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# Parade reaches 25-year milestone



### Irish Club

By Barbara Rice

For the first time in the 25 year history of the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade, we will have a mermaid!

We've had bagpipers, clowns and even leprechauns, but this will be the first time a Weeki Wachee-born mermaid will be making a splash on our parade.

Plans are coming together for the event on Saturday, March 7, which starts at 10 a.m.

The parade lineup has something for everyone to enjoy.

Mark your calendar. Scout out a good spot along the World Parkway Boulevard parade route.

The Countryside High School Band will get your feet tapping. The high school drama club and chorus members will entertain, too.

And the beat rolls on.

On Top of the World Line Dance Club and Snowbird Club will be doing a combined line dance number.

Baby Boomer Club musicians promise to keep things lively.

Mighty bagpipes and drums will bellow the boulevard as the iconic St. Andrews Pipes and Drums of Tampa Bay will return.

The cute meter is bound to soar when the Clearwater Doodles take their places in our parade for the very first time. The adorable Goldendoodle pooches will



While watching the 25th annual Irish Club Parade on March 7, you may just see a mermaid go down World Parkway Boulevard.

make all Irish eyes smile and somewhere in the midst will be On Top of the World's Pet of the Year - Maria.

bined line dance number. Sword-toting, kilted Celts from the Baby Boomer Club musicians prom- New World Celts should be exciting.

Patriotism will abound. Presenting Old Glory will be the smart-stepping Dunedin High School Junior ROTC, followed by a float of our own On Top of the World veterans.

This is your opportunity to salute several of our country's military veterans who plan to come together to march the route or hail from a float if unable to make the walk.

Look for a convertible with three of our own World War II heroes.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Department also deserve a high five for their service and parade entry.

Many OTOW clubs are busy making banners and decorating floats, cars or golf carts.

The longtime parade also historically attracts entries or support from local city and county businesses, doctors and officials

Antique cars are being polished for

the trip to OTOW.

Joe Cassidy will reign as Grand Marshall of the 2020 parade. Joe is the sole remaining member of the 1996 Irish Club that inaugurated the first St. Patrick's Day parade. Joe, and all 2020 Irish Club members, deserve an extra bravo this anniversary year.

Festivities continue after the parade. Follow the green crowd to the East Activity Center for food, music and mer-

iment.

The Irish Club will be serving free beer. Art Guild members have stocked up on paints for face painting. Popular Joe Burke returns for music and dancing.

The Good Karma Café will be selling hot dogs, brats, chips, and beverages. The brats are new this year.

And bring your cameras for fun photo opportunities. The Press Association, Art Guild and Fixers Club have been working on a special project for this year's event. See related story on page 37.

Between trips to the beer table, please take time to thank hard-working Irish Club members for not only this celebration, but for keeping the party going for 25 years. The parade is not possible without donations and ticket sales to Irish Club events.

And as a reminder, the 25th annual Irish Club Parade will be videotaped by OTOW-TV and aired all day on the actual St. Patrick's Day, March 17. So if you are asked to participate in the parade, please don't hesitate. You will still get to see the whole parade on your community TV station, Channel 732.

After March 17, if you would like the parade to air on TV at a specific time on a specific day, please see Doug Kates in the newsroom. He will schedule a rebroadcast of the parade at your request.

Also, the night before the parade, Friday, March 6, OTOW-TV will air a taping of the Dwight Icenhower "Elvis" concert from just a few weeks ago. So as night falls on the eve before the parade, enjoy a concert presented by your Entertainment Committee. Elvis will be sure to start this weekend off right. Enjoy.

World Parkway Boulevard and both gates on the East Side will officially be closed to traffic from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. during the Irish Club parade on Saturday, March 7. Please do not try to leave your condo and exit the community during the parade. Be aware you will not be able to enter the East Side from 9:30-11 a.m. Your repairman or pizza delivery will be denied until the parade is over. Please plan ahead. Don't be surprised when you see a barracade blocking your road on March 7. And don't even think about cutting over lawns. OTOW employees will be quick to grab your license plate number.

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Most people know Mama Felice from Felice's Italian Deli. While at On Top of the World catering the New York-New Jersey Club's Valentine's Day dance in February, the barbershop quartet 'Skirt and Ties' sang Happy Birthday to her.

### New York-New Jersey Club Strawberry Festival in April

By Will Peterson

The New York-New Jersey Club hosted a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

It was catered by Mama Felice, who was surprised by a barbershop quartet singing Happy Birthday to her and singing some romantic songs.

The food, as usual, was expertly prepared and served, and all in attendance seemed to have had a very enjoyable evening.

Denise with a Twist, the DJ, played some old and new songs, as well as some nice romantic Valentine's Day Music.

Much thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the evening a success and a special thank you to Marge Sutton for her wonderful decorations.

On Saturday, March 7, our club will march in the annual Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade. Please register in advance at the New York/New Jersey Club information table in the East Activity Center on either Monday or Thursday, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., so we will know you will be a part of this fun day.

Our most popular event, the Strawberry Festival, will be held on Thursday, April 9, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

We are pleased to announce we have once again invited East Lake High Schools' premier group of Madrigal Singers. If you have never attended this popular event, we serve strawberries, whipped cream, pound cake, coffee and water. So, bring your sweet tooth with you and enjoy this fun time.

Write down the date May 13. The On Top of the World Veterans Group will hold an Armed Forces Day celebration at 2 p.m. and we are asking our club members to support this special event in the

East Activity Center auditorium.

Other club events are in the process of being finalized and as soon as the information becomes available, we will announce them in the On Top of the World newspaper and at our information table.

The New York-New Jersey Club is open to all residents of OTOW and is strictly a social club that provides good times, good food and good entertainment throughout the year. Membership is only \$5.

All tickets for our events must be purchased in advance. No tickets can be purchased at the door as most events are catered.

Our members give donations each year to Kimberly Home, a home for women in crisis here in Clearwater. We accept cash and items for newborns.

We welcome volunteers at our table on Monday and Thursday and to help in setting up and taking down tables chairs and decorations at our events.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events!





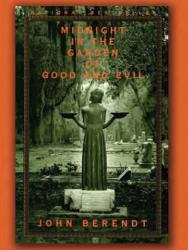


## Good Karma Book Club

#### Changes announced for monthly format

The Good Karma Book Club is switching routines.

Starting in April, the group will now hold open discussions the first Thursday of each month, and then discuss the "Book of the Month" during the third Thursday of the month.



The Book of the Month
for April is
"Midnight in the
Garden of Good and Evil"
by John Berendt.

April 2 - Tell us what you're reading.

April 16 - Join us for a discussion about the "Book of the Month" selection.

Good Karma Book Club meetings are 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab (Open to all OTOW residents)

The Book of the Month for March is "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden. A discussion will take place March 5.

(Last time under the previous format)



#### **New Books at your OTOW Library**

"Code of Honor" by Tom Clancy
"Blue Moon" by Lee Child
"Kiss the Girls and Make Them Cry" by Mary Higgins Clark
"Angel Eyes" by Robert B. Parker
"Criss Cross" by James Patterson
"Child's Play" by Danielle Steel
"A Minute to Midnight" by David Baldacci
"The Deserter" by Nelson DeMille
"The Cliff House" by RaeAnn Thayne

This is the time to renew your On Top of the World library membership. Cost is only \$4. Also a reminder, you can purchase sale books or pick up free books without a library membership. Stop in and see what's available. Library Hours: Mondays 10-12; Wednesdays and Fridays 1-3.

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

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

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

It's true

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

I bet you saw them smile, too.

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

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

#### Irish Club Parade

Come out and join in the fun Saturday, March 7 for the Irish Club annual parade

As a reminder, World Parkway Boulevard will be blocked off for 90 minutes from 9:30-11 a.m.

Do not try to drive on World Parkway during the parade, do not make repairman appointments or have food delivered during this time.



Please notify friends and family not to visit during this hour. As a reminder, World Parkway will be blocked at all road crossings along the parade route. Barricades will not be removed once the parade starts so plan ahead if you have to drive to work.

Remember, driving on lawns to avoid road blocks is not allowed so please plan ahead. Help us keep the parade safe and entertaining for everyone.

Enjoy the fun!

#### **Bus Service**

The OTOW bus service is a well-used amenity for the community. As a reminder, all bus riders (owners/approved tenants) must possess a valid Activity Card and show it upon request.

To participate in a scheduled bus run, you must call and make a reservation for pick up. The phone number is 727-799-3417 option No. 7. Please leave your name, building number, unit number, phone number and trip request on the recording.

Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance with reservations confirmed on a first come/first served basis.

The passenger capacity on the bus is 13. The bus service does not allow walkons for outgoing trips. Bus etiquette requires that you remain seated and that you do not cause any distractions or disruptions to this service or the bus driver.

Your safety is our first concern and distractions caused by individuals to the bus driver may result in the loss of bus service privileges. Please refer to the OTOW Bus Service schedule and rules in the On Top of the World newspaper.

#### **Important CSO 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, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call rolls over to voice mail, it is because staff are working with someone else. Please be patient, calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours. Once the requested service matter 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 immediately to determine if it is an emergency or non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and work scheduled. Generally, all non-

emergency service requests are accessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

As a reminder, window and door repair, or replacement, is exclusive to the unit and is 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, afterhours, in the event of an emergency such as water intrusion into your unit.

#### Tampa Ballet Theatre returns March 12



Tampa Ballet Theatre will return to On Top of the World on Thursday, March 12, to perform dances from its upcoming show Swan Lake. This performance will be about 9:30 a.m. during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in the East Activity Center auditorium. Clubs will open their information tables at 8:30 a.m., followed by free coffee and donutes at 9 a.m. Morning announcements will take place followed by the ballet. Get Acquainted Coffee is free to everyone.

### 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 2020 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, 2020, and published in the March 2020 edition of OTOW News.

# Take time to think about your

A recent Board meeting held on Jan. 29 was well attended by several hundred residents.

Usually only a few residents show up to Board meetings. The driver behind this meeting was on the topic of bulk cable service and whether or not the Board should enter into a contract with Spectrum Cable (a division of Charter Communications).

Whether you are a sports addict or a heavy internet user, Spectrum appears to have the solution, as well as offering a telephone service. To be sure, it comes at

While there are other service providers, Spectrum is the incumbant in this area with cable in place throughout the community. For example, Direct TV, while offering a great range of video and music programming, does not offer internet (despite being owned by AT&T, the promise of bundled services has not materialized).

The elements of the Spectrum Bulk Services Agreement with Video and Inter-

- \$46.50 per unit, per month, plus taxes and FCC;
  - 7-year term;
- 4 percent increase to bulk starting after first year, plus taxes and FCC charg-
- Includes two digital/high definition boxes per unit;
  - 525 digital channels;
  - 55 music channels;
- Access to 10,000 plus On-Demand Choices (at added cost to the individual subscriber);
- Includes 100 mbps Internet service, modem and wireless router;
- · Customer option to add unlimited nationwide long distance phone for \$10

The Board held a Workshop on Feb. 27 in the East Activity Center with a representative of Spectrum. The Board took written questions from owners submitted in advance and answered at the Workshop.

Following that Workshop, the Board's goal is to mail a ballot in early March, together with the question and answer worksheet addressed in the Workshop, to all owners to vote on the choices of (1) \$46.50 per month plus taxes and FCC fees, or (2) for Internet only at \$42 per month plus taxes and FCC fees, or (3) stay with the current arrangement of off-air channels delivered through Spectrum.

It must be pointed out that this last choice (3) of continuing with what the community currently has for service, will expire in October 2021. Spectrum's pricing for replacement of the current service of multi-channel video only is currently \$30 per month plus taxes and FCC fees.

Should a majority of owners vote for this expanded bulk service, charges will be added to the recurring monthly community services fee beginning July 1, 2020.

Chapter 718.115(1)(d), Florida statutes gives condominium Boards the authority to enter into contracts for cable and communication services without seeking the consent of the members.

However, when a decision of this



economic magnitude is on the table, your Board believes the reasonable thing to do is seek the counsel of the membership. When you receive the ballot, please mark and return it to us no later than March 30, 2020. Be sure to identify your name and address, and how many condos you own in the community.

#### Looking ahead through 2020-2021

Your Board has an ambitious list of tasks for the coming fiscal year. One of the larger projects is to consolidate the over 90 different management agreements spanning a 50-year range, into a new, single updated document.

The end goal is to create a master agreement that offers residents more transparency into the workings of their Association's relationship with the management company (or any management

Currently, the management of the community is finely tuned to deliver the range of services necessary to operate a community the size of a small city.

Speaking for myself, I do not believe disrupting that current program would serve the long-term interests of the com-

#### 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

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 nonskid? 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 in 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 the home? How old is it?

Do you maintain an up-to-date emergency contact list? Do you remember where it is and is it 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 re-

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, the residents in Building 4 should begin seeing the painting contractor's equipment arrive to apply new paint coatings to the front façade of the building.

By month's end, the paint crews should be moving to Building 10 to execute the same scope of work. The weather in February, for the most part, has been conducive for paint application.

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.

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

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect. While any unit numbers attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner. If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old numbers for a nominal fee.

#### Construction, Roofing and **Large Scope Projects**

An underground utility contractor will be on property in March installing additional potable water isolation points on the east and west sides of the OTOW property. This work will be in proximity to Buildings 36, 52, 75 and 79 and shouldn't cause any disruptions to the community's water service.

Weather permitting, the improvements should last no more than two to

Because of the nature of this work, residents are asked to stay clear of these excavated work zones. Please help us make safety a number one priority in the community.

A roofing contractor will begin work on their next two projects as the first day of spring approaches. Buildings 24 and 26 are the next two on the schedule for replacement and bulletins will be posted for residents in advance of the work.

Each project will take roughly two weeks to complete provided Mother Nature cooperates.

As a reminder for all residents, please observe any areas cordoned-off as an active work zone and keep in mind that heavy equipment is utilized throughout the duration of these projects.

The next project to be undertaken by the aluminum railing improvement contractor will be at Building 74. The anticipated start date for that project is not confirmed as of this writing, but should be close to the second week of the month. Residents should keep an eye open for notices which will be posted in the center core of the building as soon as the start date is confirmed.

As always, we ask that residents be aware that these areas are active work zones utilizing power tools and have el-Once again, please keep in mind that evated noise levels. We ask that residents do their best to limit entering these work zones if at all possible while work is underway. Thank you for your assistance.

> A mechanical contractor will also return to the property in late February/ Early March to complete the remaining buildings as part of the laundry room improvement project. Their scope of work will be to install dryer venting systems in buildings 3, 19, 33, 38, 39, 46, 51, 52, 59

> > (Please turn to page 7)

# personal safety

Each location will require a day of prep work and another day for installation. Please keep an eye out for bulletins related to this work.

A general contractor will be returning to property in March in order to remove the ornamental tower features from the end stairwell towers of Building 47. These remaining three elements had reached the end of their functional life and required removal as I had referenced in my August 2019 article. The look of the structure, once the removal has been completed, is quite an improvement. Please be on the lookout for aerial equipment and dumpster delivery to the locations beginning early in the month.

Another contractor who will be on the property in March is one that specializes in the remediation of cement sidewalks in the community. Their scope of work involves the removal of elevated panel transitions usually caused by the beautiful and stately oak trees that exist throughout property.

The first phase of this work will see these specialty technicians in the areas of buildings 1 through 22. Some of the panels in need of remediation involve the front entrance sidewalks and porches leading to units. If this is the case, residents will receive a door hangar advising them that the work will take place within close proximity to their unit and may limit their access temporarily.

Any paint coating pre-existing on porches will be removed as a by-product of this work.

Residents wishing to apply a new coating to their porch will need to reach out to the Inspection Services division and submit a modification application, which is available in the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center. Thanks for your cooperation in advance.

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

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

Asphalt paving and resurfacing projects are currently in the process of being bid by qualified, licensed contractors. We anticipate that contracts will be awarded shortly thereafter with paving beginning as early as April of 2020. Keep an eye on your building's bulletin boards for any important notices regarding this annual

#### **Boat Dock Fees**

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

The fee for the 2020 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

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

If you currently have a registered boat/kayak in this area, a representative should have contacted you about your yearly renewal. If you elect not to renew, you will have until March 7 to remove your boat from the area. Boats left in this area after the deadline date will be removed, impounded, and ultimately disposed if not claimed. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Residents should plan ahead for asphalt paving season

like to remind all residents that with the arrival of spring comes the application of new asphalt around the On Top of the World community.

We ask that all residents watch for notices posted to bulletin boards, as well as car windshields, concerning scheduling and locations.

Seasonal residents, or those planning on being out of town during the months of April and May, should be aware that vehicle relocation may need to take place in order for the contrac-

The management company would tor to pave streets and parking areas. We suggest that residents leave a spare set of keys with a resident in their building to keep from having their vehicle relocated by a towing company.

> Residents may also wish to stop by the Community Service Office and complete an information/address change form notating the year, make and model of their vehicle and who may be contacted should the need for relocation or car identification be needed.

> Thank you in advance for your cooperation

#### Spectrum



## Spectrum Workshop on OTOW-TV



In February, Spectrum held an information workshop for residents in the East Activity Center Auditorium. If you missed this important workshop, you can watch a taped version on OTOW-TV Channel 732.

Tuesday, March 3, About 7 pm Wednesday, March 4, About 7 pm Thursday, March 5, About 2 pm Saturday, March 7, About 5 pm Sunday, March 8, About 7 pm

The show should begin within 15 minutes of the time listed.





## Time to collect your valuable junk!

# Goodwill Industries bringing a donation truck to OTOW on Friday, April 17

#### Drop Off Donations 10 am - 2 pm

Let me tell you about this unique nonprofit that serves Pinellas County and eight other counties that surround us.

Goodwill's primary mission is to help people achieve their full potential through the dignity and power of work. This mission is accomplished through employment services, training programs and affordable housing.

The sale of donated and new goods at Goodwill stores enables the agency to offer a variety of employment and training services, promote self-sufficiency and contribute to community conservation through recycling.

Goodwill is also well-managed with 87.6 percent of its operating budget devoted to programs and services

A Goodwill Industries donation truck will be parked on site on Friday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the East Activity Center parking lot off of World Parkway Boulevard. You may drop off donations at this time

Goodwill accepts clothing, shoes, jewelry, housewares, collectibles, home décor, books, sporting goods, furniture and small appliances.

Goodwill's general policy for donations is to accept items deemed resellable. "Resellable" is a pretty broad definition, though, so for things like clothes they can't have rips or large stains. For furniture - no stains or broken pieces. Books would hopefully not have pages missing or be tampered with. As long as things aren't in terrible condition, they generally accept them.

To prepare for Goodwill's visit, here are some decluttering tips from a resident building coordinator:

Step 1 - Serious sorting: Go through all books, papers, purses, shoes, golf bags, drawers, linens and clothing. Sometimes money and valuable objects are hidden there.

As you sift through the personal items, sort them into areas and piles. For example, all old towels, shoes, etc. that are destined for garbage, put in one pile. The items, such as old TVs, paint, oil, broken or unusable furniture, etc. will have to go to the Pinellas County landfill. Put these in a specific area in your unit.

The items that can be reused put in a pile destined for donation.

Finally, those items that might be sold, put in a third pile. Separate this third pile into types of items such as books, collectibles, jewelry, clothing, etc.

Step 2 -- Throw out, donate or sell: Check out Pinellas County A-Z Guide online at www.pinellascounty.org to find out what is garbage and what must be taken to the Pinellas County Solid Waste located at 2095 114th Avenue North, St. Petersburg. You can call them at 727-464-7500

Old TVs, electronics, paint and other hazardous materials go to the Pinellas County dump where disposal is free. Also, OTOW schedules (Haz-to-Go) events at least twice a year. Look for those an-



nouncements at the Activity Centers, OTOW-TV Channel 732, on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) and in future newspapers.

Broken furniture, mattresses, carpet, appliances and other garbage go to the dump for \$3 a carload or \$10 a truckload. You could rent a U-Haul and take the items yourself to the dump or hire someone to do that. See this newspaper for haulers who will take items to the dump for you.

#### Other donation locations

Salvation Army: 24400 US 19N., Clearwater (around the corner from OTOW), or call 727-724-3913 to schedule a pick-up. You can also go to satruck.org to schedule a pick-up

Kimberly Home: Call 727-587-6900 to schedule a pick-up. All items that are sold in the Kimberly Home Thrift Shoppe help support programs for the moms and their babies

Habitat for Humanity: Visit at habitatpinellas.org and check out what they do and do not accept at the Re Store.

St. Vincent de Paul 727-442-5306 call and leave a message for a pick-up.

Or sell: Valuable items can go to auction. Burchard Auction 727-821-1167.

Less valuable items can go to consignment shops.

#### The Florida Orchestra Returns on April 2

The Florida Orchestra (TFO) will return to On Top of the World on Thursday, April 2, at 5 p.m.

This time the orchestra will feature the brass section and will be on the auditorium stage.

The event is free to OTOW residents. No registration required.

Some of the songs you will here include "Koetsier Symphony for Brass," "Sinfona from Bach Cantata," "A Londoner in New York," "Jurassic Park," "Gabrieli Canzon," "An American in Paris" and "Stars and Stripes Forever."

#### Irish Club Parade March 7

The Irish Club's 25th annual parade is Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m. Come out to watch the parade on World Parkway Boule-

vard and follow to the East Activity Center North Parking Lot for a post-parade party.

Please note: The EAC will be closed during the parade.

Joe Burke will be back to entertain us with the very best in traditional Irish music. The Good Karma Café will be grilling a delicious lunch. You can purchase a hot dog, chips and soda for only \$3 or choose a brat for an extra 50 cents.

Let's raise a glass and make a toast to Mike Cooper, the Irish Club and all who take part in this wonderful event.

"There are good ships and there are wood ships and ships that sail the sea. But the best ships are friendships and may they always be"

#### **Consumer Protection**

Pinellas County Consumer Protection will be here on Tuesday, March 3, 9-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. A shredding event will take place outside from 9-11 a.m. in the parking lot off of World Parkway Boulevard.

Investigator and Outreach Coordinator Anna Marie Millet returns with a fun-interactive seminar called "Wheel of Knowledge." You will learn more about a variety of consumer topics.

The seminar is free and no registration is required.

#### Aging and Eye Disease

A seminar on aging and eye disease will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 10 a.m. to noon in the East Activity Center's Largo Room (formerly the Art Room).

Healthy Vision's David Himes will discuss the anatomy of the eye, what is Macular Degeneration, who's at risk, all there is to know about glaucoma, cataracts and cataract surgery, and diabetic eye disease.

The seminar is free and no registration is required.

#### One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be parked at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot on Thursday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All donors receive a free \$10 electronic gift card, a free One Blood St. Patrick's Day T-shirt and a free wellness checkup.

The wellness checkup includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Registration is not required, but if you wish to, please register online at www.oneblood.org.

Several studies published in medical literature point out a lower risk of cardio-vascular events among frequent, long-term whole blood donors.

The reduction in risk seems significant - an 88 percent lower risk for heart attacks and a 33 percent reduction in overall incidence of cardiovascular events, including heart attacks, stroke and peripheral vascular disease when frequent blood donors were compared to non-donors.

The effect was more pronounced for

males and postmenopausal females, and was independent of smoking status.

The cause of the benefit is not fully understood, although a decrease in body iron deposits may explain the results seen. Yet it is possible that as a group, blood donors are healthier individuals, and that the physical exam prior to blood donation helps in early detection of predisposing factors such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol levels, resulting in early behavior modification and medical treatment.

#### Movie Day

Movie Day will return to On Top of the World next month.

The OTOW Activity Department and Good Neighbors Association are pleased to announce our next movie, "Casablanca," which is an Academy Award winner for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Adapted Screen Play.

"Casablanca" will be shown on Wednesday, April 22, at 4 p.m., in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

The movie is free, but seating will be limited and requires a ticket.

Good Neighbors will be coordinate the ticket distribution on Mondays and Thursdays through April 13 from 8:30-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Seating is first come, first served.

Good Neighbors will be selling candy, popcorn and refreshments on Movie Day, as well as a meal. You may purchase a meatball hero, potato salad and beverage for only \$4. Dinner is optional and prepaid when you pick up your movie tickets.

Tickets are for OTOW residents only. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Rogers at 799-2734 or email her at general\_activity@otowfl.com.

#### Notice To All Clubs and Activity Coordinators

Please stop in or contact me by March 15 if your clubs and activities are NOT meeting through the summer.

Renewal of room reservations will be required again Sept. 1-15. New club paperwork and new OTOW facilities rules will also be distributed to each club in September.

#### **Activity Card Renewal**

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 a new card.

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

# Nancy's Bulletin Board





Live Broadcasts and Recordings from Ocala
Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

The Finest Hours: The True Story Behind the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue

March 12, 1-2:30 p.m.

Live Broadcast from Ocala- Michael Tougias

Michael Tougias, co-author of The Finest Hours, will use slides of the storm, the sinking tankers, the rescues, the victims, the survivors and the heroes to tell the story of this historic event. Tougias will describe the harrowing attempts to rescue the seamen, especially focusing on four young Coast Guardsmen who must overcome insurmountable odds to save the lives of 32 crewmen stranded aboard the stern of the Pendleton. Standing between the men and their mission were towering waves that reached 70 feet, blinding snow, and one of the most



waves that reached 70 feet, blinding snow, and one of the most dangerous shoals in the world, the dreaded Chatham Bar. The waters along the outer arm of Cape Cod are called "the graveyard of the Atlantic" for good reason, yet this rescue defies all odds. Disney released a film in 2016 based on this book.

Course Fee: \$2

#### Register Today!

Visit the Activity Office Call: (727) 799-2734 Email: general\_activity@otowfl.com





Live Broadcasts and Recordings from Ocala
Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

A Journey through America's Everglades March 25, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. IHMC Pre-Recorded Presentation- Mac Stone

For centuries, people have viewed swamps and wetlands as obstacles to avoid. But for photographer Mac Stone, who documents the stories of wildlife in Florida's Everglades, the swamp isn't a hindrance — it's a national treasure. Through his stunning photographs, Stone shines a new light on a neglected, ancient and important wilderness. His message: get out and experience it for yourself.



Course Fee: Free

#### Register Today!

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#### **World Parkway Closed March 7**

World Parkway Boulevard will be closed from 9:30-11 a.m. to all traffic during the parade on Saturday, March 7. The only vehicles permitted are parade vehicles and emergency responders. Please plan ahead. You will not be allowed past road barricades once the boulevard is closed.

There will be no entering or exiting the East Side from 9:30-11 a.m. The East Activity Center will be closed until the parade is over.





Live Broadcasts and Recordings from Ocala
Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

National Geographic- Undercover History: Titanic April 15, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Video Presentation

In the North Atlantic's Grand Banks, Dr. Robert Ballard was on the verge of one of the 20th century's greatest finds, the wreck of the RMS Titanic. But the story we thought we knew is just the tip of the iceberg. Behind the search for the famed liner is a spy story of stealth, subs, and Superpowers, ripped from a Cold War thriller. Dr. Ballard had just found the Titanic in the middle of a top-secret military mission.



Course Fee: Free

#### Register Today!

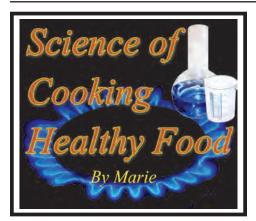
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Consumer Protection Seminar
Tuesday, March 3, 9-10:30 am
EAC Auditorium
Free. No registration.

**Shredding 9-11 am** 

One Blood
Thursday, March 12
10 am - 3 pm
EAC North Parking

AAA Driving Course - March 26-27, 9 a.m. EAC Crystal Beach Room



### **Ingredients**

- 2 pounds, 93% lean ground beef
- 1 cup old-fashioned rolled Quaker Oats®
- 1 1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, finely chopped
- 1 cup salsa\*
- 2 extra large eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 Tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 Tablespoons yellow mustard
- 3 cloves garlic, minced

Oregano, Dry Mustard, Black Pepper, Parsley
\* I recommend a thick salsa

### Instructions

- 1. Adjust oven rack to middle position. Heat oven to  $350^{\circ}\text{F}$ .
- 2. Sauté onion and pepper in large skillet until soft. Add garlic.
- 3.Mince oats in food processor or blender. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon oregano, 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard, 1/2 teaspoon black pepper and 2 tablespoons parsley.
- 4. Combine oats, spices, onions and peppers in large bowl.
- 5. Use your hands to gently mix liquids into oat mixture: whip eggs, salsa, Worcestershire and mustard. Let sit for 15 minutes.
- 6. Prepare heavy-duty aluminum foil sheet, slightly larger than a 10"x6" in a rectangle shape. Poke small holes in it every 2 inches using tip of a sharp knife.
- 7. Place perforated foil on a wire rack on a baking sheet. Spray foil with vegetable oil spray.
- 8. Add oat mixture to ground beef. Using hands, form a compact mass.
- 9. Place on foil and shape a loaf roughly 10 inches by 6 inches by 2 inches.

#### Meatloaf Glaze

- 1. Mix 1 cup of ketchup with 4 tablespoons of brown sugar, 4 tablespoons of cider vinegar and 2 tablespoons of Worcestershire sauce.
- 2. Spread on top and sides of meatloaf before baking and half-way through baking.
- 3. Bake about 60 minutes until meatloaf reaches 160°F. Rest 10 minutes to allow juices to be absorbed and the loaf to firm before slicing.
- 4. If desired, place left-over glaze on the table for the sliced meatloaf.

Cover and refrigerate leftovers promptly. Use within two days or freeze up to three months.

Email questions, suggestions and comments to

#### Marie

marieshealthyfood@gmail.com

Also, visit the Box Office for past recipes in this newspaper.

otowboxoffice.com



### Popularity / Health Value

Meatloaf is a comfort food in the U.S. In a Good Housekeeping poll, meatloaf was the seventh-favorite dish of Americans. (i) Meatloaf is extra-good refrigerated and reheated. This is a perfect do ahead meal.

Ground beef that is at least 90 percent lean is used in place of the more typical 75 to 85 percent. This keeps it in the healthful zone by reducing the saturated fat. That leanness might ordinarily make for a dry, crumbly loaf. Not here, though. Substituting oats for the usual bread crumbs locks in moisture, producing a juicy and tender meatloaf while adding fiber and whole-grain nutrition. Rolled oats — unlike bread crumbs — have no gluten for those who want this choice.

The nutrition of rolled oats and bread crumbs are surprisingly similar except for sodium content. A cup of bread crumbs contains 732mg of sodium — 31 percent of recommended daily value (based on a 2000 calorie diet). (ii) Regular rolled oats have no sodium.

#### The Science

Rolled oats give a firm texture to the meatloaf and act as binder and filler. The trick is to put everything in the bowl and let it soak up all the liquid before adding the ground beef.

Some tips when substituting rolled oats for bread crumbs:

- Do not use instant oats. They dissolve into the meat.
- Mince oats using a food processor or blender. This enables an even distribution throughout the meatloaf and eliminates the appearance of oat flakes.

A traditional loaf pan steams the sides of a meatloaf. It is far more desirable to obtain an overall browned surface to get a delicious caramelized flavor. This can be done by baking the meatloaf free-form on a wire rack lined with perforated foil for fat to drain.

One of the mistakes people often do is to pack ground beef too tightly, making it tough. This is true for burgers and meatballs also.

It is good to pre-cook the onions and peppers. This enhances their flavors. Plus, it ensures there are no raw veggies in the meatloaf. Furthermore, the flavors get evenly distributed throughout the meatloaf if they are finely chopped.

#### Links

i - Florida Today. July 21, 2015.

ii-exsloth.com/rolled-oats-bread-crumbs-substitute/

Disclaimer: Good nutrition is one of the key foundations of good health. This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.



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# March

Events must be approved by the Activities 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\_CLASSES

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room 8-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room Drawing Class: Thursdays, 1 pm, Largo Room Acrylic Painting, Wednesdays, 2:30 pm, Largo Room Painting Workshop, Mondays, 9 am, Largo Room

#### OTHER CLASSES

Italian Class, Fridays, 10:30 am, Dunedin & Ozona Rms

#### **CARD GAMES BID EUCHRE**

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Crystal Beach Rm (17th Oldsmar Rm) **BLACKOUT** 

Thursdays, 6:00, Belleair Room/Kitchen

#### LADIES BUNCO

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 pm, Learning Lab

#### CONTRACT\_BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Dunedin Room Thursdays 11 am, Ozona Room

#### **CRIBBAGE**

Wednesdays, 10 am, Ozona Room

#### DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Ozona Room **DUPLICATE BRIDGE** 

Saturdays, Wednesdays, 11 am, Dunedin Room **BEGINNERS DUPLICATE BRIDGE** 

Thursdays, 9 am, Ozona Room

#### HAND AND FOOT CANASTA/SAMBA

Fridays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

#### MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Safety Harbor Room M, W, F 1 pm, Palm Harbor Room Mondays, 4:45 pm, Palm Harbor Room

#### **PINOCHLE**

T, H, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room

#### **RUMMIKUB** Sundays, 2 pm, Dunedin Room

#### **SAMBA**

Mondays, 12:30, Ozona Room Thursdays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

#### **SCOPA**

Mondays, Wednesdays 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Clearwater **TEXAS CARD CLUBS** 

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Rm Alonzo: Mondays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Room Bob: M,T, 6:30 pm, Safety Harbor Room Barry: Mon., Wed. 6:30 pm, Ozona Room Carol: Wed, Fri, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Saturday Poker Club: Sat, 1 pm, Safety Harbor Rm **COMPUTER CLUB - WAC Learning Lab** 

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

#### COMPUTER CLUB - WAC Belleair Room

Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations Saturdays, 8:30 am, Windows 10, I-Pads and Tablets

#### JEWELRY\_MAKING\_HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays 9-12

#### **GAMES/ACTIVITIES BILLIARDS**

9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room Doubles, Thursdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

LADIES\_QUE'T Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

#### **DOMINOES**

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Ozona Room Tuesdays, 1 pm, Mexican Train, Safety Harbor Room PING PONG

T,W,F 10 am, Belleair Room

#### **DANCE LESSONS** DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Largo Room

#### SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Belleair Room

#### LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

#### **EXERCISES BONESAVERS**

M,W,F, 8 am, Largo Room

#### **EXERCISES\_CO-ED**

M,W,F, 10 am, 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, Safety Harbor Room

Tai Chi 18: W,F 2:45 pm, Exercise Room Tai Chi 108: M,T,W,H,F 4 p.m., Exercise Room

Chi Kung Balance Matters: M,T,H 3 pm, Exercise Room **BOOMERS EXERCISE** 

#### M, W, F, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

#### **WATER AEROBICS**

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

#### **YOGA with MARILYN**

Tuesdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room (Hatha) Thursdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room (Basic)

#### **CHAIR YOGA**

Mondays, 10 am, Belleair Room

#### **ZUMBA**

Mondays, 11:30 am, Gold Chair Zumba, Belleair Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Belleair Room Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Exercise Room Saturdays, 10 am, Exercise Room Saturdays, 9 am, EAC Pool (Water Zumba 3/7, 3/14 only)

#### **GROUPS CARING & SHARING**

Tuesdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

#### **CERAMICS**

Tuesdays, noon, Clearwater Room Thursdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

Library: Mondays 10-12, Wed & Fri 1-3

#### **Tennis / Pickleball Club Schedules**

Women's Tennis Mondays - 8 am Wednesdays - 8 am Fridays - 8 am

Men's Tennis Tuesdays - 8 am Thursdays - 8 am Saturdays - 8 am

Sundays - 9 am Mondays / Thursdays - 4 pm Tuesdays - 12 pm

**Horseshoe Club** 

Times not determined **Shuffleboard Club** 

Mondays - 1:15 pm- 3 p.m. Thursdays - 1:15 pm - 3 p.m.

#### **Activities below ar**

#### **SUNDAY**

Art Guild Art Show & Sale

Lambda Club Social

2:00 PM - Learning Lab

#### MONE

6:00 PM - Auditorium

10:00 AM - Crystal Bes

Ent. Committee & Club

(Veranda) Good Neighbors Board

Keyboard Club Meetin 10:00 AM - Palm Harb (Rainbow)

Good Neighbors Concert 3:00 PM - Auditorium

Ent. Committee & Clul 8:30 AM - Auditorium

6:00 PM - Auditorium

Family History Meeting

Keyboard Club Meetin (Rainbow)

#### **Theater Worksop** 2:00



Ent. Committee & Clul

**Chorus Board Meeting** 11:00 AM - Oldsmar R

Keyboard Club Meetin (Rainbow)

Ent. Committee. Meet and Greet 2:00 PM - Auditorium

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Line Dancing
1:00 PM - Auditorium
Storytelling
6:30 PM - Auditorium

Philosophy Club Meeting
10:00 AM - Crystal Beach Room
(Veranda)

World Quilters Meeting

9:00 AM - Dunedin Room (Computer Room) Irish Club Parade 10 a.m., Saturday, March 7
World Parkway Boulevard and Gates will be closed to traffic from 9:30-11 a.m.
Please plan ahead!

You will not be allowed to drive past barricades.





































# John Fier uses vacations to inspire his art

By Mary Slack Maynard

John Fier won the designation Artist of the Month for his painting of a water wheel he saw on one of his trips through Wisconsin.

Like many painters, John uses sights he sees in his travels as inspiration for his

He said he saw the water wheel many years ago and the memory stuck with him.

You can see his painting in the Guild display cabinet in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

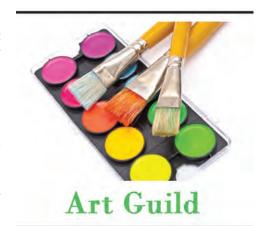
Art Guild made its final plans for participating in the annual Irish Club Parade.

Gloria Agosto agreed to organize a visit to a local art museum and to present a plan to Guild members at the March meeting.

After the business portion of the meeting, local artist Margot Griffin presented a primer on the art of calligraphy.

Margot studied architecture in college and always saw art as a hobby. Eventually, her hobby turned into a business.

After sharing a brief history of the art form, explaining the different kinds of strokes, and the information that different languages have their own style of calligraphy, Margot passed out paper and pens so Guild members could practice writing in one of the styles she demonstrated.



"The secret of calligraphy," she said, "is the amount of pressure applied to the writing instrument and the direction of the stroke."

The weight of the hand is very important in creating the shapes used in a line of script. She also shared that some use the practice of calligraphy as a form of meditation.

In her classes she often encourages students to do mantra writing - writing one word that gives them serenity.

At the March 13 meeting, Elizabeth Shea will give a presentation on paper quilling - the art of using strips of rolled paper.



John Fier is our Artist of the Month for March.



# Bamboo Ensemble here March 8 and Tampa Ballet Theatre returns March 12

By Jim Bjorgo

Good Neighbors Association is right in the middle of a busy season and it just got bigger.

A very good crowd is already expected on Sunday, March 8, when the Musikong Kawayan Bamboo Ensemble visits On Top of the World for a 3 p.m. concert in the East Activity Center auditorium

Then, just four days later, we will be expecting as big a crowd when Tampa Ballet Theatre returns to On Top of the World for a sneak preview of its upcoming show "Swan Lake." This preview will take place about 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 12, during Get Acquainted Coffee in the auditorium.

Two performances in four days!

Show tickets for the bamboo ensemble are \$5 in advance or at the door. Please note, meal tickets have sold out.

Two of our residents, Jessie and Evelyn Tiamson are members of the visiting group.

Get Acquainted Coffee is a free function. In fact, you get a free donut and a free cup of coffee at 9 a.m. Clubs will be on hand opening their information tables at 8:30 a.m. Community announcements will follow at 9 a.m.

On Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m., Good Neighbors Association will partici-



Connie Ballard, Gil Small, Tom Portsmouth and Vicky Portsmouth led the Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee hour in February with a bunch of old time favorite tunes. (Photo by Doug Kates)

pate in the 25th annual Irish Club Parade. Residents are asked to line World Parkway Boulevard and look for us.

The Good Neighbors Association annual clothing drive will take place Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days, under the East Activity Center portico. Staff will be stationed there to help you unload your vehicle of

any slightly used clothing you wish to donate. None of the clothing items are resold. They are given away.

For the first time, Good Neighbors will be holding a food drive during the clothing drive. Drop off any non-perishable food items and our volunteers will drop them off at Helping Hands Food Pantry.

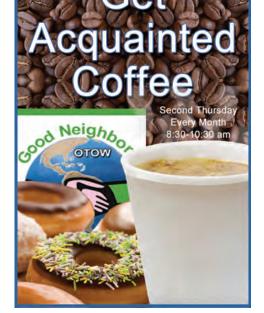
On Saturday, April 4, Good Neighbors will host its annual combined Spring Flea Market and Craft Show. Tables are now available to purchase if you have items you would like to sell. Cost is \$15 for one table or \$15 for two tables side by side

If you have any items in your home you would like to get rid of, you may donate them to the flea market and Good Neighbors will sell them for you. Proceeds will go back to Good Neighbors to fund future events in our community.

A special thank you to Bethyl and Bob Mayer for their more-than-generous donations to our flea market and craft show. Their generosity has already made our event successful.

If you are planning ahead, please remember the 37th annual Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. This will be the final year for this event.

The Salvation Army will conduct the service and the Citadel Brass Band and Songsters Brigade will be here to perform. A free will offering donation will



take place after the service. All proceeds go to The Salvation Army.

For information on all these events, please visit the Good Neighbors information table from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

In late-February, Good Neighbors hosted its second annual Chili Cook-Off. Tickets sold out for judging and many cooks signed up to showcase their famous homemade chilis.

Results were not available at press time. Please read the April newspaper for results.



# Musikong Kawayan Ensemble & Philippine Choral Group

A Spring Social
Dinner and a Show
presented by Good Neighbors Association
Sunday, March 8, 3 pm, EAC Auditorium



Dinner includes pulled pork with a sesame seed roll, condiments, chips, lemonade or sweet tea, ice cream dessert with tropical fruit.

Tickets for the show can be purchased now or at the door for \$5.

All dinner tickets have been sold out.

Tickets are for sale at the Good Neighbors Association information table from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the EAC Auditorium. You can call (727) 725-4048 for more information.

**Clothing Drive / Food Drive** 

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Dear Santa's Helpers,

The Christmas you provided for all the children this year was unbelievably incredible! Thank you so much for your generosity and kindheartedness in adopting one or more of our foster/adopted/needy children for the 2019 Christmas.

Many of the foster parents and children reported back to me that gifts they received were way above and beyond the wishes the children asked for. Everyone was excited to see the wonderful gifts that you selected for him or her on this special day.

Many children not only received a gift card, but generous gift cards that would allow them to buy their dream wish (an item they were saving for).

There was not one child disappointed.

The teens were really appreciative and were thrilled that you selected them as an older child. They realize most people have more fun buying gifts for a younger child, so for you to pick them, they are very grateful.

Some children said they received gift cards that were \$25-\$100+. Wow! Santa's helpers of 2019 were really generous and made so many wishes and dreams come true.

We hope you will have a great 2020 New Year and look forward to working with you again next year. Thank you again for making so many children's wishes come true!

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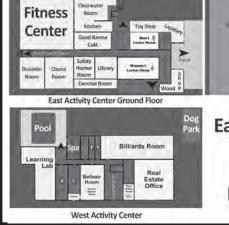
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# Look for our new club shirts at parade



#### **Press Association**

Christmas in February?

For many years, the Press Association held a tradition of hosting a Christmas party and its December meeting at a local restau-

That tradition was altered a few years ago when staff had too many holiday parties to attend. The event was moved to January and renamed a "Kick Off The New Year Party.'

Well this year, the new January tradition was pushed back a month because the Press Association didn't have its meeting room available in February. So instead of taking a road trip in January, the road trip was postponed to February.

Hence, Christmas in February - sort of. The Press Association Christmas Party/Kick Off The New Year Party took place Feb. 6 at the Clearwater Family Restaurant. This is the only time all year a press meeting takes place outside the community. We also take pride in supporting one of our adver-

During the meeting, Editor Doug Kates announced the Press Association is confirmed for the Irish Club parade on March 7 and asked for volunteers to march and hold our banner.



Members of the Press Association enjoy lunch at Clearwater Family Restaurant during the club's February monthly meeting. This luncheon covered Christmas, New Year's and Valentine's Day all in one. Most people in attendance were wearing our new green shirts.

For the first time in years, the Press Association now has new club shirts with an embroidered logo. Many people wore their shirts to the luncheon. Others received their shirts at the luncheon. Look for our snazzy new shirts at the parade.

Doug also reported that the Fixers Club and Art Guild were working with the newspaper on a special Irish cut-out project that will be donated to the March 7 post-parade party. Doug was pleased with the progress. Creating Smiles Dental is assisting with the project with a financial donation for wood and paint.

See related story on page 37.

At the meeting, Doug passed out a new "New Reporter" tutorial which will be handed out to first-time writers. The goal is to make all newcomers to the club fully aware of what the Press Association does. Many new reporters never attend a press meeting. The new tutorials will encourage everyone to attend.

The next meeting is the Press Association Appreciation Luncheon at 1 p.m. on March 5 in the Crystal Beach Room. Anyone who has attended at least three meetings and contributed to at least three newspapers is a guest and gets a free lunch. Other staffers can pay \$20 and attend. This year's lunch will be catered by our own Tom and Chervl Butcher.

Those news staff who qualify for the banquet are: Ilene Bargerstock, Dave Beaven, Diane Busto, Cheryl Butcher, Yvonne Courtney, Patrick Ellingham, Fran Fairfield, MaryAnn Fontaine, Ed Foland, Lillian Foy, Anna Georgiadis, Marge Gipperich, Barb Jamrozy, Theresa Kawalec, Bruce Lovett, Donna Lukas, Mary Slack Maynard, Terri Mikszenas, Sue Naylor, Irene Pappas, Rose Pietrogallo, Bob Rittner, Cecile Sangiamo, Tom Scarpato, Paula Schelling, Ute Scheibe, Rachel Stone, Penni Telleck, Randae Marie Van Denover, Mary Lou Wall and Joe Wi-

If you think your name should be on this list, please check with Doug in the newsroom before March 5.

The April 2 meeting is scheduled for the new pavilion, pending inspections.

### Computer Club learns about creating, saving passwords

On Top of the World Computer Club members recently learned about managing computer passwords.

The session focused on creating strong, yet easy-to-remember passwords, and saving them where they won't get lost.

"Passwords are the bane of a computer user," said Joe Wisinski, who led the discussion. "One of the biggest problems we see at our computer help sessions is forgotten passwords."

Joe suggested this method for creating and saving passwords:

- 1. Start with a standard phrase that you're unlikely to forget, such as "I love my dog Fluffy." Without spaces or any other formatting that's ilovemydogfluffy.
- 2. Then add numbers, special characters, and/or capitalization to strengthen the password. For example, you could capitalize the first letter and add an exclamation point and the current year, or the year you adopted Fluffy. Then you'd have Ilovemydogfluffy!2020, which is a strong password, yet one you won't forget.

Joe also recommended checking a password's strength at this Website: howsecureismypassword.net. He dem-



onstrated that a password such as Ilovemydogfluffy!2020 could take millions of years for a computer hacker to crack.

Creating a strong password, however, is only half the battle. The other half is saving them someplace where they won't get misplaced.

Many computer users keep passwords on small pieces of paper, but those are soon lost. A notebook or a spreadsheet are better alternatives. A password manager is another option.

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The free Website above - howsecureismypassword.net. - can help you determine if your password is strong enough to deter hackers.

Whatever your choices are in creating and saving your passwords, you should periodically change them, and certainly do club members are available to help any so if you find out your computer or your email has been hacked.

#### 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 or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask any technology-related ques-

In addition to the Saturday meetings, OTOW resident with technology-related questions or issues. The help sessions take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m. The services are free and Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance.

Anyone seeking help is requested to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. so we have adequate time to address your issue.

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

# Don't sell your condo just because you received a letter in the mail

SCAM ALERT: I recently received an offer to purchase an apartment that I own at On Top of the World in Clearwater.

The offer promised me a quick closing, and the purchaser will pay all costs associated with the closing.

The offer was ridiculous and was way less than one-half of the actual value of the apartment.

I have now learned that these folks are sending out many such letters to other OTOW residents and I am hopeful that everyone will do just what I did - throw the letter away.

Even if you want to sell your unit, please — PLEASE — don't sell it to people like that who, in my opinion, just want to steal your property.

Income tax filing day is April 15, as it always is. So, I am sure that you all know what that means.

It means that IRS-scammers will be contacting you to demand money from you because you failed to pay all the taxes that you owe.

The IRS will NEVER call you to demand that you pay them and they will certainly not tell you to run out and get an I-Tunes card or get a debit card or pay them with any other method that they can drum up to steal your money.

Of course, the wise thing for all of us is to have caller-ID on our phone and then never answer a call unless we know for sure, who is calling.

The second wisest thing to do is if we do answer a call, and are told it's from the IRS or whomever, just hang up or disconnect immediately. We should never speak with these folks.

SCAM ALERT: A client informed me that she received the Grandma-I'm-In-Serious-Trouble" phone call.



The client then told me she asked the caller to give her the name of her sister. "Jennifer" came the answer.

My client replied: "I know you are not my sister" and hung up.

I have a better idea. If you get that call, don't ask anything. Just hang up.

Q: Is there any concern about having a will that is over 17 years old? I have been told that they need to be redone after that time has elapsed.

A: This is a new one on me. A will remains valid regardless of its age. Of course, you should always review your will to make sure it says what you want it to

I recommend that everyone pull out their will every year or two and take a look at it. If you like it and do not want to make any changes, just put it away.

While you are checking it, please make sure that you signed it, that it has at least two witnesses and that it is notarized.

Notarizing a will does not make it valid, but it does make it "self-proving."

A self-proved will means that it is not necessary to find the witnesses at someone's passing. And let me add, that simply because you did your will in another state, does not make it invalid in Florida.

Having said that, though, I almost always suggest that when you move from one state to another, you have an attorney check all your estate planning documents. Further, and this is my opinion only, I strongly believe that if you reside in a state as your residence, you should have your will, durable power of attorney and your advance directive drafted for you by an attorney who lives in that state and is licensed to practice law there.

Q: Do I need a new durable power of attorney if my present one was done in another state and if I signed before October of 2011?

A: This question came to me along with the one that is above it.

Florida has a complex power of attorney statute, part of which deals with durable powers of attorney. The present statute was effective as of Oct. 1, 2011, and it covers all powers of attorney. There is a provision in the 2011 statute that basically provides that if you have an existing durable power of attorney that you signed before Oct. 1, 2011, and regardless of whether it was signed in Florida, AND if it were properly signed and valid at the time you signed it, then it is still valid in Florida.

However, there have been occasions where folks have told me that when they tried to use an older durable power of attorney, the bank or financial firm said it didn't comply with Florida law because it was signed before Oct. 1, 2011, and didn't have the "proper language." That would be an incorrect interpretation of Florida

However, it is my personal opinion that the wise approach is to meet with your attorney and discuss it with him or her. I also believe, as I do with a will, that it's best to have a durable power of at-

torney drawn for you by an attorney who is licensed to practice law in Florida and who lives in Florida.

Q: Is it legal for my friend to buy drugs outside of the United States? We are planning on taking a Caribbean cruise in a few months and we are aware that some drugs are much less expensive than we can get in the U.S.

A: I am only discussing legal drugs and not any that are proscribed by any government. Also, I am only discussing one's personal use of such drugs and not for any resale. Yes, it is legal to purchase drugs outside the United States.

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# Story of the Park Avenue Hillbilly

Dorothy Shay never intended to be a a more convincing hillbilly voice. In her country singer, but her recording of "Feudin' and Fightin" shot her to the top of the country charts in 1947.

Dorothy quickly became the Park Avenue Hillbilly performing nightly at the elite St. Regis Hotel on Park Avenue in New York City. She was the hit of New York, appearing on all the radio stations that carried live music late at night.

Dorothy was born in 1921 in Jacksonville. She was originally Dorothy Sims, but changed her name to Shay when she discovered there was another singer with the Kay Kyser Band named Ginny Simms.

Dorothy did not have a southern accent, but she took voice lessons to attain singing arrangements, she performed and dressed as a sophisticated urbanite while talking like a rural Southerner.

Dorothy recorded for Columbia Records and Imperial Records and later signed with Capitol Records. Her first album with Capitol, "Dorothy Shay (The Park Avenue Hillbilly) Sings," was rated No. 1 in Billboard Magazine's best-selling popular albums. She was the first female artist to have a No. 1 album on the Billboard chart.

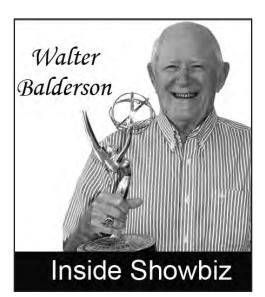
Dorothy sang in many USO clubs entertaining men and women in uniform. She was a regular on the Spike Jones weekly radio show, appeared in a movie

with Abbott and Costello, and frequently visited the Jack Benny radio show.

Dorothy became a favorite across America. President Dwight D Eisenhower was a fan. He invited her to perform at his inauguration ball in 1953 and she performed many times at the White House.

Dorothy married Dick Looman. The marriage lasted three years. After a period of inactivity in the 1960s, she returned to show business as an actress in the 1970s. She appeared on TV in the "The Dew Drop Inn" and on "The Waltons."

Dorothy died on Oct. 22, 1978, in Santa Monica, Calif. She was 57 years old. Her show business career was active from 1945 to 1978.







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## Pet of the Year is ready for Irish Club Parade

What's a Doodle?

Goldendoodle to be exact.

on Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m. and keep your eyes open.

You just might see a Doodle walk by! First, look for On Top of the World's Pet of the Year, Maria, who will be marching with owner Darlene Kole.

On. Feb. 18, Maria was presented with a Pet of the Year gift basket donated by Woof Gang Bakery of Clearwater. Manager Chris Mansueto made the presentation at her shop and Maria couldn't wait of like the best for last.

to break into the goodies.

Maria was voted Pet of the Year by Come on out to the Irish Club Parade people from around the world. She is a rescue dog who once worked at a Clearwater Beach Tourism Center.

> After Maria goes by in the parade, a new group is up next - the Goldendoodle Club of Clearwater.

> You'll have to wait toward the end of the parade to see these four-legged, curley-haired characters, but it will be worth it. There could be up to 20 Doodles!

We're saving the dogs for last - kind

# Come hungry to the parade

Once the Saturday, March 7, Irish Club Parade is over, The Good Karma Café will be serving hot dogs and brats, along with chips and beverages.

The Irish Club will be passing out free beer and pretzels to anyone over 21. Sorry, no alcoholic beverages for dogs.



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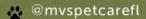




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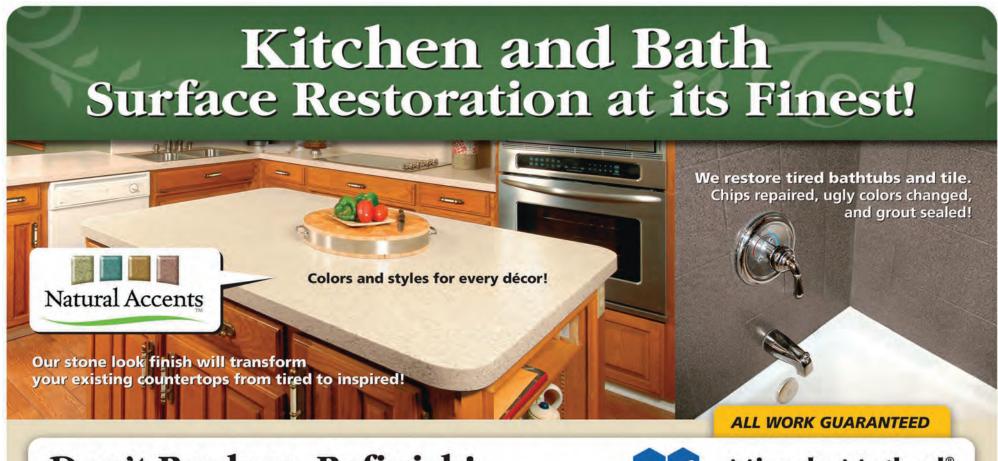
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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



# OTOW Toy Shop gets precious 'thank you' notes after holidays

Believe it or not, there is still an age group that enjoys playing with wooden toys.

And our own On Top of the World Toy Shop is very grateful.

Yes, Toy Shop.

You probably already know we have talented craftsman and artists at OTOW, but did you know we also have a Toy Shop where individuals combine their woodworking and painting skills into making beautiful toys - kind of like Santa Claus does at his workshop.

The problem is, with most toys running on electricity these days, it's hard to find children who enjoy playing with objects made out of wood that you actually have to push to play with!

But our Toy Shop found some. Before Christmas, about a dozen individuals made cars, trucks, trains, sharks, dolphins, turtles and frogs out of wood, then painted them bright, appropriate colors.

Some of the toys were given to Kimberly Home, Head Start, Countryside Christian Pre-School and a Davis Island Toy Drive.

But it wasn't until after the holidays that our residents were rewarded with wonderful "thank you" letters.

Countryside Christian Pre-School Teacher Ronda Walker sent the Toy Shop pictures of some very happy kids with their new toys. The kids also included their "autographs" - actually their palm prints dipped in a variety of colors.

Angela Patrick, an OTOW resident, was simply pleased to learn there are children who still find ways to play without computers.

"There is an age group that still likes wooden toys," she said.

The Toy Shop runs on donations. Good Neighbors Association is the primary sponsor.

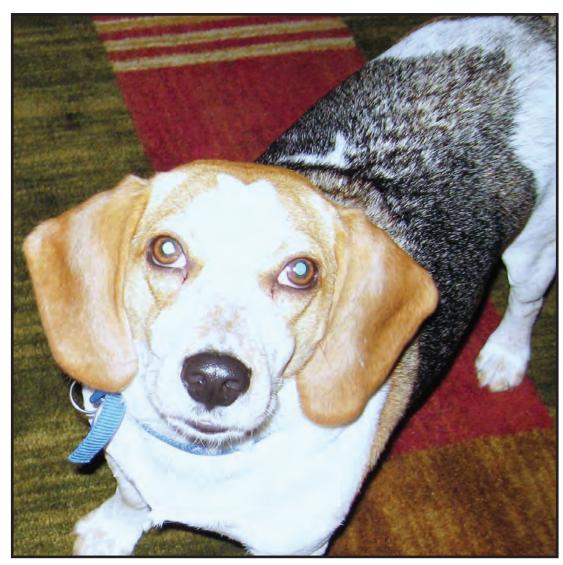




Smiles broke out well after the holidays. These are some of the thank you notes our own Toy Shop members received after donating wooden toys to local children's groups.



Meet Linus. He is a beagle 13-year-old who lives with Tara Still in the Fujiwara Building (30). Linus is a survivor. He broke his leg when he was hit by a car a few years ago, but was up and running again on three legs within a day. He was back on all four legs within six weeks. When Linus is home alone, he turns on meditation music. When he is out and about, he loves every person and animal he meets. However, Linus is always surprised if someone walks by and is too shy to say hello. Linus is famous at the Fujiwara Building. When he hears music, he loves to "sing" ... as typical beagles do.



Linus

Each month, OTOW News 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 at 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 the same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a 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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# Dolly Foland shares her line dancing skills with us at OTOW and a class in Minnesota



By Dale Stackhouse

ABBA may have sung about "The Dancing Queen," but here at On Top of the World, we have a dancing queen of

She is Dolly Foland of the Snowbirds Line Dance Club.

All Snowbirds line dancers are familiar with Dolly's blonde curls and big smile, not to mention her enormous dancing and teaching talent.

But I am hoping to share with you a few things you may not know about this remarkable lady.

Dolly was born in Minneapolis, Minn., the middle of five siblings. She was able to achieve this position in the birth order by being born just a little ahead of her twin brother, Tom.

Her first husband was also named Tom. They were married for 28 years and raised four children before he was sadly taken at the age of 47.

Several years later, mutual friends introduced her to Ed.

As with many married couples, there



Dolly Foland teaches one of her first line dancing classes at On Top of the World more than 10 years ago. This class was in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. (File photo by Ed Foland)

seems to be a little confusion as to just how long it took to go from that first meeting at a couples dance class to actually becoming a couple themselves.

What we do know is that Dolly and Ed married at the Mall of America in Minneapolis in 1998, at the Tall Timber Restaurant.

They fell in love in front of a big fireplace and had their wedding ceremony in front of it.

Dolly worked for 24 years at Life

Touch National Schools Studio, retiring in 2004. She enjoyed her time there, except, perhaps, for one Halloween, when co-workers surprised her with a fake, but realistic, rat on her chair!

Dolly has always loved music ... in fact, in high school she played the bass drum in the marching band!

Now she employs her musical skills teaching line dancing, both at On Top of the World and in Minnesota.

One of her students there has gone on to win dance competitions himself.

Dolly also attends many line dance workshops, as well as volunteering her services at a senior center.

We in the Snowbirds Club are very familiar with Dolly's baking talent. Every Christmas she makes more than 500 cookies for line dance parties, the Veterans Club tribute to Armed Forces Day, as well as the Foland annual party for their

Dolly is also skilled at sewing and embroidery, and has won several prizes at county fairs.

Other loves include family (Dolly and Ed have six children between them, 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren,) travel and Elvis.

Dolly never saw Elvis in person, but has attended many impersonator perfor-

Lately, our Dancing Queen has had to take a break for some back surgery, but we are all looking forward to seeing her back on the dance floor very soon!

# Lambda Club invited Cupid to February social and has invited leprechauns to March social

By Bruce Lovett

Love was in the air at Lambda Club's annual Valentine's bash on Feb. 14.

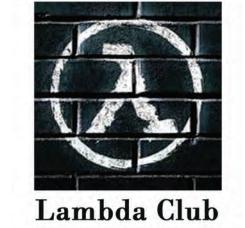
Not sure if Cupid made an appearance, only time will tell. But a good time was had by all.

Valentines were exchanged, red was everywhere and copious quantities of Love Potion No. 9 were consumed.

And the food -- who knew so many valentine-themed and colored desserts ex-

March looks to be a busy month, too. third of our members will be attending a production of the Scottish musical "Brigadoon" at the Francis Wilson Playhouse early in the month.

Then we'll leave "The Heather on the Hill," cross the Irish Sea, pass the Isle of Man and arrive on the green, green fields



of Ireland. We'll all be searching for the elusive lucky four leaf clover.

Our first of two Friday the 13th socials in 2020 will take place in March and this one will be at 7 p.m. in the West Ac- ferent. tivity Center's Learning Lab.

There's no blarney about it. Good luck will abound as we celebrate St. Patrick's ridding of the snakes from Emerald

Green is the color of the day and Danny Boy will be playing in the background as we all sip on shamrock punch.

And if you see a leprechaun wearing a "Kiss Me I'm Irish" button, don't disappoint the little fella.

grow too tall under our feet, Dave Beaven, neighbors, you can visit our official Web our fearless leader, had decided to shake things up in 2020. On the fourth Sunday of January, instead of going for brunch as we do most Sundays, he deemed it "Social Sunday." Seventeen people turned up to share some nibbles and do something dif-

Because February is a short month, our next "Social Sunday" will be on March 1 at 2 p.m. in Learning Lab. Again the first half hour will be devoted to socializing so bring a shareable snack and your competitive spirit for some game playing to follow.

We will then meet again on Sunday March 29, same time, same place.

Should you have any questions about these changes or any questions at all about Lambda, the club that services OTOW's To ensure that the Irish clover doesn't LGBT community and their friends and page:lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com.

> We are also on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

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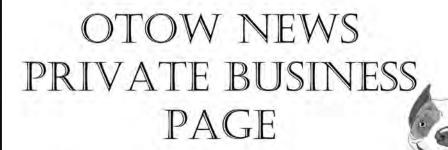
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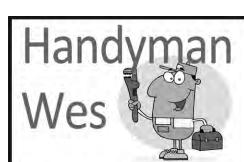
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# A review of 2019 shows Line Dance Club was very active last year in the community

By Hope Tera

The On Top of the World Line Dance Club held its annual meeting in January, conducted by Secretary Leila Walker.

A review of the past year's achievements were presented to members. Each officer spoke and noted the various accomplishments achieved while they were in office.

During 2019, our line dancers participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the New York/New Jersey Club Southwest Night Party, the Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee events, the Sunday Meet & Greet events, etc.

The club incorporated dozens of new dances and programming was expanded.

Several new people stepped up to serve as demonstrators and cuers. There was a continued presence of our club in the On Top of the World newspaper and on Facebook.

In addition, we started emailing members monthly listings of upcoming line dance routines with embedded links to video guides.

After summaries from each officer, elections took place and were completed. All nominations were unanimously approved.

Leila Walker, who had served as secretary in 2019, was elected president for 2020. Lynn Anzalone and Ute Scheibe are continuing in their respective positions, as



vice president and treasurer. Hope Tera was elected secretary for 2020.

The meeting was wrapped up and then members returned to line dancing.

Did you make some New Year's resolutions back in January? Are you looking to become more active and discover a new passion?

We hope that you will consider joining the OTOW Line Dance Club.

We will help you keep your mind and body alert and active. We are very fortunate here at OTOW to have a number of talented, devoted line dance instructors, who provide many opportunities to learn how to line dance.

For you early risers, basic instruction



Here are the Line Dance Club officers for 2020. From left to right are Hope Tera, secretary; Ute Scheibe, treasurer; Lynn Anzalone, vice president and Leila Walker, president. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

takes place Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7 a.m. in the East Activity Center Exercise Room. In addition, we have recently introduced an EZ Beginner Line Dance Class on Tuesdays at noon in the EAC auditorium.

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m., you are welcome to join our regular line dancing sessions. Usually lasting about two hours, we focus the first hour on more basic dances and the sec-

ond hour we try more challenging dances.

We encourage you to stay as short or as long as you'd like.

If you are a bit shy or uncertain if line dancing is for you, our club has posted dance-at-home videos on OTOW-TV, channel 732. Why not give them a try and then decide if you'd like to join us.

For additional information, you may contact Leila Walker at 727-330-6621 or Hope Tera at 914-217-9206.



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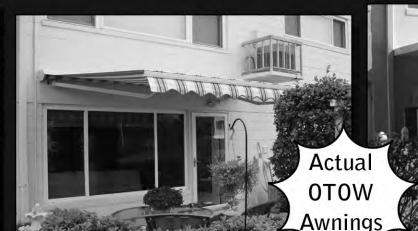
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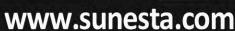






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# Travel Club takes educational trip to a museum and plans ahead for a safari



#### Travel Club

By Janice Berman

A January trip to The James Museum of Western Art and Wildlife in St. Petersburg filled Travel Club members with amazement at the beauty and quality of the displays.

We were transported through the rich and diverse heritage of the American West.

While often relating scenes from the past, most of the art was created in our own era. Many of the works portray subjects of American Western history, American Indian Cultures and wildlife from edgeable and provided colorful comaround the world.

The museum was founded by Tom and Mary James, a gift to the St. Petersburg community and beyond.

We toured through more than 400 works of art that evoke the spirit of a



Travel Club members admire a display at The James Museum of Western Art and Wildlife.

wide-open frontier and the beauty of life in the wild.

Our tour guide was extremely knowlmentary of the hundreds of paintings, sculptures and jewelry on display for our enjoyment, education and inspiration.

We worked up an appetite during our tour and found our way to The Canyons -- a western experience eatery at the museum. Here we dined on gourmet salads and sandwiches. Dessert was ice cream by the pint, chocolate cake or sarsaparilla float.

Revitalized, we went on to our next stop the Kozuba & Sons Distillery.

Our tour guides taught us all about distilling and fermenting grains. The Kozuba family has been making vodka and whiskey since 2005, first in Jablonka Poland. In 2015, the family chose Florida to call home and moved to St Petersburg.

Club members taste tested some of the spirits and then went shopping to bring home our favorites.

The Kozuba & Sons Distillery surprised us when they gave each travel club member a \$10 credit to spend.

Future club trips include the Lakeland Wilderness Safari, Hermann's Lipizzaner Stallions and in May the Hard Rock Ca-

Future Lunch Bunches include our annual trip to O'Keefe's tavern (with special host Mary Skaarer) to celebrate St Patty's Day.

We will also visit Bahama Breeze.

Also, a lunch Bunch is planned at the Tarpon Turtle and a special Lunch Bunch has just been added at the Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy at Tarpon Springs High School.

June events will be announced at the March 6 meeting at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center. Oldsmar Room. New, returning and current members are welcome. Attend the March meeting and let president David Berman know you enoyed his performance with the Jesters!

We're going places. Don't you want to





# Canadian Club's first ever club picnic is scheduled for March 12 at Philippe Park

By Shirley Hunter

Let's celebrate the end of winter at the On Top of the World Canadian Club's Spring Fling dinner and dance.

It takes place in the East Activity Center auditorium on Thursday, March 5 at 5

Bring your ticket for a chance to win a door prize and some money for the Share the Wealth draw.

The Irish Club St. Patrick's Day parade is celebrating it's 25th anniversary this year. It takes place on Saturday, March 7. To participate, join our club on Mexican Way by 9:30 a.m. The parade starts at 10

Our first ever club picnic is on Thursday, March 12 at Philippe Park, site No. 7.



Tickets for \$10 may be purchased in the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. until Monday,

The last Happy Hour Cabaret for this Laurie Fischer at 727-797-4454 if you are season is on Friday, March 20. It will start at 4:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. Bring your beverage, a glass and a finger food to share.

Tickets to a March 21 Blue Jays game have sold out. Don't miss out next year. Sign up early. Hopefully a new top-notch baseball facility will inspire our young team to have a great year!

Our annual General Meeting is where club business wraps up. A new executive board is elected and volunteers fill vacancies. This meeting will be held on Friday, March 27, at 6 p.m in the EAC auditorium.

We need volunteers!

The 2020-21 Executive Board requires a vice president and a registrar. Call

interested.

Jackie Cornett-Small, our volunteer coordinator, would love to hear from you if you would like to help with activities. You can reach her at 727-754-3389.

A complimentary wine and cheese party follows the general meeting. Friends have an opportunity to say their goodbyes before heading home. It's bittersweet. We have enjoyed a wonderful winter in the south and will miss being here. However, the excitement of returning to our families and friends is a strong draw.

Be safe in your travels. Stay healthy, enjoy your summer and live every day to the fullest.

Best wishes to all!

#### Ladies Exercise group practices a different workout technique each day

"Active Living" is a well-known secret to a long and joyful life.

So why not join the On Top of the World Ladies Exercise Group?

We gather at 8 a.m. for one hour each day, Monday through Friday, in the East Activity Center Exercise Eoom.

Our volunteer instructors provide great variety as they offer a different class each day. No previous skill is required as we show you beginner to advanced moves.

Monday's class starts the week off by getting you moving. Mary Marsden has added bands (optional) for arm strengthening. No mat is required.

Tuesday's class is all about core strength and flexibility with "Pilates."

Margery Cruise adds in some "Fusion" to mix it up. A mat is required.

Wednesday's class concentrates on muscle strength as Joanne Wallend leads you through all of your muscle groups. Light weights and mat are recommended.

Thursday's class is all about abs so join us and rid yourself of that extra weight in your midriff. Mina Osborne will warm



#### **Ladies Exercises**

you up with a cardio workout before she zeroes in on the abdominal muscles. Using a mat is recommended.

Friday's class is step exercises (equipment supplied). Ute Scheibe will teach you the basic moves and you will enjoy a good cardio workout to funky music. No mat is required.

This is a social group so come with a smile and be prepared to laugh!

Todd Jennings speaks to club members in February.

#### Republican Club's eldest member became a guest speaker in February

By Marvin Lazernik

What a wonderful time more than 60 Republican Club members had our February

We actually had two speakers even though we invited only one!

During our business meeting, Avona Carroll was introduced as our oldest active member as her 100th birthday was Feb. 29. She actually took the microphone and reminisced for 10 to 15 minutes keeping all of us very at-

Our treasurer reported that several donations of \$100 each were given out to various OTOW Clubs, such as Knitting Club (making caps for cancer patients) and Irish Club (for the upcoming parade).

The members agree that even though we are listed as a political club, we are also a member of the OTOW community and giving back to the community should also be one of our

Our event coordinator and vice president stated that we sponsored someone in the Chilli

The Irish Club Parade is March 7. Our club is looking for walkers and decorators. If you are interested in joining us, just track us down on parade morning.

After a short break, Chairman Todd Jennings of the Pinellas County GOP spoke and answered questions for over 30 minutes on various topics that should concern all citizens of not only OTOW but Pinellas County and beyond as well.

Todd explained how the local clubs are

necessary for the election process and the various ways we can assist in this process. His enthusiasm and knowledge in all subjects discussed really impressed the members. We sincerely thank him for his time and wisdom. Hopefully he will come back again.

Members were reminded that the purchase of the President Trump hats (for a minimum donation of \$7.) and playing the 50/50 game allows us to have funds to support our agenda that was established for this election

Hats will be for sale at our meetings and on Thursdays in the East Activity Center auditorium from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m

This coming March 11 meeting is the election of officers and asking for other volunteers. Every vote counts. There will be short speeches on what is intended to be accomplished the remainder 2020 and 2021. Your input is welcome and needed so that we can work as a team and accomplish every objective.

All meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m. with the business meeting at 7 p.m. followed by the speaker. Beverages and light snacks are always served. For more information call Susan at 951-377-0913.

A special thank you to all the dedicated club members who keep our club running. This includes setting up and breaking down the meeting room each month, to working the registration desk, to calling members that do not have email and much more.

# Pilates on Tuesdays

By Margery Cruise

What is Pilates?

Pilates is a system of exercises aimed at the body's core. The core includes abdominals, hips, inner and outer thighs, and your back.

So, expect to work your entire body!

Pilates stretches, strengthens and aligns your body all at the same time. Pilates workouts promote strength and balanced muscle development, as

well as flexibility and increased the range of motion for the joints. Pilates prepares your body to move better in every way, improves posture and balance, and compliments your other activities.

So, join us for "Ladies Exercise Class" on Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. in the Exercise Room in the lower level of the East Activity Center. Please bring a yoga mat.

# Did you know taking a walk can keep your community safe and has many personal benefits?



By Dave Beaven

Neighborhood Watch exists in many communities across the United States. One of the general tips that they pass to each other is to encourage residents to walk around their neighborhoods. This encourages people to interact with their fellow residents - even if it's just a wave.

The very sight of people walking about reinforces the fact that this is a safe area. Also, bad guys are discouraged from going into an area where there are people about who can see what they're doing.

Walkers also get to know the norms of what's going on in their area. If there are any changes, they are the first to know about it and can report problems as needed.



Sergeant Maurice McCloud and Deputy Anthony Alimenti speaking at our February Neighborhood Watch meeting.

Of particular interest to our own community is that walking is the best exercise. There is low stress on your joints. It promotes mobility which is especially important as we get older. It helps control weight. And finally, it's free.

Just put on your sneakers and walk out the door. You'll do your body and our community good at the same time.

Your own Neighborhood Watch group wants to thank the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, which allowed two of its officers to speak at the West Activity Center last month.

The goal was to talk to our residents about safety and security issues. A good crowd of residents was in attendance. To find out more about Neighborhood Watch, go to areawatch2020.blogspot.com.

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# Democrats needed to represent our club in parade

By Donna Lukas

Best wishes to all of you for a happy St Patrick month.

It is too much fun to limit to a single day!

The 25th annual Irish Club St. Patrick's Day Parade is on March 7. Help our Democratic Club participate by volunteering to march in our segment of the parade and hand out favors to the crowd. Meet us by 9:30 a.m. on the corner of Jamaican Street and World Parkway Boulevard.

March 17 is another eventful day. In addition to eating corned beef and cabbage in honor of Irish heritage, you have an opportunity to help make changes in our government.

Registered Democrats will have a ballot with a long list of presidential candidate names. The ballot list will include candidates who have already dropped out of the race.

So read carefully and make a wise selection. Your vote will impact the future.

At our club's February meeting, we discussed several ways to help Kathleen Beckman in her campaign for Clearwater City Council. If you would like to volunteer, call Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123 or look for opportunities on our club page at the otowboxoffice.com Website.

Our next club meeting will be on March 12, which is our usual date of the second Thursday of the month. We will continue meeting at our new time at 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo



#### Democratic Club

Room, formerly the Art Room.

Election of the previously nominated officers will take place during the club meeting on March 12.

If you have not already paid your annual \$12 membership dues for 2020, you can do so at the March 12 meeting. Or you can send your check made out to OTOW Democratic Club to our treasurer Joyce Abelson at 2463 Brazilia Drive, Unit 17, Clearwater, Fl., 33763.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club page at the OTOWboxoffice.com Website. Click on the club pages line at the top of the screen. Then click the "Democratic Donkey" to find the Democratic Club.

The Box Office 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 that site.

# Attend the Chorus spring concert March 28 or 29 and you will probably hear your favorite song about America



#### Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

Have a favorite song about America? You will most likely hear it when On Top of the World Chorus presents "America the Beautiful."

Come prepared to sing along.

Performances will be Saturday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 29, 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Chorus is excited to introduce three new members!

Ruthanne Richwine moved from Wabash, Ind, to Zephyrhills in 1991, then to Dunedin in 2000 and finally to OTOW in April of 2019. She is active in the Travel Club

Ruthanne was one of 100 children who sang in the Indiana State Choir. During high school, she competed in choir musical events and also as a soloist.

Ruthanne rode the Wabash Cannon-ball. Now she gets to sing about it in one of our American medleys.

She loves music and I am happy to have her singing alto next to me.

Gary Seymour came along just in time to add his tenor voice to our December Holiday Concert. He moved to OTOW in September 2019 as a Snowbird from Ottawa, Canada.



Ruthanne Richwine, Gary Seymour and Josephine Walsh are three new members to Chorus. They will be entertaining you on March 28 and March 29 during the Chorus' annual spring concert.

Gary likes to sing and has participated in youth and adult choirs. He is also a member of the OTOW Canadian Club.

a member of the OTOW Canadian Club. Gary is a welcome, much-needed addition to our men's section!

Josephine Walsh is a Snowbird, born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, and now living on Long Island. She has been wintering here at OTOW since 2011.

Josephine belongs to the New York/ New Jersey Club and enjoys Zumba classes.

She sang in elementary and high school choirs. Her favorite experience was singing with her church choir at midnight mass on Christmas Eve.

Josephine's good friend in high school is our own Patty Hayes. Following years of separation, somehow they both ended up here at OTOW! Patty is a faithful member of Chorus and was instrumental in getting Josephine to join. Now they are side-by-

side in the soprano section.

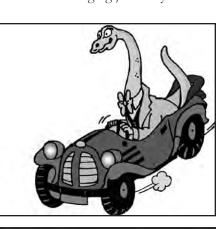
How's that for a great story!

The Chorus is looking forward to marching in the Irish Club St Patrick's Day parade once again. Look for us March 7 as we hand out flags which we encourage you to bring with you to our concert.

You may purchase \$5 concert tickets in the EAC any Monday and Thursday morning or from Chorus members. We look forward to singing just for you!

The next AAA Driver's Safety Course is Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27 9 am - noon in the EAC Crystal Beach Room.

A registration form appears on page 55 of this newspaper.





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# Baby Boomers love music and will even learn to play a ukulele to get more of it



#### **Baby Boomers**

By Theresa McAllister

Each month the Baby Boomers article highlights the many activities that keep us busy ... biking, bowling, golfing, kayaking ... the list goes on.

One thing that always stands out among our group is our love of music.

Music, in some respects, is even more powerful than the spoken word for evoking a range of emotions. It is the friend to whom no apology is needed, and it is the medicine for mind and soul.

Music just makes us feel good. And it is worth repeating...our Baby Boomers love their music!

Our group explored this more closely through the eyes of one of the Boomers' most avid music enthusiasts, Joyce Mona-

As a child, Joyce's parents fostered



Baby Boomers join Joyce Monahan (fourth from left) at the recent Strum and Sing Ukulele Workshop and Jam.

As an adult, she was introduced to the ukulele in 2013 and has been playing and teaching ukulele ever since.

Joyce is a member of the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society, the largest in the world, and teaches beginner ukulele as part of the Society's free ukulele workshops.

No one has done more to foster an appreciation of music among the Baby Boomers than Joyce, who arrived at On Top of the World in 2010. Not only was

she instrumental in coordinating our Friday accoustic music jam, she has inspired many of our Boomers to play the ukulele.

So, if you want to see Joyce at her best, join us each Friday at 1 p.m. at the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Her love of music is not selfish. She continually makes the Boomers aware of musical entertainment throughout the area and encourages us to explore new genres of music by providing background on the

music, the venues and the musicians.

Thank you Joyce for sharing your pas-

Whatever your reason for loving music – swinging, swaying, singing, or playing - let the music play on.

To learn more about the Baby Boomers, join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center's Largo Room.



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### 50 Golden Years tickets on sale for March 13-15 shows

#### By Vicky Portsmouth and Laurie Fischer

Theater Workshop's 50th anniversary show "50 Golden Years" is March 13-15.

The cast is working hard to present and lead our audiences on an amazing journey through 50 years of On Top of the World entertainment!

Tickets are available Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Theater Workshop information table in the East Activity Center auditorium. Be sure to get your tickets early for this spe-

Our club's total focus will be perfecting our 50th anniversary show under the directing guidance of Vicky Portsmouth and her directing team.

We'll bring to the stage some of the comedy, dance and music from Theater Workshop's years at OTOW.

If you missed it the first time, you'll have a chance to see it brought back!

And, you'll see some of the same performers who originally appeared in those

> See you at the show! Many of our club members will be

Theater Workshop participating in the Irish Club Parade on

Saturday, March 7. We will be handing out treats and show posters. Come and be a spectator and celebrate with the Irish Club and Theater Workshop!

At our February general meeting, we announced this year's Nominating Committee headed by Tom Portsmouth and assisted by Lillian Foy and Keith Elder.

If you are interested in becoming a club member and helping run Theater Workshop as a board member, please contact one of these people.

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# Something new for Irish Club parade

on March 7, look for something a little different besides beer, pretzels and hot dogs.

The Press Association, which puts together your monthly newspaper, will present an Irish cutout for everyone to enjoy.

"We've been working on this idea since the end of last year's parade," said Editor Doug Kates. "The Press Association wanted to donate a permanent attraction to what is already a festive postparade party."

If you forgot to wear green to the parade, you can look through one of the two available openings and have your picture taken in festive attire.

It is recommended that men look through the male opening and women look through the female space, but depending on how long you've been at the post-parade party, you might choose another option.

It's up to you.

The Press Association donated funding for the project. Bob Backlund from the Fixers Club did the wood work, and hot dogs or brats, along with chips and a John Fier and Barbara Holland from the beverage.

At the 25th annual Irish Club Parade Art Guild did all the painting and extra ef-

Besides what you see in this picture, the final project will come with a pot of gold, four-leaf clovers, some green adult beverages, green hair, a full Irish beard and a parade banner.

Next year we may add a leprechaun.

With the cost of the original project a little more than originally expected, the Press Association needed a sponsor for the cutout - someone who would enjoy seeing smiling faces after the annual pa-

Creating Smiles Dental and Dr. Cindy Brayer stepped right in with a wonderful financial donation.

So make sure you are smiling! We don't want to disappoint the dentist.

The Irish cutout will be in the East Activity Center North Parking Lot following the parade.

The Good Karma Cafe is also adding something new this year too - brats! You will have a choice between fresh grilled

World Parkway Boulevard and both gates on the East Side will be shut down at 9:30 a.m. for the parade. Please plan ahead. Blockades at crossroads will only be removed for emergency vehicles. The boulevard and gates will reopen at 11 a.m., after the parade.



Barbara Holland and John Fier show off a new Irish cutout to be donated to the Irish Club Parade post-parade party. This is how it looked in early February. Wait until you see it now.

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# Florida Orchestra brass and percussion returning to On Top of the World for April concert

Top of the World for a performance on Thursday, April 2, at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Instead of the full orchestra, this concert will feature the tremendous brass and percussion sections of the orchestra, conducted again by TFO Associate Conductor, Daniel Black.

Music by Bach, Gabrieli, as well as arrangements of music from Jurassic Park and An American in Paris, and much more, will be featured.

The Florida Orchestra generously provides these annual performances at On Top of the World free of charge as a thank you to their subscribers in the community, as well as to share the joy of music to those that might not be able to make it to their concert performances at Ruth Eckerd Hall and The Mahaffey Theater.

#### **Daniel Black**

After a successful first season as assistant conductor of The Florida Orchestra, Daniel Black was promoted to associate conductor for the 2019/20 season.

This season, he makes his guest-conducting debuts with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, and Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra.

He is also one of four promising young conductors invited to work with

The Florida Orchestra returns to On the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra as part of the WSO's Canadian Conductor Showcase.

> In 2018, Daniel was one of eight recipients of a Solti Foundation U.S. Career Assistance Award, his third such honor.

> In 2017, he won the Solti Foundation U.S. opera conducting fellowship, working with conductor Stephen Lord and Opera Theatre of St. Louis.

> He has also toured China as assistant conductor of the Chinese premiere of composer/conductor Bright Sheng's opera Dream of the Red Chamber.

> During his tenure as associate conductor of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, Daniel conducted more than 150 performances. Fluent in Russian, he has studied conducting at the St. Petersburg Conservatory, Eastman School of Music and Northwestern University.

#### About The Florida Orchestra

The Florida Orchestra is recognized as Tampa Bay's leading performing arts institution, the largest professional symphony orchestra in Florida, and one of the most vibrant and innovative orchestras in America.

Its 52nd season runs through May.

Under the leadership of Music Director Michael Francis, TFO performs more than 130 concerts a season, with series of classical, popular and morning coffee con-



The Florida Orchestra will bring its brass section to On Top of the World in April for a concert on stage in the auditorium. Pictured above are some French horn players who performed here last year. (File photo by Doug Kates)

certs in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Clearwater, as well as free Pops in the Park.

Dedicated to bringing music to all people, connecting to the community is a priority, with pre-concert talks, family and youth concerts and other educational activities.

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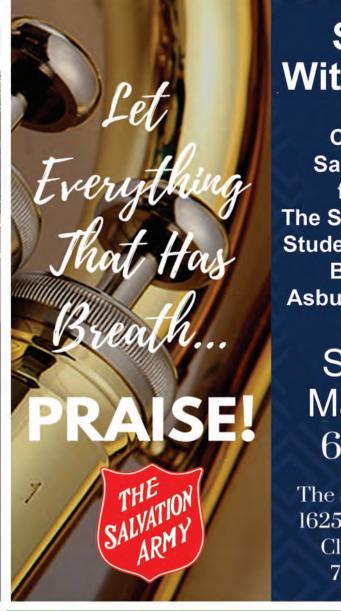
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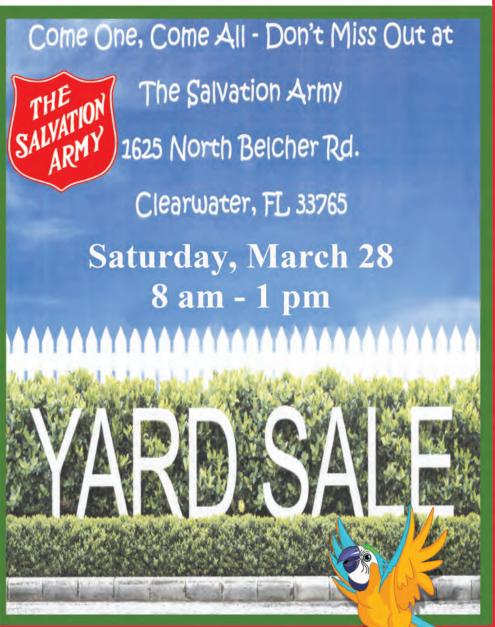
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# Community veterans of all services are invited to attend Armed Forces Day celebration on May 13

It is hard to believe, but we are now into March and your On Top of the World Veterans Group is approaching its annual Armed Forces Day celebration this May.

Armed Forces Day Recognition will be held on Wednesday, May 13, at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

This is a time when the entire community comes together to thank all of community veterans, no matter what country they served.

Will Peterson and his planning team are working out details for this year's event. It is sure to be memorable.

There will be a registration form in the April newspaper for veterans to fill out. We encourage all our veterans to regster in advance and we ask that you attend. Your family is welcome to join you.

The 25th annual Irish Club parade will be held on Saturday, March 7, and the Veterans Group will be represented. We will have three World War II veterans leading the way.

Our group has secured one convertable corvette and we are attempting to get another convertible for our special guests.

Behind the cars will be a flatbed truck with benches for veterans those who cannot walk the parade route. We need to get a head count for who is attending. If you haven't signed up to attend, please sign up at our veterans information table any Monday or Thursday morning, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the EAC auditorium or at our next meeting on March 4 in the West Activity Center. For those attending the parade, details will be sent to you by email.

At our next meeting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, in the Belleair Room we will have an Honor Flight guest speaker. All of our veterans, friends, spouses and anyone else who would like information on this valued event, are encouraged

The speaker will present details of



what a flight entails, how to attend a flight or be a companion. World War II and Korean War veterans take precedence, but all veterans are encouraged to register to take a flight. Refreshments will be served after

The Veterans Group is proud to have Gail Hochhauser as a volunteer at our veterans information table on Monday and Thursday mornings. Gail has been on loan from the New York/New Jersey Club, but for many months has been assisting us. She ensures we have continuity and representation when there are no veterans present. Her efforts and commitment are appreciated. Come say hi to Gail.

Gail, Petra Gonzales and Tom Powers have offered to coordinate three veterans tables for the upcoming Good Neighbors Association Flea Market fundraiser on Saturday, April 3. You may donate pet items, jewelry, military memorabilia, brica-brac and serviceable items for us to sell at the event.

Gail and Petra have offered to collect, price and display your donations. Proceeds will be used for our Armed Forces Recognition Day in May.

If you have questions, write an email to Gail at bocag43@yahoo.com.



Pictured above is a collection of donations the Veterans Group received from On Top of the World residents. The items included clothing, games, puzzles and accessories that were donated to the Bay Pine Veterans Administrion for homeless or ill veterans. The Veterans Group received a very nice letter from Bay Pines for the contribution.

staff at the YMCA at 1005 Highland Ave., second Tuesday of each month. All Vetin Clearwater. All veterans are invited to erans are welcome.

And lastly, a friendly note from the attend a pot luck luncheon there every

# **Extra Newspapers**



## Family History learns about FamilySearch.org

By Joanne Cordes

Family History Centers are branches of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS

The centers supply resources for research and study of genealogy and family

As of 2018, there were more than 5,100 Family History Centers in 140

On Top of the World is fortunate to have a local branch in St. Petersburg and

Two members from the Largo center offered a terrific presentation at our club's meeting on Feb. 9.

We viewed a short video on the FamilySearch website, its assets and goals. A second video explained the history of FamilySearch.org, the creation of the da-

tabase, which began in 1894, the security used to maintain authentic records and the history of the secure Granite Mountain Records Vault located in the mountains near Salt Lake City.

Our presenters, Jimmie White and Mark Jones, then demonstrated how to maneuver through the FamilySearch.org website. They offered several good tips for streamlining research and they also answered many questions from our group.

A common first question was, is FamilySearch better than Ancestry?

The answer was, both are great online family history services. The main difference is that FamilySearch.org is free with (largely) free access to records.

Our next meeting is 1 p.m., Monday, March 9 in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Meetings are scheduled to end at 2:30. We hope you will join us. We'd love to hear your story.



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## If you missed Elvis, you get a second chance!





Here's a bonus concert for On Top of the World residents. Back in January, Dwight Icenhower was here and performed a rockin' two-hour concert full of everyone's favorite Elvis songs. Dwight will be back in March, but this time on OTOW-TV Channel 732. On the night before the Irish Club Parade, Friday, March 6, your Entertainment Committee and OTOW-TV will present a rebroadcast of that Elvis show. You can sit in the comfort of your own living room, get ready for the parade and enjoy Dwight's version of Elvis! The show will start between 8-8:15 p.m. and is 90 minutes. Pictured above are scenes from the January live performance in the East Activity Center. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

# Get tickets early - our events are selling out

By Marvin Flam

Thank you On Top of the World for your great support in the first two months of 2020 as we celebrate our club's 50th year!

The first three Thursday shows of the year were sold out! The first two Saturday night dances were packed! The first two free Sunday Meet-And-Greets were well attended!

Residents have partied and enjoyed the great fun, while never leaving the community.

The Entertainment Committee is staffed by more than 70 residents who enthusiastically volunteer their time to support the events we present. These dedicated volunteers operate the various pieces of equipment, handle the day-to-day operations, sell tickets, setup for each event, decorate for each event, manage the sound and lighting, cleanup after each event, distribute flyers, usher and take tickets.

They also provide security at each event.

Volunteers and their services are what has made the Entertainment Committee successful from the outset

If you get an opportunity to chat with a volunteer, thank them for their tireless dedication to bring-

ing first class entertainment to OTOW.

For March, the fun continues with a "Tribute to the Beach Boys" and is followed by one of OTOW's favorite dance bands, "Sequel."

In addition to all reserved seating at these events, the Entertainment Committee provides ice and coffee. At the Saturday dances, you can get your picture taken by the Entertainment Committee photographer. You can pick up your free print at the ticket sales table in the EAC auditorium on Monday and Thursday mornings.

At the same time, you can get your reserved seats for shows and dances for the rest of the "Celebrate 50" year, including New Years' Eve.

Don't miss out!

Tickets and information are available at the EAC auditorium 8:30-10:30 a.m., on Mondays and Thursdays.

Party with your friends and/or neighbors for a fun night out without leaving OTOW. Bring snacks and beverages of your choice. We provide ice, coffee and fun!

Check the theme and dress code for each event. If you have any special needs, please advise the vol-

unteer when buying your tickets.

Don't forget the free once-a-month Sunday Meet-And-Greet, which starts at 2 p.m. on a selected Sunday in the EAC auditorium. Open seating is provided. Lite snacks and soda are provided.

Starting in March, each resident attending will be given one free raffle ticket with a chance to win a prize of a box of candy, a bottle of wine, a gift card or a surprise.

Also, the races are back in March!

Come meet old friends and make new friends, and you may win a free prize or win at the races.

The Entertainment Committee will be providing sound and lighting support for the Theater Workshop Show, the Chorus and Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday in March. Please support them.

For information call 727-449-9243 or email: entcom2014@gmail.com.

View OTOW-TV channels 732 for schedules. Check the bulletin boards in the EAC, WAC and your building for more information.

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# SPORTS

#### Helen Crombie wins tournament of the month for February

By Sandy Mulholland A billiards soiree!

It was an incredible night for Helen Crombie who was the Ladies Que'T Billiards Club undefeated tournament champion (4-0) on Wednesday, Feb. 5.

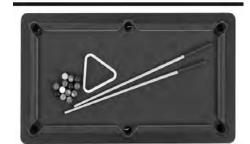
Helen has played many years with the club and is cleverly skillful.

Second place was tied by Karen French and Mary Spearmen with their adroitness. Both gals have been shooting pool for some time, mastering both the offense and defense of the game.

The game of the night was 8-ball, whereby the goal is to shoot the 8-ball in the "called" pocket after the player's numbered balls, solids or stripes, have been pocketed.

Making the 8-ball on the break is an automatic win for the breaking player.

Ladies, come give it a shot! There is no need to join immediately. Check out the group for three consecutive Wednesdays and see what you think. The Ladies Que'T Billiards Club consists of gals at all levels. Membership is a measly \$10 annually.



#### Que'T Billiards

In need of some coaching? Denny Balderson and Ed Solivan will teach you the ropes and offer encouragement throughout the evenings. Do not fret about not owning a pool stick as the walls are adorned with them of various weights.

The ladies commence the evening warming up around 6 p.m., and the games begin at 6:30. It is a lighthearted night out for the ladies with new skills learned weekly. Come on by and see for yourself. Fun, fashion (a pink Tee) and fortitude!



Here are the top three finishers from the Ladies Que'T Billiards Club tournament in February. From left to right are Karen French (second place), Helen Crombie (first place) and Mary Spearman (second place).

#### Shawn Welch, Donna Smith, Carroll Harris and Theresa Gates win on Feb. 4

March brings us spring, daylight savings time, St. Patrick's Day parades and shotgun starts.

Yes. The On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League enjoyed adding shotgun starts to our league play in February and we look forward to more shotgun starts in March and the rest of the season.

Our ladies hosted a Best Ball Tournament in January and collected enough funds to help purchase a new picnic table. To date, we have collected about \$500 and each table is \$700-\$800. Each club mem-

#### Ladies 9 Golf

bers has been encouraged to donate \$10 to cover the remaining costs. We have also asked for donations from other people who enjoy our nine-hole course or who enjoy resting at our picnic tables.

Our club wishes to congratulate all our members who took part in the Jack & Jill Golf Tournament in February. Marge Olsen was one of our members and she took home some cash.

The following are results from our tournament on Feb. 4: In Flight A, Shawn Welch took first place, Ann Stewart took second place and Marge Olsen took third place. In Flight B, Donna Smith was the winner, Mary Ellen Makowski was second, and Ann Jarvis and Gilda Gambacurda tied for third place. In Flight C, Carroll Harris was first and Pat Murray was second. In Flight D, first place went to Theresa Gates, second place went to Sarah Fergas, third place went to Nancy

Schifferle and fourth place went to Penni Telleck. Birdies were recorded by Ann Jarvis and Diana Anderson.

We held a flight tournament on Feb. 25 and 27. Results will be announced at our spring banquet in April.

We welcomed a new member to our club - Betty Gerkin. If you would like to join us, stop by our "Little House" on the first hole and pick up some club information. President Carroll Harris will gladly provide you with membership information

#### Karen French, Maria Lindholm win ping pong titles



Here are your two winners from the third annual On Top of the World Ping Pong Club Championship. At left is B Division champion Maria Lindholm and at right is A Division champion Karen French.

On Jan. 24, the Ping Pong Club held its third annual singles tournament and 21 members competed.

The tournament was divided into an A Division and a B Division.

In the A Division, Karen French played Terry Tetzlaff in the championship game. After a grueling match, Karen outlasted Terry to win first place. Phil Henna took third place.

In the B Division, Maria Lindholm battled Dan Bolton for first place. Maria outlasted Dan for the title. Joe Ventimiglia took third place.

President Joe Ventimiglia and Secretary/Treasurer Anna Krown would like to thank all members that took part in this tournament and everyone who showed up to support the competitors.

A special thank you to Bob O'Donohue for helping to setup up the tournament and assist with the running of the tournament.

# Second ace



For the second time in eight years, Karen French has a hole-in-one.

The first one came on hole No. 9 eight years ago. The most recent was in February on hole No. 15.

Witnessing the shot was Mike Crittendon.

The shot took place after Karen had already finished a round of league play.

Karen French celebrates her second career ace.



# Margin of victory less than one point for Jack & Jill champions David Cox and Kim Norried

#### OTOW Mixed Golf

By Robin Goralczyk

The 18-Hole Ladies Golf League had a great turnout for our Jack and Jill Tournament and lunch on Feb. 11.

We had 82 competitive golfers and a beautiful day.

First place this year went to the team of Kim Norried and David Cox with a 54.5. Congratulations! Their putting was fantestic

Joyce and Fran Majewski came in second with a 55.0. Third place was won by Gloria and Bud Sayer with a 56.0.

Jane Hanley and Ken Nield shot 57.5 for fourth place. There was a tie for fifth place with 59.5. Margie and Patrick Olson were awarded fifth place by breaking the tie on the second handicap hole. Suellen and Joey Dowe settled for sixth place.

Donna Smerz won closest to the pin on hole No. 15 for the women and Larry Martin got closest to the pin on hole No. 16 for the men. Billie won the 50:50 raffle.

Congratulations to the Jack and Jill winners and a sincere thank you to all who made the tournament possible.



Pictured above are the honorees from the Jack & Jill Golf Tournament in February. In the front row, left to right, are Suellen and Joey Dowe (sixth place), Joyce and Fran Majewski (second place), Gloria and Bud Sayer (third place), Donna Smerz (women's closest to the pin), and Ken Nield who teamed with Jane Hanley (missing from photo) for fourth place. In back are Patrick Mahoney and Marjorie Olson (fifth place), David Cox and Kim Norried (champions) and Larry Martin (men's closest to the pin). (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

# Club champion will be crowned in March

March 7 is the 25th annual On Top of the World St. Patrick's Day Parade. Dress in your best Irish colors and meet at the golf course parking lot. Our league always has good participation in the parade and the festivities are enjoyed by all.

The 18-Hole League Championship will be on March 3 and March 10. The rain date would be March 17. Pre-registration and a \$5 fee are required on Feb. 18 or Feb. 25. You must be a league member and have a handicap to be eligible to play. See the ladies in the "green house" to register.

On March 3, beginning with a shot-gun start at 7:45 a.m., all players will be sent out in their flights. On March 10 the shotgun start will be 8:30 a.m. A picnic lunch immediately follows. The overall champion will be the golfer with the lowest gross score over two weeks and the low gross champion will be the golfer with the

lowest gross score over two weeks.

Any league members who do not want to play in the tournament can take to the course after the tournament has started.

Ladies 18 Golf

Mark March 25 on your calendars for our Spring Luncheon at the Dunedin Country Club. Reservations are required. Guests are welcome. The cost is \$23 per person. Cash cocktails begin at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Mary Beth Devine and Ursula Taylor are handling the preparations and are accepting donations for door prizes.

Congratulations to our weekly win-

On Jan. 28, in Flight A, Becky West

took first, Maureen Stewart was second, and Gloria Sayer was third. In Flight B, Karen French and Katie Quelch tied for first, Cindy Schell was second and Karen Beaver and Donna Stadler tied for third. In Flight C, Joan Smith was first, Donna Smerz second and Rose Mulhall, Joy Ray and Debbie Figaski tied for third. Becky West had three chip-ins on Nos. 8, 13 and 14. Sheila Meneilly chipped in on No. 9 and Sharon Hackenmiller won closest to the pin.

On Feb. 4, Flight A, Ursula Taylor was first, Maureen Stewart second and Gloria Sayer was third. In Flight B, Nancy Lo took first place, Jacqueline Dolan second and Mary Beth Devine third. In Flight C, Fran Zaloski and April Glenn tied for first, Marge Hanson was second and Suellen Dowe third. Ursula Taylor chipped in on Nos. 9 and 10. Mary Beth Devine chipped in on No. 18 and Gloria Sayer got

closest to the pin.

Congratulations go out to our "Be The Best You Can Be," Eclectic Tournament winners. In Flight A, first place went to Becky West, second place went to Kim Norried and third to Maureen Stewart. Flight B, in first place was Sherry Ivey, in second, Katie Quelch and third Cindy Schell. For Flight C, first place went to Donna Smerz, second place to Gwen Lemke and third to Rose Mulhall.

Sign up for clinics by PGA Professional Paul Sylvester at the Dunedin Sterling Links. The March 4 subject will be 3/4s and full swing. On April 1 the subject will be chipping and play from sand traps. Contact Sharon Hackenmiller to get on the list to attend.

For league play, please arrive at least 20 minutes before your scheduled tee times. Check our Website for news and schedules: otowladiesgolf.com

# SPORTS

# Roger Martel singles in Tara Gunning for game-winning run in ninth inning rally

By Bob Rittner

Down 8-0 after four innings, 2nd Time Sports scored 11 unanswered runs.

The defense retired the side in order over the next three innings as 2nd Time Sports forged ahead 11-8.

But then the West Siders rallied for three runs to tie the score heading into the bottom of the ninth inning.

Tara Gunning led off for 2nd Time Sports with a hustle double, went to third on a ground out and scored on a Roger Martel screaming single for a 12-11 win.

Earlier in the game, Lenny Segall smashed an over-the-fence homer, Jim Tiano tripled and Wayne Pall doubled.

#### West Siders 9 2nd Time Sports 9

How can a tie game be satisfying? When players do wonderful things and exciting plays stir the blood, the final score becomes secondary.

Middle infielder Tara Gunning twice raced nearly behind third base to make spectacular backhand catches of sinking liners, and also was the pivot on two double plays, fielding smoothly and winging strong pinpoint throws to first.

In a tie game, bottom of the ninth inning, Rick Champ smashed a hard single followed by a Henry Buyny smoked liner. Joe DeChiaro hustled to short right field for the perfect relay from Terry Murphy,

# **Softball**

wheeled and pegged a strike to Mike Sieber at third for an out. Mike alertly saw Henry racing to second and threw another strike to Bob Ballentine for the double play that halted the incipient winning rally.

This is an excellent example where, despite the double play, everyone did the right thing.

The runners were trying to advance into scoring position and the odds were in their favor to win the game. Only perfect execution between Terry, Joe, Mike and Bob foiled their efforts.

#### West Siders 13 2nd Time Sports 3 East Siders 7

This game featured equal parts - spectacular offense and defense.

On offense, Bill Holland tripled and homered, both hits traveling to the farthest reaches of the park. To quote Crash Davis, "anything travels that far oughta have a d.n stewardess on it..."

Cindy McCarthy was 3-for-3 with a double. Dick LeTourneau doubled to open a big inning for the West Siders late in the game. On defense, second baseman Bob Ballentine made two outstanding plays, snaring a blistering grounder to get the force out and drifting back to catch a wobbly pop-up.

In the outfield, Ron Shields tracked two towering flies for outs, and Rick Champ had to twist and turn to backhand another that nearly soared over his head.

#### 2nd Time Sports 7 West Siders 6

With two outs, the bases loaded and 2nd Time Sports down by two runs, Henry Buyny lashed a double to clear the bases and win the game.

Centerfielder Robert Bannick corralled a one hopper and threw out a runner at second base.

#### West Siders 12 2nd Time Sports 10 East Siders 10

Down 10-2 in the sixth inning, the East Siders rallied for eight runs - the key hit a two-out double by Shelley Arnold bringing the team within one and setting up Steve Garvin's second hit of the inning for the tie.

Alex Scaranda tripled twice.

#### 2nd Time Sports 11 West Siders 5

Another first!

In the three years since moving to wood bats, nobody had hit an over the fence homer.

In the seventh inning of a 5-4 game, Steve Garvin's blast made history, and for added drama, it was a grand slam that gave his 2nd Time Sports an 8-5 lead.

Co-star of the game was catcher Terry Murphy, who got two clutch hits, scored a run and made a putout at home.

#### 2nd Time Sports 9 West Siders 3

Brilliant outfield play dominated. Left fielder Jim Costello had two putouts and an assist in one inning. Jim Tiano, Roger Martel, Roger Hebeler, Joe Maley, Bob Dembinski and Ron Shields all caught cloud-scraping fly balls or sinking liners.

Third baseman Henry Buyny dove for a hot smash and from the ground sprawled to touch the bag for a force out.

For information about our league, call Lenny Segall (560-2620) or Bob Rittner (729-7970) or visit us on the Box Office at ontopoftheworldnews.com.

# Gary Sandine crowned Men's Club Champion

By Peter Milner

The On Top of the World Men's Golf Association held its annual club championship tournament under sunny skies and cool weather in early February.

It was perfect weather for golf this time of year.

A full field of golfers started at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning and we reversed starting times on Thursday morning.

Gary Sandine is the 2020 Club Cham-

# Men's Golf

pion with a two-day gross score of 135. Tom Pettit is our Low Net Champion with a two day net score of 116.

Jerry Fugatt is Flight A runner-up, John Lewis is Flight B runner-up, Guy Bertuzzi is the Flight C Champion and Laurence Keaveney is the Flight D Champion.

The OTOW Men's Golf Association is a full handicap league and is based on handicaps in four flights. Everyone had a great time and the best part was, nobody got hurt. We played on a golf course that is one of the best maintained golf courses in the area.

Todd Six and his crew put a lot of effort into keeping our course up to snuff

and looking beautiful at all times. Keep on looking for improvements in the next few months as our league has plans for the tee boyes

New members are always welcome to join us. Come to the golf course between 7-7:30 a.m. any Wednesday to sign up.

Membership is \$30 for the year, plus \$1 per week in advance for the following week. Meet new golfers and make lasting friendships.

#### Community tennis tournament concludes in March

By Joseph Spahalski

The annual On Top of the World tennis tournament is underway.

It started in February and will wrap up in March. The competition is so close, anyone can still win.

The rules were changed for this tournament. It is double elimination instead of single elimination. So if someone has one bad match, they can still come back and win an award.

The OTOW tennis club also wants residents to know that by and watch. You might want to participate next year.

#### **Tennis**

while two courts are being used for tournament play, two courts are still free for open tennis.

Watch for a list of the winners in the April edition of this newspaper.

If you are walking by and see the tournament in action, stop by and watch. You might want to participate next year.

#### The Box Office

Information provided by each club and group

otowboxoffice.com



# Pickleball has first tournament champions

#### **Pickleball**

The first ever On Top of the World Pickleball Tournament was held in February with players from three divisions winning prizes.

The gold medal in the Beginners Division was earned by Susan Miller, silver by Rick Muchler and bronze by Peter Mortensen.

In the Intermediate Division, Ron Auber won the gold medal, followed by Frank Meola with the silver medal and Brenda Rathyen with the bronze medal.

In the Advanced Division, the gold medal was captured by Tom Barrett. Ray Tatge earned the silver medal. Joe Cosza won the bronze medal.

The tournament was followed by a banquet. There are now 140 members of the group.

Pickleball plays on Sundays from 9 a.m. - noon, Mondays and Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. and Tuesdays from noon-3 p.m.

Anyone with an activity card is welcome to join.



Pictured above are the top finishers from the first ever pickleball tournament at On Top of the World. From left to right are Joe Cosza, Tom Barrett, Ron Uber, Ray Tatge, Frank Meola, Brenda Rathyen, Peter Mortenson, Rick Muehler and Susan Miller.

# If you want to improve your golf game, you can practice or change your name to Don

If you play well in windy conditions, this season is for you.

Most of us can't remember a winter being this windy.

Golf Course Superintendent Todd Six and his staff continue to provide us with excellent playing conditions. Making the most of it is easier said than done.

The week 12 champion was Tim Belcastro. Bill Gambacurta was second and Mike Marsh finished third. Scott Rogers had an amazing day! He had the low gross round, three skins, a long drive and closest to the pin. Ron Reeves, Gary Sandine and

#### Thursday Golf

Don Hill took one skin each. The long drives belonged to Lynne Godfrey, Don Hunter and Mike Marsh.

Bruce MacPherson took first place and low gross honors in week 13. Marjorie Olsen was second and Doug Silver placed third. Christy Mills and Jerry Fugatt collected two skins each. Gary Herr, Mike Marsh and Dave Hoffman had one skin each. Ada Maloof, Jerry Fugatt, Bill Gambacurta and Scott Rogers were the long drive winners. Dave Hoffman and Dan Morey were closest to the pin.

If your name was Don you did well in week 14. Don Auger took first place, Don Hunter was second and Don Campbell placed third. Harry Barbin had the low gross round. Bill Higgins and Don Campbell took two skins each. Mike Marsh, Paul Hanko and Jim Keagy took one skin each.

Don Hill was the week 15 champion. Bruce MacPherson was second and Mark Legin was third. Bill Higgins recorded the low gross round. Bruce MacPherson took two skins. Bill Gambacurta, Mark Legin, Angelo Santucci and Tim Belcastro all collected a skin. Fred Schick, Kevin Casey and Tom Seal had the closest to the pin shots.

Our Match Play Tournament is well under way and it has been quite competitive

Our annual four-person scramble will be held on March 19. This is a fun venue and always a close contest. League members interested in competing should contact Paul Meyers.

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. The person with the most points at the end of the season is league champion.

The current standings have Fred Schick and Bruce MacPherson tied for first place with 31 points. Don Hill has 29 points. Mike Marsh and Tim Belcastro 26. Dan Morey, Grant Hone, Len Howell and Bill Higgins 24. Scott Rogers 23. Ada Maloof 21 and Mark Legin 20. It still is too early to predict a winner. If you play well, everyone has a chance.

The league is a mixed league, providing an opportunity for couples to compete each week. Our League uses the USGA Stableford scoring format. This is a "Quota point" system used by many leagues throughout the country. In this format, each player has a point quota and they try to play above their quota not directly against other players.

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. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

Golfers sign in from 9-9:30 a.m. every

You can find the details at the Thursday League spot on the OTOW Bulletin Board website (otowboxoffice.com).

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# BUILDING REPORTS



# Renowned Chinese Cathay artist was also a pop music singer and cosmetics company executive

#### By Cecile Sangiamo

Jeanette Johnson (friends call her "J") grew up in Staten Island in New York City in a large house with peach trees in the backyard. There were still dairy farms on The Island until the opening of the huge Verrazzano Bridge in 1964 connecting Brooklyn and Staten Island.

During school vacation, Jeanette and her older sister and brother were driven by their parents to spend the entire summer at the grandparents' farm in rural Louisiana. They did all the farm chores like feeding animals, plucking feathers off chickens, churning butter, and on special occasions: homemade ice cream.

One of the volunteer jobs was to feed the chain gang doing road work in the area. The kids got to man the pump for the water so everyone could wash up. Bath time for the children was a dunk in a tin tub outside in the back yard.

Without knowing of Jeanette's rural background, you would be startled by huge, colorful paintings covering every wall and window in the condo. No two paintings are alike and they are a feast of color and movement.

Such huge artworks come as no surprise, because as a child she was always painting on the wallpaper, so it was a wise Mom that bought her a set of paints and brushes and lots of paper.

Jeanette was Art Editor of her high school's yearbook. Her artistry won her a scholarship to the Fashion Institute (FIT) in Manhattan. While in high school, she met two sisters who, along with Jeanette, decided to form a singing group, "just to meet guys," she said.

They signed with a record company as "Candy and The Kisses." The first album had a single, "The 81," a new dance that hit No. 11 on the national charts.

They pulled gigs in places like the Apollo Theater whenever school was out, accompanied by chaperones, of course.

Jeanette and her mom made all the costumes as they did for Jeanette's dolls years before. They were on their way!

After graduation they did lots of traveling as a singing group, but when recording sales didn't materialize the group disbanded.

Jeanette relocated from Staten Island to Manhattan to attend Hunter College. During those years between college and work, Jeanette continued her musical career as a lead singer for two years alongside two brothers and their band called Amistad. They played in different small clubs in all the New York boroughs.

However, she never stopped painting! Some of



Chinese Cathay resident Jeanette Johnson shows off one of her large paintings.

(OTOW photo by Doug Kates)

her works were exhibited at Harris Brown Gallery in Boston, but a girl's gotta' make a living, so she had various jobs in jewelry making, worked some time for a retail tennis store, got a job at Ralph Lauren as a receptionist, and then moved up to manager of the Home Division after 23 years of service.

Why are her paintings so big? In college art classes, while the professor walked around examining each student's work, he would stop each time at Jeanette's efforts and say, "Make it bigger!" Eventually she had to stop expanding the canvases in order to fit on buses and through doorways.

In 2017, after a bout with pneumonia, her doctor advised her to seek a warmer climate, so Jeanette relocated to Florida from her home in Westchester, NY. She put her paintings in storage and rented a condo

in Largo. Little did she know that the pneumonia bug would hit her again in 2019. The Florida doc told her, "You can get pneumonia anywhere."

Her Realtor took her to On Top of the World, where she purchased her new condo on Australia Way West.

After joining Theater Workshop, she landed a part in one of their shows. Jeanette could not continue with Theater Workshop because of her weakened system as a result of frequent battles with pneumonia.

Now Jeanette is enjoying the friendliness of her neighbors in the Chinese Cathay Building... and still painting!



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#### A look back at the OTOW News March, 1995

- Fun Club: The Fun Club meeting of Feb. 5, 1995, was a success due to the performance of our gifted entertainer. I must say Sandy Lynn, who used to be the second half of "Back to Back" certainly held her own for an hour. The board for the Fun Club reads as follows: Martin Kaufman, president; Norman Alper, vice president; Leo Gavron, treasurer; and Shirley Goldsmith, secretary.
- Shalom Club: Shalom means "Peace" and we continue to pray for Shalom for the entire world. At the meeting held in February, the incoming officers that were installed are: president, Rae Weisenberg; vice-president, Elaine Stern; recording secretary, Florence Jacobson; assistant treasurer, Joe Stern; corresponding secretary, Hilda Zonis. Congratulations to all of you. We wish you well. Our guest entertainer at the next meeting will be Johnny Franks, singer, violinist and comedian.
- Married Women's Club: Dues for 1995 are still a bargain at \$2. Ticket sale: Wednesday, March 8, 1995, in the East Side Activity Center. General Meeting: Friday, March 17, 1995, in the big card room, East Side Activity Center. We'll have Pete and Beth Sutch on "Bicycling through Alaska." A trip Wednesday, March 22, 1995, will be a tour of the Home Shopping Network. Lunch will be at the 94th Aero Squadron. We welcome new members.
- Men's Golf: Up north, when March came along, we knew we just made another winter. Spring was knocking on the door. Here, we are already looking for summer! It's been cool this winter, and if you were playing golf every day, you sure know what the north wind feels like! Recently our Canadian neighbors had their annual tournament. Mother Nature cooperated and gave them something beautiful on Saturday. But Sunday morning we had a big thunderstorm and the second half was called off. I heard they will make up the second half on their own. Good luck, friends!
- Art Guild: On Sunday, Feb. 26, 1995, we had an exciting presentation of art work from our members . The show was very well attended, and lots of compliments were heard from the crowd. Judging of the show was done by Joanne Knippen. Joanne is a well-known and respected professional artist in the Tampa Bay area. A wonderful mural on the wall at All Children's Hospital was commissioned and painted by her. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the show; you are all super winners.
- Capistrano Building: As the March breezes blow, they remind us of the advent of spring. There is a slight anticipatory lift to the spirit of one and all. The Capistrano is getting more than its share of hole-in-one golfers. On Jan 26, 1995, Al Lauschke had a hole-in-one on the third hole at the OTOW course. Dave and Noreen Britcher reported a wonderful time spent on a cruise in the Caribbean. A sincere Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!





The New World French February ladies' lunch was held at the Olive Garden

## February was party time at New World French

Our ladies' lunch was held recently at the Olive Garden in Palm Harbor (see photo).

The building's monthly birthday bash was held at Longhorn Steakhouse. Gin Upton, who does a wonderful job of organizing the events, also gets cupcakes for everyone. The birthday people get a free one, which is a nice gesture, and everyone enjoyed the party. There were a lot of birthdays for February.

Gin also hosted a Super Bowl party for the neighbors in her building — plenty of good food and company.

Gin also had visitors: her sister and husband from Minnesota and sister from Cincinnati. It was a nice break from the cold weather. They all took a trip to Parrish, which is near Bradenton, to take a trip on the popular vintage train ride there.



We have quite a few newcomers in the building, so the wing angels held a party at the end of February. That way, everyone got to meet their new neighbors.



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## Traveling to the 'end of the world,' but returning to OTOW

#### Submitted by Toni Reinwald

Toni Reinwald and Dale Smith recently flew to Chile to board the Celebrity Eclipse cruise ship to enjoy a 15-night cruise around South America.

Their cruise included stops at Puerto Montt, Chile; Punta Arenas, Chile; Ushuaia, Argentina; Puerto Madryn, Argentina; Punta Del Este, Uruguay; Montevideo, Uruguay and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The sea days were beautiful as they cruised through the Chilean Fjords, the Straits of Magellan and Cape Horn. One of their many fun adventures on their tours was in Ushuaia, the southernmost city in the world. There they traveled to Tierra del Fuego National Park and stood at the end

On the trip back to the ship, they stopped at a resort and enjoyed Argentine wine, cheeses, lamb stew, Argentine beef, crab cakes, fish and desserts.



Another exciting day was spent in Buenos Aires as they drove through the rich farming area of the Pampas to an "estancia," or ranch. They were welcomed there with empanadas, followed by a typical Argentine barbeque of sausage, steaks, lamb, and chicken.

Local musicians entertained them



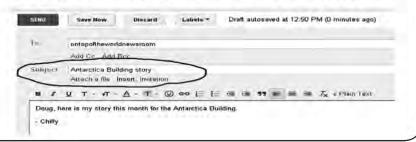
Toni Reinwald and Dale Smith are shown with the ship on which they recently took a 15-night South America cruise. (Photo courtesy Toni Reinwald)

their meal, the famous gauchos from the huge ranches in the region demonstrated return to On Top of the World!

with traditional music and dance. After their athletic skills and horsemanship. It was a great way to end their cruise and

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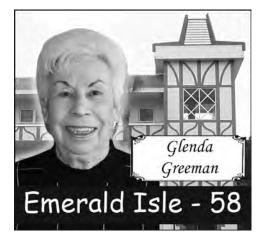
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# It's the 'second time around' for this OTOW reporter



It's most unusual for someone to have a second opportunity as a building reporter, but this is exactly what has happened.

I'm delighted to be returning as a reporter for the Emerald Isle after a hibernation of several years.

Marshall and I have lived here for 20 years, and to quote: "We've seen a thing or two." We have many new residents. Our building captain, Cheryl Butcher, along with her husband, Tom, work tirelessly for the welfare of our building. Thanks to them and also to Marge Gipperich, our treasurer, and her husband Bill, we are a very active community.

On Jan. 18, we held our annual



More than a dozen Emerald Isle residents attended Tampa Bay Downs recently for a day of racing and dining. As usual, there were winners and losers, and everyone had a good time. (Photo courtesy of Marge Gipperich)

building meeting. It was the most wellattended meeting ever. By popular demand, Cheryl Butcher was elected to continue as building captain and Marge Gipperich was asked to continue as treasurer. Plans were discussed for monthly luncheons, yard parties and other functions.

Most recently, residents of our

building spent the afternoon at the Tampa Bay Downs. It was a beautiful day at the races. About 15 people from our building attended the event.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but I'm told that Tom Butcher looked really grand in his long pants (dress code). The building gave everyone two dollars for their

first bet. There were winners and losers, but only good news — Laverne Iorio was a big winner for 36 dollars. Cathy Goeke told me she won 18 dollars and Cheryl won 13 dollars. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch and a good time was had by all.

Extra copies of the OTOW News are available in the East and West Activity Centers.

#### 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 2020 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.

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# Rizal residents enjoy luncheon | PROJECT | SUNRISE | VEALUTE WORLD | VEALUTE

(Submitted by Mike and Charlie Wood) Rizal building residents enjoy getting together for lunch at First Watch in Countryside. The building is really gaining momentum with getting together and having fun this spring. A building barbecue is now scheduled for March 22. More fun to come — stay tuned!

#### A Note For Dog Walkers

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A multi-purpose cake. It not only celebrated January birthdays, but also the Villa Riviera Building's first anniversary of celebrating birthdays.

# 'Main courses' at building events are delicious cakes

There's a lot going on over at the Villa Riviera Building.

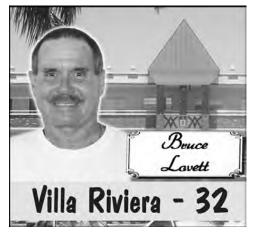
Between all the post New Year Snowbird arrivals and a few new residents, there are unfamiliar faces everywhere. Thank goodness we have a birthday celebration for the building on the fourth Thursday of every month so we all get a chance to say "hi."

At the end of January, close to 30 people braved the cold to celebrate our January babies. Rita Ferguson supplied the cake and some incredible Rice Crispy treats. Fortunately, she left the cake blank so it served double duty: birthday as well as anniversary. It marked one year since the building has been getting together and celebrating monthly birthdays.

Interestingly, the only January baby present was Bill Raymond, a visitor from American Colonial over on Australia Way. It appears he spends the first month of every year going building to building looking for birthday celebrations.

Our February celebration a month later was both a little busier and a tad warmer. Those two facts were probably related. And this time we ensured February babies from the building were present, as both Marg and Herb Sutton, who supplied the cake, were born in the shortest month of the year.

Incidentally both cakes, as well as the ones for March, April and May are all being supplied by ground-floor residents. Just because the celebrations are held in



the ground-floor lobby area doesn't mean the good people on the second and third floors can't supply cakes. Just add a little more baking powder to compensate for the altitude if you plan on baking!

And remember, when you sign up for a month, you are only responsible for the cake. Additional nibbles are at the discretion of those attending and everyone brings their own beverages.

It's also time to start putting on your thinking caps as our second annual pot luck BBQ will be held on the fourth Thursday in April. The cake will be supplied by Lydia and Harold Cote, (ground floor residents), but we need everything else.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the core bulletin board, so have your pen ready and be sure to get your name and what you will be bringing on there.

Last year's event was a great success and this year's can only be better.



Happy St. Patrick's Day from the OTOW News

# Let's meet our busy building co-ordinator

Aloha, Polynesian family. This month I would like to introduce you to our Building Coordinator, Allen (Jay) Jarvis.

Asking Jay what his vision is for our building, he wants us to be known as the happiest and most pleasant building in On Top of the World. The best neighbors and best friends.

Monthly dinners are a big hit. Get-togethers around the flag pole on the Brazilia side, Friday afternoons at 3:30 p.m., are turning out to be popular. Bring a chair and join in the fun and camaraderie.

We have a lot of retired talent living in our building and we need to utilize those skills. Let's keep our long-timers active and involved, for they are our living history.

Born in Weymouth, Mass., the summers of Jay's youth were spent on Cape Cod hanging out at the beach. While attending college, Jay was drafted into the United States Army where he qualified for flight school and trained to be a helicopter pilot.

While in Viet Nam, he picked up a direct commission and came home for Aviation Management School.

Germany was his next call. After 20 years of service, Jay retired as a major and went on to work as a civilian contractor



at the Pentagon retiring at age 67.

He worked as a weapons system manager and procured equipment making operatives' jobs more efficient. Forensic kits, voice recognition, gait recognition and other fascinating things were some of his tasks.

Jay married his childhood sweetheart, Kathy, and has three fine children he is very proud of who, in turn, have given him six grandkids. His time is spent between here and Colonial Beach, Va., a block from the beach and a block from church. Good neighbors abound, as do a myriad of things to do. Jay has been coming to OTOW for 30 years and bought his first place in 2010.

Thanks for being such a great neighbor, Jay. We appreciate all you do!

# New officers installed at Bohemia Building

The Bohemia Building congratulates its new officers who will serve our building for the next two years.

Our new president is Doug Mlodzinski and our new vice president is Dale Prunoske. We thank them for their willingness to undertake the overseeing of building issues.

Seventeen residents returned at the beginning of February from a 10day Norwegian cruise to the western Caribbean. The yearly building cruise has occurred so often that it is now considered a tradition.

The residents had such a good time that next year's cruise was determined before they returned to land. Details will be posted soon on the bulletin board.

Valentine's Day was celebrated by a wine and cheese party in the core of the building. It is generally in the early evening hours to allow time for residents to still head out for their romantic dinners.

Feb. 19 was our yearly Day at the Races. Twenty-five residents enjoyed the awesome buffet that Tampa Bay Downs put out for the group. This year there were a lot of participants who came home with smiles on their faces. That can only reflect



how well their day must have gone!

The ladies of the building decided the monthly outing would be to the Clearwater Historical Society Museum. This is a relatively new addition to our city and is similar to other museums in nearby areas. It is located in the old South Ward Elementary School, at 610 S. Ft. Harrison Ave. After touring the museum, the ladies realized there were many things about the city they reside in that they did not know.

Of course afterwards, as always, they headed to a nearby restaurant to discuss where they'd go next month.

#### Check out OTOW-TV Channel 732

# OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



Class is 9-Noon, March 26 & 27, in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (Formerly the Veranda Room)

Please fill out one form per person. Completed forms must be dropped off at the OTOW newsroom by March 20.

Note: Class size is limited to the first 30 people who sign up.

Your name:

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Unit number:

Telephone:

You must bring a check for \$20 to the first class. Make check payable to AAA.

# **Building meeting slated for March 25**

We held our annual Valentine's Day outing recently at First Watch Restaurant. Twenty residents were in attendance. What a great way to celebrate with our loved ones and neighbors!

A special thanks to our wonderful friends at Siboney for supporting the Jesters in their February show "One Season Following Another."

If you enjoyed that show, please come out to the Theater Workshop's Show, "50 Golden Years: 1970–2020" anniversary celebration. See if you remember those great dances, skits, songs and comedy. Show dates are March 13, 14 and 15. You can purchase tickets on Monday and Thursday at the Theater Workshop table in



the East Activity Center from 8:30–10:30 a.m. for a mere \$5.

This year's On Top of the World Irish

Club Saint Patrick's parade will be held on March 7. Please come out and support all the clubs who participate and wear your green. Food, green beer and Irish music will be a highlight this year. Members of the OTOW Press Association will be showing off their new shirts. Please join in the fun.

Our next Siboney building meeting will be held on March 25 at the West Activity Center Belleair Room at 7 p.m. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Our monthly core party will be March 29 at 4 p.m. Please attend and meet your neighbors and bring a dish to share. Signs will be posted in the elevator and on the bulletin boards.



Swedish Traditional - 23

# Plans being firmed up for 2020 events

Swedish Traditional residents have been very busy lately.

Our building residents met on Jan. 31 to plan this year's activities. Dues are being collected now (\$10 per person). These dues are used for supplies such as updated Christmas decorations, strawberries for our strawberry festival, and other supplies for parties, such as plates and silverware.

Informal Friday evening gatherings on the last Friday of the month continue. We meet in the core for camaraderie and conversation. Bring your beverage and a snack to share. Don't miss out on the fun.

A barbecue is being planned for April. Everyone has a birthday, so we are celebrating everyone's special day in May. Please sign up to host one of our luncheons. Great times are had by all who attend our events.

The next large project planned is to clean out the bike room. **Important**: Please claim your bike by March 19. Any unclaimed bike will be donated to various charities. We need your help and cooperation for this project. This is also a good time to check and clean out your space in the storage room.

We at Swedish Traditional are grateful to wake up each morning to live in such a vibrant and beautiful community at On Top of the Wolrd.

## Barbershop singers entertain

Valentine's Day was made much sweeter by the fabulous voices of the Suncoast Barbershop group. John Lewis sings with the group.

They made recordings for many and sang in person to others. Everyone was happy to receive this special present.

Karen French came in second in the Sunrise Table Tennis Club tournament on Feb. 8. This was held at the Long Center.

Stay tuned for the Good Life Games, starting this month. If you are over 50, sign up at the Long Center, or go to watch the events. There are over 20 sporting events all around Pinellas County.



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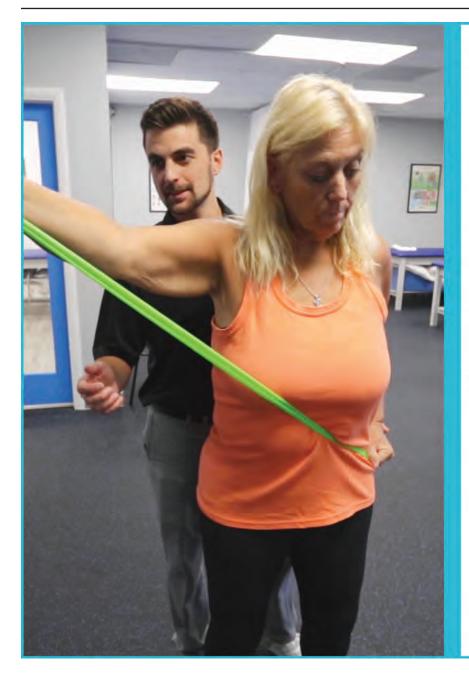
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# Monthly 'ladies only' breakfast outings prove popular

What's happening in our neighborhood?

Ladies' breakfasts, that's one exciting thing that is happening. It's like having your sisters, your moms, and some of your best friends join you for breakfast!

Want to know more? Just ask Ann Messina. Ann organized the monthly American Gothic "Ladies Only Breakfast." What is the breakfast like? Well, AG ladies arrive for breakfast at a local, nearby restaurant the first Wednesday of each month.

Their goal is not only to have a delicious hot breakfast and enjoy each other's company. Ann says they are kind of like sisters. And no one has to do the dishes!

During these tasty gatherings, the ladies share lots of great info, including some of their personal histories and their favorite family recipes. They chat about the latest On Top of the World news, too. Most have become good friends and make up a local support group for each other. These ladies help keep our neighborhood a friendly place.

The Ladies Only Breakfast sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. There are at least four ladies for each outing, and sometimes more than a dozen. These



ladies like their beauty sleep, so breakfast is at 10 a m

What else had been happening at American Gothic?

Lots of fun, mostly centered on neighbors eating together. It seems we are a hungry bunch here at AG!

One recent afternoon, the weather was frigid but it did not stop 18 hungry neighbors from hanging out at Cody's for our building luncheon. Hot fajitas were the choice food of many of the AG attendees. Yummy!

American Gothic neighbors often car pool to the various nearby restaurants, so if you would like to join us, but the distance



The American Gothic monthly building meeting was held recently at Cody's Roadhouse. Standing are Adolf Kazanovich and Rita Bahro. Seated are Les and Irene Ermold with their daughter, Kelly, center.

is a problem, please let Joe know.

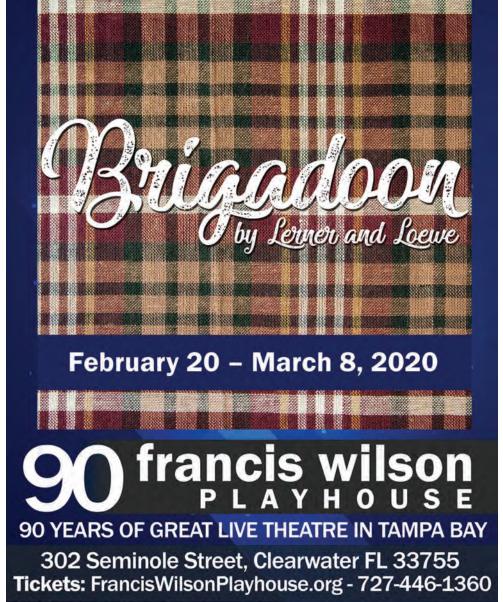
Who is Joe, you ask? Joe Borowczyk is our building coordinator. He and his helpful wife, Rosalie, always try to help neighbors find rides.

Just a gentle reminder: Since we live in a communal building, not our own private residence, good neighbors need to follow building etiquette.

See you around, neighbors!

# Don't miss the annual OTOW Irish Club parade Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m.





A message to our friends at ON TOP OF THE WORLD

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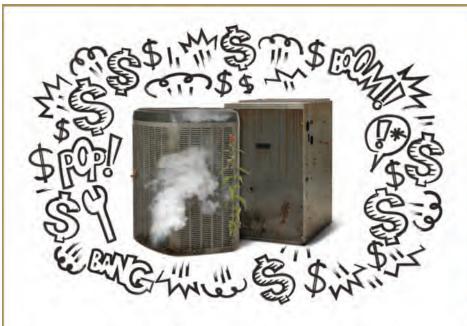
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# Reducing clutter can lower stress, improve lifestyle

Reducing clutter has a positive effect on your life and health, according to a stress management article on clutter on the Mayo Clinic website.

That's why your joyful neighbors at Austrian Alpine hold our annual bike and storage room clean-out.

Our first clean-up began in 2015 and was a Herculean task, with storage and bike rooms similar to the Aegean Stables. Every single storage room was packed with stuff, including four huge boxes of flammables. The bike room had similar items and a few bikes. The clean-up was a huge success.

Five years later, we still have to stay on top of the clutter. Every year, residents clear out the items they no longer need and mark this year's date on every box and beach chair. The floors are swept clean. The smell of mold and mildew is gone. Jan and Steve Stiffler help us stay on task and many volunteers help out.

Even our building storage room is spotless, cleaned with vinegar and tea tree oil and old items taken to the dump. Thank you, Bob Young and Donna Gagnon!

Many of the new residents moving in to our building are younger and active and enjoy riding their bikes on the Pinellas County bike trails. There is no more



space in the bike room, however, as there are at least five old, rusty bikes that are not ridden.

March and April are also good months to clean out our units.

There will be a Shred Event in the East Activity Center (EAC) parking lot on March 3 from 9-11 a.m.

Also, in the EAC parking lot, Goodwill will take items on April 17 from 9 a.m. -2 p.m. This is a perfect time to recycle clothing, shoes, home décor, books, sporting goods, housewares, jewelry, furniture and small appliances.

Lower your stress level, reduce clutter and enjoy life!



The clearly marked, well-organized items in the 2x3 foot shelves in the Austrian Alpine storage rooms. No stress here!

## Mallorca residents exhibit a family attitude

"We Are Family" is a song from a few years back, but that is what it feels like in our building.

Like any family, we do not always agree, but we do care about each other's well-being. We raise our shades to show we are up each morning. When someone needs help getting groceries out of their car, we help them. We say "Hello, how are you" and mean it.

Some have lived in this building for over 30 years, Ginger Currier and Helen Pawilkowski moved here in 1991, moving from the second floor to the first floor.

Josie Marsiglio was already here. Others have lived in this building from

We are in a two story building with bump-out patios on the second floor which only two other buildings have. We feel so fortunate to be in this building and from the length some have lived here I guess that is their feeling too.



We miss those who eventually move for varied reasons. We welcome newcomers, who quickly become part of the family, so we are happy that Sam Butera and Roseann Buda arrived from Rochester,

Unlike some buildings, we do not have a lot of pets. There are permanently three dogs and two cats, living with only two of us. At times, four more cats and one dog join in the fun.

We do claim the blue jays and ibis as pets when they show up, and the Mallards on the golf course pond are always fun

We are lucky to be situated between both golf courses, so we can watch that activity there as well as watch the fishermen on the pond looking for that big one!

Our patios offer a wonderful view of many On Top of the World activities, and the comings and goings of our neighbors. Is that being nosey? I feel it is caring.

We had a super Super Bowl party with winners and losers in the pool that Dick Kuplen always takes charge of, but no one lost in the fun, and the food was terrific as usual. A good time was had by all.

Happy St. Pat's Day! Don't forget to watch the OTOW Irish Club St. Pat's parade on March 7.

#### 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 Crystal Beach Room (formerly the 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, (727) 772-3119, or Woodie Tully, (727) 399-1773.

#### Help protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

residents featured in this newspaper have been 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.

Within the past few years, On Top of the World 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.



# Sunday, March 8, is bike room cleanup day at Espana

Our building had its semi-annual business meeting and a pot luck dinner in February.

It was attended by 27 residents including two new residents, Eric Mutter and Kris Tooker. Eric is a retired New Jersey State policeman. Eric was originally from New Jersey and then retired to Vermont before moving here.

Kris was a teacher in both a high school and a college. They have four children: two boys and two girls.

When they decided to move to Florida, they knew of On Top of the World since they have friends who live on the East Side of OTOW, so they decided to come here. We welcome you to the Espana.

Among the items discussed and decided at the meeting was the fact that on Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m., the bicycle room is going to be cleaned out. If you have a bicycle in that room on March 8, please move it to the core and ID tag it. If you are not going to be available at that time or on that day, please contact one of the building officers. All unclaimed bikes



will be donated to a charity.

I am a member of Next Door On Top of the World, which is a site on the Internet featuring neighborhood events and activities. For example, when a strong storm was coming in February, I received a notice of the storm's arrival and that the trash cans should not be put out.

If you are interested in the site, search on Google for "nextdoor.otow."

March is an interesting month. In addition to St. Patrick's Day on the 17th,



Espana residents recently held their semiannual business meeting and potluck. A few of the 27 attendees included (L-R) Arlene Hanson, Robert Lowe and Pilar Lowe.

Daylight Saving Time begins March 8. ahead in the spring." March 19 is the first Remember, "Fall back in the fall and spring day of spring.

#### 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 On Top of the World 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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## V-Villa dwellers get together for first building luncheon

Viennese Villa has been busy with social events, house guests and cruises.

Now that the weather has warmed, we again enjoy gathering for our cocktail parties. It gives everyone a chance to catch up and have an informal building meeting.

We also have started a building luncheon. The first was at the Asian Pearl, which everyone enjoyed. Ozona Blue was next and was enjoyed by all. If you have suggestions for places to go, please add them to the sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board or the notice by the rubbish room door.

The Jesters show was well-attended with lots of laughs. Some of our fellows brought the house down in their Victoria's Secret attire! A tip of the hat to the entertainment committee and the behind-the-scenes crew for the stellar job they do for our entertainment pleasure.

Congratulations and best wishes are in order to the McDonalds. Connie and Gerry recently celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss.

From reports of our cruising Villa neighbors, Howard Rochte and Russ Lamesfield, they earned their "sea legs." Their recent cruise was rough and some ports were skipped due to high seas.



Christina Battistell took flight to New Jersey to root for her grandson's hockey team in the playoffs. Christina proved to be their lucky charm, as they won the championship.

Back here, insurance rates have risen, thanks to recent past hurricanes. Something I brought to my company's attention was that we now have hard-wired fire alarm systems, as well as the distance to fire station being short, which could qualify for a discount on insurance rates.

I hope everyone is reading Randae Marie Tornetta's food column in this paper. She has fabulous tips and recipes for our cooking enjoyment. She's one very talented lady.



Viennese Villa residents chose the Asian Pearl Restautant for their first building luncheon .

Have On Top of the World cable TV? Just a reminder to click on the upper channels, such as channel 602, where you will be pleasantly surprised at the channel offerings. For western lovers, there is GRIT TV. Channel 630 also has a selection of old TV shows. Might be worth checking out.

I look forward to seeing everyone out to enjoy the Irish Club's St. Patrick's parade on Saturday, March 7. Look for the press folks sporting green shirts and hats and passing out papers.

Until next month, best wishes to all celebrating anniversaries and birthdays.

Spring forward on March 8.

Any news fit to print, please send to me at fresca@maine.rr.com

# Spectrum





# Spectrum Workshop on OTOW-TV



You can also make a request for this program to be rebroadcast on OTOW-TV. See Doug in the newsroom and request a day and time.

In February, Spectrum held an information workshop for residents in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

If you missed this important workshop, you can still watch a videotaped version on OTOW-TV Channel 732.

Tuesday, March 3, About 7 pm Wednesday, March 4, About 7 pm Thursday, March 5, About 2 pm Saturday, March 7, About 5 pm Sunday, March 8, About 7 pm

The show should begin within 15 minutes of the time listed.

## Dorado resident updates Christmas tree to fit the season

For most of us in On Top of the World, taking down the Christmas tree means the most festive time of the year is over.

Mary Ann Christian, a resident in our building, is just beginning the Carnival season, the most festive time of all for her home city of New Orleans. It starts in January and ends on Fat Tuesday, the evening before Ash Wednesday.

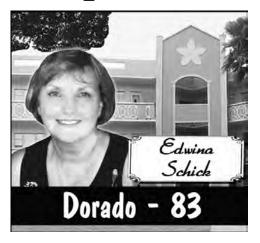
While a "parade of parades" takes place in New Orleans, Mary Ann's apartment, including her Christmas tree, is transformed into a microcosm of Mardi Gras. The tree, now the "Mardi Gras tree," is decorated in gold, purple and green masks, lights, and roping, with an elegant harlequin tree topper.

Beads from past parades are draped from her chandelier. Her personal collection of porcelain figurines lends a touch of class to her display.

Mary Ann says "No bad times in "NAW-lins" because you go from Christmas to Carnival Season, to one festival after another." Think about this: nearly 130 festivals a year makes "Naw-lins" the festival capital of the world.

Mary Ann loves to share her knowledge and experiences in New Orleans. There, as a nursing student, she met her husband Jim, raised her children, and fell in love with the food and culture.

She will tell you about Zula beads, native spices, and famous chefs. She will tell



you why people who live in New Orleans recount events by "before Katrina" and "after Katrina."

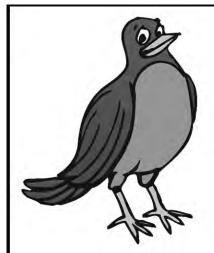
My favorite story is about how the devastating flood waters of Katrina ripped treasured family recipes from their homes.

The action of one compassionate person finding a dirty, water-soaked handwritten recipe, asking the local newspaper to find the owner resulted in hundreds of other recipes being collected from the rubble and published in the book entitled "Cooking Up A Storm: Recipes Lost and Found," published by The Times-Picayune of New Orleans.

The proceeds from the book helped many families rebuild their homes and their lives, with an added bonus of keeping the family recipes and traditions of many "Grandmas" alive.



Dorado resident Mary Ann Christian poses with her 'Mardi Gras' tree, which she repurposes from her Christmas tree each year, in advance of the Carnival season.



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## **Springtime being celebrated** by Rila Rensissance residents

It's time to celebrate spring here at Rila Renaissance.

Our annual pizza party will be held on Tuesday, March 10, at the building entrance on the Florentine Way side of the building. For new residents, the building will provide our pizza from the building fund.

Thank you to all of you who have already paid into the fund this year. Also, please remember to bring a chair, whatever you want to drink, and, if the mood strikes, an appetizer, salad or dessert. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Our building experiment for a building luncheon, instead of a ladies luncheon, was a success! As a result, we will be including men from now on. (They have a table of their own, so they can discuss manly things while we ladies gossip and solve the world's problems!)

The partying will actually begin on March 5 with our monthly luncheon. We will be going to Frenchy's Bar and Grill on the causeway. The sign-up sheet is posted on the building bulletin board as this issue is released. Remember, all attendees women and men — can invite guests or visiting family to come along. The more the merrier. We will meet in the core at



12:15 p.m. and arrange rides for all who

A last thought for all of you about our building dues. Not only do they pay for our pizza party, but they also cover our Christmas decorations and any replacements required, plus the expenses incurred for the Christmas lights we put up after Thanksgiving. As an example, this year we will be replacing the old core Christmas tree.

If you were out when dues were being collected, please contact Gerri Jaeger, our building captain, who can take them for you. Thank you again for participating and supporting our building.

## Granada Building dwellers watch construction efforts

During the month of February, Granada observed several changes in scenery.

Those of us who face the "Berlin Wall" on Franciscan Drive watched the dismantling of the decorative rails along the roof line of the building between us and the 18-hole golf course. The vertical structures remained and we were told by the workers that it was being replaced with steel railings for the safety of the workers on the roof. It looks good.

We could also see across the 18-hole course at the work on the roof of a building on World Parkway. Sitting outside and watching improvements to buildings made you realize the pride of ownership was alive and well at On Top of the World Clearwater.

A lone eagle has been observed gliding on the winds over our building for several weeks and it is a beautiful sight, high in the sky. I have not seen a nest, but maybe there is one close by.

We had our monthly luncheon at Frenchy's Outpost (which took place



after this was submitted). Please check the bulletin board for next month's selection and sign up.

This month, we are having our annual outing to Tampa Bay Downs. I will let you know if we have any big winners in the next edition of the paper.

As you go around this community, check and see if you have any new views around you, as things change all the time, but do you really take notice of them?

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# OTOW Bus Schedule

#### **Destinations**

Countryside Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza, Clearwater Mall, Countryside Central, Publix, Aldi, CVS, Walmart, Sprouts

#### Tuesday Mornings Start time: 9 a.m.

Destinations rotate weekly but are listed inside the bus. Stops include Clearwater Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza and Sprouts.

Tuesday Midday Start time: 12:30 p.m.

Destinations are Countryside Mall and Countryside Central

#### Wednesday Mornings Start time: 8 a.m.

Destination: Publix

Wednesday Midday Start time: 11 a.m.

Destination: Aldi and CVS

#### Thursday Mornings Start time: 8 a.m.

Destination: Publix Friday Mornings

Start time: 8 a.m. Destination: Walmart

Thursday Midday Start time: 11 a.m.

Destination: Publix

Friday Midday Start time: 11 a.m.

Destination: Walmart

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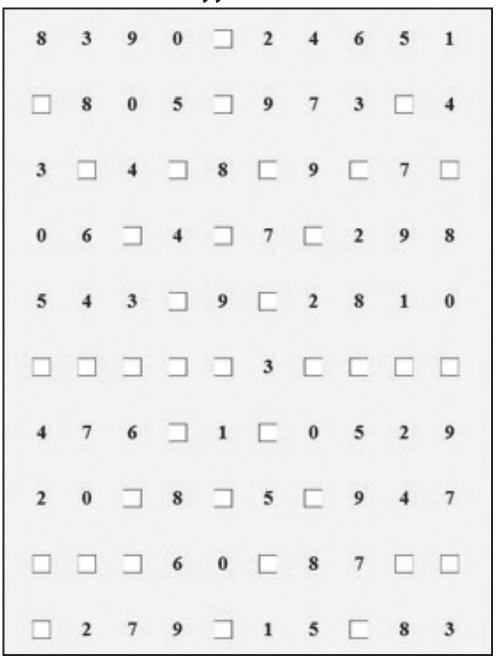
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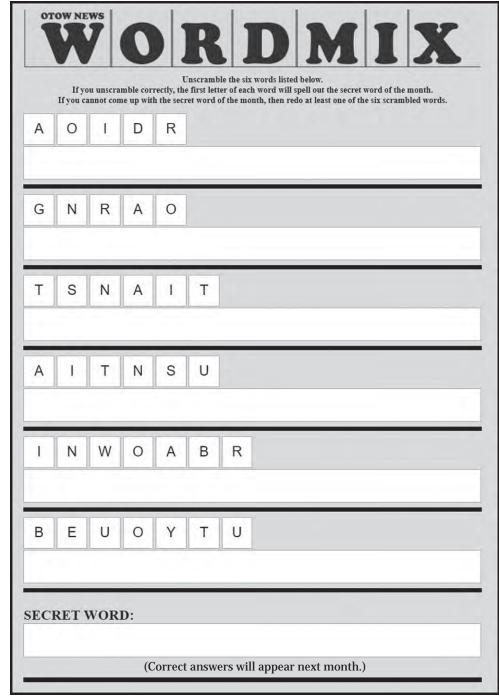
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- . The 24-hour bus phone number is for reservations only. When making a reservation, please leave name, trip request, phone number, building number and unit number.

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# Box Office Sudoku





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