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Clowns are always a big hit at our Irish Club parade.

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This year's parade may take a while

You might want to bring a lawn chair to this year's Irish Club parade.

Organizer Mike Cooper said, "this will be one of our biggest ever."

Tradition will still be in tow. There will be On Top of the World clubs and groups leading the way, marching bands, musicians, floats, local businesses and, of course, clowns.

The Dunedin High School and Middle School pipe bands will highlight the music part of the show, but additional tunes will be provided by the St. Andrew's Pipe and Drum Band.

The New World Celts will return, as will color guard units from the American Legion and US Marine Corp.

There will be line dancers and Irish dancers - you might even learn how to do a jig!

The Baby Boomers, who became world famous for their kazoo band the last two years, have something new planned this year.

Could it be a different instrument?

The dog park gang will be back. Leading the way will be the On Top of the World Pet of the Year, Timothy, an Irish Setter from the Chetnik Building.

Before the parade even begins, the Art Guild will be doing face painting in the East Activity Center back parking lot. Their booth will open at 8:30 a.m., so arrive early to get painted and then find a good spot along the parade route.

After the parade, things will be a little different.

For starters, you might not want to go home for a while.

Al Foreman, who has entertained Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday audiences on many occasions, will perform in the East Activity Center back parking lot after the parade.

The Irish Club will be passing out free beer and pretzels.

The Good Karma Café staff, which joined the celebration last year, will be serving a hot dog-chips-and-soda lunch combo for only \$3.

"We are very excited to be back," said Dessa Barraba. "We had a good time last year and we had a great turnout."

Dessa said lines into the hot dog stand will be more organized this year and seating will now be available for residents to relax during lunch. Last year, more than 250 hot dogs were cooked up. The cafe staff is prepared to sell even more this time around.

"It is so nice to see residents enjoying the day and the event," Dessa said. "It's fantastic. We had great participation."

After the parade, the Art Guild will continue to face paint. If you don't was your face, you'll be ready for the real St. Patrick's Day.

By the time you take in the whole parade, grab a beverage, chow down a 'dog and jam with Al Foreman, it may be late afternoon by the time you get home!

If you can't make the parade, for whatever odd reason, the whole event will be videotaped by OTOW-TV and you can relive the occasion on your Bright-house Network TV, channels 96 and 732, all day on St. Patrick's Day.

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Pictured above, Andre Cowart and Izzy Baird from Pet Supplies Plus present Timothy and owner Joanne Fenn with a gift basket, including toys, munchies and a gift certificate. At right, Lynne Ann Hutchins of Barks and Bubbles, presents Joann and Timothy with a certificate for a complimentary grooming. Above is the before picture. At right is after Timothy was all cleaned up.

OTOW Pet of the Year enjoyed every moment of his trophy day

Seconds after Pet Supplies Plus dropped by to present Timothy with his Pet of the Year gift basket, the Irish Setter had his nose in the bag and couldn't wait to take out his new toys.

Or maybe he was digging deep in the bag looking for his fresh doggie treats?

Whatever the case, Timothy was one happy dog, and his day was just beginning.

Joanne Fenn, of the Chetnik

Building, received the gift basket and a gift certificate from the Clearwater pet store, on behalf of her prize-winning pooch.

In January, Timothy was voted Pet of the Year after receiving 72 votes from 75 overall voters. He entered the year-end contest after being named Pet of the Month for April.

An hour after Pet Supplies Plus stopped by, Timothy received another visitor ... this time Lynn Ann Hutchins

from Barks and Bubbles mobile grooming.

As part of the Pet of the Year honor, the Irish Setter received a complete groom, bubble bath and dry, right in his own parking lot.

Lynn Ann used her magical tools to brush, clip, clean and groom Timothy. An hour after the royal treatment began, Timothy left the mobile grooming van with a brand new Valentine's bandana.

He was one happy dog.

The entire award ceremony was captured on video tape and will be aired locally on On Top of the World TV, channels 96 and 732, throughout March.

Timothy will also lead the OTOW Dog Park gang when the Irish Club parade takes place on World Parkway Boulevard on Saturday, March 5 at 10 a.m. Look for Timothy and Joanne marching together.



World Parkway Boulevard will be closed from 10-11 a.m., Saturday, March 5 for the Irish Club parade. Gates at the Sunset Point Road entrance and Belcher Road entrance will both be closed to traffic. Plan now. Plan ahead.

Do not plan on using World Parkway Boulevard between 10-11 a.m. to get any errands done. No grocery store visits. No hair stylist appointments. No quick trips to the liquor store. Do not make appointments with the plumber, electrician or TV repairman between 10-11 a.m.

The road will be closed, blocked, off limits. Any questions? Good.

Please help us keep everyone in the parade and at the parade safe for this annual event.



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You always have an open invitation to join us at one of our events.

This month's highlighted events include:

- Happy Hour every Friday from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 17
- Cocktail of the Month with Chef John on March 23
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One Blood, AAA driving course and FLOW all return in late March

The safety seminar, presented by Pinellas County Consumer Services and the Pinellas County Sheriff Office, saw more than 80 residents turn out for this rainy day event.

Attendees received valuable information and great tips on preventing identity theft, how to avoid falling victim to a scam, consumer and product safety, and helping to keep your community safe.

In the future, similar events will be scheduled and will offer a wide variety of topics, such as personal safety, that impact our residents and community on a daily basis. Watch the On Top of the World newspaper for details.

There were several requests for the following telephone numbers to be included in the newspaper this month. Anna Marie Millet, with the Pinellas County Consumer Services. She can be reached at 727-464-6617. Also, the non-emergency phone number for the Pinellas County Sheriff Office, 727-582-6200. All emergency calls go to 911. For a complete list of links to Consumer Resources see Nancy in the Community Service Office for your copy.

One Blood

One Blood collected blood donations in January in conjunction with our safety seminar and we are pleased to report that the recent blood drive resulted in 11 units of blood collected.

Each donation can save up to three lives which means 33 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of the On Top of the World community.

Thank you to all individuals who participated and donated at this event.



The next scheduled blood drive will be held on Thursday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center North parking lot. One Blood will be giving away a free, green t-shirt to all donors.

F.L.O.W Bus

The Florida Licensing on Wheels Bus or F.L.O.W. bus is scheduled to be in the community on Tuesday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center North parking lot.

The FLOW staff provides a convenient method to renew a driver license, obtain a replacement driver license, change a name or address on a driver license, get an identification card, renew a vehicle registration and purchase a specialty license plate.

They also offer the Department's critical safety services, such as emergency contact information registration and safety campaigns by the Florida Highway Patrol. No written or driving tests are given from mobile units.

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held in the East Activity Center

Starlite Room on Thursday, March 24, and Friday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and a registration form can be found on page 60 of the On Top of the World Newspaper.

Good Karma Café

On Saturday, March 5, the Good Karma Café will be participating in the Irish Club's Saint Patrick's Day parade.

Like last year, we will be selling a hot dog, chips and soda combo for \$3 in the East Activity Center North parking lot immediately following the parade.

There will also be live music performed by Al Foreman, who has entertained us at the Good Neighbors coffee Thursday on several occasions.

The Art Guild will be providing free face painting.

So stop by and have lunch, get your face painted, listen to some music and enjoy the day!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Reminders

Smoking is prohibited 25 feet from the East and West Activity Centers. When smoking, please maintain this distance from all centers. SCA staff will be reminding residents when necessary. Remember to discard all extinguished butts in the proper receptacles. We ask for your cooperation in adhering to this request.

The OTOW number to submit service request over the phone is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a work order, such as general building issues in the common area only. Please do not leave emergency information on this line as this will de-

lay the amount of time it takes us to respond to your request.

For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number in the event of a building emergency, such as water intrusion into your unit. For a life threatening emergency please dial 911.

Recreation Card Reminders

When renewing your recreation card or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued ID, such as driver license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and property address.

You must bring your valid recreation card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request.

All guests must be accompanied by a resident anytime they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool. As a reminder, the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities. All noncompliance issues will be immediately directed to the On Top of the World Association to address.

SCA Staff

As always, I would also like to thank the SCA staff for their hard work and assistance in maintaining our beautiful facilities. We think they do a great job and if you think so, too, please write a note and drop it off at the Community Service Office

April, May are paving months - make sure someone has a spare set of your car keys

The On Top of the World Management Company would like to remind all residents that spring is the time of year when the repaving of streets and parking areas occur here in our Clearwater community.

The work usually requires residents' vehicles to be relocated to allow for paving crews to do their work.

Due to this, we ask all residents to watch for notices posted on their

building bulletin boards, as well as car windshields, concerning upcoming paving project schedules and locations.

Seasonal residents, or those planning to be out-of-town during April or May, should leave a spare set of keys with another resident to avoid having their vehicle relocated by a towing company.

Relocation of your vehicle may be necessary while you are gone.

We encourage residents to stop by the Community Service Office and complete an information / change of address form, which will allow you to note if another unit owner has keys to your vehicle while you are away for extended periods.

The form is also available in this newspaper.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Make March a time to think

The holidays are over, the family and guests are back wherever they came from, and it's just you and your home (finally!).

So ask yourself a simple question: What do I do if...?

Ask yourself, do I enjoy walking or biking in the community in the evening or early morning hours?

If the answer is "yes," do you wear reflective clothing, carry a flashlight for signaling oncoming traffic, or have proper flashing red lights on your bicycle?

I enjoy walking in the community in the cooler weather, and I'm the first to admit that sometimes I forget to take precautions.

Note to self: practice what I preach!

Another lifesaving question to ask is: If I were to have a kitchen fire, do I have a fire extinguisher handy and could I use it?

If I have a water leak into my unit, would I know what to do or who to call?

If I'm getting out of the tub or shower, is my bath mat absorbent and non-skid?

Do I have a grab rail that is properly installed in my tub or shower?

Have I overloaded any extension cord with too many plug-in items? This is much more common than you think!

If I have an after-market washer and dryer, were they properly installed by a licensed professional?

If you can't answer "yes" to that question, you need to call a licensed electrician to make sure the dryer is not overloading the electrical panel. This is much more common than most people appreciate.

Is the washer draining into at least a 3-inch drain? If not, you may flood out yourself and several neighbors. Have a plumber check the drain connection.

Condominiums with dryer vent connections in the condo are the owners' obligation to have serviced. These dryer vents are considered to be a limited common element. Whether or not you have an originally built-in dryer vent or if it was added in later, is it free of lint accumulation?

Lint accumulation presents a very real fire hazard.

Call an appliance specialist to arrange a cleaning. Whether you have a vented or a ventless dryer, you must still clean the internal lint trap.



Do you have a first aid kit in the home? How old is it?

Do you maintain an up-to-date emergency contact list? Do you remember where it is? When was the list last updated?

The best recommendation is to keep a clearly legible list of current emergency contacts, your primary physician, and any medications you are taking in a clearly identified vial in the refrigerator.

You'll also want to post a reminder on the refrigerator door that vital information is stored there. This can be a life or death difference to you should emergency responders be needed.

Insurance Update

Last month I addressed insurance coverage that each owner should have in place on their individual condominium, but it bears repeating.

Insurance coverage for your personal property and loss of use is generally a very affordable value. There is no good reason to not have your personal contents insured for at least \$25,000, but a higher limit may be preferable.

Loss of use coverage will provide (up to a stipulated limit) for living expenses should you become displaced from the property. Remember, the Association only insures the structure. Contents and living expenses are your responsibility.

Being without coverage is not a risk anyone would want to assume, as damage within the interior area of your home can become quite costly! Especially if a leaking air conditioner or water heater causes damage in adjoining units and the common elements between the units.

The cost of repair for your unit, the common element property and the adjoining unit(s) can be very costly. It is the owner's obligation to maintain or replace these components, and the owner's liability when they don't.

Proper insurance coverage will help save you large out-of-pocket ex-

penses as a result of a leaky air conditioner or water heater.

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

Community Updates

Painting/Waterproofing: The fronts of Building 47 and Building 46 are both scheduled for new coatings in March. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Construction, roofing and large scope projects

The next structure scheduled for roofing improvements is Building 34. This project is projected to commence on March 8, pending weather and Pinnellas County approval.

Residents will begin seeing materials and equipment delivered for the job by the third of the month.

As with the other roofing projects, staged closures of the parking lots, either partially or in their entirety, must occur in order for the contractor to operate in a safe and efficient manner. The contractor will do their best to limit parking area closures, but residents should be prepared to relocate their cars to available spaces outside of the work area.

Bulletins will be posted in buildings coordinating the contractor's activities during the projects' duration. As always, please observe all cordoned off areas in the interests of safety.

The installation of new benches is another community improvement project that began in December and will continue through the spring of 2016.

These new "environmentally friendly" benches will be placed at locations convenient to bus stops and routes regularly traversed by many of the community's pedestrians. This project will require the removal and disposal of the current cement benches, then improvements to the surface grade will be made, and finally installation of the new bench.

New walkway lighting fixture installations are continuing at buildings 84, 90, 82 and 77 throughout the winter and spring months of 2016. Resi-

dents may encounter Parkway maintenance teams operating in the walkways as this project progresses. Please watch your step in and around this work if you encounter these improvements being made.

A major renovation of the Lake Arbor dock (accessible from the west side of property) is another community improvement project scheduled for the month of March. This will require that the dock be closed to all pedestrian traffic for the duration of the project. For the safety of all, please observe any cordoned off areas while this work is underway.

New pedestrian sidewalks are another community enhancement that is being made in the coming months. As this article goes to print, a new sidewalk is being installed off of Costa Rican drive, closest to Building 80, that will provide access for residents to the west side swimming pool. Other locations are in the planning and development phase currently.

Fire hydrant maintenance will be occurring throughout the month of March as well. Utilities crews will be recoating most hydrants in the community and residents may be asked to temporarily relocate their cars during this work. Please comply if you receive a door hangar or windshield placard requesting you move your vehicle so we may affect the work.

Utilities crews will also be working on a section of Building 82's parking lot entrance and exit at the end of March. This will require altered traffic patterns, and or delays, that will affect the traffic exiting property at the west Belcher Road entrance. Please be aware of flagmen working in this area and pay close attention to their direction. Their safety, as well as the safety of other pedestrians and drivers, depends on your cooperation.

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit.

A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

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about your personal safety

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community. Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company. Thanks for your advance cooperation.

Inspection Services Division

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

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

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

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2015/2016 improvement cycle.

The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

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

We appreciate your cooperation in

making this project a success across the community.

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the management company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community.

The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper. The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents

Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to the second and third floor walking surfaces.

Many residents will see these restoration crews 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. 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 buildings 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 Inspection Services division is finding many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community.

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 at the East Activity Center.

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 is installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator. Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These obstructions 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 be it propane, charcoal, or electric, are not permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring 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.

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.

Water softener installations require a permit

The Management Company would like to remind residents that all water softener installations at On Top of the World require a modification permit approved by your condominium association in advance of installation.

Modification permit applications may be picked up at the Community Service Office located inside the lobby of the East Activity Center.

Please make sure to apply for and receive association approval before

installation to avoid a compliance visit by the management company.

Please note, resin-style softeners are the only approved type of water softener allowed in the community. Salt-style, also known as ion exchangers, are not permissible by association rule.

Thank you for attention and cooperation. Questions? Visit the Community Service Office.

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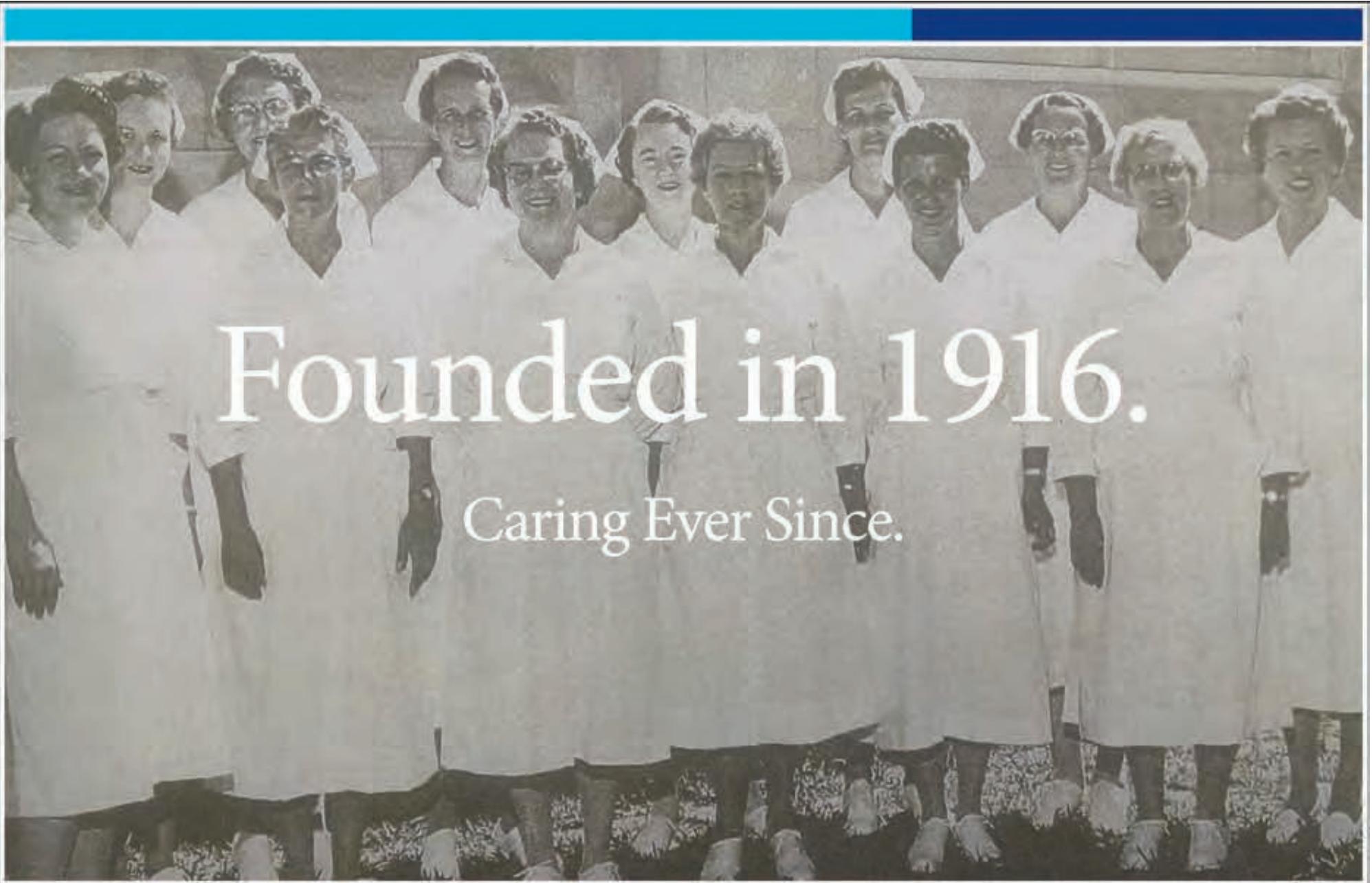
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 <p>This Calendar Pulls Out</p>		<p>01</p> <p>Ladies 9 Hole Golf Meeting 1:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Travel Club Board Meeting 1:00 PM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>Irish Club Meeting 4:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p>	<p>02</p> <p>Irish Club Dinner/Dance 5:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Theater Workshop Board Meeting 6:30 PM - Veranda</p>
<p>06</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Sunday in The Park 2:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Karaoke Singing 6:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>07</p> <p>No.75 Mandarin Meeting 4:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Board Meeting 10:30 AM - Veranda</p> <p>Snowbirds Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Starlite Room</p>	<p>08</p> <p>Stamp Collectors Meeting 1:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Irish Club Meeting 4:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p>	<p>09</p> <p>Jesters Board Meeting 6:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Jesters Meeting 7:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Healthy Living Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Jesters Board Meeting 6:30 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Jesters Meeting 7:00 PM - Veranda</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Theater Workshop Show 2:00 PM - Auditorium</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Lawn Bowlers Luncheon 10:00 AM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p> <p>German Interest Group Meeting 2:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Family History Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room</p> <p>Health Screenings Blood Pressure Screening 8:30 AM - Veranda</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Republican Club Meeting 6:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p> <p>Election Other 7:00 AM - East Activity Center</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Italian American Club Dinner 5:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Ladies QuoT Billiards Meeting 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Snowbirds Club Luau 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Health Screenings Free Eye & Ear Testing 9:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Canadian Club Bridge 6:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Chorus Board Meeting 11:00 AM - Starlite Room</p>	<p>22</p> <p>No.74 Brahman Dinner 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>	<p>23</p> <p>NY-NJ Club Strawberry 6:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>No.89 Siboney Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Good Neighbors Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>No.89 Siboney Luncheon</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Lawn Bowlers Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Tennis Banquet 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Irish Club Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Canadian Club Meeting 5:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>No.50 Azores Meeting</p>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Meeting</p>	<p>03</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Billiards Meeting 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Veranda</p> 	<p>04</p> <p>Irish Club Meeting 4:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p> <p>Lawn Bowlers Board Meeting 11:30 AM - Veranda</p> <p>Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room</p>	<p>05</p> <p>Pray For America Prayer Group 10:00 AM - Small Classroom</p> <p>Irish Club Parade 10:00 AM - World Parkway Blvd</p> 
	<p>10</p> <p>Canadian Club Spring Fling 5:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Democratic Club Meeting 3:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Canadian Club Spring Fling 5:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Art Guild Painting 6:00 PM - Art Room</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Theater Workshop Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Theater Workshop Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Pray For America Prayer Group 10:00 AM - Small Classroom</p> 
<p>Dinner/Dance</p> <p>Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p> <p>Hoosier Club Dinner 2:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>No.47 Bohemia Meeting 12:30 PM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Classroom Volunteers Meeting 9:30 AM - Starlite Room</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Canadian Club Happy Hour 4:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Lambda Club Social 7:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Canadian Club Blue Jays Game 1:00 PM - Outdoors</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Dance 8:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Pray For America Prayer Group 10:00 AM - Small Classroom</p> 
<p>Fling</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Art Room</p> <p>AAA Driver Course Class 9:00 AM - Starlite Room</p>	<p>25</p> <p>AAA Driver Course Class 9:00 AM - Starlite Room</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Lambda Club Social 7:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Pray For America Prayer Group 10:00 AM - Small Classroom</p>
	<p>31</p> <p>Canadian Club Social Games 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Canadian Club Social Games</p>	<p>The East Activity Center Large Card Room will be closed indefinitely for renovations. If you had a function this month scheduled for the Large Card Room, please see Nancy in the CSO. Any group which does not renew its meeting times will be left off of the newspaper calendar. You must register for a room in December for events in January, February and March. You must renew in March for events in April, May and June. You must renew in June for events in July, August and September. You must renew in September for events in October, November and December.</p>	



For next two meetings, Press Association members will be required to feast

The Press Association started its February meeting by grabbing a couple of freshly baked stuffed mushrooms from the Stuffed Mushroom in Safety Harbor.

The Stuffed Mushroom will be the caterer for the annual Appreciation Luncheon on April 7 and staff got an early tease with two varieties of mushrooms: one with cheese and one with spinach.

The press staff was told they have six choices for the upcoming luncheon: beef stroganoff, beef burgundy, chicken piccata, chicken marsala, chicken cordon bleu and chicken Juliette. Staff will be asked at the March meeting to select their top two choices. Keep in mind, last year, members were able to take a sample of both choices.



The Appreciation Luncheon is a thank you to staff who contributed to at least three newspapers and attended three meetings during the past 12 months. The newspaper is picking up the tab on their lunch.

Anyone who did not qualify for the luncheon, or anyone who wants to bring a guest, may do so for \$15 per person. Deadline to sign up for the luncheon is April 1.

After discussing the Appreciation Luncheon, editor Doug Kates updated staff on their proposed idea for a "One Light" holiday celebration, which would replace the Holiday Lights competition. Doug reported that OTOW management liked some parts of the preliminary plans, but were concerned about other parts.

At the January meeting, staff introduced the idea to encourage all residents to place at least one light in their main window, then selecting a specific night in early December when resi-

dents should walk out to their street, enjoy their neighbors lights and begin walking as a group along World Parkway Boulevard toward the golf course.

The idea is to come together as a community, enjoy the display of lights, sing carols, dress in holiday attire and maybe meet as an entire group at a designated location for holiday refreshments.

Discussions will continue to take place and Doug said he would update the group as progress was made.

An idea for a past press members Wall of Fame has been tabled.

The March 3 meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. This will be a Queens Pizza party for members only.

If you are in the Irish Club parade, or can't see it live, you can still watch it on OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732. A replay of the parade will air all day March 17 and at different times throughout March.



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Nevertheless, I wish to tell you of what happened to a friend of mine. She wrote some checks for various bills, put the check into envelopes and put the envelopes into her mailbox.

In this case, her mailbox was on the street where the mailman could drive up to it and pick up mail. However, a thief came by, stole the envelopes with the checks, photo shopped the checks to remove the name of the company to whom the check was being mailed, changed the name and was able to deposit the photoshopped checks into a "temporary" bank account.

My friend lost anywhere from \$500 to \$5,000 - we're not sure yet.

Maybe it's time to do online banking or maybe it's time to take envelopes with checks directly to a secure mailbox. As I said, I don't think folks at OTOW have the same situation, but we can't be cautious enough these days, can we?

Q. My son works for a company that recently cut his salary in half, put him on a commission basis, where before he was on a straight salary and even changed the scope of his work.

He wants to quit, but stay in the same industry, because it's what he knows. However, he signed something



called a non-compete agreement. Can those kinds of things be broken?

A. Basically, a non-compete agreement provides that an employee who has obtained information about an employer's business cannot leave the employment and go to work for a competitor or in a competitive line of work.

They can restrict employment for a period of months or a few years and to a definite location or locations.

They are frequently enforceable.

However, in your son's situation, at least an argument can be made that the company broke their employment agreement and thus he is not bound by the non-compete agreement.

HOWEVER, your son should consult with an attorney, who understands employment issues and should not simply rely on what I've written here, because obviously, there needs to be a thorough examination of all the facts.

Q. My wife and I have rented the places where we live and have never

actually owned a place because we've moved around a lot.

Now, we are both retired and we are considering and will want to buy a home.

What is the safest way to take the title so that if one of us passes away, the other will automatically own the home and there won't be any probate of it and it will be very simple?

A. In your situation, the easiest way to take the title to a home is to put it in both names such as John Home and Mary Home, husband and wife.

By doing it that way, if one of you passes on, the survivor will be the sole owner of the home with no requirement to have probate proceedings.

And if one of you passes on, there will be no need to have a new deed.

The simple act of putting title into the names of the two of you as husband and wife means that when one passes on, the survivor is the only owner of the property.

Q. I have a federally taxable estate. I am married and my wife and I have a prenuptial agreement whereby our property rights at each other's passing has been settled.

I want to leave my wife something over and above what our prenuptial agreement provided, but here's the "catch." If she passes on before me, I don't want her children to have anything of mine. I want my three children to have everything when I pass on. Your suggestions please.

A. My first suggestion is that if you have a federally taxable estate, you

should be discussing it with your attorney or with an attorney who handles complex estate planning matters.

My second thought is to leave your children an amount that is equal to the federal lifetime exemption (slightly more than \$5.4 million right now.) Then leave your wife the rest, but in what is known as a Qualified Terminal Interest Property (QTIP) Trust. She gets all the income and can also take up to 5 percent of the principal each year. When she passes on, whatever's left in the QTIP can pass to your children.

Um....did you get the part where I said you should discuss this with an estate planning attorney?

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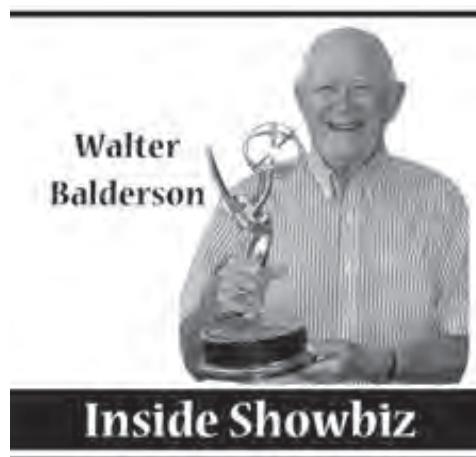
'Wind Beneath My Wings' can only mean one person

Bette Midler is known all over the world as "The Divine Miss M."

Bette, a singer, song-writer, comedian, actress and producer, has spanned more than a half century and won three Grammy Awards, four Golden Globes, three Emmy Awards and a special Tony Award.

In 1972, she released her very first album, "The Divine Miss M." The album, produced by friend, Barry Manilow, became a top seller.

Her movie career began in 1979 when she was given the leading role in "The Rose," which earned her a Golden Globe Award for best actress. She is probably best remembered from her role in "Beaches" where she sang a



song that almost became her signature song, "Wind Beneath My Wings."

Bette liked the style of singing by

the Andrew Sisters and recorded one of their previous hits. "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." She was very supportive of the military and made the film, "For the Boys," financed with her own money. Unfortunately, it was not a success. The cost was \$40 million and the box office took in only \$28 million.

Bette was the only guest on the final Tonight Show with Johnny Carson. She sang to him the very first song she ever sang on his show, "One for my Baby and One More for the Road."

Bette was big in Vegas. She debuted in 2008 at Caesar's Palace in a spectacular production that ran for more than two years.

Throughout 2003 and 2004, she

toured the United States in her new show, Kiss My Brass, to sell-out audiences.

Bette was an early sponsor of the Adopt-A-Highway program, paying \$200 a month for a crew to clean up a two-mile section of the Ventura Freeway in Burbank. Signs at both ends read, Litter Removal Next 2 miles, Bette Midler.

She has been married to Martin Von Haselberg for more than 30 years. They have one daughter, Sophie, now 28 years old. They have a home in Beverly Hills and a penthouse on Fifth Avenue overlooking Central Park.

She is 69 years old.



The annual Irish Club Parade is set for 10 a.m., Saturday, March 5 on World Parkway Boulevard

Please note, World Parkway Blvd. will be closed during the parade.

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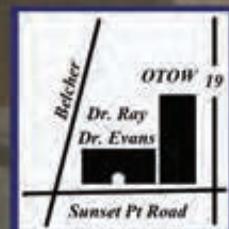
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By Judy Mills

It's hard to believe that it's already March! Seems like it was just New Year's Eve.

Time really does fly when you're having fun. And we are having a lot of fun at the Art Guild.

At our January meeting, we held a short business discussion, followed by some refreshments and cast our ballots for Artist of the Month - congratulations to Virginia Flanders! Her painting will be hung in the lobby for the next month. Stop by and check it out.

After the meeting we enjoyed a presentation by Carole Loiacono, a well known artist, on watercolor painting. She completed the entire painting in less than an hour and it was fascinating.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, March 11, from 1:30 - 3 p.m. in the Art Room. This will be open to the On Top of the World community.

You don't need to be a member to join us. Kevin Tobin from Golden Paints will be giving a free presentation on acrylic paints. He will be covering a lot of material and every attendee will receive a valuable information packet and free samples of Golden products. Registration is required. Please call Penny Page at 648-4729 to get on the list. This promises to be a very fun



Pictured above were candidates for Artist of the Month for February. From left to right are Marie Andree Lamothe, Virginia Flanders, Eva Pilarska, Bob Hammond, Jane Treggett, Penny Page and JoAnn Ferro. Virginia was the winner.

time for everyone!

The Art Guild is also offering a Paint and Sip Night this month on Thursday, March 10, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the Art Room. This event is open to all residents. You do not need to be a member to join us in this fun event. The cost is \$15 and everything you need to paint will be provided. You are welcome to bring something to drink, such as a bottle of wine. Everyone will be painting the same picture, with the instructor's help. Space is limited to 20 people so sign up soon. To register, call Penny Page at 648-4729. So, get your friends together and have a fun night out!

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

On Mondays, Sharon Evans is giving

oil and acrylic lessons for beginner and experienced painters 9:30 a.m. in the Art Room. Call her at 727-442-6404 for more information. Lessons are \$5 for members.

On Tuesdays, Wendy Colquhoun 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. At this time, her classes are full, so please call her if you'd like to get on the waiting list. 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 Fier will continue giving his popular drawing

lessons from 1-3 p.m. Classes are \$3 for members. Bring your own paper/sketch pad and pencils.

Club membership is \$15/year which goes from November to 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.

At our meetings, we have a short business discussion, refreshments, a unique demonstration and voting for artist of the month. The winning project will be displayed in the lobby of the EAC for the following month.

The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. Come join us!

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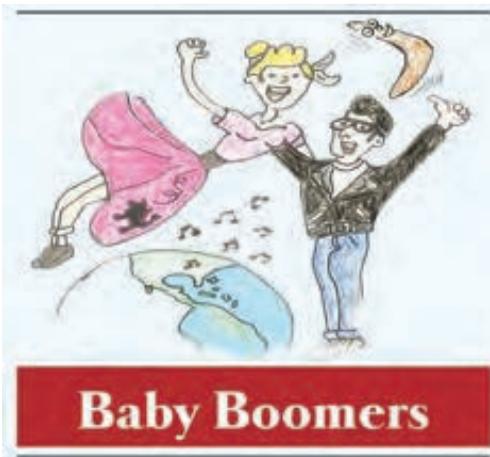
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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Welcome to Cuba!

Well, actually, Ybor City



By Mary Skaarer

“Boomers love to have fun.”

And a Baby Boomers recent trip to historic Ybor City was definitely no exception. It was a beautiful day filled with exploring and fun.

The sunshine and cool breeze provided the perfect temperature for sightseeing.

We meandered around and learned all about the rich culture of Ybor City. Our knowledgeable tour guide told stories of the local history. It was as though he had lived back in the day of the old cigar factories.

We visited the original courtyard, where workers rolled cigars from sun-up to sundown.

He told us of the Reader, whose function was to sit above the fray and read newspapers. His position became an important role that kept workers abreast of current events. It is said they became the most informed workers of their time.

Walking through the neighborhoods of small houses and social clubs, our guide told us of their rich culture and local customs.

At this point we thought we had learned it all, but suddenly, to our surprise, we were transported right into Cuba.



On Top of the World Baby Boomers stand in a square actually owned by Cuba in Ybor City.

We stepped onto a square of land we learned is the only piece of property owned by Cuba in the United States. Some of us were amazed and reactions varied. The most common was “oh here we are in Cuba and never left the USA.”

It was definitely a wonderful, exciting and educational trip.

We finished our day dining in our own private room at Carmine’s restaurant. There, we enjoyed good food

and drink, as we reviewed our day and shared our thoughts on the history and culture of Ybor City.

It was really a great trip and we look forward to many more such outings with the Baby Boomers.

This month the Baby Boomers will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room and 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, in the East Activity Center Art Room.

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Residents pack the house to refresh their memories about the Civil War

By Anne B. Watkins

Our guest speaker for the February meeting was Gerald R. Colen, a self-proclaimed history “buff” with a lifetime interest in the Civil War.

Jerry’s bio stated that he possesses some 150 books, documents and records of the War, and has visited most of the major battlefields.

He has attended seminars conducted by Civil War historians and college professors, and he, himself, has spoken on various aspects of the War for several years.

For us, Jerry gave a wide-ranging overview of the War, dividing it into six parts.

First, Part I, was “A Promise made:” The South was attempting to start a new country, built on slave labor, and since President Lincoln didn’t think he had the Constitutional right to ban slavery, he sought, instead, to cripple the South’s economy.

However, the War was not going well for the Union in the first years, and in response to criticism of his motives, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation “to save the union.” It was a promise to free the slaves, though it applied to only the Confederate States.

Part II was “Fiery Trial:” Lincoln, a Republican, had his own battles with a Democratic Congress.

Part III was “New Birth of Freedom:” This part dealt mostly with the Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863, the largest battle ever fought in North America, with 50 to 60 thousand casualties.

Technically, it was a Union victory, but U.S. Army General George Meade



Gerald Colen was the guest speaker at the Family History meeting in February. He shared his knowledge of the Civil War.

failed to chase after Confederate General Robert E. Lee, and the War continued on.

In November of that year, Lincoln gave his iconic Gettysburg Address at the dedication of a national soldiers’ cemetery there, saying “this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people,

shall not perish from the earth.”

Part IV was about the second inauguration of Lincoln on March 4, 1865. Jerry speculated that if Major General George B. McClellan had won the presidency, we well might have had a permanently split nation. By this time the war was going well for the Union, but still there was no end in



Family History

view, and Lincoln was offering in his address “malice toward none, charity toward all,” that war came to the entire nation, as the whole nation was guilty of slavery.

Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant on April 9, 1865, and the War finally came to an end.

Part V was “The Context of the War:” A Union victory was never assured. Slavery vanished forever. Gettysburg was probably not the most decisive battle; Vicksburg was more of a Confederate defeat.

And what does the War mean to us?

It showed us that this country will persevere through its darkest days.

And Part VI was “After the War:” The President, who had indeed brought us through dark days, was assassinated April 15, 1865, and as Secretary of War Edwin Stanton said, “Now he belongs to the ages.”

The next Family History meeting will take place Monday, March 14, in the East Activity Center Computer Room from 1-3 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Shirley Perry and her topic will be DNA.

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Doris Couture overcame a major obstacle to continue to produce beautiful creations in our club



Doris Couture

By Phyllis Butler

We are proud of club member Doris Couture.

Doris moved to On Top of the World from New Hampshire back in 2006. She was still a Snowbird, but joined the Knitters soon after her arrival.

Doris has spent many years with us, knitting and crocheting lap robes for nursing home residents during the winter months.

In 2014, Doris became a full time resident and is now a permanent knitting member. Over the years, she made many friends.

In 2013, Doris suffered an illness and there were questions whether she would ever knit again. But we are proud to report, her hard work and months of therapy have paid off and her knitting abilities have returned.

She is one of our finest members, and we wish her the best in her future.

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

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.



We would also like to thank the residents who donate yarn and/or needles and accessories that they can no longer use. We make good use of all of them.

Last month we sent 60 lap robes, four shrugs and 40 walker caddies to a local nursing home. They were very appreciative, and even invited us to lunch. It gives us all a good feeling to help others.

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

Upcoming cruises, bus trips fill Snowbirds Club season

By John Koning

February was a busy month for Snowbirds Club members.

We cruised to Falmouth, Jamaica and Labadee, Haiti on our Valentine's Cruise to start off the month in style.

We continued with top notch entertainment, including the blockbuster "Book of Mormon" show and Andrew Lloyd-Webber's masterpiece, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Then we danced until our feet were numb at our Spring Fling wine and cheese party featuring Harold Wurtz.

If you are looking for a spectacular way to say goodbye to old man winter, check out these events we have scheduled for March:

We are headed for the historic and hugely popular Strawberry Festival by charter bus. Then we will dine aboard the luxurious Yacht Starship and watch the Thunderbirds Air Show from the upper deck. Talk about great seats!

After that, we are heading back to Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater to dine in style and watch the hilarious comedy, "Cheaters," before ending our final season in style with our popular Luau and pig roast right here at On Top of the



Jan Springer, left, and Jan Soltys, right, got special dining room service from head waiter Mark during the Valentines Cruise to Jamaica and Labadee with the Snowbirds Club. (Photo by Ed Foland)

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Snowbirds Club

The Snowbirds Club might be closing its doors, but that doesn't mean your cruising opportunities with Ed and Dolly will end. Our final membership meeting at 11 a.m. on March 7 will feature cruise expert, Marie Emmerich, who will walk us through the many travel opportunities awaiting us next year.

We already have three cruises lined up! They are our Cruise for Cancer in December, our Nassau Casino Cruise in January and our JOLLY Line Dance Cruise in February.

Come to our meeting to learn more or book now to lock in our low rates. Visit www.snowbird-sotow.com for much more information.

Professional line dance instructor shares tips you can use at class or while watching TV

By Antoinette d'Oronzio

On Top of the World residents, both beginners and experienced dancers, got tips to improve their line dancing skills last month, thanks to a workshop co-sponsored by the OTOW Snowbirds Club and the OTOW Line Dancing Club.

The advice came from John Robinson, a prominent line dance choreographer, instructor and entertainer. Here are some of his "gems":

-- The faster the music, the smaller you need to make your steps.

-- You don't dance just with your feet, you dance with your entire body.

-- Occasionally, there are restarts in a dance, times when there are unexpected changes in a song. Listen to the music to cue your dancing.

-- When you do a rock step or a side rock, use only the ball of the foot, not the whole foot. This technique makes for a smoother look.

-- In a pivot turn, there are no weight changes. You touch with the ball of the foot and simply



Ednamae Jordt and Cele Radeloff were presented with Valentine's flowers by the Line Dancing Club for years of service that extend four decades.

smile, smile, smile," he said.

If some of John's tips sound confusing, it may be because you can't visualize them. Come to line dancing on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and you'll see how easy it is to put them into practice.

On Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and on Tuesdays at

1 p.m., there is a "pre-class" for beginners in the Starlite Room of the East Activity Center. Our instructor, Sheila Bolster, introduces the first few dances that will be done in the general session.

Thirty minutes later, the instructors and demonstrators go over the steps to each dance before putting on the music. Some of the beginners attempt all the dances. Others just do the first few (which are usually the easier ones) and then watch.

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m., there is also a level two, half-hour of instruction led by Carol Babini in the EAC exercise room. It is for "graduates" of the beginner class, who want to practice some of the more intricate dances before the general session.

Step sheets for the dances are at the Line Dancing Club website:

sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing

Line dance videos of the general sessions are on the OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732 at about 7 p.m.. You can dance along in the privacy of your own home. Videos have already been made for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. This month, you should see a new video on Friday evenings.

For more information, call Mary Becker at (727) 253-4874.

Healthy Living Club takes inspiring walk



More than 20 residents joined author Ben Montgomery for a walk at John Chesnut Park.

By Kathleen Santosuosso

Healthy Living Club members joined together for "Grandma Gatewood's Commemorative Walk" on Feb. 6 at John Chesnut Park in Palm Harbor.

The event was organized by club member Jan Stiffler.

We walked up to four miles through the park, and listened to stories about Grandma Gatewood, told by Ben Montgomery, author of "Grandma Gatewood's Walk," the inspiring story of the woman who saved the Appalachian Trail.

The book was a New York Times bestseller and won the 2014 National Outdoor Book Award for history/biography.

The book tells the story of Grandma Gatewood, a 67-year-old great-grandmother, who hiked the 2,050 mile Appalachian Trail a total of three times and brought attention to the poor condition

of the trail at that time.

Ben Montgomery is also a Tampa Bay Times writer and Pulitzer Prize finalist for his series on the Dozier School for Boys, Florida's oldest reform school.

Some upcoming club activities for March are biking to Ben Davis Park via the Courtney Campbell bike trail, "Walking with a Purpose" to Fresh Market, digital library instruction, and a hike to Walsingham Park.

We will email members with specific times and dates. Our current club courses are Active Living Every Day and Diabetes Self-Management.

Those interested may sign-up online for our March course, "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls," or may come to the first class. This class be-

gins on Wednesday, March 30, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Art Room and runs for eight weeks.

There are also many free online classes on the Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) Website. For Osher Lifelong Learning (OLLI) courses there are modest fees. Links to OLLI and MOOC are on the Healthy Living Box Office site.

Water Walking, biking (Slow Spokes), and Buddy Walking continue to attract new members weekly.

All exercise classes at On Top of the World are open to all residents. Also, from the comfort of your home, you can join the Better Balance class on OTOW-TV every day at around 7 a.m. and noon. The highly qualified instructors, Cammy and Jessica from Ocala On Top of the World,

teach exercise classes on balance and posture, two important areas for aging adults.

On Top of the World residents who are interested in joining the Healthy Living Club, and were not able to attend the February meeting, may sign up to be a member on the Box Office. Please note that there is a password, and you will be given the password at our next meeting. The password is needed to sign up for Healthy Living Courses and events on our Healthy Living site.

To learn about upcoming courses and speakers in 2016, or to make suggestions for specific events, come to our meeting on March 9 from 7-7:30 p.m. in the Sunrise Room in the West Activity Center. Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month.

Fitness gals pass test in kitchen

This group of ladies knows how to party.

The Ladies Exercise Group gets up early every morning to stay fit at fitness class, but one evening in February, they gathered for a pot-luck get-together.

These gals are rock stars in the gym, as well as the kitchen.

The food was delicious and the company delightful. It was another wonderful time to remember as you can see from the smiling faces in the attached photo.



Morning exercises in EAC gym

If you are interested in staying healthy, come join us at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday in the East Activity Center gym.

There are exercise, fitness and step classes for all levels. The music will get you moving. It's a fun way to start your day and meet other ladies also interested in staying fit and active.

We work on building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weight lifting and cardio fitness. Our workouts change daily to keep you motivated.

With the Large Card Room in the EAC still under construction, we also meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings

in the Yellow Room for the co-ed Fun Fitness workout.

In addition to the above, we have added a co-ed step class on Fridays at 11 a.m. in the EAC gym.

As always, our classes are free.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214.

Bonesavers Classes in Art Room

Bonesavers continues to meet all year round.

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

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to try to stop further loss.

Men and women are both welcome to attend our classes. We never do floor exercises and our classes are always free.

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

New club to pray for America

There is a new club at On Top of the World called "Pray for America."

This group will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings in the East Activity Center Small Card Room.

It is open to all residents.

The club is a concerned group of residents who "care about our country." Such discussion topics include terrorism, drugs, crime, the failing economy and moral decline.

The group will discuss issues about

family, community and the country, and will pray for individuals and corporate issues.

For more information, call 647-6467.



Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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



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Travel Club members enjoy slide show from Cuba trip



Our club's cruise to Cuba included a stop at the Roncali Lighthouse, located in the westernmost region of the Cuban archipelago. In 1585, mastheads were placed here to communicate the course of ships in the area. Mary Jane Lofton, Shirley Costello, Stan Bannas, Phil Meissner and Dottie Meissner were among the travelers enjoying this most recent trip.

By Terri Mikszenas

It was wonderful to see so many of our club members at our February meeting - the most we've ever had!

Our team loves your enthusiasm and support.

Our trips have been so popular, they are filling up fast.

Trips are already filled to the St. Nicholas Greek Cathedral, the play "Eleanor Roosevelt, during the great depression" and the Kennedy Space Center.

Several of our members recently returned from an eight-day cruise around Cuba with stops at all four major regions of the island.

Our February meeting attendees enjoyed seeing a slideshow of photos taken by Dottie Meissner, while Phil Meissner (no relation) and Mary Jane Lofton presented an overview of the group's time and stops in Cuba.

Phil spoke about health care, free education, food allotments, employment or lack thereof, old cars, birds, animals and Cuba's infrastructure while Mary Jane spoke of her joy and the experience in visiting the home of Ernest Hemingway.

By the time this column is released, more than 70 club members will be returning from a cruise to Key West and Cozumel, Mexico. We can't wait to hear from the many first-time cruisers to hear what fun they experienced at sea.

Were you planning to buy a ticket?



Travel Club

We have plenty of other options, but if you don't hurry, you will be one of those "wazgonnas" who "was going to buy and missed it."

Who will be first? And, who will be included?

No fighting please, but definitely first come, first served and that's the same order when we board the bus, so hurry on over to see us.

Trudy Willis and I will be at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8-10:30 a.m. to answer any questions you may have, give you a list of upcoming trips or to sell you the last tickets for the March 21 trip to Sunken Gardens in St. Petersburg or the April 11 trip to the Webster Flea Market.

Even if you are not a member of the club, you are welcome to join us at this month's meeting on Friday, March 4, at 2 p.m. in the Starlite Room.

Come see, come listen, come join the club, and don't be shy!

If you don't have a travel partner... ask someone! This is Leap Year - anything goes!

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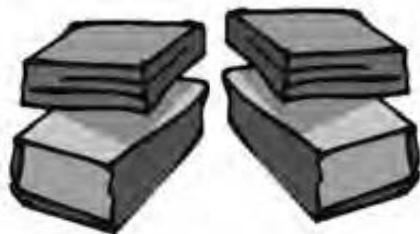
And for only \$2 a year, it's a ticket to read many new bestsellers.

We are adding new books each month that include novels, romance, thrillers and mysteries. Some of the latest titles include "Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy" a Civil War novel by Karen Abbott; "The Guest Room" by Chris Bohjalian, "Dashing Through the Snow" by Debbie Macomber and "New Leaf" by Catherine Anderson.

Robin Cook, author of many medical thrillers has a new one, "Host."

Fern Michaels has added another to her Sisterhood Series, "Point Blank," and Lisa Jackson has a third book in the West Coast Series, "After She's Gone."

Stuart Woods has another Stone



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Barrington novel in print, entitled "Scandalous Behavior." Tami Hoag has added "The Bitter Season" to her list of popular thrillers, as has James

Patterson in "Worst Case."

Dean Koontz has released "Ashley Bell." He has been writing thrillers for more than 40 years!

So you can see, your \$2 investment pays off in lots of good reading. And these are just the books added in February!

We also have books for sale, possible from the generous donations of residents and visitors. Paperbacks sell for 25 cents each and hardbound for 50 cents. There are special sales on Fridays. Plus, don't forget our Free Books. These are books that we may have several copies of, usually older, or books that we don't typically place on our shelves.

We offer a drop box outside the library to return books at your convenience. Please return books by the time they are due, so others may enjoy them. We look forward to seeing you!



Face Painting at March 5 Parade

The On Top of the World Art Guild will be painting faces green with clovers and leprechauns before and after the Irish Club parade on March 5.

If you want to attend in proper attire, stop by the EAC back parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

Jesters thank our great audiences

By Sue Calinski

The lights have dimmed and the costumes are all packed away for another year.

The Jesters 2016 show, "Broadway: A Night to Remember" is now just a memory.

All of the Jesters thank you for the fantastic turnouts at all three of our performances. It was very gratifying to hear all of the delightful comments after each show.

We certainly appreciated the cheers, applause and the laughter while we entertained you. That's what keeps us going! We could never do this if it wasn't for you, our audience.

Thank you!

Now we will get back to our families and friends, and fall back into "normal" lives again, until next year!

Huge thanks to our families for their support and patience while we worked so hard to give our best per-



formances.

Of course, there are many people who gave their best to make this show the success that it was. We would like to thank our Director Mike Albano, Producer Lee Catalfomo, the cast, and the entire production support staff for taking a conceptual idea and turning it into a show that was fun and entertaining for everyone!

We all look forward to meeting up again and working on our show for 2017, after a nice long break, of course.

The Jesters monthly meeting will



The cast of 'Broadway: A Night to Remember'

be held on March 9 at 7 pm in the East Activity Center auditorium. If you saw this year's show and think you may be interested in joining The Jesters, it is an open meeting with all OTOW residents welcome. We would love to have you!

Thank you again to all of you who came and supported this club in its ef-

forts to brighten everyone's day. We hope you keep humming the songs you heard for many months to come, and that we really did give you A Night to Remember.

Watch for a taped version of the show on OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732 later this summer.



Members of the Italian-American Club pose with jockey Janelle Campbell after her horse, On The River, won the fifth race at Tampa Bay Downs. (Photo courtesy of Stephanie at SV Photography)

Dinner dance set for March 16

By Jerry Kaplano

On Feb. 5, our members went to Tampa Bay Downs for a day at the races.

All enjoyed the buffet lunch. Some had luck in picking the correct horse or horses. Some of us did not. Overall, it was a great day.

On Feb. 17, our club had a successful program of "A Night at the Races" in the East Activity Center, followed by a choice of sandwiches.

On March 16, we will have our St. Joseph's Dinner Dance. This is in lieu of a monthly meeting. It includes an Italian Buffet with wine. The cost is \$19 dollars for members and \$23 for non-members. It is from 5-9 p.m. in



the EAC. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Entertainment will be by Carlos.

Try to be at the EAC by 3 p.m. because the club needs help setting up and cleaning up after the dinner.

Stamp Club learns about underwater post office

Our second Philatelic meeting for 2016 was a success.

Eighteen enthusiastic collectors enjoyed the recent postal materials presented. Several highlights were the newest underwater Post Office off the island of Vanuatu in the South Pacific. This postal experience was installed for vacationing scuba divers to mail post cards back home.

What's next?

A post box on the moon?

If so, I'll keep you informed.

Additional features were an embroidered stamp from Switzerland and several private albums to be evaluated.



Stamp Club

Don't miss our next and last meeting for the season, Tuesday, March 8, at 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. There will be cookies and other refreshments for your pleasure. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Sundberg at 847-951-2284.

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We don't just cut gems, we create jewelry

By Richard Madison

Last month you met the secret, magical world of gem creation.

This month, Sandra Hamilton, a resident with no gem experience, parts that veil to show the beauty of some of her creations.

Sandra hails from the north country, Galway, N.Y. She had always had an interest in creating art, and so when lapidary was mentioned in the On Top of the World sales brochure, she and her husband were sold.

That winter, she joined the lab cave and Charlie Fuhr introduced her to faceting gems.

That was alright, according to Sandra, but not really creative enough for her.

Cabochons -- now that was art!

With the tutelage of Dale Corkun, the resident mentor, she quickly learned about diamond wheels and nova resin wheels and how to cut slabs of ruby zoisite and other mysterious minerals from which could be teased, not just sparkle, but elegance.

That coaxing, sculpting really, was guided (much to her delight) by the artistic flair of her fingers.

Who knew!

True, Sandra had always sensed beauty, but this! And the way it came out! Well too much.

The joy of creating became a dream realized. Sandra was having fun



Sandra Hamilton creates jewelry in the Lapidary Room.

doing art that her friends would kill for.

But it wasn't all easy. There were times when her precious gems would

crack from the heat of the wheel because she'd been a bit too anxious.

Then the art, or Zen of cutting, would get her back on track and she'd



Lapidary

coax the stone back into the spectacular jewel it was destined to be.

When asked how she had become this good, with modesty she said, "I just followed Dale's instructions."

So if your creative butterflies are nudging at your heart, visit the Lapidary lab cave. There you can let your mind's eye soar with ideas and teach your hands to shape creations from them.

And those who suspect they have no skill at all, but are willing to let their inner child explore this archetypal craft, will be delighted with how much willing hands can learn.

Enjoy handmade gifts for your children, grandchildren and friends. Learn new skills and keep your mind alert and healthy.

The lapidary club introduces new people to the craft on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon at the East Activity Center.

March 18

After-Patty party still requires green

By Dave Beaven

It's that time of year again when people get together, hoist a few drinks, sing Irish songs and tell some jokes.

This month, we Lambda Club members are looking forward to getting our green on at the Lambda monthly social on Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room. Yes, I know that's the day after St. Patrick's Day, but we'll call this an after-party.

The theme will be green, of course.

Green decorations, green drinks, and green food. I detect a pattern here.

Also, we'll be playing Irish music on our little boom box. And your name doesn't have to be O'Reilly or Murphy

or McNamara. Just wear something green and you're in.

We hope you'll join us this month and shoot the blarney.

Want to read an Irish joke?

Six Irishmen were playing poker when Paddy Finnegan lost 500 Euros on one hand, clutched his heart and

dropped dead.

The other five looked at the body and one said, "Someone has to tell his wife."

They drew straws and the short one was pulled by Liam O'Brien. As he left, the others told him to be gentle in how he broke the news to her.

Liam knocked on Mary Finnegan's door and said, "Your husband just lost 500 Euros at poker."

Mary replied, "Tell him to drop dead."

Liam said, "I'll go tell him."

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for

various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc.

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

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at: lambdaclw@yahoo.com. Or call Dave at 727-410-7566.



Lambda

Nothing wrong with a good set of hand tools



Fixers Club

The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers have launched a 40-year milestone celebration. It is a program to ensure its members receive the best possible training.

The leadership taken by the supervisors is commendable. This will give them the resources needed to do an even better job. Safety and personal health remain top priorities and will be expanded on by conducting hands-on demonstrations of safety features with on-hand and power tools.

In this age of machine-use, we gravitate to power tools and forget about time honored hand methods. To bring us back to those skills, each participant will learn the application and benefits of hand tools over power tools.

Often, hands-on is safer and creates far less dust, quieter, and in some cases is faster. Supervisors will be expected to pass on these skills to other members.

There is a trend throughout the country to set up workshops in condos

and apartments without using power tools. It has been adopted by people who are unable to get to the shops as they once did.

We would be happy to give you guidance and training if you are interested.

Adolf Kazanovich, a Fixer member, is an outstanding example of working with hand tools. Nora, his wife, said this about his work: "He only makes a few chips which he sweeps up. He enjoys the craft, as do his family and friends, who get the presents."

She would not appreciate dust and noise from power equipment.

Adolf has a bench, basic tools, and a good collection of carving knives.



Adolf Kazanovich and his supply of hand tools.

He started his hobby 10 years ago and has made more than 100 items ranging from caricatures to pieces of furniture. He uses the Internet for training

more about him in the OTOW News June 2015 paper. Hand tools have a definite place in the shop and home. Read

Golf equipment sale and swap day returns

Back by popular demand is the second annual golf equipment sale, swap and trade day.

The Thursday Golf League will hold its second annual Golf Equipment Sale and Trade Day on Friday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to noon at the golf course.

Last year's event was a big hit and residents have asked for a repeat.

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.

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.

Nourishment for the Bonesavers



Some of the Bonesavers group went out to breakfast after class. We meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We start at 7:45 am in the East Activity Center Art Room. Classes are free. For information, call Libby at 727-669-1486

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Learn more about 'Move To Amend' at our March 10 meeting

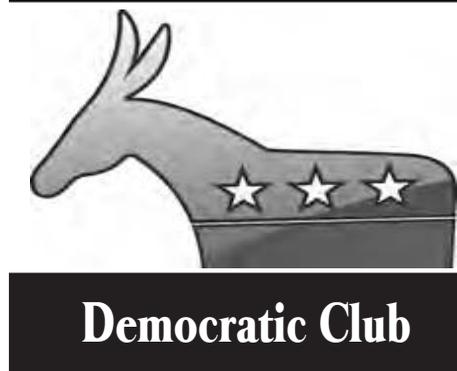
By Donna Lukas

You may have heard the words "Citizens United" with increasing frequency in political conversations.

These words refer to the 2010 US Supreme Court decision in Citizens United vs Federal Election Commission, which has had a very significant impact on our subsequent elections.

Come to our next meeting on Thursday, March 10, at 3 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Our guest speaker will be Rae Claire Johnson from the organization "Move To Amend."

Rae will discuss the ramifications of Citizens United and what kind of



action you can take to protest against the consequences resulting from this decision.

Another hot topic in this year's federal elections is the issue of health-care. Various candidates are recom-

mending repeal of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). Others say it is a good start, but should be improved. Some promote the idea of a single payer healthcare plan to cover all US citizens.

At our March 10 meeting, we will have a discussion on these aspects of healthcare.

Because Canada has implemented a modified single-payer system, our Canadian residents are invited to attend our meeting and contribute comments on the pros and cons of their experience with a national healthcare plan.

Mark your calendars. The Democratic Club meets on the second

Thursday over the next three months. This will help you avoid conflicts when scheduling other events.

Thanks to all who attended our February meeting and those who received training on how to teach others to register to vote or update their current registrations.

Deborah Anderson, voter registration coordinator of the Democratic Executive Committee, did a good job and answered a lot of questions.

If you are interested in participating in voter registration projects throughout the year, please contact Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123.

Look for the Democratic Club in the Irish Club parade on March 5.

Consider helping at the Sheriff's Youth Ranch

By Jane Lee

One of our residents at On Top of the World volunteers at the Florida Sheriffs' Youth Ranch on Enterprise Road in Safety Harbor.

At this facility there are three cottages, each housing up to 10 children.

These cottages have two sets of house parents, who rotate shifts (on two weeks, then off two weeks). There are five bedrooms for the children, with two kids to a room, plus the children have their own bathroom.

One of the main purposes of this facility is to keep families (siblings) together in one home.

For one reason or another, these children have fallen behind in their academics and are in much need of someone to tutor them, mostly in math and reading. If you would be interested in volunteering there, please contact Sue Marino 727-725-4761 at the ranch offices for an application and more information.



Another opportunity to volunteer is at Dunedin Elementary School on Patricia Avenue in Dunedin.

Mentors and classroom helpers are needed there. Many of these children need mentoring, which provides a little more attention (TLC) to children who are floundering and sometimes a one-on-one mentor can make all the difference in their lives.

It helps them to stay encouraged to do well in school.

Contact: Karen Barnett 727-738-2990, ext. 2000 if you can help here.

Both facilities require fingerprinting and background checks.

Strawberries are almost perfect for March 23

By Jane Lee

Only a few more days until our Strawberry Fling, which will be March 23 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

We will be serving delicious strawberry shortcake with lots of whipped cream that you put on yourself.

Best of all, our On Top of the World talented and creative neighbors will be showing you their favorite pieces of art, gems, knitting, woodworking, sewing and other projects.

We invite everyone from OTOW, who creates, to show off their talent at this meeting.

Let your neighbors know what you are capable of doing.

Have some dessert, meet a new friend, and enjoy an evening of fun. Think of all of the money that you will save by not going to the Strawberry Festival in Plant City.

You will still get to see a lot of festival-like crafts.

Get your \$1 ticket for strawberry shortcake on Mondays or Thursdays at the EAC. While you are at it, get a ticket for our April picnic, \$5 for members. You will enjoy a chicken dinner and you will have an opportunity to play some games for great prices.

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Canadian Club emphasizing athletics this winter

By Rick McLauchlan

On Feb. 3, 221 people filled the East Activity Center auditorium for the 2016 On Top of the World Canadian Club President's Ball.

The theme this year was the Northern Lights, a beautiful Canadian natural phenomenon.

Each table was decorated with its own personal LED Northern Lights lamp to augment the catered dinner of roast beef and chicken.

This event's purpose is to recognize past presidents of the club and this year Shirley Hunter was welcomed into this group of dedicated persons. She was presented with a certificate and a special name badge to recognize her presidency for the club's 40th anniversary last year.

The Canadian Club Triples Lawn Bowl Tournament was enjoyed by all attendees on Feb. 8. The winning team, with 3 wins and 36 points, was comprised of skip – Norm Chandler, vice – Denis Rosendale and lead – Margot Smith.

This year, in lieu of a trophy, in-



dividual medals were presented to the winning team members. Congratulations to the 2016 champions.

What is considered as a major event in the club's list of athletic activities is the annual Canadian Club Golf Tournament which was held on Feb. 14 at the OTOW 18-Hole Golf Course.

The 2016 Canadian Club Golf Tournament champions are Captain Claude Guitard, Pauline Couture, Robert Dew and Patricia Cassidy.

Thank to Ian Hunter and his crew for a great event.

Our Spring Fling is on Thursday, March 10 at 5 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. Bring your appetite for pizza and salad, and also BYOB and dancing shoes. Tickets went on sale in Febru-



The 2016 Canadian Club Golf Tournament champions are (not in order) Captain Claude Guitard, Pauline Couture, Robert Dew and Patricia Cassidy.

ary and continues this month. Cost is \$12 for members and \$16 for guests.

The very successful Happy Hour/Cabaret will continue on Friday, March 18, from 4-7 p.m. in West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Tom McKee still has tickets for the Blue Jays versus the Astros. Game

time is 1:07 p.m. on Friday, March 18. If you wish to go, please contact him before March 4 at 727-470-9161

The annual General Meeting for the club will be held on Wednesday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium.



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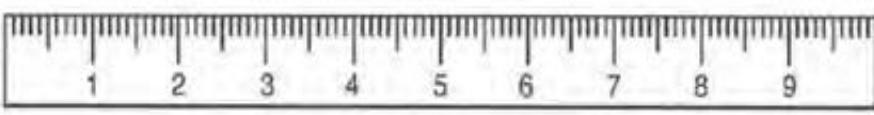
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Pickleball champions



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Above, Sheila Bonomo brought her sons Andrew, Arnold and Victor to her oath of allegiance ceremony, presided over by Jeb Bush. At right, Sheila leads a line dance with some dancers who have brought her much joy. From left to right are Mary Becker, Pat Koning and Sheila's mentor, Lilia Bensonov.

Leading the next dance



Sheila Bonomo's dream comes true at OTOW

It should come as no surprise that this month we feature a resident who is as Irish as they come.

What might surprise you to learn is that our own Wild Irish Rose, Sheila Bonomo, has managed to check off a major item on her ambitious bucket list right here in our relatively innocuous community.

Sheila was born in Cork, Ireland. Most of her family still lives there, but Sheila has always had a sense that she likely would not stay.

Her global meanderings began when she was 16 as a secondary school student. She won a trip to Spain for 10 days. When her parents told her she couldn't go, the travel agency offered to chaperone the trip and she was off to see the world!

Well, a small part of it anyway. In some ways she has never looked back.

Sheila is the youngest of five siblings. She likes to say that, in Ireland, you become either a nurse, a teacher or a nun when you grow up. She did indeed end up in the medical field, but that didn't last.

Sheila and another friend decided on a whim to apply for jobs as flight attendants with a major airline. They were accepted and began their new careers in Ireland before transferring to the Middle East. Her three years in Saudi Arabia were educational. She witnessed first hand the beauty and the



barbarism of a society seemingly stuck in the 14th century.

After a three year stint in London, England, and another in Athens, Greece, Sheila and 100 of her peers transferred to New York City where her life took a romantic turn. It was there she met the man she would marry and start a family with.

During her travels, Sheila became painfully aware of the huge imbalance of global wealth and the plight of the world's poorest children. She and her husband felt compelled to do something tangible about it. They decided to adopt two impoverished children from the same family, and Columbia was one of the few countries without restrictions to hamper their efforts.

Ironically, their family vision landed them more than they bargained for. They were shown three brothers who were living separately and, after some time and soul searching, the couple flew to Bogota, only to return three weeks later as a family of five, complete with all the meaningful chaos.

Despite the steep learning curve, it remains one of her best life decisions.

Now, let's get back to Sheila's bucket list.

When talking about bucket lists, travel is usually number one and Sheila's was no different in that respect. Her list of dream destinations was vast and exotic, probably fueled by her passion for geography. Where Sheila is different from many is that she has visited most of the destinations on her list, thanks in part to her airline job and its travel perks.

Imagine a legendary place – let's say India and the Taj Mahal. Yes, Sheila has checked that one off her list.

What about an African safari in the Serengeti and the wildebeest migration route? Check!

How about the great pyramids at Giza or cruising down the Nile to Alexandria. Check and check!

What about visiting Rome, Athens, the Greek Islands and Capri? You guessed it. Sheila can check them all.

The previous are all dream desti-

nations, but not tremendously taxing or particularly dangerous.

Alright then, what about climbing the legendary Mount Kilimanjaro? Does that sound adventurous enough for you? It took a daunting five days climbing up and three more days down but, check – there's another one off Sheila's bucket list.

What could possibly be left?

How about a casual one-on-one conversation with Prince Philip, of the British monarchy? Check!

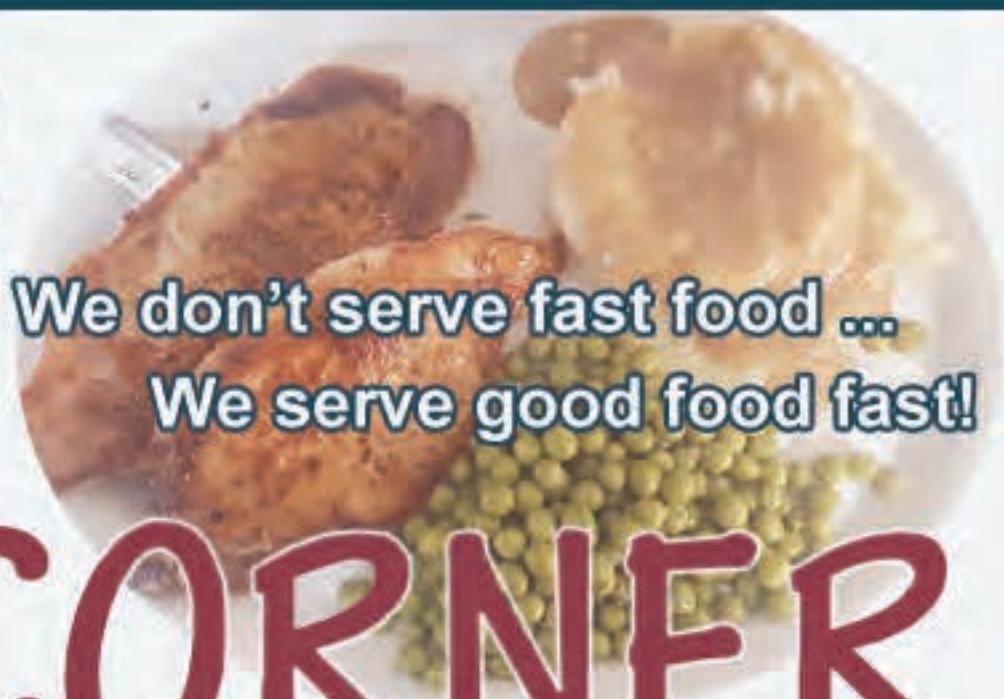
Not bad for an Irish girl.

Wherever she traveled, Sheila sampled that culture's dance traditions. Belly dancing in Egypt, Masai tribe dancing in Tansania and Kenya, salsa dancing in Brazil, and bollywood dancing in India.

Then, three years ago, she wandered innocently onto the spacious OTOW dance floor for the first time. Now she teaches and dances three times a week with OTOW Line Dancers, of which she is vice president, and with the Snowbirds Club. She does Salsacize and Zumba class on her other days off.

For Sheila Bonomo, dance is good therapy and she wants to pay it forward to others. You could say that her desire to check dancing off her bucket list is now benefiting many of us.

Go raibh maith agat Sheila!



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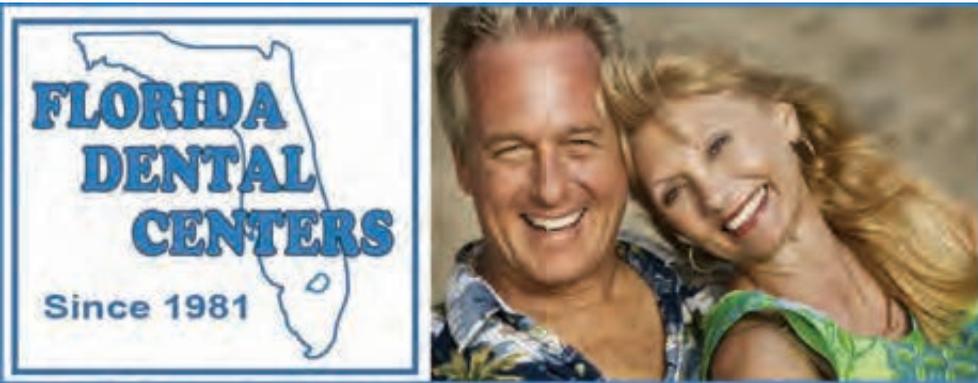
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Good information shared prior to elections

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

We have a very interesting speaker for the March 15 Republican Club meeting.

Jeremiah Khokhar, a Republican, will tell us about his life story, which started in Pakistan. He is a renowned photographer and lives in our area.

This is a genuine human-interest story of a person's fight to succeed. Please join us at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room.

Congressman Gus Bilirakis returned to speak to us in February. His topic was veteran affairs therapies and giving veterans a choice of healthcare between 21st century cures and treatments for rare diseases and congenital defects.

He will also talk to us about reforming student visa waivers and removal of sequestration.

Nick DiCeglie, chairman of the Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee, provided informative details on how to proceed after the new President is nominated after primary. He informed us we are only 968 registrars away from Florida being a Red State again.

Volunteers are needed for calls. Absentee ballots have increased. Getting out the vote is most important.

Our new feature "meet the mem-



bership" had its first member speaker in February, Shirley Moran.

Shirley has more than 30 years experience assisting many seniors. There is no charge for her services as she explains the differences in various assisted living facilities in Pinellas County and can take them to see first-hand.

She also explains finances to the family involved, including which forms are necessary for various financial aid programs. Meet her at the next meeting.

March is election month for new officers for our club. We will be requesting the names of all candidates that would like to become officers for the upcoming year, as well as determining what current board members will be seeking re-election. We must always continue to add volunteers to



Attending the February meeting were, left to right, Mike Hikurak from the Pinellas County Commissioner's Office, Ed Hooper former member of the Florida House of Representatives, Julie Peluso, representing her husband, Ken, in the upcoming school board elections, Congressman Gus Bilirakis and Nick DiCeglie from the Pinellas County Republican Executive Commission.

the club. Board members actually attend two meetings per month and donate about four hours total per month. All positions are up for re-election and discussed at this meeting prior to voting.

Our club has some excellent speakers in the upcoming months – check your bulletin boards for more information or please go to the OTOW Box Office Republican page or Face-

book – Ronald Reagan Republican Club of On Top of the World for any last minute changes or additions.

Volunteers still need to assist with various tasks to be in the Irish Club Parade on March 5. Please call Susan at 239-7585 for more information

Please read all emails that come from suemarvlaz@gmail.com as they will contain the basic agenda for our next meeting.

March 11-13 Tickets \$5

Join us in Vegas!

By Lillie Scheifen

Step right up - get your tickets now!

Check out the great pictures of our cast members on page 14 in this issue of the On Top of the World newspaper.

There are only a few days remaining until opening night of our show, "Las Vegas: Sands of Time Revue."

Our singers and actors are working as hard as they can and our president and director, Will Peterson, is trying to keep the hair on his head from falling out.

So far he is successful.

Our choreographer, Joyce, is helping dancers polish their routines.

It is such a pleasure to be a part of



Theater Workshop

this production and get to know the newer members of our cast. We have a unique club, where the atmosphere is one of friendliness and the more-seasoned members are eager to lend a hand in any way they can.

It makes us look good when we all

help each other, and our main goal is to give you, our audience, the biggest bang for your buck.

If you have talents that we could use, please join us and you could be featured in our next production.

But for now, please join us as we travel to Vegas.

Tickets are still \$5, and that my friends, is a bargain.

Our members are at the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. where tickets, may be purchased.

Please take the time to stop and meet our representatives and ask any questions about the Theater Workshop, the longest running entertainment club at OTOW!

Dance class returns in April

"Learn to Dance" with Noland Shade will be returning to the West Activity Center in April.

Noland specializes in social dancing with partners. His classes are free.

You may attend with a partner, or Noland will attempt to find you a partner during class.

The class is open to men and women. Noland is also asking men who already know how to dance to donate their time, so each student can have a partner.

As of press time, a specific time was not listed for this class. Watch OTOW-TV for updates as April gets closer.

The class will be held Monday's in the Sunrise Room.

Lawn bowling crowns two team champions

By Bob Laplante

The Canadian Triples Tournament was a very closely contested match.

After the third round, there was only one team with a perfect three-game win. That meant that points had to be used to separate the rest of the field and even a second screen of points to break a further tie.

Thanks to Rollie Lapointe for having coordinated a very well run tournament. The top three finishers were as follows:

First place - Norm Chandler, Denis Rosendale and Margo Smith.

Second place - Edgar Hachey, Ray Allard and Rod Jones.

Third place - Ian Moy, Rita Moy/Jocelyne Laplante, Mike Lenzi.

Later, club members turned out in great numbers and wore Valentine's Day colors for our Valentine's Day Tournament.

Underwear with hearts, worn as outerwear, was a clear indication of the love of the game.

Thanks to Cathy Mills and Mary Bates-Smith who coordinated the play and to Social Director Denise Dion, who coordinated lunch for 50 members. The three top finishers were as follows:



From left to right are Dave Murray, Doreen Paine, Denis Rosendale and co-coordinator Mary Bates-Smith.

(Photo Gabriel Taillefer)

First place - Dave Murray, Denis Rosendale and Doreen Paine.

Second place - Sandy Wall, Cathy Mills and Mary Bates-Smith.

Third place - John Wigle, Gabriel Taillefer, Chris Pain.

Still not sure what lawn bowling is all about?

Here are some questions and answers.

straight!

A. That is one of the unique and most challenging aspects of the game. All bowls have a built in bias which makes them curve as part of their design.

Q. Is it hard to throw the bowl all of the way across the greens?

A. Although some people find it difficult, with training, correct delivery techniques make it easy for the vast majority of people to be able to bowl at any distance. Bowling accurately is a different thing. As like chess, learning the rules is relatively simple, but mastering the game is a lifelong endeavor.

Q. If the bowls always act the same, the game should be easy. Isn't that the case?

A. If it wasn't for the fact that humans are playing, it just might be the case. However, there are so many variables such as dryness of the ground, the wind, the humidity, the temperature, and the fact that the target differs in distance between ends and even during a game. Most importantly, there are always other players as the game is usually a team sport with two, three or even four players on each team.

Q. Is this an old person's game?

A. This may seem the case if you look at Florida as your sole point of reference, however, around the world, young people compete - some as professionals. The beauty of the game is that many seniors play well into their 80s.

Q. What's up with the bowls (colored balls)? They never seem to go

Tennis Lunch



If you belong to On Top of the World tennis, you get treated to a monthly barbecue lunch. Pictured above, President Harry Morrison served food during the barbecue in February.

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Above, are two Opera Tampa singers who made a recent visit to On Top of the World. At right is Shawn Wilhite, who sang classic songs at Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in February.



Rest of the year already packed with Good Neighbors events

We have finally put together a schedule of events put on by the Good Neighbors Association.

Please mark your calendar with all of these important dates:

Thursday, March 10: Opera Tampa will return to the East Activity Center auditorium for a sample of free music. Get Acquainted Thursday begins about 8:30 a.m. and concludes about 10:30 a.m. There are raffles and vendors.

Sunday, March 27: Easter Sunrise Service with The Salvation Army, 7:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Refreshments to follow the service.

Saturday, April 16: Spring combined Flea Market and Craft Show, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. Tables for this event will go on sale Monday, March 7.

Oct. 21-22: Annual Clothing Drive for the collection of good, us-

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President Jim Bjorgo

able clothing to be donated to the less fortunate. EAC portico from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

Saturday, Nov. 5: Annual Senior Expo, which is co-sponsored with the On Top of the World Community Service Office. This event will be held inside the EAC and in the EAC back parking lot. This promises to be bigger and better than the 2015 event.

Saturday, Nov. 19: Fall combined Flea Market and Craft Show, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. Tables for this event will go on sale

Monday, Oct. 10.

There will be other events that will be forthcoming during the course of the year, and as they are planned, we will bring them to your attention through this paper and with posters around the condo complex.

All of these events take planning and manpower to pull them off.

If you feel that you can help in any way, please come to the Good Neighbors Association table outside the Gift Shoppe any Monday or Thursday morning and we will be pleased to add your name to our list of volunteers.

The year 2015 was a very successful year for the Good Neighbors Association, mainly due to the help we received from our volunteers, without whom we could not have had such a year.

On behalf of the Good Neighbors Association Board of Directors,

Jim Bjorgo (president), Roger Nicoll (vice president and treasurer), Maureen Bjorgo (vice president and gift shoppe manager), and Sue Salmieri (secretary), we extend our thanks and appreciation to all who helped Good Neighbors Association in any way.

We will continue to serve the needs of all the good neighbors here at OTOW. Remember, if you live here, as owner or renter, full time or Snowbird, you are a member of the Good Neighbors Association. No dues, no sign-ups, but we need your volunteerism.

Now on OTOW-TV

Revisit your favorite Jesters and Theater Workshop shows from the past. OTOW-TV will begin airing shows from the 2000s, 1990s and 1980s on Friday nights about 8 p.m. on channels 96 and 732. Each month, a new show will be added to the lineup. The 2015 Jesters and Theater Workshop shows will debut later this summer. Watch for them and enjoy the memories!

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Charity golf tournament raises \$8,000 for local hospice - no cash prizes given away

By Pat Eastman

On Jan. 19, the Ladies' 18-Hole Golf League held a hospice charity golf event under the direction of Fran Zaloski.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening dinner was Terri Mikszenas. She kept us entertained with jokes while announcing the golf winners and the raffle winners.

There were quite a few contests.

Every par-3 had a closest to the pin contest. The winners were: hole No. 3-Mike Crittendon and Pruda Bird, on hole No. 5-Bud Sayer, on hole No. 9-Mike Crittendon and Jane Hanley, on hole No. 13-Tom McMinn and Trish Burch, on hole No. 15-Richard Yoon and April Glenn, on hole No. 16-Jim Stewart and Ursula Taylor, and on hole No. 17-Bud Sayer.

There was closest to the line on hole No. 4 with the winners being Richard Yoon and Gwen Lemke.

Finally, on hole No. 8, there was a longest drive contest with the winners being Fran Majewski and Pat Eastman.

The winning team was Dick and Terry Kuplen, Jacqui Dolan and Vick Ruggerio. They attributed their low score to great team strategy. Their mulligans were put to good use.

Vick and Terry sunk long putts with their mulligans and Dick chipped his to within three inches.

We already know how clutch Dick is on a golf course. Last year he had a hole-in-one in this same event.

On hole No. 6, Jacqui was creative with the croquet mallet and sunk a nice putt. On hole No. 11, Vick found a unique way to use the hockey stick almost making an eagle.

On hole No. 12 their team strategy resulted in a par. They finished on hole No. 1 with Dick driving the green and



Dick and Terry Kuplen, Jacqui Dolan and Vick Ruggerio were the winning foursome in a cancer fundraiser tournament on Jan. 19.

Terry sinking the putt for a nice eagle. The team had a lot of fun and for a good cause. Suncoast Hospice was the real winner. No money was awarded for prizes. All money collected was donated to Suncoast Hospice with the grand total amounting to \$8,137.

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association held a general meeting on Feb. 10.

The following officers were elected: President Jackie Woloszyn, Vice President Becky West, Secretary Gloria Sayer and Treasurer Sharon Hackenmiller.

Three new members were introduced. They were Jeanette Fitzgerald from Massachusetts, Ursula Taylor from New York, and Debbie Figaski,

the daughter of former member Phyllis Marsteller.

Mary Beth Devine was awarded a trophy for a hole-in-one on Oct. 22. The ace took place on hole No. 3.

It was announced that our league will again participate in the March 5, Irish Club parade. Ellen Fier is looking for members who would like to decorate carts or march in the parade. All who participated last year had a fun time. Please contact Ellen if interested in joining the fun.

A league fundraiser was approved. Judith Weaver will be selling shirts. Also, our league Website will continue with Sheila Meneilly as Webmaster. So far the site has had more than 5,000 hits.

Upcoming events

March 5: Irish Club Parade

March 14, 15: Handicap Tournament

March 30: Spring Luncheon at Clearwater CC

Tuesday winners

Feb. 9, Flight A - Pat Eastman, Donna Osborne; Flight B - Rosemary Sabatino, Marie Bellivea; Flight C - NatSue Dawson, Sheila Meneilly.

Feb. 2, A - Pat Eastman, Gloria Sayer; B- Jackie Woloszyn, Marie Belliveau. C- NatSue Dawson, Katie Krintz.

Jan. 26, A - Pat Eastman, Dale McMinn; B- Sherry Ivey, Joyce Majewski, C- Billie Pineau, Dorothy Pellicone.

Italian classes offered

A free Italian Class is being offered to On Top of the World residents.

The class will teach you how to speak the language, along with a taste of the basic culture, such as music.

The class is taught by Antoinette d'Oronzio, Igor Nikolic and Rebecca Bernai in January, February and March, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Friday mornings, in the East Activity Center Small Classroom.

Learn to play Scopa

What is Scopa?

Scopa is an Italian card game which is like a board game.

Players use strategies to match cards in their hands with cards on the table. The object is to make tricks and score points.

On Top of the World currently has a Scopa Club which meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-9 p.m., in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Crafts Room.

Currently, five tables are used and there are four people per table.

The club plays socially and there are fun tournaments. Beginners are welcome and you can be taught how to play.

For more information, contact Mario at 1-718-873-5304.

Bar jokes you might hear at an Irish pub

The following humor is considered Irish jokes on the Internet. If this offends you, just think of them as bar jokes.

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A drunk called the airport in Dublin and inquired, "how long does it take to fly from Ireland to New York City?"

"Just one second," the airport receptionist said.

"Thank you," said the drunk, and hung up.

Sergeant Major inspected the straight line made by fellow soldiers.

"This is a disgrace," the sergeant major said. "This is not a straight line."

"Fall out and take a look yourselves."



Marge Mayer

Internet Humor

Did you hear about the firing squad which formed a circle and shot in unison?

A soldier shouted to his sergeant, "we are almost out of ammunition!"

"Don't give the enemy any hints," the sergeant said. "Keep firing!"

Guy walks into a bar and says, "I just bought a new clock. It goes eight days without winding."

Drunk at the bar said, "how long does it go if you wind it?"

Bartender said, "Tragedy about the Irish lad's brother. Whiskey and women killed him."

"Did he overdo both?" asked a patron at the bar.

"Nope," bartender said. "He couldn't get either."

"Did you decide what you were going to buy your wife for Christmas," asked one bar patron to another.

"Yes," said the other patron. "She gave me a hint what she wanted. She asked for something with diamonds. So, I bought her a deck of cards."

"We're in trouble," the football coach told his players. "Everything in our favor is against us today."

When Dublin played Down in the All-Ireland championship game, 30,000 fans held banners which read "Up with Down!"

A prisoner was sitting in the electric chair when the warden asked if he had any last requests.

"Yes, I do," said the prisoner. "I get emotional. Please hold my hand throughout the ceremony."

These jokes and more original found online at stpatricksday.com about Ireland jokes & Irish humor

BRIDGE LESSONS ANYONE?

Free Contract Bridge classes will begin in March. For more information, call Charlie at 754-6749.

The water aerobics class will return to the East Activity Center swimming pool starting May 2. Exercises will take place Monday through Friday, from 9-10 a.m. For more information, contact Clare at 796-4691 or 366-9953.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Entertainment Committee has been supplying a variety of entertainment for the past 46 years

By Marvin Flam

In July 1970, the Entertainment Committee (EC) was formally organized.

Over the past 46 years, your Entertainment Committee has presented a variety of entertainment for the exclusive use of the residents of On Top of the World.

Over that time, the entertainment presented has gradually changed to meet the changing taste of our residents.

We present shows that have appeared not only on Florida stages, but also on stages in Las Vegas, Branson and elsewhere in today's entertainment world.

Our dances feature music provided by outstanding local and Florida bands. All of our shows and dances are table seating with reserved seats. We provide ice and coffee.

Our once-a-month, free to residents, Sunday-In-The-Park events features local professional talent and free lite refreshments.

All these Entertainment Commit-

tee events are presented at the East Activity Center auditorium. Ticket prices are well below what is charged outside our community for the same show or dance.

In addition to providing entertainment for residents over the past 46 years, the EC has always given back to the community for the benefit of OTOW residents.

Over the years, some of the improvements have been the EAC auditorium stage curtains and window treatments, sound and light system, tables and chairs, the Starlite Room decoration and many others.

Contributions you may not see are the EC's maintenance of the sound and lighting system(s) in the EAC auditorium and meeting rooms, and providing support for many clubs. We installed new LED lighting for the stage and added wireless mics last month. We are supported by more than 70 volunteers who give their time to provide residents with the entertainment experience.

Everyone with a current recreation

card is a member of the EC. There are no dues. We believe that your quality of life is improved by being entertained at a live show, at a dance with a live band, or at a free Sunday afternoon with live entertainment all at the conveniently located East Activity Center. Sharing time with newly met neighbors and newly-made friends makes living in our community a lot more fun.

Get your tickets early for any 2016 shows or dances and don't miss out! Remember the Sunday-In-The-Park is free!

Follow us on bulletin boards in your building, and the East Activity Center and West Activity Center, on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732, and on OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com at the Box Office.

Visit us at the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., and at all our events. Let us know what you want in the way of entertainment. We take member input seriously, and work year-round to make your wishes come true.



Join us March 19 for an Easter Parade Dance with music by Flashback. You can enter our hat decoration contest, but your entry better be good! Pictured here are some examples from last year. The dance begins 8 p.m. Cost is \$10. You can purchase tickets Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium.

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SPORTS

Gene Osmond belted four home runs and collects nine RBI in one seven-inning game

By Bob Rittner

Quantum Leap Farm will host the On Top of the World spring softball party on March 18. The Farm uses animals, particularly horses, for therapy, serving pediatric cancer children, injured vets and others.

**Scott's Pharmacy 15
Quantum Leap Farm 12**

Having already violated the laws of Moses (many of us make idols of stars like Willie Mays), Physics (our bodies in motion tend to stop) and Roberts Rules of Order (at all our meetings), it is no surprise that OTOW softball continues to ignore the baseball rule that the home team gets the last at bat.

Scott's overcame an early 9-1 deficit to rally for a tie and grab the lead on

Softball

Gene Osmond's three-run homer, his second of the game.

But the Farm was not permitted to bat in the bottom of the inning due to time constraints, so the score stood.

Tony Caputo's homer helped Scott's score three runs.

For the Farm, Gary Burgett returned for the season with two straight hits and Dan Puopolo had two homers.

Highlight: Second baseman Hugh Quirk ranged to his left and from one knee backhanded a perfect throw to shortstop Dan Puopolo to get a force out.

**Quantum Leap Farm 13
Scott's Pharmacy 12**

The game featured a series of outstanding outfield catches by Scott's Joe Spahalsky and the Farm's Duane Anderson.

Down 10-3 after four, the Farm stormed back with a five-run fifth inning, punctuated by Jim Kemp's grand slam and, after falling behind by one again in the ninth, rallied on Jim's second homer.

Then, with one out and runners on the corners, a burst of speed by pinch-runner Gene Osmond avoided a double play, allowing the winning run to score.

Jim Pollock returned after a two-week absence with doubles in his first two at bats.

**Scott's Pharmacy 13
Quantum Leap Farm 12**

Despite a cycle by Gene Osmond and a perfect five-hit day for Guy Bertuzzi, Scott's prevailed with sparkling defense from middle infielder Trevor Dixon and a perfect five-hit day by Frank Brown, as well as consistent RBI success from sluggers Lenny Segall and Paul Fice.

Dick LeTourneau had four hits for the Farm.

**Quantum Leap Farm 13
Scott's Pharmacy 13**

Babe Ruth never did it.

Mickey Mantle never did it.

Neither did Ted Williams, Barry Bonds nor Henry Aaron.

In fact, in all major league history only 16 players did.

Now Gene Osmond joins Willie Mays, Mike Schmidt, Lou Gehrig and those fabled few by hitting four homers in one game.

But Gene's nine RBIs were matched by Dan Puopolo, who had a homer and three doubles.

And despite the power display, one that included two Lenny Segall homers, excellent outfield-play by Trevor Dixon and an airtight infield of Paul Fice and Dan Puopolo, kept the score in check as the teams traded identical scores for seven innings and then kept the game tied at the end with four runs each over the last two innings.

**Scott's Pharmacy 20
Quantum Leap Farm 14**

Three home runs and five RBIs by the Farm's Gene Osmond were not enough to overcome homers and five RBIs by Duane Anderson and Dan Puopolo, and a perfect five-hit day by Paul Fice and Trevor Dixon.

Critical to the outcome was the brilliant third base-play of Paul who stretched far to left and right to keep sharp grounders from going through.

**Quantum Leap Farm 10
Scott's Pharmacy 6**

Heroic play characterized this game.

Hero No. 1: Trevor Dixon. Three spectacular catches, one on a ball over his head, ranging far to his left and finally a backhand catch as he raced to his right saved multiple runs.

Hero No. 2: Hugh Quirk. His quick first step anticipated a sinking line drive, which he snared backhanded as cries of MVP, MVP cascaded down from onlookers.

Hero No. 3: Allan Bendert. In his triumphant return after a two-month hiatus, Allan capped a four-hit day with a clutch catch of a towering fly ball to deep left to stymie a budding Scott's ninth inning rally.

As for the game, six unanswered runs in the last two innings built on clutch hits by Dick LeTourneau, Joe Maley, Tony Caputo and Bill Lepping overcame a short-lived Scott's 6-4 lead provided by Duane Anderson and Gary Burgett RBIs.

Irish Club parade March 5, 10 a.m.



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New board wants to stress importance of canceling a tee time in advance

Men's Golf

By Peter Milner

It seems that golf has always been a gentlemen's sport. The rules are full of polite guidelines to remind us of the correct ways to act towards each other.

Rules such as: the person who is the furthest away from the hole gets to hit first.

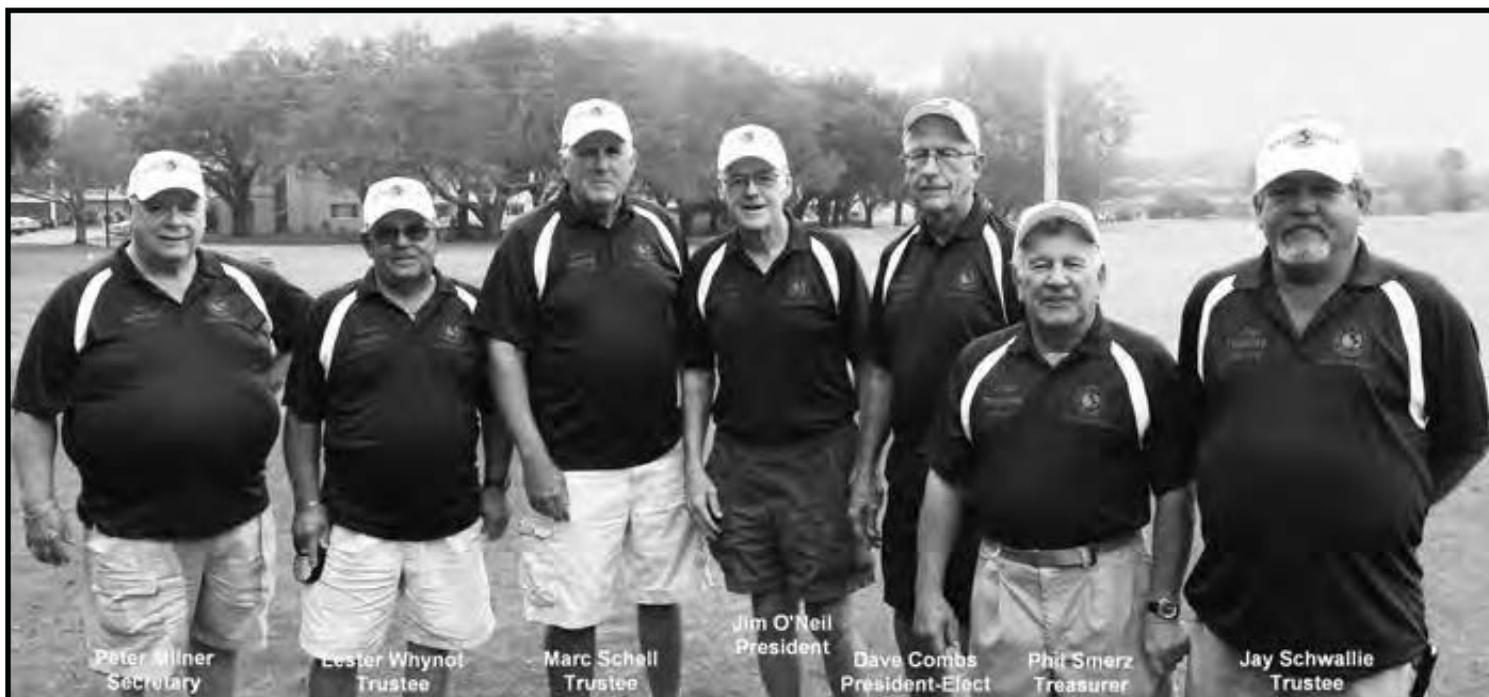
Remain quiet and still when someone is in the process of hitting their ball. Try not to create a shadow.

Then of course, when we play a friendly game, we tell our partners they don't have to sink the close, easy putts, but we make them attempt to sink the long, difficult putts.

All of these rules are stated better in the rule book that we should be following at all times.

There are other parts of the game that don't actually take part on the course proper, but are certainly just as much a part of being a gentleman.

We have stated on the bulletin board, and in my newspaper articles, that when you come to the golf course on Wednesday league days to check in at the golf shack at least 30 minutes before your assigned tee time. The rule



Pictured above is the 2016 Men's Golf League executive board. From left to right are Pete Milner, secretary; Lester Whynot, trustee; Marc Schell, trustee; Jim O'Neil, president; Dave Combs, president elect; Phil Smerz, treasurer and Jay Schwallie, trustee.

should be followed all the time.

For the volunteer schedule maker at 6:30 a.m., this means checking off everyone who arrives on time, and filling foursomes with a rider or walker waiting for a chance to play.

It's a science which assures good play.

When you sign up to play and don't show up, we have a rule that states you must leave your half of the cart fee for

your playing partner, so he doesn't get stuck for the whole fee.

Shifting players around to maintain foursomes can sometimes be a pain in the neck because someone didn't have the common decency to notify the shack that they couldn't play on that day or at that time.

There is certainly much more that goes into the operation of our league than meets the eye. If you would like

to experience what it takes to maintain a smooth operation, please volunteer to help out.

We have just finished the first two months of the season and hopefully, the weather will start to warm up a little so we can at least think we live in Florida.

I previously wrote about our new officers. Pictured above is that gang. This is our executive board.

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Ladies needed to march in parade

President's Tournament set for March 22

9 Hole Golf

By Vayna Cormier

The cold temperature of January affected the number of games we played, but did not prevent the addition of new members in our 9-hole Ladies Golf League.

"Welcome ladies" and we hope you are enjoying Tuesday mornings with your new golfing friends.

At our general meeting in January, a 50/50 drawing was won by Gundi Kenny.

A delicious lunch from Queens Pizza was served. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this a success.

On Saturday March 5, is the Irish Club Parade -- meet us at 9:30 a.m. with your green outfits for a wonderful walk through On Top of the World streets.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for March 15, and the President's Tournament for March 22. We are expecting a strong participation for all these coming activities.



Pictured above are some of our new members: Maureen Doire, Virginia Chilcote, Gundi Kenny, Nancy Schifferle and Lorraine Davis.

Here are the Weekly Awards:

January 5

A flight – Vayna Cormier, Virginia Chilcote

B flight – Linda Graff, Marjorie Olsen, Mary Ann O'Neil

C flight – Marnie Carr

D flight – Romy Brady, Elaine Ellis

Birdies: Virginia Chilcote on No. 6 & 7, Elaine Ellis on No. 4

January 26

A flight – Anna Hyden, Vayna Cormier, Ann Stewart

B flight - Theresa Gates, Marge Jacobs, Mary Ann O'Neil

C flight – Pat Murray, Marnie Carr

D flight – Marge Sivek, Sue Queary, Romy Brady, C.C Shaughnessy

Birdie: Ann Stewart on No. 2

All future games or shotgun starts will begin at 9 a.m. Please correct the time in your booklet. Be there at least 30 minutes before your assigned tee time.

Thursday Golf League reaches halfway and many are still in hunt

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the season.

League attendance has been great and we have welcomed a number of new members.

Scoring averages have not been quite as low as last year due to course conditions, but we continue our weekly competitions with enthusiasm.

Ron Keough produced a great round and was the week 10 champion. Don Sorensen placed second and Mike Marsh took third place. Bill Higgins had the low gross round and took one skin. Skins were also scored by Allan Teal, Paul Meyers, Don Sorensen and Clyde Hershberger. The two closest to the pin shots were made by Clyde Hershberger and Don Sorensen.

Week 11 winner was Don Dorris. Allan Teal edged out Dennis Trauffer in a tiebreaker for second place. Clyde

Thursday Golf

Hershberger recorded the low gross round and took two skins. Patti Cook also took two skins. Fred Schick, Joe Mazlowsky and Don Hahs took one skin each.

A tiebreaker was needed to decide the week 12 champion. Fred Schick nosed out Mike Marsh, who placed second. Van Bradley carded third place. Bill Higgins had the low gross round. Skins were taken by Van Bradley, Patti Cook, Ken Smith, Dan Hyden and Clyde Hershberger. The long drive winners were Patti Cook, Jim Cawley and Tom Ramstack. Tom Ramstack also won the closest to the pin competition.

The race to our league champion-

ship got a little tighter this month. Fred Schick is now tied with Don Baker at 23 points. John Maloof is second with 21 points. Allan Teal is in third with 18 points. Steve Yauk and Ken Smith are next with 17 points.

Joe Wisinski, Don Leamy and Clyde Hershberger have 16 points. Next with 15 points are Patti Cook, Gary Sandine, Dutch Michael, Don Hahs and Paul Meyers.

Ada Culbertson, Tom Pettitt and Bill Gambacurts follow with 14 points.

The Thursday League champion is decided by good play for the entire season, points are awarded each week using our version of the FEDEX Cup.

Halfway through the season, everyone in the league still has a chance to be crowned champion.

Our match play tournament is still in progress and we will have the results

of the four-person scramble in next month's article.

The Thursday Golf League welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Players must sign in between 10 and 10:30 a.m. and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week 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 @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolf@aol.com



Newest billiards ace doubles as a motorcycle instructor



Que'T Billiards

By Reva Heymann

From time to time, this column has introduced some of our members, with a particular emphasis on the newer members.

One of our newest members is a friendly, outgoing, “free spirit” named Lee Neubauer. She comes from the Chicago area and says calling her a “Snowbird” is incorrect: she is a “sun-bird” because seeking the sun is why she came to Florida.

Lee just decided to get away from the cold and snow in Chicago, found On Top of the World on the Internet and rode her motorcycle down here.

She is a daring, confident lady, who loves outdoor activities and has strong wanderlust.

She found a quote, which appears to be her motto: “Not all who wander are lost.”

Lee loves to see new things and new places, to make new friends, to accept or seek challenges, including activities that are very physically stren-



Becky Balderson, center, took first place while Sandy Wall, left, and Elizabeth Asselta tied for second place.

uous or would daunt many as too daring.

For example, Lee is signed up for a 5K run in this area and a triathlon in Illinois in the spring (with kayaking instead of swimming as one of the activities). She rides a bicycle, as well as a motorcycle, and has ridden “centuries.”

Lee has worked for Harley Da-

vidson and has taught new motorcycle riders both for a local governmental safety agency and for Harley.

True story: Once flying to Phoenix, a fellow passenger spotted her, stood up and shouted: “Lee, you taught me to ride.”

As an outgrowth from a biking group to which she belonged, Lee organized a fundraising activity to bene-

fit breast cancer and multiple sclerosis. It was humorously called: “Bowling for Boobs” and raised about \$40,000 for the charities.

Our end-of-the-month tournament for January was won by Becky Balderson. Liz Asselta and Sandy Wall tied for second. Congratulations to all three!

No reason to stay indoors, join shuffleboard and have fun

By Dave Williams

Are you off your rocker?
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You will meet great folks like the New Englanders pictured at right. Come say hello to Sue Queary, Elaine Ellis and Maureen Doire (from left to right). In the picture they are enjoying a relaxed game of shuffleboard and will welcome you, too.

Shuffleboard

Off the courts, these three friends are often seen together playing golf and have also been spotted playing billiards, cards and dancing with their spouses.

After a busy winter season in Florida, Maureen and Elaine summer in Rhode Island, and Sue returns to Cape Cod. Surely, it is shuffleboard that draws them back to Florida in the fall, after the summer hiatus.

Winners of all three daily games over the past month include: Maureen Doire, Paul Santacroce, Gary Smith, Rick Helton, Bob Rittner, Marge Sivek, Virginia Butler, Theresa Bosio, Dan Iacovelli and Dave Williams.



Pictured above are Sue Queary, Elaine Ellis and Maureen Doire. Look how happy they are playing shuffleboard!



Two eight-ball tournaments both won by ladies on Jan. 19

In final season, Herb Jordan is still winning



Billiards

Herb Jordan and his wife, Hazel, have been Florida Snowbirds for 29 years -- 25 winters at On Top of the World.

Their home is in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Herb and Tony Esposito founded the Billiards Club, with the backing and cooperation of Sydney Colen, in the season of 2004-2005.

Herb wrote the constitution and they formed the club with 112 members. He also continued as president for five years.

With help from the Fixers Club, Herb made up the original 8-ball trophy plaque, which is still proudly displayed in the Billiard Room. The plaque honors A and B Flight players of the year.

In January of this year, Herb placed first, tied for first, and took second place in three B Flight tournaments.

In addition to the Billiards Club, Herb is past president of the OTOW Canadian Club, past president of OTOW Chorus, and served as building captain of the Grecian Classic Building for more than 20 years.

He also served as long-time trainer of new bowlers in the OTOW Lawn Bowling Club, and his wife is a past president.

Herb and his wife have loved OTOW and its people for the entire 25 years that they have been winter residents here.

"I have personally enjoyed meeting and getting to know Herb," said pool player Barb Sundberg. "He is a true gentleman, a fierce competitor in the Billiards Room, enjoys staying fit and active by working out each afternoon in the newly renovated West Ac-

tivity Center gym, and has contributed much of his time, ideas and self-sacrifice to our community."

This is Herb's last season as a Snowbird. He will be missed.

8-BALL

On Monday, Jan. 18, in A Flight, Denny Balderson captured first place with Joe Gora taking second place.

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, in B Flight, the room was split. The two first place winners were Barb Sundberg and Rashanee Turner, the two second place winners were Ron Baltrunas and Herb Jordan.

On Monday, Jan. 25, in A Flight, Denny Balderson took first place with Joe Gora settling for second.

On Tuesday, Jan. 26, in B Flight, the room was split. The two first place winners were Gene Baranowski and Herb Jordan, the two second place winners were Larry Martin and Mario Rodriguez.

On Monday, Feb. 1, in A Flight, Dave Williams walked away with first place and Denny Balderson took second.

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, in B Flight, the room was split. The two first place winners were Ron Baltrunas and Dan Iacovelli. The two second place winners were Henry Chapman and Dave Brandman.

On Monday, Feb. 8, in A Flight, Denny Balderson walked away with first place with Rick Figaski took second place.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, Eddie Ramirez walked away with first place, while Bill Goza settled for second place.

On Monday, Feb. 15, in A Flight, there was a three-way playoff between Joe Doire, Joe Gora and Dave Williams. Dave captured first place with Joe Doire claiming second.

9-BALL

On Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 19, there was a three-way tie between Tony Baker, Joe Gora and Tim Rush. After a playoff, Tim captured first place with Tony taking second.

On Jan. 26, Ron Blaettner edged out the field for first place. After a playoff between Joe Gora and Andy Suhar, Joe took second place.



Herb Jordan, one of the founding fathers of the OTOW Billiards Club, is competing in his final season. This does not mean he is done winning tournaments.

On Feb. 2, Joe Gora beat out the field for first place. Second place went to Ron Blaettner.

On Feb. 9, there was a playoff between Ron Blaettner and Eddie Ramirez. Ron captured first place with Eddie settling for second.

On Feb. 16, Joe Gora walked away with first place. After a playoff between new player, Frank Favors, and Eddie Ramirez, Eddie captured second place.

SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Thursday, Jan. 14, the team of Mario Rodriguez and Dave Williams edged out the field by claiming first place. The team of Gene Baranowski and Garry Patrick took second.

On Jan. 28, the team of Joe Ven-

timiglia and Dave Williams took first place and the team of Bill Robertson and Mario Rodriguez claimed second place.

JOIN US

Players in the A Flight play 8-ball on Monday evenings and the B Flight play Tuesday evenings, with Scotch Doubles on Thursday evenings. These tournaments start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

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**OTOW
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**Pet
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What makes Macy so special? Macy was found abandoned on a boat in Orlando, the only survivor in a litter. It was estimated that she was about 2 weeks old when she was found and was in very poor health. Macy was put in a foster home immediately and nursed back to health by an incredible caregiver. The same day she was found, Angie Giunta of the Loch Lomond Building, was visiting her sister in the Orlando area. The sister was contacted by the folks who found Macy and was asked if she wanted to adopt a second kitty. The sister declined, but asked Angie if she was interested. A photo of Macy was texted to Angie and she immediately said “yes, I want her!” So after 2 months in foster care, Angie brought her home to Clearwater. “She is the joy of my life! She is very entertaining, very social, and quite affectionate!” Angie said.

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



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BUILDING REPORTS



Let's meet two more multi-generation OTOW residents

By Cele Radeloff and
Kathleen Santosuosso

Just how many current On Top of the World residents are second or third generation?

More than you think, and this column will highlight a few of them each month.

Barb Sundberg

Barb Sundberg, shown in the photo at far right, is a second *and* third generation On Top of the World resident. An active person, she began running at age 46 and now runs marathons, teaches the 8 a.m. Ladies Exercise Class, directs the Tuesday Fun Fitness Class and puts the co-eds through their paces in the Friday Step Class. Although she never played billiards before, Barb learned techniques from OTOW billiards players Andy Suhar and Frank English, co-founders of the Ladies Que't Club.

Barb also line-danced, but had to give it up in 2012 when she joined the men's billiards, helping Andy with his Tuesday afternoon 9-ball tournament.

Barb's motto is "what you lack in ability, you make up for in determination." With that attitude, all things are possible.



Carol Wharton shows off two ceramic creations made by her mother, Irene, while living at On Top of the World in the late 1970s.



Barb inherited this high level of energy and "can do" attitude from her father and mother, Ben and Betty Brand, both former Marines in World War II.

Ben couldn't sit still for two minutes, yet patiently carved wooden ducks in the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers. He carved over 50 intricately detailed Mallard, Ruddy, Northern Pintail ducks, Canadian geese, Common Loons, and many other types of waterfowl. He enjoyed carving pelicans and dolphins too.

Ben made repairs to bicycles for many OTOW residents. He also remodeled the two units he and Betty purchased at OTOW.

Betty Brand was unstoppable and loved to swim and paint. Although she lost her leg above the knee in 1980, she motored to the pool on her Little Rascal scooter, jumped in the deep end, and swam laps for an hour almost every day.

Betty was in the Art Guild and won an award in 1990 for a complete display of her work. She enjoyed ceramics and was an avid reader. On her Little Rascal, Betty had special baskets constructed by Ben so she could grocery shop and travel independently to painting class and the pool.

Originally, the Brands moved from Chicago to a one-bedroom condo at OTOW in July, 1975. They later purchased a two-bedroom unit in the Roman Byzantine Building.

Ben's mother, two sisters and their



Barb Sundberg and her parents, first-generation OTOW residents Ben and Betty Brand in front of the Roman Byzantine Building.

husbands also lived here at OTOW. "There were lots of family members here; it was like a family reunion when we would come down for a visit," Barb remembered.

Barb and her husband Jim's parents were schoolmates back in Chicago. Barb and Jim first dated 50 years ago when Jim's dad was visiting Ben Brand and needed a ride home. Barb took him home on her motorcycle and saw Jim washing his car. He asked her out on a date. They've been married 46 years.

Carol Wharton

Carol Wharton, our beautiful line dancer, first visited OTOW in 1976. She is shown in the photo at far left. Her parents, Irene and Hugh Wharton, had been vacationing in Redington Beach and saw Mr. Sidney Colen's TV commercial about OTOW.

The next year they traveled to OTOW from Canada and leased for a season to see if they liked it here.

They loved everything and bought immediately in the Hawaiian Towers and then in the Bavarian Chalet.

They joined line dancing, never missed a Saturday night dance, and both parents played golf. They went to the pool daily and enjoyed driving to Clearwater Beach. They were hooked!

As mentioned earlier, Carol arrived

in 1976 to visit her parents and was so impressed at seeing older people really enjoying themselves that she couldn't wait to retire. She would visit at Christmastime and attended her first New Year's Eve dance that same year.

After marrying Doug Erickson, they both visited and never missed a dance or Thursday night show.

They remember Belcher Road being a mostly dirt road and all the orange groves on the West side, starting at Sunset Point Road.

Carol and Doug both joined Line Dancing and the Canadian Club. Doug became president of the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers, improving it tremendously.

They have made several improvements in their condo. Carol's mom had wanted a white kitchen, so Doug renovated both the kitchen and bathroom for her.

In the summer, they live near Niagara Falls in Ontario, Canada, as they can only stay here for six months. They firmly feel OTOW is a wonderful community that offers so many activities and interests.

We feel that Carol and Doug are a wonderful addition to OTOW.

If you are a second or third generation On Top of the World resident, call us at 727-470-2989 and we'll interview you for this column!

Tampa Bay Downs trip, Super Bowl party are highlights

Lady Luck was on our side on our Day at the Races.

Tampa Bay Downs is the place to be for Edna Saville where she has a history of winning (see photo). Her good luck is often due to a thorough review of the odds and the history of the horse and jockey. Then, after a final look at the official program on race day, she places her bet.

More likely than not, she cashes in with a nice profit. Husband Don also bets and joins her in the cashing-in process. The Savilles are Snowbirds from Buffalo who have been vacationing here for many years. Congratulations!

Many of our guys and gals will be cruising once again while we guard the fort and await their return. Cruising can be a marvelous way to escape and see far-away places. Bon voyage, amigos!

What a fine night it was at the DeLisle's Super Bowl party. We shared appetizers, drinks, and stories while enjoying that game of all games. Some lucky ones won cash prizes by picking the right squares.

I understand some ladies preferred playing Hand and Foot rather than watch the game. Well, they say, "to each his (or her) own."

I enjoyed a nice nap during the



half-time show, so someone please let me know if I missed anything... Thanks to Jerry and Carol for their hard work in making the evening a success for their fellow Bohemians!

A sizeable group enjoyed a night out at Lucky Dill where it was "buy one, get one free."

Heard a fish story there about how Lena Betti's brother, Vince, caught fish right here at On Top of the World on the West side lagoon. His catch proved enough to provide a fish dinner for the family. Later he caught enough catfish and sharks in Tampa Bay for another fish feast.

Lena enjoys walking with our Walking Group. Her husband Sam



Bohemia resident Edna Saville, using her own "system," does well at the local track, as evidenced by her recent winnings at Tampa Bay Downs.

said they moved here from Cleveland because of the weather. He enjoys golf, billiards, and swimming. He's also a Marine Corp veteran who served in Vietnam.

Many attended our annual Bohemian Building meeting. All expressed their gratitude to the officers

who served and worked this past year for our benefit. They were Shirley Golding, president; Ellen Marini, secretary; Nancy Kennedy, finance; and Paula Schelling, social chairperson.

Presidential duties for the coming year will be shared by Tom Jurkowski and Max Freitas.



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Extra-special theme adds to potluck event

The annual Espana "Potluck Dinner" was held Monday, Feb. 8, in the Sunrise Room.

Linda Rice, the Espana building treasurer, organized everything. As the 35 attendees arrived they were delighted to find the room decorated in a Valentine's Day motif. The tables were adorned with red rose petals scattered over white table cloths.

Each table had a Valentine's Theme Book on it which was given to the person who was sitting in the chair with a red heart on its back. Everyone was given a basket of Sweet Heart Candies to take home. As always, the food was delicious and the company was enjoyable.

The Espana picnic will be held in April. Please watch the bulletin board and next month's article for more information.

We have two holidays this month. Get ready for that corned beef dinner that goes with St. Patrick's Day.



Easter Sunday comes early this year. It's March 27. Remember when we all got "dooded up" for Easter? We all had a new Easter bonnet and, of course, we had to wear our gloves. Those days are past, but we still have the chocolate bunnies and eggs!

Virginia Rudolph's daughter Laura and her husband Jay Strauch came from Indianapolis and spent three days with Virginia. They went to several

restaurants. Laura and Jay also spent a few days with Jay's parents who live in Ft. Myers. Jay played golf which he can't do at this time of year in Indianapolis.

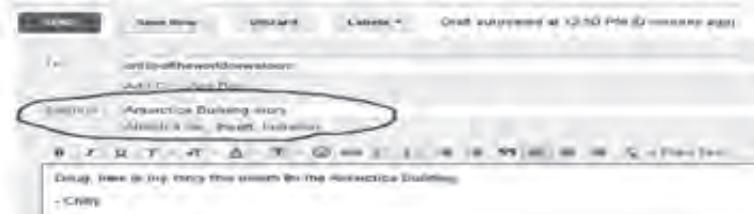
We have some older residents who have never driven a car or who have fading eyesight and can no longer drive. Even though OTOW has a bus that you can make a reservation to go shopping, there are times when I call a friend who can no longer drive and ask if she wants to go the store.

Many times, she says that she would love to go just so that she can get out. Be a good neighbor and remember somewhere down the line you may no longer be able to drive and you might just want to "get out."

I haven't given a hint for quite some time. To sharpen the knives in your garbage disposal, have them cut some ice cubes. Also if you have the garbage disposal cut through a half of a lemon, the strange odor in the garbage disposal will be gone.

Attention OTOW News writers ...

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



Full agenda makes for lively Feb. 6 building meeting

January's lunch at Papa's New York Diner was exceptional, with 20 Melbourne neighbors in attendance.

All agreed the service was wonderful for such a large group, and the overall atmosphere was improved with the jukebox playing 50's music. February's lunch was at the GrillSmith.

Helen Valentine had guests visiting from Harrisville, N. Y. They winter in Cocoa Beach, but came to Clearwater for a short visit.

Congratulations to Adele Friedlander on the birth of her great-grandson who lives in Palm Harbor. We just now learned that he was born last October.

There was an amazing turnout for our Feb. 6 building meeting. Cold temperatures made it necessary to move the meeting from the core to indoors. With 31 residents attending, there was great participation and lively interaction.

A three-person committee has been formed to tackle the bike room issues. This committee is tasked with coming up with better ways to organize the room and still secure the bicycles.

All bikes kept in the bike room must be in good working order and the tires must be inflated.

We were also reminded that all cats and dogs must be leashed while



outside and that their owners must pick up after their pets; it's the courteous thing to do.

Jack and Diana Ward were introduced as our new social events coordinators. Jack and Diana are already working on a get-together for after the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 5.

We are looking for a volunteer for our newest position, Sunshine Person. This special individual will send get-well cards and sympathy cards to those in our building who are ill or have lost loved ones, as well as welcome newcomers. Please see Betty Hayhurst or Pat Hedgecoth if you would like to take over this position.

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**A look back at the OTOW News
(March, 1991)**

By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz

- Keely Smith, who sang with Louis Prima, was the star performer on March 7, 1991. Born to Cherokee and Irish parents, she took her stepfather's name of Smith and began singing at age 11 on the radio. Also on the bill was Dick Kerr, an impressionist. Both were big hits.
- The Florida Retirement Study was back for the second year. It was sponsored by the Elderly Care Research Center at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. The study followed 802 OTOW residents as part of a national study on individuals who have retired to the Sunbelt.
- The Married Women's Club speaker was O. Sanford Jasper, Pinellas County Tax Collector. He gave a witty talk on taxes.
- The Great Lakes Club reported 305 enthusiastic residents as members. This club includes all Great Lakes states. Everyone was invited to join.
- A free movie, "Steel Magnolias," was shown on March 6 at 10:30 at the Cineplex Odeon Theatre at Countryside Square. Free refreshments were served after the movie.
- In the Historiography column, the writer reported that in 1981, season tickets to Entertainment Committee shows were so popular that residents were lining up outside 24 hours before the Monday ticket sale began. Mr. Colen agreed to make the Veranda available for 36 hours for this sale.

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Yoshimitsu resident Dorothy Churchill and family visitors enjoy lunch in Sarasota. From left to right: son Brian, Dorothy, son Jim, and cousins Pat, Diane and Connie.

Family visitors always add a special bonus to everyday life

We all look forward to those special visits with our family.

Dorothy Churchill had a wonderful visit with both of her sons. Brian was expected to arrive to celebrate his birthday and Jim surprised her by accompanying his brother to visit their mom last month.

They had fun catching up with all the family news. They went to Tampa Bay Downs and shopping for shoes for Brian's birthday (an annual event).

A trip to the beach is always a must. It was a windy day and crowded at Frenchy's, so they walked over to the Palm Pavilion for lunch.

They piled in the car along with their cousin, Pat Stephens, who lives in the Melbourne Building, to visit two



other cousins, Connie and Diane for lunch in Sarasota (see photo above). Connie bought a new place in Fort Myers and her sister came down to help decorate. Their road trip was a very nice ending to their visit.

Day at the races planned for Granada residents

We open this month's column with a big "thank you" to the warm-hearted residents of the Granada Building for the good wishes Stan and I received in honor of our 60 years of marriage. Our son and daughter-in-law took us to Bascomb's to celebrate and we were joined by very close friends of long standing.

We still can't believe the years fly by so quickly when you are in love. We are planning a large celebration up North this August.

By the time you read this we will have had our luncheon at the Red Lobster as well as our golf outing and pizza on Feb. 28. We will tell you more about it next month.

Our next big event is the day at Tampa Bay Downs on March 19 at noon. The \$21 cost includes track entry, free parking, program, and a luncheon



buffet which is served from 1-2 p.m. There will even be a race named in honor of the Granada Building. We are looking forward to a good time as well as a profitable afternoon (we hope!).

Until next month, remember: To have true friends, you must first be one yourself.

Couple celebrates anniversary on Snowbirds Club cruise

Is there a secret to a long and happy marriage? If there is, Robert and Doris Hammond have discovered it.

They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on a cruise with the Snowbirds Club (see photo). They love to cruise and do it often.

Doris remembers the day she first met Robert in August of 1955. She was 17 years old and in Jacobs Drug Store on the corner of Marietta and Broad in Atlanta. Robert remembers what she was wearing when she caught his eye. It was a pink blouse with a white collar and a navy blue skirt. It must have been some outfit! They were married in November of 1955.

Robert worked for the U.S. Postal service for 35 years, part of which was spent in Washington D.C. Doris says her favorite jobs were in radio and television, and it was much different then than it is now.

When Robert retired, they moved back home to Atlanta. They bought their first condo at On Top Of the



World in 1998 and have been Snowbirds ever since.

They lived in another building at OTOW before moving to the Mandarin Building.

They found several units they liked, but when they asked to see the storage space in the other buildings, they had some issues with the neatness and availability of spaces.

Luckily for them the Mandarin Building had just finished a major storeroom house cleaning and they



Robert and Doris Hammond (at head of the table) are shown here celebrating 60 years of marriage. They were on a Snowbirds Club cruise at the time. (Photo by Ed Foland)

were shown a nice clean storage room with a space assigned to them. That clinched their decision to buy in the Mandarin Building.

Although there is speculation

among Mandarin residents that they are too young to have been married that long, Robert and Doris Hammond agree that the secret to a long and happy marriage is mutual respect.

Building meeting well-attended, as was potluck core party

Our monthly Siboney meeting was very well-attended, with over 30 residents present. Our new board with Lillian Foy, president, and Peg Dugan, vice-president, did very well. Thanks to Sue Rausch and Lillian for the lovely Memorial Service.

We had many issues to discuss and a full agenda. There were several visitors there along with returning neighbors Cathy Amorello and Irene Nickolson.

We reserved the Sunrise Room for our Easter Sunday dinner on March 27 at 2 p.m. It's a potluck affair with the Siboney Club supplying the turkey and ham.

Start decorating those hats for our Easter parade! Watch the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.

Mark your calendars for the Siboney picnic on April 7 at Philippe Park. More on this next month.

Chilly weather did not deter the 35 neighbors who came to our core party on a recent Sunday afternoon,



bringing delicious dishes for all to enjoy. Ethyle Lee and Doris Prekopa supplied the jokes and Pat Heller supplied the soup.

Our annual Valentine's Day breakfast was held at First Watch again. Everyone dressed in red. The service there was terrific. We thank all 28 neighbors who attended.

Let me put in a plug for our own OTOW TV station. It's on Brighthouse

channels 96 or 732 (digital). It's a wonderful feature for our OTOW residents. For example, you can line dance in the privacy of your own home, or exercise, at 7 a.m. and 12 noon with Cammy and Jessica. In addition, a number of clubs have made videos explaining their functions and activities.

Also, on Friday nights at 8 p.m., a Jesters, Theatre Workshop or Chorus show from the past is presented for your viewing pleasure.

Tune in and enjoy! On your remote, just press 9-6 or 7-3-2 (not the up-and-down channel changer buttons).

Our St. Patrick's Day parade will be Saturday, March 5, at 10 a.m. Dress in green and come on out and enjoy all the marchers!

Many thanks to Lillian Foy and Maureen Chitnis for helping me put up the February decorations over the mailboxes for the final time. I've been doing February decorations for

30 years and feel younger ones can now take over. Everyone seems to enjoy the decorations even the U.S. Postal Service personnel who deliver the mail.

Please volunteer for a specific month. We have the decorations in the storage room. Thanks!

The next Siboney meeting will be Wednesday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in the Sunrise Room. See you there.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all and Happy Easter.

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Nagoya residents are Irish Club parade sparkplugs

Nagoya residents have read about the happenings of our building as reported diligently each month by Cheryl Reese for over five years.

Cheryl has taken a much deserved retirement from her duties and passed on her notepad. The residents of our building thank Cheryl for her tireless work and dedication. Your new reporter, Barbara Rice, will do her best to fill Cheryl's shoes.

Nagoya Building is truly blessed with the Luck of the Irish. When we awake each March to the sounds of bagpipes and the gala festivities of the On Top of the World's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, we can thank longtime residents Patrick and Patricia Fallon and Neil and Mary McLaughlin for their involvement with the Irish Club (see photo at far right).

Each has deep ancestral roots in Ireland. Patrick and Patricia were both born in Dublin. They return each year to visit close family members. Mary was born in the County of Mayo. Neil's family hails from the County of Donegal. The McLaughlins have made many trips back to the Emerald Isle.

Both couples have been active members of the Irish Club for 10 years. Mary will oversee OTOW's 2016 "parade of green" as one of the Parade Stand Masters of Ceremonies.



She also serves as vice-president of the Irish Club.

These Snowbirds are welcomed home to Nagoya annually. The Fallons travel from New York, while the McLaughlins come from Southbury, Conn.

Proud grandparents Norm and Linda Whitten recently attended the National Cheerleading Competitions hosted by Walt Disney World at the ESPN Wide World of Sports. They were there to root for their granddaughter and her teammates who came from Salem, Mass., to compete in the Jr. Pop Warner Division.

In between stage time, the girls were able to leave pom-poms in their hotel rooms and enjoy the theme parks.



These Irish Club members are responsible for much of the planning and production of the annual Irish Club St. Pat's parade. From left to right: Patrick Fallon, Patricia Fallon, Mary McLaughlin and Neil McLaughlin. The parade will be held this year on Saturday, March 5 at 10 a.m. (Photo by Barbara Rice)

The annual Nagoya building meeting was held on Feb. 6. Residents were reminded that yearly dues are \$10 per person.

Business discussion focused on enforcing storage room rules, which includes enforcing the allotment of storage spaces and clearing out abandoned and/or illegal items. The bicycle room is also to be inspected and uncluttered.

Officers for the New Year are Jim and Sandy Ropp, building captains; Pat Johnson, secretary; and Michelle Davenport, treasurer.

Many thanks to Jan Underwood for opening her home for refreshments following the meeting.

(The OTOW News thanks former reporter Cheryl Reese for her long tenure as Nagoya building reporter. We wish her well in the future.)

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New neighbor worked in N.Y. for Pan-Am, Time-Life

We welcome a new resident, Judy Falcaro.

Originally from Ecuador, Judy lived in New York where she worked for Pan-Am until they closed, and later for Time-Life Magazine again till the end of that business.

In 1992, after retiring, Judy moved to Tampa and started working again, this time for Tampa Electric. From Tampa she moved to Madeira Beach and finally enjoyed retired life.

Now she joins her sisters Martha and Norma who are also residents here at On Top of the World and is happy to be close to them. She has a son who lives in New Jersey.

The annual Brittany Farmhouse meeting took place Jan. 30 at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. Twenty-two residents attended.

Since Beth Dentinne stepped back from volunteering as our building captain, we decided to build a "Social Committee." The new building coordinators are Beth Dentinne and Merelee Bernard. Merelee also took over the duties as our treasurer. We thank Hannah Frey



for doing this job in the past years.

Bud Hildreth and Bob Anderson volunteer to inspect the storage rooms. The volunteers for the social committee are Bob Anderson, Emily Contrada, Adele Pokrzwnicki, Anthea Hirsch, Peter Wieczorek, Judy Falcaro, Jeanette Orsi, Ute Scheibe, Cathy Bunt and Bonnie Eaton.

Mark your calendar: March 7 at 10 a.m. we have our monthly breakfast at Sunset Grill. On March 12 at 4 p.m., we will have potluck celebrating St. Patrick's Day and our good neighborhood! I hope everybody will join in!

Welcome our new Baghdad reporter to the OTOW fold

My name is Kathleen Clarkson and I am the reporter for the Baghdad Building.

I am new to On Top Of the World, relocating from Louisville, Ky. My life before retirement placed me in the classroom teaching high school Art, English and Spanish for 27 years.

I know from experience, that teachers can change the course of a student's life—it's truly a rewarding profession.

While teaching, a few hobbies popped up along the way. I have a tremendous love for the arts and writing.

My artistic enjoyment propelled a fellow artist and me to create a non-profit art association and gallery for our community in New Jersey. Although we charged a fee for instruction, we opened our association to all children whether they could pay a fee or not.

The association was a labor of love. We wanted the community to take charge of the association and to take it in the direction they wanted. They did — from theater performances, lectures, and art demos to community events. It was an exciting time. Something I see going on at OTOW.



I continue to draw with oil pastels and to write. I am currently writing a screenplay and children's books. We'll see where that goes or doesn't. Editing is a pain, and rough drafts fill my waste paper baskets!

Since I moved into the Baghdad Building, I have met some very nice people. Two of my neighbors have urged me to become the reporter for Baghdad. So you got your wish, Vicky Portsmouth and Shirley Demers!

I'm sure everyone in our Baghdad building has a past or a current life story to share. If you would like to do this, please contact me.

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Taking a long look at nature's 'tree sculptures' at OTOW

Watch the bulletin board for the March luncheon, as the men are now included in what used to be the Dorado ladies' luncheon and they seem to enjoy being there.

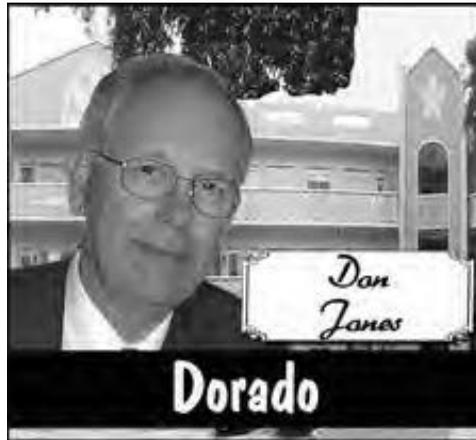
Our most recent luncheon for our residents was held at Ozona Blue. All attendees enjoyed the camaraderie and fine offerings.

Living at On Top of the World and in the Dorado Building provides many opportunities for appreciation of nature, and one can miss some of the obvious chances to do so.

Have you ever thought about the tree sculptures that time, sunlight and nature (including humans), have made around us in our location?

Artists spend a lifetime creating just the right artistic combination of materials and shapes to make a tree sculpture out of wood, plastic or paper, but the effort for us to appreciate these artists would entail going to an art museum or gallery.

We have tree sculptures that are all completely unique, beautiful and available to us right here "in our own back yard."



On my daily walk, I encounter many such sculptures and enjoy them day after day, noticing how the light streams through or is reflected at different times of the day. The sun reaches and nurtures some leaves while other leaves and branches are left to wither.

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A branch that decided to grow sideways instead of up would be covered with ice at the first ice storm



This magnificent specimen is an example of the "tree sculptures" referred to in the story. (Photo by Don Jones)

and the extra weight would break it off before it got very long or thick. The snow weighs heavily on leaves that might still be on the trees and the branches will bend and then ultimately break off under the pressure. Where there is ice and snow, human workers cut branches off the trees before they reach a point of danger to the buildings, automobiles or persons who might

find themselves under such a heavy branch.

Take a walk and look at the tree sculptures that exist around Lake Arbor, on Americus Boulevard, and around our Dorado Building. See them in a new light. They are the work of nature and humans producing many unique sculptures right here at OTOW. They are indeed works of art.

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New resident Cristina Hazera renovated and updated her unit from the floor to the ceiling.

Jeannette Donnelly, another new Austrian Alpine resident, knew that her recently redone unit was the one for her, the minute she walked in the door. All it needed was colorful furniture.

Cristina has lived in Florida since 1979. She had driven by On Top of the World many times and chose to live here because she liked the location: it was high in elevation, hurricane resistant, and close to the malls.

A retired paralegal fluent in Spanish, Cristina continues to work on her renovation projects, and enjoys traveling in the United States, sightseeing, going to museums, and visiting famous sites.

Every time Jeannette visited her daughter, who lives nearby, she would check out available OTOW units until she found the one for her. Jeannette



jumped right in to OTOW activities and works out with the 8 a.m. Ladies Exercise. She also joined the Irish Club, Snowbirds, and Hoosier Club.

Originally from Ireland, Jeannette moved to Alabama and finally to Terre Haute, Ind., with her husband, also from Ireland. She has four children, 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

In Terre Haute, Jeannette was a pastry chef and cake decorator. She still gets calls from Indiana asking for her cakes. We are lucky she moved here!



New Austrian Alpine residents (L-R): Jeannette Donnelly (holding Sasha), and Cristina Hazera. (Photo by Kathleen Santosuosso)

Austrian Alpine residents greeted Paradise Restaurant. Thank you for the New Year with a luncheon at the organizing the event, Jim Trenton!

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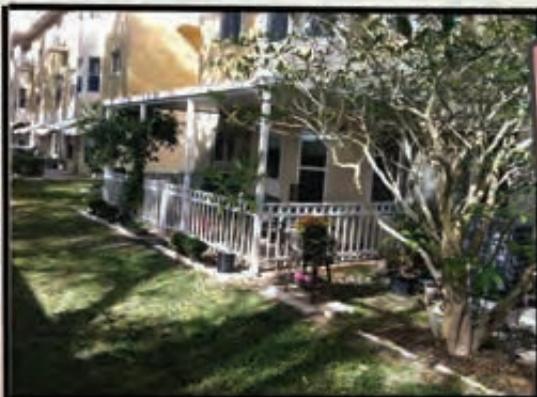
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Accomplished couple glad to return to OTOW

Once again, it has become apparent that Emerald Isle is a magnet for intellectually gifted and talented people.

Our newest neighbors are David Bucchiere and John Hooker, who met in Boston and married in 2004 when same-sex marriage became legal in Massachusetts.

In Massachusetts, David rose from teller through the ranks to become vice-president of a local bank. When his bank was taken over by a larger bank, David applied for unemployment benefits. One day at the agency office, David's talents and abilities became apparent to a local agent who subsequently recruited him to work there. David's work ethic and perspicacity helped him rise to the top. Imagine going in for your benefits and ending up with a great job!

After working there for several years, he was discovered by the Unemployment Office of Phoenix, Ariz., where his Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology and his innate abilities helped lead him to the top.

Here David oversaw all of the unemployment programs in the state of Arizona including those for alcoholics, gender reassignment, retraining, fraud, benefits, adjudication, and quality control. And you thought they just stingily handed out benefit checks...



John's career took an entirely different path: music performance, in which he holds a Bachelor's Degree, two Master's Degrees and a Doctorate. By the way, John had his own radio show at the age of seven!

His career was further enhanced by the awarding of a Fulbright Scholarship to study the organ in Germany. What ensued was a long and successful career as a concert organist playing recitals at major universities, churches, and cathedrals in the U.S., England, and Germany. One of those venues was London's Westminster Abbey. He also played organ in recitals with the likes of Linda Ronstadt, Yo-Yo Ma, and Cybill Shepherd.

At the height of his success however, John felt an inner calling,



David Bucchiere, standing, enjoys a short piano recital by John Hooker. The new Emerald Isle couple are both very accomplished in their individual fields of endeavor. (Photo by Sue Naylor)

and abandoned this career for another: He offered himself to the ordained ministry as an Episcopal priest.

This entailed obtaining yet another Master's Degree at Episcopal Divinity School. The day after his graduation, he was hired there to become a professor of liturgy and music. Throughout his life, John was commissioned to compose hymns found in many hymnals in Catholic, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches, as well as the Episcopal church.

His last major commission was for a 2014 evening service which premiered at Winchester Cathedral.

John's real love involved ministering in local parishes, the last of which was as Rector of Ascension Memorial Parish, Ipswich, Mass.

In their living room, they have the most extraordinary instrument I've ever seen, a digital electronic mini-grand piano, which David laughingly says he found online through Costco. John inserts a chip, works on his compositions by day, and then plays them back during the dinner hour. David added that they are so good that they bring tears to his eyes.

David and John previously had lived at On Top of the World from 2011-2014, then returned to Massachusetts, where it only took one winter to convince them of their mistake.

They are very glad to be back at OTOW, and we are so happy they chose to live at Emerald Isle. Welcome home!

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Warm welcome for new building reporter

Hi, my name is Mary Casey and I am the new reporter for the English Gothic Building.

My husband Christopher and I moved to On Top Of the World 14 years ago. I am originally from Massachusetts and moved to Florida 34 years ago with my husband and two daughters.

My parents had moved to Clearwater and I really missed them so that is how we ended up moving here. I have two beautiful daughters, two wonderful sons-in-law and four wonderful grandchildren.

I worked as a hairdresser for 30 years, 20 of those years here in Florida on Island Estates in Clearwater.

I went back to school for Business Computer Skills. Once I finished that



schooling, I worked as a background screening company for 14 years. This company downsized so I decided to go back to school again. This time I received my Early Childhood Teaching certification. I taught for a couple of

years and then decided it was time to take an early retirement.

My husband and I were co-captains of our building for six years and really enjoyed the time we were able to spend with the residents in the building and getting to know everyone.

We were both still working fulltime, so after six years we decided we needed a break. Now that I am not working, I find I need something to do. So that is why I volunteered to become the reporter for the building.

If anyone has news that they would like put into the OTOW newspaper, please make sure you get it to me no later than the 12th of each month. I look forward to reporting the news for our building.



New resident used Fine Arts degree well

Our new neighbor, Betty Borsh, moved in just before the new year began.

Betty is originally from Pittsburgh, Pa. She is the proud mother of three sons. She has lived in Florida for 17 years. Betty moved to On Top of the World as her friend Bill also lives here and she liked what the community had to offer.

Catering and being a sales director for Countryside Country Club was her employment for 15 years. Planning parties and weddings were most enjoyable for Betty.

She graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Fine Arts. Her degree served her well as head of the Fine Arts Department at St. Petersburg Christian School for 16 years.

As of this year, Betty is working part time. She teaches middle school students and adults the art of painting. Betty also sells her beautiful paintings. Her new favorite pastime is painting street scenes.

Betty joins three other artists and a poet as her neighbors. We have so many talented people in our building. Welcome!

"Til We Meet Again"

Return to dinner theater is planned

As usual, this was a busy and enjoyable month for the Mallorcans, as we had a sporting event, culture, and visitors to enhance the month.

Josie Marsiglio once again hosted the Super Bowl at her apartment. There were at last count 24 fans and non-fans who brought a dish to pass and who had fun rooting for their favorite team. Thank you, Josie.

Because it was such a success, we decided to return to the Early Bird Dinner Theater. This time the play was "Too Many Cooks." It was a hilarious romp, and everyone seemed to enjoy the play, as well as the buffet dinner. In fact, our great social committee is looking into another trip to the theater in March or April. Be sure to check the bulletin board and sign up. You won't be disappointed!

Our building held its annual meeting recently. Many topics of interest to the building residents were discussed, with some possible solutions to a couple of problems.



Jim Rudderham has agreed to take on the duties of secretary, giving Ginger Currier a much-needed break from over 15 years as secretary. Thanks, Jim, for many years of service. Thanks, Jim, for filling the need. Dick and Terry Kuplen have again agreed to continue to fill the positions of treasurer and social chairperson, respectively. Thank you for doing a wonderful job to each of you.

Rose Hildebrant's daughter and her friend were here for a short time, in

which they were able to visit Rose and prepare her apartment for when she can come home again. We hope to see them again soon when Rose is back in her apartment.

Have you been to the Veranda Gift Shop? If not, you will be in for a delightful surprise. All the items for sale are hand-made, and they are just adorable. The shop is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. until noon. It's one of On Top of the World's best-kept secrets!

Mallorcans, be sure to check the bulletin board for all the activities that Terry has in store for us. As I mentioned before, another trip to the dinner theater is being planned, in addition to a day at Tampa Bay Downs and at least one golf scramble/backyard barbeque.

For our new neighbors, this is a perfect time to get to know each other.

To all of you, a happy St. Pat's and a joyous Easter.

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Rila neighbors star in fashion show, Art Guild display

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Our neighbors have done very interesting things this past month.

Our neighbors Marian Leamy and Sherry Ivy modeled in the recent fashion show. Don Leamy helped escort the models up on the center platform (see photo at far right).

Our neighbor Penny Page, who is now president of the Art Guild, also had art pieces in the Art Show Feb. 28.

It is wonderful seeing our residents volunteering. This is what helps to keep the clubs going.

Guy Bertuzzi and Bill Bergen, along with 18 other guests, had a wonderful time at the Chase Manhattan Bank reunion. Each year Bank retirees who live on the West coast of Florida come together for a luncheon and



share their very funny bank stories. This took place at Kally-K's restaurant in Dunedin.

A few days later, many of the retirees got together at Tampa Bay Downs race track. This had become a

tradition each year. A good time was had by all.

In the next few articles, I will introduce some of our new neighbors. When you see them, introduce yourself and welcome them to our building.

I enjoy writing about the special events our residents have done and the special celebrations going on in their lives. Let me know about a child's birth, a special birthday or a wonderful and unique trip. You can call me or put a note in the white mailbox in the core under the bulletin board.

We wish all our neighbors and their families a great St. Patrick's Day celebration. We also wish all of you a very Happy Easter.



Rila Renaissance residents (left to right) Marian Leamy, Don Leamy and Sherry Ivy participating in the OTOW Fashion Show.

Attention Dog Walkers

When picking up after your dog, do not throw plastic bags down the storm drains. This is against the law. Be sure to always clean up while walking your dog.

Different location announced for Loch Lomond meeting

Have you checked the bulletin board recently?

Sophia Kugeares and Dottie Liberti have set forth a basic schedule and Phil Woods has prepared an up-to-date roster and phone number of all residents. Now we need people willing to be available to distribute this kind of info periodically to the individual apartments.

Our annual building meeting will be somewhat different and should be easy to attend. Forget preparing potluck food and trekking over to the West Side. Just meet at Queen's Pizza Restaurant on Saturday, Feb. 27, at noon (near the corner of Belcher Road and Sunset Point). Many of us have met there before and we will have the private room and a buffet of lasagna, salad, drinks and desert.

This meal will be prepared and paid from out of previously collected dues. This is a good opportunity to get acquainted with some of our newer residents. Please bring your ideas for other meetings, lunch places, and ways to enjoy one another.

Please sign up for the luncheon meeting if you plan to attend. Please bring your \$15 annual dues and a volunteering spirit.

Last month's Last Monday luncheon was at Varsity Club and was



well-attended. Marie and Paul Froeba were back and were accompanied by their daughter and son-in-law here from summering in Colorado. Lucille Green brought her new neighbor, Diana

Helen and Bob Lauko had some damage to their apartment occur that they tried to avoid by having everything checked on, but sometimes things do happen unexpectedly.

If anyone has to "evacuate" their home for repairs to take place, it's wonderful when neighbors offer ideas and contacts to make the transition as easy as possible.

Remember luncheon meeting at Queens, ideas for future activity, annual dues, your pleasant company.

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Events in Large Card Room have been relocated for March 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
Bingo, every Monday, 6:15 pm, East Activity Center auditorium • Philosophy Club, Tuesdays, 10 am, Veranda Room
Have your taxes done free by AARP, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 am in Small Card Room



Classes and Crafts



ART GUILD

Chinese Paint Brush, 12:30 pm, Tuesdays, Art Room
Painting Pals, 1 pm, Wednesdays, Art Room
Drawing Classes, 1 pm, Thursdays, Art Room
Painting Workshop, 9 am, Mondays, Art Room

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Veranda Room

CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, 12 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room
Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

COMPUTER CLUB

Mon-Fri, 8:30 am, Computer Lab, Computer Room
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Computer Classes, Kitchen/Craft Room
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Computer Workshop, Small Card Room

GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS

Wednesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

DANCING

Snowbirds Salsasize, 9 am, Tuesdays, Sunrise Room
Jazz & Tap Dancing, 10:30 am, Wednesdays, Auditorium
Social Dance Lessons, 1 pm, Thursdays, Sunrise Room

ITALIAN CLASSES

Fridays, 10:00 am, Small Classroom, with Antoinette d'Oronzio, free

KNITTING

Wednesdays, 9 am, Veranda Room

LAPIDARY

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 a.m., Lapidary Room

PROCRASTINATING QUILTERS

Thursday, March 17 only, 6:30 pm, Art Room

SEWING

Wednesdays, 9 am, EAC Starlite Room

SPANISH

Tuesdays, 3 pm, Yellow Room

WOOD SHOP

8 am, Mondays-Fridays, Wood Shop Room



Exercises



AQUA AEROBICS

Mon-Fri, 9 am, East Pool

BONESAVERS

Mon & Wed & Fri, 8 am, Art Room

CO-ED EXERCISE

Mon & Wed & Fri, 10 am, East Gym
Mon & Wed and Fri, 10 am, West Gym

CO-ED FUN FITNESS

Tuesdays, 9 am, Yellow Room

CO-ED STEP EXERCISES

Fridays, 11 am, East Gym

HEALTHY LIVING CLUB

Morning Walkers, Daily, 9 am, Meet at Red Robin, Countryside Mall
Water Walking, Tue & Thu, 4 pm, EAC Pool
Slow Spokes (bike riders), 9:30 am, Fridays, Meet at EAC Parking Lot
Silver Spokes (bike riders longer distances), 9 am, Fridays, Meet at EAC Parking Lot

LADIES EXERCISES

Mon-Fri, 8 am, East Gym

LINE DANCING

Tuesday, 1 pm, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)
Saturdays 8:30 am, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

SLIMNASTICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, East Gym

SNOWBIRDS LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 8 am, Sunrise Room

TAI CHI

Mon & Wed & Fri, 1 pm, East Gym
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 pm, East Gym

YOGA

Tue & Thu, 11 am, East Gym

ZUMBA

Wed, 9:30 am, Auditorium and Art Room
Mondays and Fridays, 9 am, Craft Room
Fri, 9 am, Yellow Room



Traditional Games



BILLIARDS

Mondays 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room, Flight A
Tuesdays & Fridays, 1 pm, 9-Ball, Billiards Room
Tuesdays, 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room, Flight B
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Que'T Ladies Billiards, Billiards Room
Thursdays, 6 pm, Scotch Doubles, Billiards Room

CANASTA

Fridays, 6:00 pm, Small Card Room

CHESS

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

DOMINOS

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

BRIDGE

Mon, Thu, Sat, 11 am, Yellow Room
Mondays, 2:30 pm, Yellow Room

EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room and Sunrise Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Starlite Room
Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room
Sun & Wed, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 9 am, Small Card Room
Mondays, 12:30 pm, Rainbow Room
Mondays, 4:30 pm, Rainbow Room
Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Rainbow Room
Wednesdays & Fridays, 1 pm, Rainbow Room
Thursdays, 1 pm, Small Cardroom

PING PONG

Mondays, 10 am, Sunrise Room (until after renovations)
Wednesdays, 10 am, Sunrise Room
Fridays, 10 am, Sunrise Room (until after renovations)

SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room
Thursdays, 6:00 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

SHUFFLEBOARD

Mon & Thu, 1:30 pm, Shuffleboard Courts

SCOPA

Mon & Wed, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

TEXAS CARD GAME GROUPS

Mon & Thu, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Ron)
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Room (Bob)
Wednesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room (Don)
Fridays & Wednesdays, 6 pm, (Carol) Yellow Room

The schedule above has been revised to reflect events in the current month. If a time, date or place for an event on this page is incorrect, please notify the Community Service Office so we can make the change for next month. If you are in charge of an event, and dropping it from this schedule, please notify the CSO one month in advance. Anytime you add an event, you must follow procedures with the CSO. This includes reserving a room. The CSO office is now taking requests for rooms in April, May and June. If you want your April event to make the April newspaper, your request has to be approved by March 15. Thank you for your cooperation and keeping this page as accurate as possible.

Newcomers introduced at Orizaba pizza party

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Easter and all-round happiness to all!

The annual parade celebrating St. Patrick's Day will be held on World Parkway Blvd. on Saturday, March 5, and if you haven't attended in the past, now is the time to be sure you are there. It is a real sight to behold with many clubs, committees and local groups participating. If you are lucky enough to be in the parade, congratulations — a good time is awaiting.

The building held a pizza party last month and a great time was had by all who attended. It was hosted by Flo Herman and her band of helpers and the work they put in was evident. Vocal sing-a-longs were led by Linda Ledesma and Dan Moran with everyone joining in.

Many new members of our building were present and were introduced to longer term members. Flo and Jack Herman revealed that they were 33-year owners of their apartment (makes me feel young!).

James Stanley was one of the new members present (unfortunately his wife was unable to attend). James, his wife Jane, along with Amy and Tony Odorisio, Larry and Lucy French and Larren and Doreen Doniger were local residents who decided that OTOW



was the place they wanted to be — a good decision! Many countries were represented including Ireland, Romania, Brazil, Canada and even New Jersey.

Birthday greetings to Marge Kanne and Amy Odorisio. The attached sunset photo is a birthday present for both of you! Remember, if you want to acknowledge your birthday, anniversary or other important day, just notify the author of this column.

A little humor: Someone called the telephone operator and said that they have been calling 700-1000 for two days with no answer. The operator asked where the person got that number. It was on the door of the business. The operator replied that those are the business hours.



This lovely sunset photo is a birthday "gift" for those who are celebrating in March. (Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

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Fate steps in allowing mother, daughter to visit Cuba

Candice Peace's father and mother always wanted to visit Cuba, but life and a revolution got in the way until recently, when fate stepped in.

Cuba has been closed to Americans since diplomatic ties were severed in 1961. Those ties were renewed just last year to allow more Americans to go to Cuba, and Candice knew it was meant to be.

Candice was in the East Activity Center one day (coincidentally, four years to the day her father passed away). She stopped by the Travel Club's table where they were handing out brochures about a cruise to Cuba. Candice knew a sign from the universe when she saw it, so she and her mother, Carolyn Hendrickson, a resident of the Melbourne Building, booked their trip.

The trip was an educational tour under the aegis of People to People International. On Jan. 22, Candice and Carolyn flew to Montego Bay, Jamaica where they boarded a Greek cruise ship bound for Cuba.



The sights and places they visited in Cuba were prearranged and they didn't have much free time to explore on their own.

There are very few business signs and the ones that are on stores are small and easy to miss. The tour group went to several craft shows set up in the street for the visitors. The items for sale were virtually all handmade.

The stores are mostly small bodegas that were not stocked with many goods. Food is tightly rationed. It is clearly not a commercial economy.

The tour guide stated that the average monthly wage in Cuba is about \$40, so tourists are an important source of income.

Candice noticed many beautiful old buildings that were crumbling in disrepair or had been abandoned.

The Cubans get around on horse-drawn carriages, scooters, old busses, old European cars, and bikes. The 1950's vintage American cars are mainly used as taxis.

Cubans do not have home computers and can only access the Internet at Internet cafés, sometimes waiting in line for 45 minutes for a computer.

Candice returned home with a greater appreciation for life here. "Cuba is a beautiful country and the people are hopeful for a happier future. They don't have or even know about many of the day-to-day 'luxuries' that we take so for granted: supermarkets, Internet access, cable TV, malls and air-conditioning," said Candice.



Candice Peace and her mother, Carolyn Hendrickson, a resident of the Melbourne Building, enjoy the ambiance of a Cuban café during their January trip there. (Photo provided by Candice Peace)

She added, "It's a Cuba that will disappear as progress comes to the island. We are glad we saw it before it changes."

Would she and her mother go back? In a heartbeat!



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A very different and exciting 'Ladies Night Out'

Hi, neighbors. Well, although February isn't quite over, the activities have been great.

The men can have breakfast and go to Hooters, but when the women want to have excitement, we go to Hamburger Mary's. What a night! There were 11 women who attended, and everyone had a great time (see photo).

Although a little eccentric for some, a drink in hand can loosen up the most laid-back individual. Yes, it was fascinating to be in a different environment, but I can assure everyone that it was classy, fun-filled and full of entertainment.

The tips flowed with each entertainer that passed our table. Gloria Sayer really got into action and danced with one of the entertainers. We had a great time watching.

The food was very good. There are customers of every age group. They pay special attention to individuals who are celebrating a special event. The



MC is a comedic entertainer and drag queen as well. If you haven't been, let your hair down and try it. You will enjoy yourself!

There are still some events on the board. Coffee and donuts, a dinner out for men and women and, in March, the annual Fish Fry, a favorite of Brahman Building residents. Please sign up.

Happy Easter, Happy Purim, Happy Spring and Happy St. Patrick's



These Brahman ladies enjoyed a recent night out at a local drag show venue.

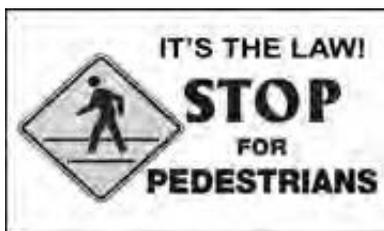
Day. May you all have a healthy happy spring! Love and Hope, everyone.

Remember, in this time of the

holidays, be there for your neighbors who may not ask for help but may need a helping hand.

OTOW Boat Owners & Future Boat Owners

- All boats must be registered through the Community Service Office.
- Registration fees of \$10 are due by the beginning of March, yearly.
- Boats will be assigned a rack spot number upon registration.
- Boats must be registered before they can be stored at Lake Arbor.
- Maximum kayak/canoe length is 16 feet.
- Maximum Jon boat length is 14 feet.
- All watercraft must be maintained in seaworthy condition.
- Unregistered boats are subject to removal and impound.
- The management company is not responsible for theft or damage to stored watercraft.



This fit couple met while biking, hitchhiking

Don and Mary Marsden have to be one of the most active and fittest couples at On Top of the World.

When you come to their condo, the first things you see are their bikes on the bike rack by their front door. They ride every day, though Don concedes that Mary is the more avid biker.

They have lived at OTOW for almost a year. They also maintain a home in Lakefield, Ontario, which is about two hours from Toronto.

Before coming to OTOW, they lived in Alamo, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley. They have one son, one daughter, and four grandchildren.

They have been married for 37 years. Don deferred to Mary for the exact number. They met in Wyoming where Don was biking and Mary was hitchhiking across the country. That seems to have set the tone for their marriage, as they don't seem to have slowed down since then.

Don was a firefighter while Mary was a nurse in the Health and Occupational Safety area. If you take



fitness or exercise classes in the East Activity Center, you may have taken a class that Mary has led. She is also a member of the Healthy Living Club.

They also play golf every day on the nine-hole course. Don plays softball on a three-score team in Clearwater. All members have to be over 60 years old. Don says it gets pretty competitive.

Mary said she wishes we had pickle ball at OTOW. And, no, it doesn't involve pickles!

In keeping with their active lifestyle, they both enjoy going on



Viking featured residents Don and Mary Marsden are avid fitness enthusiasts.

cruises. Favorite cruises were to the Mediterranean and Monte Carlo. They also enjoyed Hawaii. A place they would still like to cruise would be the South Pacific.

Be sure to wave as you see them walk or bike by.

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.

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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.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

Mexican dining was pleasant change of pace

Punxsutawney Phil of Gobbler's Knob promised an early spring this year.

We were grateful for his forecast — long trousers and sweatshirts get old real fast. We live for sunshine and warm, beach worthy weather.

Lots happened in February.

This is an election year, so our TV watching got messed up with all the political primaries, endless debates and questionable rhetoric. It is good to keep in mind that many brave lives have been given so that we have this government by the people and for the people.

We honored one of those early soldier-statesmen by setting aside President's Day on George Washington's birthday. A modern American tradition marking such a significant event is to have sales. Not your ordinary sales, but really good sales.

We also honored Martin Luther King as part of Black History Month.

On the Feb. 8, we celebrated the lunar or Chinese New Year. We entered the Year of the Monkey. Those who were born in monkey years are bright,



clever, witty, and so crafty. I wonder how many of our politicians were born in a Year of the Monkey?

I'm sure everyone was aware of Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras. I lived in Louisiana for many years and grew hoarse from shouting, "throw me something, mister!"

The most spiritual day of this month was Valentine's Day. A day that we expressed our love for someone or perhaps our favorite pet. Time set aside when we considered our deep feeling for our Valentine. We gents used candy, flowers and dinner out as our

way of showing appreciation; it got us off the hook.

On Feb. 16, some 20-plus Azoreans participated in a Mexican dinner in Dunedin at the Casa Tina Mexican Restaurant. Their advertising touted "fresh and healthy Mexican food." I don't usually associate healthy and Mexican food in the same claim so I went out of curiosity and hunger.

The food and service were good and compared to other Mexican food I have enjoyed, I do believe it could be considered healthy.

It is good to see Marie Pirrello up and recovering from her cruise adventure. High heels and boats are not made for each other!

Tuesday night poker is moving right along, Lou D'Auria and Chuck Kilgore's cousin Ron joined us. Welcome, we need the fresh blood.

We have St. Pat's dinner coming up as well as our spring business meeting and our day at the races. Watch the bulletin board for details.

I checked my "in box" before writing this article... empty. I sure miss Ms. Petie.

New neighbor lives here with her daughter

A number of condos in the building are being sold rapidly, but their renovations are a slow process.

We welcome Louise Falco who bought Erma Croce's apartment. She moved in with her daughter, Kathy. The day I interviewed these two lovely ladies, I only expected a 15-minute interview, but wound up almost two hours.

We are practically from the same areas up North. Louise was born in Albert, Pa. Her parents had a restaurant in Somerville, N.J. Louise worked as a medical receptionist in a hospital, and in a home health agency, and finally as an assistant to a general surgeon.

Her future husband, Louis, worked in a nearby post office as a window clerk. Almost daily, he and his boss stopped in the parents' restaurant for lunch.

Their first date was a movie chaperoned by her kid sister (wasn't that the dark ages?)

Thirteen months later they were married, and stayed married for a happy



64-½ years. They were blessed with their dear daughter Kathy, who is also semi-retired from the medical field. Kathy is a soprano in her church choir and loves karaoke.

When Louis retired from the Postal Service in 1978, he managed his own sub-station.

That same year they moved from Somerville to Dunedin, Clearwater, Palm Harbor and finally to Gull-Aire Village in Oldsmar in a triple manufactured home on a canal.

In their OTOW home, their kitchen needs to be completed and their furniture put in place and they will be all set to join us in any building activities.

We also welcome Sande Sandra, whom I met in the laundry room. She bought Andy Mogish's condo. Sande is originally from Chicago, San Diego, and Countryside. She works full time for AmeriLife Insurance Co.

Phil Meissner went on a seven-day cruise with the Travel Club to Cuba. He sailed on the Greek Ship *Celeste Crystal*. He found Cuba an interesting and rather confusing country. The boat made five stops, including Havana.

Phil said the Cuban people are friendly and the country is beautiful. There is no crime, universal health care, but lots of unemployment of young people in their twenties. Although things don't seem so bad, the country is bankrupt.

Phil gave a review of the trip at the Travel Club meeting on Feb. 5.

Happy St. Pat's and Happy Easter to all of you!

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COFFEE CORNER

Coffee and danish are served from 7 to 10 a.m. every weekday morning in the East Activity Center auditorium.



Valencia resident honored for service work

At our recent annual building meeting, Valerie Martin and Phil Roth were unanimously chosen as building coordinators, along with Debbie Roth as treasurer and Donna Hahnan as secretary/sunshine lady.

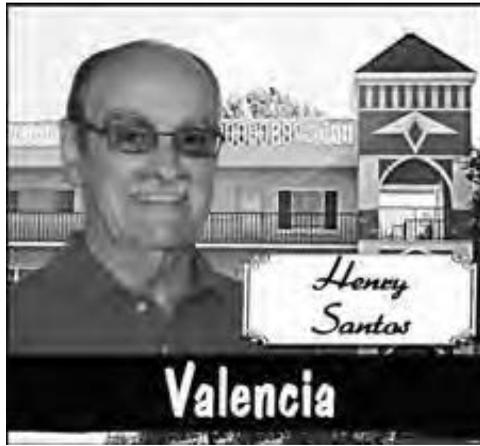
Many ideas were put forth and I'm sure there will be a lot of exciting things happening this year. It was a huge turnout with more than half of the units represented. There were many new faces, which was nice to see.

A reminder — don't forget to check the bulletin board often for lunch dates and other building activities. Also Phil is still looking for volunteers to host upcoming luncheons.

I thanked everyone for their participation in contributing photos of their early youth and also asked for any stories that they would like to see in future articles. From this I received a ton of ideas and information. I've got to tell you, we have a unique collection of very interesting people in our building.

For example, your neighbor Gus Longo was selected Volunteer of the Year (among over 1,500 volunteers) for his work with the Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP), for which he received a beautiful award.

He was honored at a luncheon which included the owner of the Tampa Bay Rays, the mayor of Clearwater and



Valencia's "Mystery Person" for March. See story for details and clues.



Valencia residents Gus and Joan Longo attended a Tampa luncheon at which Gus was honored as Volunteer of the Year for the Homeless Empowerment Program.

other noted people from the area (see photo above). HEP is the only social service agency of its kind in the state of Florida, providing help for veterans, children, families and individuals.

Through his church and Eisenhower Elementary School, Gus mentors several students in reading. He is an overall nice guy and perfect male role model.

Gus and his wife Joan were also volunteers at Meals on Wheels for over 15 years, the last three for many of the residents at On Top of the World. Thank you, Gus and Joan — you are real super heroes!

Finally last month's "Who's That Mystery Person?" Yup, most of you got it right. It was, of course, Jeanne Smith. Congratulations to all correct guessers.

A clue to the new mystery person (photo above)... his parents never had a problem getting him to eat his meals, they just said "Give it to him, he'll eat anything." Also the 13 letters of his name are enclosed in the following 14-letter anagram "A REBUILT KIMONO."

ATTENTION OWNERS WHO RENT OUT THEIR UNIT

CONDOMINIUM OWNERS WHO DIRECTLY RENT THEIR UNIT must request necessary forms for securing Condominium Association approval and Recreation Cards for their tenants.

Written requests must include building number, apartment number and address of the apartment.

Requests must also include a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope for return mail.

Mail requests to:
On Top of the World Recreation Card Department
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NEW! Local owners may also obtain applications for their tenants from either the Community Service Office or the On Top of the World Real Estate office receptionist.

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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.

(Note that pickup times can be anywhere from 30-45 minutes early.)

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.

Tuesday Afternoon

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.
 East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
 East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

Aldi (Sunset & Lawson)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
 East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning

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Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
 East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
 East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
 East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
 East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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.



"Broadway – A Night to Remember" cast and support members from Viennese Villa: L to R back row: Russ Lamesfield, Howard Rochte, Karen and Kirk Safee, Pat Sprouse, Noland Shade. Front center: Dan Safee. (Photo by Fran Fairfield)

Villa residents helped put on successful Jesters' show

Happy St. Patty's day! Bring lawn chairs and catch the On Top of the World Irish Club parade, which is quite the event every year.

Our St. Patrick's party date and time will be posted on the main bulletin board. Our trusty entertainment committee headed by Kurt and Karen Safee and their band of merry makers are sure to make it an enjoyable evening.

Spring's around the corner along with Easter and Daylight Saving Time. All are most welcome.

Super Bowl was more food than football. Charley Coffman, Lynn Constanza, Dana and Rick Garlick, Fred Schick, Carroll Harris and others cheered our favorite teams. No one went home hungry.

I joined several pals from On Top of the World for dinner at Sunset Grill, then to the Jester's presentation, "Broadway — A Night to Remember" and it was, for sure! The talent was simply amazing. What a spectacular show! From on stage, to behind the scenes support, VV was well represented (see photo, above).

You can catch a re-broadcast on channel 96 or 732 if you weren't lucky enough to see the show.

Rosalie Borselli entertained house guests from Italy and daughters who visited to celebrate "aunt" Eva Peca's birthday gala.

Theresa Gates is busy with family from New York. Guess it's that time of year for house guests from the frozen north. Cannot blame them, wanting to escape to our little piece of heaven.



Valentines found loads of hearts sprinkled around OTOW as well as flower delivery trucks arriving just in time.

I was asked to mention the absence of the much-missed bench on the Finlandia entrance. Wonder if one of the benches in the core would do until permanent seating is addressed?

Thanks to the powers that be, our elevator adventures are history with new sensors installed. All was done promptly, at night, and on a weekend to boot!

The pool is getting a lift — christened "Sally" by me. A most welcome addition for those who wish to enjoy our beautiful pool but have difficulty with the stairs.

Best wishes to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Happy Easter to you all. Please look for building information on the main bulletin board in the core.

Remember any news fit to print, e-mail me at fresca@maine.rr.com.

OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number. Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. ***If the submitter's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.***

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. We cannot accept ads over the phone. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

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