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(OTOW News photo by Tim Amdor)

The St. Andrews Pipe Band marching in the 2018 Irish Club parade.

It's almost parade time!

March can only mean one thing at On Top of the World. The annual Irish Club St. Patrick's Day parade is almost here!

Let's close down World Parkway Boulevard East for an hour, get our faces painted with clovers, watch a parade with our favorite clubs, groups, bands and local sponsors, and feast on hot dogs and adult beverages in the afternoon.

Did I mention dancing?

Irish Club Parade Master Mike Cooper said residents are in for a treat this year. Not only will there be music at the post-parade party, but the musician will be a true Irishman - Joe Burke.

Joe has sung for the Irish Club in the past, but this will be his first parade. He specializes in Irish tunes, plays guitar and will provide plenty of dancing-type music.

"As a matter of fact, he actually is from Ireland," Mike said.

During the parade, music will be provided by the Dunedin High School and Dunedin Middle School marching bands, along with the St. Andrews Pipe Band. Ray Willis will be going solo on

the pipes as he rides along with the Irish Club.

The Countryside High School Musical Guild will preview characters from their upcoming show "Music Man" and the East Lake Drama Club will preview characters from their upcoming show "Hello Dolly!"

The Line Dance Club and Snowbirds Line Dance Club will merge on this day to provide song and dance. The Art Guild will be making its parade debut.

Special guests will be Kenneth Colen, Gerald Colen, Mary McLaughlin and Bridget Mitchell. The Irish Club will be honoring Kirk and Karen Saffee and their son, Dan, who have been extremely active in the Entertainment Committee, Coffee Corner, Jesters and Bingo.

The Irish Club will be serving complimentary beer and pretzels. The Good Karma Café will be selling hot dogs, chips and a soft drink for \$3. The Press Association will be passing out newspapers and Mike guarantees dry conditions and temperatures in the low 70s. "It never rains on my parade," he said.

All dogs are welcome! Large dogs or small dogs - if you have a dog who loves to walk, join our parade. You don't have to belong to a club. Meet at Jamaica Street at 9 a.m. Distance is about 1.5 miles.



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(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

On Top of the World loves a good ballet

By Doug Kates

When Tampa Ballet Theatre agreed to create a special show just for On Top of the World, there was a little concern what type of reaction the dancers would receive from a community that hasn't had live ballet recently.

But by curtain time, there was no doubt.

More than 200 chairs were set up in the East Activity Center auditorium the morning of Feb. 11. By curtain time, that total had increased to more than 400 chairs.

Residents were treated to a one hour show, free of charge, and a loud applause

took place after each act.

OTOW enjoyed it.

"We love reaching out to communities and being involved," said Heather Mills, ballet mistress and set choreographer.

The show was "Les Sylphides," known as the first ballet about mood and dance. For those of you who saw the show, you will be shocked to learn that Tampa Ballet Theater had only 3 1/2 weeks to prepare.

Heather said the dancers had the knowledge how to do the steps, but the choreography was brand new.

It was the first time this group did this particular show together. The 18 dancers worked from 13-34 years of age and three

different skill levels.

"They did a wonderful job," Heather said.

Sound and lighting was provided by our own Entertainment Committee and the glow of reds, blues and purples enhanced the dancing even more.

Tampa Ballet Theatre, founded by Director Lindsay Clark, is a non-profit professional company, which teaches dance. The mission is to educate, entertain and broaden the outlook of the community through the works of classical and contemporary ballet.

The long-term goal is to grow throughout the state of Florida.

Tampa Ballet Theatre performed "The Nutcracker" at Ruth Eckerd Hall in December and is currently working on "Peter Pan" scheduled for June 8-9 at the Central Park Performing Arts Center in Largo.

For more information on Tampa Ballet Theatre, you can call (727) 286-6757 or visit its Website at tampaballettheatre.org.

If you would like information about sponsoring the organization, you can write to Lindsay at: Lindsay.TBB.TBT@gmail.com.

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Spring will be here soon and so will community paving projects

Spring Paving Projects

Groundhog Day in Gobbler's Knob came and went with a bit of good news - Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow. For some, this means that spring may be arriving early this year!

With that, Parkway Maintenance and Management would like to remind all residents that this is the time of year for repaving streets and parking lots within our community.

Because of the nature of this work, residents may be required to relocate vehicles to allow for paving crews to complete their work.

Watch for posted notices on building bulletin boards, as well as car windshields, reflecting project schedules and locations.

Seasonal residents, or those who will be out-of-town during this time, will want to leave a spare set of car keys with a trusted neighbor to avoid having their car relocated by a towing company.

Residents are encouraged to come into the Community Service Office, or go online to www.otowclearwaterinfo.com, and complete an information/change of address form. This will allow you to note if another unit owner has keys to your vehicle in your absence. The form is also available in the OTOW newspaper.

Also, as a reminder, when encountering paving work in progress, be sure to exercise caution when safety cones and flag personnel are present in roadways.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Recap of Community Rule Six (6)

From time to time, I get requests from residents to include Association rules in my column as a means of bringing attention to one or all of them.

This month I have been asked to remind all residents about showing kindness and consideration for their neighbors.

I like to think we all know and observe this courtesy.

Surprisingly, this is not always the case, and it may or may not be mean spirited.

For instance, you may not realize that



while turning up the volume to your TV may be great for you, it could be disturbing your neighbors. Or, wanting to get an early start on your laundry may free up your morning, but this could be waking your neighbor and giving them a not so pleasant start to their day.

So, the next time you go to click that increase volume button, or want to start a load of laundry or dishes at 5 a.m. be kindly reminded of this:

Community Rule 6 Disturbance or Interference.

"No owner or resident of any unit at On Top of the World, and no visitor to On Top of the World, shall do or permit to be done, anything that interferes with the rights, comfort or convenience of any other owner, resident or visitor in On Top of the World. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, no owner, resident or visitor may use or play, or permit to be played, in any unit or elsewhere in On Top of the World any mechanical, electrical or other device (including but not limited to any musical instrument, stereo, amplifier, radio or television) between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and the following 7:00 a.m. in a manner that disturbs any other owner, resident or visitor in On Top of the World. Skateboarding, skating, rollerblading, and similar activities are permitted only within the streets at On Top of the World and shall not be permitted in any other Common Areas of On Top of the World."

Did You Know?

The Amended and Restated Rules for the On Top of the World Condominium Community require that one person occupying the unit on a full time basis be fifty-five (55) years of age or older and no child under the age of seventeen (17) may reside in the community.

But, there is one exception to this restriction and that is in event of an inheritance.

Regardless, all inheritances, sales and leases must be approved by the On Top of the World Condominium Association.

Remediation

The Remediation department is experiencing a large number of occurrences with residents who have been less than cooperative in making necessary repairs to leaking plumbing fixtures within their unit.

These leaky fixtures have damaged the interior of their unit as well as surrounding units and Common Elements.

Understand, that as the unit owner, you are required to maintain the unit in good, presentable, clean, sanitary and operational condition and repair at all times.

This includes all mechanical and electrical systems in the unit, including HVAC, plumbing, supply and drain lines, fixtures, water heater, washer/dryer (if any), ice maker water lines and valves (if any), carpentry, cabinetry and wall finishes.

In other words, if it is broken – just fix it!

Failure by an owner to make the necessary repairs will mean the Association must take enforcement action against the owner responsible for the source of the problem.

Community Service Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

Calls and voicemails are responded

to during normal business hours. Once the resident's need is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the request to discern if it is urgent or a non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and scheduled.

Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

As a reminder, window repair items, exclusive to the unit, are the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request. 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

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter in the common areas only.

Please do not leave health related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests. For a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number, after hours, in the event of an emergency, such as water intrusion into your unit.

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.



Flea Market/Craft Show March 23

The 2019 spring Flea Market and Craft Show will take place Saturday, March 23, from 10 am - 1 pm, in the East Activity Center auditorium. Admission is free.



Good Neighbors Clothing Drive

The 2019 Spring Clothing Drive will take place Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16, from 10 am - 2 pm, under the EAC Portico. Just drive up and we'll take your clean and slightly used clothing items.

Watch a replay
of the
2019
Irish Club Parade
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OTOW, residents, must work

Many of you are aware that your community has been in the news lately.

Between freak storm damage and coyotes, it has been a wild three months!

Focusing on coyotes for a bit, I will note that it is a fact in Florida, and the Southeastern United States, that residents live side-by-side with wildlife, such as alligators, bears, bats, birds of prey, coyotes, foxes, raccoons and small prey animals like rabbits and songbirds.

As a result, conflicts with wildlife may be inevitable at some point.

Human/wildlife interactions do not have to end badly for either human or wildlife. Certain precautions may be taken that help avoid tragedy.

To that end, please review the Association's most recent notice posted in the center core of every building and published in the February newspaper detailing how to mitigate risks and make the community less hospitable to coyotes and nuisance wildlife.

Your Association has been proactive in its efforts to inform residents of the risks associated with wildlife and practical measures to avoid an incident. Some of those efforts have involved educational outreach with the Florida Fish Wildlife Commission (FWC) and Pinellas County Animal Control.

For example, the Association hosted speakers from these agencies on Nov. 27, 2018, to discuss the practicalities of avoiding human/wildlife interactions. This event was well attended by residents and we hope to have these speakers back in the spring of 2019.

Aside from these educational efforts, OTOW News is also a source of good information for residents.

The Association has also provided a dog park, with secure fencing, where owners may exercise their dogs in a safe location.

For residents who would rather walk their dogs, I have noticed some are doing so in groups. This is an interesting strategy. It has the added (and probably unintended) benefit of serving a social purpose as well.

What strikes me in a negative way is that the coyotes are entirely too comfortable in the community. A proven way of making coyotes scarce is "hazing." No, not like your frat days, but making noise when they are present. This can involve anything from shaking rocks, whistles, air horns or dry beans in a metal cans (noise generating).

The goal is to scare them, but not to injure any wildlife.

Discharging a shotgun, or other firearm, in Pinellas County is a violation of the law.

The Community Service Office also sells, at cost, a Citronella spray to repel curious coyotes or dogs that may make an unwanted approach.

State Fish and Wildlife Commission officers do not suggest using Mace spray as this may cause undue suffering of the target animal (and may drift into your or your pet's way with a very bad result).



The CSO now has in stock whistles and compact air horns for sale at cost to residents. The loud blast is a means of immediate deterrence. Make sure you hold onto your dog, and if you do blast noise, blast vertically into the air to protect your and your animal's hearing.

Longer term, the Association continues to work with the FWC and local agency in wildlife management. To this end, the agency has attempted to inform residents that feeding wildlife, no matter how well intentioned, promotes animal interaction and is a violation of state law that is subject to a fine.

The Association has no enforcement authority in this regard. Enforcement is the exclusive purview of the state and county.

On Top of the World management raised a question about trapping to the FWC. Its response was, while removal is an option, and could prove successful in the short term, this also removes competition from other packs and could allow new packs of coyotes to move into the area.

Among other options available, the FWC indicated that cage traps are not successful; snares are moderately more successful, but could lead to the possibility of unattended trapping of non-targeted animals and could be lethal in a slow, agonizing manner.

Aside from these questionable measures, the Association can continue to inform and communicate with residents, and ask for their cooperation in managing and improving the situation. Reducing the presence of coyotes, and other wildlife, in the community requires ongoing efforts and cooperation by all residents.

Preventative measures, with resident cooperation, includes residents remaining with their pets and ensuring they are on a short leash.

Tying your dog and leaving them outside is a violation of Pinellas County Code, Animal Services, Chapter 14, Article II, 14-31.

Yes, we have observed this violation of both the Pinellas County Code and common sense.

As for food, keep all animal food in proper storage containers in an interior location in your condominium, so as not to attract wildlife. Any feeding of wildlife, including, but not limited to coyotes, feral cats, strays, migratory waterfowl, etc., (excluding bird feeders), intentional or other-

wise, is prohibited.

Pavilion, Tennis Courts

Update

The East Activity Center tennis courts are completed and the shuffleboard activity park is being improved as of this writing.

The pavilion is stalled (yet again) pending the county accepting a "tie-in" survey that locates all elements on the site. The survey is complete, but needs to be added to the civil engineering plans and re-submitted to the county in the next few weeks. I have no idea when we'll get the go-ahead from the county. Permanent grass is being installed where we can, and much of the barrier fencing will be going away.

Improvements continue to the signature gardens on World Parkway Boulevard. The latest task was updating the aging electrical system to accommodate new LED walkway lighting. This newest element will provide a better aesthetic for the area as well as improve the overall user experience. (See photo page 22)

Safety Check-up

In February, this article discussed the importance of maintaining your air conditioner (HVAC) and also discussed the importance of replacing water heaters more than 13 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?"

The Community Service Office 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 realize!

"If I have a washer and dryer, did a licensed professional properly install them?"

If you cannot 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 condominium are the owner's obligation to have serviced - regardless if you have an originally built-in dryer vent or if it was added later.

Is it free of lint accumulation?

When did you have it last serviced by a professional?

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 regularly.

Do you have a first aid kit in your home?

How old is it?

Do you maintain an up-to-date emergency contact list?

Do you remember where it is and is it 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.

Community Updates

Painting/Waterproofing: As this article goes to print, residents in Building 71 should see painting crews wrapping up their work and moving to the front facades of Buildings 74 and 76 in March.

Above average rainfall, and well below average temperatures in January, hampered their efforts. However, weather more conducive to structure coating appears to be on the horizon with the approach of spring.

Once again, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating on the front façade of these buildings and may require residents to temporarily relocate vehicles and personal property in order to perform this work. As always, start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Construction, Roofing, and large scope projects: This month, a utility contractor, under arrangement to the Management Company, will begin the process of replacing potable water line feeds that service condominium units. The project will affect residents in Buildings 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 19 and 18 over the spring months.

Weather permitting, the improvements should wrap up no later than June 1. Because of the nature of this work, please avoid the grass areas in close proximity to their rear porches when the contractor is operating in these specific areas.

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together to control wildlife

Please help us make safety a number one priority in the community.

A roofing contractor will be a couple of days into the project at Building 30 once this edition of the newspaper is in full distribution. Just a reminder for all of the residents in that building to observe all areas cordoned-off for safety reasons. Pay attention to your building bulletin boards for any updates that may require your awareness or cooperation.

An aluminum railing improvement project at Building 1 will continue in the month of March with Parkway and the contracted vendor working hand-in-hand.

As was published in the February edition of the OTOW News, this project will take additional time by nature of the removal and replacement of the life-safety components. We ask that residents continue to be aware of workers in the area and do their best to avoid active work areas when at all possible. Thanks for your assistance.

Asphalt paving and resurfacing projects are currently in the bidding process by qualified, licensed and insured contractors. We anticipate that contracts will be awarded shortly thereafter with paving beginning as early as April 2019. Keep an eye on your building's bulletin boards for any important notices regarding this annual work.

Reoccurring reminders

for all community residents

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 intended result is to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme. The Management Company will post notices on affected building's bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work. Please be aware of "Caution" and "Wet Paint" signs in and around these work areas.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future. Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times decorative rocks or landscaping are installed without the

Boat storage renewal, guidelines

A reminder that renewal fees are due in March for all residents who utilize the boat/kayak stands on the shore of Lake Arbor. The fee for the 2019 registration period is \$25. 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 elect not to renew, you will have until March 7 to remove your boat from the area. Unregistered boats left in this area after the deadline date will be removed, impounded and ultimately donated to a local charity if not claimed after 60 days of removal. Thank you for your cooperation.

On Top of the World - Public Notice Unclaimed Water Vessel Charity Donation/Donation Auction

Pursuant to 2018 Florida Statute 328, Parkway Maintenance is giving notice that it will be donating unclaimed property within 60 days of this published notice.

Dated this 1st of March, 2019, and published in the March 2019 edition of OTOW News.

Did you know there are 4 ways to turn your water on or off?

- (1) CALL: 727-799-3417 (Option 6)
Messages are retrieved Mon-Fri, 7-5 p.m.
- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Community Service Desk from 8:30-3, Monday-Friday.
- (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

Service Policy

Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. Field personnel answer requests from 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. weekdays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. weekends. There is no charge during normal business hours. You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on. Your signature is required.

advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator. Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards. The management company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills be it propane, charcoal, or electric, are not permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

Clutter enforcement has always been

one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live. If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately.

If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you. Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice. Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

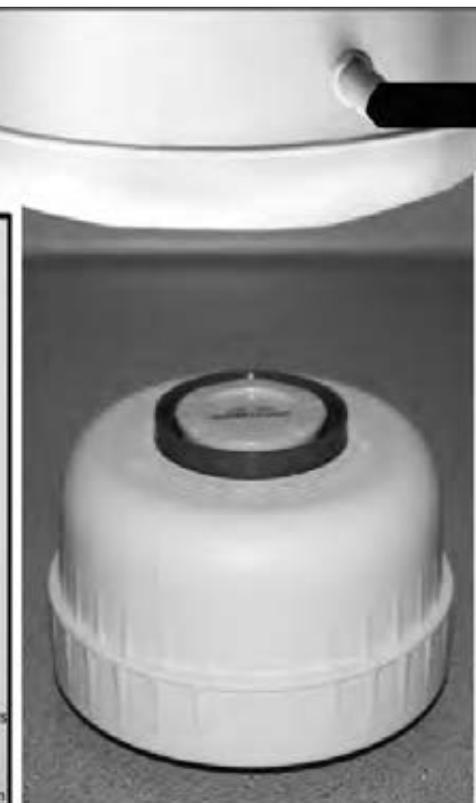
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Master the Possibilities is coming to Clearwater - come learn about this program on March 11

The Irish have a saying, "If you're lucky enough to be Irish, then you're lucky enough."

As activity coordinator for On Top of the World, I know I speak for community residents and staff when I say part of our luck is working with the president of the Irish Club, Mike Cooper, on this event. He has us all chanting, "It never rains on our parade!"

The Irish Club parade was founded by the club 24 years ago and it continues to grow in popularity. The Good Karma Café joined in to serve hot dogs and sponsor the entertainment four years ago, and even though Saturday is not a typical work day for us, we all look forward to this event!

This year, once again, the Good Karma Café will joyfully be serving its hot dog combo: a hot dog, chips and soda all for only \$3.

For your listening pleasure, tables and chairs will be set up around Irish entertainer, Joe Burke, so bring your dancing shoes.

See you at the parade on Saturday, March 9. World Parkway Boulevard closes at 9 a.m. The parade starts at 10 a.m.

Master the Possibilities

Master the Possibilities (MTP) is a lifelong learning organization in Ocala.

Working in concert with On Top of the World-Ocala, Master the Possibilities provides hundreds of courses on a broad variety of topics to the residents there and is open to the public.

Now, Master the Possibilities can provide some of its programming to the residents of OTOW-Clearwater.

Please join us on Monday, March 11, at 11 a.m. to hear representatives of Master the Possibilities speak about the educational programming that will be available in Clearwater.

Free snacks and refreshments will be served. I look forward to seeing you there!

New Activities for Residents

Antonina Wuthrich, a resident and certified Zumba instructor, adds another free Zumba class to our community schedule - this one on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Exercise Room.

Haz-To-Go

Haz-To-Go will be at the East Activity Center and West Activity Center parking lots in March. The trailer will be on the east side on Tuesday, March 19, and the west side on Thursday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Residents can conveniently dispose of hazardous items, ensuring they are recycled or properly disposed. Please see flyer on page 60 as to what to bring and not to bring. Haz-to-Go flyers also will be posted at the East and West Activity Centers. At the end of the event, the



trailer will return to the county's collection center where items will be packaged for recycling or disposal.

Consumer Protection Week

In recognition of National Consumer Protection Week, Pinellas County Consumer Protection will be hosting a Consumer Expo on Friday, March 8.

This is a free event in East Activity Center auditorium from 9 a.m. to noon.

Come visit the information tables and meet representatives from a variety of county departments and community agencies.

Learn about the free services these agencies provide to Pinellas County residents and the resources available.

Also, Pro Shred (outdoors) and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Operation Medicine Cabinet will be on site from 9-11 a.m. to provide safe, free, disposal of your documents and outdated medications.

Be Aware of Unlicensed Contractors

The dangers of unlicensed contractors will be presented by the Florida Department of Business Regulation (DBPR) on Tuesday, March 12, in the East Activity auditorium from 10-11 a.m.

Join us to learn tips for hiring a contractor, which trades do and do not require a license, warning signs a contractor may not be licensed, how to report unlicensed activity and more.

Aging and Eye Diseases

Is vision loss normal because you're getting older?

Are you at risk for developing Macular Degeneration, Glaucoma, Cataracts, or Diabetic Eye Disease?

David Himes from the Healthy Vision Institute will answer those questions and any additional questions you may have with a presentation on the topic of "Aging and Eye Diseases."

The seminar will take place in the East Activity Center Art Room on Tuesday, March 19, at 10:30 a.m. This is a free educational seminar and complimentary screenings are available. Registration is not required.

Aging Successfully Series

On April 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the Art Room, Aging Successfully Series presents "Preventing Falls." Registration not required.

Leslie Noland from Gulf Coast Community Services will explain why falls are the leading cause of injury among people 65 and older.

Why does the risk of a fall increase with age? Did you know many falls are preventable?

Learn some personal, environmental and risk-taking factors that may contribute to a fall and what we can do about them.

Please make plans to attend and I look forward to seeing you there.

Eckerd College Osher Life Long Learning March 2019

Biography: There's No Show Like a Merman Show! The Unforgettable Ethel Merman.

Instructor: Joy Katzen-Guthrie
Friday, March 15, 10:30 a.m.-noon
Merman once said, "Broadway has been very good to me — but then I've been very good to Broadway."

We'll discover how much in this biography.

Registration Number: OT802319WI

Class: Five Florida Places You Won't Read About in Travel Magazines.

Instructor: Cathy Salustri
Tuesday, March 26, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
This talk will take you to five places you might not know about—and tell you why they're worth visiting.

Registration Number: OT802419WI

Cost for each class is \$10 per resident. Programs listed are held in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Register online at:
eckerd.edu/OnTopOfTheWorld or call 727-864-7600.

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AAA Driving Course

The next AAA Driving Course is on Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to noon in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

The cost is \$20 and registration is required. Forms for registration can be found on page 54 of the this newspaper.

AARP Tax Aide Assistance

Unfortunately, due to a lack of volunteers, AARP Foundation will not be hosting tax aid assistance at On Top of the

World this year. For your convenience, below, I have listed contact information and a few locations nearby where you can still take advantage of this free service.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Call: (727) 724-1525
Dates Open: Feb. 1 - April 16
Appointment: Walk-ins Welcome
Handicap Accessible: Yes

Clearwater Countryside Library
Call: (727) 562-4970
Dates Open: Feb. 1 - April 16
Appointment: Walk-ins welcome
Handicap Accessible: Yes

Dunedin Community Center
Call: (727) 812-4530
Dates Open: Feb 1 - April 16
Appointment: Walk-ins welcome
Handicap Accessible: Yes

Contacting Nancy

Nancy Rogers can be contacted anytime via email at general_activity@otowfl.com or you can leave a message at 727-799-2734.

For in-person calendar reservations or questions, I will be in the Community Service Office on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The remainder of the week you can find me around the activity centers, typically with laptop in hand, in the event you need to check a date on the calendar or discuss activities, etc.

Notice to all OTOW clubs and activity coordinators

Please see me March 1-15 to renew your activities for April through June.

Hearing, Vision and Blood Pressure Clinic

Our monthly hearing, vision and blood pressure clinic takes place the third Monday of each month in the East Activity Center auditorium.

The times have changed. The new time is 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Balance tests are no longer available.

Activity Card Renewal 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 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.



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All classes in the West Activity Center Learning Lab

Biography: There's No Show Like A Merman Show! The Unforgettable Ethel Merman

Instructor: Joy-Katzen-Guthrie Class: Friday, March 15, 10:30-Noon

Any mention of a Merman show brings to mind many of Broadway's show-stoppers: I Got Rhythm, Eadie Was a Lady, There's No Business Like Show Business, and Everything's Coming Up Roses, among so many others. She was a self-taught singer who never analyzed her own technique—which makes all the more hilarious her famous appearance on The Lucy Show in which Lucy Carmichael attempts to teach her how to sing. Near the end, she was quoted as saying: "Broadway has been very good to me—but then I've been very good to Broadway." We'll discover how much in this biography.

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Five Florida Places You Won't Read About in Travel Magazines

Instructor: Cathy Salustri Class: Tuesday, March 26, 10:30 am-Noon

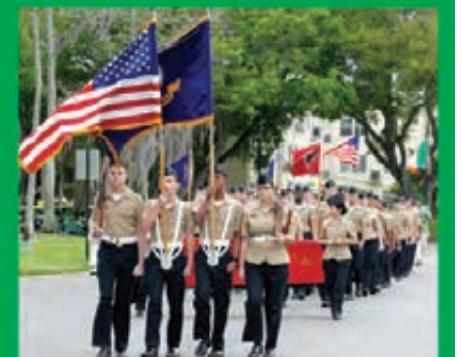
Want to take a trip in Florida? Look no further than the state's tourism website, your local AAA or even a bevy of travel magazines.

Is it still possible to find pockets of Florida not overrun with tourists seeking a theme park experience? This talk will take you to five places you might not know about—and tell you why they're worth visiting.

Registration Number: OT802419WI

Please participate in the Irish Club parade -
you can watch it later!

OTOW-TV will broadcast a replay of the parade on
channels 98.1 and 732 all day on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.





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Knitting Group spent February creating green items for March

By Cheryl Butcher

Let it not be said that the Knitting Group is not up-to-date.

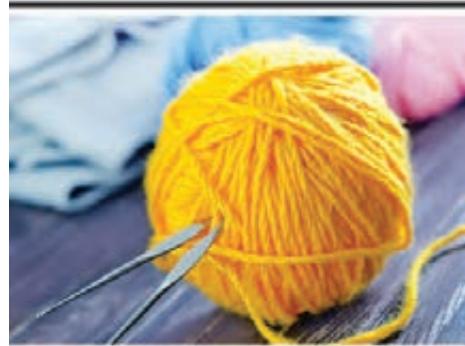
We like to keep with the theme of the month here at On Top of the World and the theme this month is definitely St. Patrick's Day.

Many of us were knitting and crocheting in February using up our supply of green yarn in every shade and hue.

You can see the products of our labors in the photo - lap robes, adult hats, baby hats and head bands, so beautifully modeled by the crafters.

The lap robes will be donated to a nursing home and the baby hats are given to the nursery at Mease Countryside Hospital.

The adult hats will be sent to the LCpl. Eric A. Palmisano Care Package Project, a non-profit which was started in memory of a U. S. Marine killed in Iraq. We recently mailed 60 hats to be included in care packages that the project ships to



Knitting



Theresa Mayne, Mary Lou Cichon, Mary Crossen, Betty Ingham, and Elaine Frenette 'wearing the green' created by the Knitting Group

troops.

We are grateful to all of our hard working members and to the residents of this community who support us.

We are always welcoming new hands to join us. If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in the Veranda Room of the East Activity Center every Wednesday 9-11 a.m.

While we do not teach, we do help

each other with patterns and/or problems. Group operates under the auspices of The Good Neighbors Knitting Good Neighbors Club.



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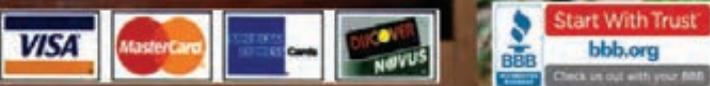
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March

Events must be approved by the Community Service Office before appearing on this calendar.

Activities Below Include Art Classes, Card Games, Board Games, Computer Help, Dance Lessons, Classes, Exercises and Crafts

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

ART

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room
 Drawing Class: Thursdays, 1 pm, Art Room
 Acrylic Painting: Wednesdays, 2:30 pm, Art Room
 Painting Workshop: Mondays, 9 am, Art Room

CARD GAMES

BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Art Room

BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Sunrise Room

LADIES BUNCO

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm, Rainbow Room

CANADIAN CLUB SOCIAL GAMES

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Rainbow and Sunrise

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Computer Room

Thursdays 11 am, Small Card Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturdays, Wednesdays, 11 am, Computer Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA/SAMBA

Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am, Small Card Room

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room

M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Rainbow Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Computer Room

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Computer Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Computer Room

SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30, Small Card Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

SCOPA

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

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

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

Ron: Mondays, Thursday, 6 pm, Yellow

Tom: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Yellow

John: Mondays, 5 pm, Yellow

Don: Tuesdays, 6 pm, Yellow

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow

Barry: Mon., Wed. 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

Carol: Wed, Fri, 6 pm, Yellow 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

ITALIAN CLASSES

Fridays, 10:30 am, Computer Room & Small Card Rm

FITNESS CENTER HOURS

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

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

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

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

Doubles, Thursdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Small Card Room

Tuesdays, 1 pm, Mexican Train, Yellow Room

PING PONG

T,W,F 10 am, Sunrise Room

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Craft Room

EXERCISES

BALANCE MATTERS

W, 12:30 pm, Exercise Room

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

JAZZING IT UP WITH AMY

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Exercise Room

LADIES EXERCISES

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

SLIMNASTICS

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

STRETCHING

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

TALCHI

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

Intermediate: T,H 4 pm Exercise Room

FLOW: M,W 2:15 pm Exercise Room

Beginners: M, W 3:15 pm, Exercise Room

BOOMERS EXERCISE

Mondays, Fridays, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

Wednesdays, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, Yoga Basic, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

Thursdays, Yoga Mixed, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

CHAIR YOGA

Mondays, 10 am, Sunrise Room

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Sunrise Room

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 7 am, Exercise Room

GROUPS

CARING & SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Craft Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Craft Room

Activities below are

SUNDAY

MONDAY

Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade
 Saturday, March 9
 World Parkway Blvd E
 Gates close 9 a.m., Parade starts 10 a.m.

<p>Art Guild Art Show & Sale 12:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>Ent. Committee & C 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Ent. Committee, Bo 10:00 AM - Veranda</p>
<p>Theater Workshop Show 2:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>Ent. Committee & C 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Master The Possibil 10:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Family History Meet 12:30 PM - Learning</p> <p>German Interest Gr 2:00 PM - Sunrise R</p>
<p>Ent. Committee, Meet-And-Greet 2:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Lawn Bowlers Luncheon 4:00 PM - Kitchen</p>	<p>Ent. Committee & C 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Health Screenings & Blood Pressure 9:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium</p>
<p>Snowbirds Party 5:30 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>Ent. Committee & C 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium</p>
<p>Chorus Concert 3:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	

East Activity Center Rooms

Auditorium, Veranda Room, Starlite Room, Art Room, Small Card Room, Yellow Room, Exercise Room, Computer Room, Kitchen/Craft Room.

West Activity Center Rooms

Sunrise Room, Rainbow Room, Learning Lab, Billiards Room.

are organized by the Community Service Office, OTOW clubs and OTOW groups

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>Parade 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Theater Workshop Show March 8, 9, 10 Chorus 50th Anniversary Concert March 30, 31</p>		<p>Learn about "Master the Possibilities" Monday, March 11</p>	<p>(1) NY-NJ Club Strawberry Fling 2:00 PM - Auditorium Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam 1:00 PM - Learning Lab Canadian Club Happy Hour 4:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>	<p>(2) Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium Irish Club Dance 5:00 PM - Auditorium Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>
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Art Guild class gets a lesson in innovative acrylic paints

By Sue Naylor

Once again, the Art Guild's own Rick Slater was chosen as Artist of the Month with his watercolor painting "Anhinga."

Rick's inspiration came from a photo he had seen in a local paper. As usual, the artist could see several flaws in his painting, but we all thought it was stunning.

Pictured with Rick is our speaker for the Art Guild's last meeting, Kevin Tobin, a representative from Golden Artist Colors, who works out of Sarasota.

Kevin gave us a brief history of the company, which started in a small barn on a farm in upstate New York, just south of Syracuse - my alma mater.

The company has since grown to a large, modern establishment near its origins. They only use pigments, additives and binders from local and national American based companies. Nothing comes from China because the paints are often diluted making the colors inferior in hue to Golden's.

After much experimentation in acrylics, the company now offers many innovative styles of paints. Kevin gave us a whirlwind tour through every single one of them!

According to our handout, "...each



paint has a unique behavior that only a brush stroke can reveal."

We were literally in awe when Kevin applied a glob of paint to a surface and then proceeded to show us how the color changed as he added more pressure, going from deep brown to a coppery color.

These paints are so versatile they can help you simulate age on your artwork by giving it a crackled effect.

Or if you prefer to paint on a tabletop, an old board or maybe even a fender, you simply apply a substance called Absorbent Ground which turns the surface into a watercolor surface.

Besides a hand-painted color chart



Kevin Tobin and Rick Slater

with 116 different colors, each attendee received a small bag of paints representing regular acrylics, fiber paste, molding paste, fluid acrylics and fluorescent pink.

Yes, someone sits there and paints a swath of color on the chart and then signs his or her name at the bottom. It is really an extraordinary keepsake.

The Art Guild's yearly art show will be presented on March 3 from noon-3

p.m. Vote for your favorite work of art, buy tickets for a 50-50 drawing and enjoy light refreshment, but most of all be inspired by your neighbors' masterpieces. It's all free.

Don't miss the March 8 meeting, 1 p.m., when Brigette Miner will be giving a demonstration of resin art, surely to be a unique experience.

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Slow Cooker Oxtail Stew

My dear chefs, you may either complete Phase 1 on one day, refrigerate overnight, and finish Phase 2 the next day or complete both phases in one day.

As I write this column, the Arctic Vortex's icy chill is gripping much of the country. I wish this comforting oxtail stew were ready for tonight's dinner. It is a delicious dish good for any day.

Oxtail is much more in demand today. Oxtail used to be "throwaway" because it has so little meat. But now it sells close to the price of steak! The higher price reflects growing popularity from gourmards. Celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain adored turning a bunch of bony, low-quality off-cuts of meat into something delicious.

The high price also reflects its popularity with health advocates. Oxtails are a staple in making bone broth. Certain health regimes promote the value of bone broth; e.g., adherents of paleo and keto diets and people with osteoporosis.

The Science

Meats with a lot of connective tissue — oxtails, ham hocks, ribs — require hours of low and slow cooking to melt tough collagens.

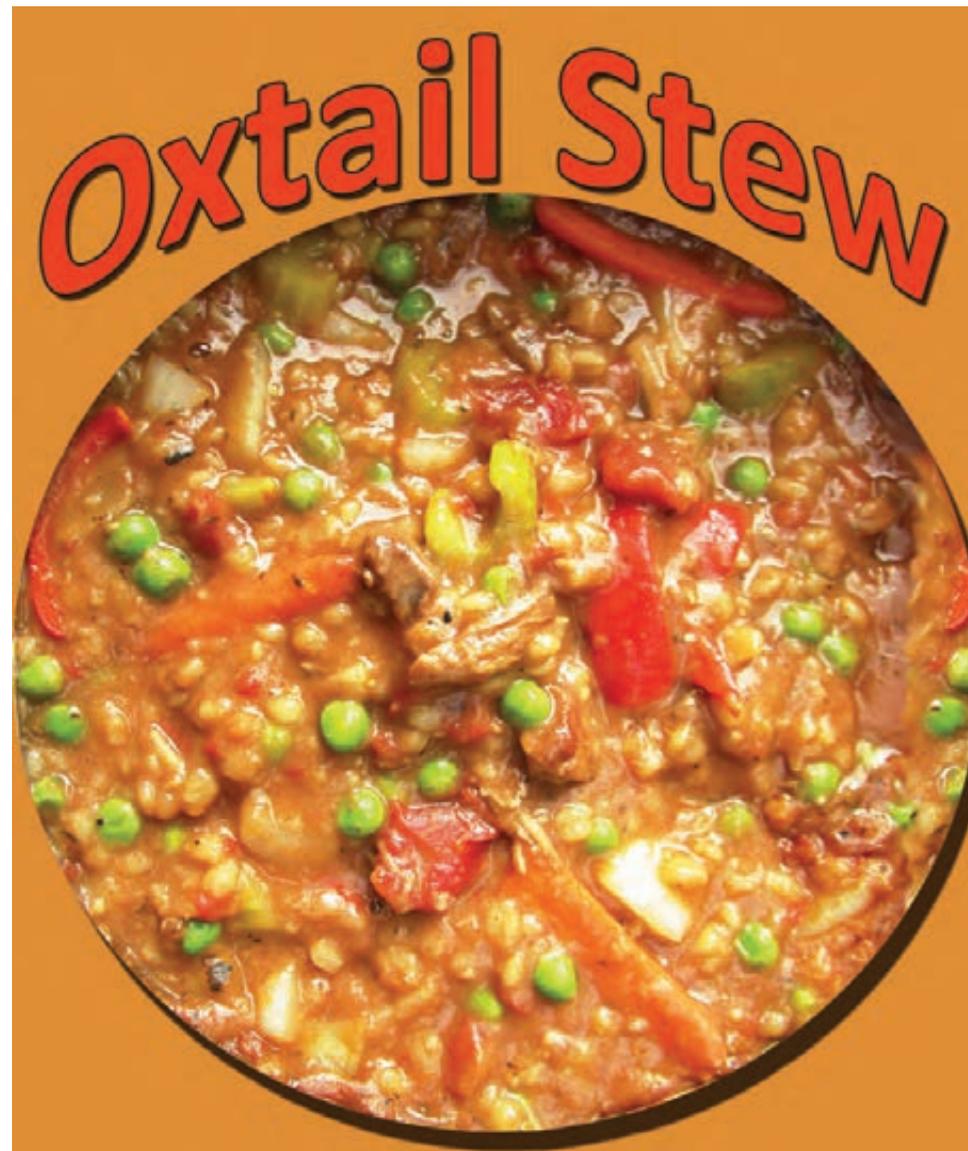
To separate meat from the bone (1) use a low-cooking temperature so meat becomes tenderized and (2) get meat temperature up to 190 – 205 degrees so collagens gelatinize and fats melt.

This recipe calls for broth.

Broth is the best base for a robust-tasting pan sauce or gravy.

My dear chefs, you have many choices today: bouillon, cooking stock, broth and bone broth. A discussion of their difference must be left for another column.

Email me if interested.



Ingredients

Phase 1

- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon Monterey steak seasoning (optional)
- 1 pound oxtail, disjointed
- 8 cups beef stock
- 1 can (14 ounces) diced tomatoes
- ½ cup pearled barley
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic clove
- 1 tablespoons tomato paste or ketchup
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ teaspoon thyme
- ¼ teaspoon rosemary
- 1 bay leaf

Phase 2:

- ½ onion, chopped
- ½ cup celery, chopped
- ½ cup red pepper, sliced
- ½ cup carrot chunks
- ½ cup frozen peas

Instructions

PHASE 1

1. Trim excess fat from oxtail. Using a freezer bag, toss oxtail with flour and Monterey steak seasoning.
2. In iron skillet, heat a little oil over medium-high heat. Brown oxtail on all sides.
3. Transfer beef to the slow cooker. Deglaze by adding ¼ cup water to skillet and scraping its bottom. Add liquid to cooker.
4. Stir in remaining ingredients.
5. Cook on high for six hours. Stir occasionally. Periodically check meat temperature.
6. Once final temperature of 190 – 205 degrees is reached, place oxtail on cutting board. With a fork, separate meat from bone. Return meat to pot. Discard bone.

PHASE 2

7. Stir in onion, celery, carrots and potatoes.
8. Cook on high for 2 ½ hours.
9. Add peas the last ½ hour.
10. Serve immediately with rye bread. 4-6 servings. Total cook time is 8 ½ hours.

Health Value

Soups/stews have a long tradition as healing foods, especially for a mild reduction in respiratory inflammation that helps reduce symptoms of a cold.

They are beneficial to rehydrate the body, replenish sodium and perhaps other electrolytes.

Oxtail fat makes this dish succulent. Fat is essential for health. A 3.5 ounce serving of oxtail meat has 5.56 grams of saturated fats. Saturated fat is no longer associated with an increased risk of coronary heart disease, stroke mortality or myocardial infarction, but it can negatively affect blood cholesterol levels.

Dietary Guidelines for Americans advises no more than 22 grams of saturated fat daily for an average healthy person on a 2000 calorie diet. This is about 10 percent of total daily calories.

The American Heart Association recommends saturated fat be limited to 5- 6 percent of calories.

Red meat is an excellent source of protein and iron for your body, but too much of it is not advisable. It's best to use a variety of protein sources, keeping red meat to two or three days per week.

Email questions, suggestions and comments to

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Certified deed scam still exists - just remember, you do not need a copy of a certified deed

SCAM ALERT: The “certified copy of deed” scam is alive and well.

The scam works this way:

A deed to a property is recorded and that makes it a public record. Then you get a letter or email telling you that some Fancy-Dancy company (or maybe something made to sound like it's from the United States) says you need a certified copy of your deed and all you gotta do is send money and not only will you get that certified copy you will also get a super-duper property assessment.

Baloney.

No one EVER needs a certified copy of their deed for anything and no one EVER needs some kind of silly assessment.

You wanna assess your deed?

Look at it to see if your name is on it and check your title insurance policy to see if you are listed as the owners of it.

Assessment completed!

Q. We are greatly concerned about losing our assets because of a lawsuit. Even if we were not sued, suppose the economy collapses as it has in the past. Are we not better off to use a loving trust to protect ourselves?

A. A loving trust and a living trust are the same estate planning vehicle, just a different name to make them easier to market to folks, I suppose.

Included in this type of vehicle are grantor revocable trusts. There are probably other names to describe the same thing.

Here's what you need to know:

A living trust, or by whatever name it is called, is not — is not — an asset protection estate planning vehicle.

Do not let anyone tell you otherwise.

It does not protect any assets that are



held in that living trust in any better way than if you held them in your name alone or in your name and that of your spouse as tenants by the entireties (husband and wife estate).

A living trust is a probate avoidance estate planning vehicle. Some folks should have them. Other folks should not.

A living trust is also a flexible way to provide for a miscreant child or grandchild and also it is a good method for dealing with larger estates that have federal estate tax issues.

It is not going to provide asset protection during these times. However, whether you, or anyone, should even consider a revocable trust depends on specific facts and you should discuss this with your attorney.

Q. My wife said you probably won't print this, but you seem fair-minded to me so here goes.

When someone commits a terrible crime, such as murdering or abusing a spouse, or vilely abusing a child, what is wrong with just sending them straight to jail and let them stay there forever?

Why do we have to spend millions of dollars and months and years to prosecute

them?

Also, why are we not able to pray in school, like we once were?

A. There's a bunch of questions here and I usually have a limit of one per question. However, an exception is worthwhile here.

For openers, we have in this country, something we call the United States Constitution, and its Bill of Rights. Those documents, along with innumerable supporting laws and court decisions, tell us that a person accused of a crime is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

We have the right to due process of law, the right to free speech, the right to free assembly, the right to a free press.

There is something called the Establishment Clause of the Constitution which provides that Congress shall make no law that establishes a religion for the country. Thus, one person may choose one religion, someone else may choose a different religion, and yet another person may choose no religion at all.

Who does the choosing?

I surely don't want a government choosing.

We have criminal procedures and civil procedures that are in place to see to it that our constitutional rights are protected from government and from, I dare say, each other.

Yes, I am aware that some of the courtroom procedures might result in an injustice. That is nothing new. It's always been that way in a free society such as ours here in this wonderful country.

How small of an incursion on our constitutional rights should we allow?

My answer: None! None at all!

Because, you see, if any of our constitutional rights can be taken from us—

no matter how insignificant one person may think that right is—then any other of those rights can be taken from us by someone who thinks they know what rights we need or what rights we should be permitted to have.

If we don't preserve the rights of everyone, no matter who they are then we cannot expect to preserve the rights of all of us.

Well, that's my opinion.

Everyone is entitled to their own opinion whether they agree with me or not. I want it that way! I hope you do, too.

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Jim Nabors

Everyone knew him as Gomer Pyle

Jim Nabors was basically a singer. He recorded more than a dozen albums — mostly romantic ballads.

At least four of Jim's albums were certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). The latest gold album was “Jim Nabors Christmas Album” in 1970.

But Jim will always be remembered as Gomer Pyle from the Andy Griffith Show.

Jim was discovered by Andy while working at a Santa Monica nightclub. He joined Andy on his show and the character proved so popular, he was later given a spin-off called, “Gomer Pyle USMC.”

Despite its run during the Vietnam War, the Gomer Pyle show remained popular because it avoided war-related themes and focused on the show's rural roots.

Jim was born and raised in Sylacauga, Ala., and attended the University of Alabama where he took acting lessons and began acting in skits.

After graduation, Jim lived in New York City working as a typist for the United Nations. His recurring asthma problems forced him to return home, where he worked as an assistant film editor for a television station, where he also sang occasionally on the station's daytime shows.

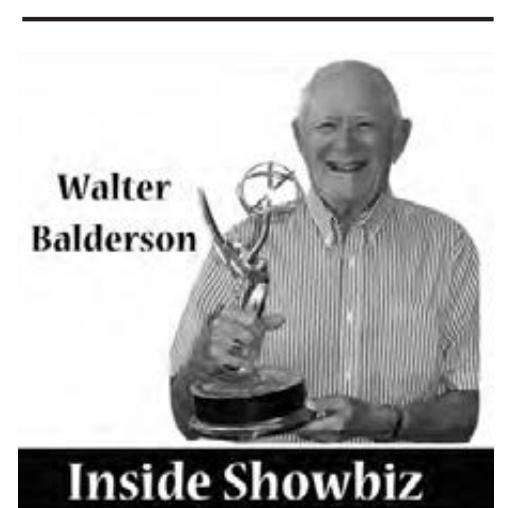
Jim then moved to southern California, where he met Andy.

Jim appeared in every season premiere of The Carol Burnett Show because she considered him a good luck charm. They were so close, he became the godfather of her daughter, Jody.

One year, Jim was named king of the Mardi Gras Parade in New Orleans.

In 2013, Jim, 82, married his partner of 38 years, Stan Cadwallader, 64, in Seattle, a month after gay marriage became legal in the state.

Jim died in 2017 at the age of 87. His ashes were sprinkled off the coast of Honolulu.



In today's world, harsh reality, assume your ID has been stolen - do you know what to do?

By Doug Kates

There have been so many reported cases of identity theft in the United States that consumer protection officials want the general public to now assume they have already become a victim – even if the evidence hasn't appeared yet.

This isn't a scare tactic. It's a reality check.

Do not assume your identity is protected from criminals who make a living from stealing IDs. Assume your identity has already been stolen and watch for warning signs.

This was a strong message delivered to about 50 residents who attended a Tax Identity Theft Seminar at On Top of the World in late January.

Ryan Thompson, supervisory special agent for the Internal Revenue Service, asked those in attendance, "How many of you know you've had your identity stolen?"

Only three people raised their hands.

Unfortunately, Ryan said, the actual number of stolen identities in the room was probably much higher than shown by raised arms.

Ryan's visit to our community was perfect timing for tax season. He said thieves are everywhere and they are trying to steal identities to steal tax dollars.

To combat this threat, Ryan asked everyone to do two things:

One, file your taxes early. The IRS only accepts one tax return per social security number, so if you file your taxes early, it prevents a thief from trying to file false taxes later using the same social security number.

Two, obtain an Identity Protection PIN number. Filing taxes require PINS and by getting one will cut down on the chances of someone filing who isn't really you. It's a lot harder to steal a social security number and a PIN number matching one person.

Another tip, Ryan said, make sure you use a reputable tax specialist when doing your taxes. Be wary of the person who wants to do your taxes right in your living room. Do your research first. Ask questions. Know the person who is handling your finances. Make sure your return went into your bank account and not the bank account of the person who did your taxes.

Identity theft doesn't just take place at



Internal Revenue Service Supervisory Special Agent Ryan Thompson talks to On Top of the World residents about identity theft. He provided tips on what to look for to tell if you have been a victim.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

tax time.

Anne Marie Millett, an investigator for Pinellas County Consumer Protection, gave some tips in trying to protect your identity.

She said use a credit card, rather than a debit card, when making purchases. A credit card uses someone else's money whereas a debit card uses your money.

Get an annual credit report. Check your credit score to make sure nothing unusual is taking place. If your number seems low, check on it.

Check your bank statements and credit card statements once a month. Never let six months pass without checking these statements. The sooner you find a problem, the easier it is to track a problem. There is a better chance of getting stolen money back if you discover the theft early.

Lastly, don't ever tell anyone on social media you are going on vacation, and when you are on vacation, realize tourists are common targets. Watch your purses and wallets at all times. You may think no one saw you put your wallet in your shoe

at the beach, but there is a chance it won't be there when you get back.

Also in attendance at the seminar were Chris and Jordan Mavrakos, of MFP Financial Services. Jordan had even more tips for residents.

(1) Avoid using your computer in places that use public WiFi for internet service. Experts can use the signal to dig into your computer. (2) Don't keep multiple windows open on your screen when using public WiFi. (3) Don't display or store passwords (at home or at work) where other people can easily run across them. (4) Don't open emails from strangers and don't answer phone calls from numbers you don't recognize. If your caller ID does not display a phone number, don't answer. (5) Don't give your name to strangers over the phone. Also avoid saying words such as "yes" and "ok" over the phone as these words can be recorded in illegal dealings. (6) When on social media, don't click links unless you know they are trusted links.

Two scams were briefly discussed at the seminar.

The "Grandparents Scam" involves you getting a phone call from a family member claiming to be in trouble and in need of money. Don't fall for it. If you have to, hang up your phone and call that family member back using a phone number you commonly use for that person.

Second, was a "Power Company Scam." You may get a phone call on a Saturday or Sunday that the local power company is on its way to your home to shut off your power if you don't pay a bill immediately over the phone. Please realize, power companies do not shut off power on Saturdays and Sundays. The scammers use these days because they know you cannot call the power company on Saturdays and Sundays to ask questions. The power companies are closed on weekends.

This presentation was very informative and many people had questions. Nancy Rogers, from your Community Service Office, said another similar seminar will take place in the near future. If you missed this one, plan on attending the next one. Watch for announcements in this newspaper, on OTOW-TV Channels 98.1 and 732, and on the Box Office: OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

Family History group learns about Ulysses Grant's contribution to Civil War

By Shirley Perry

We have been fortunate so far this year to have outstanding presentations for each Family History Group meeting.

February was no exception.

As usual we had a good

turnout for another lecture by Gerald Colen. He explored the early years of Ulysses Grant's life and why President Abraham Lincoln selected Ulysses to lead the Union Army.

We heard of successes and

occasional failures of some of the better known Civil War battles during Ulysses' tenure.

We saw even then, more than 100 years ago, politics played a role in several ways.

Our next meeting is Mon-

day, March 11 in the Learning Lab at the West Activity Center from 1-3 p.m.

Our speaker will be Tom Gerber, a local genealogist. We are working together now to determine his topic.



Appreciation Luncheon will include nearly 30 staffers who have led the newspaper over past 12 months

The Press Association will be shining its fedoras and polishing its green Bug in preparation for the Irish Club parade on March 9.

This will be the second year the staff from your community newspaper will be participating in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Watch for us and you can also get a March newspaper.

"We had fun last year," said Editor Doug Kates. "About a dozen people marched in the parade from our club and we loved wearing our new, green hats. All along the parade route, people wanted newspapers and we passed some out."

Club Secretary Patrick Ellingham will be driving his very green Beetle. Club President Yvonne Courtney will be passing out newspapers. Club Vice President Penni Telleck will be joined by other staffers in holding our club banner.

Watch for us.

March will be a busy time for the Press Association. Our annual Appreciation Luncheon will be taking place in March



Press Association

for the first time. The date is Thursday, March 7, and lunch will be served at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room to all qualified staffers.

"Traditionally, this event took place in April," Doug said, "but we were losing too many people because some Snowbirds were already heading north for the spring. We're going to try March and see

what happens."

Anyone who has contributed to at least three newspapers and has attended at least three meetings is eligible to attend and On Top of the World is picking up the bill.

For staffers who are short on stories, short on meetings or have just started contributing to the newspaper, they can attend but must pay their own way, which is \$20 per person.

Anyone who wants to bring a guest may do so by paying the extra \$20, but please let Doug know in the newsroom no later than March 1.

As of completion of this March newspaper, 27 people are eligible for the Appreciation Luncheon. They include, Ilene Bargerstock, David Beaven, Cheryl Butcher, Pat Cassidy, Patricia Cullen-Davis, Patrick Ellingham, Fran Fairfield, MaryAnn Fontaine, Lillian Foy, Marge Gipperich, Donna Lukas, Valerie Martin, Sue Naylor, Rose Pietragallo, Bob Rittner, Cecile Sangiamo, Kathleen Santosuosso, Paula Schelling, Ute Scheibe, Penni Tel-

leck, Randae Marie Van Denver, Mary Lou Wall, Joe Wisinski, Yvonne Courtney, and editors Doug Kates and Dave Hart.

Invited guests will include OTOW columnists Kenneth Colen, Dessa Barabba, Nancy Rogers and Jerry Colen, and proofreader Anne Younger.

If you feel your name should be on this list, please contact the newsroom before March 5.

In April, the Press Association will hold its annual pizza party, paid for with money collected from 50/50 drawings. Staffers have their fingers crossed the party will be outside at the new pavilion, but that decision will be finalized at a later time.

Lastly, OTOW News would like to cut down on a few pages to save money. Doug asked writers to discontinue writing stories about family visitors or out-of-town guests visiting residents in our community. Staffers were also reminded they don't have to turn in stories every month, so if there is nothing significant to report, please take a month off.

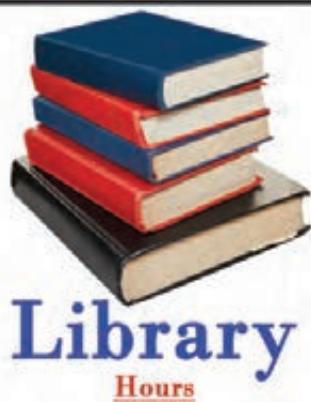
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(1) Human Waste
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In December 2018, your On Top of the World Management Company was called out for a variety of plumbing blockage problems. Upon investigation, crews discovered a disturbing number of items that people were attempting to send down the drain. These items included grout, washclothes, cat litter, small hand towels, adult diapers and "flushable" wipes that shouldn't be flushed. Please, the only items going down your drain should be human waste, water and toilet paper. Please be responsible to your neighbors. Flush responsibly.

Did you know bees have a secret?



By Katy Gerritt

Eleven new books hit the shelves of your On Top of the World library during the past month.

We have previewed many of them and know you will be pleased.

Danielle Steel's latest, "Turning Point," has arrived as has Jeffrey Archer's "Heads You Win" and Stuart Woods' "A Delicate Touch."

We also have "Bridge of Clay" by Markus Zusak, author of "The Book Thief."

Another good read is "Once a Midwife" by Patricia Harriman, who has writ-

Good Karma Book Club

March

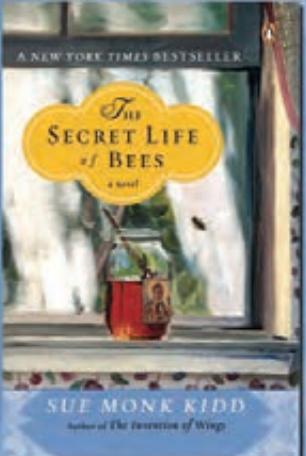
On Thursday, March 7,
the Good Karma Book Club
will review

"Secret Life of Bees" by Susan Monk Kidd

Join us 10:30 a.m. in the
West Activity Center Learning Lab
and share your thoughts.

For more information,
visit our Web page on the Box Office.
OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com,
Click Box Office,
and look for the Good Karma Book Club link.

The book club will meet again on Thursday, March 21,
10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.
The topic is an open discussion.
Our April "Book of the Month"
has not been determined at this time.



ten several other books in this series based in the mountains of West Virginia.

Liane Moriarty's "Nine Perfect Strangers" will grab your attention, as will Vince Flynn's "Red War."

Fern Michaels' latest release, "Safe and Sound," plus Nora Roberts' "Of Blood and Bones" and Adrienne Trigiani's "Toni's Wife" are on the new book shelves.

Last, but not least, is "Master of His

Fate" by Barbara Taylor Bradford.

We are also considering opening the library on Saturday morning twice a month. We would appreciate input from members and potential members about this addition and will update everyone once we firm up our plans.

We are currently open Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon, and Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-3 p.m.

Membership is \$4 per calendar year

and you can take out up to six books for two weeks at a time.

Plus, we have a good selection of books for sale - great to take on a trip and no need to carry home.

There are always books on our "Free" shelves for anyone to enjoy. We even leave some in the puzzle room so you can access them when the library is closed.

The Good Karma Book Club is coming up to its second birthday and this means it's time for members to start making selections for the next year. We have been reading a number of interesting fiction and non-fiction novels in the past year and look forward to more great stories.

The book club meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. The first monthly meeting is devoted to the monthly book selection and on the third Thursday of the month is a book share when we discuss the other books we are reading so we can all expand our "got to read" lists.

Our March selection is "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd, which we will discuss on March 7. If you enjoy reading and discussing books, come join us!

Four simple recycling tips

By Kathleen Santosuosso

For the last three years, Pinellas County has led the state of Florida in recycling.

Can we do better here at On Top of the World with our recycling efforts?

OTOW residents who attended a presentation by Jan Tracy, program coordinator for Pinellas County Solid Waste, certainly think so. Jan gave us some simple tips and surprising information on our Pinellas County Solid Waste Program.

Jan gave four recycling tips:

1. Recycle plastic bottles and containers-labeled No. 1-7 with the screw top lids on or throw lids in garbage.
2. Recycle metal (tin) cans, steel, aluminum cans, and empty aerosol cans with the tops removed.
3. Recycle cardboard boxes-flattened.
4. Recycle paper (junk) mail, newspaper, magazines, writing paper, shoe boxes no packing tissue, cereal boxes with wax paper liner removed.

Make sure all of your items are empty, dry and definitely not in a plastic bag. Food and liquid contaminate the paper. Absolutely no plastic bags, wraps or hoses.

Never put garbage, dog waste bags, yard waste or plastic bags of any kind in the recycle bins.



Also, make sure that the items you put in the recycle bins are larger than an index card. If the items are small, they fall through the sorting equipment.

Jan reminded us that if you're not sure what to do with an item, you can check Pinellas County's online A to Z guide at pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/getridofit and you will discover where to get rid of it! You can also follow the advice of

"when in doubt, throw it out."

Our garbage has a journey of its own.

First of all, our trash goes to the county's Waste-to-Energy (WTE) facility where our garbage is incinerated. This is one of the largest waste to energy facilities in North America.

By burning the waste, 90 percent of the volume is reduced by the time it goes into the landfill, which means the landfill is currently estimated to last until 2103.

The WTE processes 1.6 billion pounds of waste a year, which produces 468,000 megawatts per hour of electricity a year. That translates into electricity for 45,000 homes a day.

Our county produces large amounts of garbage with 949,000 residents and 6 million tourists a year.

The burning garbage produces flue gas that is scrubbed, filtered and chemically treated before it is released into the air. The flue gas must meet all clean air standards.

OTOW residents can make a difference by recycling right. Follow the four simple tips for recycling. Check the online A to Z Guide for the disposal of specific items.

When in doubt, throw it out.



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New lights at Sunset Gardens



In February, On Top of the World officially turned on its new LED lighting system along the Sunset Gardens by the Sunset Point Road entrance gate. The new lights not only provide safer walking conditions at night, but adds an artistic glow to the entrance area. For details about the project, see April's community newspaper. (OTOW News photo by Shawn Tobias)

OTOW Ping Pong holds first doubles tournament with 11 teams participating

In February, the On Top of the World Ping Pong Group held its first annual doubles tournament.

Twenty-two members took part in this tournament, which included participants from the group's A Division and B Division. Players from the B Division picked a chip to see who their A Division partner was for the event.

Teams played up to three games and whoever won two of three games won the round and moved onto the next round.

In the championship round, Maria Lindholm and Bob O'Donohue teamed together to face Bruce Bandini and Tumen Buyanmend.

After a hard fought battle between the two teams, the team of Maria and Bob took first place. Bruce and Tumen settled for second place.

The team of Phil Henne and Lela Nincov finished in third place.

"I would like to thank all the members that took part in our first annual doubles tournament," said President Joe Ventimiglia.

There will be another tournament either in March or April with a pizza party after the tournament. The tournament will be a singles tournament. The date will be announced later.



Bob O'Donohue and Maria Lindholm took first place in the OTOW Ping Pong Doubles Championship in February.

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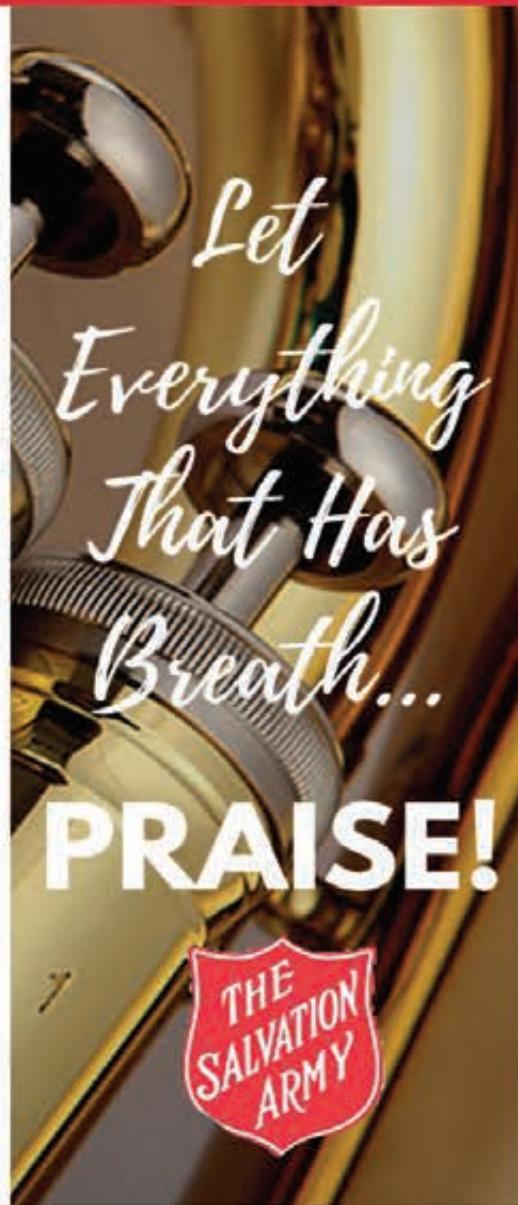
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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Theater Workshop director says rehearsing for a show is just one of life's many challenges



Theater Workshop

By Doug Kates

Most people have never held auditions, written a script and directed a show.

On Top of the World resident Laurie Fischer is doing it for the second consecutive year.

As director of Theater Workshop's 2019 show "The Best of Broadway, Part 2," Laurie has created a sequel to last year's show highlighting some of the best performances on Broadway.

But this show is a little different.

Shortly after the 2018 performance came to an end, Laurie was diagnosed with an advanced form of cancer.

He has already been told there is no cure.

But he has also been told cancer doesn't have to keep him from directing.

Laurie's choice: The show will go on.

Leading up to the winter season at On Top of the World, Laurie began taking chemo pills. He is also on hormone injections, a strict weight-loss diet and must exercise regularly to keep up his strength.

Chemo pills alone would convince most people to stay home and let the disease take over their lives, but Laurie's positive attitude has "Best of Broadway, Part 2" on track to be a successful engagement.

"I decided I was going to do this six months ago," said Laurie, who also performs in the upcoming show. "By staying active, I can keep a positive attitude and a positive attitude will help me to overcome this disease."

This show also marks a milestone. The first show Laurie ever directed was 50 years ago in 1969. When he is not at



Lori Gernstein and Laurie Fischer rehearse a scene from 'Fiddler On The Roof' during 'The Best of Broadway' from 2018. This month Theater Workshop presents 'The Best of Broadway, Part 2.' (OTOW News file photo by Doug Kates)

OTOW, he is living in Canada, where he directs all summer.

There was no reason to stop now.

Of the cast from last year's Theater Workshop show, "Best of Broadway," only five residents have returned for Part 2. This means new faces, new talent and the challenge of teaching a new skill.

"The bar was set very high last year and it was an overwhelming success," Laurie said. "Now we are shooting for an even better show."

Funny thing is, Laurie says getting

ready to put on a play, is very much like life itself.

"Rehearsals are like one of life's battles," he said. "You have to believe that the outcome is going to be great."

This month's Theater Workshop production will focus on the people behind Broadway's most popular shows, such as Webber and Rice, Kander and Ebb, Lerner and Lowe, Rogers and Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, Stephen Sondheim, Leonard Bernstein and George M. Cohan.

There will be singing, dancing and narration. Even if you don't know Broadway, you are sure to learn something new in 90 minutes.

"The Best of Broadway, Part 2" will take place Friday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now for \$5 apiece from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the East Activity Center auditorium. Look for the Theater Workshop information table.

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Each month, OTOW News, Pet Supplies Plus and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming 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 of pet. 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 a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Plaza on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater and a \$10 gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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OTOW Veterans Group Armed Forces Recognition Day Registration Form



This event takes place on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Our On Top of the World Veterans Group will hold a special tribute for community residents who served their country honorably - whether it was for the USA or our Allied Forces.

Each honoree will be recognized individually. Please register in advance using this form, which can be dropped off at our group table any Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m., or you can drop off forms at the newspaper office during regular business hours. Forms must be submitted by Tuesday, April 30. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to attend this event with all veterans.

Name:	Phone:
Branch of Service:	<input type="checkbox"/> US <input type="checkbox"/> Other Country _____
Years Served: From 19__ to 20__	Email address:
List medals, awards, ribbons, citations you received:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I plan on attending this tribute.	<input type="checkbox"/> I cannot get across the stage on my own.
<input type="checkbox"/> I cannot attend this tribute, but I would still like to registered.	

Veterans Group just got even better

At the Veterans Group meeting in February, we got the additional manpower that was requested in the February article.

The Veterans Group now has a strong team of members who will be documenting, planning and coordinating our functions and events.

Also, we now have a team of members who are well versed in disability claims and the Veterans Administration process.

We're here to encourage and guide our fellow veterans.

Let's not forget our team of volunteers who will man the Veterans information table on Mondays and Thursdays from 8-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

A hearty thank you goes out to all of our Veterans.

Come to our next meeting on Wednesday, April 3, at 2 p.m. We have a

new location. We'll still meet in the East Activity Center, but in the Yellow Room across from the Good Karma Café.

Lastly, I am really excited to see our Veterans participating in the Irish Club's 24th annual St Patrick's Day Parade on March 9. It will be our first appearance as a group. We hope to see a good turnout.

Don't forget to drop off your completed Armed Forces Recognition Veterans Appreciation Registration form at

our table in the East Activity Center on Monday or Thursday. The form is located at the top of this page. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 15, and promises to be memorable.

You can contact our group at otowveteransgroup@gmail.com.

We are also on the Box Office. Visit OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and click the link for the Veterans Group.

Democratic Club looking for parade marchers

By Donna Lukas

Because we are all a little bit Irish this month, we start off by saying "Erin Go Bragh" (Ireland Forever).

How many of you remember the 1960's alternate version, "Erin, go bralless?"

As usual, the On Top of the World Democratic Club will be participating in the Irish Club St. Patrick's parade on March 9. If you are able and willing to walk the parade route for approximately one mile, please call Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123. Leave your name and phone number.

We should be lining up by 9:30 a.m. Our lineup spot is on the corner of Jamaican and World Parkway Boulevard.

At our February meeting we celebrated Valentine's Day with wine, cranberry bread and valentines. If you were hoping to receive a valentine this year and didn't get one, you should have been at our meeting.

At the meeting we had some fun in small groups discussing the question, "What politician would you like to talk with and what question would you ask if he/she were under the influence of a truth serum?"

Mitch McConnell was a popular choice. Also mentioned were Paul Manafort and former president Obama.

Our next club meeting is at the usual time and place, the second Thursday of the month, March 14. Time and location for the meeting is 2-3:30 p.m. in the Starlite Room of the East Activity Center.

Please remember it is time to renew your club membership with voting privileges, so bring your \$12 annual dues to the March 14 meeting. Come hear our guest speaker the recently elected chair of the Pinellas Democratic Party, Barbara Scott.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club pages on the Box Office at www.ontopoftheworldnews.com. Click to enter the Box Office, and then click on the "Democratic Donkey" under the "Club Pages" heading.

This website will also list information that may not have been available at the time of our most recent meeting. You can also send us an email at this site. Also look for club announcements on the OTOW television channels 98.1 and 732.

The Salvation Army Sunrise Service scheduled for April 21

Coming in March, craft show, flea market, clothing drive and plenty of coffee

By Jim Bjorgo

As we race into the third month of the year, Good Neighbors Association would like to thank all participants of our first annual Chili Cook-Off which was held late last month.

Our contestants made some fine chili and it appeared many tasters enjoyed their fare.

Next year, Good Neighbors plans on expanding this event. The second annual contest will be called "Chili Cook-Off and Anything Chocolate."

Stay tuned for further information, but it's not too early to start planning your entry. This event will take place the last Wednesday in February 2020.

As we enter March, it's time to remind you of two more upcoming events.

On March 15 and March 16, Good Neighbors will host its annual Spring Clothing Drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each of these days, volunteers will be collecting your gently used and clean clothing items, which will be donated to local charities. The charities chosen will give the clothing away to the needy, not resell items.

Collection will take place under the East Activity Center portico. Just drive up and we will unload your donations for you. You don't even have to get out of your vehicle.

The following Saturday, on March 23, is our Spring Flea Market and Craft Show in the auditorium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables are available to purchase for \$15 each or two for \$25. Stop by the Good



Neighbors information table on Monday or Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m., to reserve your table. We encourage people from the same buildings to purchase tables together.

This event will also feature a craft show and people selling their wares. Come see wonderful items made by your neighbors and friends. There will also be a food court, featuring coffee and hot dogs.

Good Neighbors will be in the Irish Club parade on Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m. Anyone is welcome to walk with us down World Parkway Boulevard. You don't have to be Irish.

The next Get Acquainted Coffee will take place Thursday, March 14, from 9-10:30 a.m. The scheduled entertainment



Steve D was a one-man guitar band as he performed during Get Acquainted Coffee in February. In March we are expected to have "Vera and Company." (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

is "Vera and Company."

Get Acquainted Coffee will continue all spring and all summer – no breaks this year. In April, Opera Tampa will return to entertain you.

On April 21, Easter Sunday, Good Neighbors will be pleased to host The Salvation Army and its annual Easter Service in our own auditorium. Time is 7:30 a.m.

There will be music and a service and the event is free. A good will offering will be accepted to benefit The Salvation Army. There will be coffee and donuts available after the service, and you can meet friends and neighbors.

Need more information? Please contact Jim or Maureen Bjorgo at (727) 725-4048.

Free Zumba offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays

My name is Tonya, short for Antonina Wuthrich.

I love to exercise and have received a license to teach Zumba.

Like so many volunteers before me, I also want to contribute to our On Top of the World community and will volunteer to teach free Zumba every Tuesday and Friday at 9 a.m. in the West Activity Center, every Wednesday 6:30 p.m. and every Saturday at 7 a.m. in the East Activity Center Exercise Room.

Zumba is an exercise fitness program created by Colombian dancer and choreographer Alberto "Beto" Perez during the 1990s. Zumba involves dance and aerobic movements performed to energetic music. The choreography incorporates hip-hop, soca, samba, salsa, merengue and mambo. Squats and lunges are also included.

In addition, I will also teach Aqua Zumba in the swimming pool starting in March 2019. For Aqua there will be a small charge to cover insurance costs.

Come to my classes to experience an energetic and fun workout! Bring a couple of bottles water, wear comfortable outfit and sneakers.



It's all fun and games before the Zumba music begins. If you want a good time, and meet new people, join Zumba for the fun. What you don't see is the sweat and tears an hour later.

Tickets still available for Spring Fling Dinner Dance

It is amazing how quickly my year as president is passing by!

But that's how life goes.

The On Top of the World Canadian Club has had a very successful and busy year. March promises to be no different, but let's look first at our February activities.

On Feb. 1, 90 members and friends attended a very lively and entertaining Karaoke Happy Hour. My thanks to Tom and Vicky Portsmouth for setting up their equipment and organizing the music, and to Gill Small for hosting the event. This was an extremely popular event which will be repeated next year! The bring-your-own food buffet was incredible as always.

On Feb. 15, we held our Canada Day



in the USA Dinner Dance (which sold out weeks in advance!). That evening we recognized and honored our Past Presidents (12 of 15 were in attendance) and our American member "friends" who are our hosts each year as we escape the cold Canadian winter and enjoy the season here in Florida.

We were entertained by members of Theater Workshop previewing their March show. Lots of fellowship, food and dancing was enjoyed by all.

March 1 at 4:30 p.m., will be out last Happy Hour Cabaret of the season at the West Activity Center. There will be a lot of fellowship, food and fun. See you there!

On March 15 at 5 p.m., we will hold our annual Spring Fling Dinner Dance. Tickets have been moving very quickly. Tickets are available at the Canadian Club information table at the East Activity Center auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

On March 16, we will be attending a Toronto Blue Jays spring training game

against the Baltimore Orioles. As always, this event is popular and is sold out! Thanks to Tom McKee for organizing this event each year.

On Monday April 1, we will be holding our annual General Meeting at the East Activity Center at 6 p.m. Our Canadian Club Board will be reporting on all activities and financials for this past year.

The general meeting will be followed by a social gathering. Everyone is welcome to attend this important meeting.

Let's all enjoy the beautiful Florida spring weather together. Looking at the daily temperatures up north, we can breathe a sigh of relief that we are here at OTOW!



Building Coordinators

Pray for America closes in on 5 years

Pray for America has now been active at On Top of the World for nearly five years.

We meet 10 a.m., Saturdays, in the East Activity Center Small Card Room.

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Next meeting for all building reps is March 13

By Valerie Martin

Building coordinators, captains and presidents don't have community-wide meetings very often, so don't miss this one.

The Sunrise Room in the West Activity Center has been reserved for the next Building Coordinators meeting on Wednesday, March 13, from 1-3 p.m.

Please attend this valuable session.

We will focus on proven success strategies used by your fellow Building Coordinators. We will have a general session and then "table talk" with small group discussions for joint problem solving.

Each table will give a report back on valuable approaches discovered during the discussions.

The Building Coordinators project is a resident-lead initiative that seeks to make efforts easier for those who volunteer in the each buildings. We share approaches and enable a common base of information to flow among the buildings.

We are proud to say, most buildings now have coordinators.

If your building does not have a Building Coordinator, and you would like to learn more about this role, please hand in your contact info to Nancy Rogers in the On Top of the World Community Service Office and we will be in touch.

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50th anniversary concert to feature music from 1970s-present



Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

“Everything is awesome! Everything is cool when you’re part of a team!”

Team Chorus is beyond excited to perform our “50 Golden Years” concert on Saturday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, March 31, at 3 p.m. in the On Top of the World East Activity Center.

We will showcase popular music from each of the five decades!

Songs from the 1970s will include “Top of the World,” “One” from Chorus Line, “Candle in the Wind” by Elton John, “The Rainbow Connection” from The Muppet Movie and “One Voice.”

Music from the 1980s will include Leonard Cohen’s “Hallelujah,” “Bring Him Home” from Les Misérables and “All I Ask of You” from “Phantom of the Opera.”

Music from the 1990s will include “The Circle of Life” from the Lion King and “My Heart Will Go On” from Titanic.

Continuing on, music from the 2000s will be “I Hope You Dance” and “A Moment Like This.”

And from the 2010s, we will be singing, “Everything is Awesome” from The Lego Movie and “Let it Go” from Frozen and “Fight Song.”



At the March 30 and March 31 concerts, when the Chorus sings the phrase ‘Everything is Awesome,’ from the song ‘Everything is Awesome’ they will be raising their arms in celebration. Chorus wants you, the audience, to do the same. When you hear ‘everything is awesome,’ raise your arms!

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

The music of the last two decades has taken us somewhat out of our comfort zone, but we are up for the challenge and having fun!

Believe it or not, you will even hear a little rap!

Bring your grandchildren and/or great-grandchildren. You may be surprised when they sing along with the songs of this decade.

There is a theory that if an event is

scheduled for the end of the month, as is our concert, many who read about it in this issue of the OTOW News may have forgotten by performance time.

You can help debunk this theory in one of the following ways:

1. Mark your calendar now (the calendar you look at everyday);
2. Clip this article and put it on your fridge;

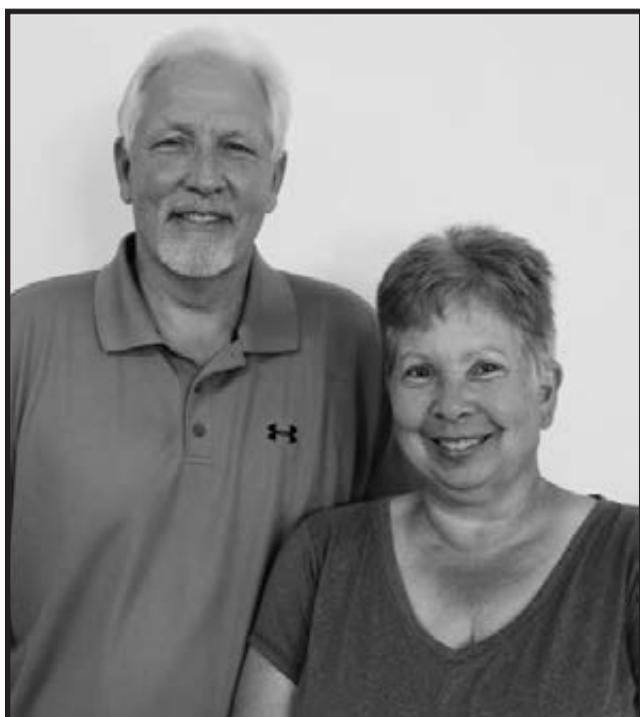
3. Best of all, buy your tickets now and keep them in sight.

Tickets may be purchased from Chorus member or at our information table Mondays or Thursdays 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC. Tickets will also be available at the door.

We don’t want you to miss this very special celebration! And, besides, theory debunking can be fun!

Newcomers

(Photos by Mary Lou Wall)



Bill and Pat Holland of Pennsylvania



Tim and Jan Palmquist of Connecticut



Mildred Newkirk of Washington State

Welcome!

St. Joseph's Dinner Dance is March 20

By MaryAnn Fontaine

March 20 will be the Italian-American Club's annual St. Joseph Dinner Dance, again catered by Mama Felice.

The meal is stuffed shells, meatballs, eggplant parmesan, pasta, vegetables, salad and more.

Music will be by Carlo, who everyone enjoys.

Cost is \$20 for member and \$25 for nonmember.

Deadline to buy tickets is March 18. Please sign up as soon as possible.

We would appreciate volunteers to help set up tables before and after. Come to our weekly information table to let us know you can help. Thank you in advance.

April is picnic and pizza month. Everyone should know about them. If not, information is available at EAC auditorium Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

We are going to the Hudson Show Palace to see the show "Chicago" on March 31. You may still purchase tickets through March 4.



Italian-American Club

Our final show of the season at Hudson is Rat Pack on Easter Sunday, April 21. Deadline to buy tickets will be March 21. Cost is \$55, which includes buffet

lunch, show, tax and tip.

There are only two shows left to purchase at Ruth Eckerd. World of "Musicals" is Marach 31 and "Voctave" (a singing group) is April 7. Cost is \$17 each. Final purchase date is March 7.

Pete Marchetti and I announced in January we will be resigning at the end of this season. We have enjoyed our eight years on the board, but are ready to let someone else take over. Hopefully someone new will come up with new ideas as they do not have to follow what we have done.

This has been our best year in a long time so we are hoping that some of the new members will decide to take over.

As I am writing this column, no one has volunteered. We will be willing to answer any questions and help in any way. It would be a shame to see the club discontinue.

I end this as usual by saying come see us Monday and Thursdays at the EAC auditorium for more information. All your OTOW clubs will be there.



Brian Bonistalli, membership consultant from BayCare Fitness Center in Palm Harbor, speaks to OTOW TOPS members in February.

TOPS class learns about a fitness facility in Palm Harbor

The On Top of the World TOPS Club (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Thursday in the East Activity Center at 10:30 a.m.

At our February meeting, we welcomed Brian Bonistalli, the membership consultant from BayCare Fitness Center in Palm Harbor.

He spoke to us about what the facility has to offer.

If you join, your new membership includes 30 minutes with a dietician and one hour with a trainer to initiate you.

If your insurance company pays for Silver Sneakers, there is no cost. Otherwise, you can receive the OTOW discount of \$35 a month.

There are many exercise classes for seniors, and yoga and massages are available.

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Regular exercise is part of healthy living during retirement. It helps you to retain your balance and lessen the effects of arthritis. It can also be very enjoyable.

Joyce Zimmerman, our TOPS area captain, and Claudia Gray, our area coordinator, will be speaking to us in the future.

If you are interested, our first TOPS meetings are free. We hope to see you soon.

TRAVEL CLUB

Another fun cruise in the books

By Tom Jamrozy

Twenty two members of the Travel Club recently returned from a wonderful cruise on Royal Caribbeans' Independence of the Seas to the Bahamas, Labadee and Jamaica.

They enjoyed wonderful food, gambling and entertainment, such as the musical "Grease," a tribute show to "Abba," an ice skating show, a "Dancing with the Stars" review and a piano bar with a fantastic performer.

There are so many things to do and plenty of time to relax. A wide variety of excursions are also available in the ports of call. If you have never been on a cruise, it is a wonderful way to travel.

On Feb. 13, 50 Travel Club members attended our monthly Lunch Bunch at Tarpon Turtle to enjoy friends' company. We shared great conversation and a meal.

Our next meeting will be held March 8 at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Come early to sign in, buy tickets for trips, lunches and raffles.

We will have a schedule listing events for the first half of the year on our sales tables and we have another cruise planned for January 2020.

This will conclude our current Boards' third and final year, so we are actively searching for volunteers to take over the club for 2020 and on. We are very willing to train volunteers to handle the booking of trips, transportation and lunches. Trust me when I say this can be very fun and fulfilling and it's a wonderful way to meet new friends.

Come and stop by the sales tables on Mondays and Thursdays 8-10:30 a.m. to say hello and see what we have available. We are always looking for new friends to join us.



Seventeen of 22 Travel Club members who recently returned from a cruise to the Bahamas.

Line dance instructor will not only teach you the latest steps, but will make you smile, too

By Leila Walker

Who is always laughing, smiling and giving everyone she knows (and probably people she does not know!) a daily hug?

Meet Madeleine Fontaine.

She likes people to be happy and she enthusiastically spreads that happiness!

Madeleine was born in Quebec City, Canada, which is where she lived and worked until moving to On Top of the World three years ago. She now lives with her best friend, Norman Dionne.

It was always a dream of hers to move to Florida after retirement. Her dream came true and she is very happy. She feels blessed to live here. It is her paradise!

Throughout her work life, Madeleine was a massage therapist. She owned her own business.

Madeleine has three children and eight grandchildren. Her two daughters live in Montreal and her son lives in Tampa.

Madeleine's hobbies included Alpine skiing and cross country skiing while she lived in Canada. However, her Florida hobbies are golfing, biking, swimming,



Madeleine Fontaine

dancing, walking, exercising (she serves as vice president of the Ladies Exercise Group) and painting.



She takes Italian language lessons at OTOW because she is planning a trip to Italy in two years. While busily doing all these activities, she somehow manages to travel with her two daughters and with fellow line dancers.

You have to wonder if she ever sleeps!

Did I mention that Madeleine's passion is line dancing?

You can see her at all the line dancing classes OTOW offers. You will see her on stage as one of the line dance demonstrators.

See why Madeleine is so passionate about line dancing. If you are a beginner line dancer, try the 1 p.m. Tuesday session, or the 8:30 a.m., Saturday session.

Regular classes are held after the beginner classes. All classes are held in the auditorium and Starlite Room of the East Activity Center.

If you are an early riser, consider the 7 a.m. practice class conducted weekdays in the EAC Exercise Room.

Information about our club can be seen on the OTOW Box Office (OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com), OTOW-TV Channels 98.1 and 732, and on Facebook.

There are line-dance-at-home videos on OTOW-TV, weekdays at 7 p.m., if you want to give line dancing a try before doing it in public.

For more information contact Mary Becker at 217-663-0541 or Leila Walker at 727-330-6621.



March
30

Mark your calendar now before you forget!



**50th Anniversary
Spring Chorus Concert**
Saturday, March 30, 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 31, 3:00 pm
EAC Auditorium

Morning Exercise Group takes time out for a breakfast party

By Leila Walker

What do these ladies have in common?

Each morning at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, they meet in the East Activity Center Exercise Room for an hour of exercise and fun.

As a reward for their commitment, they got together in February for a pot-luck breakfast.

Thank you to Joanne Wallend, Madeleine Fontaine and Leila Walker for organizing and planning the event.

Also thanks to everyone who helped set up the room for the event and the cleanup after the event.

Approximately 30 ladies attended and no one went home hungry!

Mary Marsden, our Monday instructor, prepared an "icebreaker" activity and we all got to know each other a little better.

Each participant was asked to bring their own place setting along with their own plates and silverware. They were encouraged to be creative with their place settings because a prize would be given for the most innovative and creative place setting!

Edie Ryczek won the contest. She had a Valentine's theme for her place setting. The prize was a yoga mat with carrying case (handmade by Mary Marsden from an old pair of jeans) and an exercise headband knitted by Mary Marsden!



Ladies from the Morning Exercise Class pose for a picture after taking part in a breakfast gathering in February. Morning exercises is a year-long group.

Edie was thrilled with her gift!

We invite any ladies interested in staying fit to join us any weekday morning at 8 a.m. in the East Activity Center Exercise Room. Each day of the week there is a different routine. You will not get bored and

you can choose those routines that benefit you the most.

It is a fun group. Join us soon.

We continue our classes during the summer months. This is a year round activity!



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More than 1,200 people take in a Jesters show



The On Top of the World Jesters Club put on their 40th anniversary show in February and more than 400 people attended each day. In addition to favorite songs from the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, the Jesters brought back memories from the Dinah Shore show, the Ed Sullivan Show and American Bandstand. The talented cast also made the crowd laugh with some very humorous skits, including a radio talk show, Abbot and Costello, and a not-so-successful computer repair plot. At left is one of the skits performed. Bruce Bandini, Keith Elder and Connie Ballard talk about a new nude section opening at On Top of the World called 'Bare Estates.' You'll have to wait for the movie to come out to find out why everyone is smiling.

(Photo by Doug Kates)

Republican Club gets insight on Middle East and former Soviet Union



Republican Club

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

At the Republican Club meeting in February, members were treated to a very special guest speaker, Dr. Bill Urban, who is a special advisor to the State Department and Defense Department.

His specialty is the Middle East and former Soviet Union.

He is an author and educator, who has written books, which have been published and sold on Amazon.

The meeting was a big success with new members signing up for our club.



Dr. Bill Urban was the guest speaker at the Republican Club meeting in February.

Lilly Scheifen did the prayer after the Pledge of Allegiance. All our meetings are the second Tuesday of each month in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Our March 12 speaker will be Jeff Antous. He is a political analyst who was at the Broward County recount after the last election. He worked for the Department

of Justice. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

March 9 is the St Patrick's Day Parade. Hope to see everyone there to march with us.

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Line dancers enjoy special guest instruction



By Ed Foland
 This past month, the Snowbirds Line Dance Club offered, free of charge to all line dancers, two special workshops with guest instructors well-known in the line dance world.

The first event was on Wednesday Jan. 30, and featured Rosie Multari, a delightful teacher and choreographer, whom Dolly Foland had met at previous line dance conventions, and invited to our club.

Rosie offered dances of various levels of expertise, so that even our ultra beginners could enjoy them.

With her easy sense of humor, Rosie explained a few things about line dancing that we might not have known. For example, the real reason for four-wall dances is so that you can see what everyone is wearing!

On Feb. 6, our club welcomed John Robinson back for his third appearance at On Top of the World.

A professional teacher and choreographer for over 20 years, John goes by the title, "Mr. Showcase," and it is easy to see why.

With super-high energy, he roamed the auditorium as he guided us through several dances ... then showed us, in his own inimitable fashion, how the moves could be enhanced, "John Robinson Style."

Attendance at both events was high,





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Line dancers from On Top of the World pose for a photo with Mr. Showcase, John Robinson, during a special teaching session in the auditorium in February.

and I'm sure everyone appreciated the chance to see these two great professionals.

Our club is offering some upcoming trips. They include two charter bus trips, Biloxi Casinos on March 11-14, and Savannah, Ga., on March 19-22.

Two cruises will be available, including our annual cancer fundraiser cruise on Mariner of the Seas, which departs on Dec. 2 to the Bahamas.

The Snowbirds Line Dancing fourth annual cruise will be sailing out of Tampa on Brilliance of the Seas on Jan. 6, 2020,

with ports of call in Key West and Cozumel.

Two dinner theater shows are upcoming. On March 9 we will go to Largo and on March 22 to Clearwater.

For additional information contact Ed Foland at 727-417-3272.



Ladies from the On Top of the World World Quilters group show off donations they made for Kimberly Home.

World Quilters make big donation

The On Top of the World World Quilters group presented 60 receiving blankets and 34 burp cloths to Kimberly Home Pregnancy Resource Center on Feb. 12.

This year, Kimberly Home will be celebrating its 36th anniversary. The organization assists more than 1200 women via home care, housing, daycare or those in a crisis situation.

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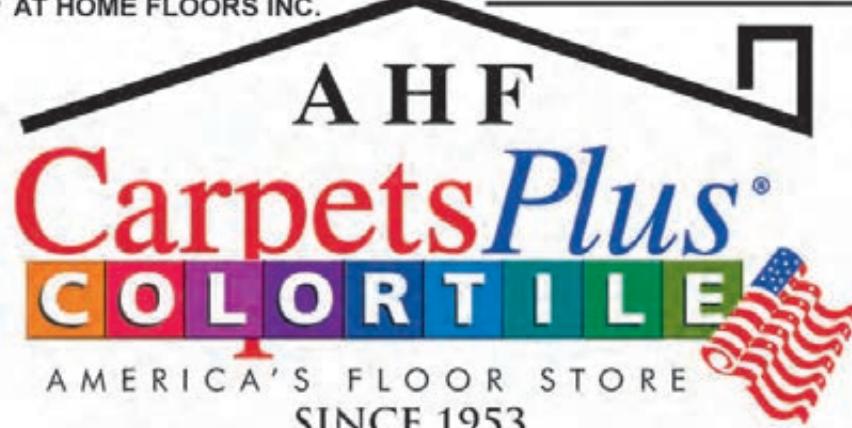
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A little Irish humor in March

Two Irishmen walked by a sign which said, "Wanted: Tree Fellers."

One Irishman said to the other, "If Seamus was here, we could have gotten the job."

A gentleman was asked if he understood German.

Gentleman said, "I would – if it was spoken in Irish."

"Hello Mary. How are your new false teeth?"

"I'm not wearing them until I get used to them."

What's the difference between between an Irish wedding and an Irish wake?
A smaller bar tab.

A tourist in Ireland asked a farmer, "How far to the next village?"

The farmer said, "Seven miles if you walk. Five if you run."

Marge
Mayer



Internet Humor

"Well that wasn't a pleasant experience. I just had all my teeth pulled out. I'm never doing that again."

Husband shouts up to his wife, "Hurry up or we'll be late."

"Oh be quiet," the wife said. "I've

been telling you for the last hour, I just need one more minute."

Reilly was walking through a cemetery when he came across a headstone which read, "Here lies an honest gentleman and a politician."

Reilly thought, "How did they bury two people in one grave?"

An Irish woman said, "Can I try on the dress in the window?"

The store clerk said, "No. You must use the dressing room."

Mrs. Feeney yelled at her husband, "Are you spitting in the vase again?"

"No," her husband shouted back. "But I'm getting closer."

Two Irishmen just opened a new pub on the moon.

The food and drink are great! The atmosphere isn't so good.

Woman walked into an Irish appliance store and bought a non-stick pan.

But when she got home to use the pan, she couldn't take off the label.

An Irishman was arrested and sent to trial for armed bank robbery.

After a week of testimony, the judge found him not guilty.

The Irishman raised his arms when he heard the verdict, but then asked the judge, "Can I keep the money?"

(The jokes on this page have been edited. To read the original versions, go to jokes4us.com)

Computer Club offers free tune-up to all of On Top of the World

By Joe Wisinski

The On Top of the World Computer Club strives to serve not just its members, but everyone in the community.

For the month of March, the club is offering all OTOW residents a free computer tune up. The service includes:

- Ensuring that anti-virus and anti-spyware software is up-to-date
- Checking for viruses or spyware
- The removal of unnecessary programs to help the computer run faster
- The installation of a free program that monitors the health of the computer

Residents may bring their laptop computer to the West Activity Center Learning Lab any morning, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for their free tune up.

The club is unable to provide a free tune up at your condo.

In addition to the free tune up, club members provide assistance in the Learning Lab with any other computer issues, including training and repairs. Help with smart phones or tablets is available at the same time. These sessions are free.



Computer Club

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center. Visitors are welcome. Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members. Time is also



Bring your computer to the Learning Lab in March for a free tune-up.

made available to ask any technology-related questions.

For more information about the club, go to www.otowcc.com.

Major changes have been made to the On Top of the World Box Office Website.

See Joe Wisinski at the Computer Club if you want to learn how to find the site, which hosts information on all OTOW clubs along with community information and thinking games.

Everything is green in March and at Lambda social

By Bruce Lovett

Green is a favorite color of the Lambda Club just as it is to the month of March.

Green is the color of money - and who doesn't love cash? Usually by March, most of us have our Christmas card debts squared away.

March is also a favorite because the Florida winter is coming to an end. Instead we get to celebrate both the coming of the green - new tree buds, bushes starting to sprout up and new blades of green grass emerging to meet the sun.

And of course, March is famous for St. Patrick's Day.

Our monthly social is on Friday March 8 in the Learning Lab at the West Activity Center at 7 p.m. The bar will be serving Blarney Stone punch. There will be no snake meat served on the pot luck buffet as good ole St. Pat drove them out of On Top of the World just as he did Ireland. And of course the dress code is green; as long as it's green anything goes.

Lambda is an informal group for the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW as well

as their friends and neighbors. Should you wish more information email us at Lambda@g.mail.com, call Dave at (727)410-7566 or check us out at Box Office:OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

In addition our monthly social, we dine out most Sundays for lunch, and for exercise play golf and have mall walks. This month we are holding a game night on March 23, at 7 pm in the kitchen/craft room in the EAC. To follow our hectic schedule you need look no further than our web page [HTTP://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com).



Lambda Club

Meet your neighbors who are making our community safer and grab a free dessert

By David Beaven

This month, Neighborhood Watch wants to say thank you to our residents.

In the past year, we've been distributing Watch stickers that people have placed in their windows to increase crime and safety awareness.

We've invited representatives from the Sheriff's office and our residents turned out to listen to ways we can help protect our own community.

As a token of appreciation for our community's involvement, Neighborhood Watch is holding an Open House Dessert Social on Wednesday, March 6, from 5:30



-7:30 p.m. in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center.

Come by and say hi and have some-

thing yummy. We look forward to greeting our regular Watch friends.

If you have not been to one of our meetings, we'd like to meet you, too. All of us are important in making On Top of the World the best that it can be.

Later in the month, we are having an open forum on "What makes a good building?" This will take place on Wednesday, March 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Sunrise Room. Our guest speaker will be Valerie Martin who knows a lot about this topic. She has been a building coordinator for several years and has helped mentor many of the other building coord-

inators here.

Area Watch 2020 is a Neighborhood Watch started by a group of residents who want to live in a peaceful and secure environment based on mutual consideration and respect. We are not affiliated with the On Top of the World Condo Association. Our mission is to make a great community even better.

If you would like to find out more about our group, visit our Webpage at: areawatch2020.blogspot.com. We are also in the Box Office at ontopoftheworld-news.com.



Is today March 1?

Hurry! You can make the Strawberry Festival

By Pat Hayes

If you are reading this newspaper on March 1 - hurry - you can still make the New York-New Jersey Club annual Strawberry Festival.

We will be serving fresh strawberries and whipped cream from 2-5 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

This is always our most popular event of the year and this time we will be entertained by the East Lake High School premier group of "Madrigal Singers."

Madrigal is a music composition originated in Italy during the 1520s. In the song, the composer attempts to express the emotion contained in each line and word of a celebrated poem.

Also we have been promised a sneak preview of this year's production by the OTOW Theater Workshop group. Coffee and water will also be served and ice will be available.

On Saturday, March 9, the New York-New Jersey Club will be marching in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. If you will be joining us for this event, please register at our information table where we sell tickets 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays in the auditorium.

Next up for our club, we will celebrate "Latin Night" on April 2 from 6-9 p.m. in the auditorium.

Cost is \$18 for members or \$20 for non-members.

Felice's Italian Deli will be catering. Dinner includes chicken fajitas with sour cream, cheese and salsa. Also pulled pork, beans and rice, and fruit for dessert.



New York - New Jersey Club

Music will be provided by "DJ with a Soul." Coffee and water will be served. Ice will be available.

On May 15 in the auditorium, the OTOW Veterans Group will bring to the community a "Salute To All Veterans" in honor of Armed Forces Day. We urge all our club members, as well as the entire community, to participate in this important event.

The New York-New Jersey Club is open to all residents of OTOW. We are a social club with volunteer spirit. We are made up of many volunteers.

Our club has members and volunteers from all over the United States and Canada. Membership is still just \$5.

For future events, tickets are available in the auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10 a.m.

Marge Sutton shows off a bowl of strawberry shortcake from last year's event.

Dance as a community, dance to have fun and dance for a good cause



Baby Boomers

By Penni Telleck

You are hereby cordially invited to dance!

That's right, dance!

The Baby Boomers group is inviting the entire On Top of the World community to our second annual Gratitude Dance.

We had so much fun last year that we are doing it again.

On March 29, Boomers will host the dance in the East Activity Center auditorium. Bart and Jan (A Taste of Love) will provide us with awesome music.

Tickets for the dance are \$5 and can be purchased on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

We are also collecting food for local food banks. Please bring a non-perishable item with you.

What else makes a Baby Boomer dance? Zumba!



Claudia Garzon teaches Zumba to Baby Boomers in the East Activity Center Exercise Room.

Boomers love their Zumba!

We are fortunate to have Claudia Garzon, our instructor and certified expert, provide all levels of Zumba for us and she certainly needs to offer many levels for our Boomer group!

We shimmy, shake, and cha-cha-cha throughout 45 minutes of rhythmic routines. Many in the group report that they "Zumba their stress away."

In other news, the Boomers celebrated their seventh anniversary as an OTOW

group. Joyce Monahan brought the cake and Bill Higgins brought his karaoke machine. It was a fun party.

Also last month, our wine tasting group enjoyed several wines from Oregon and Washington. The group tried to imagine the different climates in the Pacific-Northwest, and how damp and chilly soil might affect the grapes they grow.

We sampled some delicious, popular wines produced in that region.

Next month we will taste Spanish

wines. Ole!

The Boomers' group offers a variety of activities. If you are interested in our events, you need to be included on our emailing list. To be on our list, come to a Boomer meeting and sign up.

Come join us on March 6 and 21 in the East Activity Center Art Room at 5:30 p.m.

We will have a quick discussion about upcoming events, followed by raucous laughter at a local restaurant. Baby Boomers are not an age but a state of mind.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



'New Odyssey Guy' Gary Todd performed in the East Activity Center auditorium in February. In the picture above, he was playing the guitar, but had a wide variety of instruments to choose from, including clarinet, banjo, saxophone, trumpet and drums.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

March has an Irish theme with St. Patrick's Day dance on March 16 and the Richie Hays Show on March 21

By Marvin Flam

The Entertainment Committee was formally organized in July 1970 and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2020!

Today, the Entertainment Committee presents a line-up of shows, dances and Sunday Meet-and-Greets. All Entertainment Committee events feature professional performers who have appeared on local stages, on cruise ships and throughout America.

The monthly Meet-and-Greet is free to all OTOW residents and no tickets are required.

Resident volunteers created the original Entertainment Committee organization and today it is staffed by more than 70 residents, who enthusiastically donate their time and operate the equipment to support the events it presents.

Every OTOW resident who has a valid activity card is automatically a member of the Entertainment Committee. There are no dues!

The Entertainment Committee, as required by its bylaws, has disbursed surplus funds for projects and improvements that benefit the OTOW community. Over the past 49 years, the Entertainment Committee has funded such projects as new curtains for the East Activity Center auditorium stage; refinishing the stage floor; installing and maintaining new LED stage lighting system; upgrading and maintaining the stage sound system; and purchasing tables and chairs.

Watch for the Entertainment Committee sound and lighting crew which will be providing microphones, music and lighting support for the Theater Work-

shop show early this month, followed by the Chorus Spring Concert late this month.

The Entertainment Committee also provides microphone, music and lighting support for The Jesters and Good Neighbors Association.

Tickets and information for all 2019 shows and dances are available at the East Activity Center auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Get your tickets early for the March events. The Sunday Meet-and-Greet is free for OTOW residents.

The St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday, March 16, features the music of Sequel. We will provide coffee and ice.

The free Sunday Meet-and-Greet on Sunday, March 17, features horse races. Be a jockey or bet on your favorite horse.

Music will be by DJ Alice. Free refreshments are provided after the races.

The Richie Hays Show, direct from Ireland, is back on March 21 by popular demand and features music, comedy and laughter. Tickets are \$15. Bring your own beverages. We'll provide coffee and ice.

For ticket or event information, call (727) 449-9243 or email: entcom2014@gmail.com.

View OTOW-TV channels 98.1 and 732. Call or visit the Community Service Office in the EAC. Check the bulletin boards in the EAC, WAC and your building.

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

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Preview of April Events

APR 11 – THURSDAY SHOW—BOOMERZ

APR 13 - SATURDAY DANCE – CHELLO HOLLYDAY – EASTER HAT CONTEST/PARADE

APR 14 - SUNDAY-MEET & GREET – AL FORMAN! – FREE–2 PM



Runs were a bit stingy in February

By Bob Rittner

New players this year have added immensely to the pleasures of our On Top of the World softball league. Many are younger and add athleticism and agility to the game. All have fit into our style of play perfectly.

2nd Time Sports 13 Project Transform 7

Final scores can be misleading.

The six-run victory obscures the true dimensions of the rout, 13-4, before the ninth inning.

Ironically, the first inning started with a brilliant running catch by Project Transform's Roger Martel and later by two diving catches in the shortstop/third base hole by Joe DeChiaro.

But 2nd Time Sports' relentless offense behind extra base hits by Jim Kemp, Alex Scaranda, Phil Goodwin and Reggie Phelan swamped the opposition.

Project Transform 9 2nd Time Sports 4

Steve Garvin debuted and immediately contributed to victory by roaming the middle of the field to make plays and getting three hits, scoring two runs and driving in three runs.

He was abetted by Bill Lepping's stellar fielding at second reaching back to

grab a blooper and tossing to Steve for a double play.

Jim Kemp continued his torrid hitting for 2nd Time Sports with three hits.

Project Transform 12 2nd Time Sports 6

It is always fun when we have guests play with us.

In a game that was 7-6 going to the bottom of the seventh inning, the brilliant third base play of Ryan Dembinski, who also hit the longest homer in memory, offset the blazing speed of Ken Pietrzak, who also homered.

The game ended on a running catch in right field by Jim Kemp, who starred all day, with a long double which drove in three runs. Phil Goodwin had a perfect four-hit day as well as smart base running.

Project Transform 10 2nd Time Sports 3

For seven innings, Bill Lepping pitched shutout ball, escaping two bases-loaded situations.

2nd Time Sports finally pushed three runs across in the last two innings, the first driven in by Joe Maley's long sacrifice fly.

Roger Martel blanketed left field, turning expected hits into outs. He also doubled and singled. Roger Hebel's two-RBI double started the rout.

The memorable play for 2nd Time Sports was a running catch by Don Leamy to end the sixth inning.

Project Transform 11 2nd Time Sports 2

This month has been unusual.

Ordinarily, games are close. But the last five have all been routs.

Once again, Bill Lepping was a major factor, pitching the victory and blasting a triple among three hits.

Rick Metzger, at middle infield, was flawless making spectacular stops and throws consistently.

Alex Scaranda, at third base, was outstanding for 2nd Time Sports, both afield, where he handled a series of hot smashes, and at bat with a triple among his three hits.

Project Transform 5 2nd Time Sports 4

Sometimes one play can decide a game and crown a player a hero.

Late in a tie game, a twisting liner to right appeared headed for a two-run homer. Lightening quick, Roger Hebel, speared the hop almost behind him to hold the runner to a single, and when the next batter made an out, the score remained tied.

In the top of the ninth inning, Henry

Zussman's double to the fence drove in Joe DeChiaro with the winning run.

Kudos also to Ron Nobile for his outstanding first base play and to Dick Le-Tourneau for his three hits, each of which set up a run.

2nd Time Sports 8 Project Transform 4

Some scores fool you.

Project Transform had numerous opportunities to score, but were stymied by three double plays, all of which began with Steve Garvin plugging up the middle infield, ranging far in all directions to get to balls and using his strong, accurate arm to nab runners.

Guy Bertuzzi's two doubles drove in four runs for the winners.

2nd Time Sports 9 Project Transform 3

Great plays make great games.

Rich Hillberry had a running, knee-high catch, which elicited applause from all players. The cheers amplified when he also stroked two hits.

Bob Ballentine not only slugged four hits, but gobbled up balls at second base.

Alex Scaranda and Joe DeChiaro, each with two doubles, led 2nd Time Sports offense to victory.

Vick Ruggiero earns Men's Club Championship title

By David Cox

The Men's Golf Association would like to thank Todd Six and the Bright View maintenance employees who had the golf course looking pristine and in great shape for the Men's Golf Club Championship and the Jack and Jill Tournament.

On Wednesday, Feb. 6 and 7, the Men's Golf Club Championship Tournament took place. The winners were Club Cham-

pion Vick Ruggiero, Low Net Champion Bob McGrogan, A Flight Champion David Cox, B Flight Champion Jack Sousa, C Flight Champion Gerald Morrissette and D Flight Champion Bob Earley.

Men's Wednesday Golf League tournament results are as follows for recent weeks:

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, there was no play due to weather.

On Wednesday, Jan. 23, the A Flight winner was Mike LaViolette and runner up was Gary Sandine. In B Flight, first place was Bob Notbohn and runner up was John Taylor. In C Flight, first place was Ken Nield and runner up was Tim Beaver. In D Flight, Les Meneilly was the winner and Anthony Esposito was the runner-up.

On Wednesday, Jan. 30, the A Flight

winner was Gary Sandine and the runner up was Roy Monteith. In B Flight, first place was Jack Sousa and runner up was Bill Gambacurta. In C Flight, the first place winner was John Noble and runner up was Joseph Dowe. In D Flight, the first place winner was Roger Hebel and the runner up was Patrick Mahoney.

Ladies 18-Hole Golf League tries new format to win big bucks

By Pat Cassidy

Get your green outfit spruced up and be ready to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 9.

Just let Becky West know that you are coming. It is a fun event for all.

At our Feb. 13 meeting, Gloria Sayer was elected president and Gwen Lemke vice president. Sherry Ivey remains as secretary and Gwen Wyer remains as treasurer.

We started playing Chip-Up/Putt-In on Jan 15. Participation is voluntary and costs \$1 per game. If your ball is off the green and you chip or putt in, you win the pot. If no one wins, the pot is added to the next week's winnings.

No one did it on Jan.15, but we had



Pictured above are new officers Gloria Sayer, Gwen Lemke, Sherry Ivy and Gwen Wyer.

three winners on Jan 22. Rose Mulhall did it on hole No. 3 and Debbie Figaski and

Joan Yorkery did it on hole No. 12.

On Feb. 5, Sue Ellen Dowe had two chip ins, Gwen Lemke had two chip ins and Ursula Taylor had one chip in. We are really getting good at this. It certainly adds some excitement to the game.

Our Championship and Handicap Tournament will be March 5 and 12 with March 19 as a rain date. Be sure to sign up to play before March 5. There is a \$5 fee which is used for prize money. March 12 will be an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, followed by lunch.

Karen Beaver and her committee are planning a special 50th anniversary luncheon on March 27 at the Dunedin Country Club. We will be celebrating 50 years

of golf, friendship and generosity. It will certainly be a trip down memory lane. Everyone is welcome, particularly former members. Tickets are \$20.

Weekly awards

Jan. 22: Eclectic Game Finals. The score is the lowest score on each hole for the three weeks of Jan.8, Jan. 15 and Jan. 22. Flight A: Becky West had 64, Verna Lundgren had 68, Gloria Sayer and Gina Yoon with 69. Flight B: Dot Graham had 72, Terry Kuplen had 73, Debbie Figaski and Katie Quelch tied with 74. Flight C: Rose Mulhall had 81, Joan Yorkery had 82, Carole Lacey had 85.

Jan. 27 and Feb. 5 the ground was too wet for league play.



Mike Crittendon's seventh ace at OTOW helped win Jack & Jill Tournament

By Sheila Meneilly

Heading into the annual Jack & Jill Golf Tournament in February, Mike Crittendon had recorded six holes-in-one at the On Top of the World 18-hole golf course.

Once this tournament was over, he had seven holes-in-one -- the latest helping to win the tournament.

Mike's seventh ace came on the 16th hole. It was his first ace on that particular hole.

Mike and teammate Maureen Stewart ended up taking first place and Mike also took closest-to-the-pin honors.

The day began with a shotgun start and 64 men and women competing for prizes.

Penni and Dennis Telleck took second place, Gwen Wyer and Norbert Mercier took third place, Kim and Gary Sandine took fourth place, and Rose Mulhall and Laurence Keaveny took fifth place.

Margot Ulrich earned closest-to-the-pin honors on No. 15 and Ed Hanson was the winner of the 50/50 drawing.

With Valentine's Day approaching, Ed was asked what he was going to do with his money.

"I'll have to think about it," was his first response, but when his wife, Arlene, heard that answer, it became perfectly clear he was going to share the prize.

The tournament was hosted by the On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League.

Thanks to Todd Six and his crew, the course looked beautiful and the greens were in terrific shape. It created the perfect setting to have this special event.

Even Rocky showed up for lunch.

FIRST PLACE

Maureen Stewart
Mike Crittendon

SECOND PLACE

Penni Telleck
Dennis Telleck

THIRD PLACE

Gwen Wyer
Norbert Mercier

FOURTH PLACE

Kim Sandine
Gary Sandine

FIFTH PLACE

Rose Mulhall
Laurence Keaveny



Pictured above are the award winners from the 2019 Jack and Jill Golf Tournament. From left to right are Mike Crittendon and Maureen Stewart (first place), Dennis and Penni Telleck (second place) Margot Ulrich (closest to the pin No. 15), Gary and Kim Sandine (fourth place), and Rose Mulhall and Larry Keaveney (fifth place). At right is Mike Crittendon who recorded his seventh career hole-in-one on the On Top of the World course. He aced No. 16 for closest to the pin honors. Despite six previous holes-in-one, this was his first ace on the 16th hole. Picture below are some of the golfers enjoying the post-season luncheon. Nothing in this picture was photoshopped! (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)





If you take a red marker and color in everyone's shirt red, you will see that the Ladies 9-Hole Golf League celebrated Valentine's Day in all red.

Our league has some very colorful ladies - find us at the parade

By Nancy Schifferle

The Ladies 9-Hole Golf League hopes you have enjoyed our mostly good February weather.

As you will see by the photo provided, our golfers celebrated Valentine's Day a couple of days early. Trust me - we were all wearing red!

We like to get in the mood for holidays, and Valentine's day is one of love and happiness.

Now 'Tis the month of March, the month of the Irish (and of those who

Ladies 9 Golf

pretend to be Irish so they can party along). 'Tis the month of the arrival of spring. 'Tis the month of visitors desperately wanting to escape the terrible weather up north. 'Tis the month of nonstop traffic, eating more, longer waits at our

restaurants (and more calories, but who's counting now?).

'Tis the month of our On Top of the World St. Patrick's Day parade. Please watch for the 9-Hole League dancing and swinging in the streets.

'Tis the month of visiting the beach and amusement parks more often. And, hopefully this March will be one of good weather, good health and great golfing.

So, welcome our northern visitors so they can spend their money here, then depart for home.

Our nine-hole golfers are thankful to OTOW park management for the improvements being made on our nine-hole course. Every improvement is gratefully appreciated.

So ladies, come join us any Tuesday morning at 8:30 (weather permitting) if you are interested in joining our friendly and happy group of lady golfers.

Tip of the month: Always carry an extra pair of socks with you while golfing....because you never know when you will get a hole in one!

Scott Rogers and Bruce MacPherson win week 12 Shamble Tournament

Do great course conditions lead to better golf scores?

That appears to be the case for the Thursday Golf League.

Todd Six and the staff from Bright-View have the course in the best shape in years. The fairways are easy to hit from and the greens are actually fun to putt on.

On Top of the World golfers are very grateful.

Week 10 in the Thursday Golf League saw Dan Hyden take first place. Len Howell was second and John Taylor took third. Bill Higgins had the low gross round and one skin. Skins were also won by Don Dorris and Steve Roessner. The long drive winners were Christy Mills, Dan Hyden, Bruce MacPherson and Mike Dietterich. Jon Poirier and Joe Maslowski had the closest to the pin shots.

Paul Meyers was the Week 11 champion. Fred Schick was second and Don Baker third. Scott Rogers had the low gross score. Howard Hong, Fred Schick, Mike

Thursday Golf

LaViolette, Gary Herr and Paul Meyers all collected a skin.

A Two-Person Shamble was played on Week 12. Scott Rogers and Bruce MacPherson took first place. Mike LaViolette and Gary Sandine were second. Jahn Lawson and Dennis Telleck took third. Fred Schick and Paul Meyers finished fourth. Joyce and Fran Majewski were fifth.

Week 13 was decided by tiebreakers. Paul Meyers took first place Don Campbell second and Dan Hyden third. Paul Meyers recorded the low gross round. Skins were won by Don Baker, Yon Kyong, Don Campbell, Mike Marsh, Dan Hyden,

Bill Higgins and Carl Charlton. The long drive winners were Joyce Majewski, Don Campbell, Mark Legin and Rick Muchler. Closest to the pin shots were made by Jim Keagy and Herman Hoffman.

Gary Sandine had the winning score and the low gross round on Week 14. Steve Roessner placed second and Dan Hyden was third. Bruce MacPherson, Harry Barbin, Ken Oatsvall, Dan Hyden, Gary Sandine, Don Hunter, Dave Pit-tenger and Steve Roessner all collected one skin each.

On Saturday, March 16, the league will be holding its annual equipment sale and trade day. All OTOW residents are invited to bring their extra equipment to the golf course from 10 a.m. to noon that morning. Any leftovers are donated to local charities.

For 26 weeks, league members play by a point system, our version of the PGA's Fedex Cup. The better you play, the more points you accumulate.

We are only half way through the season, so every league member still has a chance to claim the top spot. The person with the most points at the end of the season is league champion.

The current standings have Paul Meyers leading with 32 points. Don Baker is in second with 28 points followed by Gary Sandine 25, Bruce Macherson 24, Len Howell 23 Mike LaViolette 22 and Bill Higgins and Dan Hyden with 21. With everyone playing well, it will be an interesting race to the end.

The league welcomes new members at any time. All OTOW residents are welcome. You don't have to join to try us out. Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up. If you show up you play.

Players must sign in between 9-9:30 a.m. for the new season.

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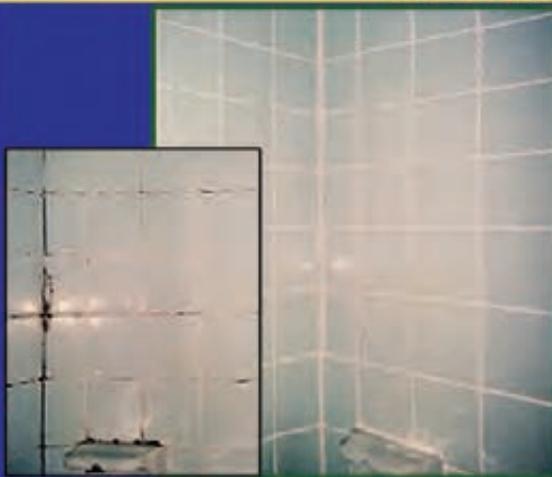
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Making angels

By Susan Pall

Three years ago, scissors were used to cut up a glamorous wedding dress. Then the delicate pieces of fabric were turned into angels.

Now, at first, you might think this was a crazy, irresponsible idea - especially to dismember a wedding dress - but I'm here to tell you about the amazing tributes it has started.

Dorothy Halvorsen was a former On Top of the World resident. When she passed away in 2016, someone left two angels on her hospice room door. The angels represented Dorothy's two daughters, in memory of their mother.

The family cherished these two angels so much, they became an inspiration.

At Dorothy's funeral, a family member took her wedding dress, with permission, and cut angels out of the material.

Everyone at Dorothy's funeral then received their very own angel.

Three years later, new angels are still being made.

One day I visited Hernando Pasco Hospice, which distributes angels to families in need of love. Hospice officials told me the group was down to its final nine angels and so I presented them with a batch of new angels.

They were very grateful.

On another occasion, I had some angels made from camouflage material and they were presented to Hospice for distribution to veterans and their families.



On top, Susan Pall holds one of 237 angels that were made by On Top of the World volunteers in January. Some people cut material, some glued and others did assembly. Below is another angel nearing completion. This one was being turned into a nurse angel.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Again, the recipients were very grateful.

It didn't take long for my story to reach residents of On Top of the World. I told my mom's story to a group from Slimnastics and one night six people showed up at my condo and we made 40 angels.

Not only did the other residents donate time, material and help, but they asked to get together to make angels on a regular basis. People started donating old curtains, lace tablecloths and other supplies.

Then on Jan. 10, a bunch of OTOW ladies and gentlemen met in the East Activity Center Veranda Room and in one afternoon mass produced 72 brand new angels ... only to be topped three weeks later when we made an incredible 237 angels.

Well, word continues to travel and people are hearing

what we are doing here at On Top of the World.

We learned St. Jude's Children's Hospital pins an angel on the shoulder of every child before heading into surgery. We were asked if we would like to help make the angels.

Of course we said yes. This beautiful story truly touched our hearts and we couldn't wait to get started.

Many of us immediately began collecting needed supplies and we started our new mission - to create angels for these courageous children.

"I am blessed to have such kind, caring, compassionate and generous friends," Susan Pall says. "Our Slimnastics class is one big, caring family that constantly makes a difference in the lives of others and helps to make OTOW an awesome place to live."

So you don't believe in angels?

Commentary By Doug Kates
News Editor

Are you doubting the belief that angels exist?

Shortly before my mom passed away in March 2017, she was on a strong medication, which kept her in bed. Her eyes were always closed and she was not responsive to anyone or anything around her.

Then one night, as I sat by her side, I became startled to hear my mom suddenly say, "I didn't know they did that."

My mom's eyes were wide open. Her facial expression was that of someone in total disbelief.

"Who did what?" I asked my mom, not really expecting an answer.

"They are lighting candles," my mom said.

I looked around the bedroom wanting desperately to see someone lighting candles, but of course it wasn't my time to see it. Instead I watched my mom and her fascination as a ceremony was taking place before her very eyes.

I had no doubt she was seeing angels light candles around her room. Then, to my surprise, my mom turned her head and looked at me with a big, warm smile. She said, "Pastor Rick never told me they did this."

And then she smiled and went back to sleep for the last time.

Now do you believe in angels?





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Some pointers on dealing with coyotes

March is a very busy month. Ash Wednesday is March 6; Daylight Saving Time begins March 10; St. Patrick's Day is March 17 and the first day of spring is March 20. Don't miss the On Top of the World St Patrick's Parade on Saturday, March 9. It is always very interesting and fun to watch.

We have new residents in our northwest wing. They are Maia and John Rina and came from Orlando, where they lived for 19 years.

Prior to that, they lived in Cliffside Park, N.J. At that time, both Maria and John worked for the New York Telephone Company. They have three children and four grandchildren. Currently the entire family is living in Florida. Maria and John, we welcome you to the Espana!

Most of you know that OTOW is



now home to a number of coyotes, as is most of Florida. The Tampa Bay Times recently ran an informative story with suggestions for residents.

The article stated that coyotes are most active near dawn and dusk. They

will eat anything that a dog, cat or raccoon would eat. Thus you should not leave pet food outside or garbage bags waiting to be taken to the trash room.

You should definitely keep your dog on a leash so that he/she will not run to the coyote and if the coyote runs to your pet, you can control the situation.

You should keep coyotes at bay. The best way to do that is to "haze" them. What does that mean? You want to yell or otherwise make a lot of noise to scare them, and don't stop until that animal is out of view. By doing that, you are giving the animal a negative experience, so that the next time, he'll think twice about coming to your area.

Also remember: no food outside. Pick up fruit that has fallen, and again, yell.

Copies of the OTOW News are available in the lobbies of the East and West Activity Centers.



Granada residents feasted on hot dogs, chili and all the fixings at a Feb. 1 get-together. (Photo by Lee Seymour)

Social life at Granada is a year-round whirl of activities

Winter, spring, summer or fall, gathering with friends and neighbors continue at Granada.

For example, we enjoyed a dinner with hot dogs, chili, Fritos and ice cream on Feb. 1. And we went to Cheddar's recently for our building lunch.

Don't forget that our monthly "gathering on the green" get-togethers are held on the last Thursday of each month.

Our co-coordinators informed us that they will no longer continue in their roles. Bill and Karen Johnson are moving back home permanently, and Peggy Talak will be pursuing other interests. We thank them for their service to our building and wish them all good luck in the future.

Trish Burch will continue as our secretary/treasurer and we are all very thankful for that.

The weather is getting warmer and with the Snowbirds here, the golf courses and the pool have seen an increase in



attendance. It's nice to see our friends from the north even though some are only here for a short time.

Please continue to check the bulletin board for upcoming events.

If you are interested in going to Tampa Bay Downs on April 7, please pay your money to Arlene Berger as soon as possible.

A Note For Dog Walkers

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Ottoman featured resident is a man of many talents

If you noticed a man who keeps unusual hours and changes his hair style or beard every couple of months, you probably saw Bill Martin, an Ottoman resident since 2012.

Bill is a performing artist, and enjoys sharing details of his projects. His various vocal dialects hide his native speech pattern and amuse acquaintances when employed with his witty quips.

Bill was born in Houston, Texas, and except for a four-year Air Force enlistment and several years at The University of Texas, lived there until moving to Pinellas County in 1995.

In public school, he participated in choir, and once had a lead role in the annual operetta.

As an instructor in an Air Force technical school, he became comfortable in front of groups while mastering delivery techniques. Plus, he learned to speak "Midwest" instead of "Texas Twang."

He used his GI Bill to complete an accounting degree and become a Certified



Public Accountant. He often referenced his "day job" during routines — no one expects a funny accountant!

Before moving to Florida, he joined a comedy troupe and performed stand-up comedy routines throughout Texas.

He believes that a successful combination of scripted comedy and impromptu quips comprise the highest level of performance. He believes that

when he has fun, the patrons do as well.

He was an award-winning character for the Bay Area Renaissance Festival. Later, he performed in the Detective Dinner Theater at the Belleview Biltmore Resort in nearby Belleair, and on the Carnival Miracle cruise ship.

Bill has been very active since moving to On Top of the World. During that time, he has appeared in 11 major stage plays (he played Ebenezer Scrooge in two different productions), two movies and two television programs.

In addition, he emceed a show at the Florida State Fair and last year scared patrons at Busch Gardens' "Hal-O-Scream." Bill has starred or performed in many other productions — too many to list here.

Currently, he's preparing the role as a greedy southerner in *The Little Foxes* at Francis Wilson Playhouse. Since he spent December portraying Ebenezer Scrooge, he hopes he isn't being typecast as a miser!



Ottoman featured resident Bill Martin.

ATTENTION WEST-SIDE DRIVERS

As you enter on World Parkway and approach Americus Boulevard, remember to come to a complete stop before making your turn. Do not pass a left-turning car on the right, inasmuch as that blocks the other driver's vision and could cause an accident. Remember to make a complete stop when you come to any stop sign within the OTOW community.

The other cars and pedestrians around you are depending on it, even though you may not see them. A "rolling stop" places you and others at risk of an accident. Stop, look both ways, and look in front of you. Thanks for being a cautious and safe driver!



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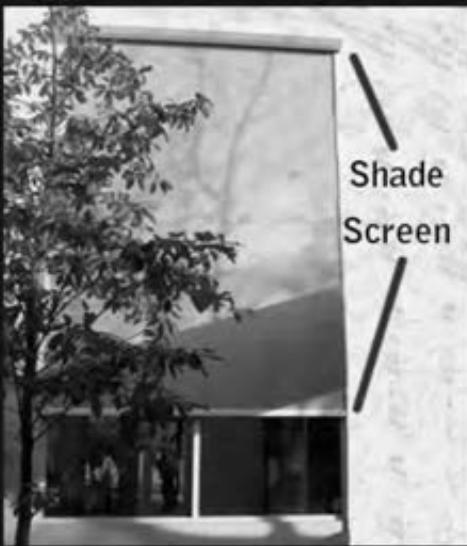


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**A look back at the OTOW News
March, 1994**

- **Chinese Cathay:** The annual meeting called for Jan. 18, 1994, by President Clark Berkhoudt was gratifyingly well-attended. Ann Bock, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes of the previous meeting. The financial statement showed we were solvent, which of course was well-received news. Nominations were presented for positions of president and secretary- treasurer. A unanimous decision was made and the incumbents were reinstated, a situation they graciously accepted.
- **Men's Tennis:** By the time you feast your eyes on this tennis column, the OTOW 1994 Championship Tournaments will be well under way. If you noticed some men playing singles on our courts, that's what it was — some of our members actually playing a singles tournament. Men's doubles has attracted quite a few more players.
- **Lapidary:** There are many ways of working with gemstones and transforming them into delightful pieces of great artistic beauty. In the Cabochon Cut, there are three basic styles. The most common has a domed top and flat base. The double cabochon has a domed top and bottom. The third except the bottom is hollowed out, or concave. This makes possible the penetration of light that will enrich deep colored material such as deep red garnet. The cabochon cut has been practiced for many thousands of years.
- **Library News:** Of all the "gadgets" we keep in our homes, the smallest and most useful is the bookmark. Today's books are glued rather than stitched. This means the spines will split if flattened, and that causes pages to fall out. Bookmarks are nearly always available in the library or you can make your own.
- **Ladies 18-Hole Golf:** Our officers for the 1994 year were all voted in unanimously. We also welcomed four new members: June Hones, Helen Thomas, Toni Mettz and Ingrid Jarmuzek. Good luck, ladies!
- **Fixers and Fumblers:** Our fifth annual get-together with wives was recently held at the Clearwater Country Club. There were 50 of us present. This was all arranged by our good and faithful member, Allen Jarvis, who presented all the gals with attractive St. Valentine's Day hand-made heart-shaped jewel boxes. Many of us in the shops had a hand in constructing them.



Dorado residents who were involved with or saw the recent Jesters performance include L to R, front row: Eddie Burke (actor), Carol Jo Brenneman (attendee), Rosemary Meyer (attendee), Carl Meyer (attendee); Back row: Mary Jane Lofton (attendee), Ann Brown (attendee), Edwina Schick (attendee), Richard McMillan (actor), Sue McMillan (actress).

**Dorado residents involved in
OTOW stage performances**

Kudos to our own Richard McMillan, Sue McMillan, and Eddie Burke for helping make the fantastic musical "Jesters at 40 Looking Back, Looking Good." Several of our residents attended the show and we were not disappointed!

One of our new residents, Robyn Kunar, will be performing in "The Best of Broadway — Part 2," a musical extravaganza presented by the On Top of the World Theater Workshop on March 8, 9, and 10. Look for the notice on the core bulletin board. Robyn has tickets for sale on all three performances.

A few of our residents may be a little richer after Dorado Day at the Tampa Bay



Downs with Carl and Rosemary Meyer. As far as your writers, Ann Brown and Edwina Schick, we are flat broke . . .

ATTENTION OWNERS WHO RENT OUT THEIR UNIT

Condominium owners who directly rent their unit may obtain necessary forms in one of three ways:

1. An owner or tenant may go online to www.otowclearwaterinfo.com, click "Community Information" and print a copy of the Direct Owner Application for Approval and the Direct Owner Lease Application Checklist to aid in completing the application.
2. Local owners may also obtain applications for their tenants from either the Community Service Office or the On Top of the World Real Estate Office receptionist.
3. And lastly, a written request must include building number, apartment number and address of the apartment. Requests must also include a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope for return mail. Mail to the address listed below.

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Friday, March 8, 3:15, Starlite Room
Saturday, March 9, 10 am, Actual Parade
Tuesday, March 12 (Suggest an improvement)

Another OTOW springtime is on its way

Well, Valencia neighbors, you can cross another month off the calendar.

February is usually the transition from the Florida winter to the Florida spring, although sometimes it's hard to see the difference.

It also signals the end of the NFL football season with the Super Bowl game and, of course, Super Bowl parties.

Tom and Linda Monson had such a party. If you recall, Tom does sports officiating back home in New Hampshire, and, as luck would have it, there were several guests at the party that also do the same. If you think regular fans are tough on NFL referees, you should see these guys. Brutal. No mercy.

We had a building luncheon last month at Joey's Italian Restaurant, hosted by Harold and Donna Hahnah.

Donna volunteers as our building secretary and, along with Harold, agreed to sit down for a little background information.

Donna was born and raised in Somerdale, N.J., the "real" South Jersey. She has been involved in the medical field her entire adult career. After schooling and an internship she went to work



as a medical technician.

Then, after having children and they became school age, she went back to work, this time in the very interesting field of reproduction and endocrinology. In this endeavor, she helped many couples have children and raise a family.

Donna has three children and six grandchildren, including a set of twins.

Harold was born in Queens, N.Y., and also lived in upstate New York, as his father worked in various construction areas. Harold was in the Army, proudly serving in Korea.

After his military service, and with



Valencia Building featured residents Donna and Harold Hahnah.

help from the GI bill, he went to school to be a plumber, a profession in which he advanced to become a supervisor until his retirement.

After retirement, an associate asked if he would come out of retirement to supervise one last big job for him. He agreed. This final job was plumbing the new Mets stadium. What a way to end a career! Harold has three children and four grandchildren.

Bible Study Club

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

The club meets Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations. Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

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OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



Class is 9-Noon, March 21 & 22, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room

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Building will continue its charitable work in 2019

The Bohemia Building can look forward to an exciting year as the Social Committee has worked diligently to develop a fun-filled calendar of events.

New ideas were presented and adopted while the best of the old were kept.

The building will continue with Monday's Spaghetti Night that has been a tradition adopted years ago. The monthly Wednesday night dinners were kept, but new restaurants were selected.

Holiday potlucks are going to continue with new twists, such as a Murder Mystery event. All-in-all, it promises to be a fun year.

The Committee voted to continue work to benefit the community. They do this by asking residents to bring a canned good to each in-house event. That contribution is then donated to the local food bank.

The Committee will again develop baskets to raffle with proceeds going to local charities. "Cocktails for Good" will continue, with donations of new clothing presented to "Clothes to Kids."

Finally, a cash donation this year is



to be given to the local U.S. Coast Guard Food Pantry.

Several ideas to help others, are still in the discussion stage.

Valentine's Day was the date of a successful wine and cheese gathering.

With St. Patrick's Day fast approaching, it is reported that several of our building residents will be participants in the festive On Top of the World St. Patrick's parade on March 9 at 10 a.m.

To further celebrate St. Patrick's Day, there is dinner out and a Saturday morning coffee. You can see this day is truly one that we honor.



Brahman women enjoyed a lunch on Valentine's Eve at the Clearwater Family Restaurant.

Brahman is noted for fun social activities for residents

The Brahman Building gathered for a women's luncheon on Feb. 13.

It was a special day, as it was the first time in a long while that everyone (including Snowbirds) were together. Fourteen of us went to the Clearwater Family Restaurant. Food and service there were very good.

We had a surprise from a Barbershop Quartet group. These gentlemen were full of spunk in their '80s. Their voices were very good. We sang along with them. Fun time had by all. Thanks to Lucy Jennings for putting this together for us.

In our building we all take turns planning fun times for all. We are responsible for having a coffee, a luncheon and a dinner. We help each other with ideas on what to do.

Lucy has planned a dinner at Joey's New York Pizza and Italian Restaurant in the Seabreeze shopping center.



It is sure to be a great time for everyone.

If anyone wants to take on and plan any events, just type up a memo and put it on the bulletin board. We will help you if needed.

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American Gothic residents enjoy luncheon



(By Penni Telleck) American Gothic residents enjoyed a recent building lunch at Rhodes Restaurant and Pancake House. The food was plentiful and yummy and there was much camaraderie. There was a bigger crowd than normal, about 30 people. (Photo by Maureen Smith)

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- Guests under the age of 15 may use the facility from 12-4 p.m., seven days a week. Guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Children under age 2 must wear a "swim diaper."
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- Persons experiencing gastrointestinal symptoms or open cuts or wounds should not use the pool.
- Use of these facilities is at a resident's or guest's own risk.

The following items are not permitted in the pool area:

Glass containers, coolers, food or drink (other than bottled water), pets (except for service animals).

PLEASE ADVISE YOUR GUESTS LAUNDRY HOURS ARE 8:00 A.M. til 8:00 P.M.

Update on building officer positions

Shout out to Phil Woods for his continued effort in annually updating the resident phone list and corresponding mailbox tags. Merci! Danke! Grazie! Dziekuje Ci! Gracias! and thank you!

That old saying, "March rolls in like a lion and goes out as soft as a lamb." While looking forward to spring, residents are encouraged to review belongings in storage rooms. Therefore, accept this gentle reminder that all items in designated storage areas must be labeled with resident's name and unit number. In May, items that are not identified will be removed.

Here's an update concerning building management: Loch Lomond currently needs a building captain, an activity chairperson, and a treasurer. Resident dues were suspended due to lack of participation, but that can change when and if residents desire to



once again hold social activities.

Weekday lunches have been popular. All that needs to be done is to make a reservation with a nearby restaurant, then place a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in a designated location. Simple as that. Step up if interested.

Yours truly serves as building reporter

and caretaker of the bulletin board. I write about news that residents share with me and introduce new neighbors as I meet them. New residents and long-time neighbors are all invited to provide the building reporter with news items. I will be pleased to share your travels, and other adventures with our neighbors. Just give me a call.

A bit of March trivia: During the Roman Empire, March was the first month. That was in line with eastern civilizations such as Iran and India. In 1582, the Gregorian calendar moved March to third place.

Happy St. Paddy's Day to all. Be sure to come out and enjoy our world-famous parade on March 9. Bring your lawn chairs and favorite beverages to the grassy area on World Parkway between Jamaican and Israeli to enjoy the parade. The parade starts at 10 a.m.

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Building captain announces pizza party on March 11

Residency here at Rila Renaissance definitely increased with the storms and sub-zero temperatures brought on by the recent polar vortex weather event up North.

One example is Marianne and Jim Sherry's daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Mike, who came to visit. When they left home for the airport from the frozen North the air temperature was 11 degrees, but with the wind chill the temperature was a bone chilling Minus 4 degrees.

During the couple's stay, they lazed at Clearwater Beach and the pool here in On Top of the World. (See picture of Marianne and Michelle at the beach.)

By the time they left, they were relaxed and Mark had developed a wonderful tan. He's sure to be envied by everyone when he gets home.

Our building captain, Gerri Jaeger, would like me to extend her thank you to all of the volunteers who helped in un-decorating our building after the holidays.



Also, a big thank you to Lois Martin for collecting our building dues for 2019. That's always a big job trying to catch everyone when they are at home.

Gerri also wanted to announce that the building's annual pizza party will be held on March 11. We have a lot of new residents and we hope all of you will come and enjoy the free pizza and meet your new neighbors.



Marianne and Jim Sherry's daughter, Michelle, at left, poses with Marianne on Clearwater Beach.

All residents need to remember to bring a chair and their beverage of choice. Also, if you want to bring a salad or dessert, it will be welcomed by all. This is always a fun-filled event, and we hope

to see everyone there!

Also, look to the bulletin board for information and sign-up for announcing the restaurant for the March Ladies Lunch Group outing.



Karaoke party was well-attended

Continuing our tradition of searching for good vocal talent, another Karaoke party was held at the home of Bob and Lorraine Gendron on Friday Jan. 25, from 6-9 p.m.

Good food was available, consisting of pork ribs and shredded ham along with yellow rice and potato salad and garlic bread. A dessert of cake and ice cream was served.

Eighteen invited guests attended and there were no less than eight singers performing.

There were solo as well as impromptu group singers involved, and a great time was had by all.

There are more parties in store for 2019, so stay tuned.

Let's welcome new Emerald Isle neighbors

In the spirit of love and friendship, Emerald Isle residents enjoyed our Valentines cocktail party on Feb. 14.

The party was held on the Sumatran side of the building in the front flag garden. We celebrated the birthdays of three of our neighbors as well: Lisa Jacobs, Bill Gippenrich and Carole Pittenger.

The group enjoyed drinks, snacks and chocolate-covered strawberries in addition to the birthday cake. There were approximately 35 people in attendance.

One of our newest neighbors is Dr. and Mrs. Oo Hyon Kyong. We were pleased to get acquainted with Oo Hyon and his wife, Song. They purchased one of our wonderful units and intend to spend several months a year with us.

Their permanent residence is in Ithaca, N.Y. They have been part-time residents of Florida for many years. Friends introduced them to On Top of the World and the couple fell in love with the many activities available in our community. They also love the picturesque views from their home.

Oo Hyon and Song have three grown children and six grandchildren, ranging



in age from college age to 7 years old. Having both been raised in large Korean families, staying close to their children is very important to them both.

The Kyong's emigrated to New York City in 1972 as a young couple from Seoul, South Korea. Dr. Kyong came to New York to continue his education as an OB/GYN. He believes he delivered close to 6,000 babies during his 35-year career! Song, who was a pharmacist in Korea, raised their children and managed their business until they retired five years ago.



Emerald Isle featured residents Dr. and Mrs. Oo Hyon Kyong.

The Kyong family actively participated in their church, the United Methodist Church and volunteered in medical missions in Honduras, Panama and the Navajo tribe in New Mexico providing medical care, medicines and nutritional aid.

In addition to updating their new home, the Kyong's enjoy playing golf and getting to know their new neighbors.

Help us protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

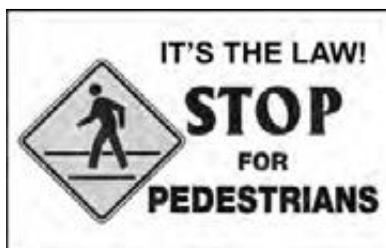
Within the past few years, individuals featured in this newspaper were contacted by phone claiming that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers. However, the phone call was a scam to try to get the grandparents to send a large sum of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of grandchildren in stories.

All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere and not just at On Top of the World.

If you get a call claiming that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information. Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious, call the police.





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Valentine's breakfast hit the spot for Siboney residents

March is back and so is the warm Florida weather.

Jerry Gartner's son, David, from Michigan came to visit. They had a very busy and constructive time.

The Foy's son, Michael, came from Ohio to Florida to go to the Daytona 500 with his father.

Carol Andreski, Cele Radeloff's daughter, visited Cele from Long Island N.Y. They went to Orlando to visit friends.

On a recent trip to New Jersey, Cele visited her grandson's new house in Sparta. He bought a small boat, cut off three feet off the stern, and made a bar out of it for his game room. This unique bar is quite a topic of conversation!

We have our own version of "A Star is Born" right here at Siboney. Connie Ballard was absolutely terrific in her performance in the Jesters 2019 show as a singer and comedian. A star was born, for sure!

Twenty-six Siboney residents had



a lovely Valentine's Day breakfast at First Watch in Clearwater. Red clothing was worn by all.

March 9 is the On Top of the World Irish Parade. Please come out and support all the clubs who participate. Wear your green and get some free beer. Hot dogs and sodas will be on sale. It starts at 10 a.m.

The Theater Workshop will be performing "Best of Broadway, Part 2" on March 8, 9 and 10. Tickets are a mere



Twenty-six Siboney residents enjoy a Valentine's Day breakfast at Clearwater's First Watch.

Photos by Lillian Foy

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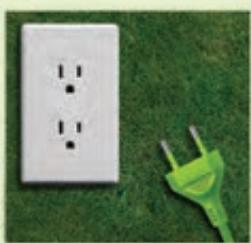
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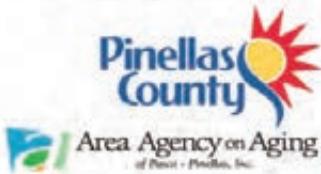
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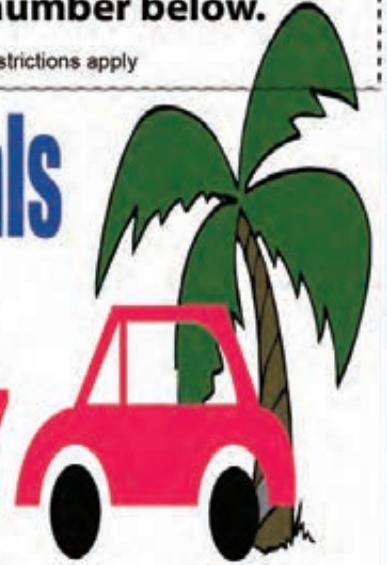
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Hawaiian Towers - 34

A reminder to clean up after your pet

Aloha from Hawaiian Towers to everyone. I see that a lot of people are enjoying our luncheons. A big thank-you to Pat Murray and Sylvia Shelmon.

We are still having a problem with people standing at the trash room door throwing their dogs' waste into the trash cans. Sometimes it lands on the floor and people are stepping in it and bringing it out into the hall. Also some of you are allowing your dogs to relieve themselves in the hall and on the sidewalk, then not cleaning it up.

This is home to all of us. So, have a little respect.

I hope everyone is planning to watch the On Top of the World Saint Patrick's parade. It will be Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m. It will begin up at the end of the golf course on World Parkway and go to the back parking lot at the East Activity Center.

Beer and pretzels will be served free. Hotdogs and sodas can be purchased at a reasonable price. So come on out, watch the parade and enjoy the celebration with everyone.

Meeting topics included security tips

Welcome to spring... well, in a few days, anyway.

Our building meeting was well-attended. The dominant topic was security. Mickey Calderson of Neighborhood Watch was guest speaker. It was suggested that residents put the Sheriff's Department non-emergency phone number in cell phones and to be aware of strangers or things out of the ordinary. That number is 727-582-6200.

Our co-captain, Howard Rochte, is head of the Neighborhood Watch for the Villa. Window stickers were handed out, along with information on what to watch for. There will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting on March 6 at 5:30 in the Sunrise Room. Please try to attend this important meeting. We live in a pleasant place and want to keep it that way.

Treasurer and co-captain, Carroll Harris, read the treasurer's report. Russ Lamesfield and Dom Bucella will be collecting dues (\$10) for the Finlandia side.

Also on the agenda: The bike room is to be cleaned out. Old broken or unused bikes will be donated. The storage rooms are up for inspection by OTOW. Areas must be easily accessible. No combustibles



Viennese Villa - 29



Meet our new Viennese Villa neighbor, Susan Cheetham, a local interior designer.

is moving to another OTOW building.

Cocktail times are again in full swing. Our first one was very enjoyable and well-attended.

Happy birthday and anniversary to all in March.

Remember, any news fit to print send an e-mail to fresca@maine.rr.com.

are allowed. If you don't use it, donate it.

The trash room continues to be a problem. Please arrange for disposal of appliances and building debris.

Our building barbecue is coming up. Watch for the date on the bulletin board along with other announcements.

Please welcome our newest neighbor, Susan Cheetham. Sue is a full-service interior designer for kitchens and baths with a local firm. Sue is from the area and really likes the OTOW community.

Congratulations to Trudy Barry on the arrival of her first great-grandchild.

We bid adieu to Steve Herman, who

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Ladies from New World French met recently at Lucky Dill's for their monthly luncheon.

NWF resident has helped with Gasparilla for 15 years

We have a resident in the building, Maryann Lawson, who was in the recent Gasparilla Parade in Tampa. She was on the Buccaneer float, dressed for the part. She has been involved in the event for 15 years and helps out with the beads, painting the float, etc.

The monthly lunch for the ladies was held at Lucky Dill's in Clearwater.

Lots of birthdays for February, so a dinner has been organized for the end of the month at Varsity Theater. Check the bulletin board.

I had company from Canada and Scotland: two sisters I grew up with in Manchester, England, in the war years. We lived on the same street and played in bombed-out buildings with other kids.



There was no TV and only went home when we were hungry. I had not seen them in 50 years, so we had a lot of catching up to do with news of our life and families.

Building issues discussed at annual Mallorca meeting

The annual meeting of the Mallorca Building was held at the home of Maureen Finguerra with 17 Mallorcans attending.

Much of the discussion centered on problems with rodents, coyotes, and storeroom issues. A committee has been formed to discuss and possibly find solutions to these and other concerns. In addition, Vito Conforti hosted a pizza party/discussion group to address some of the concerns raised at the meeting.

Thank you to Ursula Taylor for hosting the Super Bowl party again this year. Everyone brought a dish to pass, as well as their beverage of choice.

Those who were football fans enjoyed watching the game and rooting for their favorite team. Those who were not interested in the game sat around chatting with our new neighbors.

Lucky winners of the pools, run by Dick and Terry Kuplen, were happy to collect their cash!

Twenty Mallorcans and friends went to Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater to see "What the Bellhop Saw." It was truly a farcical play, with plenty of sight gags. As usual, there was an ample amount of good food on the buffet.

Ginger Currier enjoyed hosting her son, Dale, and his wife, Diane, for a few days. Unfortunately they were not able to



get here when they had originally planned, because their flight was cancelled due to one of the many Northern New York snowstorms. Dale's two daughters and grandson also visited for a couple of days. This was the first time Ginger met Dale's 3-month-old grandson and it was love at first sight!

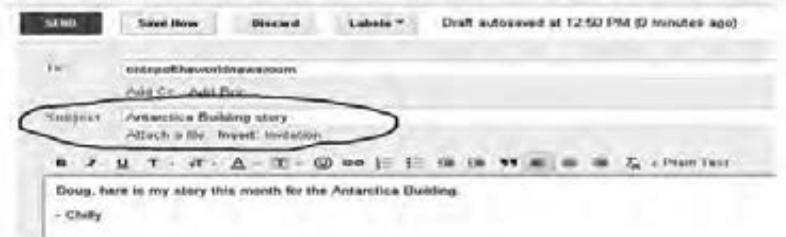
A highlight of the visit was dinner and show at Hamburger Mary's. Ginger really got into the spirit of the performance! They also enjoyed shopping and dinner in Tarpon Springs.

Welcome back, Helen Pawlikowski — we missed you!

Upcoming events? Check the bulletin board. Happy St. Patrick's Day! Don't forget to attend the annual On Top of the World St. Patrick's parade on Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m.

Attention OTOW News writers ...

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Comedian keeps everybody laughing, no matter where

Have you ever laughed so much that tears rolled down your face (or your leg)?

Recently, we did when my husband Dick and I attended Yakov Smirnoff's show with Diane and Jerry Kaplan.

Yakov, a Russian immigrant and now American citizen, has built his comedy act on the way our English language expresses itself — literally. Do you really keep an eye out when looking for someone, or can you get a new or different child at a baby changing station?

His examples, which made us laugh out loud, were always followed by his pointed theme of the show, "I bet you never looked at it that way!" and "You will now."

The show's theme opened our eyes to laugh at things we see every day, but never saw it the way he does. We will now!

As you probably know, we are so fortunate to live in Florida, where there are more cruise ports than any other state — giving us easy access to some amazing cruises.

Diane and Jerry Kaplan recently took advantage of one of the amazing cruises, from Miami through the Panama Canal,



with stops in Grand Cayman, Columbia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Acapulco, Cabo San Lucas, finally arriving in Los Angeles where they spent a few days celebrating both of their birthdays before returning home.

Coincidentally, Yakov was one of the ship's entertainers and Diane and Jerry were able to meet him on the ship to tell him they already had reservations at his upcoming show in Florida.

By the time we met him in Florida, Yakov and the Kaplans were old friends!



Dick and Terri Mikszenas (left-hand couple), and Jerry and Diane Kaplan (right-hand couple), were still laughing and smiling after the show when they posed with comedian Yakov Smirnoff (center) for a group photo.

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Social committee formed at annual building meeting

An enthusiastic group of Austrian Alpine residents turned out for the building's annual meeting.

New phone lists were distributed. Voluntary dues were collected and potential projects were voted on.

Some of our wing coordinators moved, but other residents have stepped up to take over those responsibilities. Thank you to Christine Nason, Rich Hughes, Kathy Ahrens and Jean Donnelly.

A social committee was established, with Virginia McDowell and Jean Donnelly in charge.

Our first luncheon of the year was at the Clearwater Family Restaurant, hosted by Dulce Boyce.

Jan Stiffler, storage room guru, organized our annual storage room cleanup. The storage room floors were cleaned, and all residents marked their items in their



designated storage areas. All of the cleanup work of three years ago results in a speedy and easy yearly cleanup.

Thank you again to all of our building volunteers, 22 in all. Neighbors helping neighbors make all of our lives more enjoyable.



Austrian Alpine residents enjoy a recent luncheon, hosted by Dulce Boyce front right, at the Clearwater Family Restaurant.

Much love is shown at Orizaba Valentine pizza party

If there ever was a Valentine party that exemplified love — especially love for thy neighbor — this was it. Many Orizaba residents helped make Valentine Eve at the West Activity Center a fun and memorable event for all.

Building Coordinator Keith Elder directed the Men's Wednesday Morning Breakfast Club to set up tables and chairs for the more than 30 guests that piled into the Sunrise Room to socialize.

Tony Odorisio ordered yummy cheese and pepperoni pizzas (plus garlic knots!) from nearby Rizzoli's Pizza. Rounding out the meal was a scrumptious mixed green salad prepared and donated by Mark Dennison.

Keith and Mark donated water and soda, and others brought wine for those who didn't BYOB.

Greeting everyone at the door and providing nametags were Josie Gonzales and Flo Gracia. Josie also donated the Valentine decorations, arranging a beautiful table display and sprinkling each table with sparkling hearts. Plus, Flo happily won the 50/50 raffle that was held.



Keith, an active performer here at On Top of the World, donated three tickets to the Theater Workshop show coming up March 8-10, where he'll be singing his first-ever solo on stage (yay, Keith!).

Andy McEvoy photographed everyone's smiling faces throughout the room.

Wrapping up the evening was resident songwriter Rachel Stone (yours truly), who performed four of her clever original songs with a Valentine theme. "I Like the



More than 30 residents had a wonderful evening at the Orizaba Valentine pizza party. (Photo by Andy McEvoy)

Way You... Smell" detailed personal chemistry. "Synchronicity" celebrated compatibility. For "A Man with Dishpan Hands," she impersonated Dr. Ruth Westheimer, the famous sexologist. Then

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Get it? It's all about a 'room' theme

Azorians were definitely in the "rooms" where things happened!

Jean Fowlie shared that her sons, Paul and Dave, made a surprise visit to celebrate Papa Gordon's birthday in not one but two "rooms."

Room one was Frenchy's On the Beach, followed the next night in the Chi Chi dining room of Bob Heilman's Beachcomber restaurant.

Another "room" was the Mahaffey Theatre. The attendees were Bob Kelly and Carol Gasparre enjoying The Florida Orchestra's "Dreams of Spain" concert, complete with Tango dancers, the world's leading bandolier performer and soprano Camille Zamora.

Closer to home Dolores and John Parham were in the room loving "100 Years of Broadway" at our own Ruth Eckerd Hall.

The year was 1969. The room was the



46th Street Theatre in New York City. This reporter was ecstatic over the Tony Award Best Musical "1776" — our generations' telling of the Founding Fathers in song and dance.

Fifty years later the room was Carol Morsani Hall at the Straz Center, Tampa.

My lovely bride, Katy, and our neighbors, Celeste and Kelly Fitzgerald, were blown away by this generation's best musical telling, "Hamilton." Boy, have things changed in 50 years!

Jean and Joe Spahalski needed a lot of "room" — the great outdoors — to really enjoy their new "toys," matching ECVS (energy conservation vehicles), complete with racing stripes.

Our newest neighbors, Nancy and Paul Steffens, have been very busy refreshing the rooms of their former home in preparation of placing it on the market.

Twenty of us were recently in the dining room of The Red Lobster enjoying a pre Valentine's Day repast.

Remember to give a tip of your green derby to these leprechauns on their lucky day: Doris O'Meara, Paul Steffens, Nan Rudolph, Tom Pirrello, Stan Stock and Denise Foley.



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OTOW CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

*To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for permanent or temporary change of address. This form may be dropped off at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center or mailed to:
OTOW Condominium Association, Inc., Attn: CSO, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E., Clearwater, FL 33763*

Building Number: _____ Unit Number: _____ Today's Date: _____

This change is: _____ Permanent _____ Temporary; Effective _____

Unit Owner Name(s): _____

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Don't forget to notify the United States Post Office of the change!

(Submit new form upon return)

Annual meeting combined with potluck for a good time

Queen Victoria held its annual meeting on Feb. 8 with a potluck in the Sunrise Room.

The building paid for pizza and residents provided salads and desserts.

President Joan Brown conducted the meeting with the following officers being elected. president, Joan Brown; vice president, Ruth Bean; treasurer, Judy Santore; secretary, Ann LaMell; reporter, Evelyn Bowman; and advisory advocate, Emily Hee.

Topics discussed were internet access and a Bay Care exercise program. On Top of the World has an informational service to provide emergency information to each resident.

Dues will be \$25 per unit to be used for special building events and Christmas decorations. Suggestions for future events



Queen Victoria - 90



A potluck meal was the setting for the annual Queen Victoria Building meeting on Feb. 8.

included a trolley ride, a possible game night, an April breakfast and an ice cream social. Members are encouraged to share any ideas for future meetings.

The QV bulletin board is keeping residents up-to-date on activities.



French Renaissance I & II - 44 & 45

It's that time of the year for pleasant strolls

Steve and Dianne French are once again visiting the New World French Building from Jamestown, N.Y.

They enjoyed the Safety Harbor SeaFest, reminiscing with "Aunt Jean" in New Port Richey, who is 96 years young, and winning in cards and dominoes with Karen French and Bob O'Donohue.

Bob O'Donohue and Maria Lindholm won the first annual On Top of the World doubles ping-pong

tournament, which was held on Friday, Feb. 15.

Many of our residents are enjoying their morning and evening walks with their mates or their pets. The coyotes howl nightly behind some of our buildings, giving a wilderness feeling.

Some of us are also enjoying the morning exercise classes and line dancing. Get out and enjoy the wonderful activities throughout the week in our fine community!

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New To Sudoku?

Sudoku is a numbers game. Pictured above are 10 rows of numbers and 10 columns of numbers. In each row and in each column, there is space for 10 different numbers (0-9). The same number will never appear twice in the same row or column. Start the puzzle by finding a row or column with only one or two blank squares. Through the process of elimination, determine which number is missing and write it in. As you proceed, you will start to discover that some rows and some columns become easier to guess the missing numbers, until you have filled in every square on the board. At the end, if you have a row or column with two-like numbers in it, you have not completed the board correctly. Try again. For more practice, visit the On Top of the World Box Office and play Sudoku online: OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com

8 6 9 0 2 4 3 □ 1 5 6 Obviously, the missing number is 7.

OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the On Top of the World community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less, including phone number. Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. **If the submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.**

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Paper shredder; walker; bed guard; two large folding beach chairs in bag; queen-size comforter, never used; 16" flat screen TV. 725-0753

Nutrabullit \$15; Sherpa lined airline-approved dog carrier \$15; Wolfgang Puck electric griddle \$15. 452-4211

Tan queen-size quilted bedspread, new in package \$25. 768-3424

Table stand w/wheels, 25" x 26" x 15"D \$25; four Celebrity Clown plate series \$35 each; two signed framed prints. 726-7163

George Foreman electric grill \$10; large roast pan with rack \$10; folding banquet table, 2' x 4' \$15. 480-9456

Plastic storage tubs \$5; suitcase w/wheels \$5; new auto jumper cables \$15. 260-705-6616

Office desk, room divider, card table and chairs, misc. vases. 712-0304

Bedroom dresser with mirror \$25. 702-493-4650

Leather sofa, 84" \$400; loveseat, 60" \$250 OBO. Light aqua color with chrome legs, ex. cond. 729-6352

Rocker/recliner chair, brown with removable maroon-colored cover, new cost \$300, asking \$75 OBO. 400-5739

Men's Titleist golf clubs, full set, bag, balls plus extras \$75; fishing rods, reels lures, loaded tackle box \$75. 723-3238

Spirit of St. Louis replica portable radio \$30; two 16-inch owl statues \$20. 724-1756

Frigidaire black 24" wall oven, digital display \$100. 419-346-2454

Pulaski brown lift chair recliner, 6 months old, weight capacity 500 lbs., new cost \$900, sell for \$500. You move. 953-6018

TV/VCR, 13" \$5; golf cart/clubs/ accessories \$40; wood end table \$25. 717-372-3091

Maple high chair \$5; Ann Klein suede jacket, size L \$25; two wood shelves 70"x31" \$50 each; sewing machine \$30. 432-0729

Two-piece recliner and matching footstool, tan-colored bonded leather \$150. 796-1513

Walker, brand new, never used, has seat & basket \$60 OBO. 726-4571

Bible prophecy videos; Christian, fishing, golf & tennis magazines/books; pool cues, household items, clothing etc. Best offers. 791-1444

Patio umbrella (cranks & tilts) with stand, like new; four outside chairs; lounge w/cushions; George Foreman electric grill with stand/cover. 918-534-7662

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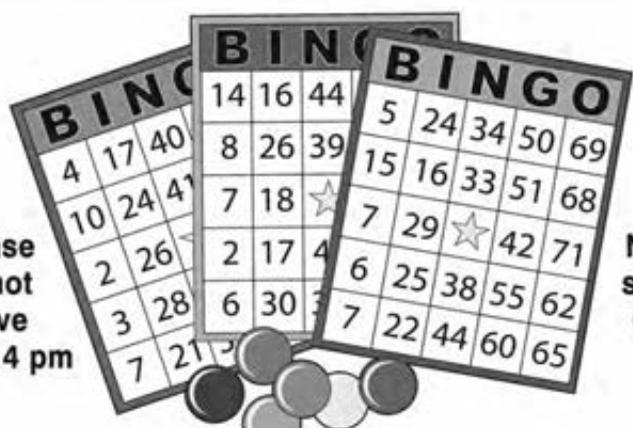
Quart canning jars, Gevalia coffee mugs, jug lamp w/shade, parfait glasses, juice glasses, tall glasses, wooden furniture risers. 455-3287

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Our golf course has gone wild!

One of the improvement projects at the On Top of the World 18-hole golf course this winter is the addition of wild flowers at various locations throughout the landscape. This is what our first hole now looks like!



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