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Saturday morning will be filled with pipes and drums as musicians march along World Parkway Boulevard during the 20th annual Irish Club parade. There will be five music groups in this year's event, including the St. Andrews Pipe Band, pictured above.

(OTOW News file photo by George Swiderski)

Irish Club Parade welcomes back two old friends

By Doug Kates

Everyone loves a parade, so good news, the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade is coming back for the 20th straight year.

And more good news. Two major acts from the parade's history are returning to World Parkway Boulevard.

After a three-year absence, the Countryside High School marching band will be back. The Cougars will be one of five music groups in this year's edition. Also marching and playing will be the Dunedin High School Scottish Highlander Band and Junior High bands, the St. Andrews Pipe Band and the world famous Baby Boomers Kazoo Band.

"This year's band is already rehearsing and promises to be bigger and better, with added instruments and

enhanced routines and effects that are sure to amaze," said last year's director Ron Clement. "Pom poms, additional tootie horns and maybe even cymbals will fill the air with silver melodies."

The New World Celts may even play a tune for us.

Also making a comeback this month will be hot dogs, courtesy of the Good Karma Cafe. For \$2.50, parade watchers will be treated to a dog, chips and soda in the EAC back parking lot.

Mike Cooper said don't be late for the beginning of the parade, which is set to start at 10 a.m., on Saturday, March 7. The event will be led by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department and on display will be a 1961 Plymouth police cruiser.

The parade will continue with a

variety of On Top of the World clubs, groups and sports teams, including the host Irish Club, Theater Workshop, the Entertainment Committee, Canadian Club, Lawn Bowlers, Snowbirds Club, OTOW Line Dancers, Chorus and Baby Boomers.

The Greyhound Club will again be participating in the parade, with the OTOW dog park group close behind.

Look for the four-legged dog park society, along with the 2014 Pet of the Year - Sasha Anna Bella.

The 9-hole and 18-hole Ladies Golf League Associations will be marching, as will the Men's Golf Association.

The post-parade party will not begin until the last band has reached the back parking lot. When the party does start, there will be free beer, pretzels

and water, provided by the Irish Club. There may also be additional entertainment.

Please remember, World Parkway Boulevard will be closed off on the east side during the one-hour parade. Do not make plans to drive into or out of the community during this time. Do not schedule appointments with repairmen between 10-11 a.m.

The only thing that can spoil this parade is unwanted traffic along the parade route. Please cooperate and wait until the roads are reopened.

Oh, yes, and please wear green!

Also in March, the Irish Club has a dance scheduled for Tuesday, March 3 at 5 p.m. in the auditorium.

There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 25 7 p.m. in the Art Room.

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While folks up north are still shoveling, we will begin early landscape projects and clean-up programs

Compared to our northern neighbors, the State of Florida experienced a mild winter.

This benefit allows the management company to get a jump start on spring landscape projects, roofing projects and general spring cleaning.

This time of year also kicks off pressure washing of sidewalks at the building entrances and the exterior second and third floor walkways. Notices are posted in advance and we ask that you exercise caution in these areas as work is occurring.

Several building walkways and exterior stairwells will also receive paint coatings and texture this spring. Please pay special attention to the bright orange and yellow postings in your building center cores for important information regarding these projects.

Notice is provided two weeks in advance and wet signs are posted as work is conducted. The typical drying time for these coatings is four to five hours, depending on weather conditions.

Community Service Office Request for Service

By this time next month the Community Service Office will have a direct phone line to report service matters.

If you receive a recording during your call, please leave a message indicating your first and last name, your complete address or building/unit number as well as the matter of your service request.



A service order will be generated for common areas service issues and distributed to the responsible department. The phone number for the Community Service Office will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

You may continue to generate service requests through the OTOW Clearwater Website at otowclearwaterinfo.com. Click on the Service Department tab, click on "Submit Online Service Request" click here."

After-hours emergency calls are still directed to 727-799-1115.

Storage Rooms

This is the time of year that your Board recommends unit owners to conduct a spring cleaning of the storage rooms.

While it certainly isn't a task most people look forward to, especially with the golf courses and beaches beckoning, the results of a little time and effort are worth it.

If you need direction in how to organize your building's storage room,

please visit the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center. The ladies can make you an appointment for Inspection Services to visit your building and provide guidelines.

Emergency References

With the majority of owners in residence this month, I want to take this opportunity to remind you to update your emergency references and contact phone numbers. Emergency references and emergency contact phone numbers are collected at the time of your interview, but for many of you, that information is well over 10 years old.

We urge you to update this information. See page 15.

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

If you are a part-time resident, please notify the Association and the Community Service Office with contact information for the key holder of your unit.

An emergency situation may not originate in your unit, but an emergency situation may impact your unit. You will find the necessary emergency contact form in this month's newspaper as well as the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

Landscape services

Our mild, wet winter sets the stage

for a challenging landscape season.

Please keep in mind all proposed plantings in the common areas must be approved by the Association.

Landscape crews are currently addressing landscape material in excess of four feet tall, plantings on water meters and water lines, and invasive or incompatible landscape.

Tree removal this spring will include many trees along the roadways and in highly visible locations. Unfortunately, many of these beautiful trees have reached the end of their productive years and are now creating potential hazards as they decline.

We ask that you please exercise extra caution when driving around the work crews in the OTOW community.

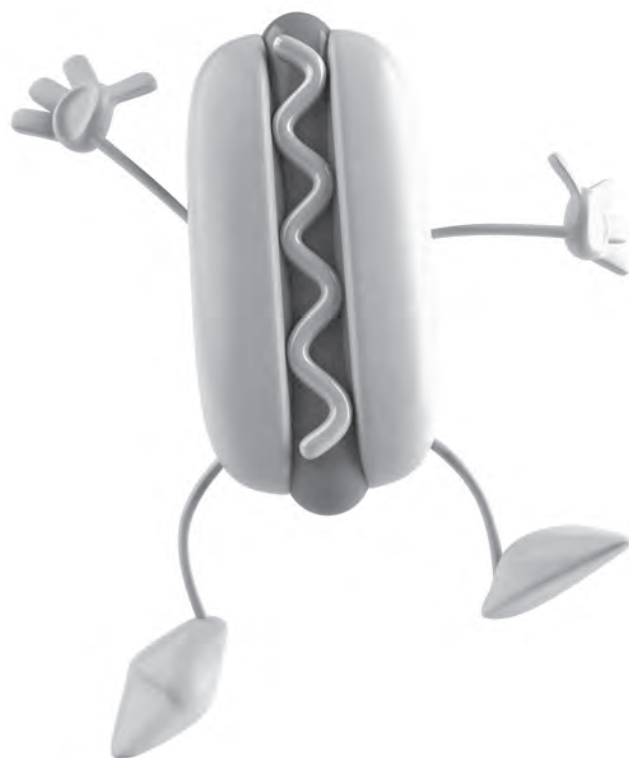
Stump removal will follow the tree removal and replants as determined by Pinellas County will follow in late fall of 2015.

Enforcement Matters

The Association is working diligently on enforcement matters in regards to underage residents and tenants, and we are starting to see the results of our efforts. The On Top of the World Condominium Community is designated as an age restricted 55-and-older community. The Association rules do not allow persons under the age of 17 to reside in the community.

If you are aware of any units in violation of this age restriction, please notify the Association in writing.

Hot Dogs are coming back to the Irish Club parade!



The Good Karma Café will be serving hot dogs in the East Activity Center back parking lot after the annual Irish Club parade on Saturday, March 7.

There will be a small fee.

Beer and pretzels will be given away by the Irish Club free of charge.

The parade starts at 10 a.m.

Join us behind the EAC at about 10:45 a.m.

See you there!

Project improvements are a step

Each year Duke Energy opens up a cooperative funding initiative for cost sharing for solar panel installations. This year, On Top of the World Condominiums was one of a few successful applicants.

The Association anticipates the installation of up to 100Kw of solar panels on the roof of the West Activity Center. While this size installation is not sufficient to replace the entire power needs of that location, it will make a significant dent in the overall electric costs of operation, and by extension, savings to the community.

Stay tuned for more information as the installation progresses.

Lawn Bowl Courts

Improvements on the Lawn Bowling court finished up last month. Improvements included new fencing, new shade structures and the removal of hodge-podge collection of storage sheds.

This project is in keeping with the overall community drive for a more orderly and consistent appearance.

The shed, formerly used to store their supplies, has been relocated to a more neutral location under the east stairwell at the East Activity Center. The base material is stored off-site and delivered on an as-needed basis. I'd like to thank the members of the Lawn Bowls Club for their assistance in this program.

Fitness Center Equipment

In all the hustle and bustle of ongoing community improvements, I have been remiss in not mentioning anything about replacing the fitness equipment at the West Activity Center. It is a good thing that the existing equipment is so well used. That said, even the best machinery wears out regardless of the maintenance applied.

We are at that point.

In early March, the Board hopes to award a contract to the successful bidder for replacement of treadmills, elliptical trainers, stationary weight machine, and several miscellaneous pieces as well. Once awarded, we anticipate six weeks before delivery begins.

New Signs

Another upcoming improvement will be the installation of way-finder signs around the community. These signs will be positioned at high visibility locations to highlight the lifestyle offerings of the community.



Community Updates

Painting/Waterproofing: Building 85 is scheduled to have a new waterproofing membrane applied to the rear of the building in mid- to late-March. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Flooring Projects: Building 75 is scheduled to have its first floor replaced in March. Please remember that this work is performed in the overnight hours to minimize any inconvenience to the community. Please exercise caution if you find yourself in proximity to these posted work areas.

Railing Improvement Projects: Building 9 is the next structure slated for improvements and work should begin sometime in mid-March, pending permitting from Pinellas County.

A licensed contractor 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 improvements are estimated to be complete in 5-7 weeks, depending on the scope and the size of the structure. Notices will be posted in advance of the work so residents of Building 9 should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

Additional buildings are currently in the bidding process and are slated to be improved in the spring and early summer.

Construction, Roofing, and large scope projects: Building 47 is the next structure scheduled for roofing system improvements, with the project beginning in early March.

Materials for this improvement are estimated to start arriving at the building by the second week, with work starting shortly thereafter. The arrival of these roofing materials, as well as equipment, will require the temporary relocation of resident's vehicles as the

project progresses from each side of the building.

Notices will be posted on bulletin boards to keep the occupants of the building abreast of the project's progress. The completion estimate for these improvements are roughly 4-5 weeks, weather permitting.

Building 15 and Building 25 will also see roofing contractors making improvements in March, most notably to the shingle mansards on the façade of the structure. Both of these projects are estimated to take 2-3 weeks to accomplish and notices will be posted on bulletin boards as the work nears.

These improvements will also require the relocation of residents' vehicles while the work is underway, so please adhere to any requests from the management company. Thank you for your cooperation.

Residents of Building 66 should note that the restoration work scheduled for February has been delayed until the beginning of March. Construction teams will be working on stripping, prepping, and applying new coatings to the wood surfaces on the building. Please be aware that areas of the parking lot will need to be cordoned off to allow for high-reach equipment to operate. Notices will be posted to bulletin boards and door hangars will be left on units whose parking spaces will be affected.

Thank you for your cooperation and please exercise caution in and around marked work areas.

Part of the task of the management company is to inspect walkways. As deficiencies are identified, those building walkway repairs will be scheduled. For those already identified, work will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to the second- and third-floor walking surfaces.

Many buildings will see these restoration crews over the spring as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work. These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative.

As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

Walkway coating improvements

will continue across property in the spring. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating.

The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

The management company will post notices on affected building's bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work. Please be aware of "Caution" and "Wet Paint" signs in and around these work areas.

The patching and painting of all building common areas due to unapproved wall penetrations is continuing across property.

A large majority of this work is being performed in advance of contracted painting crews. Notices regarding this necessary work are being posted in the affected buildings in advance of the work.

All in all, the response has been overwhelmingly positive, but the management company is asking for all residents' cooperation in not drilling into or attaching any un-approved fastener to the structure in the future without modification approval by the On Top Of the World association.

If residents are not sure about what items (like wall mountings) require a modification permit, please stop by the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center and a representative will be glad to assist you.

Inspection Services Division

Compliance inspections of storage rooms is continuing across property.

Many times these new items are randomly placed in other residents allotted space, or the items are of a nature that they are not permissible for storage.

To assist in keeping these areas compliant and orderly, the Inspection Services Division of the management company started performing preliminary storage room inspections and tagging non-compliant items.

Residents who would like to request an inspection, or have general

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forward toward a bright future

storage room questions should visit the Community Service Office. A representative will be glad to contact them regarding the matter.

Parking and vehicle registration enforcement efforts are continuing to be heavily enforced.

The community's Snowbirds are here and with it comes higher traffic volume. In some areas, parking may be at a premium.

To ensure that all residents have ample parking, vehicles must be up to date on their registrations and should be operational and not in disrepair.

Please also remember that recreational vehicles or commercial vehicles are not permitted to be parked overnight within the community without advance association approval.

PODS or storage containers also require the advance written approval of the association and may be tagged and removed in found to be in violation of community rules.

Residents are encouraged to report any vehicle concerns to the Community Service Office for investigation and action if warranted.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. The management

company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas.

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

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

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

A recent inspection by the Clearwater Fire Marshall's office confirmed the management company's commitment to the On Top of the World community. In particular, the focused efforts in the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings that present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

The management company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills are not permitted on any

balcony areas, be it propane, charcoal, or electric, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

While clutter enforcement has always been one of the most recurring compliance issues at On Top of the World, these efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately.

If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you.

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice. Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

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 "clamshell" style awning must be re-

moved 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 "clamshell" 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.

Landscaping Projects: Leaf removal and disposal, the simplification or elimination of overgrown or unmaintained plantings, and roadside maintenance (the cleaning and clearing of curbs and parking lot entrance/exits) will continue through March until mowing season kicks-off in April.

For safety's sake, we ask that residents slow down, obey posted speed limits, and be aware of crews working in close proximity to roadway traffic. Their safety depends on your cooperation.

Landscape teams will also be performing their normally scheduled shrub trimming activities over the winter months and into spring.

IRISH CLUB PARADE

10-11 a.m., Saturday, March 7, World Parkway Blvd



World Parkway Boulevard will be full of marchers, bands, dancers and much more from 10-11 a.m. on March 7. Your private vehicle is not invited.

World Parkway Boulevard will be blocked off for one hour.

Please plan ahead!

Do not try to drive on World Parkway Boulevard during the parade. Please do not make repairman appointments or have food delivered during this time. Please notify friends and family not to visit during this hour. Please help us keep the parade safe and entertaining.

Stay off the road, please!

Have you checked out the Box Office recently?

Did you know ...

You can go to the On Top of the World Box Office Website and view the entire daily schedule of events for this community?

Did you know there is a simple chart showing schedules for card games, exercises, classes and more.

Did you know, each club and group has its own Web page on the Box Office and you can visit their page to get their latest information, including photos of past events.

Did you know you can send a letter to each club?

Did you know, there is an alert box where OTOW can share important, current information with residents.

Did you know there are links to the official OTOW-Clearwater Website, the On Top of the World Real Estate Office and to the Press Association Website, where you can download the current monthly newspaper?

Did you know there are games to help keep your mind sharp?

Did you know there is a map to help guide you to the different rooms in the East and West Activity Centers?

Did you know there is a map of the golf courses?

Did you know you can visit the Good Neighbors' Gift Shoppe and browse photos of current merchandise on sale.

Did you know there is a page for the Good Karma Cafe, which is being updated to include new food items?

Did you know there is a link for OTOW contests, including the Pet Halloween Costume Contest, the Holiday Lights Contest and the Pet of the Year Contest?

Did you know you can print a Change of Address Form, an Emergency Contact Form or click a direct link to the Modification Forms?

Did you know the Box Office has access to a slide show of all 91 buildings in this community?

Did you know there have been more than 13,000 visitors to the Box Office Website since it started up two years ago?

Do you have any questions about recycling? Guess what? The Box Office has an entire page dedicated to recycling. There are charts to show what can and cannot be recycled, plus two video links to show you the benefits of recycling.

OK. Last question. Were you one of the 13,000 viewers?

The Box Office is a special Website because it gives each club and group at OTOW the opportunity to promote



itself without going out and buying an expensive Website.

The clubs, groups and sports teams all control their own page. They supply a club description, list of upcoming events, contact information and photographs.

And as each club updates their site, the club itself is rewarded with more perks.

If you've never visited the Box Office, sit down at your computer one evening and browse.

Check out the Entertainment Committee Web page and see what events are coming up.

Visit the Snowbirds Web page and see what trips are coming up.

Visit the Travel Club Web page and check out their photos from past trips.

Check out the Thursday Mixed Golf League Webpage and see who currently sits on the top 10 leaderboard in their season standings.

Did you know we have a workshop at On Top of the World? You can visit the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Web page and learn a great deal about the club - plus see project photos.

The Art Guild Webpage lists all their available classes.

Plus the Baby Boomers, Lambda Club, Canadian Club, Bingo, Softball, Jesters, Democrats and New York-New Jersey Club all make an effort to keep their sites up to date.

Every club and sport has its own page, so click and see what's going on.

So how do you view the Box Office?

Simple.

On your computer, go to this link: OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

You will be given three choices.

Click the link that displays the Box Office logo and once there, bookmark the page, or save among your favorites.

Check in every day to view the daily schedule. You can also check the current weather conditions.

If it's raining out, or cold, and you



Which of the following tasks can you **NOT** do on the Box Office?

1. Review a daily list of activities.
2. Learn about future events hosted by local clubs or groups.
3. Find out who's in first place in the Thursday Mixed Golf League.
4. Click a link to download the community newspaper.
5. Find a map to help you locate rooms in the activity centers.
6. Fill out an online address change form or an emergency contact list.
7. Get alerts for important and timely OTOW information.
8. Play games to keep your mind sharp.
9. Review what materials can and cannot be recycled.
10. Watch a slide show featuring all 91 OTOW buildings.
11. Visit the Gift Shoppe and see some of the items on sale.
12. View a variety of photos posted by all clubs and groups.

Could you figure out which item above is not possible on the Box Office Website. Answer? Trick question. They are all possible.

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don't want to leave your condo, check out the games link and give Memory Challenge a try.

Bus Stop is a challenging game for those who think they have great math skills.

Coming soon is King of the Island, where your job is to show a Sea

Lion, named Solomon, whose boss.

Are you a Snowbird?

Don't worry. The Box Office is on the Web so you can view it wherever you are in the world. In fact, club members can even update their pages while away from home.

Visit the Box Office and "Enter."

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Black and white ad space could also sell out before the 15th.

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On Top of the World Computer Club

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CLUB MEETINGS: We hold computer classes, presentations and help solve computer-related problems. We meet every Saturday, 8:30-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

HELP SESSIONS: Staffed by experts and OTOW residents - we help you with all your computer questions and problems. You can get one-on-one assistance with problems relating to computer software, hardware and applications. We help with Windows XP, Windows 7, 8, 8.1 and 10. There is free WiFi during help session hours. Sessions are Monday through Friday, 8:30-10 a.m., in the East Activity Center Computer Room.

RECYCLING: We will help residents recycle computers and printers for a small, modest fee. This service is for members only.

MEMBERSHIP: Our annual membership fee is \$20.

MORE INFORMATION: Find out what topics we will be talking about at future meetings.
Go to: www.otowcc.com

Fifty new books for March

February brought so many of our members back from the frozen north, and has increased the need for a good book to read by the pool.

And we have many new books available!

Thanks to those who drop off gently used, recent publications. We were able to place more than 50 books in circulation in February. We added many of the donations to our sale book shelves, which help fund the purchase of new books.

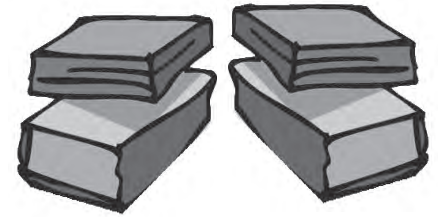
Remember, hardbound books are always 50 cents each, paperbacks 25 cents each.

But during our First Friday Sale, buy two hardbounds and get one free, or four paperbacks and get one free!

These prices are difficult to beat!

Although we don't purchase non-fiction for general circulation, you can find biographies, political and historical books on our hardbound sales shelf.

We also have some great new titles on the shelf, which include "Life After Life" by Jill McCorkle, "We Are Not Ourselves" by Matthew Thomas, "Insatiable Appetites" by Stuart Woods, "Betrayed" by Lisa Scottoline,



OPEN HOURS

**Mondays 9 am-noon
Wednesdays & Fridays
Noon-3 p.m.**

Library News

"Change of Heart" by Jude Deveraux, "Hush" by Karen Robards, and "The Boston Girl" by Anita Diamant.

Since recent weather has been cool by Clearwater standards, why not come in and pick up a few books to relax and read under a cozy blanket at home?

Hours remain 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays, and noon-3 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Our annual membership is only \$2, so come down to the East Activity Center and check us out - maybe a book, too!

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February was valuable month with art show, People's Choice Award and monthly art honors



By Wendy Colquhoun

The annual Spring Art Show and Sale sponsored by the Art Guild, was held on Sunday, Feb. 22, from 1-4 in the East Activity Center auditorium.

There were 17 On Top of the World artist exhibitors, all members of the Art Guild.

Not only were there works for display, there were also works for sale.

Toni Mattz, a long-time member of the Art Guild was honored for her dedication to the club, both as a teacher and a mentor. We all thank you Toni for everything you share.

Toni was presented a lovely pendant with semi-precious gem stones representing an artist's palate and a card signed by members.

Six members: Paul Zipperlin, Audrey Lerigo, Wendy Colquhoun, Carole Rosefelt, Dolly Newcome and Margie McClure provided painting and art medium demonstration at their booths.

John Fier displayed drawings by his students.

Chinese Paint brush class students not only had a display of their work, they also participated with their teacher Wendy in explaining this ancient art form and providing demonstration for visitors.

All who attended were given a ballot and encouraged to choose the winner of the "People's Choice Award."



Billy Martin, last month's Artist of the Month winner, presents a ribbon to this month's winner, Margie McClure. Her artwork will appear in the EAC main lobby.

Each exhibitor placed one painting or work in the medium of their choice, in the competition for this award. The winning painting will be hung in the lobby through the summer season.

The winner was Marie Andree Lamothé with a beautiful painting depicting a seascape in oils. Congratulations!

Congratulations also go to Barbara Holland who co-ordinated the show. Without the hard work of Barbara and her many volunteers the show would not have gone on. We also thank all our friends and neighbors for their support.

thing new.

We have been keeping very busy with all of the different art class options:

On Mondays, Sharon is giving oils and acrylic lessons for beginner and experienced painters from 1-3 in the Art Room. Call her at 727-442-6404 for more information. Lessons are \$5 for members.

On Tuesdays, Wendy is teaching Chinese Brush Painting, which is a beautiful ancient Asian art. These classes are also in the Art Room from 12:30-4:30 p.m. The cost of this program is \$5 for members. Please call her in advance so she brings enough supplies. Her number is 723-7504.

On Wednesdays we continue to have Painting Pals/Open Workshop, which meets from 1-3 p.m. in the Art Room. All are invited and encouraged to join us with your current project.

On Thursdays, John will continue giving his popular drawing lessons from 1-3 p.m.. Classes are \$3 for members. Bring your own paper and pencils.

Membership is \$15/year, which starts in November. Dues are used to pay presenters, expenses of the annual art show and refreshments at our meetings.

Our meetings are the second Friday of the month at 1 p.m. in the Art Room, which is on the second floor of the EAC. New and old members are encouraged to share ideas for future activities. Members are encouraged to bring art work by 12:45 for the vote for artist of the month whose work will then be displayed in the lobby of the EAC for one month. A short business discussion is followed with refreshments, and then a program. The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. Come join us!

Please visit the art room to see our displays of artist work, and be sure to visit us next year at Art Show.

At our February meeting we held a short business discussion, followed by some wonderful refreshments and cast our ballots for Artist of the Month. Congratulations to Margie McClure whose painting will be hung in the lobby for the next month. Stop by and check it out. Then, we enjoyed a presentation by Elaine Hahn who shared her skills in oil painting demonstrating how and when to place dark, medium and light colors. We all learned some-

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Press staff will be feasting in March, April

After months and months of hard work and great newspapers, the On Top of the World Press Association is going to take some time to feast and celebrate the season.

During this month's meeting on March 5, press members will be treated to a pizza party. Money collected from 50/50 drawings will help pay the tab. Supplying the pizza will be a current advertiser, Safety Harbor Pizzeria, which is also announcing plans to begin a new delivery service to OTOW residents.

During this meeting, press members will vote for their 2015-16 officers. President Yvonne Courtney, Vice President Jackie Dooley and Secretary Arlene Bergen have indicated they wish to stay on for another term. If no newcomers step forward, press members will vote to re-elect Yvonne, Jackie and Arlene to another one-year term.

A swear-in ceremony will take place May 7.

At the press meeting in February, editor Doug Kates announced a new advertiser will be called upon to supply lunch for this year's Appreciation Luncheon on April 2. The Stuffed Mushroom, which is starting a new lunch



Press Association

pick-up service, has agreed to cater this annual Press Association tradition to honor staff who have contributed to at least three newspapers and have attended at least three meetings over the past 12 months.

Press members chose pork and fruit-stuffed chicken as the main courses for the luncheon. Two small committees were formed in February to help with decorations, setting up, clean up and beverages.

Staff members can arrive at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. Lunch will be served about 1:30 p.m.

This luncheon is only for staff members who have qualified. If you don't know if you have qualified, see Arlene Bergen at the end of the March meeting.

Appreciation Luncheon Thursday, April 2, 1 p.m. East Activity Center Veranda Room for qualified Press Association members only

Doug will need to know by March 20 how many people will be attending the Appreciation Luncheon. Please tell Doug or Arlene if you are going.

Qualifiers may bring a guest, but each guest must pay \$10 prior to the luncheon.

No one can be added to the guest list after March 20.

Also at the February meeting, Doug updated staffers on some of the latest newspaper achievements.

He said the East Activity Center main lobby and the newspaper office both sold out of January newspapers. There wasn't a single newspaper left to give away to any left-out resident.

"That's a credit to this staff," Doug said. "From club writers to building writers to sports writers and photographers, everyone's combined effort made the January newspaper very successful. The advertising base was also

the best in recent years."

Doug went on to say the third of three Press Association-based contests is now complete and he considered all three contests very successful.

A Pet Halloween Costume Contest was held in October, a Holiday Lights Contest took place in December and a Pet of the Year Contest took place in January.

An addition was also made to the Press Association Website. Online readers can now visit a "Comment" section and leave a note about the newspaper in general, leave a positive comment about a story, or give a shout out to one of the writers. Viewers may also leave suggestions for the staff.

The Press Association will be back to a normal meeting on May 7, which is the first meeting of the new season. There will be no meetings in June or July.

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Q. We are Snowbirds. Should we consider having a Florida Power of Attorney when we are here in Florida? Also, what about someone from another country who has a Power of Attorney from that country?

A. These are terrific questions!

The October 2011 Florida Power of Attorney Statute provides that a power of attorney from another state — if properly executed in that state — is valid in Florida.

HOWEVER, banks, credit unions and other financial institutions seem to be beginning to refuse to accept pow-

ers of attorney unless they have the “Florida language.”

Because of that, I typically advise my clients that notwithstanding what the statute says about out-of-Florida powers of attorney being valid, it is best to have a new one drawn in Florida.

For that matter, even if someone is a Florida resident, I say pretty much the same thing about powers of attorney executed before the October 2011 statute became effective.

What you might want to do before you have another power of attorney drawn up, is take the one you have to your bank or to wherever else, in Florida where you have assets and ask someone to find out if your document will be accepted if at some time in the future your agent has to use it.

Of course, I guess we all have to keep in mind that the bank you do business with today may be gone sometime in the future as may also be the particular person who gives you an answer.

The same advice applies to a power of attorney from another country, except that if the document is not in English, then it will not be accepted without an official translation. An official translation is not where someone who speaks English writes a letter to say what the document means. An official translation has to be signed and notarized by someone from the foreign country who has authority to transcribe the document in English and who is someone similar to a notary public.

Q. My (a blood relative who lives in Florida) was injured in a motorcycle accident about a year and a half ago. The matter is still not finished and my (the relative) needs money because of being out of work. Does personal injury cases take such a long time to complete?

A. There are many times when, before a case is ready for trial or even ready for settlement, it is necessary to gather quite a few facts and take depositions and also to obtain expert witnesses who can testify, in court, to the facts and to the amount of damages.

So this takes time and sometimes it means that a case is dragging when it really isn't.

It's just that before a case can be put in settlement mode or trial mode, the plaintiff must have all of the facts.

My associate, Jennifer Cooley, handles personal injury matters and she

understands that it can be frustrating for someone who, through no fault of his/her own, can't work. It's just that in order to make sure to get as good a settlement or as good a result from a trial as is possible, these cases can certainly take a lot of time.

Q. It seems that at the end of your columns you frequently include something that is funny or cute. Do you do that on purpose?

A. Yes. I figure that if someone has read my entire column, then and if possible, and if I have an actual situation to mention, I want to do that and give folks an interesting thought or two, or three. See the following question and answer.

Q. My wife and I have been married for (a few years). She and her ex-husband have stayed in touch on a regular basis and from time to time have gone to dinner together and I am not included. She says there is nothing to worry about. I wonder what you have to say about it.

A. Well, I, personally, am not worried at all. Um, whether you should be worried is an entirely different question, however.

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NOTICE

Important bulletin for all On Top of the World residents

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

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

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

Detailed information is available at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Have you ever wished you could line dance without leaving your living room? Now you can!

Coming in March will be something new and exciting to On Top of the World-TV, Channels 96 and 732.

The first of five planned line dancing videos will air on your Brighthouse Network community channels.

"The idea is to give residents the opportunity to enjoy the thrill of line dancing even if they are unable to leave their condo," said Doug Kates, who oversees the TV channels for OTOW.

"Some people might be too busy to join a line dance group. Some may be shy. Some would feel more comfortable at home."

The first video features five songs which can easily be danced to in a living room. There are no circles, no partners and no need to cover a football field.

This video is scheduled to first air on Monday, March 9, and will continue airing every Monday at a designated time to be determined. Future videos will be designated for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and feature all different songs and steps.

"The first video is the test," Doug



Members of the On Top of the World Line Dance Club demonstrate steps in an upcoming video to air on channels 96 and 732.

said. "We definitely want feedback on what residents liked about the video and what they did not like. We want to

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Cele Radeloff has been a line dance booster since 1986

By John Koning

This month's line dancer of the month doesn't line dance, so you might be wondering what the heck we were thinking when we chose her!

While it is true that Cele Radeloff no longer actively dances, she remains the heart and soul of the On Top of the World Line Dancing Association.

It was the first club she joined in 1986 after arriving at OTOW and her support has never wavered. She has been a dance demonstrator and the club's vice president.

During 1988-89, as secretary, she wrote the club reports. Her final composition was a 44-line poem called Adieu.

Cele has three great loves in her life. They are her family, the OTOW Line Dancers and the Jesters. She and her late husband, Jimmy, raised three children, and now Cele can boast seven grandchildren and one adorable great-grandchild.

Jimmy was a great dance partner, but he wasn't the only one. Cele also danced with Lawrence Welk during a warm up for one of his popular TV



shows!

When asked about her favorite memories from the old days, Cele fondly remembers the Greek circle dance they used to do. It is the same dance as was performed by the Jesters in this year's production. Another of her favorite dances is The Bossanova, a dance we still do to this day.

We love to line dance and we do it every Tuesday afternoon from 1-3 p.m. and every Saturday morning from 8:30-11 a.m. The first half hour is beginners instruction that is designed to ease the transition for our new dancers.



Pictured above is Cele Radeloff, center. Also, from left to right are Lynn Anzalone, Mary Becker, Sheila Bonomo, Lilia Bensonoff, Ellen Gilbert and Julie Narancich.

We hope you drop in sometime and try a little mental and physical exercise to great music. Check us out on the Web at sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing or on the Box Office.

We leave you with some immortal words from Lawrence Welk that can be found in Cele Radeloff's history of OTOW Line Dancing, "Keep a song in your heart!"

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Louie Bravo entertained residents at Get Acquainted Thursday in February. This month, Theater Workshop will be promoting their upcoming show.

Our "New Year 2015" continues with many activities here at On Top of the World.

Every Monday and Thursday morning we see an increase in residents coming to the East Activity Center to explore various offerings by the many clubs and entertainment groups.

We suggest that all residents take advantage of these twice-weekly information gatherings to see what is in store for you.

Good Neighbors Association will be holding meetings at various future dates in an effort to rejuvenate the Good Neighbors building representatives function. We also hope to create more awareness for the File of Life program.

If you wish to partake in this endeavor, or want to know more about it, please stop by the Good Neighbors table outside the Gift Shoppe on Monday and Thursday mornings and visit with Maureen Bjorgo to this regard.

While you are there, remember to stop in and see what's new in the Gift Shoppe.

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of \$10 per table. Sign up for your table or a table for your entire building while they are still available.

At the Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday on March 12, stop by and get a sneak preview of Theater Workshop's upcoming show "Sailing With The Love Bug."

Cast and crew members will be on stage performing a sample of their show, which officially takes place Friday, March 13; Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15. Tickets will also be on sale.

Good Neighbors Association remains committed to helping all residents of On Top of the World. Please let us know what we can do for you as we are here for each and every resident.

The cast and crew from 'Sailing with the Love Bug' will preview their show during Good Neighbors' Get Acquainted Thursday on March 12. Coffee and donuts will be available at 9:30 a.m. There will be raffles, too.



Theater Workshop presents "Sailing with the Love Bug"

Flight champions crowned at Jack & Jill

What a beautiful day it was for the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League Jack & Jill Tournament.

Marie Lamonthe and Claude Guitard were the grand champions with low score in Flight A. Terry and Dick Kuplen were second, and Kim Norried and Dan Morey were third.

In Flight B, first place went to Dale and Tom McMinn. Runners-up were Kay Satterlee and Mike Crittenden. Third went to Leora Hamm and Van Bradley.

Betty and Tom Gerkin took top honors in Flight C. Gilda and Bill Gambucurta were second and Pauline Jones and Jack Gow were third.

In Flight D, Betty McKay and John Fier won the title. Cindy and Marc Schell were runners-up. Marie and Clarence Hebert were third.

There was a Closest To The Pin contest on No. 16. The winner was Mike Crittenden.

We want to thank the following committee members for another successful tournament: Marie Belliveau, Leora Hamm, Sherry Ivey, Pauline Jones, Terry Kuplen, Dottie Meissner, Sheila Meneilly, Rose Mulhall, Co-Chair Donna Osborne, Billie Pineau, Chairperson Gloria Sayer, Elaine Stretavski and Becky West.

Thank you to the ladies who pitched in the day of the tournament, namely Jane Hanley, Maureen Stewart and Joan Yorkery. The committee also wishes to thank On Top of the World for getting the course ready for us.



From left to right in teams are Marie Lamonthe and Claude Guitard, Dale and Tom McMinn, Betty and Tom Gerkin, and Betty McKay and John Fier.

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traying Christ in a slightly different manner.

Also, it was the first rock music to hit Broadway.

It didn't play very well with many Christians since Christ befriended Mary of Magdalene, who was portrayed as a woman of the street. The controversy around the musical made it even more popular.

Soon afterward, the hit shows began to come.

Webber followed Superstar with "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Then "Cats" which ran on Broadway from 1981 to 2002.

Several more shows followed, including Sunset Boulevard, which opened in New York to the largest advance ticket sales in history. It ran for three years, but because of its heavy production cost, it never recouped its

investment.

Then came his greatest show of all, "Phantom of the Opera." He was so nervous about Phantom that he didn't attend the opening.

Andrew wrote most of his shows with his long-time friend and lyricist, Tim Rice.

We probably have seen the end of the big Broadway musicals, but Weber certainly gave us some wonderful moments in the theater.

In 2009, the London Times estimated his worth at 1.9 billion dollars.

His shows were translated into many languages and played around the world.

Today, he is 66 years old and resides in London.

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March 6: 2014 Irish Club parade

March 13: 2015 Irish Club parade

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March 24: 2014 Chorus Spring Concert

March 31: 2013 Theater Workshop Show

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"The residents felt prices were too high," Dessa continued. "They felt the food selections were not what they were looking for. They wanted more healthy foods."

The debit card scanner was the first item to go and a new cash register was brought in. Now, residents can pay in cash, in addition to debit or credit.

Anyone who still had money in a Karma account, will be receiving a gift card in the leftover amount. Gift cards will be distributed some time this month. Watch for notices in the cafe for details.

Residents should also be pleased with items now available. The new vendor will be making fresh home-made foods, including sandwiches, heat-and-eats, and salads. There will be fruits, healthy snacks, soups, frozen foods and new dairy products, including white milk, chocolate milk, cheese, cottage cheese, butter and sour cream.

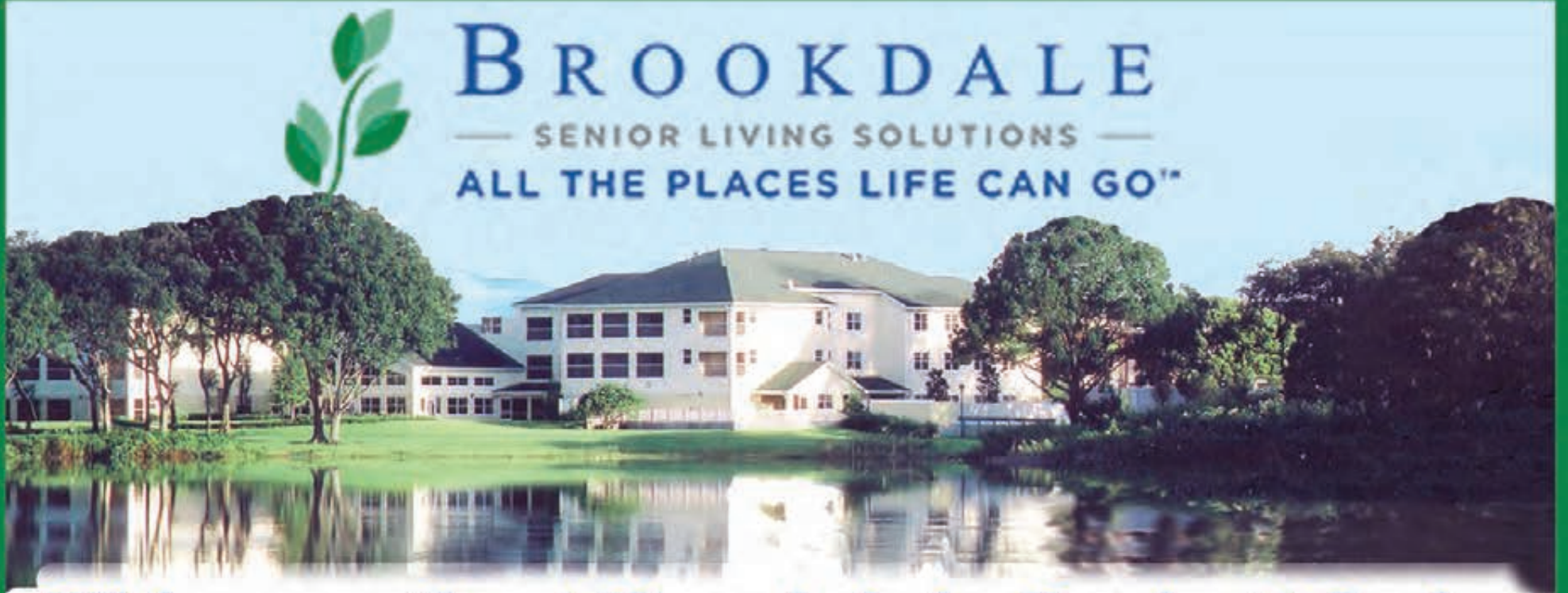
In addition to food items, watch for paper towels, toilet paper and more.

The cafe is located on the bottom floor of the EAC and is open seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., but this month residents might find the cafe occasionally closed as changes continue and shelves are refilled.

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OTOW detectives solve a mystery

By Anne B. Watkins

We solved a family mystery!

For several generations, the relatives of Edie Ryczek had a "brickwall" in their family line that had them all stymied.

Then Edie, an On Top of the World resident, decided to apply for membership to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), under the patriot John Allen.

Research started in earnest.

Edie began working with Anne Watkins, a DAR member, in the fall of 2012, and it took three submissions, and as many letters, plus two years, to finally convince the DAR genealogists!

The sticking point was a tombstone engraving which listed Edie's



Family History

sixth generation as Nathaniel Allen, when every document we had for him called him Philander Allen.

The documents in question were those one usually assumes are gospel; that is, his father's will, censuses both federal and state, records of land he

sold, and even his death certificate.

But then we found that the aforementioned gravestone also had the names of his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Johnson, and one of her sons, on the other faces of the stone.

We hadn't known about the other names when we first applied, but discovered afterward from pictures at Findagrave.com.

Finding the names of three generations on one tombstone convinced us we were on the right track.

After disproving all the other Nathaniel Allens and Mary Allens at that time in Oswego and surrounding counties of New York, we finally clinched our point with several handwritten lists.

These lists were just notes that

grandmothers had jotted down for their families -- the kind of stuff that most people would have thrown away. But luckily for us, three such lists survived and were found by culling Edie's living relatives.

Suddenly we realized that one of those lists used both names for our man, Nathaniel and Philander.

So, DAR finally conceded, however reluctantly, that our mystery man was really named Nathaniel, even though all his official documents called him Philander.

Edie became a card-carrying Daughter of the American Revolution in August 2014!

Our next meeting is March 9 in the East Activity Center Computer Room from 1-3 p.m.



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Hoosier Club members are proud of their grandson's first pro golf victory

By Mary Beth Hufty

Congratulations to Hoosier Club members, Larry and Cathy Faulkner, whose grandson, Patrick Rodgers, won his first professional web.com golf tournament in Bogota, Columbia, on Feb. 8.

Tied for first place, Patrick sank a 10-foot putt on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff to win top honors.

An Avon, Ind., native, Patrick tied Tiger Woods' record at Stanford University and achieved a better stroke average. Rodgers turned pro after his junior year at Stanford.

At the end of last summer, having nearly qualified for his PGA card, Patrick tore his oblique muscle. Indianapolis Colts trainers oversaw his three-month recovery (Nike and the Colts are Patrick's sponsors.) He returned to the web.com tour, which is for professionals who wish to graduate to PGA status or for established PGA golfers who, for lack of points or purses, lose their card.

Twice, Patrick has played at On Top of the World, shooting a 52, one stroke off the course record.

On one occasion, he was wearing the same shirt he had worn when competing at Pepple Beach. He was "colored," however, and asked to change, as the shirt's collar was deemed inappropriate.

We'll be watching for one more



Hoosier Club

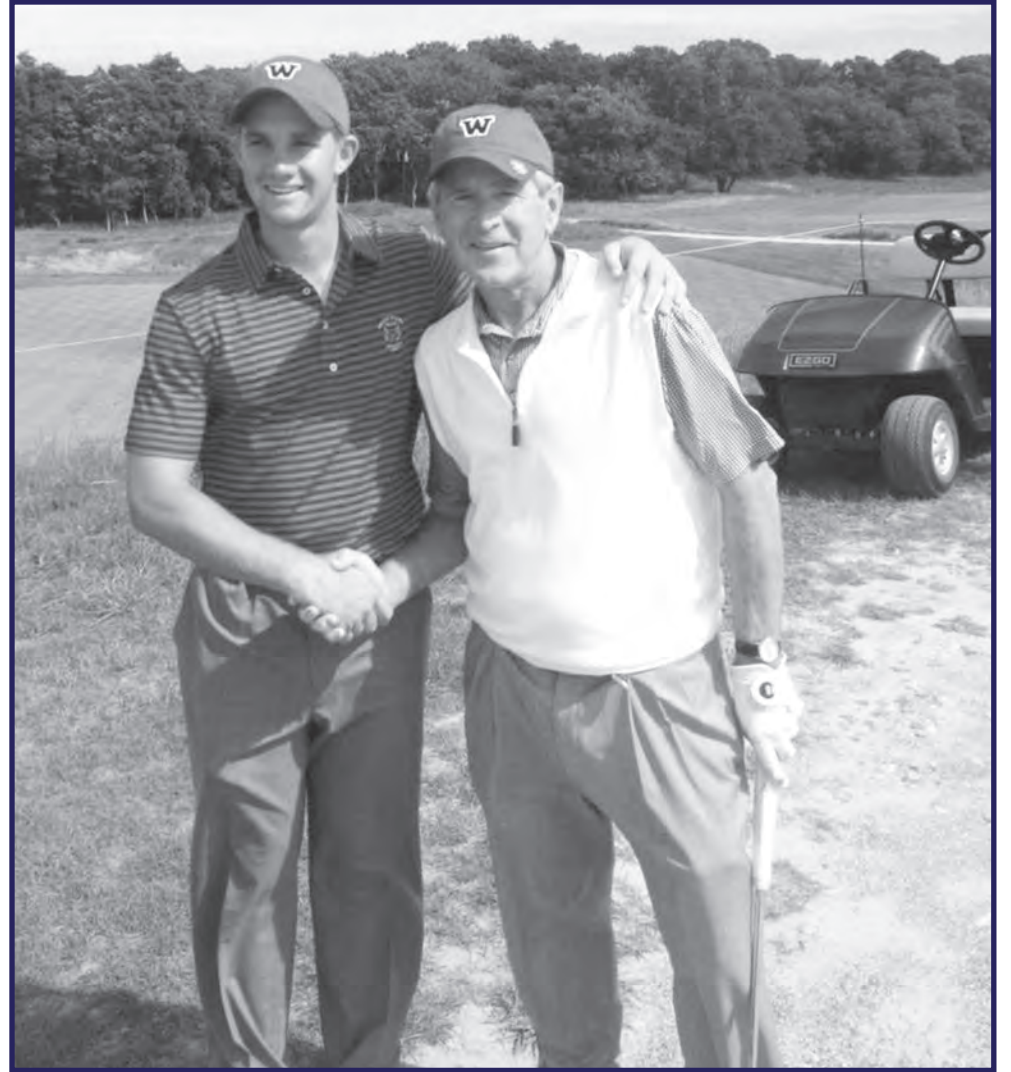
change: from web.com to the PGA.

Returning to club news, Ann Stewart chaired the audit committee, comprised of Treasurer Jerry Rice, and board members Larry Faulkner, John Hufty and Wade Candler. Disbursements and receipts for the prior year were submitted and approved.

President Nancy House welcomed our recent returnees, Jerry and Bonnie Rice, Judy Crow and Tom and Nikki Seal, who recently purchased a condo on Rhodesian Drive. Bob Sowers was our guest.

On Jan. 20 our club held its first euchre tournament, held in the Sunrise Room, and run by Bill House. Third place honors went to Bonnie Rice, second place to Mary Beth Hufty and our winner was Shirley Wishmeier. Last year's champ, Dan Hayden was the booby prize "winner."

On Jan. 29, 30 members gathered at Lucky Dill's for a delicious meal and several bakery purchases. A group of Hoosier Club ladies enjoyed a morning visit to Dunedin shops, the Dune-



Patrick Rodgers met former President George Bush during a golf tournament two years ago. Patrick is the grandson of Hoosier Club members Larry and Cathy Faulkner.

din market and lunch at Margarite's.

Hoosier Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month,

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Making memories every time we gather

Boomers stay healthy by laughing out loud

By Ron Clement
and Penni Telleck

Baby Boomers are defined not by how old we are, but by a philosophy.

We are more than a demographic statistic.

We choose not to see each other in terms of age. Instead, we focus on the rose-colored images of the life we have in front of us.

It keeps us active, healthy and quite often laughing out loud.

Just ask the several local establishments who eagerly push several tables together to welcome our patronage.

Whether it's dollar burger night or just gathering at a local watering hole, a joyful noise is sure to be heard where ever Boomers gather.

More than just fun, we often have a purpose to our adventures. We know that eating healthy and exercising helps control blood pressure and lower the risk of heart attacks.

So we attended Whole Foods' "Perspective on Eating Well."

There, we sampled a variety of



Baby Boomers

nutritious recipes. We learned that it really does take more than an apple a day, and we left with some delicious options.

Our yearn to learn took us on a tour of a Tampa Bay desalination plant, to see where our water comes from.

We recently had a "meeting of the wines," at our wine tasting to evaluate the value and quality of different Cabernets.

Not to be outdone, the beer lovers amongst us took a tour of the



Boomers attending Whole Foods 'Perspective on Eating Healthy.'

Yuengling Brewery in Tampa.

We are making memories while leaving the reminiscing to others. For us, making new memories is as valuable as keeping the old ones safe.

Our shared philosophy to be happy and healthy probably has folks saying, "Who are those fit biking, golfing,

dancing Boomers?"

Come, join in and be one of us.

The On Top of the World Baby Boomers Club meets the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, 5:30 p.m., at the East Activity Center Starlite Room.



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There are several ways to learn about the Fixers Club without even visiting our shop

By Doug Erickson

We are developing an effective means of communication to our fellow Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumbler members.

The first steps have been taken in getting a newsletter in place that will go to current and past members. Coupled with that is making better use of our On Top of the World Box Office Website.

The newsletters will be brief, announcing special events and directing members to worthwhile woodworking sites. Email addresses are not attached or circulated, thus protecting your privacy. You can request that your address be deleted from the list. The newsletter will help you keep in touch with club events.

The Box Office is a truly great asset to a community like ours, and we thank newspaper editor Doug Kates for it. We encourage our members and residents of OTOW to use it.

Our site will be updated regularly with news and pictures. We would like members to submit shop pictures to Lee Catalfomo.

We also are interested in other



Fixers Club

Websites that may be of benefit to our club. We can create links to these sites. Contact Lee if you have a suggestion. Email is fixersclubboard@gmail.com.

Video programs are being developed with input and help from many Fixers. An interesting one coming soon will be on pens. In the past year over 300 have been made. Both of the lathes are being used often to make more. Pens have proven to be great gift items.

Jewelry boxes and wooden flower vases are still favorite projects. Fixers have made more than 200.

Some fine pieces of furniture have also been designed and built.

In addition to these items, more



In the front row, left to right, are Carla Dunlap and Bob Patrick. In back are Walter Lanham, Dan Burrell and Larry Jones.

(Photo by Doug Erickson)

than 500 toys have been made for disadvantaged children. The ladies of Caring and Sharing, who do the paint-

ing, are working hard to keep up. No doubt, they would welcome your assistance.

Street Games

In the city, all you need is a ball

By Harvey Fishman

There were no supervised or organized games or "play dates" in my old Brooklyn days.

Because of the huge populations from apartment houses, there were at least 50 kids of all ages available to play.

The boys played mostly games involving a ball.

We did not play "A my name is Alice" or "Jacks." The stickball or punchball games were played in the street using parked cars as first and third bases. Second base was a manhole cover over the sewer, located in the middle of the street.

Of course, action had to be temporarily suspended when cars drove through the street.

Hockey on rollerskates was also played in the street. I still have my original skate key; it makes a good paint can opener.

There were other street games,



Writer's Ink

This is a group of residents who enjoy writing short stories and poems. In their group, they share their work and accept critique. On this page are samples of their work.

such as Ring-a-Leevio, Red Light and Stoop Baseball, but no child was ever hit by a passing car.

Some games were played on the sidewalks, such as "Johnny on the Pony, one, two, three." If the supporting team did not collapse from the weight, they won. The teams would then switch places. In this game, bulk

was very important.

Some less violent sidewalk games were "Box Ball" and "Hit the Coin."

Sidewalks were really big boxes or rectangles. The coin was placed on the line between two rectangles and the object of the game was to hit the coin with the ball and count the hits. Whoever reached 21 first won.

Two points were awarded if the coin turned over to the other side,

Novices would use a quarter, but experts always used a dime.

My father and I used a dime.

A bad tennis ball called a "Spaulding" was used, named after its manufacturer.

If something interfered with our ball games (like a passing car) we would call it a "Hindu."

(I don't think I remember the origin of this term, but it meant that we would agree to do the play over.)

It is too bad that in real life we don't have many "do-overs."

Men and Women

by Mitch Greenman

As a man I often seek
An answer or solution
My lovely wife
Instead look for
Emotion's absolution

Perhaps, that's why
We're told to try
To give our seed
That hardwired need
One of each persuasion.

But we have found
We're not bound
To this ancient equation
Evolution's plan
For modern man
Allows for modifications.

Don't like bugs? Don't worry! You'll love sailing with us in mid-March

By Lilli Scheifen

Now that Jesters have entertained On Top of the World residents with their show, it is time to mark your calendars for March 13, 14 and 15 for our show.

What is happening then, you ask?

It is time for Theater Workshop's annual production, which, this year, is under the watchful eye of Director Will Peterson.

We will be "Sailing With the Love Bug" and what a bargain it will be!

You can spend \$50, \$75 or even more to go to any local theatrical and hear music you don't know or can't understand, and have your ear drums as-



Theater Workshop

saulted so they may never be the same.

Or, you can come and enjoy singing, dancing, funny skits and stories while "Sailing with the Love Bug" and

our cast and crew.

You may even get smitten, not bitten and really have fun.

Your ticket will still cost you only \$5 - such a deal!

Seriously, we would love to have the opportunity to entertain you and you can see what we have been working on since January.

Good food and good entertainment takes time and we have devoted our time to perfecting these wonderful, enjoyable couple of hours, just for you.

Our show scheduled is for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings, March 13 and 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon, March 15.

Tickets are now on sale and we can arrange accommodations for those with mobility problems.

We have no conflict with St. Patty's Day this year, and many in our group will be marching in the Irish Club parade March 7. Hope to see you there, too.

So, buy your tickets, and if you have not already done so, sign up for the Workshop. As usual, Mondays and Thursdays are sign up times, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center.

Our regular meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the EAC. Our Board meets at 7 p.m. before the monthly meetings. See y'all!

If you see a rosy group with red hats on, that's us

By Charlyn Miller

Oops!

I have to admit, in my enthusiasm to have a report for our "Red Hat" club, I made a large mistake. At our monthly luncheon, I was anxious to hear everyone's comment on the February article. To my surprise I was told that the article was very good but all wrong!

Seems the real name of the club is "The Rosy Hattitudes." I humbly apologize and promise that it will be well remembered.

We met on the first Saturday of February at the Olive Garden with 16 members present. This included our two new members, Pat Dooley from Ireland and Nova Scotia, and Marge Sutton from Arizona. A warm welcome to both of you!

While we were eating, I was informed the Olive Garden called and wanted to know where we were? With all the red hats already sitting and having fun, we wondered what they were thinking?



Rosy Hattitudes

As we enjoyed our meal and company, we discussed many things -- plans for future gatherings, horse races, the Clearwater Orchestra, and a dinner theater.

We helped Shirley Crowder celebrate her February birthday with a card and free dessert.

On the first Saturday in March we plan to meet at the new Bob Evans Restaurant on Belcher. We hope to have new name tags at that time.

If there is anyone who would like to be a Rosy Hattitude, give me a call at 727-243-3685.

See you next month.

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Paul Duffy and Greg Holt will be providing dance music for the
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Tickets are \$25 and are available at the EAC Monday and Thursday 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Snowbirds brighten the long winter nights



Snowbirds Club

By John Koning

There's nothing that can light up the dark days of winter like a Mid-winter party!

It doesn't have to be a black tie affair to be a whole lot of fun.

Here's the recipe. Start with some fun-loving people, add a sprinkle of wine, a dash of cheese and crackers, add a heapin' helpin' of music, and finish it off with some line dancing!

Throw in a few surprise acts and it's a party to remember!

If you missed the Snowbirds Dancers doing their Illusion Dance at our mid-winter party on Jan. 25, don't despair. Our year end luau and pig roast is not far off. It is our most popular event and we're almost booked to capacity.

There is a persistent rumor that the Illusion Dance might return for a second showing! Of course you can count on some great live music by At Large.

An exciting new event we've planned for next season is a Cancer and Karaoke Cruise! You can help support the fight to end cancer and sing



The Snowbirds Club Illusion dancers take a well deserved bow. From left to right are Jan Soltys, Mary Becker, Dale Stackhouse, Jan Springer, Cindy Cheung, Pat Koning, Sheila Bonomo, Dolly Foland and Bing Sickles. (Photo by Ed Foland)

like a bird while you're doing it! How else can you have fun in the sun and do a whole lot of good at the same time?

We invite you to join us at Ruth Eckerd Hall for their popular Adults at Leisure program. Our tickets have an extra perk because, when you buy through the Snowbirds Club, you don't

have to buy the whole package to get the preferential price. We bought a whole stack of tickets so that you can pick and choose only your favorites for one low price. If you're afraid you'll be sitting in the nosebleed seats, think again. Our seats are great ones!

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Canadians complete two major sporting events



By Rick McLauchlan

The Canadian Club Triples Lawn Bowl Tournament was held on Feb. 6.

Rain again caused the tournament to be held on only one day. Twelve teams participated and the winning team with a perfect record of 3-0 was John Williams, Joan O'Connor and Greg Middleton.

Congratulations to the 2015 champions!

Second place was the team of Cathy Mills, Jerry Cotton and Fidel Turbide.

The annual Canadian Club Golf Tournament is considered one of the major activities of our season.

The event was held on Feb. 15 at the On Top of the World 18-Hole Golf Course.

Champions were Dot Graham, Raymond Allard, Charlie Welch and Les Meszaros.

Our Canadian Club Spring Fling is on Wednesday, March 4 at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Bring your appetite for pizza and salad and also BYOB and dancing shoes.

Our very successful Happy Hour/Cabaret will continue on Friday, March 13 from 4-7 p.m. in the EAC Large Card Room. This month's theme is "thank you to our events coordinators and volunteers." Please come to celebrate their hard work.



From left to right are Canadian Club Golf Tournament Coordinator Ian Hunter and the championship team of captain Dot Graham, Raymond Allard, Charlie Welch and Les Meszaros.



Above is the winning team from the Canadian Club Triples Lawn Bowl Tournament. From left are Greg Middleton, Joan O'Connor and John Williams. Presenting the trophy is Bob Laplante. (Photo by Gabriel Taillefer)

Under current policy, eligible Canadian citizens may spend up to six months less a day, in the United States, in any 12 month period. From a tax perspective, long-term visitors who typically spend four or more months in the U.S. each calendar year may be deemed resident aliens for tax purposes.

In order to be treated as a non-resident alien, these individuals need to claim a "closer connection" to Canada by filing IRS Form 8840 annually.

Tom McKee still has tickets for the Blue Jays versus the Phillies. Game time is 1:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 26. If you wish to go, please contact

him quickly at 727- 470-9161

The annual General Meeting for the club will be held on Friday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. A vote on amendments to the club constitution and bylaws will be held. You can obtain a copy of the bylaws from Shirley Hunter at 727-239-3726.

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Sometimes, the best trips can be right in our own backyard

By Jacqueline Dooley

All these years and I never stopped to visit the Ringling Museum or Asolo Theater.

I have lived in Pinellas County for approximately 52 years. I had relatives who lived in Sarasota and I would drive there at least once a month to visit. On the way I would drive past the Ringling Museum, the Asolo Theater and the Ringling home, but never stopped to visit. Wow what a huge mistake.

This past month the On Top of the World Travel Club took a one-day tour of the Ringling property and I was lucky enough to decide to take this trip. I can tell you that it was quite a marvelous experience.



Travel Club

Our tour began in the Asolo Theater with author Paul Binder, who found his way into the circus. He graduated from Dartmouth College and Columbia College. He wrote a book, "Never Quote the Weather to a Sea Lion." He was a very interesting and humorous person.

We then toured the Ringling's per-

sonal home, the Circus Museum, the Bayfront Gardens and the Ringling Museum of Art.

I was stunned to see the miniature layout of the circus that John and Mable Ringling took with them as they traveled the United States by train.

I can't believe that it has taken me so long to visit this outstanding Estate right here in my own backyard.

The Travel Club has so many one-day and several-days' adventures coming up that you should look into.

Stop by the OTOW Travel Desk in the East Activity Center auditorium on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for in-depth information on all the upcoming trips.

Available space sells out fast so be sure to bring your checkbook so you can put a deposit on the trip or trips you want to experience.

What are the future Travel Club's excursions?

On March 18 we will have a Lunch Bunch at Grill Smith Restaurant in Countryside Square

On March 26 we are going to Solomon's Castle in Ona, FL.

On April 8 we are going to the Cassadaga Spiritualist Community.

From May 4-7 we are going to Amelia Island, St. Augustine and Jacksonville.

From July 19-25 we are going to Nashville, Tenn.



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7:30 pm, Saturday, March 28

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Meetings changing to first Saturdays

By Mary Widman

Our first meeting of the new year was a great success.

There were 40 people in attendance, including new members.

We want to thank President Nancy McMullon for the tasty pizza that was served.

Nancy made an announcement that our meeting time has changed. We will now meet at 1 p.m. starting with our Saturday, March 7 meeting.

We will always meet on the first Saturday of the month. Please mark this on your calendar.

Be sure to watch OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732 for club updates.

Our March meeting will be a strawberry fling, so don't eat too many hot dogs after the Irish Club parade!

Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased Monday or Thursday in the



Singles Club

EAC auditorium from 9-10:30 a.m.

We will not have a meeting in April.

If you have any questions about our club, please contact Dorothy Carpenito at 796-4460.

If you know of a member who is ill or needs good cheer, please let us know so we can send a card from all members.

We hope to see you at our March meeting.

St. Joseph's Dinner Dance set for March 18 in EAC

By Jerry Kaplano

On Jan. 21 we had our pulled pork dinner dance, which was a huge success.

On Feb. 6 we went to Tampa Bay Downs.

On Feb. 18 we had a meeting at 6 p.m. followed by a "Nite at the Races." There was a choice of buying Italian or American sandwiches in advance. Members paid \$5 and non-members \$6. Everyone brought their own drinks. Admission was free.

On March 18 we will have our St. Joseph's Dinner Dance. This is in lieu of our monthly meeting. It includes an Italian Buffet with wine. Members



Italian American

cost is \$18, non-members \$22. BYOB from 5-9 p.m. in the East Activity Center. You must buy tickets in advance. Entertainment is by Carlos.

The goal of the club is to provide social activities that the members may enjoy as a group or individually.

Coffee Corner needs volunteers

Volunteers can be any On Top of the World resident, but preferably someone who can lift a coffee maker and is not a Snowbird. Obligation is one day a week, 6:30-10 am (day negotiable). Chores may include making coffee, serving coffee and picking up doughnuts.



For more
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Did you know putting together a puzzle is good for your brain? Did you know OTOW has a puzzle room loaded with simple and complicated puzzles? The puzzle room is located on the ground floor of the East Activity Center. Take a puzzle home with you. Return it when you are done. If you discover a piece missing, simply throw the puzzle out, but make sure the missing piece is not on your floor! If you want to donate a puzzle, simply leave it in the puzzle room for others to enjoy.

Knitting Group makes large donation

By Phyllis Butler

Last month, the Good Neighbors Knitting Group delivered 60 lap robes, six shrugs and 30 walker caddies to a local nursing home.

The Knitting Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

Our group has been meeting there for many years. We both knit and crochet, and, while we don't teach, we do help each other with problems and/or difficult patterns.

We make lap robes and shrugs, which are distributed among several nursing homes, and, of course, the Veterans Administration hospital.



One of our members is Catherine Gray. She is a Snowbird, living here during the winter, and going north to Wilmington, DE., for the summer.

Catherine is active in building activities. She joined the Knitting Group

in the early 1990s, crocheting many beautiful lap robes for the enjoyment of others.

While working different patterns, Catherine developed one of her own, called the "Catherine Stitch." Now we have other members following her pattern.

We are very happy to have Catherine as a member and hope she will remain for a long time.

We operate under the auspices of Good Neighbors, and receive financial support from them, as well as from the Coffee Corner.

We really appreciate their help.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in our efforts and our fellowship.



Catherine Gray

Residents can talk other residents into joining Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

Excitement mounts at Chorus rehearsals!

We are having a great time singing songs that we all love to remember.

You won't want to miss our March show, which will fall under the theme, "The American Greats."

Highlights will be "Give My Regards to Broadway" and "Oklahoma."

We also have dance tunes, such as "Begin the Beguine" and "Cheek to Cheek."

Then there are the toe-tapping tunes, "Fascinating Rhythm" and "I Got Rhythm."

Sentimental favorites? How about "Long Ago and Far Away" and "Some Enchanted Evening."

Don't forget the beautiful love songs, "Why Do I Love You," "All the Things You Are," "Make Believe," "You Are Love" and "Who."

Throw in "Swanee" and "Friendship" just for fun, plus top it all off with "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "God Bless America" and you have a happy fun-filled evening!

Come prepared to sing along!

It's a joy to introduce new members Karen Hector, Lori Gerstein and Dolores Rollins. Karen and her Maltese, Marty, came to On Top of



Left to right are Lori Gerstein, Eugene Valentine, Dolores Rollins and Karen Hector.

the World in February 2014 from her home in Largo. She told her realtor she wanted a place with lots of activities and OTOW was the first suggestion. After hearing about all that OTOW has to offer, she was sold.

In her own words, "The Chorus brought me here."

Karen's in our soprano section. She began vocal lessons at age 65. She is a member of the Sunsation Show Chorus performing three shows a year in Pinellas Park and Gulfport. She also works as an online college math and science tutor for a Tampa firm.

Lori, her husband, Stu, and dog, Roxie, are new Snowbirds, having arrived in December from New Jersey.

They are enjoying life here so much that Lori says they are already planning to "come earlier and stay longer" next fall.

Lori loves to sing and has a daughter who performs opera in New York City.

A Chorus member in her building encouraged her to join us and she is now one of the altos.

Lori said she appreciates the friendliness of Chorus members who



Chorus

make her feel at home. Lori is also enjoying participation in the Theater Workshop.

Dolores came to OTOW in 2008, but still spends her summers at her home in Maine.

She loves music and was once the vocalist for a band. One of our altos invited Dolores, also an alto, to join Chorus and we are happy she is one of us.

Dolores studies Chinese and teaches Spanish here and at Eckerd College.

Our Spring Concert will be Saturday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 29 at 3 p.m. in the East Activities Center. Tickets are available in the EAC Monday and Thursday mornings or from a Chorus member in your building.

Hoping to see you there.

Meanwhile, look for us in the St. Patrick's Parade. We will be the ones in the green and white tee shirts!

**If you cannot make it to the March 7 Irish Club parade, don't worry!
OTOW-TV will be video taping the parade and will be rebroadcasting it
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We're smiling so our morning workout classes in the East Activity Center must be full of fun

Being retired doesn't always mean sleeping in!

The group of energetic ladies shown above enjoy working out and staying fit. Come join us at 8 a.m. every week day morning in the East Activity Center gym. The music will get you moving. It's a fun way to start your day and meet other ladies interested in staying fit.

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

Each day we work different muscle groups with a dif-

ferent routine, so you won't get bored. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We've added a cardio circuit workout with weights on Wednesday morning, as well. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises at the end of each class.

In addition to the above, come try our new fun fitness workout on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. in the large card room right after the 8 a.m. class.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214.

Only one color permitted at next social: green!

By Dave Beaven

March is here.

This month is known for the start of spring and St. Patrick's Day.

But did you know that March is also Deaf History Month?

Frozen Food Month?

Noodle Month?

Not to mention Talk with your Teen about Sex Month!

I have left off a number of other causes associated with March as there's only so much space in this article.

As far as the Lambda Club is concerned, we're going to concentrate on St. Paddy's Day.

On Friday, March 13, at 7 p.m., in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room, the Lambda Club will have its monthly social. It will be a Green Party.

Irish music will be playing as you walk in. Stop by the bar for the cocktail of the evening, the Leprechaun – a little bit goes a long way.

Have a chat with your friends and meet new ones. Go over to the buffet for a bite to eat.

You'll have a magical time.

Dress code: Green!



Lambda

Many of our members have Irish heritage going way back, including myself. My mother's side of the family was all Irish. Over the years, I heard and read various Irish sayings – some humorous and some wise. See if any of these are familiar to you:

You will never plow a field by turning it over in your mind.

It is in the shelter of each other that people live.

A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything.

When Irish eyes are smiling, they're up to something!

Cead Mile Failte.

(If you want to know what this last one means, look on our club's Web-page, or you can come to our March social and find out.)

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of On Top of the World. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc. 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 Web-page:

<http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

Or visit us on the Box Office: On-TopOfTheWorldNews.com.

You can contact us by e-mail at lambdaclw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.



Guess Who

By Cele Radeloff

Who is this energetic, trim, rollerblader, who writes interesting articles in this newspaper, is a Line Dancer, a computer whiz and is becoming indispensable to several organizations?

He is a member of the Snowbirds Club, and Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers.

He hails from Ontario, Canada, and has been married to his lovely wife, Pat, for 37 years. He has two children and will be a grandfather for the first time this year.

Pat and our mystery person have been living at On Top of the World for six years, having discovered our community through friends who already leased here.

This young man attended Ontario Fire College and was a firefighter for 30 years. He retired as captain five years ago.

He also studied at the Sir Sanford Fleming College in Peterborough, Ontario.

He started writing children's books in 1999 in Australia when he exchanged homes with another firefighter for one year.

What's left on this young man's bucket list?

He'd like to garden with his grandchildren.

If you guessed the person above is John Koning, then you are correct.

Now watch for him at the Irish Club parade - he'll be the leprechaun on rollerblades!

Geoff and Joanne: United by dance

It is no secret that music and dance have the power to unite people of different cultures and backgrounds.

On Top of the World residents Joanne Zeldenrust and Geoff Caldbrick are two people who happily claim to have fallen under its spell.

Joanne was born in a small town on the border of the Netherlands (Holland) and Belgium. Her mom used to say that when she was born, her feet landed in Belgium and her head landed in Holland. That's because the border quite literally transected the town. In some cases, even individual buildings were bi-national.

Joanne was born Johanna Clasina Maria Theresia van Bommel. The only thing longer than her name is the list of languages that she speaks – Dutch, Flemish, German, French and English.

She and her first husband immigrated to Melville, Saskatchewan, a tiny town in the Canadian prairies in 1955 where she trained as an x-ray technician.

From there they moved to nearby Regina where she worked for a trust company and learned the magic of money management.

Later they moved to Ottawa, the nation's capital, where she was secretary for the Belgian Ambassador. Her interview for the embassy job was conducted in five languages.

After many more household moves, Joanne had added hobby farming and bed-and-breakfast ownership to her expanding resumé.

Geoff was born in Timmins, a forestry and gold mining town in northern Ontario.

After graduating from McGill University in Montreal with a Bachelor of Arts degree, he landed a job as a reporter, desk-man and swing-man for the St. Catharines Standard, a newspaper located near Niagara Falls and the legendary Vineland Summer Theater.

During his reporting years, Geoff interviewed actor Hugh O'Brien, who played Wyatt Earp, and also interviewed Lillian Roth, whose biography, "I'll Cry Tomorrow," was made into a Hollywood movie.

The newspaper's proximity to the theater also put Geoff in contact with celebrities like Mickey Rooney, Lee Marvin and Michael Rennie, who performed there for the summer.

One day, when Geoff was on duty, he and his cameraman were called out to report on a nearby fire. They arrived to find hungry flames consuming

Getting to Know You

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

by John Koning



The love of dancing drew Joanne and Geoff together and it is what unites them today. (OTOW News photo by John Koning)

a billboard advertizing the Vineland Theatre's production of Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. After capturing and submitting the ironic scene in words and pictures, Geoff's photographer netted a nice sum of money in royalties while Geoff settled for a pat on the back for his efforts.

Geoff left the newspaper business in 1961 to become a teacher and spent the next 28 years teaching at the high school level. During his open evenings he taught English to new Canadians and night school courses. During the

summer break he taught other teachers.

As another sideline, Geoff reviewed text books that were being considered for the Ontario secondary school curriculum. He finished his career as an English Department head with a Masters Degree in Education.

After the passing of Joanne's first husband, the lives of these two dancers merged. Joanne had already taken dance lessons before she met Geoff and she helped him along with his education. Before too long they were

When Joanne took a liking to line dancing, Geoff would have nothing to do with it at first, but Joanne's enthusiasm eventually enticed him to give it a go. Geoff is now firmly entrenched in the line dancing lifestyle...

inseparable on the dance floor and off.

When Joanne took a liking to line dancing, Geoff would have nothing to do with it at first, but Joanne's enthusiasm eventually enticed him to give it a go. Geoff is now firmly entrenched in the line dancing lifestyle, although he still prefers ballroom dances for couples.

Their penchant for dancing has taken Geoff and Joanne far and wide. They have taught dance on cruise ships for Celebrity, Carnival, Costa, Fun Line and Norwegian cruise lines. They have set foot on almost every island in the Caribbean in so doing. Locally they have taught in OTOW, in the Sandpiper Resort and in downtown Clearwater. During the summer they teach in their home town of Ottawa, Ontario.

The adventures of Joanne and Geoff don't necessarily depend on their dancing habits. They love to explore. By car they have toured Europe and by ship they have toured the Greek Islands, Malta, Kusadasi, Istanbul and the Danube.

Their first cruise opportunity was on a Russian 25,000 ton cruise ship on the Saguenay River, Quebec and to St. Pierre and Miquelon, two tiny islands located just off the coast in Newfoundland, Canada.

A guest speaker on the cruise was the son of soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

When the ship returned to port, it was summarily repossessed for failure to pay port taxes. Not long after that, it mysteriously burned to the water line – a memorable start to their cruising life.

Now that Geoff and Joanne are getting a little older, they no longer venture as far, but that doesn't stop them from stepping out at Snowbirds Club line dancing on Thursday mornings or lighting up the floor at Canadian Club dances.

The love of dancing drew Joanne and Geoff together and it is what unites them still.

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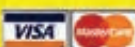
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Who wants to visit a casino?

By Jane Lee

Thank you to all who came to the luau on Feb. 25.

We hope that you had a lot of fun. Wasn't it nice to learn how to do the hula?

Club officers have been busy dreaming up some more activities to bring us all together and to give us an opportunity to show that New York/New Jersey energy.

The March meeting is set for March 25 at 6 p.m. at the East Activity Center. This meeting will have a



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casino theme. A representative from S and S Casino tours will tell us about a four-day trip to Atlantic City planned for August. What a perfect time to

walk the boardwalk in New Jersey. Of course, refreshments will be served.

April will have an indoor picnic theme in the Starlite Room with chicken and all of the fixings. Cost for members is \$5 and cost for non-members is \$8.

Sue Fleming, the president, has planned a military theme for May. This will be a salute to all of the On Top of the World veterans and their families. Come for a patriotic program and refreshments.

June's theme will be a wine and

cheese party to honor all of the dads who worked hard so their family could have the best of everything.

That's it for the programs so far this year, although a little elf did tell me that there might be a Christmas in July party again this year. Look for future articles for more information.

The club is always looking for new members who like to have fun and participate in various activities we have planned. Come and join us even if you are not from New York or New Jersey. Membership is open to all who live at OTOW.

Two trips planned for Broadway Palms Matinee Theater

By Walt Copeland

On Tuesday, March 17, the Pennsylvania Club will travel to the Fort Myers' Broadway Palms Matinee Theater.

We'll enjoy a delicious buffet, followed by "West Side Story." Cost is \$89, which includes roundtrip transportation.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the Starlite Room of the East Activity



Pennsylvania Club

Center.

Our April meeting will be on April 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Starlite Room.

On Sunday, April 5, we'll enjoy the Early Bird Dinner Theater to see "Hot Bed Hotel" along with their buffet. Cost is \$35.

Then on Friday, April 10, members only will enjoy our picnic at noon. Since it's free, you must have your ticket and membership card. Tickets are not transferable. We'll have free bingo with prizes. This will be in the EAC auditorium.

On Sunday, April 12, we'll travel

to Fort Myers to enjoy the Broadway Palms Matinee for their buffet, followed by the show "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." Cost is \$89, including transportation via limousine.

Pennsylvania Club representatives will be available to speak to on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the auditorium.

You don't have to be from Pennsylvania to join our club.



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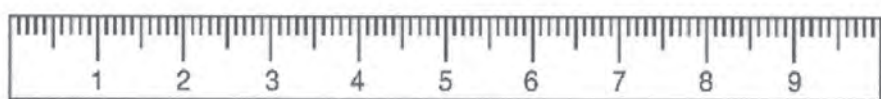
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Vocals, dance and comedy come together to help us 'Celebrate America' again



Hundreds braved the cold to attend the Jesters 36th annual musical variety show "Celebrate America."

We relived the immigrant experiences of our parents and grandparents arriving on our pristine shores.

Producer and long-time Jesters choreographer Donna Ryan, along with Director Pat Sprouse, Musical Directors Donna Bittner and Bernadette and Bob Krause, put on a show for the ages.

From George M. Cohan (George Kolitsas) and George Burns (Mike Kaplan) to Elvis (Tony Baker) and John Travolta (Donna Ryan).

There was a touch of Sonny and Cher (Mike Albano and Joanne Marick) and a smigchen of Lucy and Ethel (Eileen Hawk and Carol Muntzenberger).

There was one show stopper right after the other until an emotion-packed finale, "God Bless America."



The cast shares the stage during the finale.

The comedy of Paige Johnson and the excitement of Joey Ditolvo was just outstanding, as were the vocals of Georgia Nolati, Fay Rosenberg, Bernadette Krause, and the incomparable Donna Bittner.

Add to this the acting and dancing of Betty Baker, Mary Lou Wall, Lee Catalfomo, Sherry Ivy, Susan Carlson, Peg Nowack, Pat Sprouse, the gyrations of the one and only Phyllis Brooks and the stage presence of Sue Calinski (our very own Miss Liberty) and you had a performance that was a

bargain at any price.

And let's not forget our two very own Jesters, Doreen and Larrin Doniger.

A very special shout out to our pianist in residence Bob Groves and the Entertainment Committee's sound and lighting team of Marvin and Evelyn Flam, Brad Day, Victor Figueroa, Remo Melucci and Noland Shade without whose help the show would have been quieter and darker.

And finally, special thanks to our great On Top of the World audiences - setting up all those chairs was worth-

while!

Video evidence of the entire show, outlined in detail above, and all its participants, will be available for just \$10 at the Jesters table on Monday and Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center auditorium.

The Jesters next general meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Countryside Country Club.

Attendance is not required, but, all those not present run the risk of being elected to office for the coming year!

John Williams, Denise Dion and Chris Paine win tourney

The winner of the Robbie Burns Tournament was the team of John Williams, Denise Dion and Chris Paine.

Second place went to Jerry Cotton, Mario Altieri and Rich Bergeron.

Thanks to the tournament coordinator, Jerry Cotton, and social convenor, Denise Dion, for organizing the luncheon. Thanks to all who assisted.

A Valentine's Day Tournament was held on Thursday, Feb. 12, under ideal weather conditions.

The tournament was coordinated by Jerry Cotton and the luncheon left in the capable hands of Denise Dion and her group of volunteers.

Winners were Rick Carr, Jacques

Lawn Bowling

Breton and Gabriel Taillefer with second place going to Wendy Colquhoun, Denis Rosendale and Doreen Paine.

With so much red and white on the greens, you just had to feel the love in the air.

A number of non-players have stopped by to observe the play and try to understand the game of lawn bowling. For those familiar with bocci or curling, there are major similarities but also significant differences. Scoring is similar in that all bowls belonging to the team closest to the target (small

white ball called the jack) has all of the bowls closer than the nearest opponent count for one point each. It is legal, and in fact desirable, to hit or move the target or any bowl if it is to the advantage of your team.

Strategy may dictate that bowls be put in place to stop opponents from moving bowls or getting closer to the target if your team is closest to the jack.

The main difference between the other sports is that lawn bowls have a built in bias, that is they will always curl. Each set of bowls has a unique size, weight and amount of bias so players get used to their own set of bowls.

Teams are usually made up of three players, but may also be two or

four players and there are even singles games. The number of bowls that each member delivers depends on the number of members playing.

Two bowls each if singles or quads. Three bowls each if there are three players and four bowls each if two players.

Don't worry. If interested in playing, the club provides instruction as to the rules and practice in bowling. If interested in giving the game a try, leave your name and phone number at the club greens with any member and the new member director will set you up with a trainer.

Good bowling and we will see you on the greens!

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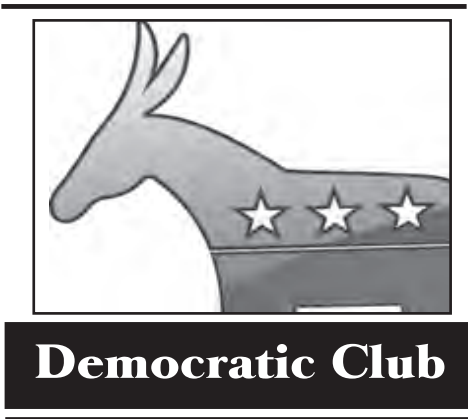
Democratic Club wants to answer your questions

By Donna Lukas

At our recent Feb. 12 meeting, club members continued to discuss and create a calender of discussion topics for future meetings.

These topics include voter sup-
pression attempts, healthcare options, political concerns, political priorities, and pet political peeves.

Future topics that were raised in-
cluded participation in other local groups similar to our own, reports from those involved in other Demo-
cratic Party meetings, and the possibility of showing some of the various movies or made-for-TV educational documen-



taries about existing political assaults on our democratic forms of government.

Early voting for club officers has begun and will continue until the

March 12 meeting when the results will be announced and those elected will be installed.

The club’s recertification with the Democratic Party of Florida has be-
gun with the adoption of bylaws more fitting for our community.

The next meeting dates are set for the second Thursday of March, the 12, at 2 p.m., in the EAC Starlite Room as usual. The major discusssion topic will be “The Erosion of Voter Rights” as presented by Betsy Steinman.

The April meeting is set for the sec-
ond Thursday, April 9, at 2 p.m., in a new location, the Kitchen/Craft Room

in the lower level of the East Activity Center behind the Karma Cafe. The major discussion topic will be “Beyond Obamacare; Medicare-for-all single payer?” presented by Ron Baltrunas.

Feeling left out by current political actions?

All those interested in meeting with others of similar views are in-
vited to come join us. Check in with Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123 to let her know what you would like to hear and see at our meetings.

Members are reminded that we need you to renew your club member-
ships.

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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 op-
portunity to express your own views.

We also have “Open Discus-
sion” 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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Grandchildren were created so we would never get old

What would convince a “mature” man to crawl on his knees, wear frilly costumes, wake up at the crack of dawn to build Lego castles, run alongside a bicycle, play restaurant, and cater to every possible whim of a 5-year-old child, all while enjoying himself immensely?

It's the ultimate grandfather/grandchild relationship in which we give unconditional love and receive endless pleasure.

When I became a grandfather, it was truly a wonderful and humbling experience. One minute I was just a father, the next, I'm all-wise and pre-historic.

I've learned what grandchildren need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance... unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort, lessons in life, and, most importantly, cookies.

Grandchildren are truly a bargain.

I give them my loose change, and in return, they give me a million dollars worth of pleasure, which is not a bad tradeoff.

My financial advisors should be so productive!

I've also learned that it's not your grandkids that make you feel old... nope, it's the knowledge that you're married to a grandmother that does it (Grandmas, a/k/a Moms with lots of



By Allen Winston

Winston's World

‘frosting’).

My grandchildren accept me for who I am without reservation or effort to change me, as no one in my entire life has ever done...not my parents, siblings, spouse, friends, even my own grown children. These “blessings” are the only people who can get more out of me than the IRS. Thankfully, they don't stay young forever, which is good for me, because Pop-Pops have only so many horsey rides in them.

With grandchildren, you enter a unique world of discovery, like as soon as I walk through the door, discipline flies out the window.

My body has revealed that an hour with my grandchildren can make me feel young again...anything longer than that, and I start to age very quickly.

With these bundles of non-stop energy, my grandchildren believe I'm

the oldest thing in the world, and after playing tag, hopscotch, hide-and-go-seek, and jump rope with them, I believe it too.

I don't intentionally spoil my grandkids. Well, yes I do, but it's a rite of passage, and plays an important role in the grandfather/grandchild relationship.

Do you know why grandchildren are always so full of energy?

It's because they literally suck it out of their grandparents.

Know what else I've learned? Like elephants, grandchildren never forget.

Everyone knows the best babysitters in the world are grandparents. My children feel completely comfortable entrusting their children to me (and my wife), for long periods of time, which is why, as my kids have discovered, most grandparents flee to Florida.

To a small child, the perfect grandfather is unafraid of big dogs and fierce storms, but absolutely terrified of the word “boo.”

And few things in life are more delightful than when these angels start fighting over your lap. Gratefully, my grandchildren are God's way of compensating me for growing older.

No cowboy was ever faster on the draw than this grandpa pulling a baby picture out of his wallet.

Did you know, the simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grandparent?

Really, it's true.

I've often wished I had the endurance that my grandchildren think I have. But I always enjoy this nice, warm, satisfying feeling after playing with them (I know it's the liniment working, but it's still a nice warm feeling).

One of the most powerful hand-clasps in the world, and a miraculous moment in time, is that of a newborn around the finger of a grandfather. The idea that no one is perfect is a valid point of view, but my grandchildren come very, very, close. But here's where they lose points. My granddaughter fights me about taking her afternoon nap. And she won't let me take mine either.

My grandchildren have taught me what true love means. It means watching Scooby-Doo cartoons while the basketball game is on another channel.

Bottom line?

There's nothing like having grandchildren to restore your faith in heredity.

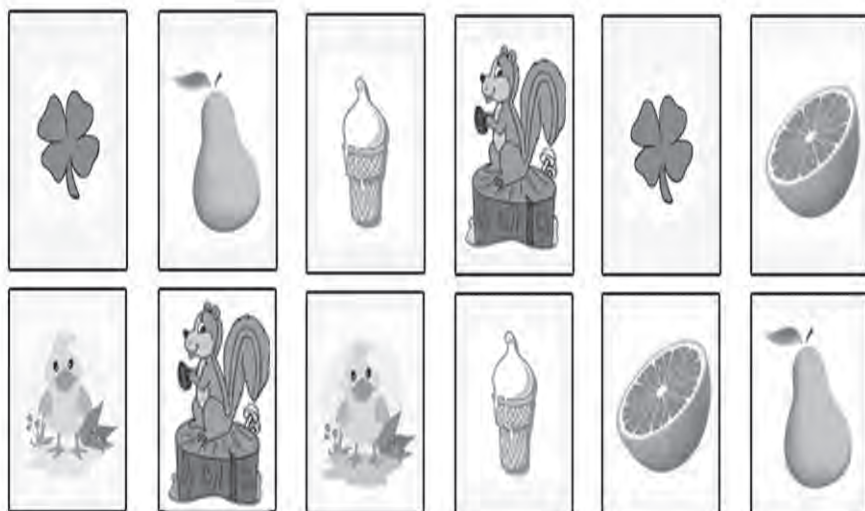
They are the dots that connect the lines from generation to generation.

And so it is written, “And on the seventh day God rested.” I sincerely believe His grandchildren must have been out of town.

Need a fun way to keep your brain active?

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Did you know your building or club can reserve seats together for one of our shows or dances?

By Marvin Flam

The dictionary definition of "entertain," the verb, is "to hold the attention of someone with amusement and enjoyment."

If the numerous, positive, comments, excitement and smiles of the residents who have enjoyed our presentations are any indication, then the Executive Board and the dedicated volunteers of the Entertainment Committee have succeeded in achieving this goal so far this year.

And we ain't through yet! There's more fun and excitement to come!

We will continue to present terrific shows and dances. If you haven't yet

come to a dance, you are missing having a great time.

Why sit home?

For \$8 in advance, or \$10 at the door, you can dance to a live band, win prizes, celebrate your birthday and/or anniversary, enjoy surprise events and, best of all, socialize and meet your friends and neighbors, and make new friends.

For the shows, we have had large audiences who have had fun, not only watching and listening, but also dancing to the great entertainment presented by the great groups.

And we are able to present the same performers, who appear in other

venues with higher ticket prices, here at OTOW for as low as \$14 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Plus, you do not have to leave OTOW!

All our shows, dances and free Sunday-in-the-Park events are presented in the East Activity Center auditorium. And after the show or dance, it is an easy trip home.

Last month I explained our procedures to insure that each event will be pleasant, safe and secure for our audience. We will work with any group or club, and provide reserved seats for the shows and dances keeping the group together, and we will provide a

ticket discount for that event.

If you are a new resident of OTOW, with a valid activity card, come see us about a complimentary ticket to a show or dance.

Follow us on the building and activity center bulletin boards, on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732, and on the Box Office, OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com. or call us at 727 797-1761.

Tickets are on sale Monday and Thursday mornings in the EAC auditorium. We look forward to personally greeting each of you between 8:30 -10:30 a.m. and at all our events.

Coming Thursday, March 5



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JOEY DEE SHOW

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KEN BRADY, BILL CASTNER, RICHIE MERRITT, DENISE LOONEY

APR 11 - EASTER PARADE DANCE - FLASHBACK

APR 12 - SUNDAY IN THE PARK - KAREN KALLEN

APR 25 - ROARING 20s DANCE - AT LARGE





Flight winners announced for Jan. 27 and Feb. 3

By Vayna Cormier

It's such a pleasure to share a game of golf on a sunny morning with nice ladies who just want to be together and have fun.

In the calm and quietness, if one has a birdie or a good shot on a hole, we can all hear through the little course, the joyful expression of the foursome.

That puts a smile on our faces, and we secretly share the good moment.

Here are the weekly awards.

January 27

A flight - Ellen Gilbert, Vayna Cormier, Ann Stewart

B flight - Wendy Colquhoun, Ginny Tousignant, Freddie Robinson

C flight - Madeline Nawrocky, Mary Ann O'Neil, Pat Murray

D flight - Linda Graff, Fran Pitman, Marnie Carr

Birdies - Wendy Colquhoun &



Pictured above are some of our new members. From left to right are Wendy Colquhoun, Linda Graff, Freddie Robinson and Carroll Harris. Absent were Gundi Kenny, Doris Reash and Lee Sciarra.

Madeline Nawrocky on No. 2

February 3

A flight - Vayna Cormier, Laypa Buck

B flight - Carroll Harris, Ann Stewart, Marge Jacobs

C flight - Mary Ann O'Neil, Pat Murray, Marge Sivek

Ladies 9-Golf

D flight - Karen Johnson, Madeline Nawrocky, Gundi Kenny

Birdies - Karen Johnson & Madeline Nawrocky on No. 2, Alice Wilson on No. 9

Make sure you mark Saturday March 7 for marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Your participation will be very much appreciated. We always have a great time.

For every Tuesday of the March schedule of events, please check your booklet.

The Flight Tournament winners will be announced at our Spring Luncheon in April.

Stay active, keep up the good spirit, be with friends -- that's the road to happiness.

144 participate

Golf tournament helps raise more than \$7000 and all money donated to Suncoast Hospice

By Pat Eastman

After a delay of one week, the Suncoast Hospice Charity Tournament was played on January 20, with a full field of 144 golfers.

The tournament included putting with a croquet mallet through two wickets, putting with a hockey stick, bowling your golf ball, putting a whiffle ball, teeing off sitting down, teeing off left handed or right handed if you played left handed.

A big attraction was the McMinn Bell. There was a sign stating to ring the bell if someone in your family was helped by Hospice. The bell was ringing loudly all day. No wonder Suncoast Hospice serves 1,400 patients and their families each day.

The tournament results were: First place - Mike Crittendon, Pat Eastman, Betty McKay and Ed Oulton with 11 birdies and seven pars. Second place - Anna and Dan Hayden, Anne and Jimmy Stewart. Third place - Ada and Tom Bryant, Pauline Jones and Jack Gow.

Ladies 18-Golf

The big winner was Suncoast Hospice with 100 percent of all money collected going directly to the charity. The final total was a record \$7,063. The record donation was thanks to all participants, over 30 business and individual donors, and a special thanks to the 10 hole sponsors.

The tournament will continue with Fran Zaloski, Trish Burch and their committee members agreeing to run it again next year.

The shot of the tournament took place on hole No. 9. Terry Kuplen was telling her husband that their score was so bad they needed a hole-in-one. Being the obedient husband he is, Dick Kuplen pulled out his 7-iron and hit it right into the hole.

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association's Tuesday tournaments continue to run into bad weather.

Again there are only two tournaments to report on in this issue.



Suncoast Hospice Tournament First place team Mike Crittendon, Pat Eastman, Betty McKay and Ed Oulton.

Feb. 3 winners Flight A - Pat Eastman, Maureen Stewart Flight B - Leora Hamm, Marie Lamothe Flight C - Cindy Cheung, Pat Dalziel Flight D - Gloria Hoffman, Rose Mulhall, Billie Pineau, Joyce Monahan, Karen Beaver.

Jan. 27 Flight A - Pat Eastman, Donna Smith Flight B - Ada Bryant, Natsue Dawson, Marie Belliveau Flight C - Jackie Woloszyn, Ellen Fier

Flight D - Cindy Schell, Joyce Monahan, Gail DuCharme.

Upcoming events

March 7, Our league will participate in the St Patrick's Day Parade- any questions contact Ellen Fier.

March 9 and 10, Handicap Tournament

March 25, Spring Luncheon at Clearwater Country Club



If you want to ace the 16th hole, use a 7-iron

By Pete Milner

I love keeping my kids informed about our weather conditions.

You see, they all live up in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and are all chest deep in that beautiful white stuff.

Give them credit. They are staying in great shape by all the shoveling they are doing - from their driveways to walkways.

Problem is, they have run out of places to throw the snow.

Back here in Clearwater, we should all be happy about our weather this winter. I haven't had to scrape a windshield or shovel a pathway yet.

Since our last issue of the newspaper, we have had two more holes-in-

Men's Golf

one. Past President Phil Smerz netted another one on the 149 yard 16th hole with his 7-iron. Greg McDonell, Dave Combs and Tom McMinn were the lucky guys to watch it bounce in. He did this on Jan. 16.

Three days later, Gary Sayer scored his ace on the same hole with his 7-iron. Francis McGuire, Bob Dew and Paul Farrell watched as his ball took the big bounce into the cup.

Both of these golfers deserve a standing O for this fete. It tells me that the 16th hole and a 7-iron is a good combination.

By the time you read this article, we will have had a "three clubs and a putter" tournament on Jan. 18 and a new club champion will have been crowned with the completion of our Club Championship Tournament on Jan. 25 and 26.

If you happen to own a computer, you may be interested in our brand new Website constructed by our president Marc Schell. If you have a chance, go to www.OTOWMensGolf.com and you will see that it contains helpful information for our members. Weekly scores, schedules and handicaps are posted on the site. Various documents including the annual event calendar and rules and regulations are included.

We will also have a section for pic-

tures of the members at our special events.

We are going to try it for six months and see if the interest is there. As always, you can check the great big green scoreboard/bulletin board on the edge of the parking lot up against the 19th hole. President Elect Jim O'Neil has taken the time to update all the information necessary for all of us to have a well informed league.

Don't put the wool socks and stocking caps away just yet, it's only the first of March. We could still have some chilly mornings left.

Our membership is on the rise again and there is still plenty of great weather ahead of us for some fine golf.

Until next time.....

Thursdays get interesting with two tournaments

The weather this winter has necessitated the invention of new golf shoes - ones with webbing instead of spikes.

The course may be wet, but the greens are rolling great. At least all of the Snowbirds have had a taste of summer conditions, minus the eight inch rough.

Thursday League play has continued under these less than ideal conditions and we were able to hold two events - a four person scramble and a new three-clubs-and-a-putter contest.

Poor weather also postponed our first annual equipment sale and trade day in February.

For week nine of the season, we held our annual Four Person Scramble. The weather was great and the number of players was twice the number who originally signed up.

Playing one person short and channeling Bobby Jones, the team of Tom Keating, Steve Yauk and Bo Craddock recorded a score of 12-under par to take first place.

Tie breakers were used to determine the next three places. The team of Gary Bronson, Bill Cook, Paul Farrell and Steve Roessner were second at 10-under par. The third place team of Allen Pier, Cal Blake, Dutch Michael and Ron Keough also recorded 10-under.

Fourth place at 9-under par was

Thursday Golf

the team of Tom McMinn, Patti Cook, Jackie Woloszyn and Garry Patrick.

Week 10 champion was Clyde Hersherberger. Allan Teal was second and Don Hunter took third place. Low gross honors went to Clyde Hersherberger whose great play netted him three skins. Rich Ziembicki and Barry Levene had one skin each.

A little variety was added to week 11. Players were allowed only three clubs and their putter. Some players found that number worked fine. Others wished for a few more clubs.

John Adkins had no problem with the club limit and took first place.

In a tiebreaker, Patti Cook edged out Dave Pittenger, who placed third.

Clyde Hersherberger recorded the low gross score. Doug Oleksy captured two skins.

Clyde Hersherberger, Don Leamy, Bruce MacPherson and Steve Roessner took one skin each.

The points race to the league champion has Bruce MacPherson in the lead with 23 points. Don Hunter, Clyde Hersherberger and Steve Yauk have 20 points. John Adkins and Bill Gambacurta have 19. Gary Sandine and Patti Cook are next with 17 points. Ron Parham is in with 16. Ian Miller,

Sell or trade your old golf equipment

Looking for a new golf club?

Have a putter that you aren't using?

Have a closet or car trunk full of unused golf clubs or other equipment?

Relief is on the way.

The Thursday Golf League will hold its first annual Golf Equipment Sale and Trade Day on Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the golf course.

All On Top of the World residents are welcome to participate. The league will also be accepting unwanted clubs that will be donated to local golf programs and charities.

Bob Maynard and Bill Cook follow with 15 points.

The season is still young and everyone still is in the running with a steady finish.

The Thursday Golf League welcomes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league. The league is looking for more women to join, so please don't be shy.

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.

We play the course to a Par 67 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available.

For information call Paul at 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolf@aol.com.

Also, please visit our Web page on the OTOW Box Office club page.



Five ladies battle in playoff for first place



From left to right are Helen Crombie and Barbara Barnhart (in front) and Terry Drake, Becky Balderson and Karen Ball (in back).

By Reva Heymann

We had a pretty exciting finish at our late-January tournament.

We have so much evenly matched talent in our group that there was a five-person tie for first place.

The players tied with the best score were Helen Crombie, Barbara Barnhart, Terry Drake, Karen Ball and Becky Balderson.

In order to determine the winner, we had a succession of playoffs. Our instructor, Denny Balderson, had designed a short game which should have determined the winner very quickly. However, with everybody gathered around and watching, there were a succession of frustrating shots where the eight ball just missed the hole and play had to go on.

Everybody cheered when it was finally over.

As a result of the playoff, the first place winner was Helen. Barbara took second place. Karen, Terry and Becky were third.

Now, let me tell you how excited we are about the new improvements that just appeared in the billiards room.

Since completion of remodeling last year, there have been no pegs for handling coats. The only place available has been on the chairs people want to sit in.

Helen Crombie, our current president, asked some office personnel if they could help us out, and in only a few days, we had four sets of new wall pegs, plus some new tables to put stuff on.

Thank you On Top of the World for the swift response!

Our Que'T Billiards League is currently looking for new players who want to have fun.

You can be a beginner, who has never played before, or you can be someone who once played pool, but has not played in a long time.

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Eight-ball, nine-ball, Scotch Doubles results from last session

On Monday, Jan. 19 in Flight A, Denny Balderson finished first, Bill Robertson took second place and Allen Pier settled for third. After a playoff in Flight B on Tuesday, Jan. 20, Barb Sundberg captured first place, Mario Rodriguez took second and Dennis Balling settled for third.

On Jan. 26 in A Flight, Dave Williams walked away with first place with Bill Robertson capturing the second place slot. On Jan. 27 in B Flight, Mario Rodriguez took first place honors. There was a three-way tie for second and third places between Tony Baker, Ian Hunter and Terry Wittman, but no playoff was held.

On Feb. 2 in A Flight there was a playoff between Tony Baker, Joe Doire and Allen Pier. Allen captured first place, Joe took second and Tony settled for third. On Feb. 3 in B Flight there was another playoff. This time between Bob Ellis, Andy Suhar and Joe Wisinski. Bob claimed first place, Andy second and Joe third.

On Feb. 9 in the A Flight, Dave Williams walked away with first place with Denny Balderson settling for



Pictured above are the B Flight tournament leaders. From left to right are Joe Wisinski, third place, Bob Ellis, first place and Andy Suhar, second place.

second. On Feb. 10 in the B Flight, Ed Ramirez took first place honors. There was a four-way tie between Vinnie Martinez, Garry Patrick, Mario Rodriguez, Nick Sapienza, Barb Sundberg and Joe Ventimiglia. No playoff was held.

At the Tuesday afternoon Jan. 20 9-ball tournament, Ed Ramirez walked away with first place. A three-way tie-

breaker was played between Tony Baker, Ian Hunter and Dan Kane. Dan won the playoff capturing second place. On Jan. 27, Dan Kane captured first place with Joe Ventimiglia taking second place. On Feb. 3, once again Dan Kane turned the tables on Ed Ramirez by taking first place with Ed settling for second.

On Feb. 10, Joe Gora took first

place honors with Tony Baker capturing second place.

Thursday, Jan. 22, they played Scotch Doubles. The team of Ian Hunter and Dave Williams captured first place, the team of Joe Doire and Nick Sapienza claimed second place and the team of Bill Robertson and Mario Rodriguez took third.

On Jan. 29, again they played Scotch Doubles with the team of Tony Baker and Dave Williams taking first place, Dennis Balling and Bob Ellis claiming second and Bill Robertson and Nick Sapienza settling for third.

On Feb. 5 they played Scotch Doubles with the team of Ian Hunter and Joe Wisinski capturing first place. Second place went to the team of Tony Baker and Bob Ellis.

On Feb. 12 the team of Nick Sapienza and Dave Williams took first place, Joe Doire and Joe Ventimiglia claimed second place with the team of Bob Ellis and Ian Hunter settling for third.

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This is a retirement league, but we still dive for fly balls and slide head first

By Bob Rittner

Neither drizzle nor mist nor chill of morning shall stay these seniors from the enthusiastic playing of their appointed game.

Scott's 7, Cody's 9

In a game that demonstrated the baseball truism that a run prevented is as important as a run scored, the star defenders were Cody's Roadhouse Grill outfielder Trevor Dixon and third baseman Chris Ferrugia.

Trevor saved multiple runs with three running catches, the most dramatic one for which he raced in and dropped to a knee to scoop a ball an inch before it hit the ground. On offense, Trevor capped his four-hit day with a double that provided a cushion for the victory.

Chris repeatedly dove to the ground on grounders he turned into outs. And in an historic league first, he slid head first into third base to avoid a tag. The crowd gasped, then cheered wildly as Chris rose, brushed himself off and got ready for the next play.

Meanwhile, after falling behind 5-0, Cody's broke through for a run in the fourth when Paul Fice led off with a double and scored. Later Paul's

homer tied the score, and while pitcher Tony Caputo and the defense kept Scott's Pharmacy scoreless for five innings, Cody's rode Paul and Trevor's four hits and Bill Edward's home run to victory.

For Scott's, four hit days by Joe Maley and Jim Kemp kept their hopes alive, but Tony got two consecutive outs with the bases loaded in the ninth to close the game.

Cody's 15, Scott's 7

Defense, power and consistent hitting marked Cody's overall excellent play.

Outfielder Gary Burkett got great jumps to snag four dying quails below his knees, frustrating Scott's attempts to rally.

Shortstop Jim Kemp vacuumed every ball hit in his area, including a backhand stab of a ball deep in the 6-5 hole, making a strong throw to nip the runner by a step.

On offense, home run bombs

from Pat Kennedy, Allen Bendert and Roger Hebbler extended Cody's early 6-0 lead. Allen had five hits while Pat, Bob Rittner and Gary each had four.

Guy Bertuzzi had five hits for Scott's.

Scott's 14, Cody's 14

Cody's fought back from a six-run deficit in the ninth inning, tying the game on an RBI single by Jim Kemp, his fifth hit completing his cycle. Doubles by Allen Bendert and Howard Huff, as well as Frank Brown's second hit in his softball debut, contributed to the big inning.

For Scott's, a key defensive play was newcomer John Schneider's cat-quick snatch of a screaming line drive.

Cody's 16, Scott's 15

Home runs by Jim Kemp, Frank Brown and Paul Fice drove Cody's offense.

Four hits from Scott's Bill Leping and Bill Bennett kept the game close throughout. No team ever led by more than three runs. Scott's had six doubles, two by Lenny Segall. Guy Bertuzzi doubled and tripled.

Cody's pitcher, Glenn Ohl, stranded the tying run on third base by in-

ducing two ground-outs.

Cody's 15, Scott's 15

There is no clock in baseball, but there is one in OTOW softball which has to evacuate the field at 9:30 a.m. Thus, when Cody's scored four runs in the top of the ninth, leaving no time for Scott's to bat, precedent established that, barring appeal to a higher authority such as reason or common sense, the official records should reflect a tie.

Chris Ferrugia hit for the cycle and Paul Fice homered for Cody's as did Lenny Segall for Scott's.

Scott's 9, Cody's 10

Cody's Roger Hebbler prevented at least six runs with two catches in deep center field, each with the bases loaded and two outs.

Among Chris Ferrugia's four hits was a first inning leadoff homer. Paul Fice also had four hits for Cody's.

Scott's Gary Burgett had five hits and Guy Bertuzzi, Bob Rittner, and Jim Pollock four each in a game in which leads kept changing until Tony Caputo knocked in the winning run with a perfectly placed opposite field hit in the bottom of the ninth.

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Pet of the Month

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 boootss@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!



Mimzy

Mimzy is a 7-year-old Shih Poos residing with owner Rita Kress in the Brahman Building. Mimzy has a 5-year-old sibling, Splash. They both moved here from Texas in March. Mimzy's favorite pastime is a long bicycle ride in the basket, wearing her favorite hat. She also enjoys walks to the lake, socializing with friends, and chasing lizards, squirrels and birds. Mimzy loves playing ball.

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BUILDING REPORTS



It's 'snow' fun being stuck in Maine while we at OTOW enjoy our warm, sunny days

It's nearly spring at last!

We and our other Northern neighbors thought it would never get here this year as seen by the selection of photos shown here of the most recent blizzard aftermath in our snowy Maine property. The photos on this page were taken by my son, Mike Leonard.

We certainly have been busy moving snow, which is measured in feet these days. At least another 30" and huge drifts. Trees appear shorter as snow creeps up the trunks. Truly a remarkable winter. Spring flooding will be an issue, next.

It will be nice to get back to Florida!

In building news, our new building captain, Bill Cary, presided over the latest building meeting, which was most productive. Among the 19 units represented were members of the new board, made up of Carol Harris, treasurer/secretary and Karen and Kurt Safee for the entertainment committee. Wing captains are Marnie Carr, Dom Bucella, Charlie Coffman and Myrl Chronister.

Recognized for their contributions and service to Viennese Villa over the years were former officers Jim Sheppard, Connie McDonald, Russ Lamesfield, Howard Roehle and to



Charlie Coffman for his dedication in decorating our lovely home during the holidays.

Dues would remain the same at \$10, payable to the wing captains or to Carol Harris. It was also decided the silent auction won't be a fund-raiser this year. A big "thank-you" went to Connie McDonald for her years of hard work and dedication to that project.

A landscape committee was formed with Russ Lamesfield and Howard Roehle as co-chairs; Kurt Safee and Mario St. John are assistants.

In other building news, look for a posting and sign-up sheet for the St. Patrick's dinner on March 14. A possible golf tournament is also in the works, as is a trip to Tampa Bay Downs.



Reporter Fran Fairfield takes a break while digging out following another in a series of two- and three-foot snowfalls and blizzard conditions at her home in Maine.

Have you seen the storage and bike rooms lately? Thanks to Mario DeJohn, along with a trusty band of warriors including Russ Lamesfield, Howard Roehle and Fred Schick, who have done a great job cleaning out these areas. We all thank you for that job.

We also now have recycling at no cost. There is no need to leave broken electronics, hazardous waste or small broken appliances in the rubbish room. The recycling center is on Hercules by the tracks. Please see the posting on the bulletin board for time and days.

We have requested a third washer/dryer unit for our building. The ones

we have seem to be in constant use. A timer from the dollar store will assure your wash won't linger unnecessarily and cause a backlog for those waiting.

Cocktail hour is back by popular demand. Bring your favorite libation and have some fun with your neighbors and catch up on all the goings-on.

Remember OTOW's wonderful St. Patrick's Day parade on March 7. It gets bigger and better every year!

Happy birthdays, anniversaries and springtime to one and all!

Photos by Mike Leonard and Fran Fairfield



Fran's son Michael takes a turn at some serious snowblowing. Note depth of the snow.



Even this outdoor structure did not escape the three-foot snow drifts. More was to follow.



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2015 is marching right along and March is a busy month.

The time changes March 8. Remember the old saying "Spring ahead in spring and fall back in fall."

Next we have St. Patrick's Day on March 17. That's when we stuff our bellies with corned beef.

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Many legends have grown up about St. Patrick. One of them is that he used the shamrock to illustrate the idea of the Trinity.

March 17 is the date of his death in about 461. St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated in the U.S. since the colonial days.

Don't forget to attend the On Top of the World St. Patrick's Day parade on March 7. It's fun for everyone.

This year's potluck dinner was hosted by Ellen and John Fier. Twenty-five people attended and the food was



fantastic. It's obvious that Espana has some great cooks!

Incidentally, during the February meeting prior to the potluck dinner, the subject was brought up that some people are putting their items in space assigned to other people. Please do not put any of your items in space that belongs to someone else. Please be considerate of others.

Speaking of storerooms, it is time to clean up your space. Anything you are not using, please remove it from your assigned space. This will help to keep our storerooms neat.

The bike room was also discussed at the meeting. It is overcrowded. Please tag your bike so that bikes that are not tagged can be removed.

Also, for the newcomers, we have our own library in the storeroom on the third floor. Tony Scheifen started it. You may borrow books at any time, and if you have books you would like to donate, put them on the shelf there.

I have been asked to remind you that the sidewalk is for the people and the parking lot is for the cars. Please be considerate and make sure that your car does not block a part of the sidewalk.

With all the snow up North, aren't we all glad that, although it has been cold here, we are not shoveling snow!



Valentine's party was well-attended

When I remember the "olden days," I seem to remember that February was a seemingly uneventful month between the New Year and waiting for spring.

However, looking back at this February, we find we had the Super Bowl, Black History Month, the state fair, Presidents Day, Heart Healthy Awareness, and of course, Valentine's Day — very eventful!

We had a Valentine's party on the second floor for all who lived in the building. Everyone was invited. Chocolate-dipped strawberries, hot chocolate with whipped cream and cinnamon sticks, yogurt hearts, finger food, bright red punch, coffee or tea — all served in a collection of cups from all over the world. Door prizes were presented and all had a good time.

Now we are in the month of March and we think of the time change, spring break, and visitors and family from up North wanting to soak in some of our sunshine.

Dawn Rubio told me that her two sons from Omaha, Neb., will be visiting soon. They enjoy the beach and fishing in the two ponds at On Top of the World. They have caught some sizeable fish in the past, but of course they usually throw them back.

Happy birthday to Shirley Crowder. I know she celebrated twice and I reminded her she will have to wait until next year for another celebration!

A true-life experience with a phone scammer

Best wishes and a warm welcome to our new residents, namely, Frank and Jerry Fumoral, John and Denise Craig, Ken Samparas and Donna Krug, and Todersac and Mariana Archire.

The "angels" (a group of women who tend to social functions, decorations and the like) recently held a meeting, the result of which is a new, updated phone book that will soon be ready for distribution.

If you have any ideas, such as for our next Christmas party, give them to one of these women. Their names will be posted on the phone sheet.

It should be noted that this group has no authority to settle problems or grievances. If you have a gripe with someone or something, you should go to the source or write a letter to management.

We are urging everyone to comply with the recycling rules (which are posted on the trash room wall). Articles that are to be recycled must be placed



in the green containers and other trash in the black ones.

Once again, thanks are due to Maryann Larson for replacing our flag, which had become very tattered.

Some of our neighbors will tell you about interesting trips they have taken and/or guests they have hosted, but I want to use my words to tell you about a computer scam I almost fell for.

I should not have answered my

phone (I have caller ID), but I did. The call I got was from a man who identified himself as Sam Parker from American Tech. He informed me that he had received notice from Microsoft that my computer had a virus and that he could install an anti-virus.

Of course, he wanted my credit card number which I did not or would not give him. He then told me that if I closed my computer it would immediately crash.

I use my computer to amuse myself playing games. I don't give my address to many people and as you can surmise, I am not literate when it comes to the technology. I did hang up the phone and phoned two friends who knew what to do and got my system operating properly.

Our monthly luncheons are continuing to occur on the fourth Monday of the month. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin boards as to time and place. Other announcements will be posted as well.

Help protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

Within the past few years, individuals featured in this newspaper were contacted by phone that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers.

However, the phone call was a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork out large sums of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of children or grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere — not just at On Top of the World.

If you get a call that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information. Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious and you think it may be a scam, call the police.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Tuesday, March 17

Let's welcome these new residents to Mandalay

We have a chance to welcome more new residents this month. We have several new couples and two of our residents have had family members move in with them.

Al and Sandy Hamilton have recently moved into Mandalay. They are originally from Schenectady, N.Y., and currently call Galway home. That is a town near Saratoga Springs.

They have two children and five grandchildren. Their daughter lives in New York, but got some familiarity with this area from visiting their son who lives in Tampa with his two children.

Before he retired, Al worked for the Niagara Mohawk Power Company, first as a linesman (which, despite the potential dangers, he enjoyed) and later in other capacities. Al likes to play golf. At one time he used to sketch. Sandy worked as an X-ray technician and later in other areas such as real estate sales.

Both Al and Sandy like to read, and Sandy likes to crochet and to work with beads. She has joined the On Top of the World Lapidary Club.

Shirley Finestein has been joined by her daughter (who had been living



in Tampa and will now stay with Shirley so Shirley won't have to be alone). She is also being visited currently by one of her twin sons.

Shirley's daughter is an active person who is focused on healthy pursuits such as activity and a vegetarian diet. She walks, bikes, and likes to play tennis.

Margaret Clementson's brother, Tom Furtner, has come to live with her following a health setback. He was a head painter for construction firms before his retirement. He enjoys watching sports on TV, especially football.

Spring pot luck promises good times for all April 18

We are fortunate that we can look forward to some wonderful weather.

Unlike our northern neighbors, who may not have spring until July, we can welcome spring much earlier!

Malaguena residents will celebrate at a Spring Pot Luck Cookout on Saturday, April 18, in our beautiful back yard! Sign-up sheets and other information will be posted on both bulletin boards. Our building fund will provide hot dogs, burgers, rolls, condiments and drinks. Residents are asked to bring appetizers, salads or desserts. No charge if you've paid building dues.

If you have not paid the dues, the cost is \$5 per person. Contact our building treasurer, Arlene Mansfield (409-1079), if you have questions about building dues or want to pay.

Malaguena needs a building rep. The current rep can't do it any more so we need a volunteer for this important task. Most On Top of the World buildings have a rep who welcomes new residents and distributes important On Top of the World and area information.



The building rep also collects residents' emergency information so we know who to contact if there is a need to do so. Please contact me (Phyllis King) if you're interested in volunteering for this important position.

I'm always looking for interesting stories from Malaguena residents to write about in the OTOW News. This is a big building and I know many of you are taking trips, on cruises, travelling to family get-togethers and doing all kinds of crafts and activities. Please contact me if you have an interesting story to share.



OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



Class is 9-Noon, April 16 & 17 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room

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Newcomers are Missouri farmers, both with degrees

We welcome new Chetniks Linda and Fred Zellmer, who are Snowbirds from Missouri.

They bought Dot Paice's condo. They live on a farm outside of Kansas City. Fred is the farmer and grows soy beans and raises cattle for beef, then sells the calves. Some years earlier, he also worked for a John Deere dealership as a salesman. Fred retired from the dealership 10 years ago and is now only a farmer. Fred is a graduate of the University of Missouri.

Linda worked for CVS Pharmacy as a contract manager. She has also been retired for 10 years. Linda graduated from the College of Central Missouri. Now she is a volunteer treasurer of her Baptist church, and continues her work on the Internet.

Fred and Linda met at a street fair and were introduced by a mutual friend. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December. Congratulations to you both and may you enjoy many more happy years together!



In January, John and I spent 10 days visiting our daughter's family in Texas. They live in Coppell, outside of Dallas. The four grandchildren there range from 8 to 16.

We got to see the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum on the SMU campus. Very impressive. They have an exact replica of the Oval Office. John was able to sit in the president's chair and have his picture taken!

We were happy to return to a somewhat warmer Clearwater.



A look back at the OTOW News (March, 1990)

By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz

- Jo Ann Castle of the "Lawrence Welk Show" was the entertainer for the Thursday show. MaryAnn Mercer, who wrote the article, described her as "The blonde bombshell is back and her effervescence has a bounce-to-the-ounce energy in motion."
- On Top of the World was selected as a research site for the Case Western University Reserve Project. It was a geriatric study with 200 participants. They were reviewing the interests and service needs of retired people in the state of Florida.
- The Jesters show was themed "Showboat Frolic." There were 125 performers that year and 2,240 spectators in attendance. Florida Smith, a resident of the Brahman Building, was pictured as a Southern Belle who sang "Just a Woman in Love." Article written by Elizabeth Chanon.
- A notice in the paper stated in bold letters on several pages "Drivers Please Note! Drivers in the right turn lanes on either side of Belcher must turn right. Under no circumstances are they to go across Belcher and around autos that are waiting to turn left." (Nothing has changed in 25 years!)
- During a regular meeting of the Theater Workshop, George Clark demonstrated a new remote control panel, an addition to the stage lighting which he felt was a step forward for the stage lights in the East Activity Center. The motion was approved to pay our fair share for the purchase and installation costs.



Reporter completes new directories

My sister, Rita and brother-in-law, Don, visited with us for a couple of days so we could take a trip to Apollo Beach to see the manatees (see photo).

Unfortunately, there weren't many manatees as it was a warm day. But when you are from Buffalo, NY., a warm day in Florida is a pleasure compared to winter up North.

Bahama Breeze and Sweet Tomatoes are two of their favorite Florida restaurants. It's always fun to share a few days with family.

For the last couple of months, I had been collecting information from our residents in order to complete a new building phone list.

Once it was finished, I gave everyone a copy. If a new neighbor



moves in and they need a copy, please tell them to contact me, as I have extra copies. I will add their name and contact information to the new phone list.

Any errors that need correcting or changes can be made easily, as



Reporter's sister and brother-in-law take a break during their recent visit to Apollo Beach.
(Photo by Marguerite Laskowski)

all of the information is stored on my computer.

There was an outdated list of names on each set of mailboxes. I updated those as well. Again, contact me for any changes.

"Till We Meet Again"

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* No Bingo in July or December

Timeless weather adage does not always hold true here

If you are reading this on March 2, you can probably remember the weather when you got up or when you went to bed last night.

Did March come in like a lion? Does that mean it will go out like a lamb? If you are reading this paper later in the month, you may have more problems remembering if the old idiom held true. Florida weather, it could be argued, seldom behaves like a lion (see photo).

In Florida we have some difficulty defining that old saying, so we hear it less. This is much easier in the north where winter wears on the patience of most people and the hope is that better weather is on the way. Personally I always relied on the old saying taken right out of the song: April showers will bring May flowers.

March is arguably one of the nicest months of the year in Florida. It is warm (average March temperature in Clearwater is 74 degrees) and usually dry (average rainfall 3–5 inches).

As we consider March and the days ahead, we consult the long-held authority, "The Farmers'



Almanac," and find that, according to it, the 2015 winter in Florida will be chilly and wet.

If you wonder where and why all these old sayings began, many scholars trace the phrases back to the early U.S. settlers. Without fancy radar equipment, these hunters, gatherers and farmers relied on keen observation to forecast the weather.

For myself, I simply look outside in the morning and on most days in March each year, the sun shines and the day's activities can be carried out in shorts and short sleeves.



This famous weather "forecaster" looks to be out of work in 2015. (Graphic by Don Jones)

I would say being in Florida, living in the Dorado building is the place to be during March. Read about all the activities in this month's newspaper and realize that we are lucky indeed to be here.

Our annual meeting of the Dorado building was held last month. Thank you

to Kim Hunt and Mary Ann Christian who hosted the meeting and conducted the business. Thanks also to those who brought such delicious food to eat.

Watch for an announcement of the upcoming Snowbird party to be held during the last two weeks in March. See you there!

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Residents tour two Fla. attractions

Hi — I'm back, and looking forward to future events, as are we all.

Deborah May and Laurie Cole went with the Travel Club to an outing at Disney World. They toured the Wilderness Lodge and enjoyed a great pulled pork sandwich at the café there. They learned about how the "Wild West" was won and how Walt Disney wanted to recreate it.

They next went to tour the Nutcracker on Ice at the Gaylord Palms Conference Center in Kissimmee. The ice sculptures were fantastic and very realistic. While driving around they saw a herd of deer crossing the road — the real Bambis!

We had a pizza party on Feb. 12 at Queen's Pizza. Fun for all!

Keep checking the bulletin board for future events.

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another." I need your help to fill my column with birthdays, visitors, trips, etc., so put on your thinking caps and send me news.

Be kind to one another and God bless.

Barbecue potluck set for March 21

*Baskets of pansies for sale in a row,
Friendly as kittens, they're nodding bello
Prettily flaunting their right to exist ---
Who is hard-headed enough to resist?*

Just after I saw the first day of spring recorded on my March calendar, my friend had a basket of pansies on her porch ready to plant.

Those were my father's favorite flowers and as soon as it warmed up in Michigan, he had them in the ground. They have such pretty faces.

I hope you were able to attend the outing at Grillsmith's on Feb. 21. Unfortunately I had previous plans and couldn't make it.

But I am planning on attending this one.... Our building's social committee has planned a "get to know your neighbors" barbecue potluck for Saturday, March 21, at 4 p.m., so mark your calendars and plan to be there. Just add your name, unit number and dish you plan to bring on the signup sheet on our bulletin board. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.



Come dressed in attire representing your favorite team sport or state you are from. The barbecue will take place at the southwest corner of the building in back of units seven and nine facing the golf course. Look forward to seeing all you Melbornites there.

I told you our building is moving forward with a new "building team." At our recent building meeting, a new team was introduced, and you had a chance to meet and greet them and other neighbors. Lee Sciarra, our new

building captain, has posted all this information on the bulletin board for those who missed the meeting. The board is also in the process of making a new list of residents as we have had many changes since our last list, dated Feb. 13, 2014, was published.

This seems to have been a quiet month as none of you had any news for me. Let's do better next month. But all are telling me that our cold spell was a breeze as long as we had no snow or below-freezing temperatures. I'm looking out my window this morning and the brilliant sunshine is a harbinger of things to come.

I am not looking forward to daylight savings time returning on March 8. My old body objects to adjusting to new hours to sleep and waken.

On the bright side, there is St. Patrick's Day to celebrate with the On Top of the World parade on March 7.

March 20 is the first day of spring, followed by Palm Sunday.

Have a good month!

Busy times at Azores mean much news

February began with the startling headline: "Groundhog Shows No Mercy." On Groundhog Day in Gobbler's Knob, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and forecast six more weeks of winter. I checked with our Snowbirds and got confirmation that Phil really outdid himself this year — by the time you read this, the snow may have finally stopped in Boston and New York.

Valentine's Day reminded us all to be more thoughtful and appreciative of those closest to us.

On Feb. 19, about 30 Azoreans celebrated Chinese New Year with dinner at Ivory's on S.R. 580. Great food and a fantastic way to start the New Year — the year of the sheep. Thank you, Marie Pirrello, for putting together another successful activity.

John and Bettie Warner have enjoyed many visitors recently. Their granddaughter and their son, from Mobile, Ala., visited for a week or two. Recently a grandson and another granddaughter visited for a week or two. Why all the visits right now? John and Bettie recently celebrated 71 years



in a loving marriage. John and Bettie were high school sweethearts. They married when John was 19 and Bettie 18. Quickly after their marriage, John was shipped overseas to the Philippine Islands for 30 months. He survived and got home safe.

They have been each other's daily Valentine for well over 70 years. Congratulations, you lovers!

Frank Staffieri recently celebrated 90 years. His children from Delaware and those from Florida visited and celebrated his special day. I'm sure he owes his long and healthy life to

Maryann's great cooking. We wish you many more years, Frank.

Petie Fornuto reports that four of her family members visited and celebrated their birthdays together — seems they all have the same birth date. Wow, that is unusual!

One of our angels reported that Petie invited her new neighbor to dinner following an accident involving the neighbor's wife. This kind of sharing is the mark of community and being good neighbors. Good job, Petie.

Carmel Tomich reports that her daughter and husband recently bought a new home in Charleston, S.C. I hear Charleston is a great place to visit, so I suspect Victor and Carmel will be frequent visitors up there.

Horse races coming up on March 28. Cost this year is \$21 which includes a great buffet and the opportunity to take home some big money. See Gordon Fowlie for tickets. Lots of good stuff coming up so watch the bulletin board. St. Pat's party always a great event. Spring building meeting is March 12 at 7 p.m., Sunrise Room — be there!

Final note: Lost a ring around the Azores, call me.

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Newcomers learned about OTOW while taking a stroll

Hello from Rila Renaissance.

This month, I would like to introduce our new neighbors, Steve and Linda Yauk. Steve and Linda moved from Des Moines, Iowa, in June of 2014 along with their two Maltese dogs (see photo at far right).

They had been staying in the southern Pinellas area for the past few winters. In 2013, they sold their house in Iowa and realized that they needed to find a place to live in the Clearwater area.

One day they were walking in Dunedin with their dogs, Bailey and Muffin, and met a gentleman with his dog sitting on a bench. They started talking about the area and the man raved about On Top of the World. He said that his sister lived there and told them about the dog park, the golf courses, clubs, etc.

That same night, Linda went online and starting looking for condos for sale. Linda saw one in our building that had just been refurbished and was in move-in condition. They saw the condo and the rest is history.

Later, Steve and Linda saw the man they met in Dunedin and thanked him for recommending OTOW.



Steve was a supermarket manager in Des Moines and Linda a court clerk before they retired. They have been married for 42 years and have a daughter and two grandchildren.

Steve and Linda are very happy at OTOW, especially living in our building. They said "everybody they have met so far has been nice."

They enjoy the golf courses and especially the dog park where they bring Bailey and Muffin. The dogs are brother and sister, so they adopted both. Welcome, Steve and Linda, to Rila Renaissance!

We wish our neighbors and families a Happy St. Patrick, and do try to watch



Meet our new Rila Renaissance neighbors, Steve and Linda Yauk, and their dogs Muffin (at left, held by Steve) and Bailey. (Photo by Arlene Bergen)

the big parade. The Irish Club and other clubs put a lot of hard work into preparing for this wonderful day.

Please break up the cardboard in the garbage room. It takes up so much room in the cans and the floor.

Thanks for your cooperation in this.

I need some news for my articles. I would like meet our new neighbors and would be happy to interview them for this newspaper. Until my next article, have a good month.

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Kudos to railing replacement workers

A railing replacement project started here on the first of February.

Two men worked every day except weekends, and they worked through the wind-driven rains and cold weather. Maybe they used to work for the Postal Service? Many thanks!

Our monthly outing was at our all-time favorite, Johnny's Italian Restaurant. Attendee Tom Holland won the 50/50 drawing.

We had our building general meeting on Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. with Cecile Sangiamo as MC. We decided to purchase a commercial laundry basket complete with hanging rod for the laundry room.

The misuse of our garbage room by residents placing furniture, chairs, tables, etc., was discussed and pictures were passed around showing one particular weekend when new residents moved in.

Gilda Gambacurta suggested hanging a sign on the door telling residents to break the boxes down. All agreed and Cecile made the sign and hung it on the door. I myself have seen



Gilda, Judy Etherton and George Landis breaking down boxes and putting them in the recycling green cans.

Treasurer Kay Tenuta gave a treasurer's report detailing expenses of buying two folding tables, costs to encase half of the bulletin board, and office and mailing/postage costs. Also, about half of the building dues are still uncollected.

Our event planner, Jo Ann Dameron, shared the news on upcoming events. We are celebrating "Christmas in February" on Feb. 28 at Kally K's



Tom Holland, right, was the 50/50 winner at a recent building outing at Johnny's Restaurant. His wife, Barbara, is at left.

at 1 p.m. with \$5 towards the meal to those who paid their building dues.

March 21 at 3 p.m. will be our building potluck on the Australia side.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Remember to read our bulletin board for upcoming events.

Don't forget to wear the green on St. Patrick's Day!

Reporter to hang up his trusty notepad

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our friends of Irish descent.

I never was one for green beer, but I do like the corn beef and cabbage dinners. Karen and I will for sure go to the Dunedin festivity for St. Pat's Day. We found a little restaurant that has great corn beef and cabbage dinners "cheap."

For those that are unaware, maintenance crews will soon be applying a membrane of some sort on the rear of our building.

Iswar Lai and his wife Venna have returned from the north, as have Brian and Muriel Howcraft.

Julia and Sam Galpin have returned from a trip to Buffalo, and Wayne and Myrna Oakley were later than usual arrivals, but are back.

Gene O'Callaghan (we know Gene will be celebrating St. Pat's day) has become the go-to guy for airport pick-up and drop-off. Surprising how much luggage you can squeeze into his little car!

The time has come for someone



to step up and take over writing the Capistrano building articles for the On Top of the World News. This is my final article.

I have written for a little over two years and have treasured writing the Capistrano articles. I appreciated when my neighbors commented how much they enjoyed the things I wrote.

I will miss looking up all those trivia and bizarre dates and trying to sneak in a few extra words on Dave and Doug at the paper, and I will miss

facing the deadline dates (like I was a real reporter).

I just turned 75 and am going to give myself more time to not have commitments here and in New York that fill up my calendar.

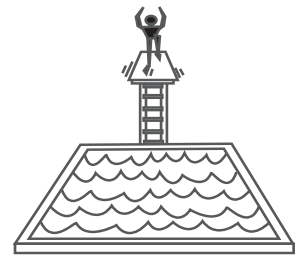
Karen has always scheduled our ventures around my community activities — it might be fun to just go and do things when we please.

I am going to remain as a volunteer computer teacher at the Aging Well Center, but am cutting back on the sessions I teach.

This summer I hope to spend more time with my four grandkids and enjoy a few side trips around New York, Pennsylvania and Canada with Karen and our dogs.

Thank you everyone and thank you Doug and Dave for your guidance, I learned a lot about journalism writing.

Ed. Note: The OTOW News staff thanks Marvin for the quality and newsworthiness of the columns he has written over the years. Good luck in all your future endeavors!



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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.

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Daylight Savings Time begins
Sunday, March 8
(Set clocks ahead one hour)

New resident enjoyed cruise, Ft. Lauderdale

You can't have much more fun than cruising!

That's exactly what Dolly Newcome, our building's newest resident, enjoyed last month (see photo). She and a friend just returned from a cruise on the *CaribPrincess* with stops in Bahamas, Nassau and Princess Kay's private island.

After the cruise they stayed with friends in Ft. Lauderdale where they all enjoyed metal detecting. They went to quite a few beaches in the area. There was one beach that caught their eyes — a nude beach. They had a hard time keeping their eyes on the sand!

We want to extend birthday wishes



to Barbara Schinn on March 1, Emily Anderson on March 29 and anniversary greetings to Farrell and Joe Malandro on March 13. Enjoy your special days!



Dolly Newcome shown on a recent cruise.

Ready for the annual St. Pat's Day parade

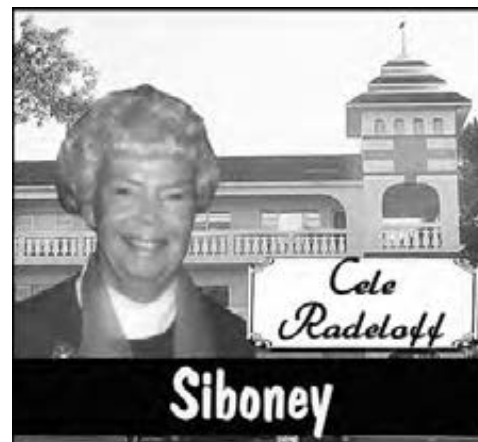
Get ready for the big St. Patrick's Day parade, to be held this year on Saturday, March 7 at 10 a.m. — wear green!

Seven of us celebrated Doris Prekopa's birthday at Cody's. The waiters and servers all sang "Happy Birthday" to Doris. It was fun.

Our neighbor, Dave Mathewson works at the Eagles Golf Course in Odessa and invites several friends and neighbors to dinner there each year. Thirty-eight enjoyed the get-together last month. Everyone enjoyed seeing Laura and Bob Evans again.

About 22 Siboney residents enjoyed breakfast at First Watch in honor of St. Valentine's Day. This is a yearly celebration and we all wear red. The food and service is terrific.

Doris Prekopa and her sister, Penny Drummond, along with their visitor from Arkansas, Hazel Young, toured St. Augustine for two days. They purchased tickets for the trolley ride



where for \$75 you can get on or off as many times as you want.

They stopped at the Old Jail first, and were "arrested" and put in a cell. Then it was on to the Old Store; then the Old Church built by Henry Flagler in memory of his daughter and infant baby, who are both buried there.

Dinner was enjoyed in an old estate home called the Raintree. Food and décor were outstanding.

Many thanks to Ethyle Lee, who has retired as our Sunshine lady, a position she held for over 25 years. Maureen Chitnis will take her place and a notice has been placed on the bulletin board.

Every February this reporter has decorated the core over the mailboxes for 29 years. It is fun putting up the Valentines and hearts. Even the mail lady enjoyed coming into the building and seeing the decorations. Each month we have a different volunteer. This will be my last year, but Penny Drummond has volunteered to do February. She and her friend Hazel Young helped me last month. Thanks so much to both of you!

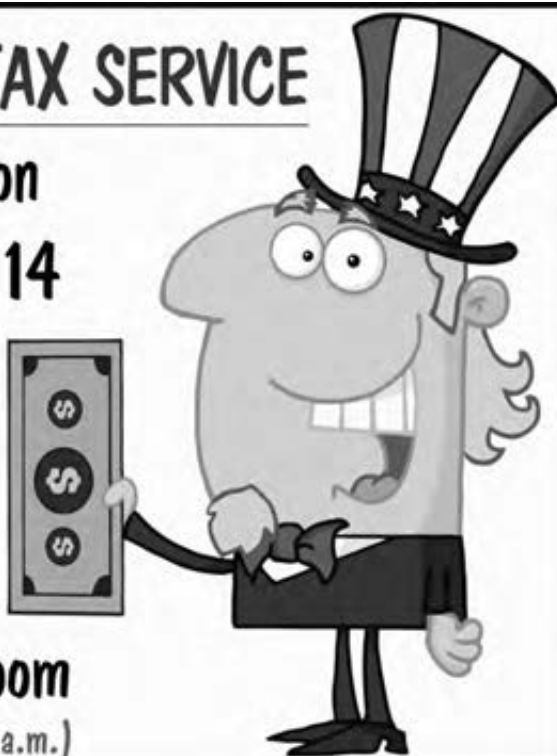
Our next Siboney meeting will be on Wednesday, March 25, at 7 p.m. in the Sunrise Room. Please attend.

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Sports fan or not, this Super Bowl party was fun

As usual, the past month has been busy and enjoyable for the Mallorca Building residents and their friends.

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the women’s Hospice tournament, Dick Kuplen got a hole-in-one on the ninth hole. Using an 8-iron from approximately 128 yards, the ball flew right at the flag, took one bounce and a little roll and — bam!— into the hole! It was his second hole-in-one on that hole and his sixth overall. Congratulations, Dick! He hopes lucky number seven comes real quick!

We’re glad to see Ray and Elaine Bariger back from cold and snowy Canada. Their trip here was rather uneventful, which is a good thing. Their daughter flew down about a week after they arrived, and she thoroughly enjoyed the warmer weather.

Word is that mother and daughter did quite a bit of shopping, while Ray spent his time doing what he really loves — fishing!

Twelve Mallorcans and their friends met at Ed Fletcher’s Early Bird Dinner Theater in Clearwater. We absolutely enjoyed the show and the dinner. The meal was a buffet, and the play, “Caught in the Net,” was one of the funniest many of us had seen in



a long time. If you have not had the opportunity to attend any of the plays at the Early Bird Dinner Theater, we highly encourage you to do so. The meal was very good and the show was hilarious.

Josie Marsiglio once again hosted a Super Bowl party at her place. There were about 20 folks there who rooted (or not) for the teams. Dick ran the pools, and did a very good job. Thanks to all who brought delicious food to the party, and especially to Josie and Dick. Even those of us who don’t care who plays or wins the Super Bowl have a good time at these events!

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Resident hikes Grand Canyon the hard way — in winter

Besides excellent chefs, intriguing personalities, and closet botanists, Emerald Isle is also home to one of the world's few remaining Renaissance men, Bill Benzinger.

Bill's interests run the gamut from opera to polar bear swimming to Zumba to solo forays into the Grand Canyon in the dead of winter.

On Jan. 12, Bill flew from Tampa to Phoenix where he rented a car to proceed to the south rim of the Grand Canyon. Here he spent the first night at the Bright Angel Lodge before the next day's arduous, six-hour descent.

Bill had wanted to do this hike in the early fall but apparently there is a waiting list, so after a six month's wait, Bill got the January straw.

When the assembled masses at a recent interview session — there were six of us — asked him "Why?" referring to his Grand Canyon experience, Bill's answer was "for fun and fitness." Not one person present nodded any respective head in agreement, but the interviewer proceeded unabashed.

Bill immediately made friends with five or six other hikers as they descended, all of whom were in their forties and a bit more energetic than our



65-year-old adventurer. Nonetheless, he kept up with them and even joined them the next day at the bottom of the Grand Canyon for a little 12-mile jaunt.

Of course, the women present at the interview were interested in the food intake, caloric output and weight loss part of this whole endeavor. Bill said they had been told to eat twice as much as normal, snacking on high-energy and high-protein items.

As a result of the intake and output involved in this strenuous activity, Bill said he lost one pound. We all looked at each other in dismay, all that crippling "fun" for a net loss of one pound?



Emerald Isle resident and adventurer Bill Benzinger is shown on the floor of the Grand Canyon during a trip he took to the famous park in January. (Photo courtesy of Bill Benzinger)

Bill's wife, Debby, wryly remarked that the part about eating twice as much as normal was the only good part of the whole undertaking.

For an entire year before this endeavor Bill trained hard by walking up and down various outcroppings, carrying a heavily-weighted backpack, and breaking in his boots, a really important requirement. You need good socks also, of course.

The lesson learned from all this

experience, says Bill, is to keep requiring yourself every day to do more than you think you can. At the end of the day you will have a real sense of accomplishment. Very wise words from our brave adventurer.

Now that you are physically exhausted from all your vicarious hiking, here's something for your brain from my favorite quiz show, "Idiotest:" Before it was discovered that the earth was round, what shape was it?



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Brittany Farmhouse residents attend the building's annual business meeting in February.

New B.F. board officers announced at meeting

Our annual business meeting took place Feb. 7 at the East Activity Center Veranda Room (see photo above).

All residents were notified and 21 of us showed up. Every elected officer remained from last year except there is one change. Beth Dentinne will continue to be our building captain. Ted Beckloff will resign that position March 31 and will be available to help Beth with all the computer work.

We now have wing lieutenants for all four wings: Northeast, Cathy Bunt; Northwest, Pat Wigle; Southeast, Peter Wiczorek and Southwest, Jeanette Orsi. They all did a very good job this time by collecting the voluntary money for our social events of \$420.



We look forward to the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and I hope to see many of you along the way, showing some Irish green!



Don't miss early dinner at Beachcomber

I hope you all took time to reflect on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day. It is not just for lovers. Let all your loved ones know how happy you are to have them in your life. I just hope I am worthy.

It is good to see most of our summer vacationers have returned home. You have been missed.

The ladies' and men's lunches were held Thursday, Feb. 12. The ladies enjoyed a sumptuous meal at the Oriental Super Buffet on Gulf-to-Bay. The men partook of a full lunch at Pete & Shorty's (next to Hooters). Both groups were well-satisfied.

On Feb. 18, Jeanne and Norm Smith will host an early dinner at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach. Check the bulletin board for details. A good turnout is expected. Carpooling is recommended since the restaurant is very popular and parking is scarce.

Check the bulletin board frequently to stay current on Valencia building activities.

Did you pay your building dues yet? If not, now is the time.

Mama sez: No matter how long you nurse a grudge, it will never get better.

New secretary needed for building board

Sorry I missed writing for the January and February issues, but I'm back now.

I enjoyed a six-week visit with my daughter and her family in Roseville, Calif. I watched several holiday programs and basketball games. One of the granddaughters plays point guard. The other is a cheerleader. As a proud grandmother, I had to be there to watch and cheer!

Also, they're both in the chorus and one of them is in the band. And they were both in their high school's production of "Beauty and the Beast."

Being a grandmother is such a joy! It's worth getting tired...

I missed the building holiday dinner, but I hear it was a "joyous holiday season dinner" at Kally K's.

A special thank-you to Joe and Janet Scolari and also to Sue Mei for putting up the holiday decorations. Those at the dinner voted to give them a special gift because of their dedication to the building.

We're going back to Kally K's for



the St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 17 at 5 p.m. Join us in wearing the green. You can order from the menu.

The annual building meeting was held Jan. 21 in the core. Deborah Dlugose, who has done an outstanding job as secretary for three years has resigned. We need someone to replace her.

We've kept the other officers: co-chairs Linda Myers and Jean Gitlin; treasurer Eileen Hawk; activity and newspaper reporter, Marilyn Lane; wing captains, Mary Spearman, Marilyn Lane; and a new captain on west Swedish,

Bob Mayer. We need a captain for the north Swedish wing.

We discussed the fact that the bat problem has been solved on the west side, but there are still a few on the east. The blue marks on the walkways were questioned, and we're not sure how this will leave the concrete. Perhaps a committee could look into redoing the walkways.

The yearly dues (\$5 per person), can be paid to Eileen Hawk. Painting the mailboxes depleted the treasury, but we have enough now to start doing things for the building again. If you have suggestions, tell your wing captain. We are going to buy a new hose for the Americus side.

Some of the men questioned why we were having men's breakfasts and ladies' lunches. They thought we should combine them, so we had the first building luncheon on Jan. 30 at the Sunset Grill. The Feb. 20 luncheon was at the Olive Garden.

And that's it for now. I need more news from you. I haven't told you yet about my three grandsons!



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Calendar of Monthly OTOW Activities — March 2015

NOTE: Due to production problems, there is no monthly calendar for March. We hope to resume printing the monthly calendar in April.

For the latest schedule information, please refer to OTOW-TV.
The daily activities calendar can be found on the following page.

Daylight Saving
Time Begins
Sunday, March 8

St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday, March 17

First Day of Spring
Friday, March 20

Palm Sunday
March 29

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Daily OTOW Activities

For Everyone

Club and Group Ticket Sales, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 am East Activity Center auditorium
Coffee Corner, Mondays through Fridays, 7-10 am, East Activity Center Coffee Corner
Philosophy Club, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Veranda Room • AARP Tax Service, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8-12 in Small Classroom



Classes and Crafts



ART GUILD

Oil and acrylic class, 1 pm, Mondays
Chinese Pain Brush, 1 pm, Fridays
Painting Pals, 1 pm, Wednesdays
Drawing Classes, 1 pm, Thursdays

BALLROOM DANCING

Mondays, 11 am, Auditorium
Wednesdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Veranda Room

CARING AND SHARING

Fridays, 8 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

COMPUTER LAB

Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m., Computer Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, 12 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room
Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS

Wednesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room
KNITTING

Tuesdays, 2 pm, Veranda Room

LANGUAGES

Learn Italian, Wednesdays, 3:30 pm, Computer Room
Learn Chinese, Tuesdays, 5:15 pm, Small Classroom
Spanish Speaking, Tuesdays, 9 am, Yellow Room

SEWING

Wednesdays, 9 am, Starlite Room



Exercises



AEROBICS

Mon & Tue & Wed, 10 am, East Gym

BONESAVERS

Mon & Wed & Fri, 8 am, Large Card Room

FAT-BURNING WORKOUTS

Tuesdays, 9 am, Large Card Room

LADIES EXERCISES

Mon-Fri, 8 am, East Gym

POLAR BEAR SWIMMING

Mon-Fri, 9 am, East Pool

TAI CHI

Mon & Wed & Fri, 1 pm, East Gym
Tuesdays, 6 pm, East Gym

SLIMNASTICS

Mon-Fri, 9 am, East Gym

YOGA

Tue & Thu, 11 am, East Gym

LINE DANCING

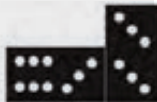
Tuesday, 10:30 am, Auditorium
Tuesdays, 9 am, Sunrise Room (Snowbirds Salsasize)
Tuesday, 1 pm, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)
Thursdays, 8:30 a.m., Sunrise Room (Snowbirds)
Saturday, 8:30 am, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

ZUMBA

Mon & Fri, 9 am, Large Card Room
Wednesdays, 9:30 am, Auditorium



Traditional Games



BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Starlite Room

BILLIARDS

Mondays,& Tuesdays, 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room
Tuesdays& Fridays, 1 pm, 9-Ball, Billiards Room
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Que'T Ladies Billiards, Billiards Room
Thursdays, 6 pm, Scotch Doubles, Billiards Room

CHESS CLUB

Tue & Thu, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room
Sundays, 11:30 am, Yellow Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 9 am, Large Card Room

DOMINOS

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Small Classroom

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Mon & Wed & Sat, 11 am, Large Card Room
Thursdays, 11 am, Large Card Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Mon & Tue, 1 pm, Small Classroom
Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Rainbow Room
Fridays, 6:30 pm, Small Classroom

SCRABBLE

Sundays, 12 pm, Yellow Room

TENNIS

Monday-Friday, 7:30 am, tennis courts

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Rainbow Room
Mondays, 5 pm, Rainbow Room
Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room
Wednesdays, 1 pm, Rainbow Room
Fridays, 1 pm, Rainbow Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 6 pm, Large Card Room
Thursdays, 4 pm, Large Card Room
Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Classroom
Fri & Sun, 5:30 pm, Small Classroom
Sundays, 12:30 pm, Large Card Room

TEXAS CARD GAME GROUPS

Mondays, 5 pm, Poker Room (Jim)
Mon & Wed, 6:30 pm, Classroom
Mon & Thu, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Ron)
Tuesdays, 6 pm, Poker Room (Tom)
Wednesdays 6 pm, Rainbow Room (Don)
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Former teacher forges new building executive board

“It takes a village to raise a child.” In the Granada Building it takes a determined retired teacher named Barbara Humphreys to help create a building executive board and start good things happening. Barbara has been busily chairing meetings in her home in her attempt to keep building residents involved and communicative.

As a result, we now have an executive board consisting of: building co-captains, Barbara Humphreys and Marilynne Kuestner; secretary, Betty Gerkin (Trish Burch – acting); treasurer, Trish Burch; wing captains, Pat Dalziel, Eric Edwards, Chris Ferrugia, Karen Johnson, Joan Seymour and Pat Talak; reporter, Arlene Berger; sunshine lady/hospitality chair, Karen Johnson; and monthly luncheon chairs, Trish Burch and Pat Dalziel.

The importance of reading postings on the bulletin board was also stressed.

Congratulations to Joan and Lee Seymour for 50 years of wedded bliss, and to Arlene and Stan Berger for 59 years as well.

Janette Lashua is moving, and we all wish her the very of best luck.

Arlene and Stan are looking into the purchase of a new hot water heater, and are checking on discounts for group purchases. If you are interested,



call them or read the posting on the bulletin board. Granadans enjoyed a lovely luncheon at the Red Lobster on Feb. 16, a golf party on Feb. 22, and our first “Happy Hour” on Feb. 25.

We have a building meeting scheduled for March 2, another meeting scheduled for April 27 and our annual “Season Farewell” picnic on April 11.

Stan Berger is a volunteer at the Veteran’s Hospital in St. Petersburg where he met a 95-year-old veteran who has been volunteering for almost half a century. When asked the secret of his longevity the man responded, “I never sit still, I just keep moving.”

This brings us to our closing quote of the month, from Jerry Seinfeld, “If life boils down to one thing, it’s movement. To live is to keep moving.” Until next month, just keep moving!



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More than 50 residents attended this recent building party. (Photo by Mike Cooper)

New couple plans to stay busy with many interests

Recently our building had a well-attended party with over 50 residents attending (see photo above).

Thanks to all of those who helped get it together. Try to come to our parties, which are posted on our bulletin board in the center core. It is a nice time to get acquainted with people you haven't met yet.

We have several new people living in our friendly building. One couple, Karin and Bill (Butch) Swain, come to us from Timmins, Ontario, Canada, which is north of Toronto.

Karin has two children, one female and one male. This is their first year in Florida. Butch was a teacher and Karin was a teacher's assistant. Their interests



lie in workshop, yoga, music, baseball and exploring new areas to them. They are people who always stay busy and have a lot of visitors.

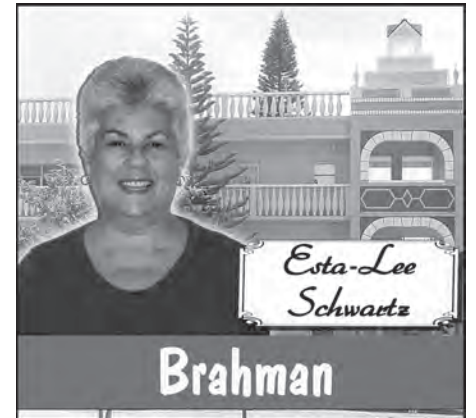
Popular building fish fry event is coming up soon

I hope everyone had a lovely Valentine's Day.

This article is a reminder of the most-attended function of our building each year. If you haven't guessed by now, it is the Annual Fish Fry and Pot Luck, hosted by Arnie and Rosanne Moon. An article was in last April's edition with a picture showing over 35 residents who attended.

If you haven't eaten the king mackerel fish balls, you missed out. Hopefully, Arnie caught more this year. So find your best recipes to bring and more info will follow. I am excited, Hope you are also.

The date is March 19 at 5 p.m. in the Sunrise Room at the West



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OTOW Change of Address Form

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For reservations, call 799-3417, then press #7 of the voice menu. Seating is limited. Make reservations 24 hours in advance.

Reservations for transportation to and from the East and West Activity Centers will be accepted following the schedules listed below.

Tuesday Morning Specials See Posting in Bus Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m. East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.	Thursday Morning Publix (Sunset & Belcher) Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m. East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.
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Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid recreation card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- If space allows, residents with current recreation cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.

Resident celebrates 90th birthday by taking flight

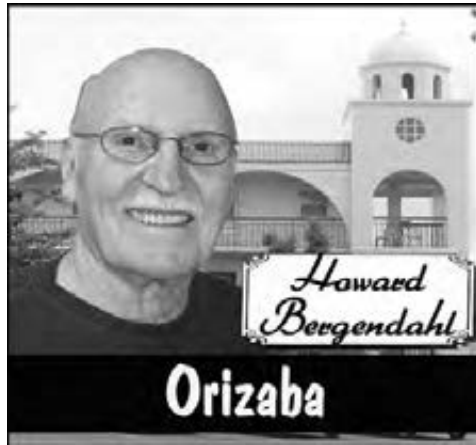
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

I hope that everyone will be on hand to watch the annual On Top of the World St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 7. It is a great way to pass the time and see some spectacular floats and groups.

Bill Link confided in me that he has given up bike riding and now has to dispose of the beautiful Fuji Sarasota bike that he had planned to ride. He has it listed in the classified section of this paper.

Congratulations to Ed Fournier for becoming a member in the "90's Club." Ed celebrated his birthday in February with several residents attending a bash arranged by Jackie Blair and her band of helpers. Ed is celebrating the event by going flying from the Clearwater Airpark on Hercules Ave..

Quite a few remarks have been circulated about the condition of the trash room and its general appearance. Everyone should have received a copy of the rules for recycling and if not they are posted on the wall of the trash room. Only recyclable items should be placed in the large bins,



no garbage or plastic bags.

If you have an attendant taking care of you and your apartment, please advise him or her of proper disposal of items they take to the trash room.

The OTOW Association has been inspecting our storage areas and has found some violations. If your area is found to be lacking, please make the necessary corrections and help to make our building a model for everyone to try and follow.

Linda Ledesma hosted the February luncheon at Chili's' and a great time was had by all. At top right



The January Orizaba building luncheon was held at Bob Evans amid good cheer, warm camaraderie and appetizing food.
Photo by Howard Bergendahl

is a photo of the January luncheon held at a local Bob Evans restaurant.

It is really a pleasure to see both Joe and Burdell Kashinski going about their daily routines. Helen and Walt Sutkowi are right behind them, both looking like active youngsters (which we all are, deep inside).

I receive many emails about growing old and I guess it is because I can remember milk being delivered to my door and the cream popping out the top, or icemen making deliveries, or because I can't understand the words to today's songs but, to me, growing old is still better than the alternative!

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all from the staff and volunteers of the OTOW News!



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Resident enjoys family visit and 88th birthday gala

Howard and Dorothy Frick of Grecian Classic had much to celebrate in January and February.

Their granddaughter, husband and family from Mukwonago, Wis., took a Florida vacation, surprising them with a short visit here in Clearwater. Because of the chilly weather and cold beach water, they were only able to fill up their cups to build sand castles on the beach.

However, they accepted the Frick's offer to Poblano's Mexican Restaurant for a family dinner before returning back to their hotel.

In February, Howard's 88th birthday was celebrated with a four-day visit from their daughter Jean and Horst Friese, daughter Joan of On



Top of the World and brother Darryl with his family who live nearby.

Wonderful family celebration had by all! Happy belated birthday to Howard. Thank you for your wonderful news.



Bavarian Chalet residents at the recent Valentine's Day building luncheon enjoyed fine food and conversation.

Building Valentine's Day luncheon draws 50 attendees

Our Valentine's Day luncheon at Queen's Pizza was a huge success—the best attended event in years (see photo)!

We played a fun game led by Larry Martin and assisted by his lovely wife Linda. Upon arrival, we each received a numbered envelope, inside of which was a funny one-liner. If our number was called we had to open the envelopes and read the jokes aloud.

What a bunch of good sports we had, reading the funny but often silly quips! Lots of laughs!

After the game was over, three door prizes were awarded. One was a 10-dollar gift card to the restaurant we happened to be dining at. What luck!

Our food took a little while to come out due to the 50 people in our party. It was worth the slight wait and when it arrived, we all enjoyed delicious food and lively conversation.

Another great social gathering orchestrated by Joanne and Bob Wallend, who, unfortunately, were unable to attend due to a last-minute, unforeseen circumstance. We missed you guys, but thanks for the wonderful luncheon!

On March 6, those who have paid their annual dues into the building



fund will be having a pizza party at the East Activity Center. Your invitations should have arrived by now. Please be sure to RSVP so we know how many to plan for. If you would like to pay your dues for this year, please see Kathy Schamel.

Don't forget to watch for the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 7. It passes right by us on the corner of Columbia Drive and "No Name Street." We are so lucky to be able to see the whole parade as they make their final turn on to Columbia.

So bring out your lawn chairs or a blanket, put on your "green" and join us on the corner or the lawn as we cheer on the procession.

Happy St. Paddy's Day all!

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If the submitters’s name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News

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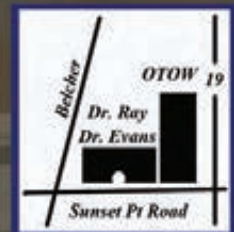
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