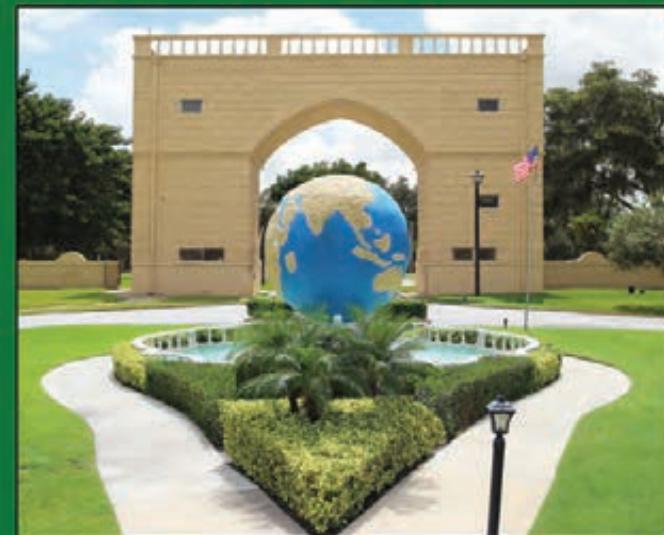


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Press Association joins Irish Club parade and will be easy to spot in green, reporter fedoras

The On Top of the World newspaper will be delivered on Saturday, March 10, but not to your building!

You'll have to grab a lawn chair, find a spot along World Parkway Boulevard and watch the annual Irish Club parade.

Somewhere amongst the music, line dancers, clowns and club floats, will be the On Top of the World Press Association, making its first appearance in the annual parade.

You won't be able to miss them.

Members of the Press Association will be walking behind a new banner, which resembles the front page of the newspaper. Staff will be carrying pads, pencils and cameras, and some will be passing out the March edition of this newspaper.

Oh, and one more thing. We'll be wearing nifty, green fedoras to make everyone look like professional reporters.

"This is long overdue," said Doug Kates, editor of the newspaper. "We have a great organization with a lot of dedicated members, and we have a big responsibility to share good news with everyone in our community."

"We should be in the parade."

In the past, many from the press staff made commitments to march with other clubs and groups. But with the number of clubs dropping a bit, more staff have come forward volunteering to march.

The annual parade will begin at 10 a.m. on World Parkway Boulevard near Netherlands Drive.

The entire program will see everyone march to the East Activity Center and into the North Parking Lot. Some parade groups will even continue further down World Parkway Boulevard and up Brazilian Drive to the back of the EAC.

This year's grand marshal will be Martin Forde, and the Irish Club will be honoring Gerald Colen, and Jim and Maureen Bjorgo for their contributions to our community. Martin, Gerald, Jim and Maureen will have a special seat on the viewing platform.

This year there will be many special guests of the Irish Club participating in our parade.

Look for Genesis Healthcare, Clearwater Toyota, VeriMed, VFW Post 10093, American Legion Post 238, Dr. Scott Ray



Jackie Dooley, Kathleen Santosuoso, Yvonne Courtney, Penni Telleck and Doug Kates look over green fedoras the Press Association will wear in the Irish Club parade. (Photo by Mary Lou Wall)

and Fiona Melvin from Edward Jones Investments.

The St. Andrews Pipe Band will be playing their traditional music, and the Baby Boomers Club will be singing "Molly Malone" with their own ukuleles, guitars and harmonious voices.

Overall, the parade route will restrict traffic on World Parkway from about 9:15-11:30 a.m. There will be absolutely no entering the boulevard during the parade, so plan ahead.

Do not make appointments with your plumber, electrician or pizza delivery service during the parade. Do not expect

to run to the grocery store, drug store or shopping center during the parade.

Need to go to work? Better leave early. World Parkway Boulevard will be closed.

After the parade, everyone is invited to a party in the North Parking Lot. The Irish Club will be passing out free beer and pretzels.

The Good Karma Café will be selling hot dogs, chips and a soft drink for \$3.

The Art Guild will have a face painting booth open before the parade and after the parade. Anyone of any age can get their face painted.

Al Forman will be providing live music

for you to dance to or just listen. He's bringing his saxophone, which is key to making a variety of music sound great.

And Kona Ice will have a truck available. If you really need to cool off, there's nothing better than flavored ice.

What will you see in the parade?

Clowns.

Line Dancers.

You may even see a leprechaun on roller skates.

If you need a March newspaper, make sure you wave someone over from the Press Association.

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Kindness: Have you tried it?

Kindness is defined in the dictionary as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate or a kind act.

How many of you live up to that?

Can you see it in others?

When was the last time you held the door open for someone, given them the benefit of the doubt, smiled for the pure pleasure it brings, or just simply said "thank you" and meant it?

My guess is, maybe it's been a while.

Altruism is a natural part of life for most. By sharing our kindness and compassion with others, this can actually make us happier.

It's true.

Think about it.

Doesn't it put a smile on your face when you compliment someone, when you show compassion and kindness to another when they didn't expect it, or just listened when someone needed an ear?

I bet you saw them smile, too.

Face it. Kindness is infectious, but in a good way, because it fosters happiness in you and in others.

Try it sometime, I bet you'll find you like it.

Community Safety Reminder

It isn't every day you get to enjoy a quiet stroll around a beautifully landscaped community.

Take the time to contemplate what activity to do later while taking in the smell of fresh air.

Delight in the laughter of an amusing walking partner, or even appreciating the companionship of your very best furry friend.

Oh, wait. It is every day that you get to do that...

And every night.

The key to enjoying your community is to remember to do it safely.

If you're planning a walk, make sure you walk along the side of the road, safely away from automobiles.

If you're out at night, don't leave the house without first putting on reflective clothing so you can easily be seen.

If you don't already have one, purchase a walking light or carry a flash light with you.

These simple steps help to ensure that your quiet walk is both enjoyable and safe.

Also remember, if you meander through the area and find yourself around the Sunset gardens, stick to the sidewalks or along the side of the road. Many residents are walking in the middle of the entrance lanes and not staying out of the road.

Walking in the middle of the street is both dangerous to you and the driver of the car coming your way.

This is also a good time to mention that it's important to not only watch for pedestrians, but to also watch out for stop signs.

We are finding, primarily at the East Belcher Road entrance, signs are getting run into and damaged - quite often a vehicle hits them.

This happens especially, but not exclusively, in the night time hours or during rain storms.

So, whatever you may be planning to



do, whether you're walking or driving, just remember to do it safely.

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held on Thursday, March 22, and Friday, March 23, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$20 and registration forms can be found on page 63 of this On Top of the World Newspaper. Note, the cost is now \$20.

Important Phone Numbers

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

The OTOW phone number to submit a service request over the phone is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service ticket, such as general building issues in the common areas only. Once the need is identified, a ticket will be generated and then submitted to the appropriate department to be addressed. From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request, but generally, once the service ticket is generated, it will be addressed based on priority. All tickets will then be addressed in the order in which they are received.

As a reminder, it is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you have any questions regarding your request, please stop into the Community Service Office for more information.

Service Request Line Reminders

Please do not leave emergency information on the service request line as this will delay 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.

Activity Card Information

When renewing your activity card or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and On Top of the World property address.

Also, for renewal you will need \$3 and your expiring/expired card.

If you do not have your card, you will



Tuesday, March 27, WAC 10-1 • Thursday, March 29, EAC, 10-1

Haz-to-Go

Haz-to-Go is a mobile collection service that brings a collection trailer to communities that request to host their own mini-mobile events for the collection of hazardous electronics and chemicals.

On Tuesday, March 27, the Haz-to-Go mobile collection unit will be at the West Activity Center parking lot area from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the East Activity Center North parking lot on Thursday, March 29 from 10 am to 1 p.m.

What You Can Bring

Chemicals

Automotive fluids, batteries (household or vehicle), cleaners, cooking oil, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs and other mercury containing devices, fuels (i.e. gasoline, kerosene), fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, motor oil, paint (latex or oil), paint remover, paint thinner, pesticides, pool chemicals, smoke detectors, solvents, wood preservatives.

How to Package and Transport Chemicals

- (1) Do NOT mix chemicals together.
- (2) Keep products in original labeled containers if possible.
- (3) Place containers into cardboard boxes. Use crumpled newspaper in boxes to prevent breakage.
- (4) Place leaky containers in CLEAR plastic bags and transport in boxes with newspaper.
- (5) Put boxes in the trunk, or in back of vehicle, away from passengers.
- (6) Place individual batteries in separate plastic bags, or cover terminals with heavy tape to prevent short-circuits.

Electronics

Camcorders, CD players, cell phones or smartphones, computers and/or peripherals, copiers, digital cameras, DVD players, fax machines, GPS units, marine depth finders, microwave ovens, pagers, portable players (i.e. MP3, iPod), printer or toner cartridges, radios, stereo equipment, telephones, TVs, VCRs, video game players.

What Not To Bring

A/C units, appliances, biological or infectious waste, empty paint cans, explosives, fire extinguishers, garbage, gas cylinders larger than one pound (i.e. propane tanks), medicine, radioactive waste, and tires.

need to bring \$25 for purchasing and processing of a new card.

Please note that no cards will be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request.

All guests must be accompanied by a resident any time they plan to use an SCA facility, including the pool.

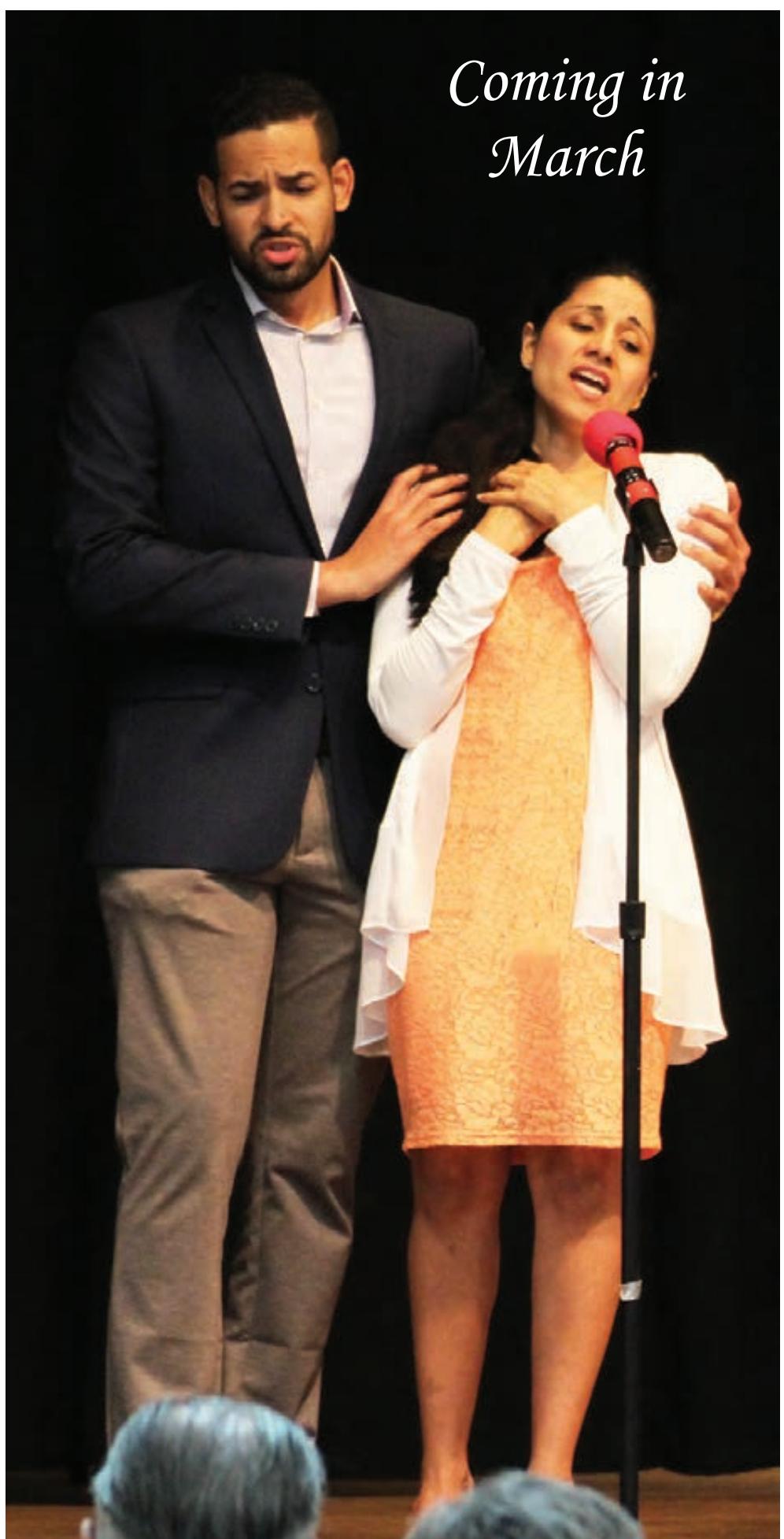
As a reminder the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities.

Any noncompliance matters are directed to the On Top of the World Association.



Musician Al Forman made his first appearance of the year at On Top of the World when he performed during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in February. Al will be back on Saturday, March 10, when he plays and provides music during the annual Irish Club Parade post-parade outdoor party in the East Activity Center North Parking Lot.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



Opera Tampa will be returning to Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee at 9 am on March 8 in the EAC. Pictured above is one of the songs and acts performed when Opera Tampa was last here in February 2017.

(OTOW News file photo by Doug Kates)

Opera Tampa returns to On Top of the World in March

You might want to write a note to yourself: "Get to Get Acquainted Coffee" early in March.

That's because Opera Tampa is making its first visit of the year to On Top of the World, and last time the group was here, the parking lots filled up and all the donuts disappeared.

That's right. Not only will you get a chance to hear

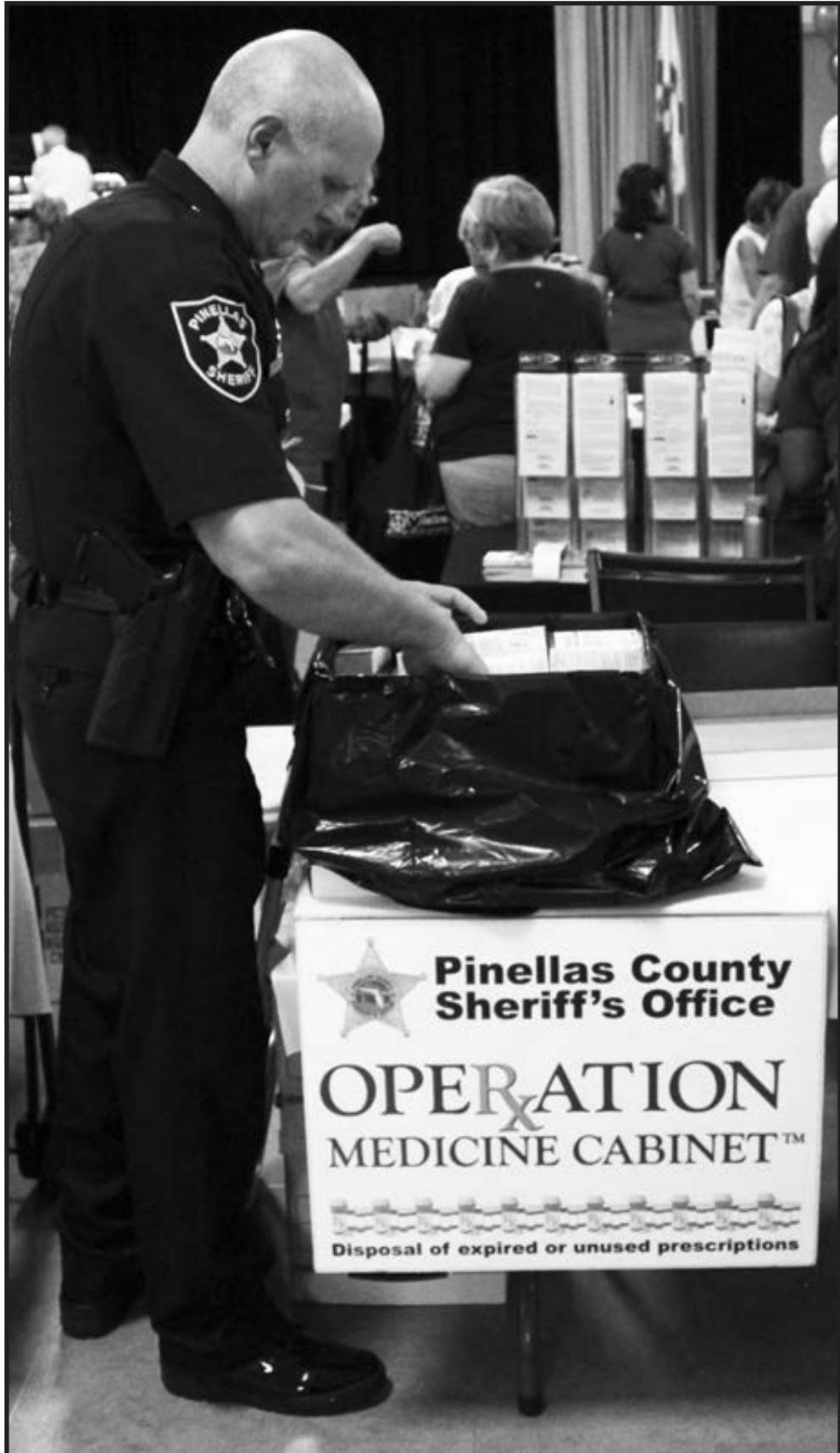
upcoming opera talent on our very own East Activity Center stage, but you get a free donut and coffee, too!

If you get there early.

Opera Tampa traditionally provides us with an hour of entertainment. The singers will choose solos, duet and group selections from famous Operas, and maybe even throw in some scenes from an upcoming show.

Your favorite OTOW clubs and groups, such as the Entertainment Committee, Italian-American Club, Theater Workshop and Travel Club, will be selling tickets for upcoming events starting at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served about 9 a.m. Opera Tampa will come on about 9:30 a.m. There will also be vendors, raffles and a chance to meet your good neighbors.

On Top of the World needs your help to keep our community safe



Operation Medicine Cabinet will be returning to On Top of the World on March 9. This is your chance to safely dispose of old or unused medications, including prescription medications. If possible, leave medications in original containers. Members of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will be on hand to collect them.

(OTOW News file photo by Doug Kates)

This time of year brings not only friendly Snowbirds to our state, but also those less than reputable members of society who look for easy crimes of opportunity.

Do not let yourself become a target or a victim.

Please remember to lock your car doors when out running errands, as well as when you return to the community.

Do not leave valuables in your vehicle in plain sight of someone passing by.

Also, keep doors and windows locked and do not store valuables, such as golf clubs and bicycles, unlocked on your back patio.

Remember, scam artists also like to take advantage of the Florida weather in the winter months and phone scams are quite popular. Hang up the telephone whenever you hear the following during a phone call:

- "You must act now"
- "You have just won a free gift or vacation, but you have to pay a fee to collect"
- "You must send money, give a credit card or bank account number, or have a check picked up by courier"
- "You can't afford to miss this high-profit, no-risk offer"
- "Or if the callers instruct you not to speak to anyone, including your family, lawyer or accountant."

All management company employees are in Parkway Management Company uniforms and they carry company issued photo identification.

When unknown persons knock on your door, make sure to have them produce their identification before allowing them access to your home.

Ask anyone requesting entry to your unit to provide their OTOW photo ID card. If, at any time, you are uncomfortable, ask them to present their identification at your front window before you open your door.

If you have not requested service from an outside vendor, be extra cautious. If you are not comfortable with the person or ID presented, do not open your door.

The Community Service Office is planning a future Safety Expo in partnership with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department and the Pinellas County Consumer Protection Agency.

March 9 the Community Service Office (CSO) will host Operation Medicine Cabinet, as well as a Free Shredding Event. These events are excellent oppor-



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News You Can Use

tunities to educate you on personal safety and security, as well as potential scams.

During this time of year, parking is at a premium. When severe weather in the northern states settles in for a while, we see a higher occupancy of seasonal residents. This is also the time of year that our residents experience an influx of visitors.

Many friends, and family members of residents, look forward to a trip to the sunshine state, especially during the school "spring break" that occurs in March. This month reflects peak occupancy. We ask all residents to park in their assigned parking space. Do not utilize your neighbor's parking space without their written authorization.

Remember "V" stands for visitors. It does not mean it is for exclusive use by a unit owner who has two vehicles. If you have a second vehicle, please utilize street parking for your second vehicle.

On March 10, the Irish Club hosts its annual St. Patty's Day parade and festivities. The parade route runs from north World Parkway Boulevard at Netherlands Drive and continues down World Parkway to Brazilia Drive, where it turns left and circles behind the East Activity Center.

In order for all floats, bands and vehicles to stage and walk the parade route, vehicle access is restricted beginning at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 10 until approximately 11:30 a.m.

The East Belcher Road gate will close as well as the Sunset Point entrance at Australia Way.

Emergency personnel have access to the property at all times, however, residential traffic is suspended during the hours listed above.

Please schedule your Saturday morning, March 10 plans, accordingly. We appreciate the efforts of the clubs and residents that volunteer their time in making this a fun, family event.

Operation Medicine Cabinet / Free Shredding Event • Friday, March 9, 9-11 am
East Activity Center

Are you practicing good safety: Some

Pavilion Project

Plans for a new tennis and shuffleboard activity park have been resubmitted to Pinellas County with updates the county staff asked for, including adding a retention swale (we wanted it piped and covered) and the storm water drain brought into compliance with the latest storm water code revision.

Pavilion building plans will be submitted the first week of March. Site work is anticipated to begin the first week of March as well, subject to the county staff working with us on this phase.

I wish I could be more definitive, but this entire permitting process continues to be very difficult.

Improvements are also occurring in the signature gardens on World Parkway Boulevard. The largest of the fountain pools is being restored into a landscaped promenade. Over the years, this particular feature has been a maintenance headache and expense without benefit. This newest element will provide a better aesthetic for the area, as well as improve the overall user experience.

'Thank You' Sharon

I want to make note that after 18 years of service with Parkway Maintenance and Management Company, Sharon Licata will be retiring from her position as general manager.

Her calm demeanor and patient wisdom will be missed by all her co-workers and many residents who have had the pleasure of knowing her.

Sharon will continue to serve on the Board of Administration. The community will continue to have the benefit of her experience and commitment.

The community should not worry. Sharon has been grooming a successor for her position for several years.

I'm pleased to report that Dessa Barabba is being promoted to the position of general manager of operations.

Dessa brings 17 years of property management and real estate experience to the position. For the last five years, she has been in charge of operations of the activity centers and related programming. She is highly qualified and ready to take charge.

Many of you may be familiar with Dessa because of her well-written articles in On Top of the World News.

Nextdoor

All communities have their gossip networks. OTOW is no different.

At the December 2017 Annual Meeting, a resident asked me to follow the social media site "Nextdoor." His concern was the volume of inaccurate information about the OTOW community that was circulating on the site. I suppose social media has the potential to elevate gossip to a steroid level.

We took that advice and created an account and have been monitoring the posts. There really was a great deal of misinformation being posted. I noticed that when a resident responded to and attempted to correct another's post, there



was a wave of abusive comments and bullying that was fired back. When that happens, the natural impulse is to withdraw and not suffer further abusive behavior.

Sadly, it is a truism of social media that the worst of people's behavior can come out on a largely impersonal forum.

Rather than attempt to respond on a dynamic forum, like social media, where things can turn into an ugly exchange quickly, the wiser and more reasoned approach would be to address questions in the longer form of a written article.

Long story short, if you have questions about our community, you may submit them through the OTOWClearwaterinfo.com Website or the Community Service Office. Answers to your questions, and a discussion of matters of concern to the community, can best be addressed in the OTOW News. Going to the source is always best.

Safety Check-up

In February, this article discussed the importance of maintaining your air conditioner (HVAC) and also discussed the importance of replacing of water heaters over 10 years old.

This month, I want to focus on the importance of doing a safety check-up. Let's begin with 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 had a water leak into my unit, would I know what to do or who to call?

Customer Service maintains a 24-hour emergency contact number. Post it on your refrigerator.

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 a 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. Sadly, 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 owner's obligation to have serviced. Regardless if 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 and is it really up to date with the latest contact information?

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 may take 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.

Drones

If you are one of those people who got a drone for Christmas, you have probably realized how difficult it is to master its operation.

On Top of the World is a densely populated place. Drones and people don't mix too well. There are very few places in this community in which a drone can be operated safely.

Please do not operate drones near any of the buildings or operate them in areas where people are likely to congregate.

There was recently a near miss between a drone and an unsuspecting resident at Arbor Lake.

Community Updates

Painting/Waterproofing

The painting contractor will continue to focus their efforts on the front facade of buildings throughout the month of March with Buildings 17 and 19 being next on the schedule.

Please keep in mind that the contractor will be utilizing aerial high-reach equipment in the main parking areas and possibly in the surrounding secondary lots requiring residents to relocate their per-

sonal vehicles as necessary.

Bulletins are posted by the contractor in advance of the work, so please keep an eye on the building's bulletin boards for details.

As always, please use caution in these areas while the improvements are underway and be aware that inclement weather can affect these approximate start dates.

The installation of new unit address numbers is another community improvement project that will resume with the return to front façade paint applications. As the painting contractor moves throughout the property this improvement cycle, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors.

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect.

Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner.

If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old unit numbers for a nominal fee. Please remember that for community standard reasons, all old unit numbers must be removed.

Construction, Roofing and large-scope projects

Building 5 is the next structure scheduled for a roofing system replacement and its start date is tentatively set for the first week of March.

The contractor will begin the material staging portion of the project just days prior to the projects start and the entire process is estimated to take roughly three weeks to complete.

As with all roofing improvement projects, the work will require the staged closure of the building's two parking lots, either partially or in their entirety, to allow for the safe and efficient operation by the contractor. Notices will be posted on the building's bulletin boards in advance advising residents of how the project will be coordinated.

As always, please observe all cordoned off areas in the interests of safety and watch your step as this will be an active work zone.

Asphalt improvements are currently in the planning stages and are anticipated to begin in the month of April. As with years past, advance notice of the start dates will be given to the community as well as bulletins posted on unit front doors and vehicle windshields. These efforts by the management company help to facilitate the timely relocation of vehicles so the contractor may stay on pace with their scheduled improvements.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in making this year's work a success once again.

March will also see the return of a licensed and insured mechanical contractor to install the next phase of laundry room

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basic safety questions to ask yourself

venting systems. This contractor will be retrofitting buildings equipped with laundry rooms with new and efficient ventilation systems. The project is anticipated to span 4-7 days per building and laundry facilities in the buildings will not be available temporarily while the improvements are underway.

Notices will be posted to the affected buildings in advance and we ask that you make the necessary arrangements during these closures. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents

A reminder that renewal fees are due in March for all residents who utilize the boat/kayak stands on the shore of Lake Arbor.

Residents looking to inquire about available space should contact the inspection services division of the management company through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

Please keep in mind that space is limited and on a first come/first served basis.

If you currently have a registered boat/kayak in this area, a representative will be in contact with you regarding the yearly renewal.

If you elect not to renew, you will have until March 7 to remove your boat from the area. Boats left in this area after the deadline date will be removed and impounded. Thank you for your cooperation.

Boat owners are responsible for securing their kayak/boat. The best prevention against loss is a good lock and cable!

Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to the second and third floor walking surfaces. Many buildings 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 building's bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work. Please be aware of "Caution" and "Wet Paint" signs in and around these work areas.

Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services team, in con-

junction 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 hanger 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.

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.

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 representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2017/2018 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.

The Inspection Services Division is continuing to find 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 furnish-

ings 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.



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- (3) Go Online to otowclearwaterinfo.com and fill out a service request.
- (4) For emergency service, call 799-1115 from 6-9 p.m. weekdays and noon-9 p.m. on weekends. A \$35 payment (by check) will be required

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Art Show organizer gets a treat with Artist of the Month honor

By Sue Naylor

Congratulations to John Fier, the Art Guild's latest Artist of the Month.

The name of his watercolor painting is "Old Florida" and can be viewed in the East Activity Center main lobby.

John teaches drawing and is head of this year's art show, which will be held in the East Activity Center auditorium on Sunday, March 4, from noon until 3 p.m.

Come and check out all the different styles and media used by our very talented Art Guild members. Light refreshments will be served and you can even vote for your favorite work of art.

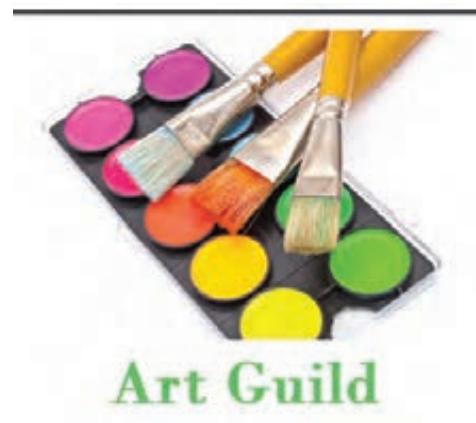
Where else can you spend your valuable time so meaningfully?

And it's all free.

Maybe you'll even get inspired to try your hand at a new creative hobby. You know you've always wanted to!

At our meeting on Friday, Feb. 9, the Art Guild presented a very enthusiastic and renowned pencil artist named Melissa Miller Nece from the Dunedin Art Center. Melissa demonstrated various techniques like layering, shading, blending and burnishing.

The variety and countries of origin of these pencils are astonishing - Britain, Germany, France to name a few - with some pencils being descendants of those pro-



duced as far back as the 1600s.

The presenter for the March 9 meeting is equally as talented and interesting. Winifred Bell, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Masters degree in Art Education, will be giving a talk and demonstration on Abstraction.

Art Guild members are encouraged to bring paper, a ruler and a pencil in order to participate fully in the presentation.

Please, also remember that if you are planning on bringing a work of fine art for the Artist of the Month competition, you must have it in place by 12:45 p.m. on the day of the meeting. This is to keep the entries anonymous and give us time to temporarily cover the signature.



John Fier's painting, 'Old Florida,' is the Painting of the Month for March.



The sacrifices of our veterans have made such a difference in our lives. We'd like to show our appreciation with this special event. Join us for a Veterans Brunch. It's a great way to start the day, and let's face it, mornings are just better with pancakes. Come let us celebrate you!

Make your morning a little sweeter.

Join us for a Veterans Brunch.

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► Saturday, March 24

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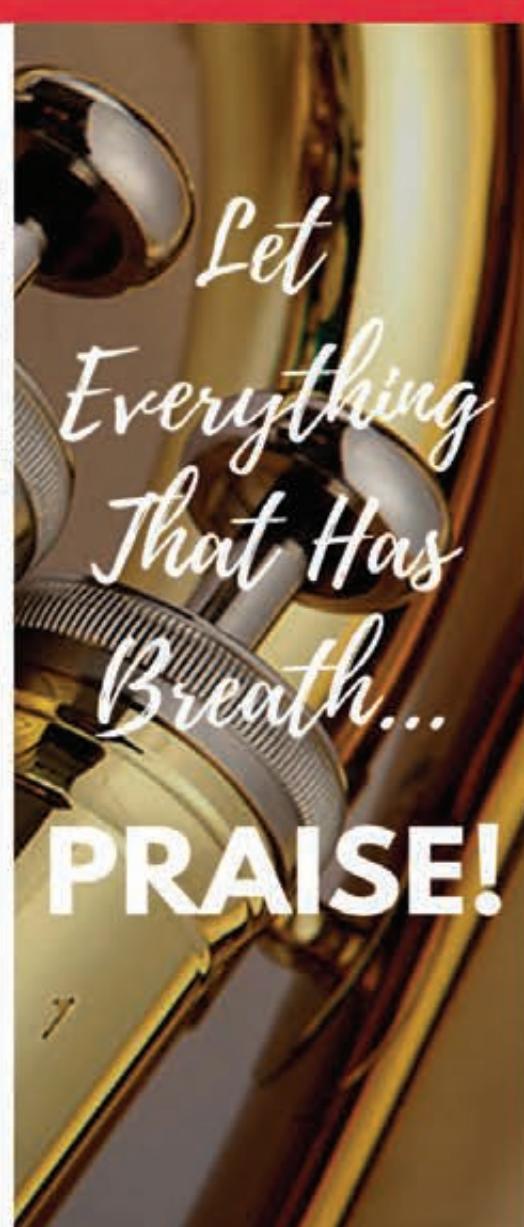
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Clearwater, FL 33765
Saturday, March 10
8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**



YARD SALE



**He
Is Risen!**

**Join us Easter Sunday!
Sunday, April 1**

**7:30 am - Sonrise Service
(Location: On Top of the World)**

10:45 am - Easter Celebration



1625 N. Belcher Rd.
Clearwater, FL 33765

Do not recycle plastic bags

By Kathleen Santosuosso

Did you know, plastic bags placed in green recycle bins are causing costly problems at our new recycling facility in Tampa?

Many of us collect recyclables in plastic bags, which is OK, but when you go to your green recycling container, don't put the whole plastic bag in there - just the items that you collected for recycling!

Either reuse the plastic bag or throw it away. Plastic bags cannot be recycled.

A plastic bag is what Publix, Walmart or other stores give you, or the plastic sleeve that wraps around your newspaper.

A plastic bag can be bubble wrap, plastic wrap or anything that wraps around items. Don't put this type of plastic in the green recycling bins. These plastic items are not recyclable, so put them in the black garbage bin.

Plastic bags clog the recycle system in Tampa by wrapping around the equipment, which can then break or has to be cleaned.

These incidences can raise the cost of the recycling process.

If you see a plastic bag in a



green bin, take it out and put it in a black bin.

The garbage in the black bins is burned to generate electricity. That's better than damaging the recycling equipment at the new recycling plant.

At On Top of the World, recycling pickup is every Monday and Thursday.

Remember: green is recycling and black is garbage.

(This is a new column which will appear each month in your OTOW News.)



Pictured above is an actual photo from a machine at the recycling plant in Tampa. You can clearly see how plastic bags have slipped into the system and become tangled in the gears. We all know plastic bottles can be recycled, but plastic bags cannot be recycled. Do not place plastic bags in green recycling bins. Either throw them away in black garbage bins or reuse plastic bags.



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March

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DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

M-Monday, T-Tuesday, W-Wednesday, H-Thursday, F-Friday, S-Saturday, U-Sunday

EAC: Auditorium, Veranda Room, Starlite Room, Art Room, Small Card Room, Yellow Room, Exercise Room, Computer Room, Kitchen/Craft Room.
WAC: Sunrise Room, Rainbow Room, Learning Lab, Billiards Room.

CARD GAMES

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am., Small Card Room

BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Computer Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Wednesdays, Saturdays, 11:30 am, Computer Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

MAHJONGG

M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Computer Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Computer Room

SAMBA

Mondays, Noon, Small Card Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Jim: Mondays, 5 pm, Yellow

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Room

Carol: Fridays, 6 pm, Yellow Room

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:00 pm, Yellow Room

Ron: Mondays, Thursday, 6 pm, Yellow Room

Tom: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Yellow Room

Barry: M, W, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

8-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room

Doubles, Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

CHESS

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

PING PONG

M,T,W,H,F 10 am, Sunrise Room

CARES

(All in Kitchen/Craft Room)

Matter of Balance

Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 am -

(Jan. 10-April 25) (3/16 Art Room)

Healthy Eating Every Day

Fridays, 11:30 am (Jan. 12-March 9)

Tai Chi Moving For Better Balance

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1 pm -

(Jan. 8-March 16) (3/16 Art Room)

Diabetes Self Management

Mondays, 10 am (Feb. 26-April 2)

ART

Drawing Class: Thursdays, 1 pm, Art Room

Painting Workshop: Mondays, 9:30 am, Art Room

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 1 pm, Art Room

Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room

Acrylic Painting: M, W, 3 pm, Art Room

EXERCISES

BONESAVERS

M,W,F 8 am, Art Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,H,F 7:30 am, Yellow Room (Stretching)

M,T,W,H,F, 8 am, Exercise Room

SLIMNASTICS

M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, Exercise Room

TAICHI

Beginners I: M,W 3:15 Exercise Room

Beginners I: Saturdays, 2:15 Exercise Room

Beginners II: M,W 4:30 Exercise Room

Beginners II: Saturdays 3:30 Exercise Room

Beginners III: T,H 4 pm, Exercise Room

Beginners III: Fridays 3:15 Exercise Room

Intermediate IV: T, H 5:15 Exercise Room

Advanced V: M, W, F 2 pm Exercise Room

Chi Kung: T, H 3:15 pm Exercise Room

Chi Kung: Saturdays, 1:15 Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Art Room

GROUPS

CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Kitchen/Craft Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Kitchen Craft Room

COMPUTER CLUB- All in Learning Lab

M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Gen. Assistance, T'shooting

Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations

Saturdays, 8:30 am, Windows 10, I-Pads and Tablets

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT DANCE CLASS

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen / Craft Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

FITNESS CENTER

Mondays-Saturdays 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays 9 am - 8 pm

LAPIDARY

Tuesdays, Thursdays 9 am - Noon, Jewelry Room

LAWN BOWLING

Mondays-Saturdays, 9:30-12, Open Bowling

LIBRARY

Mondays 10-12, Wednesdays and Fridays 1-3

WOODSHOP

Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Wood Shop

SUNDAY

Saturday
March 10
Irish Club Parade
and
Post-Parade Party
10 a.m.

Art Guild
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& Sale
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Auditorium

Theater Workshop Show
2:00 PM - Auditorium

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Library has new books from Martha Hall Kelly, Richard Paul Evans and Danielle Steel

By Katy Gerritt

Spring is upon us! Take the opportunity to borrow a new book from the On Top of the World library.

Read out by the pool or on your patio!

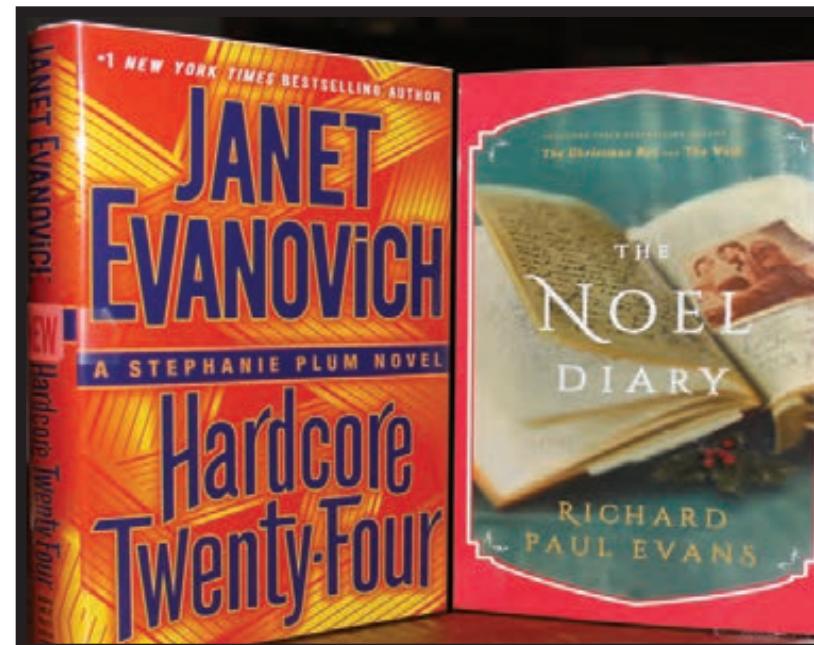
This month we have added 11 new titles including "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly, which tells the story of three women linked by connections to Ravensbruk, a women's internment camp in Germany during WWII. Based on real characters, it is a true page-turner.

Also new is Richard Paul Evans "The Noel Diary" and Danielle Steel's "Past Perfect."

Ever popular Janet Evanovich's new book "Hardcore 24" and James Patterson's new book "The People vs Alex Cross" are on the "New Book" shelf.

Other favorite authors are Lee Child with "The Midnight Line," Mary Higgins Clark with "Every Breath You Take," David Baldacci with "End Game," B.T. Bradford with "Secrets of Cavendon," Tom Clancy with "Power and Empire" and J.D. Robb with "Secrets in Death."

We have made an effort to obtain a majority of our books in large print and as a result we are in the process of moving and sorting other books to accommodate the large print collection. This means there may be an old favorite of yours on the sale shelf. Come in and see what we have available?



We receive frequent, generous donations of used books, which we sell at bargain basement prices to help finance new purchases. It's a win for you and for the library.

Also, we would like to thank the Good Neighbors Association for their generous donation to purchase new books.

Check the inside front of our newest books for the bookplate that identifies the donation. Thanks again!

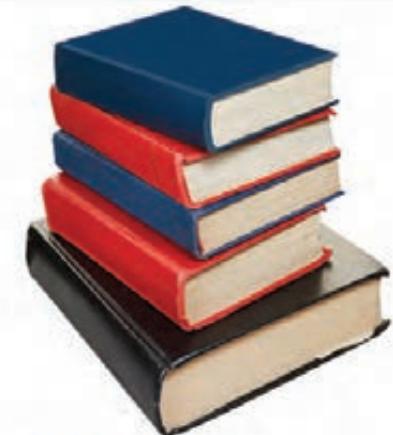
The Good Karma Book Club is in the process of selecting new books to read

for the next six to 12 months, based on a survey of members. This gives all of us a chance to share some of our favorites and discuss them as a group.

We have discovered that we all have varied reading styles, but welcome the chance to read new and different material.

We meet the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab to discuss each book we select.

We meet the third Thursday of each month to select a book for the following



Library Hours

Mondays 10-2

Wednesdays & Fridays 1-3

month and create an open discussion.

You can get information at the OTOW Library when it is open on Mondays 10 a.m.-noon, or Wednesdays and Fridays 1-3 p.m.

In March we will discuss "Killing Mr. Watson" by Peter Mathieson and in April we will discuss "The Yearling" by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.

Please join us!

Good Karma Book Club

In April

On Thursday, April 5,
the Good Karma Book Club
will discuss "The Yearling"
by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.

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The Yearling
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Kitty had a choice: March in the Irish Club Parade or get a lot of presents. Kitty chose the presents because she doesn't like big crowds and loud noises. Pictured above, left to right, are Lynn Ann Hutchins from Barks & Bubbles, Ute Scheibe and 'Kitty,' and Leidy Mejia from Pet Supplies Plus. Lynn Ann and Leidy delivered with a lot of stuff for the OTOW 2018 Pet of the Year.

'Kitty' is proud to be first cat named Pet of the Year, but not everyone knows

Kitty has broken barriers.

In the six-year history of the On Top of the World Pet of the Year Contest, this Calico cat from the Brittany Farmhouse Building is the first feline winner.

But not everyone at the Brittany Farmhouse Building has been told the results of the contest.

You see, Kitty's sister is a dog - "Lucky" - and there are concerns that Lucky may not take the news well that Kitty won.

Lucky was a Pet of the Month two years ago, but fell short in Pet of the Year voting.

Kitty took first place and her margin of victory was one vote.

"Kitty is very proud of what she accomplished," said owner Ute Scheibe. "She is holding her nose high."

"But we didn't tell the dog."

When voting for Pet of the Year took place in the OTOW newspaper and online, Ute was pretty confident Kitty would collect a lot of votes.

"I think she was the best-looking pet for the 12 months," Ute said.

And Kitty is a rescued cat. So she has adjusted well to live the good life at OTOW.

Fourteen years ago, Ute and Heinz adopted Kitty from the Pinellas County Animal Shelter.

Today, Kitty sits on the porch and

watches everyone in her neighborhood go by.

When Kitty is allowed to go outside and play, she usually sits in the fork of a tree and guards what is considered "her domain."

Ute says, when Kitty sees squirrels in "her tree," the Calico gets upset. When Kitty is physically in her tree, no one gets close.

As for winning the contest, Kitty had this to say.

"It's about time a cat rules," she said. "After all, cats are smarter than dogs. Cats are independent. Dogs have to have masters."

Kitty was honored to earn the right

to march in the Irish Club Parade on Saturday, March 10, but will turn down the invitation and watch the parade from a window at home.

Kitty does not take kindly to big crowds, bands and sirens. She'd rather take a cat nap than march in front of some jealous dogs.

Twelve pets were named Pet of the Month during 2017 and fans voted for whom they wanted for Pet of the Year.

The contest was sponsored by Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Bridge Plaza and Barks & Bubbles Mobile Grooming. Representatives from both businesses donated a gift basket to the winner.

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OTOW News invites your building to share its good news with us

By Doug Kates

Every month, your On Top of the World newspaper provides this community with association, club, group and building news.

There are about 100 residents a year who contribute more than 900 stories.

But every once in a while my staff needs a little help.

Over the past 12 months, generally speaking, the same 35 buildings have reporters who have contributed news items, but if a few of those reporters decide to take a couple of months off from writing, that means fewer stories to print and less for you to read.

There are 91 buildings in our community. About 50 of those buildings do not contribute their "building news" to our newspaper.

No building goes an entire year without any good news.

At some time during the year, someone in your building does something very special or goes on a unique trip. Maybe your building has a breakfast group, goes out to lunch together or celebrates with



Press Association

holiday parties.

We'd like you to share your good news with us.

On Top of the World News reporters are only asked to write three stories a year. If we get more than three, each extra one is a bonus.

But the important thing to know is, none of our reporters are under any pressure to write.

We do have guidelines you must learn.

And we expect you will represent your building and the people who live there.

But there is no pressure.

We also expect people in your building to come to you with story ideas and share their experiences. We are not asking you to knock on every door trying to find a story.

Everyone in your building should get involved and contribute. You can even have more than one writer cover your building.

If you would like more information, stop by and see Doug in the OTOW newsroom. While some writing experience is a benefit, it is not a requirement.

We do teach, as long as you are willing to learn.

The Press Association held its monthly meeting in February and the staff talked about ways to get more building reporters and getting more clubs to contribute monthly stories.

We even discussed new features to make the newspaper more interesting.

You will see one new feature in this

month's newspaper. Kathleen Santososo has volunteered to write a monthly column about recycling in our community.

While we all might think we know everything there is to know about recycling, you may be in for a surprise.

Did you know plastic bags cannot be recycled - even though they are made out of plastic?

Check out Kathleen's first report in this month's paper.

The Press Association is making plans for its annual pizza party 1:30 p.m., on March 8. This will be free to all staff members. The pizza will be purchased from Russo's Pizza, which is currently an advertiser.

The annual Appreciation Luncheon will take place 1 p.m., Thursday, April 5, and will be a thank you to everyone on staff who has contributed at least three stories and attended at least three meetings over the past 12 months.

Guests, or new staff members, may attend for \$20.

The caterer will be decided at the March meeting

OTOW Wants You To Know

Never Plug A Space Heater Into a Power Strip

(Courtesy of Life Hacker by Jaime Green)

This time of year, you've gotta do some work to keep your home and office warm and cozy. Christmas lights, decorations, putting an extra throw blanket on the couch ... and, of course, a space heater.

But with all those decorations, plugs are at a premium. "No problem," you think, "I've got a power strip."

Well let me say: "Nooooooooooooo!"

As the cold weather approaches, people may tend to utilize portable electric heaters. While they can be an efficient way to warm a work space or a room in a house, portable electric heaters can also be a fire or electric shock hazard if not used properly.

If you follow these rules, compiled from the Atlantic County Office of Fire Safety and other colleges nationwide, they will help you in using your portable heater safely.

- Portable electric heaters shall be listed and approved by Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc. (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM). These heaters are tested to meet specific safety standards, and manufacturers are required to provide important use and care information to the consumer.

- Unlisted heaters are not permitted as consumers have less assurance that safety features and operating instructions are adequate.

- Portable electric heaters should be the fail-safe types, which are equipped with an automatic tip-over safety shut-off switch.

- Older style heaters with exposed glowing red radiant wires are not permitted.

- Plug portable heaters directly into a wall outlet. Do not plug a space heater into a surge protector, multi-outlet box or extension cord! The high current flow can cause components to deteriorate, leading to a breakdown of solder joints eventual failure of the multi-box outlet, and excessive heating that can cause fire.

- Portable electric heaters should be placed at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from paper, garbage and recycling containers, furniture, clothing, or anything else that can burn. Please pay particular attention to the clearances as recommended by the manufacturer.

- Never leave your electric heater running when you leave the room. To prevent electrical shocks and electrocutions, always keep portable electric heaters away from water. And never touch an electric heater if you are wet.

- Do not use an electric heater to dry clothing such as gloves, scarves, hats or jackets as these materials may catch on fire when placed over a heater.

- Do not extend the electric cord of the heater through wall openings, under doors or floor coverings. Arrange the cord away from traffic areas where it will not be tripped over or otherwise subject to damage.

- Do not operate an electric heater with a damaged cord or plug. Inspect the power cord regularly.

- Unplug the heater by pulling the plug straight from the outlet. Check periodically for a secure plug/outlet fit. If the plug does not fit snugly into the outlet or if the plug becomes very hot, the outlet may need to be replaced.

- Do not plug any other electrical device into the same outlet as your heater. This could result in overheating.

So there you have it! Please follow these simple safety tips for your space heater and we will all be safe and warm!

Computer Club members get a lesson in online banking

By Joe Wisinski

A recent survey of On Top of the World Computer Club members found online security to be their top topic of interest.

To address this issue, the club recently brought in Bank of America Financial Center Manager Deb Daly. She spoke about cyber security, current scams and how to protect ourselves online.

Deb gave several suggestions for safely conducting financial transactions.

- Keep contact information current in case your bank needs to contact you about possible fraud.

- Regularly monitor all bank, credit card, and investment accounts for fraudulent activity.

- Set up cell phone alerts to inform you when certain transactions, such as a check clearing, take place.

- Let your credit card company know if you're traveling, especially overseas, so your card remains accessible.

- Forward suspicious emails to your financial service company's fraud department.

Deb said it's in the interest of all financial institutions to keep their customers' data safe, because the business typically reimburses customers if fraud does take place.

"We're proactive in protecting customers," Deb said. "Because protecting you, protects us."



Computer Club

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Visitors are welcome.

OTOW residents may come to the Learning Lab on Mondays for free assistance with iPhone or iPad issues.

Help with Facebook, Kindle Reader or Android devices is available the first Friday of every month, and club members are in the Learning Lab for assistance with general computer issues Monday through Friday each week. All help session times are 8:30-10 a.m.

For more information about the Computer Club, go to "sites.google.com/site/otowcomputerclub" or "bit.ly/2A6rVph" (case sensitive).



Bank of America Financial Center Manager Deb Daly presents a seminar on online security to Computer Club members.

NEWCOMERS

Photos by Mary Lou Wall



Steve and Marilou Foemmel
of Wisconsin



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of Florida



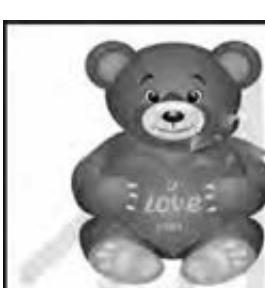
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PSTA buses are senior friendly

By Phyllis King

Haven't ridden a bus since 1956?

Well, times have really changed.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) offers services that many of us may not be aware of.

For those who no longer drive, or for health reasons can no longer drive, the PSTA buses are an important, safe, and inexpensive resource.

PSTA Coverage

PSTA has many bus routes which cover Pinellas County from Tarpon Springs to downtown St. Petersburg.

You can make connections to buses on another route through the Park Street station in downtown Clearwater.

You can even connect to the Jolley Trolley, which covers the beaches.

PSTA buses cover all of Pinellas county. The route that comes through On Top of the World is route 76. There are two stops on the West side and four stops on the East side. This route will take you to the Countryside Mall, where you can connect to five other bus routes.

Cost

You can buy a ticket right on the bus, but you must have exact change. Bus drivers don't make change.

Regular fare is \$2.25. However, with your Medicare card, it is \$1.10.

You must present your Medicare card



The PSTA bus (Route 76) goes through On Top of the World twice every hour, generally from 7:15 a.m. through 6:15 p.m., week days. See schedule below for more precise times. Image above was edited with PSTA logo.

to get the senior rate. For \$5 (\$2.50 for seniors) you can buy a transfer and ride the bus all day.

Accessibility

Did you know that all PSTA buses are wheelchair accessible?

Well, they are.

The busses do not have steps that you have to navigate up or down. At each

stop, the bus driver lowers a ramp making it much easier to get on and off.

There are other services that make the buses accessible for people with disabilities. Can't read the signs and afraid you'll miss your stop? Don't be, each stop is announced, so you hear the name of the stop before you reach it.

The seats closest to the drivers are for folks with disabilities.

Every phase of the PSTA buses, from getting off and on, to navigating the Park Street station, is accessible for people with disabilities.

Safety

Worried about your safety on a PSTA bus? Don't be. Each bus has a GPS, so they know where each bus is at any time.

Drivers are trained to handle emergencies and know how to contact first responders.

All buses are equipped with video and audio surveillance systems.

The buses are clean, air conditioned, with no smoking allowed.

As one resident who relies on the bus service says, "it's very civilized."

When

The buses run Monday through Saturday. No service on Sunday.

More Information

There are many ways to find out more information about PSTA routes and services. You can call them at 727-540-1990.

You can check their Website, PSTA.net, which has all the routes and schedules. Remember, OTOW is Route 76.

There is even a Transit App for iPhones and Android phones which shows when a bus is expected to arrive.



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Be weary when reading your mail - not everything that looks official, is official

RACHEL'S DON'Ts: Don't trust a document just because you receive something on letterhead.

For years, the Department of Justice has been warning about fraudsters using real attorney names and professional information to set up fake law firm Web-sites to solicit legal work and scam clients out of their money.

For example, a client received a letter from an attorney telling her that she was owed an inheritance from a distant relative. The letter was from an out-of-state attorney, on letterhead.

When researching the attorney, I discovered that the Website listed on the letter, which requested personal information, and the Webpage listed for that attorney by the state Bar Association, did not match.

Further investigation revealed that the letter was not from that attorney or his firm and that the Website appeared to be from South Africa!

RACHEL'S DOs: Do make sure that your intentions match your actions.

I frequently have clients tell me that they have named one of their children as a beneficiary on their bank accounts, but that this child will share among all of the siblings.

You need to think through precisely what you want to have happen with your



assets at the time of your demise and plan without leaving room for interpretation.

The child you have named as your beneficiary is under no legal obligation to use this money for its intended purpose and could simply walk away with the account balance.

Even if the child understands your intentions, and you know that this child will "do what is right," the child may be unable to do so because of his or her own creditors.

Furthermore, your child may be unable to distribute the account balance to his or her siblings without incurring his or her own gift tax consequence. So when you designate beneficiaries on accounts, make sure the beneficiaries are all the in-

tended beneficiaries.

RACHEL'S DON'Ts: It is rarely, if ever, wise to exchange one annuity for another, especially if you will incur penalty charges for getting out of the older annuity.

Also, I usually do not like the idea of using an annuity for an IRA since you gain absolutely no income tax advantages from it, and in fact, have to incur additional charges that are not necessary.

You also need to review, carefully, the actual prospectus for the annuity and not the sales brochure that you might get from the sales agent.

RACHEL'S DOs: Yesterday I reviewed a well-drafted cohabitation agreement for a couple in a long-term relationship, who felt that marriage was not in their cards.

Despite a common misperception, Florida does not recognize a common law marriage. The law does not recognize, in any meaningful way, a living relationship outside of marriage.

However, a cohabitation agreement is similar to a prenuptial agreement in that it is a legally binding agreement that is recognized by courts to protect the personal assets of both parties in the case of a break-up or death.

It is a prenuptial agreement without

the nuptials.

Cohabitation agreements assign rights and duties to each person and are underutilized tools in protecting one's interest in their personal assets but also provide a point of organization for investment accounts in the event of death or separation.

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Glen Campbell, the Rhinestone Cowboy

Glen Campbell was born in Billstown, Ark., and was the seventh of 12 children.

At age 4, his uncle gave him a \$5 guitar, showed him a few things, and then Glen was on his way to musical stardom.

At age 17, Glen moved to Albuquerque, N.M., to join his uncle's band and be a regular on his uncle's radio show. It was there that Glen met his first wife. He was 17 and she was 16.

Glen would eventually marry four times and have three daughters.

In 1960, Glen moved to Los Angeles to be lead guitarist in a back-up group known as the Wrecking Crew. They became quite a famous band, backing lead singers, such as Dean Martin, Nat King Cole, Nancy Sinatra and Elvis Presley.

Glen and Elvis even became good

friends after appearing in the movie "Viva Las Vegas" together.

In the fall of 1964, Glen was touring with members of the Beach Boys, filling in for Brian Wilson, playing bass guitar and singing falsetto harmonies. At this point in his life, everything was going well. Glen had his own TV show and even helped launch the careers of Anne Murray, Jerry Reed and Roger Miller.

Glen had his biggest hit ever, "Rhinestone Cowboy."

Shortly after, he started having problems with alcoholism and cocaine addiction.

In 1987, Glen credits his fourth wife, Kim, with helping his recovery, but in 2003 a relapse took place, including a drunk driving charge and leaving the scene of an

accident. He spent 10 days in jail.

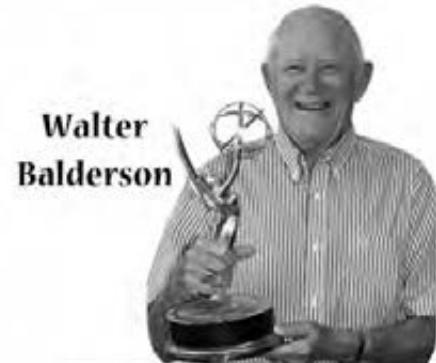
In 2005, he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Glen was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in late 2010. He became a patient in a long-term treatment facility a few years later.

Before entering for care, he embarked on a final "Goodbye Tour" with his three daughters joining him.

I, personally, saw him during his tour at the Alabama Theatre in Myrtle Beach and he was having a difficult time remembering the lyrics. But one of his daughters would help out, by stepping in, and they would finish songs together.

Glen died in Nashville on Aug. 8, 2017, at the age of 81.



Inside Showbiz



OTOW-TV Presents The 2018 Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade

This event will be videotaped on March 10 and broadcast on OTOW-TV Channels 98.1 and 732 all day on St. Patrick's Day.

Watch the parade in the morning. Watch the parade in the afternoon. Watch the parade during dinner -- all day!

So, join your club or group marching in the parade because you won't miss a thing. See the entire parade on your own TV, March 17.

Also, watch for past Irish Club parades on OTOW-TV leading up to the March 10 event.





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Consumer Protection Seminar Operation Medicine Cabinet Free Shredding for Residents

In recognition of Consumer Protection Week, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Consumer Protection Division will be hosting a Free Shred at the East Activity Center South Parking lot on Friday, March 9 from 9-11 a.m.

Operation Medicine Cabinet will also be here, outside, to receive your expired and unwanted medications.

This will be a great opportunity to kick off your spring cleaning!

Please limit to six boxes, or bags, per vehicle. Please, NO wet paper, binders or metal clips.

"Social Security 101 Everything you wanted to know"

Many of us, especially in the 55-65 age group, have lots of questions:

- Do I qualify for disability, survivors and spouse benefits?

- How do I get the most from my benefit?

- How does early retirement affect my benefits?

- What is the future of Social Security?

So, I am pleased to announce that representatives from the Social Security Administration will be at On Top of the World on Friday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the East Activity Center auditorium to conduct a free workshop, "Social Security 101 - Everything you wanted to know."

Please come and listen to three expert speakers. Questions and answers will follow the presentation. Residents with very specific questions may be directed to speak privately to



a representative. Other issues may be resolved by setting an appointment to visit the office.

AARP Free Tax Service

Every Tuesday and Friday, running now through April 17, AARP will be offering their free tax prep services in the West Activity Center Learning Lab from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers this service to anyone. AARP understands that retirement, or other life changes, may mean your taxes are a little more complicated now. With their team of IRS-certified volunteers, they will make filing easier for you. There's no fee and no sales pitch for other services. AARP membership is not required.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

The 2018 winter classes are now underway at the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Once again, we have selected a variety of interesting topics that run 90 minutes up to two hours.

Please take advantage of this fantastic amenity for only \$10 per class. Registration is taken by phone at 727-864-7600 or you can go online at www.eckerd.edu/OnTopOfTheWorld.

CARES - Healthy Living Classes

CARES classes are now beginning at the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room.

Registration is the first day of the class. The classes and schedule are as follows:

- Matter of Balance - 10-11:30 a.m. each Wednesday and Friday. Class is in progress now and will run to April 25.
- Healthy Eating Everyday - 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Fridays. Class is in progress now and will run through March 9.
- Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance - 1-2 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday. Class is in progress now and will run to March 16.
- Chronic Pain Self-Management - 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays. Class is in progress now and will run to February 12.
- Diabetes - Self-Management - 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Monday starting Feb. 26 and will run to April 2.
- Chronic Disease Self-Management - 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Monday starting April 9 and will run to May 14.

Register for Classrooms

Reminder - activity calendar reservations commence March 1. Stop into the Community Service Office Monday through Thursday to make your room reservations through June

of 2018. Reservations can be taken starting on Thursday, March 1 through Thursday, March 15.

2018 Annual Club/Activity Packets

Everyone should have their new 2018 club packets. If you haven't picked yours up, please stop by to see me in the CSO. If you are planning to attend the next Good Neighbor's "Get Acquainted" event on Thursday, March 8, at 8:30 a.m., I'll have some packets with me. The completed packets are due no later than Thursday, March 15, which is the same time frame to renew your activities on the calendar. Please include at least one email address with your contact information this year.

New Activity Email Account

Good News!

I now have a new way for you to reach me via email at general_activity@otowfl.com. This account has already been an asset for club/activity coordinators who find it to be a much more efficient means to contact me.

If you prefer to stop in or call, rather than sending an email, I can still be found in the Community Service Office. I will be available Monday through Thursday, only, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for calendar scheduling and questions or any activity related issues.

One Blood March 8

One Blood Mobile Unit will be here on Thursday, March 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the EAC in the North East Parking Lot. Donors will receive a free T-Shirt.

Thank you!



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- What is the future of Social Security?
- When should you file for Medicare?

Learn how to use *my Social Security* online account and other online services. You should go to www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to create a *my Social Security* account and print out your *Social Security Statement* before attending the workshop.



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WINTER CLASSES

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Fearless Aging • Wednesday, March 7, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. • Instructor: Mary O'Brien

You may not have a choice about aging but you do have a choice about how you approach growing older. What better way than fearlessly? This class explores the normal, natural processes of aging, physical and lifestyle – and what you can do to markedly improve the quality of your life. Discover what you can expect and lifestyle choices that will help you make the most of what you have got as you age.

Let's explore the inevitable forces of change in your life and be fearless!

Registration Number: 8034

Rod Serling: Master of the Twilight Zone • Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Instructor: Walt Ulbricht

When it premiered on CBS-TV in 1959, Rod Serling's, *Twilight Zone*, brought a new and provocative drama into America's living rooms. Viewers experienced deeply the human condition and the fear of the unknown. Four of his masterpiece episodes will be presented. Participants will be encouraged to share their memories and feelings of the *Twilight Zone* with each other in an interactive session.

Registration Number: 8035

Jerry Lewis Biography • Tuesday, March 20, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. • Instructor: Joy Katzen-Guthrie
Comedian, actor, singer, producer, director, writer Jerry Lewis' credits appear limitless.

New Jersey-born Joseph Levitch grew up in vaudeville and was singing on stage by age five.

Jerry was a master of slapstick since the late 40's along with his partner and friend Dean Martin. It was the partnership of Martin & Lewis that made him a household name. When their act broke up — both professionally and personally—in the mid-50's, both were forced to reinvent themselves.

Lewis went on to direct, produce, write, and star in notable projects in addition to his impassioned charitable fundraising. Until his recent death at the age of 91, Jerry remained a tireless show business talent.

Registration Number: 8036

Joseph Pulitzer: Founder of the Modern Newspaper • Wednesday, April 4, 10:30 a.m. – Noon
• Instructor: Rick Kistner

The Pulitzer Prizes are given annually to works considered the best in American Journalism, Arts and Letters. Joseph Pulitzer was a giant in the world of journalism, creating the format for newspaper publishing that exists to this very day. He rose to the top of his profession by insisting upon integrity but a major lapse in his personal philosophy troubled him until the day he died.

He was a Hungarian immigrant whose prospects for success were almost non-existent.

How he came to this country and founded an empire that dictated national opinion is a fascinating exemplar of The American Dream. We will explore Pulitzer's background and the life shaping events that contributed to the establishment of those famous prizes.

Registration Number: 8037

Mermaids, Manatees, and Watermelon Queens (US 19) • Friday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. – Noon
• Instructor: Cathy Salustri

Cathy Salustri takes you on a virtual journey down US 19, where you can witness much of Florida's diversity. At the top of the state, US 19 flows forward indulgently through towns like Monticello, where pre- civil-war architecture makes you think you're in the Deep South. By its end, though, people find themselves in the most densely populated county in Florida: Pinellas. From the majestic homes in the red clay of Monticello to the beach ranch houses in Pinellas, think of this route as a survey course in Florida culture.

Registration Number: 8038

Route 66: The Mother Road • Friday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. – Noon • Instructor: Rick Kistner
Known by various names, U.S. Route 66 was included among the earliest numbered U.S. Highway Systems.

The first completely paved transcontinental route, it became a vital link for Americans traveling east and west from the late 1920's until its decommissioning in the 1980's. Known for its colorful kitschy attractions, the roadway was celebrated in story and song and remains alive today through the efforts of various groups who maintain the legacy of this storied "Mother Road."

Registration Number: 8039

2018 Irish Club Parade and post-parade party

Saturday, March 10



Parade begins 10 am on World Parkway Boulevard from Netherlands Drive to East Activity Center.

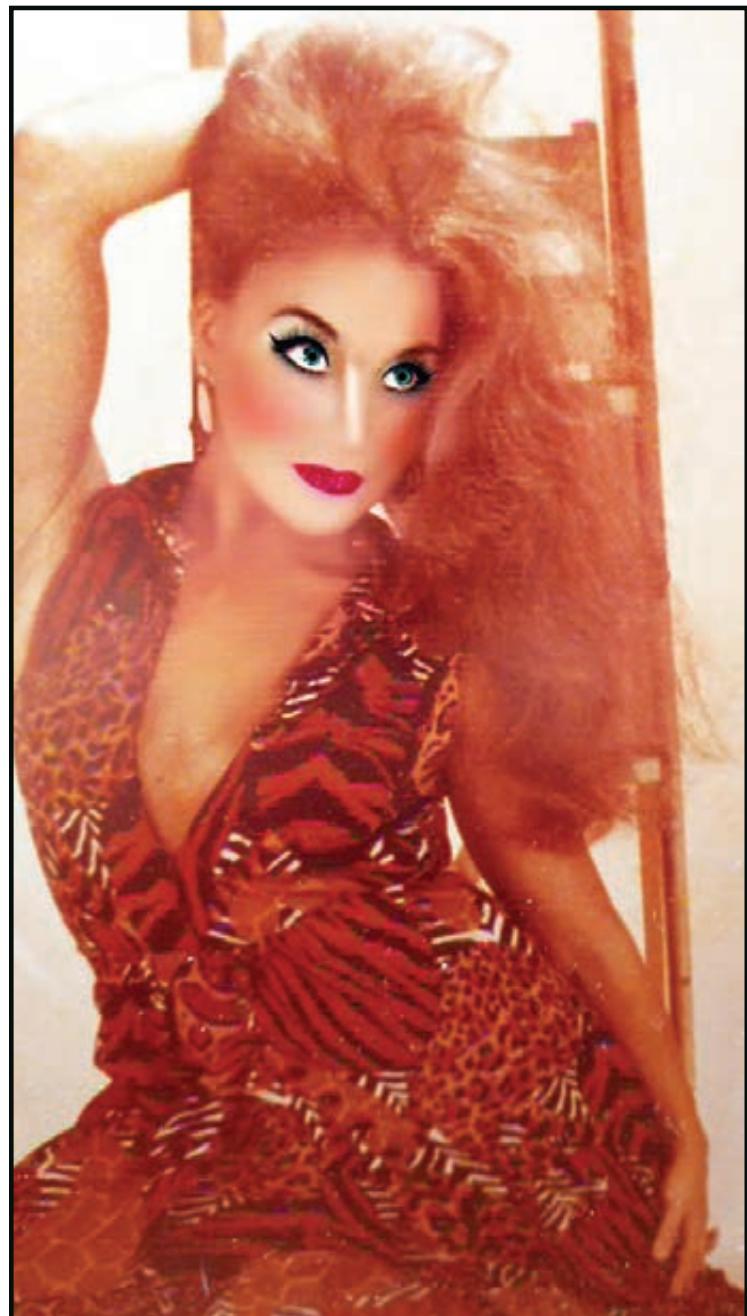
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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Amy Gerbere-Green is photographed above as 'Bomballurina' from 'Cats' in the late 1980s. Amy had to learn the parts for all 16 cats in the Broadway show. For one year she was the lead cat, 'Victoria' the 'White Cat.'

Theater Workshop

"The Best of Broadway - A Tribute to Musical Theater"

**Friday, March 9 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 pm**

By Doug Kates

When it comes to the Broadway show "Cats," there is no part more prestigious than the White Cat named Victoria.

And with "Cats" no longer performing on Broadway, there are only a few people in the world who can proudly say they played the role of White Cat on the very stage which made the show famous.

Amazingly, today, we have a White Cat living in our On Top of the World community and Broadway is in her resume.

Thirty years ago, Amy Gerbere-Green was White Cat.

She performed "Victoria's Dance," a famous dance, in front of many New York City audiences.

Amy joined the "Cats" cast in 1988, and like all the dancers in the show, she had to learn the routines of all 16 cats, including Victoria, Old Deuteronomy and Grizabella.

Then one day, the lead actress for White Cat became ill and Amy was chosen to fill the role. It was a role she played various times that year and turned into a permanent part a year later.

Now today, "in retirement," Amy will become a cat once again.

When Theater Workshop opens its 2018 show, "The Best of Broadway - A Tribute to Musical Theater," Amy will dance on stage to "Memory," a famous song from "Cats."

Although "Memory" was not an actual dance in the Broadway production, Theater Workshop Director Laurie Fischer is going to take advantage of Amy's experience and let her dance like a "cat" while fellow resident Tony Baker sings the well-known song.

Originally, this wasn't the plan.

During a rehearsal last fall, Tony was singing "Memory" when Laurie noticed Amy dancing to the song off stage. This wasn't normal dancing, said Laurie, who has seen "Cats" in person. He knew Amy was dancing the very steps as in the Broadway show. When he inquired as to where she learned the steps, Amy replied, "Broadway."

And so the Theater Workshop script was altered a little bit - because it's not very often we have a Broadway dancer perform on our very own OTOW stage.

If you attend on either Friday night, March 9,



Theater Workshop

Saturday night, March 10, or Sunday afternoon on March 11, you will witness the tribute to "Cats" first hand.

Amy was an OTOW resident last year, but did not perform. This year she started her community stage career with several scenes in the Jesters' show "Oh What a Night!" and it carried over to the Theater Workshop production this month.

Amy said, "I am having so much fun. I love it.

"I thought I came to On Top of the World to retire, but I can't sit still."

Amy is a dancer, an actress and her strongest forte is choreography.

On Broadway, everything was strict, professional and had to be done to perfection. It can be very stressful.

Here at OTOW, Amy said working with residents is very enjoyable because it is their opportunity to do real theater, their chance to learn real choreography and their opportunity to do something really special.

She wants to be a part of it.

"In Broadway, if you make a mistake, you're out," Amy said. "Here, if you make a mistake, we try again. Laurie and Lee (Catalfomo from Jesters) are very forgiving directors. They are wonderful and demanding, but in a good way. They may hear a mistake or an off-note, but will repeat the song. They are good to work with."

Amy started taking dance classes when she was 8 years old. She was considered shy and petite as a young dancer, but quickly set aside both.

Dancing developed extreme confidence and knocked shyness right out of her life.

The way she was able to flow to music and glide on her toes took away anyone's perception she was too petite.

Over a professional span of 18 years, Amy has performed in 14 different ballets, including "Coppélia," "Petrushka" and "Jewels."

She has danced on a variety of famous stages, such as the Lincoln Center in Washington, D.C., Radio City Music Hall in New York City, the New York City Center Stage and now on our very own On Top of the World auditorium stage.

And if she ever does decide to retire for good, she wants to give back what she has learned. She would like to give professional dance lessons right here to our residents in hopes she can encourage more people to participate in Jesters and Theater Workshop each winter.

Tickets for "The Best of Broadway - A Tribute to Musical Theater" are on sale 8:30-10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, in the EAC auditorium. Look for the Theater Workshop table.

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Pet of the Month





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Killian is our little Love Sponge. By day, he is his daddy's shadow and won't leave his side. By night, he snores on a pillow behind his mommy's head. He will let us both know when it's time for bed - he will go and sit squarely in front of the television and just stare at us until we turn the lights off - then it's kisses galore until we are all settled in for the night.

Killian has a way of making you completely read his mind and will look nose to nose, soulfully into your eyes until his message gets through.

He also loves to watch TV and will run up to the television, put his front paws on the credenza and bark if he sees another dog or a horse running. If the animal runs off the screen, he will even run to the door to see where he went!

Killian is an 8 year old, ruby-colored, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel owned by Christine Judge and John Neenan of the Royale Dutch Building.

Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to otow.newsroom@gmail.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. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from same household can be one entry. The winner this month 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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Your OTOW wood shop has every tool you need - even sandpaper

By Henry Santos

Want to make a jewelry box, pen and pencil kit, make new picture frames, or perhaps make some shelving for your condo unit?

Maybe you're into building larger furniture like coffee tables, end tables, entertainment units and the like?

Maybe it's time you should be checking out the Fiddlers, Fixers and Fumblers Club. We are located on the first floor of the East Activity Center, near the pool area.

Our club's membership is made up of people who live at On Top of the World, just like you. The skill levels of our mem-



Fixers Club

bers range from certified craftsmen and experienced wood workers and carvers, to novices who never held a tool in their life until they joined the club.

Club hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon-

day through Friday.

In the wood shop, you will discover a well-equipped woodworking area stocked with all the tools you would need to make literally anything you ever wanted to make. Also, there is always someone on hand to help you if you have specific questions on certain equipment.

Our club also helps residents who might bring in items to be repaired, such as loose chair legs, a broken vanity or kitchen drawers.

We can make other repairs along the same lines. We do these repairs for free, however, we do request a small donation, which is used to maintain the equipment

and for shop supplies.

Part of the Fixers Club is our toy shop, which makes and donates hundreds of toys to various charities. This part of the shop also works in tandem with a group of volunteer ladies, who paint the toys and add little hand painted details that makes each toy unique.

So come on in and check us out.

Picture yourself making toys for your grandkids or making a heirloom jewelry box for your sweetie.

You will be a hero.

You will be surprised as to what can be accomplished with a few pieces of wood and some sandpaper.

Easter Sunrise Service scheduled for April 1

Spring clothing drive takes place March 16-17

By Joann Dameron

Our Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee on Feb. 8 was a great success.

Our new 50/50 drawing took place for the first time and Susan Frost was the winner of \$60. We also had a door prize. It was a gift certificate for \$25 to the Sunset Grill and was won by Sue Fugatt.

Congrats to both of you!

March is a busy month for Good Neighbors. Mark your calendars for the following events.

On Tuesday, March 6, we will have our new monthly meeting at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Small Card Room.

On Thursday, March 8, our special guests for Get Acquainted Coffee will be Opera Tampa. Clubs will have ticket sales at 8:30 a.m. Free coffee and donuts will be served at 9 a.m. and community news will be announced around 9:30 a.m. Opera Tampa will perform on our stage at about 10 a.m. This is always a popular attraction so come early to get a good parking space.

On Saturday, March 10, is the Irish



Club Parade at 10 a.m. along World Parkway Boulevard. Watch for the Good Neighbors float. We will be passing out

beads.

The Good Neighbors Association spring clothing drive will take place Friday, March 16, and Saturday, March 17, in front of the East Activity Center main lobby from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring your clean, slightly-used, unwanted clothing items. All you have to do is drive up and a Good Neighbors volunteer will help you unload.

Easter Sunday is on April 1 this year. That means the Good Neighbors Association will be hosting The Salvation Army for a 7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service. Performing will be the Salvation Army Citadel Band and the Citadel Songster Brigade.

After the service, there will be coffee

and donuts. If you would like to make a donation to the Salvation Army, a collection will take place after the service.

Please join us for this lovely service provided to us.

The Good Neighbors Flea Market and Craft Show is approaching in April. Now is the time to reserve a table. The event is April 21 in the East Activity Center auditorium. You can reserve a table by visiting Good Neighbors representatives Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

And lastly, Good Neighbors is looking for volunteers to join our board for a one-year term. If you are interested, or would like more information, please visit our table on a Monday or Thursday.

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Line Dancing will keep your brain young because you have to remember the dance steps



Line Dancing

By Ute Scheibe

If you recently moved to On Top of the World, and now have time to do things you never had the time to do before, I have a suggestion.

Start Line Dancing.

It's a fun way to stay active and you may lose some weight, which we can't guarantee, but we know you'll gain a lot of new friends.

We are a group of fun-loving people and enjoy dancing together twice a week.

For beginners, we have an easy-to-follow program. As soon as you master the steps, you will find out it's not as difficult as you thought.

You can join the OTOW Line Dance Club for only a \$10 annual membership



Members of the On Top of the World Line Dance Club participate in a dance during one of their February afternoons. You'll see many of these dancers in the Irish Club Parade on March 10.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

fee and then trust our experienced instructors.

Line Dancing is a way to exercise your body and your brain while having fun at the same time.

When you have to remember all the steps for different dances, you train your memory and that's so important when we

get older.

So, don't hesitate!

Come to the East Activity Center auditorium Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

For early birds, we practice every morning Monday through Friday from 7-8 a.m. in the EAC Exercise Room.

Don't miss watching the Irish Club Parade on March 10. The On Top of the World Line Dance Club will be a part of it!

If you need more information, please contact Christine at 727-366-0221.

Traditional ladies exercise classes will now emphasize getting ‘Fit for Life’

By Margery Cruise

Ladies' Exercise classes are taking place every weekday in the East Activity Center exercise room.

Active participants will now call the class "Fit for Life."

For 2018, we continue with our schedule of different classes on each day.

Monday is a "Movement" class led by Mary Marsten – no equipment required.

Tuesday is "Pilates" class led by Margery Cruise – mat required.

Wednesday is "Weights" class led by Vonnie Oto – light weights required.

Thursday is "Stretch and Strength" class led by Mina Osborne and Carol Babini – mat required.

Friday is "Step" class lead by Ute Scheibe – steps are provided.

Substitute teachers are Patty Branch, Joanne Wallend, Norma Bastidas and Anissa Dickey.

Leila Walker and Madeleine Fontaine reserve the room and handle the details.

Thanks to everyone who makes this class successful.

Each class starts at 8 a.m. sharp and ends at 8:55 a.m. This allows time for transition between classes as the exercise room is busy with 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. classes before and after Ladies Exercises.



Ladies Exercises

What is Pilates you ask?

To answer your question, Pilates is a body conditioning system that puts an emphasis on spinal and pelvic alignment, breathing and the development of a strong core - all of which improve coordination and balance.

The Pilates system allows for exercises at a range of difficulty from novice to advanced, so you can perform the exercises at the level that matches your progress.

The Winter/Spring season will end with a social pot-luck held on March 23 at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen. We will celebrate our progress, enjoy good



Can you go up and down stairs for 15 minutes without a break? The Ladies Exercise class can do it. Pictured above, the Friday group uses a single step for an extensive workout. Then, when they were done, the photographer told them to do the whole routine again because no one was smiling ... so the ladies did.

food and friends, then say goodbye to our Snowbirds.

Ladies Exercise classes continue in the summer months after the Snowbirds

have left. New teachers will be stepping up.

Come join us in becoming "Fit for Life!"



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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 a.m., East Activity Center Veranda Room Any questions? Call Bob Reis at 798-2443.

PRAY FOR AMERICA

has moved back to the East Activity Center. We will meet 10 a.m. to noon, Saturdays, in the Small Card Room.

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.



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Club members help by providing positive reinforcement and motivation. TOPS offers a variety of eating guides, but each member is more encouraged to create a diet plan with their own doctor. You and your doctor should set weight goals, not the club.

The group at OTOW does not have a monthly club fee, however, the national membership requires a \$32 annual fee and \$3 monthly dues.

The OTOW group meets 9:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center Art Room.

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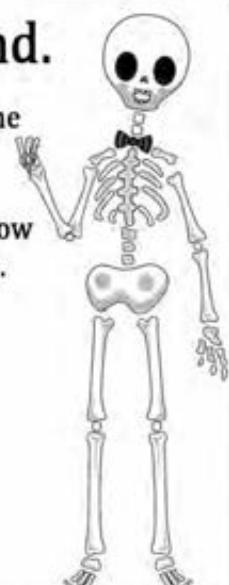
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Warning! Baby Boomers on golf course

By Penni Telleck

Baby Boomers are golfing.

It's 2 p.m., Monday afternoon. You can see Baby Boomers Eileen and Tom Yetman standing at the tee on the first hole of our 9-hole golf course.

Whack!

Eileen hits her first ball. Away it sails. Look at it go!

Then Eileen searches, hunting, then finding her signature pink ball.

Whack!

Again, the ball sails away, getting closer and closer to the flag.

She repeats those same steps until her ball falls neatly in the hole.

"You go Eileen! Hooray!"

Only eight more holes to go.

What you might not realize is the exercise you get from golfing.

In addition to her golf swing, Eileen walked 4,384 "real" footsteps - about two miles! She's also exercised many of her muscles.

So in addition to being great Boomer fun, Eileen just got a good workout.

Eileen is a terrific example of the fact that the more times you hit the ball, the more exercise you get. You can even track your improvement by "counting your steps."

If you walk (or whack) less steps, the better your golf score. But, if you end up taking extra strokes or searching for your ball a lot, you get more exercise. What can be better than that?



Baby Boomers

It is a win-win sport for the Baby Boomers' beginners golf group.

The World Golf Foundation estimates that golfers who play an 18-hole course walk five miles and burn up to 2,000 calories.

We are very fortunate to have two picturesque golf courses here at On Top of the World. The fact they are free for owners to play is an amazing bonus.

After golf, the Baby Boomers often meet up at Poblano Mexican Grill & Bar for tacos, rousing live music and maybe even a sing-along.

Our Boomers love music. They meet at the East Activity Center to car pool to Safety Harbor's Third Friday street festivals. There they enjoy live music at the Gazebo and take advantage of street vendors selling delicious food and one-of-a-



kind crafts.

Boomers meet regularly at Bar Louie on Tuesday afternoons at 5 p.m. for dinner, drinks, some great conversation, a short walk and maybe even a movie.

Recently, the Baby Boomers wine group enjoyed sampling Malbec wines from different countries.

A similar group of theater-loving Boomers saw the play, "LuckyStiff," a murder mystery farce.

And don't forget, Baby Boomers are

still mall-walking and biking, too.

If you would like more details on future events, join us at our meetings. We're always looking for more friends willing to try something new or get better at something old.

In March, the Baby Boomers will be meeting on the 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room. We usually have a quick discussion about upcoming social events, which is always followed by raucous laughter at a local restaurant.



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Candidate for Florida State Senate will speak to Democratic Club members in March



Democratic Club

By Donna Lukas

March is the month when many people wear green and eat corned beef and cabbage while pretending they are the lucky Irish for a while.

The On Top of the World Democratic Club will again participate in the OTOW St. Patrick's Parade being held on Saturday, March 10.

This year the club has invited Pinellas County Commissioner Pat Gerard to be our guest, riding in a convertible.

If you want to be one of the walkers handing out beads and candy, contact Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123 for information regarding the lineup time and location.

The guest speaker at our February meeting was Robert Tager, candidate for U.S. Congress, District 12. This office is currently held by Congressman Gus Bilirakis.

You may have voted for Robert in the 2016 election for this office. He is running



U.S. Congress candidate, Robert Tager, was the guest speaker at the Democratic Club meeting in February.

again.

If you are a registered Democrat, eligible to vote in Florida and live here at OTOW, you can vote for Robert Tager in the Aug. 28 primary election.

Robert told us he is currently a defense attorney, who worked at many low-wage jobs after leaving home as a teenager.

One of his main interests is properly funding, strengthening and reforming the Veterans Administration.

As an example, he believes a VA hospital should have been built in Pasco County years ago to reduce the distance that disabled vets in the district have to travel in order to obtain medical care they

are entitled to.

You can learn more about Robert and his ideas by looking at his campaign Web-site at www.Tagerforcongress.com.

Our next club meeting is at our usual time, the second Thursday of the month. We will be meeting on March 8 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Kitchen/Craft Room in the lower level of the East Activity Center.

Guest speaker at our March meeting is scheduled to be Bernie Fensterwald, candidate for Florida State Senate, District 16. This office was recently vacated by Senator Jack Latvala, leaving residents of OTOW without representation in the Florida Senate for the current legislative session.

Please come listen to Bernie Fensterwald and take the opportunity to ask your questions.

You can also pay your annual membership dues at any of our club meetings. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send a \$12 check payable to OTOW Democratic Club to our club treasurer Jack Starr. Mail your check to: 2341 Haitian Drive, Unit 17, Clearwater, Fl., 33763.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember you can periodically check out our club page on the Box Office at www.ontopoftheworldnews.com. You will see a variety of information on our page.

Click to enter the Box Office, then click on "Club Pages" and then click on the "Democratic Donkey." You can also send us an email at this site.



Shannon from Publix

TOPS group gets a pep talk about fruits and vegetables

Shannon Rozell, the produce manager at Publix, Beckett Lake, gave members of the On Top of the World TOPS group an excellent talk on fruit and vegetables at our Feb. 8 meeting.

She bought samples of kohlrabi, butternut squash, Jicama and beet stripes for us to try. She discussed natural sugar versus added sweeteners.

Shannon gave us information on washing vegetables and fruits with different products, baking soda, vinegar, salt and water.

On Feb. 15, Tops hosted area captain, Joyce Zimmer. She is lead support for more than 30 Tops chapters in our area.

Joyce had a few members help her read a skit based on various challenges from different age groups.

She ended her talk with "be heard not judged" in en-



couraging members to reach their goals with support from fellow TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) members.

She also encouraged members to attend state recognition day in Punta Gorda, Fl., on April 9 and 10.

World Parkway Boulevard Will Be Closed Saturday, March 10, from 9:15 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m. for the annual Irish Club Parade.

Plan now. The boulevard and gates will not be reopened until the parade is over.

Beware of food and beverages on the Ides of March - they may be green

By Bruce Lovett

Considering February is such a short month, the On Top of the World Lambda Club packed a heck of a lot of fun into just 28 days.

We started the month having a stylish birthday bash for three of our regulars on Feb. 3. Members and guests were serenaded by piano music as they stepped off the elevator into the Starlite Room and nibbled on hors d'oeuvres, followed by a catered buffet and a lavish dual-flavored birthday cake.

We were also very theatrically inclined in February. We attended the Jesters show "Oh! What A Night" one weekend and then journeyed out to the Carrollwood Playhouse for one of its productions.

We dined out for a late brunch each of the four Sundays and even fit in a vari-



Lambda Club

ety of four game nights.

And that doesn't even touch on our monthly social on Feb. 13 where everyone

saw red and echoes of "Happy St. Valentine's Day" filled the air.

Moving into March, we have to be more careful, as the middle of the month is "The Ides of March," the day when Julius Caesar was killed.

Two days later is St. Paddy's Day. We all know the beloved saint is famous for banishing snakes from Ireland on March 17 so that means the slinking, slithering ground crawlers were still over-populating the land of the Blarney Stone on the 15th.

So Lambda has decided to wash all negative vibes away by holding our monthly social on that very day. March on over to the Learning Lab in the West Activity Center at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 15. Plan on wearing green and be ready to listen to some Irish music, sip on some green punch and partake of the pot luck

buffet.

We'll also be starting off the month with a little theater, seeing a production of "Carousel" at the Francis Wilson Playhouse on Friday, March 2.

We will be out for a late brunch on Sunday, March 4, not to mention most of the other Sundays in the month.

And who knows what else will pop up.

To find out more about our club, visit our official Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater-blogspot.com>.

Lambda is a casual organization catering to the LGBTQ residents as well as their neighbors and friends in the OTOW community. Should you wish to join or contact us you can email at lambdaclw@gmail.com or call Dave at (727) 410-7566.

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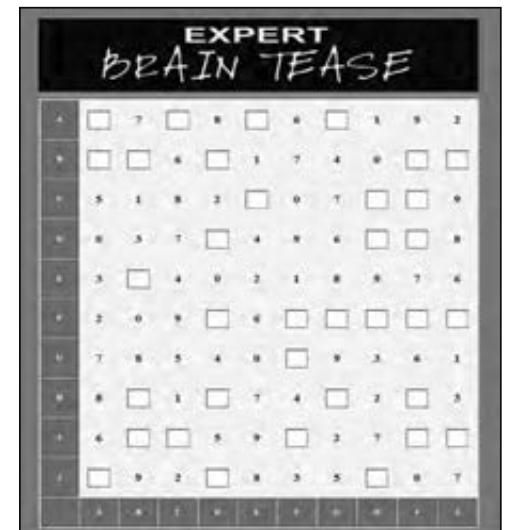
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Three new members join Chorus in time for 2018 spring concert



Stan Swanson is one of three new members to On Top of the World Chorus. He sings, plays guitar and once formed his own music group. He will play one of his original songs at our spring concert.

By Ilene Bargerstock
It won't be the hills that are alive with the sound of music.

It will be the East Activity Center auditorium as your On Top of the World Chorus presents, "The Story of Love!"

Performances will be Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m.

Any Chorus member would be happy to provide you with a \$5 ticket. Tickets are also available in the EAC Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30.

Look for our poster!

It's always a joy for me to introduce new members. This time we have four!

Baritone/bass, Stan Swanson, moved to On Top of the World after reading about Chorus in the OTOW News. He moved here in July 2017 from Dunedin, where he sang with the Sunsations Show Choir.

His love of music goes back to high school. It was the '60s and he formed a folk-singing group. Stan is a singer/songwriter/guitarist. He will be performing one of his original songs, "Like Juliet and Romeo."

New member Mary Entwistle is an alto, and Kathy Brumbaugh and Janet Gentile are sopranos.

Mary came here nine years ago from Syracuse, N.Y. She says she has always loved to sing – in high school, college and church choirs. She now sings in a church choir with our president, Carolanne Futej, who invited her to OTOW Chorus.



Chorus

Kathy was a long-time resident of Clearwater and moved to OTOW a year ago. She was a singer and instrumentalist in high school and college. She played piano and saxophone. She wants to get back into singing and, perhaps, even the sax.

Janet, our newest member, arrived here Dec. 8, 2017, from Pottstown, Pa. She sang in her high school Glee Club and church choirs the past 10 years. Recently, she was passing by the Chorus table in the EAC and stopped to chat. She was asked if she liked to sing and she said "yes!"

And, there you have it!

These people, like all our members, have one thing in common – we all love to sing! That is our one qualification, in case you would like to join us for our holiday concert in December.

Watch this newspaper for upcoming details.

Come to the spring concert prepared to sing along as we "laugh a little, cry a little, until the clouds roll by a little" because "that's the story of, that's the glory of love."



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Based on your laughter and comments, Jesters' 2018 show was a big success



Jesters

By Sue Calinski

Well, folks, the Jesters 2018 show is over and it was a huge success!

The Jesters thank everyone who made it out to see this year's edition of our annual show. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we did in presenting it.

In case you missed, "Oh! What a Night" as presented by the Jesters in February, you missed a fantastic show! The great comments and the positive reaction by you have made this adventure very gratifying for us.

It's our goal to entertain you with our antics and it really makes us feel great when we know we've met that goal. Thank you for all of your positive feedback!

We also had great audiences for all three performances! It is so wonderful to hear all of you laugh or sing along



Pictured above is Mike Foy as the Kool Aid Man, and Joey DiTolvo and JoAnne Marick as Kool-Aid thirsty kids.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

with the things we've been working on and reminisce, as they sure did that for us.

We hope our antics made you laugh and reminisce, as they sure did that for us.

The Jesters will be accepting new members again in the fall, so if you are

interested in joining our group, that will be the time!

Membership for a year is only \$5. With that small investment, you are entitled to be a part of our 2019 show, as well as attend some of our special dinner dances.

We are a group of fun-loving, free-wheeling folks who welcome newcomers with open arms. There will always be a spot for you either on stage or behind the scenes.

For those of you who came to see "Oh! What a Night," you witnessed the amazing set changes, the enormous amount of props, and all of the fantastic costumes.

We hope to continue to bring you shows that entertain, as well as make you wonder how we can do it all in just a few seconds!

It takes a lot of practice, and a lot of hard work and dedication from everyone, to be able to present a show as detailed as this one. To all who helped us attain that goal, we heartily thank you for everything you did.

Many of the comments we heard after the show expressed wonder as to how we might possibly top this show next year. After a few weeks off, we will be ready to give it a try! Our creative team has already begun to brainstorm, so we will do our best to surpass the success of "Oh! What a Night."

Thank you again for your support, your laughter and your wonderful comments. That means everything to us!

Irish entertainment



The On Top of the World Irish Club hosted musician Paul Duffy in February. Paul comes from Ireland and performs throughout the United States. Fans love his bar songs and saxophone music. He has become an annual tradition here. (Photo by Mary Lou Wall)



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Snowbirds Line Dance Club teachers are demonstrating new dance on land and sea



The Snowbirds Line Dance Team entertained other line dancers at our Mid-Winter Line Dance Party in February by demonstrating two new line dances, 'Sweet Caroline' and 'Thriller.'

By Ed Foland

The Snowbirds Line Dance teaching team of Dolly and Ed Foland offers a full menu of line dancing each Wednesday morning in the East Activity Center auditorium starting at 8 a.m.

The first class is for people with two left feet, followed by beginners classes and improvement classes.

A recent event with club members, several dedicated and graceful line dancers danced their way across the Western Caribbean on the Brilliance of the Seas cruise ship.

Your On Top of the World instructors were teaching!

Dolly taught two new dances on the ship and has since taught them in her Wednesday class. They were "Sweet Caroline" and "YMCA."

At our club's Mid-Winter Line Dance Party, the dance floor filled quickly to the Electric Slide. Harold Wurtz and our own Doug Springer provided musical entertainment and Edwardo The Great added humor with his magic tricks and jokes.

"Sex Please, We're Sixty" was the name of the play we saw at Just for Laughs Dinner Theater and we had lots of laughs.

Our next dinner theater is on March 9 when we return to Fletchers Early Bird



Dinner Theater to see the musical "Nonsense." Dinner theaters offer good value. For \$40, your night includes dinner, live show, taxes and tip.

Dancers are looking forward to the second Jolly Line Dance cruise on Jan. 12, 2019. To make reservations, or get additional information, contact John Koning at 727-475-8624. You do not need to be a line dancer to go on this cruise. It is open to all residents of On Top of the World.

To get more information on dance classes and social activities with Snowbirds Line Dancing, call 727-417-3272 or come to the East Activity Center on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

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Our kind of food - our kind of music - St Joseph Dinner Dance March 21

By MaryAnn Fontaine

It is hard to believe that we only have two more months and the Snowbirds will be heading back north.

Let's pray the weather up north will be green instead of white.

The On Top of the World Italian-American Club will have our St. Joseph's Dinner Dance on March 21 with "Mama," as usual, doing the catering.

Music will be by Dino, and if you haven't heard him, he plays "our" kind of music.

So bring your appetite and dancing shoes.

April will begin with our picnic at Phillippe Park on April 6 and end with pizza, salad, a short meeting and Stand Up Bingo.

We still have shows at Ruth Eckerd Hall coming up.

On March 15 we will be going to "Fab Four," a tribute to the Beatles. On March 16 we will be seeing Michael Amonte.

There is a Doo Wop reunion on March 17 and Jersey Boys on March 31. By the time you read this article, limited tickets may remain, but if you come March 5 to the East Activity Center auditorium between 8:30-10:30 a.m., I may be able to order tickets for you.

April shows are Cinderella on April 7, ABBA the concert on April 20 and Chorus Line on April 21.

Remember, tickets must be purchased a month in advance. I can't guarantee seat-



Italian-American Club

ing after that.

We have had some great seats and great shows, so hope you come for our final shows this year.

Do you see me in the picture with this article?

This picture was taken during a "Modern Gentlemen" concert at Ruth Eckerd Hall. They are the backup singers for Frankie Valli and it was a great show.

If you look on the left side of the picture, in the middle, you will see a woman with her right arm in the air. That's me!

Good seats. Right?

Italian-American Club has two shows left at the Hudson Dinner Theater. On March 18 we are going to see "Unexpect-



Pictured above is 'Modern Gentlemen' at Ruth Eckerd Hall. On the left side of the audience are residents who bought tickets through the Italian-American Club. For more information about "Modern Gentlemen," go online at www.facebook.com/officialTMG.

ed Songs" of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Rodgers and Hammerstein. That show will be closed to normal ticket sales by the time you read this, but again, I may be able to get seats if anyone is interested.

April 29 is "Menopause The Musical." I have 16 seats left available, so ladies, if you aren't going north, don't miss a funny show. If you have seen it before, it is always good for a fun day.

I have booked our 2018 – 2019 shows starting with "Ain't Retirement Grand" on June 10. Prices have gone up for the coming season. Cost will be \$55, which includes tax and tip. It is still cheaper than if you go on your own. Additional information is available on flyers I have at the Italian-American Club table on Monday and Thursday mornings.

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Stamp Collectors group final meeting of season

By Jim Sundberg

The time has come but, not the final word. Monday, March 19 is the Stamp Collectors last official meeting for 2018.

Not to worry, I am always available for a one-on-one or a call from anywhere if you have a stamp question.

As you know from previous meetings, I always come up with surprising material and stories to keep our hobby interesting. If that's not enough, don't forget, our last gathering for the year includes cookies, cake and other refreshments.

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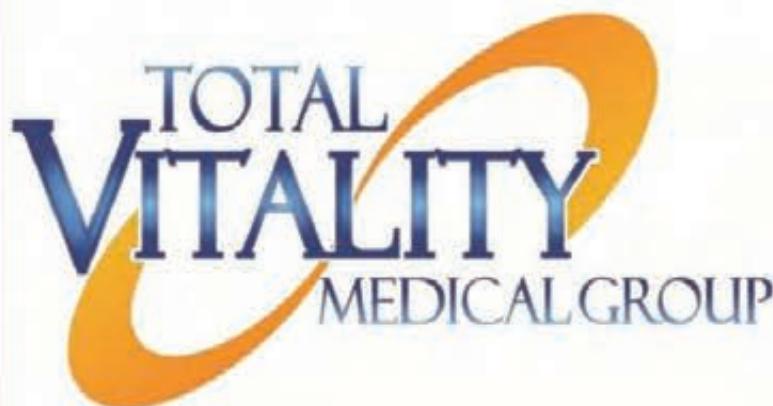
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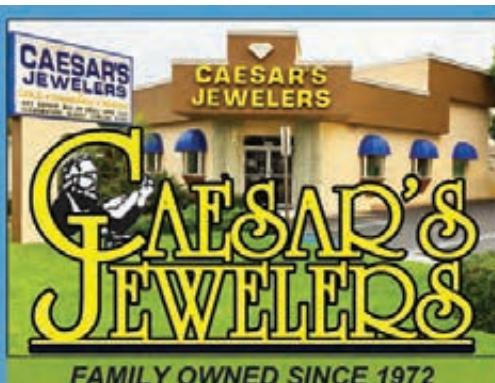


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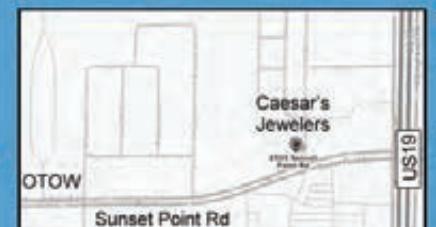
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Phil Gullickson does not mind being called a big loser

When Phil Gullickson first walked into the brand new On Top of the World Fitness Center last year, he weighed in at a whopping 360 pounds.

If you had been there watching his labored steps, you might have thought he would never darken the door again.

You would have been wrong.

Phil and his wife of 30 years, Ann, are Snowbirds from Wisconsin. They heard about OTOW from some people they met during a cold and windy winter in Texas. Now they come here every winter for the same reasons that many of us do. They're here to enjoy the warm winter weather, the great dinner deals and the generous Florida portions.

But that's the rub, isn't it?

For Phil, the enticing outdoor activities were becoming increasingly difficult and the too-big-to-be-true Florida portions were adding up, so to speak.

For 10 years, Phil's doctor had been recommending that he apply for gastric bypass surgery. She was concerned that Phil's diabetes, and related health issues, would soon catch up with him.

Phil has always been big, even as a child, but last year he decided to make some changes.

When asked if Ann, who is a 20-year practitioner of Iyengar Yoga, was the instigator of his new resolve, he said she's never even mentioned it.

Gastric bypass surgery is not something you undertake lightly. The process is considered to be major surgery with serious physiological, psychological and lifestyle ramifications.

Phil met with a dietitian on three occasions and once with a psychiatrist to measure his suitability.

Before he could undergo the procedure, Phil was put on a special diet designed to shrink his liver and prepare his body for the three hour robotic procedure.

Once finished, he was held for two days in hospital for recovery and observation, including tomography to ensure the surgery was a success.

Phil's doctor was pragmatic when preparing him mentally for life with a stomach that was now the size of an egg. She predicted that he would be on insulin for the rest of his life and she insisted that his lifestyle needed revamping.

She turned out to be wrong about the insulin, but she was right in promoting his lifestyle change.

It was the rebirth of a new, more active Phil Gullickson.

Phil has completely rid his body of its need for insulin and his former quadruple daily dose of Metformin. This has had a huge positive impact on his body, his quality of life and even on his pocketbook.

The \$649 he no longer spends on insulin has earned him a shiny new set of wheels.

How's that for a positive side effect? And there are more.



Ann and Phil Gullickson graphically demonstrate how much weight he no longer carries around all day every day. (OTOW News photo by John Koning)

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On Top of the World community

by John Koning

On the plus side, with every one of the more than 120 pounds he has lost, Phil's energy level has increased exponentially. It's not surprising when you consider that Phil no longer carries the equivalent of an extra human being around 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

These days you will find Phil at the door of the Fitness Center every weekday morning, waiting for staff to open up, like a bargain hunter on Black Friday.

He has progressed from a few slow and plodding treadmill steps to a full

fledged walk that would make anyone half his age feel proud.

From there he heads to the weight machines to reduce the loss of muscle mass as he vaporizes fat cells.

On the negative side, Phil feels a bit like a reformed smoker. When he sees someone who is obese, part of him wants to share the joy he feels from his new lease on life. But he knows that what he has experienced can't be put in words. So he smiles his easy smile and walks his new lighter walk.

There's one more negative side effect and it has to do with those pesky all-you-can-eat buffets. With the tiny portions it takes to fill him up, Phil just doesn't get his 17 bucks worth anymore. If he takes just one bite too many, his body lets him know with stabbing clarity that it's time to stop grazing.

However, after all is said and done, here is the crux. When asked if the pain, the risk and the lifestyle change are worth it, Phil Gullickson's answer is a resounding, "yes!"

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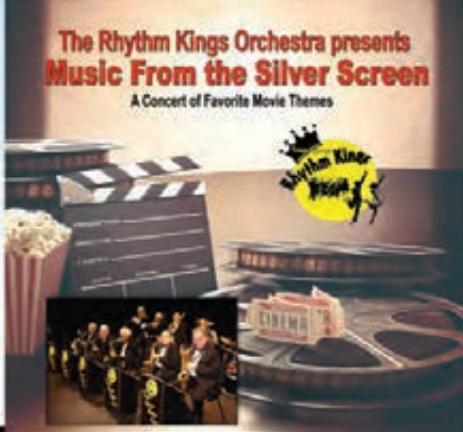
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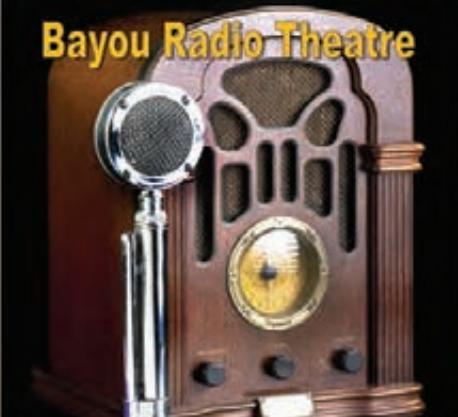


The Rhythm Kings Orchestra presents
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The Brothers Four
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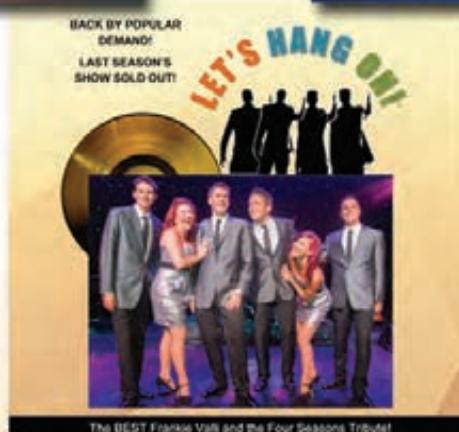


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The Big 3: Gershwin, Berlin, Porter
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Ingredients

1 Rotisserie chicken (buy at the store)	Salt and pepper to taste
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1 half stick of butter	Fresh parsley for garnish
3 tablespoons Italian seasoning	

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Directions

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook the egg noodles till al dente.

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Drain and pour the egg noodles, peas and carrots into a large bowl.

Cut the butter into pieces. Toss with the olive oil in the egg noodles.

Pull the chicken off the bone (you can leave the skin on or off). Toss the chicken with the egg noodles, and Parmigiano Reggiano and Italian seasoning, garnish with parsley and serve.

Tip Of The Month

Wine Corks. To strain broken cork bits out of a bottle of wine, pour the wine into glasses though a small fine-mesh strainer.

Wanted: OTOW chef willing to share favorite recipes



On Top of the World News is looking for a food enthusiast to take over this monthly column. To qualify, you must be an OTOW resident, and have dozens of original, favorite recipes around your kitchen. You must love to cook and be willing to share cooking secrets. You must be willing to type and email a new recipe to this newspaper each month. You must be willing to make each recipe in your own kitchen and submit an original photo of the finished product to run in this newspaper. No submitted photos can be from the Internet or a published document. All recipes must be accompanied by a photo - no exceptions. If a dish is created from a recipe on the Internet or in a magazine, the source of that recipe must be included in your column.

Each recipe must be received via email by the 15th of each month.

You will not get paid for this contribution, however, you will see your creation displayed in full color, on a full page, each month. Plus, your recipe will be saved online at the Box Office Website. Your picture will accompany the recipe to identify you as the cook.

Questions or inquiries, see Doug Kates in the OTOW newsroom.

Senate candidate stops by to update residents on state budget news

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

Ed Hooper, candidate for Florida Senate, District 16, attended the On Top of the World Republican Club meeting in February to discuss legislative issues in Tallahassee for 2018.

There are 250 bills to be approved. The budget for both: House has \$87.2 billion and Senate has \$87.3 billion.

The appropriations chair has to balance to the penny. Tallahassee must come up with a balanced budget.

Things which are being considered are public education, charter schools, cell phone bills, and price of taxes for school construction K-12. Half goes to charter school as it is for profit. Pasco County is part of our area.

Ed shared with us that on the Third Friday, of every month, Safety Harbor has a street fair. There is always interesting activities going on. He will be there with other civic leaders to answer questions for local constituents.

Sadly, our club's current president, Don Dinello, will be leaving us after next month's meeting for personal family issues. Ed took the opportunity to thank Don for stepping in and taking on this



Republican Club

important position when needed last year.

He has done a great job.

Don will discuss during the meeting next month that we will need more volunteers to begin our strategy for the upcoming elections. We will be accepting nominations for the annual election and all board members will be considered.

Our next meeting will be March 20, 7 p.m., in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room and the speaker will be Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri.

On April 10, our speakers will be judges who are running for office. It will be in the Sunrise Room at 7 p.m.



Ed Hooper, left, candidate for State Senate District 16, is greeted by Republican Club President Don Dinello at the club's meeting in February.



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Residents dance in the East Activity Center auditorium during a Valentine's Dance organized by the New York-New Jersey Club.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

New York-New Jersey club members ready to dump tons of whipped cream on strawberries

By Pat Hayes

The East Activity Center auditorium was filled with couples and dancers as the New York-New Jersey Club hosted its Valentine's Dinner Dance on Feb. 14,

We celebrated with food catered by Felice, including chicken parmigan, penne ala vodka, eggplant and an anti-pasta salad.

We finished off dinner with their famous apple cobbler.

The On Top of the World Theater Workshop group sang several love songs as a preview to their upcoming show this month, "The Best of Broadway - A Tribute to Musical Theater."

Music for the rest of evening was provided by "Denise, DJ with a Twist."

The club was pleased to welcome

back Gene and Ann Amature from up north. They were missed by us and their many other friends. While they were gone, Gene was nominated and re-elected vice president.

Coming up next is our ever popular "Strawberry Fling."

This event is made possible our many volunteers. The fling will take place on March 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

As part of the event, we will present the Gibbs High School Jazz Band. Our volunteers will fill your plates with pound cake, Plant City strawberries and whipped cream. The band will delight you with their presentations of both Big Band and Jazz music. Tickets are for members only and are only \$4.

Coming up, we have a "Latin Night" on Thursday, April 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center. The Caribbean menu will include pulled pork, beans, white rice, yellow rice with peas, potato balls stuffed with beef and dessert.

We will be dancing to Denise, DJ With a Twist, playing the sounds with a Latin theme, along with her usual repertoire.

Coffee, tea, ice and water will be provided. Tickets are \$13 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Mark your calendar for Friday, May 11, at 5:30 p.m. for our annual "Memorial Tribute to the Fallen" and recognition of all veterans and families at OTOW. Once again this event will be held in the East Activity Center auditorium.



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I actually saw a leprechaun.
I remember the exact day. It was that night I drank all that green beer.

My doctor tells me all things green are healthy. So on the 17th, pour me another.

Will you be bringing your noisemaker to the party? Or were you unable to find a sitter?

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

**Marge
Mayer**



Internet Humor

St. Patrick was able to drive all the snakes out of Ireland,

I wonder what he could drive out of my office?

As you slide down the bannister of life ...

May the splinters point downward.

It's OK to pretend you're Irish on St. Patrick's Day.

Afterall, we all pretend we're good on Christmas Day.

Love those who love you.

May the Lord change those who don't love.

For those who choose violence over love ...

May they drink too much beer so we can see them coming.

Irish men claim they know everything about women.

Truth is, there are three types of men who know nothing about women...

Young men, middle-aged men and old men.

If you feel a breeze at your back during the corned beef and cabbage dinner, take note. It may not be the wind.

IRISH BLESSING

May your hands always have work to do.

May your purse always be filled with coins.

May the sun always shine through your windows.

May a rainbow always follow the rain.

May the good hands of a friend always be near.

May God always fill your heart with cheer.

May the Irish Club parade be bright and sunny.

May the clowns be bountiful and funny.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

(Unedited versions of these jokes can be found at IrishCentral.com)

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Travel Club members hope a little luck follows them to Port Canaveral



Travel Club

By Tom Jamrozy

The saying goes, "Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day" and the Travel Club is no exception.

We will be going to O'Keefe's for our Lunch Bunch this month to enjoy some Irish spirits and food.

We are also hoping the "luck" stays with us as we do a day trip to Port Canaveral and sail away for day of gambling, eating and having fun with friends on the Victory Casino Cruise.

We had a wonderful cruise on the Oasis of the Seas and visited Phillipsburg, St. Maarten, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Labadee, Haiti with 25 members of the club in January.

We had lunch at the Bahama Breeze and our day trip was the Babcock Wilderness Ranch in February.

In the upcoming months, we have lunches planned at Positano's and Ozona Blue with an April trip to Fort Myers Mystery Train, an overnight trip with a stop the next day at the Ellington Prime Outlets for some shopping and lunch.

Also offered is a 17-day Panama Canal Cruise.

In May, we have a day trip to the Flor-



Members of the On Top of the World Travel Club attend a Lunch Bunch at Frenchy's Outpost in January.

ida Aquarium with a cruise on Tampa Bay in search of dolphins.

We are a year-round club and plan a Lunch Bunch and trip each month.

We get to the lunches on our own, with many members car pooling, and that

works out well.

For our trips, we arrange bus transportation, and this summer we will be using the Jolly Trolley for some of our trips, such as the Leepa Ratner Museum of Art and St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Ca-

thedral in Tarpon Springs.

Stop and see us at the East Activity Center Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

OK. I have DNA results - now what?

By Shirley Perry

"I got the results back from my Ancestry DNA test. What can I do with it?"

That was the question on the minds of many of our neighbors who attended the Family History Group meeting in February.

We were grateful for the enlarged meeting space available this year, as every seat in the West Activity Center Learning Lab was taken and a few additional chairs brought in.

Our speaker, Shirley Perry, used her own DNA results to show us many dif-

ferent ways to use our results to identify how other testers are related to us, using information from their results and from their family trees.

While many testers fail to link their tree to their DNA, we were shown work-arounds that allow us to determine the amount of matching centiMorgans that identify how that person is related to us.

Sometimes we can see trees that have not been linked to the DNA results.

One of Ancestry's drawbacks is their failure to provide a chromosome browser, which is necessary to establish clusters, or

family groupings. We discussed overcoming that by uploading our raw DNA data to GedMatch.com.

At our next meeting, we will explore the usefulness of GedMatch and the tools provided there.

We are pleased to say that through DNA testing, and exhaustive research and analysis, we have been able to help one of our adopted members identify his biological father.

A 72-year mystery solved!

Everyone is welcome to join us at our next meeting on Monday, March 12, from 1-3 p.m. in the Learning Lab.

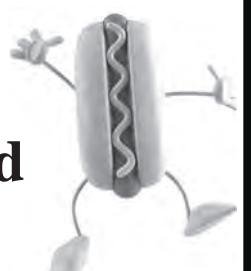


Family History



Irish Club Parade

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee has been contributing funds into the community since 1970

By Marvin Flam

The Entertainment Committee was formally organized in July 1970 to supplement the On Top of the World program director's work in programming events.

Resident volunteers created the original organization. The program justified the name, "Entertainment Committee."

The Entertainment Committee mission statement is "The purpose of the organization shall be to arrange for, organize, and conduct entertainment activity for all the residents of the On Top of the World condominium community in Clearwater, Florida. The organization shall be a non-profit entity."

Starting in 1972, when a movie screen was purchased for the auditorium, and continuing to today, the Entertainment Committee has, as required by its by-laws, disbursed surplus funds for projects and improvements for the benefit of all the OTOW residents.

Over the past year alone, The Entertainment Committee has provided funds for new curtains on the East Activity Center auditorium stage. Funds have also been set to help refinish the stage floor, to install a new LED stage lighting system, and to upgrade the stage sound system, among other projects and support.

Over the past 48 years, in addition to providing funds for such things and tables and chairs, sound and lighting systems in the EAC auditorium, and other improvements, The Entertainment Committee has provided sound and lighting support for Bingo, The Chorus, The Good Neighbors Association, The Jesters and The Theater Workshop.

The Entertainment Committee is staffed by over 70 residents who enthusiastically volunteer their time to support the events presented and operate the equipment. This, and the support of the

community, is what has made The Entertainment Committee successful from the outset.

If you get the opportunity, chat with a volunteer.

All the 2018 Entertainment Committee's 15 shows and 14 dances are on sale now including New Year's Eve 2018.

The monthly Sunday-In-The-Park is free to all OTOW residents, no tickets are required.

Watch for the EC sound and lighting crew, who will be providing the microphone, music and lighting support for The Theater Workshop and Chorus shows in March.

Check the following sources for show, dance tickets and information regarding Entertainment Committee scheduling:

Our ticket booth is set up 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the EAC auditorium.

You can call 727 449-9243 or email: entcom2014@gmail.com.

Our information is on OTOW-TV channels 98.1 and 732.

Visit the Community Service Office in the EAC.

Check the bulletin boards in the EAC, West Activity Center and in your building.

Or, go to Box Office at www.OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and follow directions.

The fun continues ... be a part of it!



'Happy Together' performed at On Top of the World in February and 'The Flamingos,' a tribute trio, were here in January.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



Got a suggestion for the Entertainment Committee.

Visit their Wishing Well on the Box Office.

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click Box Office
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click Entertainment Committee
Look for the Wishing Well

SPORTS



Golfers take turns trying to get that giant golf ball into that tiny little hole during the 2018 Jack & Jill Tournament in February. This was the scene on the 17th hole for four teams.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Rosemary Sabatino and Tom Pettit take top honors at 2018 Jack & Jill Tournament

By Pat Cassidy

Many prayers were answered when Feb. 13 turned out to be a bright sunny morning.

The annual Jack & Jill Golf Tournament had 64 players representing every On Top of the World golf league.

Since the event was open to anyone with a valid OTOW Activity Card, there were participants from the Ladies 18-hole League, Ladies 9-hole League, Men's Golf Association and Thursday Mixed League.

It was a shotgun start with "Jills" teeing off on the odd number holes and the "Jacks" teeing off on the even

number holes. The rest of play used an alternate shot rule.

In other words, you really needed good team work to play well.

The winners for the tournament turned out to be Rosemary Sabatino and Tom Pettit and second place went to Margot Ulrich and Bo Craddock.

The third place team was April Glen and John Lewis. The fourth place team was Kim Norried and Dan Morey. The fifth place team was Gloria and Bud Sayer.

Closest to the pin winners were Carole Lacey on No.

15 and Lester Whynot on No. 16.

The players were a bit hot and thirsty when they finished up and appreciated the cold drinks and lunch waiting for them. An additional 25 people came to celebrate at lunch. There was a very successful 50/50 drawing and Margot Ulrich won \$102. There was much teasing about double-dipping since Margot also won prize money.

It takes a lot of hands to have these events run smoothly and Terry Kuplen thanked all the people who helped to make it a fun day.



Pictured at left are the top five teams. From left to right are Rosemary Sabatino and Tom Pettit (first place), Margot Ulrich and Bo Craddock (second place), April Glenn and John Lewis (third place), Kim Norried and Dan Morey (fourth place) and Gloria Sayer and Bud Sayer (fifth place). Pictured above are the two closest-to-the-pin award winners. At left is Les Whynot (No. 16) and Carole Lacey (No. 15).



SPORTS

Shopping for golf supplies as much fun as playing golf

Thursday Golf League members recently participated in golf-related activities that didn't involve being on the golf course.

Harry Barbin, Mike Ditterich and Paul Meyers attended a huge PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando. This event showcases new equipment, clothing and other golf-related items.

The show is so large that it was difficult to view everything in one day.

Pat Eastman, from our league, attended the Media Day event for the upcoming Valspar Tournament at the Innisbrook Resort. Pat is not only a great golfer, she is a photographer and writer, who covers activities in Massachusetts and Florida.

The unseasonably warm weather has brought out large numbers of golfers for our weekly Thursday tournaments. The competition has been tough and very good rounds have been needed to win.

Our week nine winner was Fred Schick. Willie Roos finished second and Bruce MacPherson took third and also low gross. Willie Roos collected two skins. Paul Meyers, Fred Schick, Bruce MacPherson and Bill Gambacurta took one skin each.

Lisa Muchler was the week 10 champion. Verna Lundgren was second and Steve Caffey took third place and low gross. Pat Eastman collected two skins. Deb Young, Bill Higgins, Steve Caffey and Jim Gray collected one skin each. The long drive competitions were won by Pat Eastman, Don Campbell, Fran Majewski and Warren Levene. Harry Barbin had the closest to the pin shot.

Willie Roos had a great day on week 11, taking first place, low gross and three skins. Lynne Godfrey placed second and

Thursday Golf

Don Baker was third. Skins were taken by Paul Meyers, Dave Pittenger and Bill Higgins. Winners of the long drive contest were Verna Lundgren, Don Campbell, Tom Ramstack and Harry Barbin. Jim Cawley was closest to the pin.

Week 12 was won by Dave Pittenger. Verna Lundren was second and Jim Stewart took third place. Harry Barbin had the low gross round. Bill Higgins, Angelo Santucci, Mike Marsh and Ada Culbertson all collected a skin. Lynne Godfrey, Fred Schick, Gary Sandine and David Rodgers were the long drivers. Don Hahs had the closest to the pin shot.

Our league's annual four-person scramble is scheduled for March 22.

The league welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome. You don't have to join to try us out. Just show up and you will be welcomed.

Players must sign in between 9:15 and 9:45 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 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available. For information call Paul at 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolf@aol.com.

Men's Golf Association

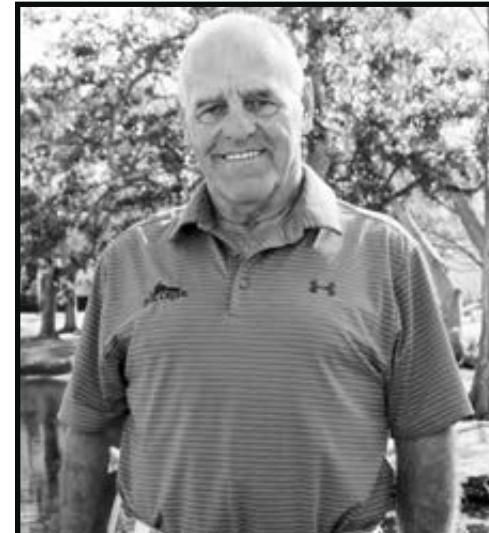
New club champ

The On Top of the World Men's Golf Association has a new club champion.

In early February, Edger Beilevue won the club title with two-day gross score of 130 and won the net championship with a two-day total of 120.

Flight B was won by Barry Levine with a 122, Flight C was won by Jerry Morissetti with a 132 and C.J. Messina won Flight D with a 120.

The next Men's Golf Association Tournament will be Wednesday, April 18. Food and beverages will be served after the event.



Club Champion Edger Beilevue



Pictured above, On Top of the World's Pat Eastman visits the Snake Pit at the Innisbrook Golf Resort in Palm Harbor. Pictured with Pat are Annie DeLuca, program coordinator for Tee Time Florida, and Joy Sarver photographer for lenziehmongolf.com

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Parade, tournaments and luncheons will be taking place in March

18-Hole Ladies

The weather finally permitted the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League to have an outdoor meeting on January 16. Proposed by-law changes were voted on and approved.

Social members are eligible to vote at general meetings.

All officers are eligible and may be nominated for a second term. The Nominating Committee will make recommendations to the general membership. Any additional candidates will be considered at the December general meeting.

The vice president's duties used to include "Sunshine News." While the duties remain the same, it will now be called "Membership News."

Becky West and Gloria Sayer have agreed to serve another term as president and vice president. Sherry Ivey has agreed to serve as secretary and Karen Oshona will be treasurer. The slate was voted into office at the Feb. 14 meeting.

We have a Handicapped Tournament coming up March 6 and 13. Calling the handicap committee and pay \$5 to play.

Get your sneakers out, put on some green and join us walking in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 10 at



Pictured above are the committee members who ran a very successful Jack & Jill Tournament in February. From left to right are Sharon Hackenmiller, Terry Kuplen and Gwen Lemke.

10 a.m. We will gather in the golf course parking lot at 8 a.m.

Our annual spring luncheon will be

at the Clearwater Country Club on March 28. The committee, Donna Osborne, Karen Oshona, Debbie Figaski, Ursula

Taylor and Mary Beth Devine has planned a special event. There will be a cash bar at 11:30 a.m. followed by a Caribbean Buffet.

The officers will be installed and tournament awards will be given out.

The committee is seeking donations for gift baskets. If you have something to contribute, give Donna Osborne a call 726-6550. It is always fun to see everyone dressed up without their golf visor on. Tickets are \$20. It is our way to show our support for the organization.

Our March 14 Golf Clinic will feature the driver, however, Paul is trying to arrange something special, so time and date may change. Make sure you get your name and number to Pat Cassidy (725-2187) if you want to attend.

Weekly Awards: We did get to play a T&F game on Jan. 16. Maureen Stewart won A Flight with a 32, followed by Gina Yoon with 32.5 followed by Rosemary Sabatino with 33. In B Flight, Joyce Majewski came in first with 29.5, followed by Marie Belliveau with 30 and third place Carole Lacey in third with 32.5. In C Flight, had Dottie Meissner took first place with 29, Betty Gerkin second with 31 and Boots Stanton third with 31.5.

Rain and flooding cancelled play on January 23, 30 and Feb 6.

Nine-hole course gets a new bulletin board in time for President's Tournament

By Ginny Chilcote

There are many reasons why On Top of the World is a wonderful place to live. At the top of the list, without a doubt, is the willingness of people who reside here to lend a helping hand.

One example of this is when our association saw a need to replace the bulletin board on the 9-Hole course. Duane Anderson stepped up to do the work.

With assistance from the Fixers Club and the woodshop, Duane donated his expertise and time to create and install a new bulletin board. He also replaced one outside shelf as well.

Thanks to all who helped get this project completed, but especially to Duane for a job well done. The new bulletin board will be put to good use for many years to come.

The 9-Hole Ladies League held a flight tournament, under the direction

9-Hole Ladies

of vice president Gilda Gambacurta, last month. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at our spring luncheon on April 12 at the Flamestone American Grill in Oldsmar.

On March 20, there will be another tournament – the president's tournament. Carroll Harris will be posting the sign up sheet for this event soon. All members are encouraged to participate. Once again, winners will be awarded prizes at the spring luncheon.

As always, if anyone is interested in joining our group, or has any questions about the Ladies 9-Hole Golf Association, please contact Carroll Harris at 432-528-8684. New members are always welcome.



Duane Anderson shows off a new bulletin he helped construct for the 9-Hole Ladies Golf Association.

SPORTS

Breakfast is a good substitution for shuffleboard

By Bob Rittner

Shufflers from the On Top of the World Shuffleboard Club united for a trip to the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor.

Play has been suspended until the new shuffleboard courts are ready for use, but a number of us decided to get together for breakfast.

Twenty-eight members showed up to celebrate our break and we even managed to socialize without a shuffleboard stick in our hands.

We look forward to our new courts, as well as the new outdoor pavilion park, and a new season of shuffleboard. While we are waiting, we are going to do some research to see if there are any alternative sites to allow us to begin play before the OTOW remodeling project is completed.

Watch this newspaper for updates.



Members of the On Top of the World shuffleboard group recently met at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor for breakfast. With no courts to play on, the group needed to find another way to socialize. Coffee and breakfast turned out great.

Valentine's Day Tournament and Canadian Club Tournament results from February

By Bob Laplante

February is perhaps the busiest part of the year for the Lawn Bowling club.

Last month there were four tournaments and our annual social all packed into the shortest month of the year.

The big problem in reporting the results. Only two events make the cut-off date for the On Top of the World newspaper. However, this provides the opportunity to elaborate on the reason that the tournaments are held in such high regard by its members.

The Valentine's Day events take place both on the greens as well as off. The play was coordinate by Margo Smith and Barb Thomson. That meant that two weeks prior to play, a sign-up sheet was posted so that all club members who were available, and wished to play, signed the roster to play. As an equal number of teams is important, early registration is essential to guarantee a spot in the games. The last people to register may be relegated to be-

Lawn Bowl

ing a "spare" that is able to play only in the case of a cancellation.

In lawn bowling, each member is issued a ranking based on their level of play. The most experienced are Skips, who captain teams and play last when there are 12 bowls already in play. The next level is Vice, who plays second and already has six bowls on the court, thus makes play a little more challenging. The players who lead off play are aptly called Leads and are typically the newer players. Each rank has additional responsibilities during the game, which makes it a real team effort.

The club usually has random draw to make up teams. The game coordinator determines the number of Skips, Vices and Leads that are required for the tournament and randomly demotes or promotes

players to ensure that the correct numbers meet the required positions.

On the morning of a tournament, Skips draw names from the list of Vices and Leads, as well as their assignment to the lane on which they commence play.

By having random assignments, every player has a chance to be on a winning team. This makes for a much more social atmosphere where beginners are not facing teams made up of the best players, who would be harder to beat.

The three best teams from our Valentine's Day tournament were: First place, Dave Murray, Jill Orchard and Gabriel Taillefer; Second place, Jacques Breton, Ray Allard and Doreen Paine; Third place, Willie Roos, Ian Hunter and Larry Hewitt.

Congratulations to all.

Almost as important as the play is the gathering which follows the tournament – lunch. Under the coordination of the social director, Jocelyne Laplante and ably assisted by assistants Nicole Pelletier

and Denise Dion, a meal of Caesar salad, garlic bread and lasagna was served. The dessert, in keeping with the theme of Valentine's Day, was cake and cupcakes.

Beverages are all important following a morning in the sun.

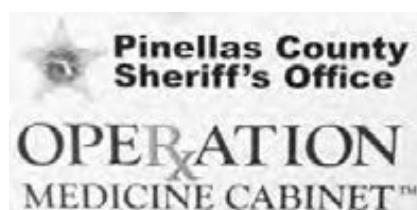
Prize money is distributed to the top four or five teams. With a registration fee of only \$3, no one gets rich, but one always enjoys winning, especially if you double your money and had an enjoyable day playing with your friends.

Another tournament, our annual Canadian Club Tournament, was coordinated by Cathy Mills and Dorothy Graham.

The results were: First place, the team of Marjorie Kells, Betty McWhirter and Rod Jones; Second place, Rick Carr, Dorothy Graham and Chris Paine; Third place, Jacques Breton, Linda Middleton and Johanna Roos.

Closing out the winners was the fourth place team of John Wigle, Doreen Paine and Ian Hunter with Cathy Mills spelling off John for the last game.

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*Dinner
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Gil Small of Canada and Jackie Cornett of the USA were married by the Reverend Doctor John Hooker, an OTOW resident, during a Canadian Club dinner in February. At left is part of the surprised crowd that witnessed the wedding.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Dinner comes with a wedding and it was kept a secret

By Brenda McLauchlan

"Canada Day in the USA" started out like any other special event hosted by the On Top of the World Canadian Club.

The East Activity Center auditorium was beautifully decorated. Guests were dressed mostly in red and white.

Dinner was being prepared and drinks were being poured ...

But then something very special took place.

Suddenly, everyone in the auditorium became wedding guests. And for the most part, it was a complete surprise to everyone.

"Only a few people were aware," said Connie Stanley from the Canadian Club. "A photographer, close friends, wedding planners, family and a few members of the club were the only ones who knew."

Everyone was asked to stand at their table as the bride, Jackie Cornett of the

USA, and the groom, Gil Small of Canada, walked down the aisle.

To make a long story short, immigration officials told Jackie and Gil that if they planned on getting married, it would be advisable to do so before immigration laws changed.

On such short notice, Jackie and Gil asked the Canadian Club if they could use the Canada Day dinner as their wedding day. It was only fitting. Jackie and Gil had their first date two years ago at this dinner.

"It was an awesome union and an evening of special celebration and unification that we are hoping can continue for years to come," Connie said.

"We were thrilled and honored to witness their wedding," said club member Lori Gerstein. "It was a great wedding and a glorious reception!"

"What better way to show the genu-

ine respect and love between our two great countries, Canada and the United States – a Canadian boy and an American girl commit to each at the Canada Day in the USA event!" said club member Laurie Fischer.

The month of March should be surprise free for the Canadian Club.

The annual Spring Fling will take place March 1. The theme is baseball season and everyone is asked to wear something associated with baseball.

On March 16 will be the club's next Happy Hour Cabaret. This will take place at 4 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. This event is for club members only. There is limited seating, so come early. Guests should bring their own beverages.

On March 10, the Canadian Club will be in the Irish Club Parade. Anyone who

wants to march is asked to be at our float, at the intersection with Mexican Way and World Parkway Boulevard, by 9:30 a.m. The parade begins at 10 a.m.

On March 21, anyone in the community is welcome to join the Canadian Club at a Toronto Blue Jays spring training game. The opponents will be the Philadelphia Phillies. Tickets are \$23 apiece. Call Tom McKee at 727-470-9161 for tickets.

Lastly, the club's annual General Meeting, including election of officers for 2018-19, will take place on March 28. The club will also vote on an updated constitution and bylaws.

There are many board positions open for next year and they must be filled to keep the club active. A special thank you to the dedicated members who have volunteered in the past and for anyone who fills a leadership role in the future.

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Building head pushes for more event participation

The north-west wing has new residents, Mary Ann and Mark Ostrowski. They originally came from Michigan to Oldsmar in 1975.

During their years in Oldsmar, they knew of On Top of the World. After their household became just of the two of them, they decided to move to OTOW, and found a condo overlooking the lake.

Mary Ann is a retired interior decorator, thus she is having a ball redoing the condo to their desire.

Mary Ann and Mark have two children, a son in Colorado and a daughter in New York City. We are very happy to have you as Espana residents.

Jackie Manfred had a very busy few weeks this past month. Her sister, brother-in-law and nephew stopped at Jackie's house for three days to visit Jackie. They were on their way to West Palm for the season.

Jackie's nephew did all the driving from Point Pleasant, N.J., since his father was 90 year old. They had a great time visiting. Later, Jackie's niece drove down from North Carolina and stayed a week.

The Espana potluck dinner is now over. As you are aware, that dinner is also one of the two business meetings that the Espana has for the year. Building President Les Mencilly handed out fliers and went over the OTOW rules for our new residents such as the trash room, recycling, bicycles rarely used, visitor parking for visitors, and no parking in the cul-de-sacs.



He also brought up the lack of resident participation in events. He said that he has searched for people to be wing representatives but no one will accept. Come on, folks. We need some of you younger guys and gals to join in. This is our building and we must all participate and help or we will lose our Espana building association.

I have been asked to once again include hints. This is a short one. When you purchase ground beef and don't use it all, put a serving of it in a ziplock bag and roll the bag flat with a rolling pin. That makes it easy to store in the freezer and it also lessens the amount of time it takes to thaw the beef. Hope you enjoy this hint.

Sunday, March 11 is the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. Remember, "spring forward and fall back." Since it is now springtime, set your clocks ahead one hour.

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Carol Casebar proudly shows off her childhood Toni doll.

Contemporary doll collector shares her favorite story

Lately I've been out and about asking my fellow Contemporarians about their hobbies.

Last week I visited my neighbor, Carol Casebar, who is an avid doll collector. She told me about the oldest doll she has. It's a Toni doll she has had since childhood.

I listened with pleasure to the tale about her Toni:

"When I was a little girl we received in the mail a little card that had tiny numbered circles all over it. Under each circle was a paper printed with an amount of money, from a penny to about 35 cents. The prize for punching out all the circles was a Toni doll for me and a Toni doll for the person who won the lucky circle prize.

"I went around to all the neighbors. No one would refuse me. I used to sell Girl Scout cookies, so I was quite a salesman when I was eight or ten. When I got all the holes punched my mother mailed in the money and they sent me a doll. I love my Toni doll and I've kept her all these years.

"I have a friend who is a member of one of the doll clubs I belong to who makes the little outfits for my doll. The main club is the United Federation of Doll Clubs.



There are members all over the country and Canada. There are also neighborhood clubs, like Timeless Treasures and West Coast Doll Club.

"The clubs have conventions every year where many dolls, antique and modern, are on display. There are workshops to learn how to make fancy French fashions for antique ceramic dolls or something for modern dolls. They have dinners and tours. All the doll clubs welcome new members, and I would be happy to give out information about that."

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A look back at the OTOW News March, 1993

- Mandalay Building:** Several folks from Mandalay attended the Shuffleboard Club Valentine Party on the Veranda. The party was hosted by Ed and Audrey Hayes and about 60 were in attendance. Welcome to our new neighbors, Alex and Pat Funari.
- Lapidary Club:** President Warren Walters presided at a brief meeting on Feb. 3, 1993. Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Warren gave a treasurer's report concerning an additional faceting machine. Members and guests enjoyed a special program by Dr. Ralph Purdy. Many of his framed displays of gems, minerals and manufactured stones were passed around for examination.
- OTOW Bible Class:** Our March guest speaker will be Mrs. Ruth Munce. Mrs. Munce has taught classes in Pinellas County since 1951 and taught Bible in Kenya for eight years. Mrs. Munce is the founder of the Keswick Christian School in St. Petersburg. She is the daughter of Christian novelist Grace Livingston Hill, and has written six novels and two study books. Her studies have been broadcast on Caribbean radio stations for many years.
- Pennsylvania Club:** The Pennsylvania Club held its February outing at Tampa Bay Downs, where 85 members enjoyed an afternoon at the races. The food was excellent and the companionship just great. Our next meeting will feature chicken and corned beef, catered by International Caterers at \$9 per person. New officers will be installed at the meeting.
- Organ Club Spring Concert:** The OTOW Organ Club is sponsoring an organ concert on Wednesday, March 24, 1993, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Our guest artist, Gil Simonetti, will be provided for us by Mr. Ken Visser, owner of Keyboards Plus. Mr. Simonetti has been a professional organist for 25 years. He is originally from Chicago, Ill., where he owned and operated a supper club. His repertoire includes a variety of pleasing big band tunes, easy listening ballads and Latin melodies.



Residents socialize and partake of a delicious potluck brunch at this Feb. 10 event.

Potluck brunch shared by 33 Brittany Farmhouse residents

Brittany Farmhouse residents came together Feb. 10 for a potluck brunch and 33 of us including friends enjoyed an ample buffet with outstanding goods.

People are so talented; they bring the most delicious dishes to share.

Thanks everybody for coming and having a good time. It's not only the good food that was appreciated, the talks and laughs and the company were great.

Brittany Farmhouse has a new look. The work to change the rails on the west side is completed and the whole building looks so much better. What a difference such an upgrade makes — it's like a "facelift." BFH looks younger and more contemporary now.

Our St. Patrick's Day barbecue is March 17 starting at 1 p.m. Please watch the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.



Don't forget to watch the Irish Club parade March 10 and wear green!

We still have to decide where to hold our farewell dinner April 6 at 5 p.m. Any suggestions? Let Merelee Bernard know.

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Current officers reinstated at well-attended building meeting

The Valencia Building held its annual building meeting recently, led by Valerie Martin.

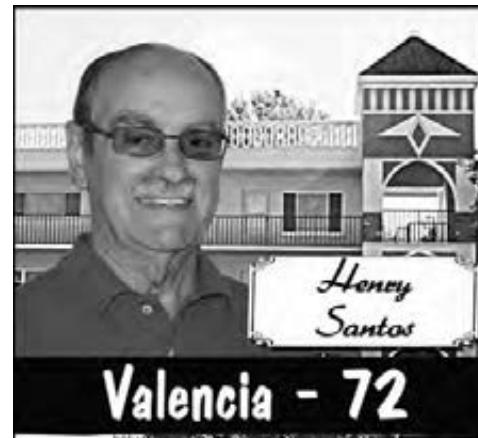
As usual, it was very informative, with a lengthy agenda. A total of 37 neighbors attended representing 31 units.

One of the first issues was the selection of volunteers to fill the various positions such as building coordinator, storage room coordinator, secretary, and treasurer.

It was a unanimous choice that the current slate will stay as is. Valerie Martin will remain as building coordinator, Phil Roth will remain as storage coordinator, Donna DiMeo-Hahnhan will remain as secretary, and Debbie Roth will stay on as treasurer. (Sometime in the near future Lynda Jones will assume the duties of the treasurer.) Finally, Henry Santos will continue as building reporter.

Debbie gave a very concise and complete treasurer's report and identified many of the benefits and building improvements paid for with our voluntary building dues.

We then took up topics such as storage room issues, bike room protocol, parking lot safety, neighbor relations, and building volunteering.



On a side note, Gus Longo, who volunteers at HEP (Homeless Emergency Project), mentioned that for those looking to do some volunteer work to please contact him as there is always a need for help at HEP.

We have also firmed up the schedule of building luncheons for the year, along with who will be hosting them; also we have scheduled a storage room cleanup during the month of March.

Check out the building bulletin boards for the up-coming notices and events. For instance, last month the group enjoyed a Valentine luncheon at Bon Appetit in



Current Valencia building officers were unanimously reelected at a recent meeting. They are (L-R) Henry Santos, building reporter; Valerie Martin, building coordinator; Donna DiMeo-Hahnhan, secretary; Phil Roth, storage coordinator; and Debbie Roth, treasurer.

Dunedin hosted by Susie Moreci. The "dining divas" lunched at Tiffany's in Palm Harbor and was hosted by Lillian Klant.

There is one more issue that affected our building. By now we all know that our little buddy, "Morgan," (Mike Turbolino's

Morgan) came in second place by one vote in the "Pet of the Year" contest. However, Morgan stands tall as a Valencia champion in her own right. No matter what, Morgan will always be our "pet of the year" every year.

Nine-hole golf outing and lunch at Ozona Blue on tap

The building's recent general meeting was well-attended. Treasurer Trish Burch read the treasury report and we then assigned wing captains to collect dues and hand out the list of resident information.

New residents were introduced and made welcome. Kay Spodek was thanked for the donations to our picnic which were made by her son.

Pat Dalziel announced that our annual nine-hole golf outing and supper would be held on Feb. 26.

Barbara Jamrozy said our monthly luncheon was set to be held at Ozona Blue. Yours truly informed everyone that the signup sheet for the March 4 brunch at Tampa Bay Downs was filling up very nicely.

Barbara and Tom Jamrozy, Jacqui Dolan, Bob Livingston, my husband Stan and I all participated in the On Top of the World Travel Club's trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and St. Maarten aboard the Royal Caribbean *Oasis of the Sea*. Stan and I celebrated our 62nd anniversary on the



ship. We all enjoyed the journey.

The best part of the trip was meeting residents of OTOW whom we would probably never have met otherwise. Two weeks later, Stan and I celebrated his 88th birthday at Cocoa Beach, where we were able to watch a rocket launch.

All in all, we have been enjoying the busy life while taking lots of naps in between! Until next month stay healthy, happy and active.

A Note For Dog Walkers

When picking up after your dog, do not throw plastic bags down the storm drains. This is against the law.

Always clean up while walking your dog.
Be sure to keep your dog hydrated.

Social media played major role in this month's 'Spotlight'

This month, American Gothic's spotlight shines on a neighbor who had an interesting visit to Spain.

Our mystery man's Uncle Harry enlisted in the Navy soon after World War II broke out. Uncle Harry was sent to England, where he met his wife and raised his family. Uncle Harry never returned to the United States, so unfortunately, Harry and this month's special guy never met face-to-face after the war.

But, our mystery man did learn he has a cousin in Europe, and recently they connected on Facebook. Via social media, our mystery man found his cousin was living in Southern Spain. His cousin invited him and his wife to visit. And, they did!

They met at Alhambra, a palace that was also a fortress in Granada, Spain, where they spent two weeks, learning about each other's families and Spanish culture.

Who is this man who had such a unique and wonderful "Facebook experience" via a simple search for a family connection? Talk among yourselves.

And now for February's featured resident, the chief engineer on a towing vessel. He's Tennyson Spiceland. Did anyone guess correctly?

Hey folks, a few more tidbits:

Did you notice that last month was American Gothic's turn to have our parking lot re-striped with bright yellow lines? These help us find our designated parking spaces.



Also, in American Gothic news, we shared delicious lunches at Tarpon Turtle and Carmelita Grill. Come join us in March.

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's a parrot! Squawk! It's probably a monk parrot, sometimes called a Quaker parrot, swooping around our shared backyards. Like the residents of American Gothic, these colorful, sociable, highly intelligent, and feisty green birds are active and out-and-about.

Our flocks of chatty bird neighbors seem to live in their own "Parrot Condominiums" on the tops of the power line poles. Their feathers decorate our trees and their songs echo in our backyards. They really are entertaining neighbors. We wish they could clean our condos, too!

Hope you are smiling, neighbors!

New building treasurer for Englander is announced

It's official now — we have a new building treasurer. Congratulations, and with appreciation, to Diane Kaplan, who is ready and willing to collect your 2018 building dues of \$10 per resident.

Fortunately, since Diane's condo is more centrally located in our building, your delivery time has been reduced (no extra charge). While you are waiting for her to answer the door, you can sit a spell in one of her very comfortable patio rocking chairs.

These are the same chairs that were occupied the other day as Jerry and Diane Kaplan entertained Diane's cousin, Joyce, and her husband, Jim Zasso, from Harwinton, Conn. Their visit was a great chance to extend belated birthday wishes to both Jerry and Diane, relax, catch up on their families and lives since their last time together, and enjoy some of the many wonderful restaurants that the Clearwater area offers.

Easter is in April this year, but March is the month for green beer and shamrocks. It all starts with the St. Patrick's parade on Saturday, March 10. The Irish Club sponsors the parade, which seems to get



better each year. It ends with hot dogs, green beer and a social in the East Activity Center's parking lot.

Many of us stretch out the celebration until March 17, which is the official St. Patrick's Day, when we'll all be wearing green, even if we aren't Irish!

I think the Irish were very smart to celebrate in March, because we "spring forward" with Daylight Saving Time on March 11, giving everyone a little bit more time for celebrations!

After that, the green goes away



On the left are Jerry Kaplan and Diane Kaplan. On the right is Diane's cousin Joyce and Joyce's husband, Jim Zasso, recent visitors from Connecticut. (Photo by Terri Mikszenas)

and we make way for jelly beans, bunny rabbits and pastel-colored door wreaths. Easter Sunday and April Fool's Day are

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Jesters show featured this Baghdad ‘family affair’

Well, On Top of the World's Jesters Club did it again. The club's annual musical-comedy performances and skits pulled in OTOW residents, filling up every seat in the East Activity Center for three days.

The theme, “Oh, What a Night!” once again allowed us to reminisce and laugh at the music, current events, television game shows and commercials from the 1960's through the 70's.

And for the third year, our Baghdad neighbors, Vicky and Tom Portsmouth, were among the entertainers. This year, though, they made entertaining a family affair — two of their granddaughters made their own theatrical debuts in three shows.

Now, where to begin... Nostalgic hits by Bob Dylan and “Piano Man,” by Billy Joel were sung by Vicky and Tom Portsmouth, which jettisoned us back to our earlier years; it was memorable for the audiences.

Another medley in which the Portsmouts participated was called “The British Invasion.” One of the songs selected was British singer Petula Clark’s popular “Downtown.”

What is interesting about this is Ken Creese, another Baghdad resident (who made his career in the entertainment



business), used to sing with Petula Clark when they were both youngsters.

Vicky also did a comedic part titled “Who's on First,” an adaption of an Abbott and Costello skit. It was hysterical to see our neighbor so good at comedy — perhaps a new budding side career.

If you haven't had a chance to see the Jester's annual performance, they will be performing again next year.

I can guarantee you one thing — you shouldn't miss it, because they have a knack of bringing us some great entertainment.

Some Baghdad building news: Club 36 recently held its annual meeting and elected new officers: Terrie Starr president;



Baghdad residents Tom and Vicky Portsmouth in costume performing a song and skit during the recent OTOW Jesters Club show, “Oh, What a Night.”

Denise Duca, treasurer; new resident Jeanne Schinn, secretary; and Judy Stevens, greeter of new residents. New residents Theodore and Oksana Xenos were welcomed, new

Baghdad telephone directories were distributed, and there were discussions on meeting and election dates, volunteering and recycling.

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Hawaiian Towers residents enjoyed one another's company recently at the Olive Garden.
(Photo by Jim Harrington)

Spring is here and folks are ready to enjoy the outdoors

Hello to all of you at On Top of the World. It is good to see so many people out and about.

Our building in February enjoyed a very nice lunch at the Olive Garden, with 17 people attending. There were many different kinds of dishes ordered. The part that was the best was just everybody's company.

Everyone in the building is invited to these lunches and dinners. You just need to sign-up. Everyone provides their own ride.

Residents, when throwing out your doggie bags of waste please get them in the trash can. Some of you miss the can and people have stepped on the bags. Not fun.

Everyone get out and enjoy the



Irish Club St. Patrick's parade on Saturday, March 10. Look for all the information in the OTOW News.

Enjoy your month. Have fun and be happy!

**Check out OTOW-TV
Channels 98.1 and 732**

Racetrack outing, picnic, white elephant sale scheduled

This has been a busy time for the people in the Mallorca Building. As usual, we have gotten together for fun and festive times.

A group of about 19 Mallorcans and friends went to the Ed Fletcher Early Bird Dinner Theater to see the play "Leading Ladies." From all accounts, the meal was very good and the show was hilarious.

Our annual building meeting was quite successful. Twelve Mallorcans met at the home of the president, where we shared concerns of the building and possible solutions.

This level of concern shows we are very interested in our homes and we want the best for all of us. The secretary cast one vote for the slate of officers who have agreed to continue in their same positions. Much thanks to them.

Ursula Taylor and Peter Kagels opened up their home to our football fans for the Super Bowl. Everyone brought a dish to pass and their own beverage. Dick and Terry Cuplen coordinated and ran the football pool, with several people winning. Thank you, Ursula and Peter, for your hospitality. It was a fun evening.

We have new neighbors! A big welcome is extended to Elsie Paulan and her daughter Bev, from Wisconsin. Elsie is thoroughly enjoying her condo here at On Top of the World.

Poor Bev is still working, so she is



back North, in the cold and snow. I am sure she is eager to return to Florida, if only for a short time.

Elsie has fit in very nicely in our group and we are so glad to see her at many of our activities.

March promises to be a busy month. On the agenda are a trip to Tampa Downs and a St. Patrick's Day picnic.

Next month I will report about our White Elephant sale, back by popular demand.

As usual there will probably be a party or activity that has not been planned at this time.

To all, Happy Spring and Happy St. Pat's Day! And remember to turn your clocks forward on March 11. Yes! Another hour to enjoy the late afternoon sun.



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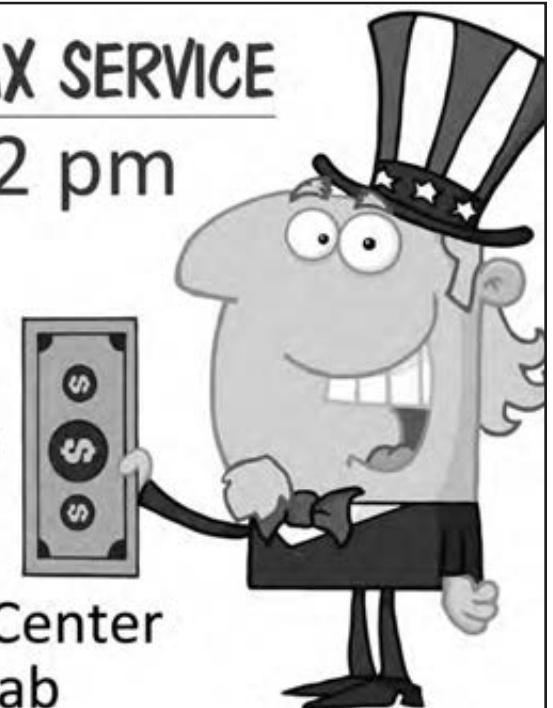
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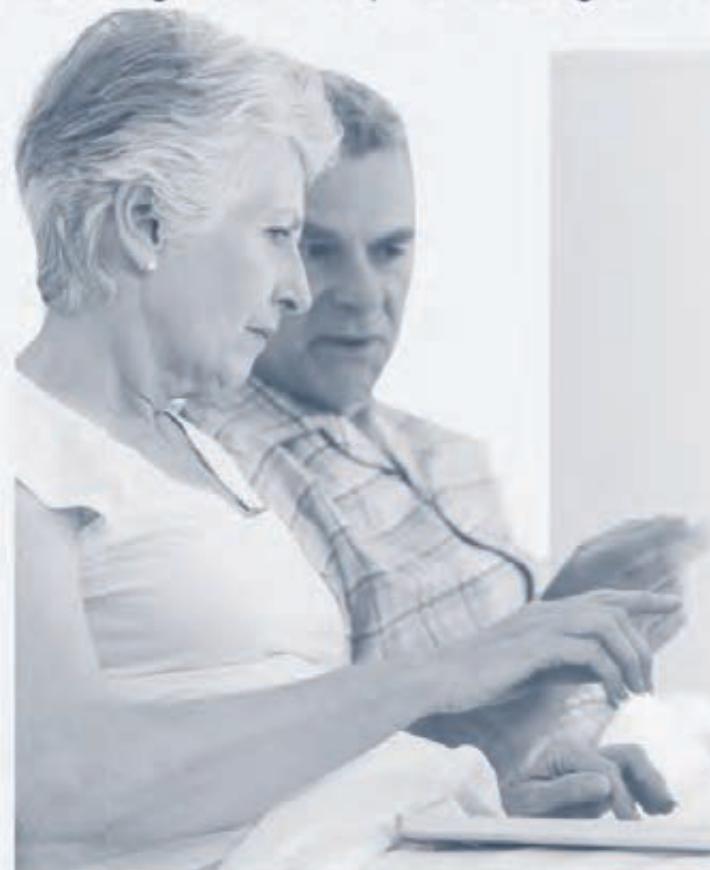
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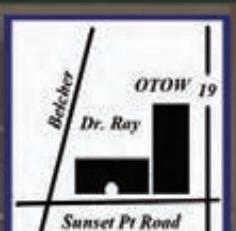
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Happy St. Patrick's Day Month - See You At The Irish Club Parade !

Northern Lights are a multi-night thrill for these viewers



In Fairbanks, Alaska, the Aurora Borealis passes over in a blast of curtain-shaped green light. Austrian Alpine residents Pat and Beverly Gallagher observed the Northern Lights for three of the six nights they spent in an Alaskan lodge.

"It was a winter wonderland at 26 below zero during the day and 33 below at night, the windless nights," noted Beverly. "We watched the lights from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m."

Going out into that 33 below night was based on science. The Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks has a camera shooting up to the sky that shows the location of the Aurora Borealis. Pat and Beverly checked the location of the Auroral Oval on both their computer and phone. Out they went, the clouds blew away, and there were the Northern Lights!



In Alaska, Pat and Beverly Gallagher stand outside in below-zero conditions to view the magnificent Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights.

Pat and Beverly also walked along the Alaska Pipeline, went on a beautiful dogsled ride, toured the Iditarod Museum, and dined at a diner for ice-road truckers, who drive over the frozen lakes—the Dalton Highway—to their destinations. Delicious meatloaf with a healthy ladle of gravy

was the fare for the long trek.

There was a good turnout to the annual Austrian Alpine building meeting. We voted on benches and research into a butterfly garden. Our volunteers are the best! Thank you, all! Our units and the area around our building are our

investment in our property. We want it to look beautiful!

Our February storage room cleanout went smoothly. Each unit (60 total) in our building has a 2'x3' space for storage.

Check the bulletin board for specifics on our next building social event.

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OTOW vet participated in memorable Honor Flight trip

Mike Lenzi enlisted in the United States Navy in November, 1965, during the Vietnam War.

This was a time most young men were dreading being drafted, some straight out of high school. Mike served in the U.S. Navy until November 1966, in Saigon and Da Nang, South Vietnam.

When Mike returned home from the Navy, he did not tell anyone he had been in the war, due to all the protests that had been happening here in the United States. There were no big celebrations to welcome home veterans or war heroes.

Mike's faith took him through the war, brought him home and to a wonderful point in his life just last year! In October, 2017, Mike was nominated and won entry for the very first Honor Flight for Vietnam Veterans to Washington, D.C.

He would be accompanying 175 other Vietnam vets on a three-bus convoy to DC. (Since Mike's group was leaving from Media, Pa., planes were not necessary.)

This was no ordinary bus ride. State Troopers led the way out of Pennsylvania, lights on the entire way to the Delaware state line, where Delaware troopers took over, escorting the busses until they



reached their destination, Washington, D.C., where a National Park ranger became their escort.

First, the group visited Arlington Cemetery for the changing of the guards. As the guard passed, the sergeant of the guard dragged his left heel on the concrete in recognition, an honored military tradition.

After this, they headed to the Air Force Memorial, where the Air Force drill team put on a demonstration, followed by a barbecue lunch.

The veterans then went to the Vietnam

Memorial, where they performed a small ceremony and placed a wreath for a fellow veteran who recently passed away.

Afterward, they boarded the busses for a very special "Mail Call." Children from grammar schools in the Brookhaven School District in Pennsylvania had written thank-you notes to all the veterans for their service.

On the way back to Pennsylvania, Mike noticed an incredible gathering of 600 motorcycles at the Pennsylvania Visitor Center. Pennsylvania troopers closed route 95 north as the cycles became bus escorts.

Every exit was closed as fire trucks with buckets high in the air waved American flags as the cycles and busses proceed on.

Returning to their final destination, a family-owned restaurant, red carpets were rolled out from each bus to the door of the restaurant and all 175 veterans enjoyed a full dinner on the house!

Mike may have waited 40 years for some formal recognition of his service, but somehow, I think this trip was worth the wait.

Thank you, Mike, for your service, and may God bless all of our brave men and women in service today.



Vietnam veteran Mike Lenzi proudly shows off the shirt he wore during his recent Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C.

Mike will be riding on the veterans' float in this year's Irish Club St. Patrick's parade on March 10.

For more on Honor Flight, go to www.honorflight.org.



An evening of food, fun and conversation awaited all during a recent monthly dinner at Cody's Roadhouse.

Reporters move from one OTOW building to another

Stuart and I recently moved to the Paradise Reserve section of On Top of the World. Before we moved, we were the reporters for the Mediterranean Building.

Our timing was perfect, as former Paradise reporter Toni Reinwald concluded her tenure with the OTOW News. We all thank Toni for her outstanding job and look forward to many years of reporting all the wonderful activities that go on in Paradise.

During the month of February, the Rio Riviera Building held its annual building meeting. Everyone was cheerful and looked forward to planning a wonderful year of events and activities.



We all agreed to continue the tradition of monthly dinners out, an ice cream social and pot luck dinners.

Mid-winter chill does not slow down these Azorians

Azorians have been very busy at mid-winter despite unseasonably cold and then warm temperatures.

From the Good Works Department: Doris O'Meara was recently honored for her 25 years of volunteer service at Suncoast Hospice. Doris can't believe how quickly the past quarter century has passed doing this necessary yet rewarding work.

Our building's newest canine resident, Jen Fitzgerald, has enjoyed exploring her new territory and all the new smells since relocating from New Jersey. Jen's parents, Celeste and Kelly, recently took a trip to Fort Lauderdale for Celeste's business where she experienced the travails of the working spouse.

Russ Heiserman and Sy Mackey had a great time as they sailed on one of those "city-size" cruise ships, complete with dogs and fire plugs. At times they actually forgot they were on a ship at sea.

Joe Spahalski and his son-in-law took a break from their new art classes to kayak down the Chassahowitzka River observing manatees and other Florida wildlife. They are both enjoying their new artistic endeavor. While hoping to create the new "Salvator Mundi," right now their paintings are valued at mere "give-away" prices.

Carl Maietta celebrated his son Michael's 40th birthday with a cruise aboard the yacht Starship during the Gasparilla invasion. Carl said this is absolutely the best way to get "your pirate on."

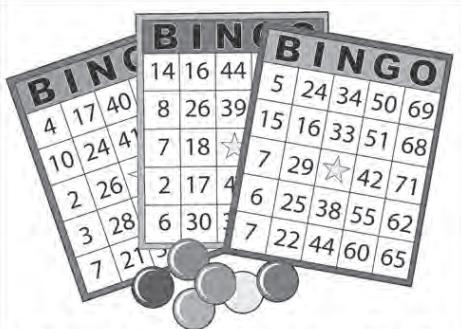


Gordon Fowlie celebrated his 86th birthday with dinner at Bob Heilman's Beachcomber restaurant. He couldn't understand why their table was set for five when only his son Paul and wife Jean were with him. Shortly after being seated, his son David surprised him by popping into the restaurant. Gordon thought David was on a business trip, only to discover the "business" was to surprise his dad.

Perhaps there are surprises in store for the following March celebrants: Doris O'Meara, March 8; Nanette Rudolph, March 10; Tom Pirrello, March 12; Stan Stock, March 25; and Denise Foley, March 30.

Save the date: Thursday, March 8: Azores Activity Club annual barbecue at noon in Phillippe Park, Safety Harbor. Friday, April 6: Azores Day at the Races (Tampa Bay Downs).

Watch for signup sheets on the bulletin board. Happy Spring.



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Flamenco residents dressed up for a New Orleans style Mardi Gras celebration Feb. 13.

Karaoke, Mardi Gras mark a great start to 2018

Hello to all. It's been an exciting beginning to the New Year with a Karaoke party on Jan. 26, hosted by Bob and Lorraine Gendron. The residents showed off their fine singing talent and a good time was had by all.

Residents and their guests enjoyed a Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday Feb. 13, with an evening of New Orleans style cuisine, door prizes, favors and even a photo booth.

Phil and Bettie Martinez were crowned "King" and "Queen" of Mardi Gras. Our thanks to Debbie Allen, Elaine Whaley and the others who helped make the event a success.

Congratulations to Don and Jeri Hunter, who celebrated their 55th wedding



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There will be more news and events to come this year, so stay tuned!

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Building meeting set for March 21

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Don't forget the Irish Club St. Patrick's parade March 10 — wear your green. A fun day will be had by all (come get your green beer).

"The Best of Broadway" will be performed by the On Top of the World Theater Workshop on March 9, 10 and 11. A mere five dollars and you will have a great evening of song from Broadway's best.

Neighbor Cele Radeloff's daughter Carol visited from Staten Island for a week. No beach days, but it was warmer than her home in New York.

Cele received an iPhone from her son and his wife. She is doing very well learning how to make calls and receiving them. She even had a video chat with her daughter in Long Island, N.Y., early one morning. What a surprise for Cele that they could all see her. She just stepped out of the shower and she apologized to them for her hair not being combed!

Our next building meeting will be March 21 at 7 p.m. Please attend if you can.

We will be having a core party March 25 at 4 p.m.

Easter is on April Fool's day this year. That's no joke. Have a Happy Easter.

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For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.



Residents of the Brahman Building recently attended a ladies luncheon at Wildflower Café in downtown Clearwater.

This was the first of several outings planned for the season.

Please note our building will be having more functions. Please keep an eye on the bulletin board for further information. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know.

There will be sign-up sheets for any event including building coffees.

In March, weather permitting, we are planning an outside barbecue. Date and time to be determined. We also hope to plan an outing to Sunken Gardens. Again, date and time to be determined.

We also hope to go back to Hamburger



These ladies of the Brahman Building recently enjoyed a nice luncheon at the Wildflower Café in downtown Clearwater.

Mary's at some point soon. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for the latest on these and other events.

As a side note, please take notice of the improved bulletin boards. Thanks to Bonnie and Sean Matyjasik, who

decorated them so nicely. Bonnie and Sean are the new neighbors featured in last month's paper.

Look forward to seeing many more neighbors participating in our building. Yay, spring is on its way!

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Reporter departing for New Mexico

The annual meeting for the Chetnik Building Association was held on Jan. 17.

There was a nice turnout of 27 residents. Pizza and drinks were served before the meeting began.

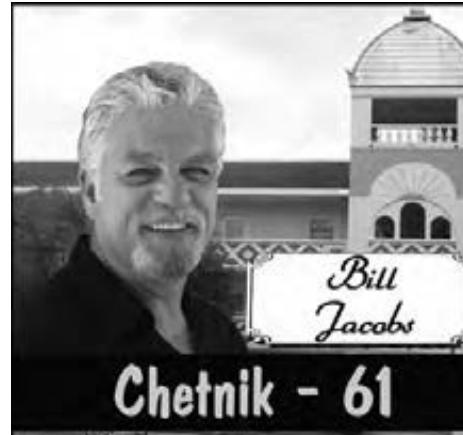
There were a number of questions from residents which Building Captain Paul Bruyere answered, including when our second and third-floor walkways were going to be painted, as many of the walkways in other buildings have been completed.

It has been determined that we are on the On Top of the World list, but there is no specific time periods for completion.

Paul Bruyere volunteered to continue on as building captain and a vote was taken to confirm that decision.

Diana Walker was nominated and confirmed by vote for the treasurer/secretary position.

The floor was opened for questions and one of the subjects was about how to keep the trash room in order, particularly



when most residents are here during the winter months. We ask for resident cooperation in keeping the trash room free of furniture and items which are prohibited from the trash room, and to break down boxes before placing them in the bins. We were told OTOW is in the process of placing larger trash cans in the trash rooms similar to the recycle bins.

As many of you may know, I have been in the process of moving to Las Cruces, N.M. It has been a desire for many years, and the time has come to fulfill that desire.

Thank you to all who wished me well in my move, and thank you for the many friends I have been fortunate enough to have made while living here for the past 14 years. It has truly been a pleasure to be a part of our little neighborhood.

With my move, there is an opening for a volunteer to write the Chetnik Building column for this newspaper. Anyone interested or anyone requesting more information, please contact Doug Kates in the news office in the East Activity Center or Teresa Kawalec, our past writer for the column. Again, thanks to all.

(The staff and management of the OTOW News thanks Bill Jacobs for his service as Chetnik Building reporter. Good luck in the future, Bill!)

Loch Lomond building dues reinstated

Happy March! "May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light. May Good Luck pursue you each morning and night."

March is the month of beginnings. Spring begins on March 21. In Ancient Rome, March was the first month of the year.

Let us Floridians not be lulled into the softening air and comfortable temperatures though. We should be alert to volatile and sudden weather changes. Some of us still remember the 1993 "no-name storm."

But wait! Now that our new roof is in place, we shouldn't have any wet-weather worries. Unless you took off on a two-week cruise, y'all were real troopers, dealing with the noise, dust and parking inconveniences during the whole roof replacement process. It was well worth it.

Kudos to Phil Woods and all who helped him update our phone and mailbox listings.

Keep your eye on the bulletin board for our "Spring Snowbird Sendoff," complete



with punch and cookies in the first floor core. This is always a fun event.

Thanks to all for the good turnout at our Annual Building Meeting/Luncheon. The important issues addressed at the meeting included the reinstatement of our building dues. Being aware of printing costs and other building expenses, residents overwhelmingly contributed the \$10 dues.

The updated multi-page Resident Information Booklet was distributed. Among the most important issues tackled was a deep and serious spring cleaning of storage areas. Watch the bulletin board for details.

Finally, let's turn our attention to our exciting and boisterous Irish Club St. Patrick's Parade coming up on Saturday, March 10!

Our new neighbors will find that the Loch Lomond building is in a prime location for them to enjoy the parade from any balcony on the Jamaican side. It's like having your own "skybox!"

If you prefer ground level views, take your lawn or beach chairs down to the grassy areas along World Parkway. The club floats, clowns, dogs, bagpipers, etc., are always a treat.

Be sure to watch for signs, as the Belcher gate will be closed for a short time during the parade.

Remember, "Your feelings will take you where your heart is."

Residents' pride results in successful storage room cleanup



Our building captain, Gerri Jaeger, has asked that I extend her heartfelt thanks to all of us who participated in the "Great Building Clean up Event."

As a participant, I was excited to see how much was put into that dumpster. It contained furniture, electronics and all kinds of things from the storage rooms that people had put there because they did not know what to do with it, or was in their assigned space but did not belong to them.

We even found some items that belonged to former residents who had forgotten about their items stowed in the

storage rooms when they moved away.

We are proud that we made a dent but there is still room for improvement. I hope we can make it an annual event.

This month is both sad and exciting for us as well. We held a moving away, goodbye party for one of our most active couples, Penny Page and Rick Dusek. They are moving to the South Carolina coastal area to be nearer their children and grandchildren.

We will also be welcoming the purchasers of their unit to the building, and hopefully I can introduce them to you in my next article.

Our ladies' brunch at Tiffany's Family Restaurant was a total success. We enjoyed the food and lingered over the conversation.

Since this is our first year of having a ladies' lunch/brunch group, we vote on restaurants to leave on, or delete from, our list. Tiffany's definitely will stay on our list. Our March brunch will be held at the Clearwater Family Restaurant.

We hope this may strike your fancy and that you will join us. As usual, the date will be the fourth Tuesday of the month. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the elevator.



Queen Victoria Building residents met recently to form a social planning committee.

Queen Victoria Building checks in after long absence

An enthusiastic group of 16 women of the Queen Victoria Building gathered at the home of Joan Brown on Saturday, Feb. 10. The agenda was to organize a social committee for planning monthly building events. Concerns and questions regarding finances, future activities, and On Top of the World policies were raised and discussed over coffee and dessert.

An ice cream social is scheduled for March 17 in the third floor core, plus several ideas are pending for future events.



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Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

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Paradise/West Side....11 to 11:20 a.m.
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Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon

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Paradise/West Side....11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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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.

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Mike Bucella, holding dog, stands with a local Puerto Rican resident who has received little help since Hurricane Maria devastated the island in October.

Residents' grandson helps with Puerto Rico recovery

Minnie and Dom Bucella can be very proud of their grandson, Michael. Mike has been in Puerto Rico helping the devastated island recover from the worst hurricane to ever make landfall there.

Bucella left on the morning of Oct. 6 with two bags of supplies and landed on an island with no power, no drinking water, no diesel and where temperatures topped 90. All that Mike has done cannot be told in this short space. You can Google Michael Bucella Puerto Rico for the complete story and many pictures. He truly is a hero.

Welcome new neighbor Carmen Colon, who comes to us by way of Chicago. Carmen has three children, loves the beach and good music.

Howard Rochte and Russ Lamesfield lent their talents to the Jesters' show. There is such an amazing amount of talent here in our corner of paradise. And the sound and stage crews are to be complimented for their outstanding job.

Winter Captain Howard Rochte announced the annual building meeting for March 12 at 4 p.m. on the Finlandia side followed by a BYOB and snacks. There were many building-related items on the agenda, including collecting updated information for the new building directory. Unpaid dues of \$10 may be paid at the



meeting. These meetings are important to us at the Villa, so please try to attend.

A cookout is on the agenda for the building. Please look for date and time on the bulletin board.

Join Elsie Jane Anderson and the Polar Bears every morning at 9 a.m. for a fun workout in our wonderful pool. With March comes baseball. We are so lucky to have pro ball within earshot. So go enjoy the "Boys of Summer" at springtime ticket prices.

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