearney was visited by Joan Berta, Carroll and I as she was recovering from a recent ailment. She was her usual sunny self. We brought her flowers that lasted a long time under the tender loving care of Bill Jacobs.

Roy Monteith and Bob Glebus also popped in to visit Mary. And all of us wish Roy's wife Sevinc a speedy recovery. Our same best wishes go to Bob's wife, Carol.

Sue and Sam Bryant, Snowbirds from Indiana, have been coming down here for five years. As they were sitting outside their condo enjoying the balmy weather, I joined them and chatted.

Their daughter loves fishing and had a good catch, and they were going to have a fish dinner for Sue's birthday the next day. I'm sure you had a very happy birthday, Sue. There is almost nothing better than eating fresh-caught fish!

If you haven't already paid your \$10 building dues, you can make the check out to the Chetnik Bldg Assn. and give it to Muriel.

See you at the St. Pattie's parade.



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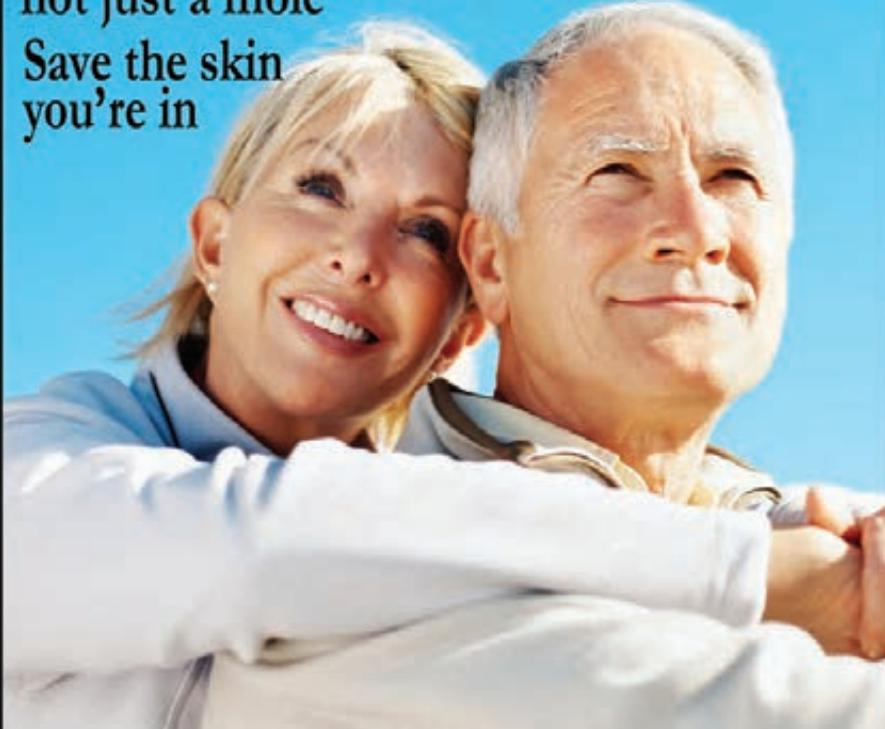
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Time to catch up on many Brahman building activities

Many fun things are happening, so I am playing catch-up. If you notice that it is usually similar people having fun, it is because we need more of you to join in.

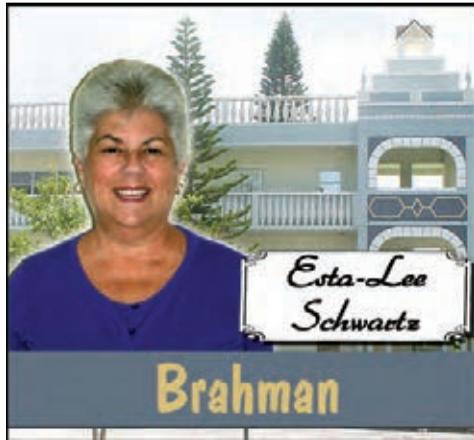
Always bringing out a good crowd are the coffees hosted by different individuals, usually at the beginning of the month. Thanks to Ginny Tufano, who hosted for the month of January. It was nice and cozy in her apartment and she is always a great host. She chose Ozona Blue for the women's lunch.

While there, we celebrated Nancy Schifferle's birthday (see photo). A special cupcake held a candle that musically belted out "Happy Birthday." Although it was a very cold day, the heaters were turned on outside, which helped to keep us toasty.

I love special candles. A different candle used on a cake for Bud Sayer surprised him on his birthday at the Island Way Grill. We had great fun watching him turn red while blowing it out (see photo).

We began Tuesday movie night again at Cobb Theater (\$6 on Tuesdays). Anyone wanting to go to movie night, just let one of us know. The more the merrier.

Several of us attended the New York/New Jersey Club's "Roaring '20s



Dinner Dance." Although at different tables, we managed to have lots of fun together. At right is a picture of us in our outfits. Shown in the photo, left to right, are Esta Schwartz, Lucy Jennings, Ginny Tufano, Jeanette Rosa, Nancy Schifferle and Gloria Sayer.

Gloria was the host for February, and began the month with a coffee and doughnut gathering in her apartment. We had a large group and a great discussion. We all love bringing the coffee into our homes to encourage more camaraderie. Gloria was also busy co-chairing the Jack and Jill golf tournament. We heard it was very successful — congratulations!

Although late, we have begun to collect the building dues. The goal was to finish collecting by the end



Top picture: (L-R) Esta Schwartz, Lucy Jennings, Ginny Tufano, Jeanette Rosa, Nancy Schifferle and Gloria Sayer. Picture at lower left: Buddy Sayer and wife Gloria Sayer. Picture at bottom right: (L-R) Ginny Tufano, Nancy Schifferle.

of February. If anyone is interested in contributing, but did not receive the letter or we missed you for some reason, please see the wing captains or me. You will see the names of the wing captains listed on the bulletin board for each side.

Arnie and Rosanne Moon will be hosting a fish fry and potluck on Wednesday, March 13, in the Sunrise Room in the West Activity Center.

The time will be 4:30–6:30 p.m.. We are happy to have the Moon's back this year and look forward to another fish fry with them.

The posting will be on the bulletin board with more information before that date. Pull out your best side dish recipes and if inclined bring a copy to share as well.

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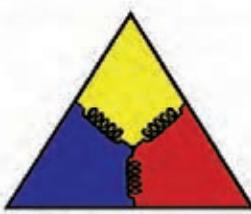
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This striking wood duck stopped off for a quick dip at the West side lake in February. (Photo by Jackie Dooley)



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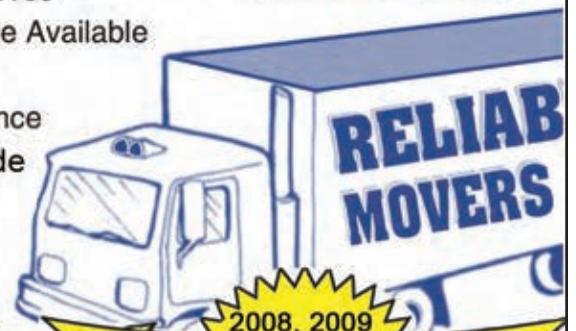
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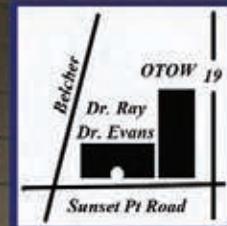
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Hawaii trip included emotional stop at Pearl Harbor

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Be sure to take in the St. Patrick's Day parade here at On Top of the World. Always fun. It's Saturday, March 8.

Bill Carey's bi-weekly cocktail party seems to be a smash hit (see photo). It's fun to catch up on news with neighbors. An e-mail newsletter was suggested along with storage room cleaning.

Our official building party and meeting will be held March 17 on the Finlandia side. Bring a chair and your favorite beverage. Treats are being provided. Sure to be topics of interest regarding our building, so please try and be on deck if possible.

Welcome new neighbor Eileen Benfer, from Pennsylvania. She is awaiting the arrival of her four-footed rescue pal Uma, who has been snowbound in Pennsylvania.

Viennese Villa is sporting a new roof and new building crew Bill, Bill and Marvin. They keep the place ship-shape. The roofing gang worked around some nasty weather, and we all survived the game of musical cars. On more than one occasion I used the key fob



to beep the horn to find the car. Great invention, the security key!

Connie McDonald is planning our auction for mid-March. Look for signs in the core for the date. Also contact Connie for items you wish to sell or donate. Remember, 50 percent of the proceeds goes to the building fund.

Been to the Karma Café yet? John Brown did a dandy job building a cozy place to meet and chat over a good cup of Java. There is ample food to tempt ones pallet. Along with sandwiches there is a nice take-home dinner selection available. Karma is cashless.



Bill Carey's bi-weekly cocktail party has developed a large following. (Photo by Bill Carey)

Credit or debit cards or, best of all, set up an account. Amy, Jill or Julie are at the helm and will assist if needed.

We had a wonderful Hawaiian holiday, thanks to our children's generous gift. Visited Pearl Harbor, the USS *Missouri*, the USS *Arizona* memorial and the air museum at Hickam AFB.

We were so fortunate to talk with a 97-year-old gentleman who was an

officer on board the "Mighty Mo" at the signing of the peace accord. Talk about walking history. He was marvelous.

On Maui, I went for my first helicopter flight. I loved it. I want one!

Aloha until April. Any news fit to print send to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Hint of the month: Only using portion of an onion, retain the root half, wrap and store in the fridge.

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3	Monday	10:30 AM	Entertainment Committee Meeting	Veranda
3	Monday	6:00 PM	Bldg. No. 82 Capistrano Meeting	Sunrise Room
3	Monday	11:00 AM	Snowbirds Club Meeting	Starlite Room
4	Tuesday	1:00 PM	Lapidary Class	Kitchen
4	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Hoosier Club Meeting	Crafts Room
5	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
5	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Theater Workshop Meeting	Auditorium
6	Thursday	5:00 PM	Press Association Meeting	Sunrise Room
6	Thursday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
7	Friday	5:30 PM	Canadian Club Party	Auditorium
7	Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
8	Saturday	10:00 AM	Irish Club Parade	Starlite Room
8	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
9	Sunday	6:00 PM	Karaoke Singing	Auditorium
9	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
9	Sunday	4:00 PM	Greyhound Club Meeting	Veranda
10	Monday	2:00 PM	German Interest Group	Sunrise Room
10	Monday	8:30 AM	Entertainment Committee Blood Pressure Screening	Auditorium
11	Tuesday	7:00 AM	Election Voting	Starlite Room
11	Tuesday	7:00 AM	Election Voting	Sunrise Room
11	Tuesday	11:30 AM	Ladies 18-Hole Golf Meeting	Kitchen
11	Tuesday	2:30 PM	Ladies 9-Hole Golf Meeting	Veranda
12	Wednesday	5:30 PM	Irish Club Dinner/Dance	Auditorium
12	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Jesters Meeting	Sunrise Room
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Bldg. No. 50 Azores Meeting	Sunrise Room
13	Thursday	3:30 PM	Bldg. No. 74 Brahman Potluck	Sunrise Room
13	Thursday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
14	Friday	7:00 PM	Lambda Club Meeting	Large Card Room
14	Friday	1:00 PM	Art Guild Meeting	Art Room
14	Friday	7:30 PM	Theater Workshop Show	Auditorium
14	Friday	5:00 PM	Bldg. No. 83 Dorado Potluck	Sunrise Room
15	Saturday	6:00 PM	Bldg. No. 84 Malaguena Potluck	Sunrise Room
15	Saturday	7:30 PM	Theater Workshop Show	Auditorium
16	Sunday	5:00 PM	Bldg. No. 50 Azores Party	Sunrise Room
16	Sunday	2:00 PM	Theater Workshop Show	Auditorium
17	Monday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Free Eye & Ear Testing	Auditorium
18	Tuesday	1:00 PM	Stamp Collectors Meeting	Sunrise Room
19	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Bldg. No. 43 American Gothic Potluck	Sunrise Room
19	Wednesday	1:00 PM	Lawn Bowlers Meeting	Veranda
19	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Italian Club Dinner/Dance	Auditorium
19	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Hoosier Club Game Night	Crafts Room
20	Thursday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
20	Thursday	9:00 AM	AAA Driver Course	Starlite Room
20	Thursday	4:00 PM	Hoosier Club Luncheon	Sunrise Room
20	Thursday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
21	Friday	2:00 PM	Snowbirds Club Meeting	Auditorium
21	Friday	12:00 PM	Art Guild Class	Art Room
21	Friday	9:00 AM	AAA Driver Course	Starlite Room
22	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
22	Saturday	6:00 PM	Sensational Seniors Meeting	Sunrise Room
23	Sunday	5:30 PM	Snowbirds Club Party	Auditorium
23	Sunday	12:00 PM	Bldg. No. 57 Mandalay Luncheon	Sunrise Room
25	Tuesday	4:00 PM	Pinochle Party	Kitchen
26	Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Meeting	Auditorium
27	Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
27	Thursday	5:00 PM	Tennis (Men's) Meeting	Sunrise Room
28	Friday	7:00 PM	Canadian Club Meeting	Auditorium
29	Saturday	7:30 PM	Chorus Concert	Auditorium
30	Sunday	2:00 PM	Wii Bowling Game	Yellow Room

*Ash Wednesday
March 5*

*Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 9*

*Election Day
Tuesday, March 11*

*St. Patrick's Day
Monday, March 17*

*First Day of Spring
Thursday, March 20*

Daily OTOW Activities

MONDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner..... Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's)..... Outdoors
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise..... Large Card Room
 8:00 Tennis (Men's)..... Tennis Courts
 8:00 Ladies' Exercise East Side Gym
 8:30 Ent. Comm./Clubs Ticket Sales Auditorium
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Library Library
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00 Zumba Exercise..... Large Card Room
 9:00 Photo IDs..... East Activity Center
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 9:30 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 9:30 Brazilian Embroidery Class Art Room
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class West Side Gym
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 10:00 Learn Chinese Class..... Small Classroom
 11:00 Dancercise..... East Side Gym
 11:30 Contract Bridge Yellow Room
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 12:30 Mahjongg Game..... Rainbow Room
 12:30 Family History Meeting ... Computer Room
 1:00 Canasta Small Classroom
 1:30 Shuffleboard Outdoors
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners..... East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced..... East Side Gym
 5:00 Mahjongg Game..... Rainbow Room
 6:00 Bingo Auditorium
 6:30 Contract Bridge Large Card Room
 6:30 8-Ball Tournament..... Billiards Room

TUESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner..... Auditorium
 8:00 Tennis (Men's)..... Tennis Courts
 8:00 Ladies' Exercise East Side Gym
 8:00 Ladies' 18 Hole Golf Golf Course
 8:30 AARP Free Tax Service Yellow Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Zumba Exercise..... Large Card Room
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00 Caring and Sharing..... Crafts Room
 9:00 Jewelry Making Lapidary
 9:00 Horseshoes Outdoors
 9:00 Photo IDs..... East Activity Center
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 9:30 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 9:30 Ladies' 9 Hole Golf..... Outdoors
 10:00 Philosophy Club Meeting..... Veranda
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 10:30 Ballroom Dancing Class Auditorium
 11:00 Yoga..... East Side Gym
 12:00 Ceramics..... Crafts Room
 1:00 9-Ball Tournament..... Billiards Room
 1:00 Music Group..... Large Card Room

1:00 Line Dancing Auditorium
 1:00 Oil Painting Art Room
 2:00 Chess Rainbow Room
 2:00 Spanish Speaking Class..... Yellow Room
 3:00 Spanish Speaking Class..... Yellow Room
 4:00 Irish Club Meeting Computer Room
 4:00 Spanish Speaking Class..... Yellow Room
 5:30 Dominos Small Classroom
 6:00 Mahjongg Game..... Rainbow Room
 6:00 Pinochle..... Large Card Room
 6:30 Euchre Cards Starlite Room
 7:00 Bible Study Meeting Veranda

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner..... Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's)..... Outdoors
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise..... Large Card Room
 8:00 Ladies' Strength Training East Side Gym
 8:00 Tennis (Men's)..... Tennis Courts
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Zumba Gold Exercise..... Large Card Room
 9:00 Knitting Group Veranda
 9:00 Zumba Gold Exercise..... Large Card Room
 9:00 Sewing Class Starlite Room
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00 Photo IDs..... East Activity Center
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 9:00 Good Neighbors Crafts Crafts Room
 9:30 Cribbage Small Classroom
 9:30 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class West Side Gym
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 10:00 Tai Chi Large Card Room
 11:00 Dancercise..... East Side Gym
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 12:00 Library Library
 1:00 Mahjongg Game..... Rainbow Room
 1:00 Double Pinochle Small Classroom
 1:00 Painting Pals..... Art Room
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners..... East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced East Side Gym
 5:00 Baby Boomers Game Night Kitchen
 6:30 Contract Bridge Large Card Room
 6:30 Ladies' QueT Billiards Billiards Room

THURSDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 8:00 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing Beginners
 Sunrise Room
 8:00 Tennis (Men's)..... Tennis Courts
 8:00 Ladies Exercise..... East Side Gym
 8:30 Ent. Comm./Clubs Ticket Sales .. Auditorium
 8:30 AARP Free Tax Service Yellow Room
 8:30 Exercise Class..... West Side Gym
 9:00 Zumba Exercise..... Large Card Room

9:00 Polar Bear Swim..... East Side Pool
 9:00 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing.....
 Sunrise Room
 9:00 Photo IDs East Activity Center
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 9:30 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 11:00 Yoga East Side Gym
 11:30 Contract Bridge Large Card Room
 12:30 Writers Ink Class Computer Room
 1:00 Mahjongg Game..... Small Classroom
 1:00 Drawing Class Art Room
 1:30 Shuffleboard Outdoors
 2:00 Chess..... Rainbow Room
 3:30 Italian Speaking Class Kitchen
 5:00 Pinochle Small Classroom
 6:30 Billiards Tournament..... Billiards Room
 6:30 Canadian Club Game Night
 Large Card Room

FRIDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's)..... Outdoors
 8:00 Ladies' Strength Training East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise..... Large Card Room
 8:00 Tennis (Men's)..... Tennis Courts
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Pinochle..... Small Classroom
 9:00 Polar Bear Swim East Side Pool
 9:00 Photo IDs..... East Activity Center
 9:00 Zumba Exercise..... Large Card Room
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 9:00 Ceramics..... Crafts Room
 9:30 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 10:00 Hula Hooping East Side Gym
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class West Side Gym
 12:00 Library Library
 1:00 Chess Rainbow Room
 1:00 Music Group..... Large Card Room
 1:00 Mahjongg Game..... Small Classroom

SATURDAY

8:00 Tennis (Men's)..... Tennis Courts
 8:30 Line Dancing Line Auditorium
 8:30 Computer Club Meeting.. Large Card Room
 9:00 Lawn Bowlers Outdoors
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners..... East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced East Side Gym

SUNDAY

1:00 Pinochle..... Small Classroom
 2:00 Wii Bowling Exercise Large Card Room
 6:00 Bridge..... Large Card Room

Residents asked to recruit new association members

This month we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and many will become Irish for a day, all the college basketball buffs will await the March madness schedule picks and the golfers will be headed for the Innisbrook PGA tournament in Palm Harbor.

I wonder how many of our Canadian neighbors know that longest running and largest St. Patrick's Day parade in North America is held in Montreal, Quebec.

Things have been quiet around Capistrano; I guess everyone is resting up from the winter holidays. Wayne and Myrna have returned from their holiday trip home to Newfoundland; they were about the last to return. Wow, I never knew how close to Greenland Newfoundland is — cross the Labrador Sea and you are in Greenland. Myrna tells me Newfoundland's average winter temperature is five degrees Celsius (41 degrees Fahrenheit). To me that's cold.

My Karen flew to Edinburg, Texas, to visit her granddaughter, who was anxiously awaiting Grandma's arrival with all the presents she was bringing. My grandbabies visited in late February to help celebrate my 74th birthday.

A large turnout of residents attended the 2014 Capistrano



Association organizational meeting early in February. The board officers will be acting as liaison to the various activity committees, and residents were encouraged to volunteer for committee membership. Members were encouraged to ask neighbors to join the association. Refreshments were served, with cream puffs as desert.

Something for thinkers: why is March 3 known as National Pi Day? If you are a math person or techie, you will know. Potato chip lovers: March 14 is your day, National Potato chip day.

I need news, the months are coming fast and it is getting harder and harder to write these articles. Seems like I am writing an essay every month.

Have a great St. Patrick's Day!

Building captain's efforts result in a neater look

There have been times this winter when I wonder if our state should change its motto. It sure hasn't lived up to the name, "Sunshine State." It didn't even live up to it this summer when it rained most of the time. There wasn't enough sunshine to say it was becoming a tropical paradise.

Then we have to look at the other side of the coin. The north and east are turning into the North Pole. The west is becoming the "dust bowl" and the United Kingdom is suffering floods that are being blamed as an offshoot of the weather here in the U.S. So as a friend of mine always says when I complain about the weather, "At least you don't have to shovel it." She has a good point.

Due to the conscientious efforts of our building captain, Larry Patta, American Gothic is looking pretty spiffy. The storage rooms are looking neat and the residents are actually putting their garbage in the cans!

A good number of residents signed up for the Kally-K's luncheon. Unfortunately a number of you did not attend at the last minute. Please try to let me know in advance



so I can call the restaurant. It is a bit embarrassing to say we will have 19 and then only 12 attend. I realize that it is not always possible to know in advance (citing my own situation), but please try.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the potluck supper to be held on Wednesday, March 19 at 5 p.m. in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center. Lasagna will be provided so please plan to bring a dish that will coordinate with it.

Remember to B.Y.O.B. dishes, and silverware etc. Wear green and be prepared to have a happy (if somewhat belated) St. Patrick's Day.

Pizza party event is set for March 24 in the core

Although our last building meeting was not well attended, our monthly activity schedule was formulated.

Our Feb. 26 dinner was held at the Beachcomber on Clearwater Beach. Approximately 22 attended.

The ladies' February luncheon was held at Kally K's in Dunedin on the 13th. The food and service were excellent and well attended. They could not be in better company.

I hope you did not forget that special person in your life on that special day, Valentine's Day. You only pass this way once.

On March 24, we will hold our pizza party in the second floor core at 6:30. Some seats will be available. Bring your own liquid refreshment. Hopefully Art will tickle the ivory.



The Jesters' show was a knockout. One of our own was in the show. Good job, Ellen! The whole cast was great.

Building dues are due (before we turn loose the dogs.)

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Featured Dorado couple exemplifies 'big-heartedness'

The sign on their door says "The home is where the heart is." Nancy and Bill House certainly have put their heart and soul into their home and into developing their relationships in our On Top of the World community.

Not only have they beautified their physical space but they have made their OTOW community home much better by leadership and participation in so many worthwhile activities.

When friends living at OTOW suggested they might like to live in our community when they retired, they started to look around and ended up here in 2004.

Nancy is currently president of the OTOW Hoosiers' Club and has been writing the Hoosier Club column for the newspaper. Bill is a member of the executive committee of the Dorado building association and has been active in many of the projects that have taken place since they arrived.

Nancy plays golf in the ladies' 9-hole league and Bill plays in the men's 18-hole league on Wednesdays. Nancy bowls at AMF with a large group of OTOW members. They play card games — hand and foot euchre and pinochle — with residents regularly and are active socially with many of the residents within OTOW.

Both Nancy and Bill are graduates of Indiana State and lived in Terre Haute, Ind. Graduating in education, Nancy became an elementary school teacher and principal and followed her career in the education field.

Bill was employed by IBM. They eventually transferred to Houston, Texas, where Bill had some interesting assignments related to the nuclear testing site in Nevada. He was integrally



Nancy and Bill House visit London's Tower Bridge during a 2013 European trip.

involved with the "Sedan" nuclear test project there..

He was also a frequent visitor, during his work, to the Johnson Space Centre in Houston as a planner for work on the International Space Station.

They have kept a strong relationship with their roots in Indiana, visiting there annually, where Bill meets some of his



Featured Dorado couple Nancy and Bill House.

school classmates once a month for breakfast with those who want to "chew the fat" about the "good old days." This has turned out to be a great success and they have decided to take an annual trip by van which Bill and Nancy drive with the members of this breakfast club. They travelled to Nocona, Texas, last year and it was very memorable.

They love to travel and last year took a trip to Austria for the wedding of their niece in Germany and added some vacation time in France and England. (see photo at left of the Tower Bridge in London).

They have a daughter in Dallas and a son in Milwaukee, Wis. This year three of their four granddaughters will graduate from university or high school.

Nancy and Bill House seem to be a whirlwind of activity whenever we see

them and certainly set a lovely model for community membership and support. They volunteer in numerous ways and help with individuals who are in need and assist in building projects like the recent cleanup of the storage area.

Bill has been the "go-to guy" for solutions in our building for some time now. We are glad they are residents of our Dorado building. They are a model OTOW "Happy retirement" couple.

In building news, the Dorado Building meeting was held in January. The executive committee for the coming year will be Bill House, Kim Hunt and Mary Ann Christian. They will meet and assign tasks for the building as needed. Betty Dethmers will be the new Good Neighbor person for the Dorado Building.

The wing captains are in charge of collecting the dues for the year 2014.

Kudos for helping improve storage area

Mandalay Building residents remain active and busy with the many clubs, events, and shows available at On Top of the World. At our February luncheon, conversation flowed, and matters of interest were discussed.

Bob Backlund reported on the on-going improvements to our storage rooms. He and Tom Barrett have been altering the wooden cabinets commonly used for storage to permit owners to continue locking them. Management requires that it be possible to view the contents of all containers.

Bob and Tom called upon their carpentry skills as they cut out windows, and fit the openings with see-through



mesh screens. We thank them for their time and effort.

Our annual building meeting will be held March 23 at 12 noon in the Sunrise Room in the West Activity

Center. This will be a coffee rather than a luncheon. All building residents are urged to attend.

Scotty, our resident drummer, continues active with the St. Andrews Pipes and Drums group. They recently performed for five days at the R.V. show in Tampa. Their gigs take them all around the Tampa Bay area.

Betsy and Neal Kunke enjoy their membership in the Travel Club. They will be among the 53 members attending the performance of "Rumors" at the Italian Club theatre. Miriam McCarty will also be there. A member of the Pennsylvania Club, she helps man their table on Monday and Thursday mornings.



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'Parade of Hats' to highlight Easter potluck

Get ready, neighbors. I'm giving you two months' advance notice to get those bonnets decorated for our Parade of Hats at our potluck dinner on Easter Sunday, April 20, to be held in the Sunrise Room.

Two years ago, we had our first Easter dinner and it was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed the decorated hat parade, the beautiful linen tablecloths, finest silverware and china and the music, all supplied by Laura and Bob Evans. Men can participate, too. Hint, hint: You don't always have to use flowers. More next month.

What an array of food we had at our core party. Our neighbors outdid themselves! Then we had our jokesters, Audrey Jones and Ethyle Lee, telling their favorite stories and jokes. The cold weather didn't bother us. We also had two visitors, Sherry Crowe, Fran Peck's daughter from Highland Lakes and Pennsylvania, and Ruth Moore, Penny and Doris' cousin from West Virginia.

Did you attend the Jesters' show? Our own Lillian Foy sang and acted in her first Jesters' show. Many thanks to all my volunteers, especially



Audrey Decker and Arla Gossiaux, who always help me out.

About 35 of us enjoyed breakfast at the First Watch in honor of St. Valentine's Day. This is a yearly celebration for the Siboney building, and we remember fondly when an unidentified stranger picked up the tab for our entire party (about 22). We were shocked!

Attending the breakfast was our latest newcomer in the Siboney. He is Richard Ratliff, a lovely gentleman from Maryland, who is semi-retired. He has a son and a daughter and just loves to cook! He also plays golf and shoots

pool. Like many other newcomers, Richard found On Top of the World on the computer. Welcome!

Have you visited the Good Karma Café yet? It's very convenient for people like me. I've been there twice and met Amy and Jill. I bought the fresh fruit and fifty-cent Danish.

Our president, Skip Heller, posted the minutes of our monthly building meeting on the bulletin board, along with the names of our officers. The meetings are informative and interesting, and we invite more neighbors to attend. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 26, in the Sunrise Room at 7 p.m.

The Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day parade will be on Saturday, March 8, at 10 a.m. Come on out and enjoy the festivities. Wear green. The OTOW Line Dancers and the Snowbirds will be marching together and have a cute dance they'll perform along the way.

The next show will be the Theater Workshop's USO tribute on March 14, 15 and 16. It should be great.

Don't forget Daylight Saving Time begins March 9.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Tuesday Afternoon

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Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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Resident stars in local TV commercial

When you are watching TV, be sure to look carefully at the commercial for Anthony's Pizzeria and Catering on 28th St. N. in St. Petersburg. You will see Jackie Dooley in the commercial. She plays the part of the owner's grandmother. The owner, Rocco Truliano, originally came to the U.S. when he was 5.

After he grew up, he opened an Italian restaurant in New Jersey. When superstorm Sandy arrived, his restaurant was destroyed. He moved to St. Pete and started again by opening Anthony's Pizzeria. Rocco named the restaurant after his father and his son.

How did Jackie get the part in the commercial? Jackie's daughter, Jeanne, works for "The Flyer" and was talking with Rocco about advertising. During the conversation, Rocco said that he intended to make a TV commercial but he needed to find a short Italian-looking grandmother to play the part.

Jackie's daughter said "Stop right there. I have the perfect Italian grandmother for you." The commercial was filmed the middle of February. If you watch the commercial you can see the "perfect Italian grandmother" making a Sicilian Chicken Wrap. Yes, that "perfect Italian grandmother" is "our Jackie Dooley" (see photo).



Anyone can go to a store and purchase a gift, but when someone uses their imagination or makes something, that gift is priceless. In that regard, the Baxendales had quite a time recently. Alice found a charge for airline tickets on their credit card and immediately thought that someone had hacked into their credit card. Alice was upset and, as all of us would do, decided to contact the credit card company. David did everything that he could to stop her but nothing worked – Soooo – David had to confess that he made the charge.

Alice's birthday is in January. And one of Alice's sisters had moved to a town near Atlanta. David made arrangements that all the sisters would visit the sister in Atlanta and celebrate Alice's birthday. He gave the airline



España resident Jackie Dooley plays a leading role in a new commercial for a St. Petersburg pizza and catering business.

tickets to Alice for a Christmas gift and a birthday present. Alice said she called her sister and said that she did not have a warm coat and her sister said that she had an extra one. She and the warm coat met Alice and David at the airport. The temperature was nine degrees. David, I must say that "You dun good!"

The building's potluck dinner and meeting was held in the Sunrise Room Feb. 10. First, I should tell you that the sign-up sheet was made by Ellen Fier. It was different and fantastic. You are great, Ellen!

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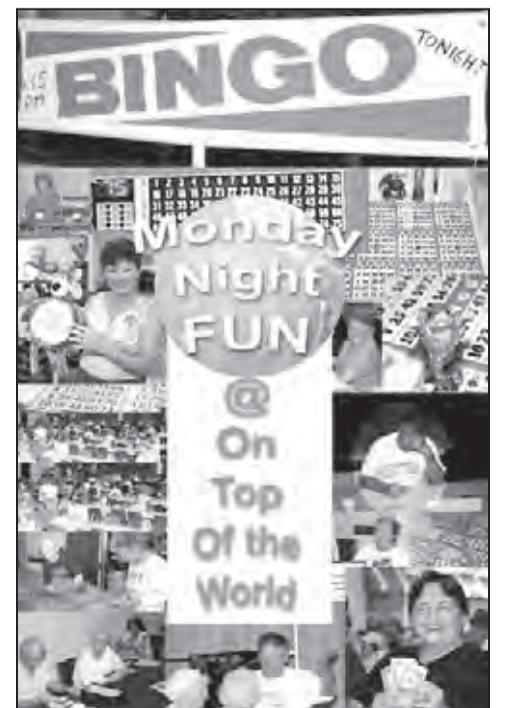
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Orizaba's weekly, monthly luncheons going strong

Happy St. Patrick's Day! This is the month when everyone suddenly becomes Irish for a day. The Irish Club will be having its annual St. Patrick's, Day Parade on March 8 and everyone at On Top of the World will be enjoying it.

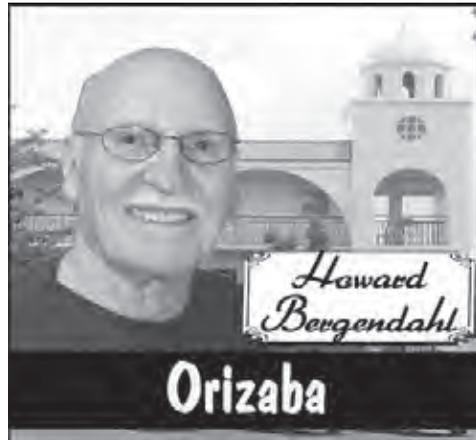
Speaking of Irish, we welcome back the wandering McEvoy's from a really long cruise. When they have settled in we will get them to relate some of their adventures. That may be a problem, getting Andy to talk.

Ed Fournier (see photo at right) celebrated his birthday last month and from what I hear he indulged in some serious chocolate eating. He had a cake from Edible Arrangements that looked like it was covered with fruit but the fruit was also covered with all kinds of chocolate. Decadent but delicious!

The Jesters put on a great show, as usual, and our own Lynn Anzalone was a star representing the Orizaba building. Next year, top billing!

The breakfast club is going strong and even with the uncertain weather conditions we can count on a good turnout every Wednesday (see photo at far right). Any new residents are reminded that anyone can join us just by meeting in the core each Wednesday at approximately 9 a.m.

Linda Ledesma hosted the February luncheon at Sunset Grill



Ed Fournier indulged his chocolate passion at a recent birthday bash held for him.

and a good time was had by all. Jackie Blair is hosting the March lunch at the Untouchables and although this article will go to press before the actual date



The Orizaba Breakfast Club gets together each Wednesday. Residents are invited to meet up at the building core at 9 a.m. for that day's event. (Photos by Howard Bergendahl)

of the luncheon, I have no doubt that it will be a fine affair. The signup list is growing by the day. Once again all new residents are encouraged to sign up on the bulletin board for the monthly luncheon — come and meet your neighbors.

Flo Gracia contacted me about leftover greeting cards and said that she will gladly accept any cards that our residents will donate. She takes them

to her church and they are used by the children to make crafts for the parish, which is a very good cause.

While I am writing this article, it has started to rain really heavy and I hear thunder, all because I washed my car today. Who knew?

Simple truth: If you help someone when they are in trouble they will remember you the next time they are in trouble.

New residents all hail from Michigan

A group of 20 Bohemians enjoyed "a day at the races," where Edna Saville took home a bundle by winning the "Exacta."

Then Edna and Don received news that their granddaughter stopped off in Seoul, South Korea, to visit a friend from the University of Buffalo. She and her classmates then met in Hong Kong before going on to Shanghai, China.

The Lanes — Mike and Jutta — joined their friends, Rosie and Herbert Zink from Kleinheubach, Germany, on an Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Paula and Mike Schelling. All had a wonderful time sailing on the *Epic Norwegian*.

Following that, the Lane's and their German friends toured Key West and a dude ranch. Herbert tried "riding the bull" (the wooden kind) to everyone's amusement.

My wife Barbara and I flew west to visit kids in Seattle, Idaho, and Las Vegas. We celebrated New Year's Eve playing bingo in a casino at Las Vegas.

We all enjoyed getting together



at the annual meeting. Our Social Committee announced that we have a calendar for the year posted monthly. Shirley Golding graciously agreed to be our president again for 2014.

Estimates will be obtained to purchase updated holiday decorations for the building. Our Walking Club is still going strong and welcomes new members. Call Paula at 797-0793 for details. Should you have any items of interest you want published, please call me at 754-6749.

Tom and Carleen Jurowski recently moved here from Wakefield, Mich. Tom was a motorcycle cop in Milwaukee, and Carleen worked in a nursing home when they met in the Upper Peninsula.

Tom also is retired from the Army and found about On Top of the World from a friend who lives here. They go to the gym regularly and Tom plays golf. Tom's best man is married to Carleen's sister.

We welcome another new resident, this one from West Bloomfield, Mich. Actually, Harold and Viola Ellison lived on Australia Way East previously, but wanted a unit on the ground floor. They have a family of four boys.

Harold worked for Detroit Edison and Viola was a nurse. He likes golfing and fishing and she favors shopping. We look forward to visiting with them at some of our Bohemian activities.

Remember, activities are posted on our bulletin board in the core room.

Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

On Top of the World News wishes you all a happy springtime!

'Crazy Bridge' party was big fun for 32 attendees

It is always easy to tell when the cold weather has hit the northern parts of the U.S. and Canada: we have visitors! The way the weather has been this winter we may have a lot of family and friends making their way south to be able to enjoy the Florida sunshine.

Ginger Currier's daughter-in-law Diane visited for a week. The two enjoyed their usual outings of shopping and sight-seeing. They were able to go to the beach on one of the days, and they also went to Tarpon Springs to meet up with one of Diane's friends.

Nordstrom's Rack is one of their favorite places to shop, so that was at the top of the list for shopping spots. She returned home to Oswego, N.Y., well-rested and happy to have been able to get away from the continuous snow and cold temperatures.

Canada's Ray and Elaine Bariger are back, this time renting Gerry Munier's apartment. Ray really enjoys fishing, and on any given day one can see him casting his line into the pond in front of our building. Their daughter Jane came for a visit. She, too, was very happy to get away from the cold and snow of home.

Ginger, Jim, and I hosted our annual "Crazy Bridge" party. Thirty-two players met at the Sunrise Room, where we first enjoyed cocktails and snacks, followed by pizza and desserts. The card game then began; some people had no idea how to play, but they soon realized the game



did not resemble bridge much at all! There was much laughter heard throughout the evening as crazy hands were played out.

That same evening was special for one couple. Mary and Eldon Smith, who at one time lived in the Mallorca Building, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. We are glad they decided to share their special day with us!

Once a month, the ladies from the Monaco Building host a Ladies' Night Out. This time the ladies went to Beso Grill. It was a very enjoyable evening, and we ladies in the Mallorca Building thank the Monaco ladies for including us in their fun activities!

Already the sign-ups are posted for the St. Patrick's golf scramble and party. Be sure to watch the bulletin board for all the events that we can enjoy together. It's what makes us a very special building, indeed.

Happy St. Patrick's Day. Also don't forget to change the clocks on March 9. Spring ahead!



Please respect the parade

From 10-11 a.m., on Saturday, March 8, please don't drive your car on World Parkway. Please don't go to the store, please don't run an errand, please don't schedule a repairmen's visit, please don't invite guests to your home, and please don't head for the pool or golf course.

Please keep the road clear so everyone can enjoy a good parade.

All we ask is you give us one hour.

Thank you.

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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.

FOR SALE

Lazy-boy sofa bed, hardly used \$275; matching Lazy-boy rocker/recliner \$95; 3-step metal ladder \$10. 791-3894

Beautiful early American hutch, excellent condition, reasonably priced. 726-0482

Air cleaner, excellent condition, 3 stages, HEPA filter, carbon prefilter, missing remote \$150 OBO; also side tray for lawn chair. 726-7163

Wood wicker book/deco shelves, 6' high x 30" wide, winter white color \$25. 717-372-3091

Sony radio with tape & CD players, model CFD-V7, very good condition \$50 OBO. 797-3537

Bowling balls (bags) 10-1/2 lb; suitcase 24"; picnic basket w/4 plastic dishes, serving pieces, wine glasses (new); warming party tray. 796-7335

Lamp, 28" tall, pineapple, bronze base, 3-way bulb with shade \$35. 480-9456

12-piece table setting, "Lady Louise" old ivory pattern from the 1940s, good condition, made in U.S.A. \$175 OBO. 331-1554

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Guitar by Rogue, new with extra strings and cover \$65; Ralph Lauren blazer, ladies size 2 petite \$25. 692-7028

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Mikasa fine china Versailles pattern service for eight \$75; hearing aids (2), Siemens Motion P, year old \$500 each. 953-3182

Blonde entertainment center, 60"W x 72"H x 16-1/2"D \$40; deluxe bocce set \$20; portable four-drawer island, 38"W x 28"D \$40. 531-7412

Bike, folds up, 16-inch wheels, 3-speed, hand brakes, comfortable seat \$95. 400-6097

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Graco baby stroller \$45. 799-8819

Craftsman 3/4-hp air compressor \$40; three adjustable canes \$10 each; two softball gloves: one \$25 and one \$10. 723-3121

Two matching Ross Eurotour bicycles \$25 each; gas grill w/tank, good condition \$35; two queen comforter bed sets \$40 each. 726-1420

Two tickets for Orioles-Phillies game March 17 at Brighthouse Field, section 108, row WC, seats 1&2 (handicap) \$70 OBO for both. 799-5285

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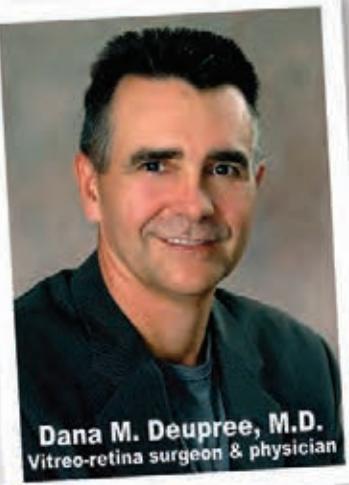
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