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# ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS



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## This will be a banner year for the Irish Club parade

By Barbara Rice

The On Top of the World Irish Club is lucky! Community participation in the club's 27th St. Patrick's Day Parade will be a record breaker.

Twenty-five clubs from OTOW are registered to showcase their club members on the parade route! The parade is set to step off on Saturday, March 4, at 10 a.m.

And the clubs are taking this year very seriously.

Several clubs have spent more than \$1000 combined for new eye-catching parade banners. You will definitely know when the Veterans Group, Entertainment Committee, Woodshop, Canadian Club, Theater Workshop and Democratic Club are marching down World Parkway Boulevard.

Look for their beautiful brand new parade banners.

The On Top of the World Ladies Nine-Hole Golf Association will be sporting new shirts - heliconia color.

The Irish Club proudly announces that Irishman Dan O'Sullivan will reign as the 2023 parade marshall with his wife of 56 years, Hannah, by his side.

The couple originally hails from Cork and Kerry counties in Ireland. Long-time members of the Irish Club, they have been active in bringing Irish traditions to OTOW for more than 20 years.

Please join the Irish Club in giving Dan and Hannah a hurrah on the parade route.

Our community will be a bevy of activity on parade day. Participants from around Pinellas County will be scurrying in to get in place. Several will be visiting OTOW for the first time. Please make all of our visitors welcome and direct them to the start of the parade if necessary.

The Irish Club encourages you to share the day's festivities with family, friends and grandchildren.

A party will follow the parade in the back parking lot of the East Activity Center. Free beer will flow along with free pretzels from the Irish Club. Live music and dancing will be plentiful, too. Food will be available for purchase, courtesy of the Good Karma Café.

There promises to be something, and more, for everyone attending the parade.

Since last month's newspaper, the Santa Claus Drill Team, a favorite last year, has accepted their invitation to attend.

Another band, The Suncoast United Pipes and Drums, has recently registered.

Our own Night Riders Bicycle Club will be making a daytime appearance.

The Clearwater Doodles are bringing back their four-legged darlings.

You can meet the OTOW Co-Pets of the Year. Mr. Mittens and Luigi should be marching with the Press Association.

The children in the Violins of Joy will touch you.

Our veterans might get escorted by some military vehicles for the first time. Classic car owners are to treat us to a 1911 touring car, a grand 1953 Cadillac, and a 1923 Ford T-bucket that should make you look twice (you will swear the Munsters have arrived from 1313 Mockingbird Lane).

Get a comfy chair ready. Stake out a spot on the parade route. You will want to be below Irish Lane to see each and every entry march by.

Parade participants will begin assembling at the upper end of World Parkway East and Netherlands Drive. They also stage on side streets from Netherlands to Irish Lane.

Five divisions of units will feed from these side streets onto the main parade route on World Parkway Boulevard and march down the boulevard past the East Activity Center.

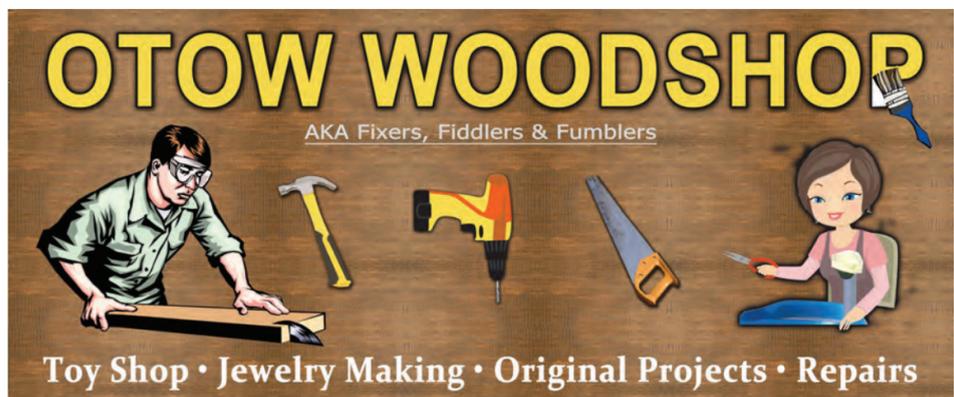
The Jolley Trolley, compliments of Summit Broadband, will be on hand this year to transport OTOW residents from the west side over to the parade and back home. The trolley is scheduled to arrive at 9 a.m. to begin making rounds on the west side. Make sure you are waiting on one of the main streets. Please note, the trolley will not have time to enter building parking lots and stop at the core entrances. Two OTOW hostesses will ride with the driver to keep watch for waiting passengers. The trolley has 32 seats. Once full, the trolley will need to drop off and return. Trolley service ends at noon.

For those of you who cannot attend the parade in person, OTOW-TV channel 901 will be making every effort possible to try to televise the parade live right into your living rooms. This is not a promise, but an effort is being made. Everyone at On Top of the World now gets channel 901.

The cost of putting on the parade increases each year. Donations to the parade fund are very much appreciated.

Tom O'Riordan, parade chairman, or Colman Weir can be contacted regarding the parade.

Tom can be reached at 845-664-0504 or tj050659@gmail.com Colman can be reached at 914-584-3370 or Colman.weir@yahoo.com





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## Please report solicitors to the Community Service Office

# Our community is full of beautiful places to walk and ride, but please do so safely

### Community Safety Reminder

Groundhog Day in Gobbler's Knob came and went with a bit of sad news - Punxsutawney Phil did see his shadow.

For some, this means that they will endure six more weeks of winter. For us Floridians, we have lots of sunshine and mild temperatures forecasted!

With that mild weather, you might find you want to enjoy some activities outside. After all, it isn't every day you get to enjoy a quiet stroll around a beautifully landscaped community such as this one. Take the time to contemplate what activity to do later while taking in the smell of fresh air. Delight in the laughter of an amusing walking partner, or appreciate the companionship of your very best furry friend.

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

The key to enjoying your community is to remember to do it safely. If you're planning a walk, make sure you walk along the side of the road, safely away from automobiles.

If you're out at night, or early morning, don't leave the house without first putting on reflective clothing so you can easily be seen. If you don't already have one, purchase a walking light or carry a flashlight with you.

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

Also remember, if you meander through the area and find yourself around the Sunset gardens, stick to the sidewalks or along the side of the road. Many residents are walking in the street which is both dangerous to you and the driver of the car coming your way.

This is also a good time to mention that it's important to not only watch for pedestrians, but to also watch out for stop signs. We are finding that our community stop signs are sustaining damage due to driver error. This happens especially, but not exclusively, in the nighttime hours or during rainstorms. Hitting a stop sign can cause damage to not only the sign, but to your vehicle as well.

All too often, this results in costs to the driver to repair not only the damage to the sign, but also their vehicle.

So, whatever you may be planning to do, whether you're walking or driving, just remember to do it safely.

### Community Parking

Some residents have more than one vehicle and some are parking a second vehicle at another building.

This has become an issue.

It is important to note that numbered parking spaces are assigned exclusively to residents. Visitor parking is first come, first served, in spaces marked with a "V" and are not intended for indefinite use by one party.

Visitor parking is for short stay visitors and not residents.

If you have a second vehicle, utilize your numbered spaces, and/or on-street parking.



Street parking is available on any streets not marked with "No Parking" signage.

Additionally, parking is not permitted in designated bike or fire lanes. At the end of your street, in the cul-de-sac, should it be marked as a designated fire lane, again, parking is not permitted.

Vehicles parked in designated bike or fire lanes should be reported by calling the Community Service Office line at 727-683-6981. Vehicles that are reported will be tagged to be towed away if not moved immediately.

As a reminder, all parking space changes must be requested in writing to the Association through the Community Service Office. Include a sketch/drawing of your current space and that of the new space you would like to be assigned. If the proposed space is assigned to another resident, they will need to also provide, in writing, their agreement with the parking space change.

Should you change your parking space without Association approval, that space will be returned to its original numbered marking or "V" designation without notification.

### Solicitation

How many times have you seen vendors in the community working? My guess is every day.

How many times have you seen vendors going door-to-door selling a product? My guess is often.

They can arrive at any time peddling their products, even offering special pricing for OTOW residents. They boldly lie by saying "they were approved by On Top of the World" to be here.

Know that your Board has not approved solicitations from any vendor, as soliciting is not allowed within the On Top of the World community. When you see this activity, contact the Community Service Office line immediately at 727-683-6981 to report this activity.

When you act fast to notify us, it gives Parkway Management time to deploy our Inspection Services team to immediately intervene. In each case, your Association notifies the company owner in writing, requiring them to cease this practice immediately.

Continue to report these types of situations to Parkway Management. Always proceed with caution if someone shows up on your doorstep uninvited. Your safety and cooperation make a difference in your community!

### Did You Know?

#### Mobile Car Detailing

Did you know that mobile care detailing is not a service that can be performed at the Activity Centers. The Association has provided hose spigots for car washing stations at most buildings. Mobile detailing businesses should utilize those areas for these types of services.

#### Hydro-Jetting Project

A tentative schedule has been established for the community-wide Hydro-Jetting Project, however, it is dependent upon ease of access into units and will be weather dependent. Should weather or other delays occur, notices will be sent out via an OTOW Alert (Powered by RAVE). Be sure you are signed up to receive alerts prior to project commencement.

Notices will be posted in each building up to two weeks prior to the scheduled start date. More specific scheduling information is available on page 7 of this newspaper and on the OTOW community website at: [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) under the "General Information" and "Hydro-Jetting Project" tabs.

If you have any questions, contact the Community Service Office at 727-683-6981. Please leave your name and phone number if you require a return phone call.

An email address has been established at: [clwjettingproject@otowfl.com](mailto:clwjettingproject@otowfl.com).

If you have not yet provided keys or contact information for a key holder who will be providing access in your absence, please do so as soon as possible so that this project starts and stays on schedule. Your participation and cooperation are appreciated.

#### Community Service Office 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 goes to voice mail, it is because staff is 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 and 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 assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions or clarification of your request. It is not necessary to report service requests more than one time.

If you have any questions regarding your request, and until the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line at 727-683-6981.

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.

#### 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. For a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911.

For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

#### After Hours

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

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

#### OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page and the "Sign Up Now" box will be located to the left of the screen. Click to enroll.

You can also sign up from the "Stay Informed" tab located at the top of the home page.

This is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared, and never solicited.

Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply.

OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community.

It is not hyperbole to say an advanced warning may save lives!



The Management Company would like to remind all residents that spring is the time of year when streets are repaved and coatings are applied to parking areas at On Top of the World in Clearwater. This work usually requires that residents' vehicles be relocated to allow for paving crews to perform their work. Due to this, we ask that all residents watch for notices posted on bulletin boards, as well as on car windshields, concerning the schedule and locations.

Seasonal residents, or those who plan on being out of town during the months of April and May, should be aware that vehicle relocation may take place in order for the contractor to pave certain areas. We suggest that residents leave a spare set of keys with a trusted resident to avoid having their vehicle relocated by a towing company.

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

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

-- Parkway Maintenance

## 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 2023 registration period is \$50. 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, removal date will be March 7. Unregistered boats left in this area after the deadline date will be removed, impounded and ultimately donated to a local charity if not claimed 60 days after 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.

Effective this first day of March, 2023, and published in the March 2023 edition of OTOW News.

# Community Service Office personnel do not intervene in personal issues between residents

## Sense of Mission

The mission of our Community Service Office staff is to address the legitimate concerns any resident may have, in a timely and efficient manner, and to everyone's satisfaction.

While there are perfectly appropriate concerns reasonable for consideration, the staff seeks to address them whenever possible.

While Management may hate to admit it, sometimes it is confronted with a concern that is simply not solvable by either the Community Service Office staff, the Management Company or the Condominium Board.

A common example is a dispute between neighbors. Neither the Management Company or the Board has the authority to mediate disputes that fall outside of Association authority as created by the Declarations and the Rules.

Please know that if you have a concern or a question, the Management Company, under the Board's direction, wants to address your concern, resolve the matter, and make living in the Community a wonderful experience.

## Board Update

Reflecting on the recent Board meeting of Feb. 10, there was a small contingent of residents bent on hijacking and disrupting the Board meeting. The small group was noisy and out of control. At one point it required a Deputy Sheriff to intervene so the meeting could continue.

There were two items of business for the Board's consideration. First was granting a perpetual easement of approximately 6 feet by 102 feet over land that the Condominium Association never owned and never paid taxes on. It falls just south of the property boundary.

Because of an error in a plat back in 1977, the easement was necessary to be granted to uncloud the title of the seller.

The Pinellas County Attorney agreed this was the best way to accomplish the goal.

After Board discussion, the resolution was passed with additional language to be added to the new plat of the property that prohibits use of the easement for access to OTOW Condominium. This was accepted because no direct access is available in the first place.

It is also worth noting that no current or past Board member has ever had a financial interest in either the grant of easement, the larger tract of land currently under contract by the current property owner, or to an unrelated third party. The proposed use is residential, consistent with the surrounding neighborhood outside of OTOW Condominium. The plat (a document that describes in great detail the conditions and boundaries of a given development) filed with Pinellas County will have language prohibiting access into On Top of the World Condominiums in perpetuity.

The second matter of business was suspension of use rights to property owners in arrears of their Community Services Fees for greater than 90 days. This is based on a provision in Florida Statutes, Section 718.303 (3) (4) and (5). This is standard operating procedure. As a practical matter, residents who don't pay, don't get to participate in community life.

Following the meeting, the workshop portion was opened to residents. Summit Broadband leadership attended the workshop and heard from residents. The overarching concern was (1) long telephone hold times, (2) Slow response times, and (3) multiple service call-backs to resolve issues.

## Looking forward through 2023-2024

Your Board has an ambitious list of tasks for the coming fiscal year.

First up is leaning on Summit Broadband to finalize the installations and fine tuning of equipment to ensure each resident has optimal bulk cable and internet.

While the initial installation of fiber throughout the community went fairly well, including the fiber installation onto the buildings, connecting individual owners has not been without shortfalls, stumbles and world class foul-ups (losing the Super Bowl feed)!

Now that the community is completely overbuilt with fiber, and the list of remaining connections to individual condos is winding down, the hardest part to wrapping all this up is getting to individual owners who may have a lingering service concern to make sure the owner's equipment and the fiber provider systems are efficiently communicating with each other.



Your Board has been in weekly discussions with Summit Broadband on the matter and will continue to press them.

Summit Broadband has assured the Management Company and the Board that they ramped-up service technician staffing to meet the service level requirements and keep response times to one day. The Board has every expectation that Summit Broadband will meet and maintain service level requirements and will continue to work to ensure that they do.

## Florida State Senate Bill 4D Update

Matters have started moving in the Senate around Florida State Senate Bill 4D, designed to ensure the structural integrity of condominium buildings.

The latest update is that Florida State Senate Bill 154 was filed in the Senate on Feb. 10 with proposed amendments to the laws enacted pursuant to last year's Florida State Senate Bill 4D.

The bill has been referred to two committees so far. Please note that there may be amendments as the bill goes through the legislative process.

A summary of the proposed item changes of note in the bill may be found on your Association's website at [www.OTOWClearwaterInfo.com](http://www.OTOWClearwaterInfo.com).

They are too lengthy for this article.

I do encourage all residents to go onto this Community webpage for this important overview.

As yet, there is no companion bill filed in the House. When one is filed, it can be expected that the going will be very difficult to retain positive and clarifying measures written into Florida State Bill 154. There is a very long way to go here.

Your Board is focused on meeting the requirements that must be completed by Dec. 31, 2024. This centers on the requirements to complete Phase I and, if needed, Phase II inspections of all structures three stories and greater.

With 28,000 condominium communities in Florida, many of which are greater than three stories, the pickings are thin when it comes to engaging qualified engineering firms willing and capable of undertaking the task.

Your Board has directed the Management Company to find at least one qualified engineering firm to take on the task. However, it may take several different engineering firms to work on site to complete the inspections in a timely manner.

Besides availability of qualified professionals, the Board will need the cooperation of residents willing to allow the engineering teams into their individual apartments for a visual inspection of structural components. At least 15 percent of the apartments in each of the 71 buildings requiring inspection will need to be entered by the engineering teams. These are primarily visual inspections looking for any evidence of a structural concern (or an assessment of your taste in decorating).

As the Board gets closer to engaging qualified engineering firms, they will have a better idea of the inspection plan requirements. This will be shared with residents of the buildings to be inspected.

## Maintenance Check-Up

Speaking of safety, now is a good time for a check-up.

If you don't have regular maintenance on your air conditioner performed, it is never too late to start. A twice a year check-up is a great first option to keep your air conditioner in top operating condition. Failing that, an annual inspection is a baseline to prevent malfunctions that then leave you hot and sweaty in the summer. High heat and humidity can become a serious threat to life, especially at an advanced age.

This month, I want to focus on the importance of doing a safety check-up in your condo. Let's begin with a simple question: What do I do if...?

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

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

I enjoy walking in the community in the cooler weather, and I'm the first to admit that sometimes I forget to take precautions. Note to self: practice what I preach!

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

If the answer is "NO," hustle off to Lowe's and buy a small fire extinguisher to install in your pantry or other location easy to reach in a panic.

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

The Community Service Office maintains an after-hour emergency contact number, 727-799-1115. Post it on your refrigerator. During business hours please report an active leak to the Community Service Office phone line at 727-683-6981.

If I'm getting out of the tub or shower, is my bath mat absorbent and non-skid? Do I have a grab rail that is properly installed in my tub or shower? Simple measures can prevent slips and falls.

Have I overloaded any extension cord with too many plug-in items?

This is much more common than you realize! This is also a very common cause of home fires.

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 and insured electrician to make sure the dryer is not overloading the electrical panel. Sadly, this is much more common than most people appreciate and has resulted in a very devastating fire.

Is the washer draining into at least a 3 inch drain?

If not, you may flood out yourself and several neighbors. Have a licensed and insured plumber check the drain connection.

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

The Good Neighbors Association offers Files of Life for free and they can be picked up during registration events in the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

## Recurring Reminders

### for all Community Residents

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

The fee for the 2023 registration period is \$50.

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

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

If you currently have a registered boat/kayak in this area, a representative 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

will be removed, impounded, and ultimately disposed of not claimed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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

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

## Inspection Services Division

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

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

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

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the current improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied. If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

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

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

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

Thanks for your advance cooperation.

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

The Management Company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills be it propane, charcoal, or electric, are not permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

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

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

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



## Summit Broadband Help Dates

### IPTV WORKSHOPS

Location	Weekday	Date	Time
Auditorium	Tuesday	March 7	9:00 AM
Auditorium	Tuesday	March 7	1:00 PM
Auditorium	Tuesday	March 21	9:00 AM
Auditorium	Tuesday	March 21	1:00 PM

### SUMMIT SUPPORT REPS

Location	Weekday	Date	Time
Safety Harbor & Clearwater Rooms	Monday	March 6	1 pm - 4 pm
Safety Harbor & Clearwater Rooms	Tuesday	March 7	9 am - 4 pm
Safety Harbor & Clearwater Rooms	Wednesday	March 8	9 am - 4 pm
Safety Harbor & Clearwater Rooms	Monday	March 20	1 pm - 4 pm
Safety Harbor & Clearwater Rooms	Tuesday	March 21	9 am - 4 pm
Safety Harbor & Clearwater Rooms	Wednesday	March 22	9 am - 4 pm



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# BINGO

**On Top of the World Bingo Marathon**  
**Saturday, April 8, EAC Auditorium**

- Games start at noon
- **Advance Ticket Sales Only**
- No tickets will be sold at the door
- Lunch Provided – Coffee all day
- \$30 per person – No Refunds

Tickets can be purchased on Mondays, 4-6 pm before regular bingo, or Thursdays, 8:30-10 am, at our information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

**Purchase 6 or more tickets together and you can reserve an entire table for neighbors or friends to play together.**

## Otter carded



This otter was swimming in the East Activity Center pond when he was stopped and asked for an Activity Card. The otter refused to show it and swam away. (Photo by Oleg Rogalnikov)

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Month	Buildings	First Floor Units ONLY
March 2023	24	1-25
March 2023	25	1-25
March 2023	26	1-29
April 2023	27	1-29
April 2023	28	1-25
April 2023	29	1-21
May 2023	30 & Any Remaining Units	1-21

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## EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

In case of **FIRE** or other **BUILDING EMERGENCIES**, Parkway Maintenance and Management, and your On Top of the World Condominium Association, would like you to know that every OTOW resident should have their own plan.

1. Have an evacuation plan. This is the most important piece in case of an emergency event.
2. Make note of the fire alarm pull-stations and emergency exits closest to your unit in case of fire and evacuation.
  - Exits are easily identified and illuminated by signs at the ceiling.
  - Pull-stations and fire extinguishers are located on each building's walkways and in the center core areas.
  - Only use a fire extinguisher if the fire can be extinguished easily.
3. Have a secondary plan to exit the structure if your primary exit point is blocked or unsafe.
4. Never attempt to use an elevator during an emergency as it may be available for firefighters use only. Use stairs.
5. Residents should immediately proceed to a parking lot area safely away from the building. Do not block the entrances to the parking area. Fire response personnel need clear access for trucks and equipment.
6. Calmly and plainly, call 911 and state the nature of the emergency and give your address.
7. Follow instructions given by emergency response personnel.
8. Do not re-enter a building until emergency response officials have deemed it safe to do so.
9. Planning in advance saves lives. Don't delay, plan today.



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 RAVE alerts provide advance warning of severe weather events, as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of the OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community.

# Consumer Protection Day, OneBlood and Irish parade all coming in March

The Activity Office will be closed from Monday, March 20 - Friday, March 24. If you are planning an event or meeting in late March, please make your reservations no later than Thursday, March 23, by 3 p.m.

## Consumer Protection Day

Looking to protect yourself from fraud, identity theft and scams?

Wondering about the best way to improve your credit, shop for a used car, or how to maximize your security online?

For the answers to these questions and more, join Pinellas County Consumer Protection in celebrating National Consumer Protection Week 2023 on Monday, March 6, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

National Consumer Protection Week is an opportunity to have fun (interactive, trivia format) while increasing your knowledge on a variety of consumer topics with Investigator Anna Marie Fiallos.

The seminar is free and includes raffle prizes. Registration is not required. There will not be on-site shredding for this event.

## Tampa Bay Ukulele Society

Expert ukulele teacher, Candy Otte, and assistants from the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society will be here on Tuesday, March 21, from 6 - 7:30 p.m., to provide an evening of enjoyable, easy, hands-on instruction in the basic techniques of strumming and three basic chords.

This event will take place in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

You'll be able to strum a tune or two within 60 - 90 minutes and enjoy a sing-along. This is no pressure, relaxed and will start you on your way to enjoying many hours of strumming with others. Thirty ukuleles will be provided and therefore registration will be limited to 30.

Residents may register in person at the next Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, March 9, 8:30 - 11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Tampa Bay Ukulele Society will be hosting an information table there. Or you can register in an email to [general\\_activity@scacw.com](mailto:general_activity@scacw.com). In the subject line reference "Ukulele Lessons" and provide your name, address and telephone number. This event is open to residents only.

Please, new players only!

The Tampa Bay Ukulele Society holds events almost weekly in Clearwater, Safety Harbor and Dunedin to enable you to continue to join in.

## Time To Declutter

March is a great time to spring clean and declutter - do you know how to do a Swedish Death Cleaning?

Swedish Death Cleaning isn't as morbid as it sounds. It's a sensible way for anyone 55-plus to approach their belongings.

The practice arises from Swedish author Margareta Magnusson in her book "The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning: How to Free Yourself and Your Family from a Lifetime of Clutter."

She explains the notion of *döstädning*, which translates to "death cleaning."

The idea is to declutter your life before you die to release the burden from the loved ones you leave behind. The method of living with less, by gifting away, will help you live a happier life.

Here's how to begin downsizing in a condensed version of the seven steps and seven tips:

### Step 1: Let Your Loved Ones Know

An important part of Swedish Death Cleaning is involving the people close to



you. Not only will this keep you accountable, but it also gives you the opportunity to share memories with the people you love.

"Look at it from a positive place. Share your experiences, family history and stories that you might not have otherwise shared with your children and grandchildren. This process can help bring these memories to life."

With family and friends around, they can help with moving heavy pieces and share with you which of your belongings they might like to keep, either now or once you're ready to part with them.

### Step 2: Start With Less Personal Items

Margareta says that closet organization is a good jumping-off point because it's easier to part with clothing or accessories that you no longer wear. It will help build momentum as you move on to the other more sentimental items like photos and letters that may be harder to part with.

Make sure to only have around you what fits in your life now. Clothing and books are easy things to get rid of.

If you are transitioning from work to retired life, clear out all your work clothes. Things that are in multiples like kitchen utensils and gadgets can be paired down.

Tip: Digitize old photos to make them more manageable and easier to pass on to everyone in the family. If you don't recognize the people in your pictures, just get rid of them.

### Step 3: Gift Possessions Away Gradually

No longer use your good China?

Give it to your daughter, daughter-in-law, niece, nephew or a good friend who would appreciate it. (But only if they want it!)

These items are important to you, so make sure to give them to people who will care for and cherish them the way that you do.

### Step 4: Keep Mementos for Yourself

The goal is to part with items that no longer serve you, but because you've had these things for many years, there's sentimental value to them and it can be hard to let go.

Swedish Death Cleaning can be an emotional process. When you're deciding what is worth keeping, ask yourself what it means to you. It's OK to want to keep old love letters, year books and other personal items if you can definitively say why, it's significant. But just because they're sentimental to you, doesn't mean they will be to others. Keep them in a box marked "throw away" to be tossed when you're no longer around to appreciate them.

### Step 5: Donate and Sell the Rest

"Once you've made piles of things to get rid of, get it out of your house as fast as you can. Otherwise, you may double back," Carter said.

If you're not keeping it and you can't find anyone else to take it off your hands, don't let it sit in your garage for another decade. Try one of the following donation options:

Goodwill, The Salvation Army, Vietnam Veterans of America, Habitat for Humanity, Pinellas County Sheriff's Youth Ranch.

Prom, bridesmaid and special occasion dresses can be donated to [Donatemydress.org](http://Donatemydress.org), Humane Society and animal shelters.

If you think something is valuable, look it up before you give it away to see if it's worth selling instead.

Consider hosting a table at the Good Neighbors Association Flea Market & Craft Show on Saturday, March 25 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. This is an event custom made to sell items.

To reserve a table, visit the Good Neighbors Association information table on Monday or Thursday morning from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium.

### Step 6: Make a List of Important Documents and Passwords

Not only is it a good idea to collect important documents and passwords for yourself, but it's also imperative for your family.

Make a hard copy of computer passwords and put together important financial documents and other relevant paperwork that may be tough but important for your family to find.

### Step 7: Declutter Regularly

Again, Swedish Death Cleaning isn't morbid - it's a way of living. And it's also not just for those in the later years of their lives.

Make decluttering a habit with a box or handy bag to build a running pile of give-away items. Reflect on the material things in your life and be truthful about what they mean to you.

If you're having a hard time, try to be objective. When was the last time you used this? Does it serve a purpose in your life? Once you're gone, will this be burdensome to your family?

In her book, Margareta tells her readers not to forget about themselves through this process. It's a difficult and emotional practice, so reward yourself - but not with more stuff. When you've decluttered an area of your home or life, treat yourself to a movie or a nice dinner.

After you have completed your cleaning, try to live by this motto: Every time you bring something new into the home, you should get rid of an item.

As difficult as this may be, it's good advice.

Here are some other tips to help you maintain the principles of Swedish Death Cleaning:

### Hand-Me-Downs Make Great Gifts

As a gift, give a cherished book to a friend; it's a meaningful present and helps you downsize.

Vintage is trendy and what's more authentic than a brooch or shawl you wore back in the day?

If you view these as items that you're giving away with purpose, you'll be less likely to miss them and wish you had them back. You'll associate getting rid of them with fondness, not regret.

### Appreciate the small things

Learn to enjoy what you have. Don't long for what you don't have.

As difficult as it may be, appreciate a little window shopping without purchasing the hat or dress that will bulk up the closet you just paired down.

### Allow yourself to feel and reflect

This can be an intense experience because, after all, this is your life. Do it with joy and let your things help you reflect on the wonderful years you've had. Be happy, be sad, and feel what you need to feel through this practice.

Ready to start decluttering?

Don't get too hung up on the "death" part. Take the opportunity to free yourself of clutter and live simply.

### One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be here at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot (near Lawn Bowls) on Thursday, March 9, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Residents can register at Nancy's Bulletin Board on the community website [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) in the Community Service Office or just show up that day.

All donors will receive a St. Patrick's T-Shirt and a \$20 e-card, plus a wellness check-up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse, and cholesterol screening! Take this opportunity to save lives! See

flyer below to learn how to register, or you can also just show up that day.

Thanks to your support, we had a successful day on Feb 9! One Blood received 16 On Top of the World donors and successfully collected 16 units! Thank you for saving lives! The Honor Roll is as follows: Anna Foss, Camile Karnoutsos, Carol Andreski, Charlene Ramstack, Christine Nason, Dale Rainwater, Danica Seguin, David Beaven, Debra Godfrey, Diana Carraturo, Gail McNeil, Helen Leonowitz, James Cassidy, Jeffrey Flynn, Judith Bergeron and Lance Goonan.

## Irish Day Parade and After Party

Come out and join in the fun on Saturday, March 4.

The Irish Club Parade starts at 10 a.m. and post-parade party at the East Activity Center North Parking follows. The Good Karma Café will be grilling up delicious hot dogs and brats, with chips and a soda. Hot Dog Meal \$3.50 and Brat Meal \$4.

Singer and musician, Joe Burke, will be back by popular demand to entertain us. So, prepare your tonsils for singing and your toes for stepping and we look forward to seeing you at the parade!

## Farmers Market Schedule

The Farmers Market schedule for March includes Wednesday, March 1, 15 and 29 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center front parking lot.

## Food Truck Night

Come join the fun of Food Truck Night on Wednesday, March 22, from 3 - 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center back parking lot.

Make new acquaintances or reconnect with friends and neighbors and enjoy some delicious food that you don't have every day.

What is new for our next Food Truck Night? We will be featuring Got Lobstah, Paradise Island Cuisine (Caribbean/Haitian/Taiwanese Cuisine) and Gigglegaters (voted best burgers in Tampa Bay).

Back by popular demand will be Stevie D's Philly Cheese Steaks, Sea Dog Cantina and the BBQ Queen.

## How Do I Make A Reservation On The Calendar?

First step is to email or call the Activity Office with the type of event that you are planning, preferred date and location. The email address is [general\\_activity@scacw.com](mailto:general_activity@scacw.com) or you can call 799-2734. This starts the process.

Once we confirm all the details, you will fill out the online Facility Request form. Visit: [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) click on "Community Activities" and "Forms" and select the SCA Online Facility Request form. Complete and sign the form with your mouse or finger and click submit.

I will acknowledge receipt in an email. (Works better if you use Google Chrome as your browser.)

Paper forms are still available and can be picked up and dropped off in the Community Service Office where I have a mailbox. Please complete the form outside of that busy office and then drop it off. I will acknowledge receipt in an email or phone call.

## Activity Card Renewal

Activity card renewal takes place at the Community Service Office located at the East Activity Center. The hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3 p.m.

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. Activity Cards will not be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

In addition, for renewal, you will need \$3 and your expiring/expired card. If you do not have your card, you will need to bring \$25 for purchasing and processing of a new card.

Residents can also obtain an electronic access card for the fitness center for \$7 (replacement \$25).

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. Any noncompliance matters will be directed to the On Top of the World Association.

# OTOW Community Activities Calendar

## March 2023

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Farmer's Market, Wednesday, March 1, 10 am - 5 pm, Wednesday, March 15, 10 am - 5 pm, East Activity Center  
 Irish Club Paul Duffy Concert, Thursday, March 2, 5-8:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Irish Club Parade: Saturday, March 4, 10 am - 11 am, World Parkway Blvd E (Post-Parade Party 11 am-12 pm EAC Back Parking Lot)  
 Good Neighbors Association Music Bingo, Sunday, March 5, 2-5 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Consumer Protection Seminar: Monday, March 6, 10:30 a.m., East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee, Thursday, March 9, 8:30 - 11 a.m., East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Theater Workshop Show: Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, March 12 at 2 pm  
 Italian-American Club St. Joseph Dinner Dance, Tuesday, March 14, 5 - 8 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Canadian Club Spring Fling, Wednesday, March 15, 5 - 10 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Tampa Bay Ukelele Society Workshop, Tuesday, March 21, 6-7:30 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Food Truck Night: Wednesday, March 22, 4 - 7 pm, East Activity Center Back Parking Lot  
 Good Neighbors Association Flea Market/Craft Show, Saturday, March 25, 2 - 5 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Snowbirds Club Veterans Dinner, Thursday, March 30, 6 - 8 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Chorus Spring Concert, Saturday, April 1, 7:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium

### CLUB AND GROUP EVENTS

Art Guild Acrylic Painting, 1 - 4 pm, Thursdays, EAC Largo Room  
 Art Guild Board Meeting: 3 - 5 pm, Thursday, March 2, EAC Largo Room  
 Art Guild Painting Pals: 1 - 4 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Art Guild Paint & Sip: Tuesday, March 28, 7 - 9 pm, East Activity Center Kitchen / Clearwater Room  
 Baby Boomers Group: Meetings, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 1 and Thursday, March 16, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am - 1 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Bible Study: Fridays, 2 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Billiards (8 Ball): 6:30 - 10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, West Activity Center Billiards Room  
 Billiards (Scotch Doubles): 6:30 - 10pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Billiards Room  
 Billiards (9 Ball): 1 - 3 pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Billiards Room  
 Bingo: 6 - 10 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Canadian Club: Annual meeting, Wednesday, March 29, 5 - 8:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Caring & Sharing: 9 am - 12 pm, Tuesdays, Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Ceramics: 10 am - 2 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
 Coloring Book Group: 12 - 3 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Computer Club: Computer Help, 8:30 - 10 am, Wednesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Computer Club: Meetings, 8:30 - 10 am, Saturdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Computer Club Brunch: Saturday, March 11, 10 am - 2 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Cornhole: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Democratic Club: Meeting, 2 - 3:30 pm, Thursday, March 9, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Democratic Club Happy Hour: 7 - 10 pm, Tuesday, March 28, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Democratic Club Board Meeting: 2-3:30 pm, Thursday, March 23, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Entertainment Committee Dance: 7:30 pm, Saturday, March 18, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Entertainment Committee Show: 7:30 pm, Thursday, March 16, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Fletcher Keyboard Lesson: Mondays, 10-11 am, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Good Karma Book Club: 10 am - 12 pm, Thursday, March 16, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 High Vibe Tribe: 7 - 9 pm, Thursday, March 9, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Irish Club Parade Meeting: Friday, March 3, 2 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
 Irish Club Post-Parade Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 3 - 4 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Italian Classes: 10:30 am - 12 pm, Fridays, Dunedin Room and Ozona Room  
 Keyboard Club, Fridays, 10 am - 12 pm, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
 Knitting Group: 9 - 11 am, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Lambda Club: Social, 6 - 10 pm, Tuesday, March 14, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Lawn Bowl Luncheon: Thursday March 30, 1 - 3 pm, East Activity Center, Crystal Beach Room  
 Learning To Dance with Noland: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Line Dance Club: 1 - 3 pm, Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 am, Saturdays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Line Dance Club Practice: 7 - 8 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Rm  
 Moving and Grooving: Tuesdays, 9 - 12 pm, 1-4 pm Fridays, EAC Auditorium (Not meeting 3/7, 3/21)  
 Philosophy Club: 10 - 11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Ping Pong: 10 am - 3 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Pray for America: Meeting, 10 am - 12 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Press Association: Meeting, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Thursday, March 2, East Activity Center Pavilion  
 Republican Club: Meeting, 7 - 9 pm, Tuesday, March 14, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Social Dance: 1 - 3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Snowbirds Line Dance: 8:30 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays, EAC Auditorium  
 Texas Card Game Club: 3 - 10 pm, Friday, March 17, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 TOPS: 9 - 11 am, Fridays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room (please note new room)  
 Theater Workshop Board: 6 - 7 pm, Wednesday, March 1, General meeting 7-8:30 pm, WAC Belleair Room  
 Travel Club: 2 - 4 pm, Friday, March 3, EAC Oldsmar Room (Cruise meeting March 1 Safety Harbor Room)  
 Vegan Group: 3 - 5 pm, Friday, March 10, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 World Quilters: 8 am - 2 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Writers Ink: 1 - 3 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room

### CARDS AND GAMES

Bid Euchre: 6:30-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Crystal Beach Room  
 Blackout (Canadian Club): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Casual Bridge: Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Cribbage: 10 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Dominos: 5:30 - 8 pm, Tuesdays, EAC Ozona Room  
 Double Deck Pinochle: 1 - 3:30 pm, Sundays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Duplicate Bridge (Beginners): 9 am - 12 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Duplicate Bridge: 11:30 am - 4 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Duplicate Bridge: 11 - 3 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
 Euchre Club: 6-8 pm, Fridays, Dunedin Room  
 Ladies Bunco: 6:30 - 10 pm, Tuesday, March 14, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Mahjongg: 1 - 4 pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room  
 Mexican Train Card Game (Dominos): 1 - 5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Alonzo's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Mondays, EAC Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Barry's Group): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room  
 Poker (Bob's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Tuesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Carol's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, EAC Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Laura's Group): 6-9 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Tom's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Wednesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Richie's Group): 6 - 8:45 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room  
 Samba Hand/Foot Canasta: 6 - 9 pm, Thursdays and Fridays, EAC Ozona Room  
 Samba: 12:30 - 3 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center, Ozona Room

### EXERCISES

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10 am, Monday through Friday, East Activity Center Swimming Pool  
 Bonesavers: 8-9 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11:15 am, Mondays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11:15 am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Ladies Exercise: 8-9 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance: 12-1 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 9-10 am Saturdays, EAC Exercise Rm  
 Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance Light: 1:15-2:15 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 Saturdays, XR  
 Moving & Grooving Broadway Bound: 11 am - 12 pm, in the EAC Exercise Room  
 Slimnastics: 9-10 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
 Tai Chi Flow 108: 3:15-4:15 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Tai Chi Qigong: 3:15-4 pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Zumba: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 9-10 am, West Activity Center Belleair Room

**Irish Club Parade**  
**Saturday, March 4**  
**10 am - Parade**  
**11 am - Party**

**Pickleball**  
**3:30 - 6:30 pm,**  
**Monday through Friday,**  
**9-12 pm, Sundays**

**Shuffleboard**  
**4 - 6 pm, Monday - Wednesday**

**Tennis Club**  
**7:30 am - 11 am,**  
**Monday through Saturday.**  
**4:30 - 6:30 pm, Sundays**

### BUILDING EVENTS

Mandarin  
 Annual Meeting, Sunday, March 5,  
 4-5:30 pm, Belleair Room

Malaguena  
 Dinner, Monday, March 20,  
 7 - 9 pm, WAC Belleair Room

Casa Verde  
 Dinner, Monday, March 27,  
 5 - 10 pm, WAC Belleair Room

Siboney  
 Dinner, Wednesday, March 22,  
 6:30 - 8 pm, WAC Belleair Room

Swiss Alps  
 Meeting, Saturday, March 11,  
 12 - 5 pm, EAC Kitchen / Clearwater Room

### FACILITIES

**Library**  
 10 am to 12 pm, Mondays  
 1-3pm, Wednesdays

**Woodshop**  
 8 am-4 pm Monday-Thursday  
 8 am-12 pm Friday  
 (membership required)

**Fitness Center Hours**  
 7 am to 9 pm, Monday through Saturday  
 9 am to 8 pm Sundays  
 (closed 12:30-2:30 Mondays and Thursdays)

**Swimming Pools (May through Sept)**  
 Monday-Saturday, 8 am to 8 pm  
 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 8 pm

**Swimming Pools (Oct through April)**  
 Mondays-Saturdays, 8 am to 6:30 pm  
 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 6:30 pm

### PAVILION

Press Association, Thursday, March 2, 1:30-2:30 pm  
 Shuffleboard Pizza Party, Monday, March 6, 5 pm  
 Billiards Membership Meeting, Wed, March 8, 3:30  
 Ottoman Building, Saturday, March 11, 1 pm  
 Lawn Bowl, Friday, March 17, 11 am  
 Canadian Club, Saturday, March 18, 11 am  
 Modernage, Wednesday, March 22, 12 pm  
 American Gothic, Saturday, March 25, 2 pm  
 New York-NJ Club, Monday, March 27, 12 pm  
 Bohemia, Saturday, April 1, 2 pm



**COMPLIANCE BULLETIN FROM PARKWAY MAINTENANCE TO THE RESIDENTS OF ON TOP OF THE WORLD CLEARWATER**

**COMMUNITY STANDARDS, LIFE SAFETY, AND FIRE CODE VIOLATIONS**

In keeping with a safe and aesthetically pleasing community for all, the management company has worked diligently to remove items that did not meet community standards or posed challenges with life safety or fire codes. These efforts, which most times relied heavily upon the offending party’s cooperation in removing or correcting the matter, only yielded mixed results. In the end, the process was labor intensive and wasn’t in keeping with the association’s rules, nor an expectation of a timely resolution of compliance matters.

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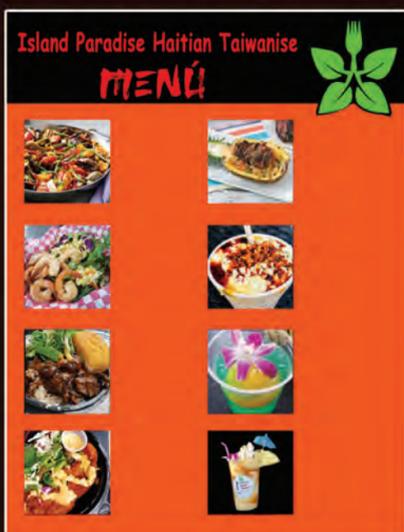
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# Zentangle workshop scheduled for March

By Julie Awot

Thank you to the Art Guild members who participated in our Artist of the Month vote at the monthly meeting in February.

Our members voted Kate Watters' charming impressionistic landscape as the winner for March. This painting was produced in our Thursday acrylics class and will appear in our East Activity Center display cabinet for the entire month of March.

Congratulations, Kate. Now go see her painting!

The Art Guild has three events scheduled in March.

Our next general membership meeting is March 10, 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room. We will be participating in a zentangle workshop hosted by Trish Pelletier, a certified zentangle teacher.

Local to Dunedin, Trish teaches both online and in person in the Tampa Bay area. Her website is [tanglewithtrish.com](http://tanglewithtrish.com).

I googled zentangle and found out it is an American art form co-created by a monk and an artist.

Zentangle is a combined form of art and meditation. This artistic method promotes concentration and creativity while also increasing personal well-being. It is a miniature abstract work of art created by a collection of patterns.

This should be an interesting workshop for our members.

The annual Art Guild Art Show and Sale is Sunday, March 26. This event will be at the Auditorium from 1-3 p.m. Artists who want to participate must sign up no later than our March 10 Art Guild meeting.



Art Guild

If you have any questions, email [otowartguild22@gmail.com](mailto:otowartguild22@gmail.com).

We encourage the community to attend this event. It is the culmination of this year's efforts by the members. Some art will be for sale, so bring cash.

Tuesday, March 28, will be our final paint and sip of the season. This event is open to all and is \$25. The cost includes all the supplies needed to produce your masterpiece.

Bring your own drink and we will supply snacks. This event will be in the EAC Kitchen from 6-8 p.m. The image at right is what we will all be painting. Doesn't this look like fun!

Write to [otowartguild22@gmail.com](mailto:otowartguild22@gmail.com) or attend the March 10 Art Guild meeting to sign up.

In the meantime, beauty surrounds us and the creative spirit dwells within us all. Why not join the Art Guild and let your creativity flourish?



The painting above will be the subject of a Paint & Sip social on March 28. Come on out and paint this fun picture.

## Artist of the Month - March



Kate Watters is the Artist of the Month for March. Her charming landscape painting will appear in our East Activity Center Auditorium display cabinet for the entire month of March.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

You never know when OTOW or a building captain will need to get in touch with you or your family in case of an emergency. Please fill out this form and leave your emergency contact information on file in the Community Service Office. Please update once a year.

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**Erika Najibo  
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# Gloria Estefan tribute show rolls into EAC on March 16

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Once again, the On Top of the World Entertainment Committee brought to our community an enjoyable evening of entertainment in February. The Ultimate McCartney Experience show brought back many memories to all of us who were, and maybe still are, Beatles fans. If you missed this show, you missed great entertainment.

Our Sweetheart Dance featured The Southshore Cruisers Band and was very well attended. This band played music from the '60s, which most of us remember from when we attended Sweetheart Dances back in high school.

Many attendees purchased a red heart for our raffles throughout the evening and placed them in our decorated box. During the band breaks a heart was drawn, the name was announced, and the winner received a prize.

We thank all of you who purchased a heart. Congratulations to all the winners!

Our Sunday Meet & Greet in February was a fun afternoon of horse racing. Many residents brought their dollar bills and placed a bet on their favorite horse and jockey. Free refreshments were provided after the last race.

If you missed this Meet & Greet, mark your calendar for May 21 as that will be our next one and we will have horse racing once again.

Our March 16 show will be Comfort Zone – a Gloria Estefan tribute featuring Venezuela powerhouse Erika Najibo and the Rhythm Machine Band.

This show is a high-energy tribute to Latin pop star Gloria Estefan.

Erika is full of energy, and she embodies the spirit and style of Gloria. So come out for a fun evening as you listen to songs like "Get On Your Feet," "1, 2, 3," "Anything for You," "Rhythm is Gonna Get You," "Conga" and many more.

Remember, our show tickets are only \$20, so make sure you purchase your ticket(s) early to get a great seat.

The Impact Band will entertain us on Saturday, March 18. This band performs around the area and are known for their '50s and '60s music.

I know, and I am sure you all do as well, that listening to this type of music brings back so many wonderful memories from our teenage years. This type of music will live on forever.

Think about getting a group of friends together and purchase tickets. Cost is only \$10. I know there are swing dancers out there, so put on your dancing shoes and join us.

I know I mention all the time in my articles that stage show tickets and dance tickets are reasonable and at a fraction of the cost charged elsewhere for the same entertainment. But I am just making sure you don't miss out on great entertainment right here in our own backyard.

Shows are \$20 and dances are \$10 with the exception of New Year's Eve tickets which are \$30.

Our shows and dances are reserved table seating - bring your own beverages.

We will try to accommodate your party, so get your friends together and reserve your table(s).

Stop by the Entertainment Committee information table on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10:30 a.m. to purchase your tickets. We have pamphlets that list all our shows and dances that will help you make plans ahead of time.

You can purchase several show or dance tickets in advance. You don't need to purchase one at a time or wait for the month of the event.

The more people who attend our shows and dances, the better entertainment we can bring to you.

On behalf of the OTOW Entertainment Committee we appreciate all the support you give us.

**Monthly Calendar****ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**

Tickets on sale 8:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays & Thursdays in the EAC Auditorium.  
View our entire schedule online at [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)

**MARCH**

- 16 Comfort Zone - Gloria Estefan Tribute Show  
(7:30 pm, \$20)
- 18 The Impact Band (dance 7:30 pm, \$10)

**APRIL**

- 13 Florida Bee Gees (show, 7:30, \$20)
- 15 Over The Edge (dance, 7:30, \$10)

**MAY**

- 18 Tribute to Johnny Cash (7:30, \$20)
- 20 Boomer Band (dance 7:30, \$10)
- 21 Horse Races (Sunday Meet & Greet, 2 pm, FREE)

**Look for us in the parade March 4!**

For more information about  
the Entertainment Committee  
call (727) 449-9243.



A packed house of bingo players in the EAC Auditorium.

# Bingo organizers announce new games starting in March

By Diane Like

“Single. Double. Single. Double. “We need some variety!”

This was the request from several Monday night bingo players over the past few months.

“The same games have been used for the last 10 years,” was another comment.

Players kept asking when we were going to add different games and change things up.

Bingo organizers took a poll to see how many of our players wanted to change the games. More than 75 percent raised their hands.

The committee spent time reviewing all the games available, how difficult they were, and the time available to play.

Since we were seasoned bingo players ourselves, I also asked, “What’s your favorite game to play?”

All the information went into selecting new games.

On Monday, March 6, we will begin the new schedule of games.

While we’ve kept some of the old games, new games have been added and the arrangement of the games has changed.

We’ve tried to prepare our regular play-

ers by passing out the game sheets on Monday nights in February.

After reviewing some of the players’ comments, we made some additional changes. This process used input from volunteers and players alike and I think you’ll all like the new games being implemented in March.

As always, change brings its own set of challenges, but I’m excited to start the new game format.

Come join us on Monday nights. Doors open at 4 p.m. and bingo begins just after 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Donuts, coffee, tea and lemonade are served.

And just a reminder, our next Bingo Marathon will be taking place on Saturday, April 8 in the Auditorium.

Games will begin at noon. Tickets are \$30 apiece, but will not be sold at the door. Advance tickets only.

Your game ticket includes lunch and coffee.

You can also purchase six or more tickets and sit with friends or neighbors.

Tickets are on sale 8:30-10 a.m. on Thursdays at our information table in the Auditorium. You can also purchase tickets before Monday night bingo begins.



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Hi!

These are the fur babies owned by Millie and Chuck Cantone of the Avila I building.

Meet Sophie and Papi during a recent shopping trip to Home Depot.

Sophie is an 8-year-old beagle and Papi is a 7-year-old rescued Chihuahua.

They have been living at On Top of the World since May and enjoy all the new smells, dogs, ducks, etc., in their new pet-friendly community.

Papi is a good companion for Sophie who has separation anxiety. They look forward to walks and meeting new friends.



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](mailto: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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# Pets of the Year get prizes



Luigi and Mr. Mittens were both very cool about sharing the 2022 Pet of the Year award. Luigi was a dog and Mr. Mittens was a cat. You can probably tell who is who in the picture above. This was the first time in 10 years the Pet of the Year contest finished in a tie. Chris Mansueto from Woof Gang Bakery said let them both be winners so she donated two \$50 prize certificates for her Clearwater store. Luigi was Pet of the Month for October and Mr. Mittens was Pet of the Month for March. More than 200 people went online and voted for Pet of the Year. Both winners finished with 53 votes. Luigi will be walking with owners Paul and Kathleen DuLauro in the Irish Club parade on Saturday, March 4. Mr. Mittens might be in a convertible with owners Jim and Irene Piper. They will both be joining the Press Association entry in the parade.

## More than just information available at Veterans table

By Pam Rosenblatt

Gail Hochhauser is a devoted Veterans Group team member. You may have seen her at the East Activity Center manning the Veterans Group information table nearly every Thursday morning from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Myself, as a 25-year retiree of the US Armed Forces, wondered where she got all this enthusiasm and devotion to our veterans? So, I decided to interview her.

Why did you decide to get involved with the Veterans Group in the first place?

"Although I never served, my beloved family members have," Gail said. "My Uncle was a Captain in the US Army and my cousin served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Navy. I fondly remember each of them reminiscing and sharing stories of their experiences. It brings back many heartfelt memories to me."

What do you do Thursday mornings at the Veterans Group information table?

"I interact personally with each veteran, sharing information about what our group does to guide and assist them," Gail said. "I inform each veteran that joining our group is both free and beneficial to all veterans, their family members and friends. I encourage them to invite their family and friends to join our group also. I hand out copies of our 2023 calendar detailing information about our coffee socials, Honor Flights and provide a list of desperately needed items for veterans at the Bay Pines Veterans Administration in St Petersburg. I let them know what a great time we have on our dinner cruises and other social events we host."

"Fun and support is what our group is all about."

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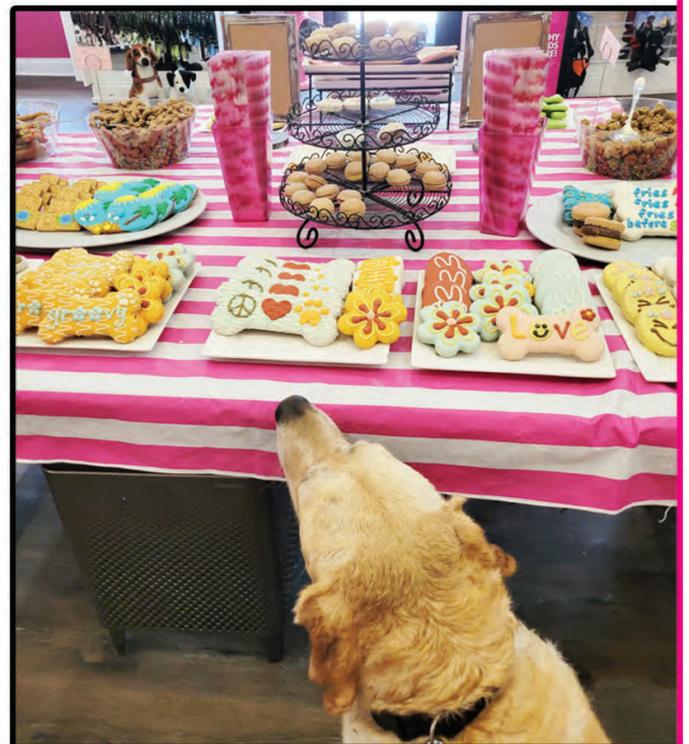
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# Florida says thank you to one of our own - a crossing guard for a local school



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Howard, a resident of the Nagoya building, is a school crossing guard at a busy traffic intersection near a large elementary school.

"Parents thank me every day," he said. "The children say thank you. It touches me."

Governor Ron DeSantis added his gratitude last month. He declared Crossing Guard Appreciation Day on Feb. 3.

Howard received a proclamation of recognition and appreciation from the governor.

"We are so grateful for Florida's school crossing guards and thank them for their dedication to the state and to their communities," Governor DeSantis declared.

Howard is employed by the City of Clearwater as a part of the Clearwater Police Department.

Being approved to work, as part of the police department, required passing physical and background clearances as well as classroom training.



"Drivers get in a hurry," Howard said. "They ignore the signage."

That's why it is important to have crossing guards. It is crucial that Howard, and other crossing guards in the district, are on duty to safely stop traffic for schoolchildren.

"I am constantly looking everywhere," he added. "I look up the street, down the street, and often over my shoulder."

Howard stressed there is a need for other crossing guards in Clearwater.

When asked if he would recommend the job, Howard quickly answered, "Definitely."

He hopes others will reach out and find out about becoming a much-needed crossing guard.

Howard came to the job with top notch experience in safety and patrolling. He served as a hawk missile crew chief and a drill sergeant in the United States Army.

Please join school parents and Governor DeSantis in thanking Howard for being there every day for children and for his military service.

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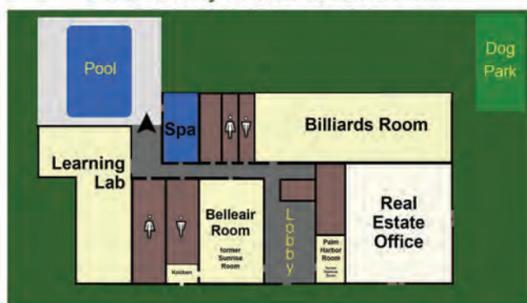
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## If you like the new look of this newspaper, cheer when the Press Association marches by



The Press Association marching in the 2022 Irish Club parade.  
(OTOW News file photo by Tim Amdor)

How do you like the new format for On Top of the World News?

So far, the Press Association has only heard good things and the positive comments appear to be inspiring the entire staff.

Editor Doug Kates has often said, if he can produce a newspaper with 50 stories in it, he is happy.

In the February edition of OTOW News, there were 68 stories, plus photos, plus valuable advertisers.

Doug heard from some people that it was the best newspaper the community has ever seen.

Now, here we are again in March.

The Press Association has not only produced another great newspaper (74 stories), but you can get an extra copy at the Irish Club parade on Saturday, March 4.

Members of the Press Association will be marching in the parade behind our beautiful banner. There will be several staffers

passing out issues of this newspaper if you want an extra copy or need one for a friend or visitor.

Just raise your arm and a staffer will bring you a newspaper.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. and the Press Association is usually near the front. You cannot miss us. We have our special green shirts and our Irish fedoras.

Our next Press Association gathering

will be Thursday, March 2 at the East Activity Center Pavilion. Staff will be enjoying a pizza party starting at 1:30 p.m.

The Press Association has a monthly 50/50 drawing where half of the money is saved for our annual pizza party. This will be our first pizza party since the pandemic settled down. We have lots of dough for pizza, so staff needs to come hungry.

Then on Thursday, April 6, the Press

Association will conclude another successful year with its annual Appreciation Luncheon 5 p.m. at Philippe Park.

This dinner is for staff members only who attended at least three meetings and contributed to at least three newspapers over the past 12 months. There will be nearly 30 staff qualified to attend.

## If you cannot attend the Irish Club parade in person, you **might** be able to watch from your living room

By Doug Kates

Will the Irish Club parade be televised live on its new web-based TV station channel 901?

That's a very good question.

The answer is, we are going to try.

For all On Top of the World residents who will not be able to view the annual Irish Club parade in person, the TV staff is trying very hard to bring the live coverage right into your living room on channel 901.

We have a new TV station and it is working great. But then there are licensing issues, copyrighted music in the parade becomes an issue and in order to produce a live show, the video camera has to be set up where there is a strong WiFi signal.

Last year, OTOW-TV did produce its first live parade show, but it was not very good. It was a learning experience.

As of deadline for this newspaper going to press, the TV staff was very busy trying to make coverage of this parade much better.

So, if you cannot make it to see the parade live, tune in to Summit Broadband channel 901 and you just might be able to watch the entire parade live from your living room couch.



## Does your building need an OTOW News reporter?

There are more than 40 buildings at On Top of the World that do not have reporters for On Top of the World News.

Some buildings have not had any news reported in the past year - some for several years - other buildings have never had a report published.

Is your building one of them?

At Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, March 9, the Press Association will be represented during an experimental line-up change. Instead of live entertainment on this morning, clubs and groups have been invited to set up their information tables and meet with resi-

dents.

The Press Association is going to try this out.

At our information table will be a list of buildings in our community that do not have reporters. If you are interested in writing for OTOW News, and your building is on the vacant list, volunteer on March 9. A representative of the club will be there to answer your questions.

According to OTOW News guidelines, if a story has not been published in our community newspaper over the past 12 months, the reporter position is considered open for that particular building.

OTOW News does not hire reporters. It is up to residents in each building to choose a reporter, switch reporters or replace reporters. But anyone can come to our information table and see if the reporter position for their building is open.

OTOW News reporters are not required to submit stories every month. In fact, the editorial staff will be happy to take one each year. If you submit three stories and attend three meetings in 12 months, you get invited to our Appreciation Dinner each April.

Stories can be about people in your buildings, breakfast outings, luncheons, dinners, holiday parties, special anniversaries,

original vacations and much more. You can write a story about one of your own experiences once every year.

There is an online tutorial for new reporters to take - it takes about 15 minutes to watch. You do not have to be a professional journalist. Our editor, Doug Kates, teaches a basic journalism class every November to help you out.

Get Acquainted Coffee begins at 9 a.m. with each person in attendance receiving one free cup of coffee and one donut. There also will be community announcements and raffles, plus a variety of sponsors. See you on March 9.



Carla Hines had a front row seat as residents line danced to her songs on Feb. 9.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



### Carla Hines sang for an hour and then got invited to a party

Minutes after Carla Hines finished singing in the East Activity Center on Thursday, Feb. 9, she was getting an invitation from the Canadian Club to come party at their karaoke event later in the month.

Carla responded with a thumbs up! Carla provided great singing during Get Acquainted Coffee in February and people wanted more.

Clubs opened information tables at 8:30 a.m. and Good Neighbors Association began giving away a free coffee and donut at 9 a.m. Three new residents were introduced and then Carla took center stage.

But she barely used the stage. She had more fun just singing amongst her audience.

Carla sang Motown, love songs and crowd favorites. Line dance fans danced in

the auditorium and at one time Carla was right there encouraging the dancers.

It was a fun time for all.

Carla was originally scheduled to sing at Get Acquainted Coffee late last year, but Hurricane Nicole cancelled the event.

It would be great if Carla comes back soon.

Get Acquainted Coffee will return on

Thursday, March 9, in the Auditorium. Various clubs will have representatives at information tables starting at 8:30 a.m. Good Neighbors will take over at 9 a.m.

This is a great time to socialize with your neighbors, learn about upcoming events and even talk to an event sponsor.

At the end, raffles are held with fun prizes.



### NEW RESIDENTS!

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Jodee Johansen of Florida



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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



From the dining room and the clubhouse, On Top of the World residents placed their bets. You can tell from the smiles, some people even won.

## Italian-American Club members try to win money at horse races so they can buy tickets for annual St. Joseph Dinner Dance



By William Peterson  
A Day at the Races at Tampa Bay Downs was filled with good food and a lot of excitement.

Win or lose, it was one exciting race after another.

After a buffet lunch, we went directly to our reserved seats in the clubhouse with its great view of the track. For some members, it was their first time at a race track and they enjoyed the scenic, colorful surroundings. We will definitely consider this event for 2024.

Welcome to spring!  
Flowers will start blooming and the sun

will be shining. On March 14, we will hold our annual St. Joseph Dinner/Dance. What a great way to welcome spring and enjoy a fun time with delicious food catered by Mama Felice with the special dessert "Zeppole St. Joseph" - a cannoli cream-filled cruller.

Our membership truly looks forward to this every year as it is our final big event. You won't want to miss it.

So, get out your favorite spring outfit and dancing shoes, and pick up your ticket at our information table in the East Activity Center.

Our final event of this season is our Farewell Ice Cream Social to be held on

April 12. Come out and say goodbye to our Snowbirds and enjoy the last comradery with them until their return in September.

For more detailed information on cost and menus for the events, visit us at our table on Monday and Thursday in the East Activity Center from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. or visit our webpage online at the OTOW Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)).

Remember that volunteers are always welcome at our table and for each event.

You don't have to be Italian to join our club. However, you must have a valid Activities Card.

## Lambda Club will use Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day for excuses to party - even in honor of Julius Caesar

By Bruce Lovett  
Beware of the "Ides of March."  
Unless, of course, you're a member of On Top of the World Lambda Club.

As always, our club uses any excuse to throw a party. We ignore all the negative mumbo jumbo, such as the death of Julius Caesar, and concentrate on the positive.

The Ides (March 15) originally centered around the celebration of a new moon and the lives of various saints. So we are just carrying on the tradition.

Lambda has decided to have their March social on the eve of the Ides, March 14, at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

We also zeroed in on the one saint most associated with this time of the year: St. Patrick.

So start hunting in your closets for those leprechaun accessories and going through your junk drawers for those long lost "Kiss Me I'm Irish" buttons and get ready to dance a jig.

Dress green and be ready to feel a little green on the fifteenth if you partake of too much shamrock punch or overindulge in the pot luck buffet. Check those recipe books for some good old fashioned Irish dishes and surprise your fellow Lambdians with your culinary skills.

One month earlier, in that very same room, Lambda had its first ever Mardi Gras celebration. Beads were flying everywhere, the food and drink were superb and everyone had a good time.

I am under strict orders to say no more.  
What happened at Mardi Gras stays at Mardi Gras.



The Lambda Club celebrated Mardi Gras with a party in February.

But to classify us as a group that only believes in superficiality and fun (although at our age what's wrong with that) would do the Lambda club a massive disservice.

In February we were very involved in both the arts and nature. We were represented by groups hitting the the Straz Center in Tampa to see the opera "Norma" and another faction enjoyed the classic Broadway standard "Gypsy" at Francis Wilson Playhouse.

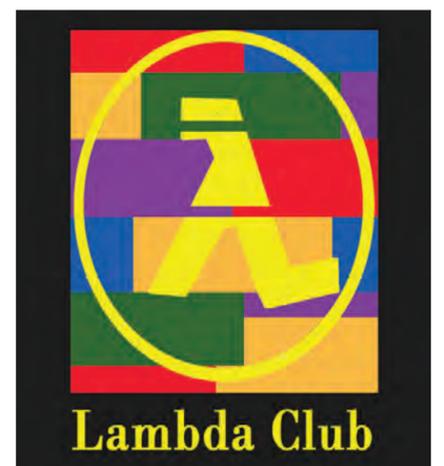
And everything was coming up roses right here at home for our two home grown productions. A very large group of Lambdians turned out in February to support Dick Tavares who sang "Feel Like a Woman" in the Jesters' Vegas Vibes show, and in March the same group will be there to support Keith Elder and Russ

Lamesfield as they dance their way into our hearts in The Theater Workshop presentation "Oceans Away."

As for communing with nature, we have had two picnics in the last few weeks. One was at Philippe Park and the other at the A.L. Anderson park. Both lunches were followed by hour long walks through wilderness trails.

That's Lambda for you - keeping mind, body and love of life stimulated.

Lambda is a club that serves the LGBT population at OTOW as well as their neighbors and friends. Should you wish further information about the club go to our Web page at [lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com). You can also check us out at OTOW Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)), or call Dave Beaven at (727) 410-7566.



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## Blue Jays vs. Phillies game is a sellout

# Canadian Club squeezes a dance and two sports tournaments into February



By Connie Stanley

The Canadian Club Lawn Bowl Doubles Tournament was coordinated and managed by Cathy and Bruce Mills, where two games were held on Wednesday, Feb. 1, and the final game was on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

There were 20 bowlers and the overall first place winners were Kelly Moore (skip) and Gerry Boone (lead).

Second place was Marj Kells and Chris Paine, and third place was Jerry Cotton and Bruce Mills.

Frankly, everyone was a winner and a ton of fun was had by all. Congratulations everyone and many thanks to Cathy and Bruce!

Next, the annual Friendship Dinner-Dance was held on Wednesday, Feb. 15, commemorating our Canada – US relationship and camaraderie!

For our American cousins, this day is known in Canada as “Flag Day” and is observed annually on Feb. 15 to commemorate the inauguration of the flag of Canada in 1965.

The day is marked by flying the flag, occasional public ceremonies and educational programs in schools.

Seventy-three guests and members entered the Auditorium through a wonderful red, white and blue balloon arch honoring both countries’ flag colors.

The evening’s dinner was catered by Felice’s Deli with a roast beef and chicken piccata entrée menu.

Jody from Grant Hemond and Associates had the dance floor hopping all night long. From the feedback received, it was a great night enjoyed by everyone!

Included during the event was a photo booth with U.S. and Canadian props. Rowland Hetrick, a club member, took the great shots and sent one out to each individual via email.

Our next February Club event was a Happy Hour-Karaoke on Friday, Feb. 17 in the West Activity Center Belleair Room featuring “Les N More” from 4:30 – 7 pm. We had a great turnout; the buffet snacks were enjoyed by all and some “Share the Wealth” cash prizes were won! There were a lot of volunteer singers and much dancing and fun.

The final February event was our Golf Fun Day on Sunday, Feb. 19, coordinated by Harry Morrison and his great crew!

Forty-four golfers joined in on the fun at 7:15 a.m. and the day was filled with camaraderie, fun, companionship and a lot of laughs.

The champion first place team was captained by Mike Tomaselli and comprised of Jan Petit, Mary Bates Smith and Chuck McAllister.

Chicken lunches were served up with side salads from Sprouts.

We have a full slate of events in March starting with the Irish Club St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 4. Contact Coordinator Jackie Cornett Small at 502-594-2444 if you’d like to join us walking for all the fun and frivolity. Wear your red and white with a sprig of green!



Pictured above past club presidents still residing at On Top of the World. In the front row, left to right, are Connie Stanley (2020-2023), Carmen Dixon (1993-1994), Rollie Lapointe (2010-2011) and Harry Morrison (2007-2008). In back are Andy McEvoy (2012-13), Tom McKee (2009-10), John Wigle (2002-03) and Laurie Fischer (2018-19). (Photo by Rowland Hetrick)

Our annual Spring Fling has a Luau theme this season and will be Wednesday, March 15 in the EAC Auditorium.

Ticket sales are Mondays and Thursdays at our information table in the EAC until March 9. Prices for everyone are \$25. The Luau menu by Banquet Masters is one of the following entrées: Salmon with Almond Sauce or Roast Pork with Rosemary Shallot Sauce because we cannot roast a pig on the beach stage.

Our third annual picnic will be Saturday, March 18 in the Pavilion from noon until 2 p.m. Tickets are available for \$12 per member at the EAC information table until Monday, March 13.

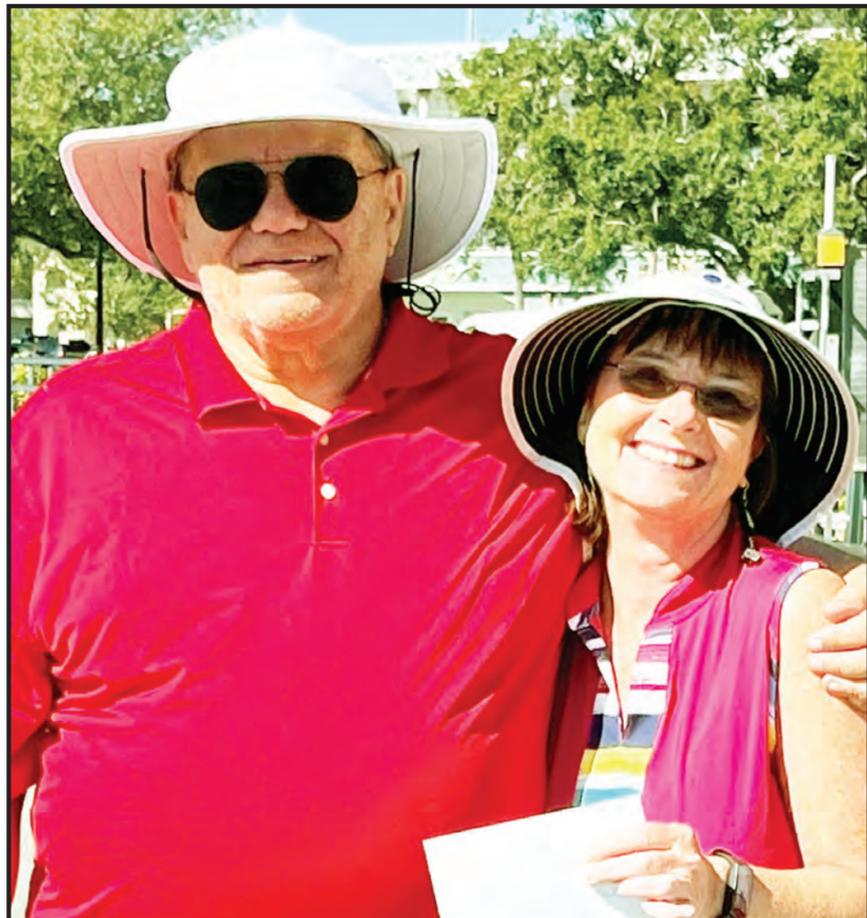
For any questions, please contact Coordinator Joanne Fenn, 860-930-5039, or write via email at: fennjo@aol.com.

A Blue Jays versus Philadelphia Phillies spring training game is Monday, March 27 at the TD Ballpark in Dunedin at 1:07 pm and is sold out. Susan Cober, coordinator, purchased 60 tickets and we are looking forward to a wonderful group outing and a great game kicking off the Blue Jays season before they head north for their full season in Toronto.

Mary Smith has put her name forth to become vice president and will assent to be your new president at the annual general meeting on March 29. So we are still awaiting a new vice president to step forward for next season. Congratulations and thank you Mary.

Please submit your name to me at stanlec62@outlook.com or Past President Rollie Lapointe, who will handle the annual general meeting elections. You can email Rollie at lapointetravellers@yahoo.ca by Wednesday, March 29, 6 p.m. in the EAC Auditorium. There will be a wine n’ cheese social to close out the season.

Our club now has 91 Canadian members and 190 Americans for 281 total members! Before COVID we had 290 members, so our club is definitely back!



There were 20 bowlers at the Canadian Club Doubles Tournament in February. The winners, above, were Gerry Boone, left, and Kelly Moore. Below is the winning team from the golf tournament. Holding plaques, left to right, are Mike Tomaselli, Jan Petit, Mary Bates Smith and Chuck McAllister. Harry Morrison (second from left) presented the plaques.



Canadian Club Social Games

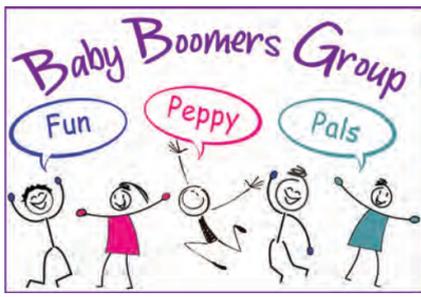
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# Boomers have discovered that concerts in the Auditorium are another great reason to get together



More than 20 members of the Baby Boomers group attended a concert sponsored by the Entertainment Committee in February. It was a great group event. (OTOW News photo by Howard Wolff)

By Dianne Dvorak  
 Baby Boomers danced their cares away to the T.C. & Sass Band on Jan. 21! We attended the Entertainment Committee show as a group and there were a lot of us.  
 Not only was it fun, but we got a sneak preview of the band that will play on New Years Eve 2023! We all pretty much approved and we bought tickets for New Year's Eve!  
 The Baby Boomers enjoy supporting the Entertainment Committee and several of us plan to attend the upcoming McCartney Experience, which is music of our generation and in our wheelhouse.  
 Many of us were and still are true Bealemaniacs!  
 The Boomers enjoy activities in and out of the On Top of the World Community. We enjoy biking on Fridays and Saturdays and bowling on Mondays.  
 Some enjoy strumming on ukuleles and going to nearby music venues such as the Sunset Beach concerts, The Phoenix and ka-

raoke at Safety Harbor Resort & Spa. And, some of us, have joined Moving 'n Grooving for cardio dance exercises, line dancing and cornhole.  
 No matter what we do, it's always more fun when we enjoy activities with others. Many of us have enjoyed relationships

that will last the rest of our lives. Priceless!  
 Several Boomers have planned outings and "field trips" we will remember forever. If you want to meet new people and are open to fun and positivity, come to a Baby Boomers meeting on the first Wednesday and/or

third Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.  
 Some of us go out afterwards to dine at a local restaurant after a short 30-40 minute meeting.  
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## Chorus spring concert to showcase music from two Broadway shows

By Sylvia Rieder  
 The On Top of the World Chorus is so pleased to announce we have added several new members, including some gentlemen whose voices have added wonderful depth to our sound.  
 We appreciate and warmly welcome every new member.  
 The chorus is hard at work on our spring concert, "Show Time," which will feature songs from Camelot and Fiddler on the Roof.  
 We are currently selling tickets.  
 Come with your family and friends to enjoy our wonderful spring concert at the East Activity Center on April 1, at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to wowing you with our music and lifting your spirits.  
 In addition to concert, Chorus is selling raffle tickets for food baskets. How does Death by Chocolate sound? Mexican Tasties or Game Time Goodies?  
 Some lucky folks will take home these yummy baskets.  
 Our chorus members will be participat-



Chorus

ing in the the Irish Club St. Patrick's Day parade on March 4. We'll join in and celebrate the day by walking and riding in golf carts as we wear the green. Look for us in our bowler hats and white gloves to promote our Show Time concert on April 1.  
 Also, Chorus is premiering a first-time bake sale at the East Activity Center the morning of Thursday, March 9. Come early, buy and enjoy our delicious homemade treats. Please support our chorus as we work to replenish our depleted treasury.

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# Snowbird Club will start month with a parade and end with a salute to veterans



By Dale Stackhouse

March is a busy month at On Top of The World starting off with the St Patrick's Day Parade on March 4.

Once again the Snowbirds Club line dancers and Line Dance Club members are joining to march and dance in the parade, so keep your eyes open for the ladies and gents all dressed in green and white.

Be sure to mark your calendars for an important event on Thursday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium - our club's Veterans Recognition Party.

This is a time to recognize, in particular, the service of all Vietnam War veterans and their families, regardless of in what capacity they served, or what duties they were given.

Never again must we confuse personal feelings of disapproval about the war with the respect owed these brave men and women for their service. Nonetheless, we also acknowledge the contributions of all veterans, from all our allied countries.

It should be a great party, with a light meal and a USO style show by entertainer Les 'N More.

Snowbirds Club line dancers will be on hand to assist in several areas, be it entertainment, or the serving of food.

Admission and food are free to all veterans.

In addition, round trip transportation will be provided for disabled veterans and their caregivers. Contact Ed Foland at 727 417-3272, or send an email to [endfoland@aol.com](mailto:endfoland@aol.com).

For all others, the cost of the party is \$10. Tickets are available at the Snowbirds



On Top of the World residents pose for a picture during a cruise earlier this year.

Club information table on Monday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m., at the EAC, or at Snowbirds Club line dancing on Wednesday mornings.

For additional information, please check your building bulletin board for our flyer.

We hope to have a great turnout to honor our veterans.

The last Fletcher's Dinner Theater play of the season, "Mom's Gift," will be held on Friday, March 10, at 4 p.m.

All six tables in the front row by the

stage have been filled, and we are now taking reservations for good tables in Row 2. The \$50 admission includes salad bar, hot buffet, assorted desserts, tea or coffee, as well as all taxes and tip. All the food is freshly prepared on site.

## Fascination can be fiction or non-fiction

By Lori Gottshall

Writer's Ink is fortunate to be entertained by an ever-changing kaleidoscope of ideas and styles.

This season has been filled with memoirs, philosophical musings, short stories, journaling, and both humorous and serious poetry.

Facts and fictions show up every week.

We took a nerve-racking drive in Europe with a serviceman needing to put the pedal to the metal to get back to base in time to avoid being AWOL.

And the same guy years later encountered a protective mother bear in the Pennsylvania forest. Does this guy like to live dangerously?

Our hearts were warmed by tender letters to a granddaughter not yet born and a mother long deceased.

Our sympathies went out to folks suffering family tragedies.

Our interests were piqued by stories of lovers and significant others.

Our imaginations were stretched by tales with elements of time travel, religious fanaticism and folk lore.

All of this is interesting because of the writing skills invoked. Every piece uses descriptive imagery to bring the subjects to life. Adjectives abound: warmth, cold, color, speed, size, smell, temperament, age, architecture, strength.



**Writer's Ink**

These things help explain why the hunter was concerned to be so close to a mother bear or how special a ring is that the grandmother will give to her granddaughter.

What about you?

Do you have a story to share?

Do you want to practice your writing skills?

We meet weekly on Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the Dunedin Room of the East Activity Center. Why don't you bring a sample (not more than three pages) of your writing and join us?



**SNOWBIRDS CLUB**



### VIETNAM VETERANS DAY PARTY

Date: Thu Mar 30 Time: 5:30 Place: EAC Auditorium



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ALL Veterans and Widows of Veterans will receive a free light meal. All residents may purchase a ticket for \$10 and help recognize ALL Veterans

Veterans can pick up their free ticket at The Snowbirds Club information desk in the EAC on Monday and Thursday Mornings.

Bring your own drinks and snacks. Arrive early. Open seating

Questions? Contact VietNam Veteran Ed Foland 727 417 3272 [endfoland@aol.com](mailto:endfoland@aol.com)



**Food Truck Night**  
**Wednesday, March 22, 3-7 pm**  
**EAC Back Parking Lot**

# Moving 'n Grooving members still remember the thrill of their first parade



Steve Giddings and Michael Payne carry the Moving 'n Grooving banner during last year's Irish Club Parade.

By Margaret LeTourneau  
There's nothing like experiencing the early morning excitement of the On Top of the World St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Members of the Moving 'n Grooving Club discovered this last year, as it was the first time that our club participated in this special event.

Dedicated marchers started decorating vehicles a day early.

On parade morning, everyone was decked out in green, white and gold ... from head to toe.

They pre-tested musical equipment, organized into rows of participants, and prepared beads, ornaments and treats for distribution.

There was a rush of enthusiasm and anticipation as our well-organized Moving 'n Grooving marchers waited for the startup signal to begin their path down World Parkway Boulevard. Once it was our turn to start, Bill Houser's decorated "Mr. Fun" van began to play the best Irish music for all to enjoy.

Right behind the van was Michael Payne and Steve Giddings, our two energetic Moving 'n Grooving banner carriers. Margaret LeTourneau, Hope Tera and Viki Payne guided the marchers along the parade route, as they all performed some very spirited Irish dances.

Everyone was filled with a strong sense of community. Observers along the way were all cheering and waving. The fun and the laughter were contagious.

Even though this grand parade ended at the Pavilion, it was just the beginning of the day's celebration. From enjoying a well-deserved ice cold beer, to visiting old and new friends, it was a time for all to rejoice.

Moving 'n Grooving is excited to do it again on Saturday, March 4. It's time for everyone to join in the fun for this very special St. Patrick's Day tradition.

If watching us in the parade looks fun, how about trying some line dancing classes

with Margaret? She caters to all levels and a great time is guaranteed.

If you are interested in giving your heart a good workout, you can try a Cardio Dance class with Hope.

Looking for a gentler workout? Then a Cardio Dance Light class might fit the bill.

If you just want to have some friendly competition, cornhole might suit you, too.

The line dance schedule is listed below. You can refer to the listings for Cardio

Dance/Cardio Dance Light and Cornhole for more information on those activities.

Members of our club receive monthly calendars, which show dates, times and locations for our activities. If you would like to receive a copy of our monthly calendar for March, please contact Hope at 914-217-9206 or email her at [movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com](mailto:movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com).

As always, we hope to see you out and about.

### LINE DANCING SCHEDULE

EAC Auditorium  
Tuesdays

(no class Feb. 7, Feb. 21)

9 - 10:20 am - Levels 1 and 2  
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Levels 3 and 4

Fridays  
(no class 2/10)

1 - 2:20 p.m. - Levels 1 and 2  
2:30 - 4 p.m. - Levels 3 and 4

### CORNHOLE

West Activity Center Belleair Room

Mondays

1 - 3 p.m.

### CARDIO DANCING

East Activity Center Exercise Room  
Mondays

12 - 1 p.m. - Regular Class  
1:15 - 2:15 p.m. - Cardio Dance Light

Wednesdays

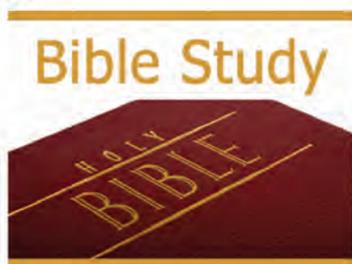
12 - 1 p.m. - Regular Class  
1:15 - 2:15 p.m. - Cardio Dance Light

Saturdays

9 - 10 a.m. - Regular Class  
10:15 - 11:15 a.m. - Cardio Dance Light

## BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

The non-denominational On Top of the World Bible Study Group is returning to the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.



The group will meet at 2 p.m. on Fridays beginning Jan. 6, 2023.

The instructor will be Dave Hall, PhD., a retired pastor.

Questions? You may call Jim at (727) 712-0159.

Come join us and study the Bible.

## Barry's Poker Group offers hold'em and other games two nights a week

The original On Top of the World Texas Poker Club is up and dealing again.

This club was originally formed in 2011 for residents who wanted to play for nickles and dimes. Today the group is known as Barry's Poker Group.

Our group plays according to player preferences. We will put tables together if we have enough players for hold'em. We will also have tables open for "Dealer's Choice." This can include real poker games, such as five- and seven-card stud, five card draw, or Omaha and Texas style. We do not play wild cards or crazy games, such as baseball, bingo, crisscross or escalator.

Our group plays year-round and is open to anyone with an OTOW Activity Card. Residents may bring house guests. We play Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Ozona Room. Just show up and sign in by 6:20 p.m.

Maybe you will go home with a dime or two.

Questions? Please call 727-358-2051.



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# Grandma is a cornhole superstar and granddaughter is making sure everyone knows it

By Margaret LeTourneau

Oh oh!

Watch out!

There might be some friendly grandma competition going on at On Top of the World!

This beautiful, blue-eyed grandma came waltzing into the Moving 'n Grooving cornhole gameroom proudly sporting her new sweatshirt which read:

“Some Grandmas Play Bingo. Real Grandmas Play Cornhole!”

“It’s all in good fun!” exclaimed Linda Herron. “My granddaughter could not resist getting it for me!”

We all thoroughly enjoyed Linda’s contagious humor! Having fun is always our primary goal.

Linda, who moved here a couple of years ago, is an active member of the Moving 'n Grooving Club. She not only attends the friendly cornhole games on Mondays, but she also line dances every Tuesday and Friday with Margaret LeTourneau’s higher level classes!

Linda, who has many talents and interests, loves to crochet. She has generously gifted the Moving 'n Grooving Club’s volunteers with her beautiful creations.



Playing cornhole is a great opportunity to have lots of fun with a very friendly and interactive group.

Why don’t you come and give it a try? Cornhole is every Monday at the West Activity Center Belleair Room from 1-3 p.m.

Let’s keep moving and grooving!



At right, Linda Herron shows off a gift from a granddaughter. Linda plays with the On Top of the World cornhole group.



## Annual Dan Budd White Ball Ping Pong Tournament



The second annual On Top of the World Dan Budd White Ball Ping Pong Tournament took place in mid-February. Doubles teams were picked at random. In the photo at top is the A Division finalists. From left to right are Phil Henne and Randy Lucas (second place) and Terri Tetztaff and Bobby O’Donohue (first place). The division was very competitive but a lot of fun. In the bottom left photo are the B Division champions, Rashanee Turner and Anna Ventimiglia. In the bottom right photo are the B Division runner-ups, Judy Wa and Tom Riviera. After the tournament, everyone enjoyed a pizza party. (OTOW News photos by Karen French)



# Time to set sail - Theater Workshop's 'Ocean's Away' opens curtain on March 10

By Maxine Sutcliffe

When a show idea is first conceived, writing and planning gets underway and the actual performance seems far in advance.

Then it seems the time is suddenly upon you – and here it is – so now the excitement builds.

It is showtime and the 2023 Theater Workshop cast wants you to come and love what we have been enthusiastically working hard on.

On Top of the World's oldest theatrical group will present its 53rd annual show. This year we invite you to join us on our cruise liner "Ocean's Away" 7:30 p.m. on Friday,



March 10 or Saturday, March 11, or 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 12.

If you do not already have tickets, they are available at the Theater Workshop infor-

mation table in the East Activity Center Auditorium every Monday and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

So treat yourself to an early vacation – all you need to do is cast your troubles away and enjoy two hours of entertainment and fun performed by a tremendous group of people within our own community – in fact our friends, neighbors and sometimes even family.

- Do you want to stroll on deck?
- Come and meet fellow passengers.
- Do you want to buy a great piece of art?
- Come to our art auction.
- Do you want to play the slots?

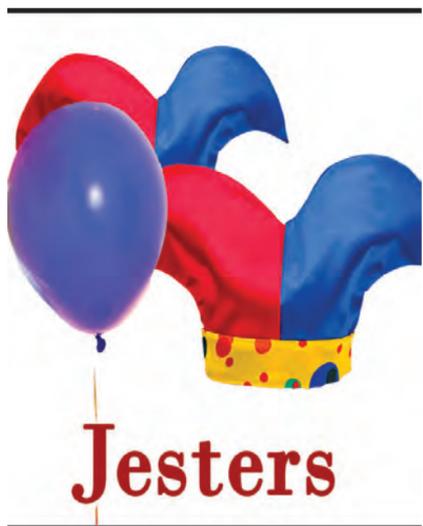
Come to our casino. What about a show?

Come and see "Tribute to Fosse" featuring performances from Pillow Talk, Cabaret and Chicago.

Give us your support - a packed sold-out audience as we sing, dance and laugh away through comedy during our fast-moving production on board.

Just show up and we will ensure your voyage is something to remember.

Our goal is for you to be uplifted and smiling as we extend our cruise experience to you with our clear intention to warm your heart.



At one point in time, there were four Chers on stage singing during the Jesters' show 'Vegas Vibes.'

## More than 1000 people watched 'Vegas Vibes' to make Jesters' 2023 show a huge success

By Denis O'Doherty

Curtains please. Lights, music, places. Let's go people and "Break a Leg!"

And that's how our 2023 show began.

Of course, we don't literally mean break a leg when we say that. It's a theater saying to wish you luck. We are the Jesters and we do tend to laugh a lot.

Jest you say?

We are the people who created song, dance, music and laughter for your enjoyment. This year it was done under the leader-

ship of Robyn Kumar and Amy Green.

We brought to the stage a selection of Vegas favorites. What a fantastic ensemble we had! They all did a great job volunteering their time and effort to put on this show. Thanks so much to the singers, dancers, actors, backstage crew, and sound and lighting techs.

Yes folks, it takes a village to create one of On Top of the World's most popular shows each year. It also takes a bit of talent mixed in with a lot of humor. But rest as-

sured, you learn a lot from the experience.

The fact is, we have already turned our attention to our 2024 show and we have a few openings for membership in the Jesters. Just bring a smile, an open mind and leave the rest to the more seasoned members. You will quickly become a part of our wonderful group.

Of course, the show is nothing without you - the audience. You are the bread and butter of the show. You bring it to life with your support each year. This year you did not

disappoint.

More than 1000 people attended our three performances. We are forever grateful for your applause and continued support. Keeping the ticket price at \$5 simply means we are in this "Jest for Fun."

Now that the curtain is closed, we take our final bow. We also start planning our show for next year. If you have any ideas for next year's show, please contact Robyn Kumar at 516-662-9640.

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7:30 pm  
Friday, March 10  
7:30 pm  
Saturday, March 11  
2:00 pm  
Sunday, March 12



Sports Shirt Night has become a huge tradition for the New York-New Jersey Club. In the picture above, you can see some of the favorite sports teams that were represented.

## Record membership attends Sports Shirt Night

By Will Peterson

Not only was New York-New Jersey Club's last event "Sports Shirt Night" a huge success, it was attended by more members than any event in the club's history.

Members kept talking about the wonderful food and the excellent music that made them stay on the dance floor enjoying the great time. Our club was very happy to provide such a pleasurable experience for everyone.

Don't forget to come out on Saturday, March 4, at 10 a.m., to help us wear green and walk in the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Stop at our table in the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday from 8:30 until 10:30 for more information.

On Monday, March 27, in honor of spring, our club is hosting our annual barbeque at the Pavilion from noon until 3 p.m.

We will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill with all the trimmings, plus potato chips, water and coffee. Wear your favorite picnic attire and bring your own beverage of choice. The cost will be \$12.

On Thursday, May 11, in the EAC, we will hold a Mother's Day event from 5-8 p.m. At this time we don't have a menu or price, but we promise that it will be something special. Once again, stop by our table for further information.

In 2022, we started having a summer event in August, and it was a huge success. So, keep a watch for more details and dates

for this event.

Other events will pick up in October, such as Southwest Night and our holiday Ugly Sweater Night.

Our events always have a DJ, or live music for your enjoyment, along with a wonderful menu. You will always have a good time at affordable pricing.

Remember that you do not have to be from New York or New Jersey to be a member of our club. Just a person who wants to have a good time and be amongst friends.

Volunteers are always welcome to sit at the our information table on Monday or Thursday mornings or help set up and take down for our events. All you need is a valid On Top of the World Activity Card.



## Vegan group considering name change to emphasize benefits of plant-based foods

By Susan Lorenz

Hey, what are you eating? That's one of the things we like to talk about.

February was significant for us. Our group voted to apply for club status with the name: Plant Based Living Club and elected officers.

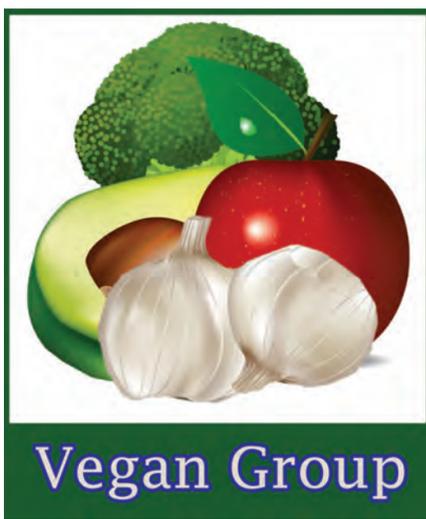
Since Plant Based Living is all about food, we crowned the meeting by tasting homemade selections. Some examples are plant-based cheeses, plant-based desserts and a plant-based loaf.

It was fun to try sprouted lentils, blue cheese, parmesan cheese and feta all made with plant ingredients. I won't even get into the brownies and cheesecake.

We had so much fun that we are going to have regular meals together and anyone from On Top of the World is invited to join us.

Right now we are organizing an outing to a healthy restaurant with plant-based meals. If you are interested, look for an invitation in the April edition of this newspaper.

Our group also provides education for those who would like to learn more about living a plant-based lifestyle. We are looking forward to presentations on protein, one pot meals, health concerns, simple easy meals



and more.

Our next meeting will be in the West Activity Center Learning Lab, Friday, March 10 at 3 p.m.

For more info on our plans, visit [vegans10@yahoo.com](mailto:vegans10@yahoo.com).

For information on the many reasons for Plant-Based Living, visit the website [Vegansalvation.com](http://Vegansalvation.com).



Members of this new vegan group brought in recipes all created based on plant-made foods only.

### Ping pong open to everyone Tuesday-Friday in the West Activity Center

The Ping Pong Club cordially invites all On Top of the World residents to come and play with us. We play Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.

We have extra paddles for you to use and daily snacks. We play in the West Activity Center.

On Friday, Feb. 17, our club held the second annual Danny Budd White Ball Doubles Tournament. Partners were picked at random and played in a single elimination tournament. Pizza followed.

Results will be posted in the April newspaper.

### Special class open one time for anyone who enjoys beautiful Italian music

The seasonal Italian Classes taking place at On Top of the World will have a special event taking place on Friday, March 3.

Joni-Marie Fregoso, a professional bel canto singer, will be performing on the East Activity Center Auditorium stage for everyone else in the class.

Special permission has been given to any resident who simply wants to take a seat and listen for fun.

What is a bel canto singer? The simple definition is someone who sings beautiful music. Joni-Marie is one of the students in the class. She has arranged to sing two songs. Class starts at 10:30 a.m. and will include lessons on Italian opera and Italian lyrics.

# Republican Club vows to spend year educating voters



By Deborah Russell

The newest Pinellas County Commissioner, Brian Scott, and world renowned motivational speaker, Nick Adams, spoke to the Ronald Reagan Republican Club on Valentine's Day.

The club's goal for 2023 is to provide information on elected governmental positions (local, state and national) so that voters who live in On Top of the World can be more informed voters for the 2024 election and beyond.

Since we are a conservative party, we try to make sure that we have guests speakers people in our community will enjoy hearing.

In the upcoming March 14 meeting in the West Activity Center Belleair Room, we will have the election of club officers for 2023. The existing officers are up for reelection except for the vice president. That position will need a new volunteer since the present officer is planning to step down.

If you would like to get information directly from the club, you can email your name, phone number and email address to [carlmarvinturner@gmail.com](mailto:carlmarvinturner@gmail.com) to make sure you get the latest information on the club activities as soon as they happen.

In accordance with the club goals, the



Nick Adams talks to members of the Ronald Reagan Republican Club during its February meeting.

February meeting of the Ronald Reagan Republican Club was very informative.

After an hour of socializing and refreshments, the members had a prayer, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "God Bless America."

There were two guest speakers this evening. Brian Scott, county commissioner for District 2, Pinellas County, spoke about his new position. Brian stated that he's been very

busy, visiting the many offices throughout Pinellas County. He answered questions about local governing and spoke in detail about the reality of recycling in our area.

Several new members were introduced and given a warm welcome.

The keynote speaker of the evening was Nick Adams, founder and executive director of FLAG, The Foundation for Liberty and American Greatness.

Nick has written several books related to bringing America back to the great country it was meant to be. He has also written beautifully illustrated children's history books emphasizing loving America and being good stewards of America, as our founding fathers intended.

If you have any questions, please contact Carl Turner at [carlmarvinturner@gmail.com](mailto:carlmarvinturner@gmail.com) or 443-624-9303.

## Taking tai chi classes could improve your health while reducing stress

By Jan Larraine Cox

Ruth Pittman's Chi Kung and Tai Chi classes at On Top of the World are popular with all ages here, and with men and women alike.

Ruth chose to teach these two practices because they are easy to do and deliver many health benefits to her students.

"Chi Kung helps to heal the body, mind and emotions," she said. "It lifts the spirits. It improves balance and strengthens the body. I had one student recently tell me how much better she felt after just three classes!"

Ruth shares that she is always studying so she can be the best at what she does. She teaches Monday through Friday at the East Activity Center Exercise Room, adjacent to the front parking lot.

See the schedule in this month's newspaper. Classes are \$2 each. Ruth suggests starting out with Chi Kung if you don't have experience in Tai Chi.

These Chinese martial arts practices are

more than 1000 years old and are practiced in corporations, hospitals and backyards world-wide.

If you wish to find a calm center, while toning your muscles and mind, you may boost your energy levels, improve your health, become more creative, and lower your stress through Chi Kung and Tai Chi.

Ruth, an amazing, sagacious 87 year-old woman, has two grown children, grandchildren, and even a great-granddaughter who is 15. Ruth's career included a high level position at AT&T, training business customers on large communication systems. She was then promoted and moved to the AT&T training school in Atlanta, where she developed and delivered communication systems training classes.

Ruth gives credit to her own master teacher, Dennis Kelly, a four-time national karate champion and instructor of the martial arts. He has also been a quantum perfor-

mance trainer and seminar leader with more than 28 years experience in management training, consulting and leadership.

Two OTOW Chi Kung class members wanted to share their experiences in Ruth's class.

Diane Spear praises "The professional teacher and the exercises that help circulation in all parts of the body and brain. There are friendly participants. Most seniors are capable of all these Chi Kung exercises."

Dottie Brooks added she has noticed improved balance and has lost weight from her upper body, now down one bra size!

She says, "My body feels much better. I knew I needed more exercise. Even though I'd never heard of Chi Kung, I tried it and like it! Now I have more strength in my fingers, and can open a water bottle though I couldn't before!"

Classes continue throughout the summer. There is a fee per class.



Photo by Jan Cox

**Chorus Spring Concert**  
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# Democratic Club members get an informative lesson on voting and what election workers do

By Joanne Cordes

Happy Irish Club Parade Day from your On Top of the World Democratic Club.

We'll be proudly marching in the parade wearing our green along with our patriotic USA flag colors and our new banner.

At our February meeting, we emphasized how to "answer the call of civic duty."

The Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office was well-represented by Ashley McKnight-Taylor and her two assistants.

To begin, Ashley gave an overview of the office's primary function of facilitating the election process. She highlighted the importance of election workers and outlined what a poll worker must be: (1) committed to the process and required training; (2) honest; (3) non-partisan; (4) a registered or pre-registered voter in Pinellas County; and (5) able to read and write English.

One assistant was present to aid in registering new voters, and Ashley and her second assistant gave a detailed description of the various poll worker positions.

We learned that shifts vary from 6-16 hours, depending on what type of work is done and when.

The Supervisor of Elections staffs 3-5 early voting sites in addition to Election Day voting sites.

There is also the need for workers to help in the call center, opening mail ballots, verifying candidate petition signatures and performing other clerical tasks to support our elections.

If anyone is interested in doing this very important work, you can visit the website [www.voteinellas.com/election-worker](http://www.voteinellas.com/election-worker), or email: [pollworker@voteinellas.com](mailto:pollworker@voteinellas.com).

Or you may call 727-464-6100 with questions.

The most popular question from our club members was related to Vote by Mail status.

Ashley explained that a checked box on our November 2022 mail ballot was sufficient to ensure a mail ballot for the 2024 election. We were also encouraged to access [www.voteinellas.com](http://www.voteinellas.com) to verify for ourselves or to make changes in our personal informa-



Ashley McKnight-Taylor answers questions about voting during the Democratic Club meeting in February.



**Democratic Club**

If you're already a club member, stop by to hang out and share some good old liberal views with your friends.

Our next meeting is March 9 at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. We'll have a formal installation of club officers. We also will have pizza and soft drinks to celebrate our 2022 accomplishments.

Also, at 7 p.m. on March 28, in the EAC Largo Room, we'll gather for our monthly Happy Hour -- to mingle informally and talk politics.

Bring a beverage of your own choice plus a finger food to share. Any and all Democrats living in OTOW and having a valid OTOW activity card are welcome, club member or not.

You can always visit us on [www.worlddemclub.blogspot.com](http://www.worlddemclub.blogspot.com). This is where you will find the most current information and you can check our calendar for upcoming club events.

You can also visit our Meta/Facebook page at On Top of the World Democratic Club, Clearwater, to learn about local political events or add commentary to current events.

Or check out our club info on the OTOW Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)) or OTOW-TV channel 901.

Yes, there is a Democratic Club at OTOW. We are happy to meet you, to listen to what you have to say, and to have you join us in "holding to our principles to make a better community for all."

tion.

If you want to check out our club activities, join us at our information tables on Mondays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium (look for our mascot, Victor, standing proudly on the ta-

bletop).

Currently, we're promoting The Florida Right to Clean Water Campaign. This is a citizens' initiative to amend the Florida Constitution with a fundamental right to clean and healthy waters.

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# Seats are open for a Travel Club trip to the Strawberry Festival

By Janice Berman

Know what time it is? It's Florida Strawberry Festival time. Time to enjoy those bright, red, naturally sweet, juicy strawberries.

The On Top of the World Travel Club has a trip going to the Strawberry Festival on March 7.

In addition to enjoying a gigantic strawberry shortcake, we will enjoy exhibits of agriculture, commerce, industry, livestock, fine arts, horticulture and crafts.

Visit our information table on Mondays and Thursdays, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium, to reserve your seat for the strawberry festival bus trip.

Our club's day trip in March will be to Myakka City to see the Herrmanns' Royal Lipizzan Stallions of Austria. They are a rare and aristocratic breed.

We will observe them perform classical equestrian movements.

The Lipizzan is one of the most famous, yet endangered, species in the world.

We are fortunate to have them live here in Florida so close to Clearwater. This trip takes place on March 9.

Our day trip in April will be to the Big Cat Habitat and Gulf Coast Sanctuary located in Sarasota. They provide a safe, loving, permanent home for exotic and domestic animals in need.



The sanctuary is home to many species of cats as well as other exotic animals. We will be taking this trip on April 12.

May will be a busy month for the Travel Club. A special lunch is planned at the Culinary Arts Academy on Thursday, May 4, located at the Tarpon Springs High School. It is our first time at this location.

High school students will prepare and serve a three course meal for us for only \$15.

Photo ID is required by school policy.

Our trip for May is in the planning stages. We hope to present it for sale as soon as it is ready.

Our next club meeting is Friday, March 3, in the EAC at 2 p.m. Our speaker will be from Bay Area Info Tours. He is an experienced guide and local historian who comes to us highly recommended.

Remember, we're going places. Join us to grab a little happiness.



If you see something bright red and sweet in March, it is probably a strawberry.

## Can vibrational sounds heal? Find out March 9

By Laurie LeClaire

On March 9, the High Vibe Tribe guest speaker will be GabrielNelson Sears, founder of Gabriel of the Light, LLC.

He will facilitate a discussion on the ancient and contemporary uses for sound energy as a healing modality.

This interactive demonstration will be followed by a sound meditation, and question and answer session.

He asks us to please wear loose comfortable clothing and to feel free to bring a pillow, blanket, bottle water and yoga mat for comfort if you like to lay on the floor.

GabrielNelson is a certified vibrational sound healing touch therapist, Reiki teacher/practitioner, motivational speaker, angel intuitive and meditation instructor who provides sonic sound Reiki treatments with tuning forks and Zen Therapeutic Singing

Bowls placed directly on the body.

He is a vessel through which the energetic frequencies of people are communicated for their own self healing.

GabrielNelson relies upon intuition and client feedback to create unique healing spaces filled with Reiki energy, affirmative prayer, intention, vibrational sounds, crystals and aromatherapy. He empowers individuals to manifest their own transformative healing experience.

The Gabriel's Essence line of essential oils are a proprietary blend developed by GabrielNelson to support optimal mental, physical and spiritual health.

GabrielNelson has studied and practiced meditation for more than 30 years and provides mindfulness meditation coaching and classes for individuals, healthcare professionals, and spiritual communities and corpora-

tions. He shares inspirational life lessons as a guest speaker for churches, colleges, community centers and other organizations.

In addition to his private practice where he sees clients at Unity of Palm Harbor Church, GabrielNelson facilitates group sound meditations, hosts retreats, and is a guest speaker at numerous venues throughout the United States, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Mexico.

For more information, please visit [gabrielofthelight.com](http://gabrielofthelight.com)

Our High Vibe Tribe meets monthly on the second Thursday evening of each month at 7 p.m. in the Clearwater/Kitchen Room of the East Activity Center. Any resident of On Top of the World is welcome to come.

For any questions, you may contact Laurie LeClaire at [otowoowoo@gmail.com](mailto:otowoowoo@gmail.com).



## Music bingo returns to OTOW on March 5

By Susan Trost

As everyone knows, this has been a very busy season for not only the Good Neighbors Association, but for all the clubs that are part of On Top of the World.

Good Neighbors members are looking forward to the start of the month as we will be hosting our Music Bingo on Sunday, March 5, from 2-5 p.m. at the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Tickets are still available at \$7 for the bingo and \$6 for the meal, consisting of hot-dogs, baked beans, sauerkraut, potato chips, and a soft drink.

Tickets are available on Mondays and Thursdays at our information table, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Also, at the end of the month, March 25 is our Spring Flea Market and Craft Show. Tables are available for purchase at \$15 or two for \$25. Stop by our information table if you are interested.

Our monthly Get Acquainted Coffee will be on Thursday, March 9, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served beginning at 9 a.m.

We plan on changing this get acquainted format this month. We are inviting clubs which will have information tables.



This is especially important to residents who have just moved into the community and would like to get information about these various clubs.

Nancy Rogers, our activities director, will be available to answer questions.

You can join a club or ask any question that has been bugging you.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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# Wear green, win green, at Texas tournament March 17



By Joe DeChiaro  
The Texas Card Game Club began its 2023 season with its first tournament in January.

There were 14 players present and divided into two tables of seven people each.

The final four table finally decided to divide the prize pool among each other.

Winners were Rich Webb, Helen Hughes and brothers Pat and Rich Hayes.

The club meets once a month, usually the third Friday of the month, in the Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

There is a small fee to play, same fee to rebuy and half the fee to add on.

After the first break within the first hour,



The January finals table included, left to right, Rich Webb, Pat Hayes, Helen Hughes and Rich Hayes.

the big blind adds an ante.

The tournament usually starts around 5:15 p.m. Currently the club has more than

40 members.

The next tournament will be on Friday, March 17.

For more information, please send an email to: [joegdechiaro@yahoo.com](mailto:joegdechiaro@yahoo.com) or just show up on the tournament date.

## Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee

Thursday, March 9, 9-11 am

All your favorite clubs will have an information table to answer your questions.

## End-the-week Zumba



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The first place team was (left) Norman Lieberfreund and Suzanne Ramsey. The second place team was (middle) Zophia Piotrowski and Bill Fournier. Ziggy Wrona, right, teamed with Mike McNiel for third place.

## Suzanne Ramsey, Norman Lieberfreund win shuffleboard title

The On Top of the World Shuffleboard Club held a very competitive double elimination, team tournament in February.

The team of Suzanne Ramsey and Norman Lieberfreund prevailed in a two-game final round over the previously unbeaten team of Bill Fournier and Zophia Piotrowski.

The winners outlasted seven other teams in the tournament.

Finishing in third place was the team of Ziggy Wrona and Mike McNiel.

Congratulations to all for a well-played tournament.

The Shuffleboard Club is planning one more tournament next month before we lose our Snowbirds.

Plans for the tournament will be announced at the club's pizza party on March 6.

For questions or concerns about club activities, please text or call Tim Lewis at (207)441-3472.

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# SPORTS

## End of season tennis tournaments taking place

Last month, the tennis courts were busy with tournament play.

Since the writing of this article, there were two champions crowned.

The winners of the Women's Doubles Tournament were Donna Irwin and Christy Mills. The winners of the Men's Doubles Tournament were Dean Baker and Charles Kovarik.

The winners in the Men's Singles Tournament and Mixed Doubles Tournament will be announced in next month's article.



Pictured at right are the final four players in the Men's Doubles Tournament. From left to right are Charles Kovarik, Dean Baker, Bill Carey and Joe DeChiaro.

## It doesn't matter what team you are on, there are always people cheering for you in our league

By Bob Rittner

In the last inning of an On Top of the World softball game last month, the Red team led with 10 runs, the White team had 9 runs and the Blue team was way back with only 2 runs.

Suddenly, the Blue offense came alive.

With the help of seven hits in the final inning, including Bob Voigt's homer and doubles by Lenny Segall and George Morgan, Blue scored four runs.

Fortunately for the competition, the Blue team recorded its final out in the inning and did not get the chance to take the lead.

Left on deck was Jim Kemp, who already hit three doubles in the game. He would have represented the game-tying run with the bases loaded.

When the White team came to bat, Red pitcher Karen French snuffed out any chance of runs scored by getting three outs on three pitches.

For Red, the offensive star was Terry Murphy, whose two-run double tied the game at 9-9. He later scored on hits by Karen and Henry Zussman.

### White 12, Red 11, Blue 7

Pitchers are not noted for their offense, but in the next game, Rodger Hillier of the Whites not only held the Blues to seven runs, but capped a five-run comeback by lofting a solid hit into short left field bringing home the tying and winning runs in a 12-11-7 victory.

Eddie Ramirez homered for the Whites. In senior softball, we cheer on every



player, we are always encouraging when someone makes out or misses a play, and we are exulting when a teammate or an opponent succeeds.

As a perfect example of such an ethos, in a game with his team behind a run with two outs and two runners on, Scott Ryberg lashed a liner to right field scoring both runs for the victory. Players on all sides surrounded him with high fives and pats on the back.

Earlier in the game, Scott made a spectacular running outfield catch to save a run.

Tara Gunning made a brilliant middle infield play, snaring hot shots and making accurate throws to first base. She also earned universal acclaim.

Jan. 24

The Red team was "bobbing" for runs

as the team roster was comprised of 10 players named Bob.

They did manage three runs, led by Bob Voigt's triple and two singles, but it was not enough to overcome Bill Lepping's White team that scored seven runs on two hits apiece by Mary Anne Benuzzi, Ralph Scunziano (two doubles), Wayne Pall and Don Mandeville, as well as three hits by George Morgan.

In addition, Bill threw this year's only shutout so far.

Speed and defense often wins games, and sometimes it seems we are playing "Can you top this" in that regard.

Early in the game, shortstop Lenny Segall and middle infielder Don Mandeville made a beautiful feed-and-throw to get a double play when Bill Holland's stretch at first base nabbed a runner.

Later, Gille Chartrand flashed from center field for a running catch of a hard liner to left center.

Mary Anne Benuzzi raced under a mile high pop-up, catching it as she tumbled to the ground, but holding on.

Rick Champ robbed a home run by hustling back to make an over the shoulder grab of a deep fly, and Bob Studwell outdid even that, streaking to the outfield fence and leaping to glove a ball.

But it was Don Mandeville who won the most admiration as he raced from middle infield deep into left to catch a liner over his head, falling down and rolling on the grass.

It was amazing.

The pitching star was Rodger Hillier,

who held the White team scoreless into late innings when a controversial call put them on the scoreboard in a game won by the Blues 11-9-6 over Red and White respectively.

Feb. 2

We played the perfect senior softball game.

The final score was a Blue victory, 7-6-6, but that does not fully express the excitement and thrills the game provided.

Bob Cornelius made a remarkable catch, nearly tripping, but getting his glove at knee level to grab a sinking liner.

Robert Bannick appeared to leap twice, but while airborne, caught a rising liner.

Jim Costello snagged a smoking-hot liner deep to left field.

And there was a breathtaking comeback.

Down by five runs in the last inning, the White team scored four runs and had the bases loaded with no outs. But the Red defense suddenly stiffened, and the next three batters were subdued without the tying run scoring.

The star of the game, Bob Dembinski, moved from his familiar outfield spot to fill in at shortstop, and did so brilliantly. His 3-for-3 day, two homers and a double, supported his outstanding defensive game to bring victory to his Blue team.

Senior softball is a game of great plays and good tries. The former is any successful defensive effort. The latter is any effort that doesn't pan out although still eliciting compliments.

## William Gambacurta scores first career ace

On Jan. 16, William Gambacurta scored a hole-in-one using a driver on hole No. 17 at the On Top of the World 18-hole golf course.

His shot was 174 yards on the par 3 hole. It was his first ace in 36 years of playing golf.

On hole No. 16, Arnie Keskinen encouraged William to try out a new, "soft," Wilson Staff 50 golf ball. He did and got a triple bogey.

The ball was given one last chance to succeed on hole No. 17. The ball bounced once on the green and ran into the hole.

Witnessing the shot was Tom Stephens.



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## Bill Albert gets an ace

Congratulations are in order for Bill Albert as he recorded his first hole in one on hole No. 13 on the On Top of the World 18-hole course.

Bill used a 9-iron to sink the 101 yard shot. This great shot was witnessed by Jodie Albert and Mike Schuyler.



# Mong and Suk Kim win Jack and Jill

By Gloria Sayer

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf League sponsored the annual Jack and Jill Golf Tournament on Feb. 7 and we had a great turnout on a gorgeous Florida morning.

The winners were Mong and Suk Kim; second place Jacqui Dolan and Bob Livingston; third place Arlene and Eddie Hanson and fourth place Kathy Ahrens and Mike Marsh.

Closest-to-the-pin for the ladies on hole No. 15 was Donna Osborne and closest to the pin for the men on hole No. 16 was Les Meneilly.

The 50/50 winner was Linda Rice.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our league. We are so fortunate to have such great volunteers and participants.

We extend our thank you to Corby Ratliff, Todd Six and their staff for keeping our beautiful golf course in tiptop condition and for preparing the picnic area for our lunch.

Todd announced at our tournament that his contract as superintendent of the On Top of the World golf courses has been renewed for two years. We congratulated him on a job well done. He is a treasure for sure.

We want to thank On Top of the World Editor Doug Kates for taking time out of his busy day to photograph the winners of our tournament.

Also a thank you to Marc Schell for the animated Jack and Jill poster - we loved it. Marc, when need be, is also our computer guy.

Thank you to the Jack and Jill Tournament Committee. What a great day for everyone.

Terry Kuplen and Sheila Meneilly, co-chairs, did a marvelous job. A thank you also to committee members Karen Beaver, Suelen Dowe, Mary Beth Devine, Arleen Hanson, Sherry Ivey, Donna Osborne, Gloria Sayer, Maureen Stewart and Becky West.

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf League will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 4. Joy Walker, vice president, is the organizer for the ladies. Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day so wear your green and join in the celebration at On Top of the World. Beads anyone!

Mark your calendar - our Ladies 18-Hole Spring Luncheon will take place March 22 at the Dunedin Country Club. Commit-



Pictured above are the top four teams from the Jack and Jill Tournament this past February. From left to right are the fourth place team of Mike Marsh and Kathy Ahrens, the winning team of Mong and Suk Kim, the second place team of Jacqui Dolan and Bob Livingston, and the third place team of Arlene and Ed Hanson.

tee members are Mary Beth Devine, Arleen Hanson and Ursula Taylor. Committee members are available Tuesday, March 7, for the last day to register at the 18-Hole golf course from 7:45-8:15 a.m. Please come join us and bring a guest for a luncheon that never seems to disappoint. Thank you.

To join the On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association, contact Joy Walker, membership chairperson, at 585-703-0757, or send her an email at joy.walker131@gmail.com.

To join, you must have an updated activity card and the dues are \$35 a year. Please come join us.

Chairperson for the month of March is Dottie Meissner. You may call Dottie at 727-797-4830 to sign up for golf or to cancel if you have already signed up and can't play that day.

I would like to share the winners of the

Eclectic Tournament, a two-day tournament, held Jan. 10 and Jan. 17.

## Jan. 10

Flight A: Becky West 66, Ursula Taylor 68, Gloria Sayer 71. Flight B: Rosemary Sabatino 77, Cindy Schell 79 and Donia Stadler 80. Flight C: Linda Rice 80, Sherry Ivey 84, Robin Goralczyk 85.

## Jan. 17

Flight A: Becky West 63, Ursula Taylor 67, Gloria Sayer 70. Flight A: Nancy Lo 74, Rosemary Sabatino 74 Donia Stadler 75, Cindy Schell 76. Flight C: Sherry Ivey 76, Linda Rice 78, Joedie Albert 80. Closest-to-the-pin Sherry Ivey No. 9, Donna Osborne No. 15. Chip-ins Carole Lacey No. 2, Becky West No. 18.

## Scores from Jan. 24

Flight A: Verna Lundgren 67, Gloria Sayer 67, Becky West 67, Ursula Taylor 68, Kim Norried 69. Flight B: Mary Beth Devine 60, Karen French 65, Donna Osborne 66. Flight C: Joedie Albert 57, Arleen Hanson 60, Nat Sue Dawson 63. Closest-to-the-pin Becky West No. 9, Rose Mulhall No. 15. Chip-ins Terry Kuplen No. 7, Rose Mulhall No. 9 and Donna Osborne No. 9 and 11.

## Scores from Jan. 31

Flight A: Gina Yoon 65, Gloria Sayer 66, Kim Norried 68. Flight B: Nancy Lo 62, Donia Stadler 66, Terry Kuplen 66, Donna Osborne 69. Flight C: Joedie Albert 57, Nat Sue Dawson 60, Rose Mulhall 62. Closest-to-the-pin Nancy Lo No. 9 and No. 15. Chip-ins Donna Osborne No. 1 and No. 4. Jan. 50/50 winner Ursula Taylor.

## Friday Mixed Golf League

# Newcomers win Alternate Shot Tournament in Mixed League

By Sheryl Barbin

The Friday Mixed Golf League had 52 players compete in an Alternate Shot Tournament held on Jan. 20.

Geri MacIntosh from Michigan and Bill Whipps from Canada, both new players to the Friday Mixed Golf League, won first place with plus 10.5.

Second Place was John and Ada Maloof with plus 8.

Third Place was Gary Sandine and Doug Silver with plus 7. Fourth place was Dave and Christy Mills with plus 7. Fifth place was Jim Stewart and Don Campbell with plus 6.5. Sixth place was David Saccone and Don Hahs with plus 6.5. Seventh place was Ken Smith and Len Howell with plus 6.5. Eighth Place was Sheryl Barbin and Scott Rogers with plus 6.

Closest to the pin on hole No. 3 was Mike Dietterich and Bill Gambacurta, on hole No. 5 was Gary Piccoli and Bill Lucci, on hole No. 6 was Jim Stewart and Don Campbell, on hole No. 9 was Don Hill and Jim Keagy, on hole No. 13 was Bill and Mary Bernard, on hole No.15 was Rick and Lisa Muchler, and on hole No. 16 was Barry Levine and Paul Hanko.

Skins were taken on hole No. 3 by Mike Dietterich and Bill Gambacurta, holes No.6 and 7 by Jim Stewart and Don Camp-

## Friday Golf

bell, hole No. 9 by Geri MacIntosh and Bill Whipps, hole No. 12 by Rick and Lisa Muchler, hole No. 15 by Dave and Christy Mills, and hole No.17 by Bill and Mary Bernard.

The Friday Mixed Golf League was created to provide OTOW men and women with a venue for competition using the USGA rules of golf. Our league uses the USGA Stableford scoring format, which 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. This allows players of all skill levels to compete fairly each week.

We play every Friday, weather permitting. The championship season is November through April. Summer and fall golf continue May through October.

Volunteers are needed to help run the league and form committees that oversee and govern the league. If interested, contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email harrybarbin1@gmail.com.



Geri MacIntosh and Bill Whipps took first place.



## Jeff West wins men's club championship

### Men's Golf

By Barney Hanrahan

Congratulations to Jeff West for winning the Men's Golf Association 2023 Club Championship.

Jeff shot a net 124 over two days in the A Flight.

The overall low score was recorded by Edmond Molina with a 121 in the B Flight.

Jeff was the A Flight winner and Bill Whipps was runner-up with a 125, Lester Whynot shot 129, Gary Sandine 131, Mike Walker 131 and Barry Pelham 131.

Edmond won the B Flight title and Jay Schwallie was the runner-up with a 129. Doug Silver shot 129, Ron Nobile 132, Joe Johnson 132 and Tom Sullivan 132.

In Flight C, Gerald Morrisette was first with a 122, Dick Pasco shot 123, Barney Hanrahan 123, Dave Combs 127 and John Gill 127.

In Flight D, Tim Palmquist was the winner with a 123. Joe Ventimiglia shot 126, Alex Miller 129, Joseph Dowe 130 and Henry Rejman 136.

The tournament was a huge success and we congratulate the winners and sincerely thank everyone that came to play. We look forward to our next event.

On Jan. 18, the Men's Golf Association inducted new officers. More than 80 players attended and pizza was served.

A small note of golf etiquette. The men that groom our courses go to great effort to give us the best possible playing conditions. Yet we are seeing more raised edges of the cups resulting from players lack of either replacing the flag or retrieving their golf balls resulting in flared surface.



From left to right are the top finishers in the Men's Golf Association Club Championship. Bill Whipps (Flight A Runner-up), Jay Schwallie (Flight B Runner-up), Jeff West (Club Champion), Edmond Molina (Low Gross), Gerald Morrisette (Flight C Champion) and Tim Palmquist (Flight D Champion).

I know it doesn't seem like much except when that 10-footer stops at the lip of the cup. I'm sure many will say just hit the ball harder. But this game is one of finesse and basic courtesy helps us all.

We all know the rules that a player putting cannot tamp around the cup however other players are allowed. Enjoy the game.

Thanks in advance.

#### Results

##### Jan. 18

Flight A: David Saccone, 63, Gary Sandine, 64, Jere Keiser, 64, Bill Whipps, 64, Lester Whynot, 64.

Flight B: Ron Lafond, 57, Jay Schwallie, 63, Doug Silver, 64, David Johnson, 65, Daniel Morey, 66.

Flight C: Barney Hanrahan, 65, Bill Mooney, 65, Gerald Morrisette, 65, Ken Nield, 66, Bob McGrogan, 66.

Flight D: Tim Palmquist, 59, Bob Ellis, 59, John Gill, 59, Jim Mutschler, 60, Harry Crawford, 62.

##### Jan. 25

Flight A: Jim Anzalone, 64, Lester Whynot, 66, Nilson Saladin, 68, Tom Petit, 69, Stanley Doran, 70.

Flight B: Ron Lafond, 60, Pete Gagnon, 68, Dave Hansford, 69, Doug Silver, 70, Andy Polselli, 71.

Flight C: Harold Cote, 60, Joe Iacobaccio, 64, Barry Laverne, 62, Ed Fox, 68, John Abbot, 69.

Flight D: Alex Miller, 62, Phil Perez, 64,

Ronald Murray, 65, C.J. Messina, 65, Henry Rejman, 66.

##### Feb. 1

Flight A: Gary Sandine, 62, Stanley Doran, 63, Mike Crittendon, 63, Roger Amundson, 63, David Johnson, 65.

Flight B: Edmond Molina, 61, Mike Schuyler, 62, Tom Stephens, 64, Pete Gagnon, 66, Ken Nield, 66.

Flight C: Bill Gambacurta, 59, Dick Pasco, 60, Guy Bertuzzi, 63, Dave Combs, 63, Bob Ellis, 63.

Flight D: Les Meneilly, 58, Check McAllister, 61, Harry Crawford, 62, O.J. Messina, 62, Ronald Murray, 64.

## 9-Hole Ladies enjoy Wine and Nine Tournaments

### 9-Hole



### Ladies Golf

By Paula Ergang

It's a trifecta for the On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League. We added three new members last month. Welcome to Judy Bergeron, Rita Harp and Geri McIntosh!

Besides welcoming new members, January and February were busy months for our league.

We ended January with a special Wine and Nine Day. Gilba Gambacurta, Wendy Colquhuon, Theresa Gates and Carroll Harris were all flight winners.

Ann Stewart and Diana Anderson brought hot dogs to have along with our end of the month snacks. Gilda helped organize a list of what we would bring for side items. It was a nice treat after our round.

On Feb. 14 was our Valentine Day Three Clubs and a Putter Tournament. We wore red or our pink shirts to celebrate the holiday. We were surprised by Ava Ciolli with handmade Valentine heart pins for us to wear. And we were treated with chocolate hearts from Theresa Gates.

We held a Flight Tournament on Feb. 21 and 23. Scores were not available at press time. Awards will be given at our spring luncheon to the golfer with the lowest score from each flight.

Speaking of which, Nancy Schifferle is organizing the luncheon along with help from Diana Anderson and Ava Ciolli. We just learned that it will be April 6 at the Duncedin Country Club. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for more information.

On Feb. 28 our league held another



Pictured above is 9-Hole Ladies Golf President Carroll Harris, left, along with some of the new members Judy Bergeron, Sheri Blaa and Rita Harp.

Wine and Nine Tournament. On the schedule were snacks and sloppy joes that Nancy Schifferle planned to make for us.

Our first event of March won't have us on the course. It is the On Top of the World St. Patrick's Day parade March 4.

Marilyn Lisbon and Carole Whynot have been attending the information meetings in order to get us organized. Wear your green, decorate one of your clubs and join us as we march in the parade.

We start play in March with a Low Gross/Low Net tournament on March 7 followed by a board meeting.

On March 14 we will have a Mystery Hole Day and a general meeting after play.

The President's Tournament is March 21. Be sure to sign up by March 14 if you plan on entering.

Then our end of the month will feature a Count Odd Holes Only tournament on

March 28 followed by snacks.

This is also the end of our 2022-23 season. But don't worry. Dues will be collected in April for the 2023-24 season and we'll continue playing every Tuesday with more special events and more fun.

As always, we are eager to welcome new members. Come to the little green house at the 9-hole course at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. If you would like more information, call Carroll Harris at 432-528-8684.

Here are the latest scores from our Tuesday play.

##### Jan. 24

#### Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Pat Holland, Paula Ergang, Ann Stewart. Flight B: Anne Jarvis, Diana Anderson. Flight C: Carole Whynot, Betty Gerkin. Flight D: Marge Sivek, Carol Murphy, Carroll Harris, Celeste Pert, Mary Ann O'Neil.

##### Jan. 31

#### Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Gilda Gambacurta, Ann Stewart, Flight B: Wendy Colquhuon, Anne Jarvis, Flight C: Theresa Gates, Carole Whynot, Geri McIntosh. Flight D: Carroll Harris, Nancy Schifferle, Marge Sivek, Carol Murphy.

Birdies: Carroll Harris and Gilda Gambacurta both had birdies on hole No. 5.

##### Feb. 7

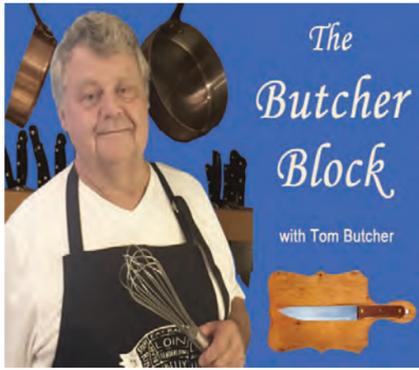
#### Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Paula Ergang, Pat Holland. Flight B: Anne Jarvis, Lois van de Bogart, Wendy Colquhuon. Flight C: Carolyn Lust, Rita Harp, Diana Anderson, Carroll Harris. Flight D: Ava Ciolli, Mary Ellen Makowski, Sarah Fergas.

Birdies: Anne Jarvis hole No. 3 and Pam Riley hole No. 4.

*It's parade  
month ...  
time for*

# Foods of Ireland



Outside of Ireland, Irish food is often thought to consist of nothing more than potatoes and mutton.

How wrong.

The food and cooking of Ireland are steeped in history and heritage, and Irish food draws on the wealth of ingredients available from the sea, the land, the moors and pastureland in Ireland.

Home and family in Ireland play an important part in Irish food. Cooking in the kitchen is still the heart of Irish hospitality and their love of celebrating food.

Countless influences have made their mark on Irish food and cooking over the centuries. From the arrival of the Celts in Ireland about 600 to 500 BC, to the Vikings and English colonization of Ireland in the 16th and 17th century.

Cattle played an important part in Irish food from the middle ages until the arrival of the potato in Ireland in the 16th century.

The meat was predominantly food for the rich with the poor making do with the offal, the milk, cheese and butter, which were supplemented with grains and barley for nourishment.

The damp, cool, Irish climate and the grower-friendly soil proved perfect for potatoes, which rapidly moved from a simple garden vegetable to a staple food crop for both man and animals as it was cheap to grow.

Even a small plot could produce a hearty crop of potatoes. The high mineral and vitamin content of the potato also made it a perfect, cheap food for the poor of Ireland and was a welcome change from the cereal crops they had been dependent on.

Potatoes remain a basic foodstuff in Ireland and are served almost daily as part of a meal. Unlike Britain, cooked potatoes are served in their skin, which is removed at the table. This ensures more of the nutrients remain in the potato during cooking.



## *Rack of Lamb with Herb Crust along with grilled tomatoes, squash, zucchini and onions.*

### IRISH POTATO SOUP

#### Ingredients

1/4 cup butter      2 large onions, chopped      1 1/2 pounds potatoes diced  
3 pints hot chicken stock      salt and pepper to taste      fresh chives, to garnish

#### Directions

Melt butter in a large, heavy pan and add the onions, turning them until well coated. Cover and leave to sweat over a very low heat.

Add the potatoes to the pan, and mix well with the butter and onions. Season with salt and pepper, cover and cook over low heat for about 10 minutes. Add the stock, bring to a boil and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender.

Remove from the heat and allow to cool slightly.

Puree the soup in batches in a food processor. Reheat over low heat and adjust the seasoning. If the soup seems too thick, add a little stock or milk to achieve the right consistency. Serve hot, sprinkled with chopped chives.

### RACK of LAMB with HERB CRUST

#### Ingredients

1 rack of lamb      salt and pepper and pinch of cayenne pepper  
1/2 cup butter      2 tablespoons mustard powder      2 cups fresh breadcrumbs  
2 garlic cloves chopped      2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley  
1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary

#### Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Remove almost all the fat from the lamb and score the thin layer remaining to make a lattice pattern. This will help to hold the herb crust in place later.

Season the lamb with salt and pepper and cayenne pepper, and cook the rack of lamb in the oven for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool to room temperature.

### BEEF and GUINNESS CASSEROLE

#### Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil      2 pounds beef stew meat cut into thin slices  
1 onion chopped      2 leeks wash sliced      2 carrots peeled and sliced  
2 celery sticks, sliced      2 garlic cloves, finely chopped      1 pint Guinness  
1 1/4 cups well-reduced beef stock      1/4 cup butter      3 ounces fatty bacon  
4 ounces mushrooms sliced      2 ounces shallots left whole  
1/4 cup plain flour      salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions

Heat the oil in a pan and brown the meat. Transfer to a buttered casserole dish. Sauté vegetables for 5 minutes. Add the vegetables to the meat, and add the garlic. Add the stock and the Guinness. Season. Cover the casserole and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for about 1 1/2 hours.

Remove the meat from the casserole and strain the cooking liquid and reserve it. Remove the vegetables and set aside.

Clean the casserole and sauté the bacon, mushrooms and shallots in the butter for 5-10 minutes. When the vegetables are tender, sprinkle in the flour and cook, stirring over a low heat for 2-3 minutes, then slowly blend in the reserved cooking liquid. Return the meat and the vegetables to the casserole and reheat. Serve with mashed potatoes and Irish Soda Bread and a bottle of Guinness.

Some of the information came from Traditional Irish Cuisine cookbook.

### STUFFED WHITE FISH WRAPPED IN BACON

#### Ingredients

4 good size white fish fillets      4 strips of bacon      1/4 cup butter  
1 onion finely chopped      1 cup of breadcrumbs      1 teaspoon chopped parsley  
A good pinch of mixed dried herbs salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions

Preheat oven 375 degrees. Trim the fish fillets. If they are fairly big, cut them in half lengthways. Leave small fillets whole.

To make the stuffing, melt the butter in a small pan, add the onion and cook gently until softened but not brown. Add the breadcrumbs, parsley and herbs. Season to taste.

Divide the stuffing between the fillets, roll them up and wrap a piece of bacon around each one.

Secure the rolls with wooden toothpicks and lay them in a single layer in a buttered baking dish. Cover with foil and bake for 15 minutes, removing the foil for the last 5 minutes. Serve with potatoes and green beans or broccoli.

# Are the critters happy in your gut?

**Science of Cooking Healthy Food**  
By Marie



Email questions, suggestions and comments to  
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Probiotics provide your gut with healthy bacteria. These bacteria can improve many aspects of health, including digestion, inflammation and even weight loss. (i)

Probiotics are also becoming a new front in fighting cancer. Their anti-cancer effects have shown promise in preventing cancer and tumor progression. (ii)

There are scientists digging deeper into the gut-brain connection to attempt to find solutions to mental illness.

The bacterial species that inhabit your gut can change. That's a good thing. People with more diversity of bacteria in their gut seem to be healthier than people with less. You can influence that diversity by what you put in your mouth. (iii)

Known as the "microbiome," there are 400 to 1200 different species of bacteria, viruses and fungi — both good and bad — in your gut, which can influence your health in many ways.

The key is to balance the ratio of good to bad bacteria.

There are several other influences on the health of your microbiome, including antibiotic use, types of microbes in your gut, exercise and other lifestyle choices, including diet.

Eat lots of fiber-rich foods like fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds and whole grains for prebiotics (food for gut bacteria) and fermented foods for probiotics (good gut bacteria).

Foods with live bacterial cultures are available in your grocery store.

To keep your gut critters happy and your risk of chronic diseases low, eat processed foods in moderation and limit added sugars, artificial sweeteners and alcohol.

Probiotics are not regulated by the FDA. So, do your own due diligence. Generally, avoid store brands. Always check expiration date.

Since probiotics are living organisms, they generally are kept alive in the refrigerator. Heat kills them.

These probiotics are well-researched and highly regarded: Lactobacillus, Bifidobacterium, Bacillus, Saccharomyces boulard. (iv)

Probiotics can be purchased as supplements, but this column focuses on food.

Last week, World Kombucha Day was held in Los Angeles to celebrate kombucha, which originated around 221 BCE.



Joan Picone with a kombucha drink.

bonated after fermentation, which makes it fizzy. It typically has a slightly sour taste which some say is an acquired taste.

Kombucha has been on a massive upward trajectory since 2014. As one of the fastest growing beverage categories, it is poised to hit \$8.5 billion worldwide by 2028. (iv)

You can buy it at your local store. Many people worldwide ferment it at home. It is important when making kombucha at home to have a sterile environment to avoid contamination. Over-fermentation, or contamination, can cause health problems. Plus, traditional medicine has not seen enough proof for all the health benefits that some claim.

When living in Buffalo, N.Y., OTOW resident Joan Picone was in a seriously bad state of health at 55 years old. It began with intestinal problems which greatly diminished her healthy microbiome. That led to complications with a weakened immune system. Within a short time, she was taking 17 medications for a wide range of health issues. But Joan was motivated to change her health.

She was blessed to have guidance from a son who was a researcher in holistic healing and a health coach.

At the time, he was living in Thailand — where kombucha is commonly available.

He taught Joan how to make kombucha as a way to rebuild her immune system. He guided her in healthier eating, including eliminating sugar from her diet.

One key book Joan utilized was "The Body Ecology Diet: Recovering Your Health and Rebuilding Your Immunity" by Donna Gates.

Joan also worked with her doctor and together they reduced her medications from 17 to 8!

Joan achieved a diet 90 to 95 percent free of sugar. Her doctor saw how dedicated Joan was when her bloodwork results improved steadily.

Three years ago, Joan and her husband moved from Buffalo to on Top of the World. It was at this point that Joan improved her health regime yet again when she added exercise to her life.

She rejoices that there are so many good days to be outside at OTOW. Plus, she discovered many OTOW programs to join for exercise.

She has lost 30 pounds and her medications dropped to six ... three of which had their dosage cut in half.

Joan thanks God for His help with instilling strength to reverse her health situation.

Making kombucha at home continues to be a fundamental part of her plan because it is a powerful natural source for probiotics. She drinks one or two 16 oz. bottles a day. She likes its fizzy and tangy taste. She flavors her kombucha with ginger, black cherry, cranberry, or orange flavors.

She estimates it costs her 25 cents a bottle versus. \$3-\$4.24 a bottle from the store.

Also, she notes, some commercial kombucha manufacturers are adding excess sugar to their formula which is undesirable.

## Common Source of Foods with Probiotics

### FOODS

Sauerkraut  
Cottage cheese  
Yogurt  
Olives

Sourdough  
Dark chocolate\*  
Kiefer  
Kombucha

### CRITERIA

Barrel-cured  
Label lists probiotics  
Label specifies live bacteria  
Salt-water-brined containing lactobacillus plantarum and Lactobacillus pentosus on label  
Bread made from fermented flour  
Promotes a healthier gut microbiome  
Fermented milk  
Fermented tea

\* The healthiest dark chocolate contains a cocoa percentage of 70% or higher. (healthline.com)

Let's look further into how kombucha can support a healthy microbiome.

With less than a third of the sugar commonly found in soft drinks, many health-conscious consumers turn to kombucha to satisfy thirst and support probiotic benefits.

What is it?

It's tea, fermented with sugar and SCOBY (symbiotic colony of friendly bacteria and yeast).

The fermentation creates probiotics or healthy bacteria. Kombucha becomes car-

Check out this website if you wish to learn how to make kombucha:  
[www.culturedfoodlife.com/how-to-make-kombucha/](http://www.culturedfoodlife.com/how-to-make-kombucha/).

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# COMMUNITY REPORTS



## How many of you saw icebergs and penguins on your last vacation?



Tim and Stacy Watt were not permitted to actually step foot on Antarctica, but did see blue icebergs and penguins in the Falkland Islands



Many residents love cruises, but not many go to Antarctica! Residents Tim Finan and Stacy Watt did just that in January and they had a wonderful trip.

After having dinner with friends last year, Stacy and Tim found themselves planning a trip to Antarctica with five other friends from On Top of the World. Going to Antarctica had not been a high priority for the couple, but they leapt at the chance to see the frozen continent.

Stacy says they had no real expectations, but ended up awed by the whole experience.

The journey began on Jan. 10 in Buenos Aires. The next few days of the cruise were filled with presentations about the wildlife of Antarctica given by the onboard naturalist.

The next part of the cruise was traveling through Drake's Passage, where the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean meet. This pass is known to be one of the roughest seas in the world, but on this day, Stacy and Tim were fortunate the waves were only slightly choppy.

After going from one ocean to the other, passengers began seeing icebergs as big as buildings and majestic glaciers with ice as blue as the sky.

The ship sailed past Elephant Island, where British arctic explorer Ernest Shackleton and his crew took refuge in 1916. Stacy and Tim were thrilled to see elegant whales spout and a variety of birds. However, they were not allowed to go to shore in Antarctica. Only researchers are allowed on the continent in order to protect the delicate environment.

Next, the ship headed north to the Falkland Islands, where passengers were able to go on shore. Stacy and Tim took a tour and saw penguins.

They traveled through the barren battlegrounds of the 1982 Falkland War, where remains of helicopters stand testament to the war there between Great Britain and Argentina.

The next stop was Puerto Madryn, Argentina, where they took a bus trip to the Punta Tombo Penguin Rookery to see Magellanic Penguins of Patagonia. The penguins have the right-of-way here, so everything stops if the birds decide to cross the trails in front of you.

The last stop on the itinerary was Montevideo, Uruguay, where Stacy and Tim spent a lazy day touring the very old city and enjoyed peeking in shops and visiting cafes.

The entire trip began in Buenos Aires with a stop at the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia, Argentina, but 28 days later it was finally time to head home - from a trip of a lifetime.

Stacy's take on the wonderful trip was, if you travel without expectations, you won't be disappointed. Rather you will be awed by what you learn and experience.



### Malaguena annual meeting

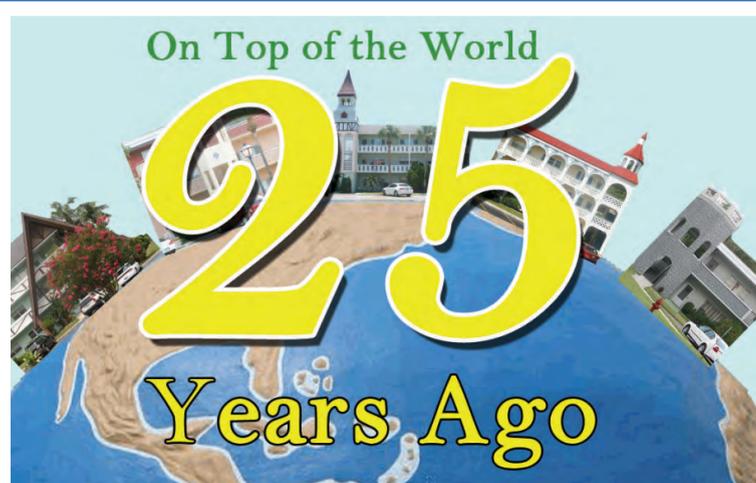
For the first time in several years, Malaguena residents will have an annual meeting! Set your calendars for Monday, March 20, at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

Notices have been placed on both bulletin boards and you will receive a reminder.

The building's social committee will provide refreshments. All you have to bring is you! This is your opportunity to ask questions about our building, tell us what social events you'd like to have, what works, and what doesn't work.

You can also pay your annual dues. Please, no venting about Summit/Spectrum. There are other venues for that.

We'd also like to have more volunteers. We have a large building, and right now, we have one building coordinator, me, and six members of the Social Committee. More could be done if we had more hands. I'm sure we'll have lots to talk about!



## March 1998

By Dave Hart

**Organ Club:** Let me invite all music lovers to a special organ mini concert by organist Kay Blais on March 12, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to enjoy a free musical evening with other music lovers. So come out and join the fun. Also, I want to mention what a great dinner party we had on February 6, 1998. I think those of you who attended this party will agree with me that the food, plus the entertainment by Danny Page was a success. Here is hoping we can do this again in the future.

**Fixers And Fiddlers:** Our eighth annual get-together on Feb. 4, 1998, was a grand success at the Clearwater Country Club. There were over 100 of us there and we had 46 free gifts for the gals, all made by members of the Fixers Club. The dinner of baked chicken, salads of all kinds, pie and plenty of coffee was enjoyed by all. After dinner, we participated in games of Bingo, with many winners. It was very gratifying to meet and be with all the lovely gals of the men we know at the workshop, and we all look forward to a similar event next year.

**OTOW Softball:** Our annual hot dog roast was held Feb. 3, 1998. Twenty-six of our players attended. Several items were discussed, and some rule changes were made. One of them related to how many players composed a team. That rule will be explained when it is applied. A Ladies Day outing was embraced unanimously by the group. A committee was appointed to explore the possibilities. In fact, two suggestions are already on the table for discussion. Special thanks to Tony Fred and Monroe for taking care of the detail work for the roast.

**Horseshoes:** Although the 1997-98 horseshoe pitching season is well under way, the club is eager to welcome any additional OTOW residents who wish to join in this healthful recreational sport. The yearly dues are \$4. Even if you have never pitched a game, you're welcome to join us. We pitch at the horseshoe courts next to the shuffleboard courts, just off Columbia Drive, every Tuesday at 9 a.m., and Thursday and Saturday at 1 p.m. Phil Perkins was president back in 1978 and is still pitching horseshoes at an advanced age, and Earl Schertz is 83 and still pitching, so age is no barrier.

**American Colonial Building:** On Feb. 24, 1998, our building had a dinner at Kally K's restaurant on Main Street in Dunedin. There was an attendance of 40 people. Everyone seemed to have a good time, especially when the door prizes were drawn. The door prizes were plates of homemade fudge, courtesy of Barbara Hogan. A gambling ship one-day cruise is scheduled for March 23, 1998. A bus will pick up participants at 9:10 a.m. The cost will be under \$10. Lunch will be served, and the bus will bring people back to the starting point on Brazilian and World Parkway. Thanks to John and Barbara Wilson, we have a new flag on the Parkway side of the building and special thanks to Evelyn Wagner who puts the flag up and takes it down. Happy St. Patty's Day and we will see you at the parade.

**Contemporary Building:** Lil Brogen and her friend, Marie Neylon of the Alsace Lorraine Building, enjoyed a wonderful weekend with friends at Rockledge and Satellite Beach on the East Coast. The only thing that spoiled the outing was the weather, rain, wind and cold, so the beach itself could not be enjoyed. On March 9, 1998, a busload of us will go to Tarpon Springs to see how Lady Luck looks on us, as we sail on the ocean blue, enjoy friends, food, etc. March 15, 1998, is a golf day for our building, with dinner to follow. The place and time will be posted later for golfers and non-golfers.

## Valencia has a successful annual meeting and starts a new mystery contest

For those in the Valencia building who were unable to attend our annual building meeting, here are some of the highlights.

First, we would like to thank all who came early to set up the room, put up the chairs, sat at the sign in table and collected the money. Others brought the refreshments.

The wine and all the fixin's really hit the spot. Nice touch. And I don't believe we can ever hold another meeting again without chocolate flavored wine. Wow!

We were once again successful in recruiting many volunteers and coordinators.

Valerie Martin has agreed to continue on as our building coordinator and will be assisted by Cathi Clinton.

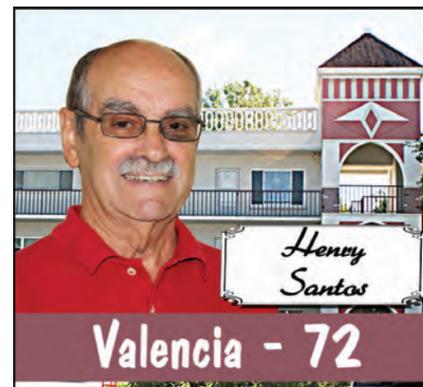
Carol Downer is our new secretary, replacing Donna DiMeo Hahnhan.

Robyn Harker has agreed to continue as our treasurer, as well as Henry Santos as our building reporter.

Karen Pederson is staying on as our bulletin board organizer and Mary Ann Bruton will step in as our bike room guru.

Those are all very important positions and everyone who volunteered is well appreciated.

It seems like we will have a full year of activities, such as monthly luncheons, breakfasts, a baseball game, a barbeque cookout



and a backyard social.

There were also many other activities being discussed so please be vigilant and be sure to check out the bulletin board in the core for any updates.

As your building reporter, I am asking everyone in the group to supply me with a photo of you when you were 13 - 18 years old. We will use these pictures for an upcoming building contest similar to the contest we had about seven years ago when we called it "The Mystery Person."

Just drop off your photo at unit No. 18, attention Henry or Pauline Santos.

## Azores residents meet their neighbors at Pavilion picnic

On Saturday, Feb. 4, the Azores building had a picnic at the lovely On Top of the World Pavilion.

The weather cooperated - it was a beautiful and sunny day.

Forty-six Azores residents feasted on a delicious southern menu planned by Peggie Longfellow: Lunch included Eli's famous pulled pork barbeque, buns, macaroni and cheese, southern baked beans, coleslaw, southern green beans and a tossed salad followed by cakes, brownies, cookies and fresh local Florida strawberries!

The Pavilion is always beautiful and was perfect for the occasion.

Name tags made it much easier to meet and mingle especially since Azores has several new neighbors.

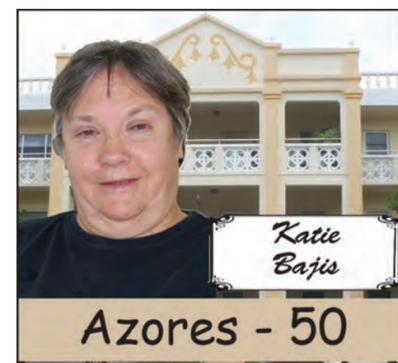
Peggy Longfellow donated a Super Bowl gift basket to the raffle winner. Residents played challenging cornhole games, had a great meal and a fun-filled afternoon.

On Jan. 1, Ann Setkovicz and Don Beleski hosted 26 guests at a New Year's Day gathering from noon to 4 p.m.

Delicious finger foods were served with large Mimosas and Bloody Marys.

There was a football game on TV for fans to watch. Everyone mingled, meeting new residents, and discovering what interesting experiences many of us have had.

Everyone had a fun time. This was a great kick off to the New Year (no pun intended)!



## Memories of St. Patrick's Day in Chicago



Leapin' Leprechauns! Happy St. Patrick's Day from my clan to yours.

This time of year is always special for me as my family annually indulged in the traditions of the day.

Being Southside Irish from Chicago is a proud thing, indeed.

Watching the Chicago River being dyed green from my office window was always fun and I looked forward to it every year.

Chicago also has two St. Patrick's Day parades. One in the downtown area and, my particu-

lar favorite, the Southside Irish parade down Western Avenue.

I have marched in that one several times and also rode floats - tossing candy and beads.

The parties all up and down the parade route, and the adjoining neighborhoods, were always a great adventure.

The westside of Western Avenue is one giant pub crawl, if you were so inclined.

On the homefront, my mom and I prepared the corned beef, cabbage and potatoes and reconstituted the Colman's hot mus-

tard for a kick to the tastebuds.

Once I was in my early 20s, my mom relegated the task of making the family recipe of Irish soda bread to me. The recipe, which was passed down for many generations, was baked in a cast iron skillet. Served warm with plenty of butter, you can't beat the taste.

In building news, on Wednesday, March 8, the activity of the day is going to the Tampa Bay Downs race track. Check out the bulletin board in the core for more details.

Also keep your eyes open for dining opportunities and other events as many of these are decided upon after my article is submitted for the newspaper.

If you have any ideas of places to go, things to see and restaurants to dine at, let Jay Jarvis or Susan Miller know.

That's all for now folks. If you happen to see a rainbow on St. Patrick's Day, go in search of the pot of gold at its end.

And if you find it, be sure to share!

**Irish Club Parade, Saturday, March 4, 10 am,  
Please note there will be road closures.**



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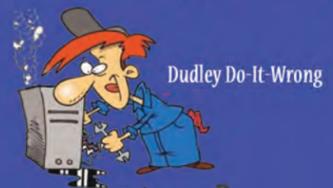
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# Need a beneficial hobby? Turn colorful plastic bags into sleeping mats for those in need



By Betty Spoerl

One day, while visiting with a neighbor, I watched as she sorted plastic bags into stacks of various colors.

Being curious, I ask why so many colorful bags and she explained it was part of a project. Let me explain.

About seven years ago, June Cardfish was in a Dunedin shop and noticed all kinds of useful items for sale which were all created using recycled materials.

June came home and Googled "items you can make from recycled plastic bags" and this became the start of her mat making



hobby.

Today she donates them to St Petersburg College's Humanity Department.

The mats are given to those in need for sleeping and also can be used as protective covers from rain and sun. They are washable. June begins the process by sorting col-

ors, flattens the bags and cuts them into 1 foot strips to loop together to form "yarn."

To assist her in the project, June's younger brother designed and built a cutting board which works wonderfully and saves time.

June uses the yarn to crochet the strips together to create the mats, which are 3-foot

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## Twelve new faces

# Austrian Alpine welcomes a bunch of new residents



The Austrian Alpine building has a dozen new neighbors.

Let's meet them.

Jeff and Lora Flynn are from New York and Jeff loves the Florida weather. Once he realized that the East Activity Center and the pool were directly across the street, there was no going back.

Larry and Rita Mann are enjoying their new downsized digs and Larry is looking forward to playing cards.

José and Claire Rodriquez have been in Florida for quite a while now, but are new to On Top of the World. José is still working from home while Claire is enjoying retirement. She enjoys bowling.

Karen Barwick works from home and when I asked her what her superpower is she said: "paying attention to details." She's looking forward to becoming active in the community.

Geri McIntosh and Freda McIntosh are a mother and daughter duo from Michigan. Freda is a talented artist and she is volunteering at the wood shop painting the hand-crafted wood toys that are being donated to children. Freda attends exercise classes and Tai Chi.

By the way, Freda just celebrated a milestone birthday.

Geri has joined two golf leagues and exercise classes. She's a talented retired interior designer.

Chris Dodge is a semi-retired CPA from New York and can be found reading by the pool or playing cornhole.

Ena Chen and Larry Morton are no strangers to On Top of the World, but new to the Austrian Alpine building. Ena likes line dancing and she and Larry love the shows at East Activity Center.



Building Co-Coordinator Ginny McDowell welcomes new residents to the Austrian Alpine building.

In other news, the OTOW News monthly pet contest is over for 2022 and we are proud to have had a monthly winner as part of the 12 monthly winners. Madigan and her human, Virginia Donlon, send their gratitude to all Madigan's neighbors and supporters. Madigan said it was an honor to have participated in the Pet of the Year contest - all 12 monthly winners were eligible.

In last month's issue of the On Top of the World newspaper, Kenneth Colen gave a

call to action in which he explained Florida State Bill 4D and how it potentially impacts all On Top of the World unit owners. He urged us to send letters and letters we sent.

Marcia Fisher printed more than 120 letters and address labels to our state representative and senator.

Joanna Hudson, Marilyn Whelan, Christina Hazera and Geri McIntosh distributed these letters to each neighbor and to other neighbors in our community. The response

was immediate and a huge thank you to all who participated and helped out.

In fact, Marcia believes that we had 100 percent building participation.

Finally, our building held its annual meeting where newly elected co-coordinators were chosen. Thank you to Mohand Abdelli for facilitating the meeting. Mohand, Ginny McDowell, Marcia Fisher and Kathy Ahrens will be dividing the various administrative tasks.



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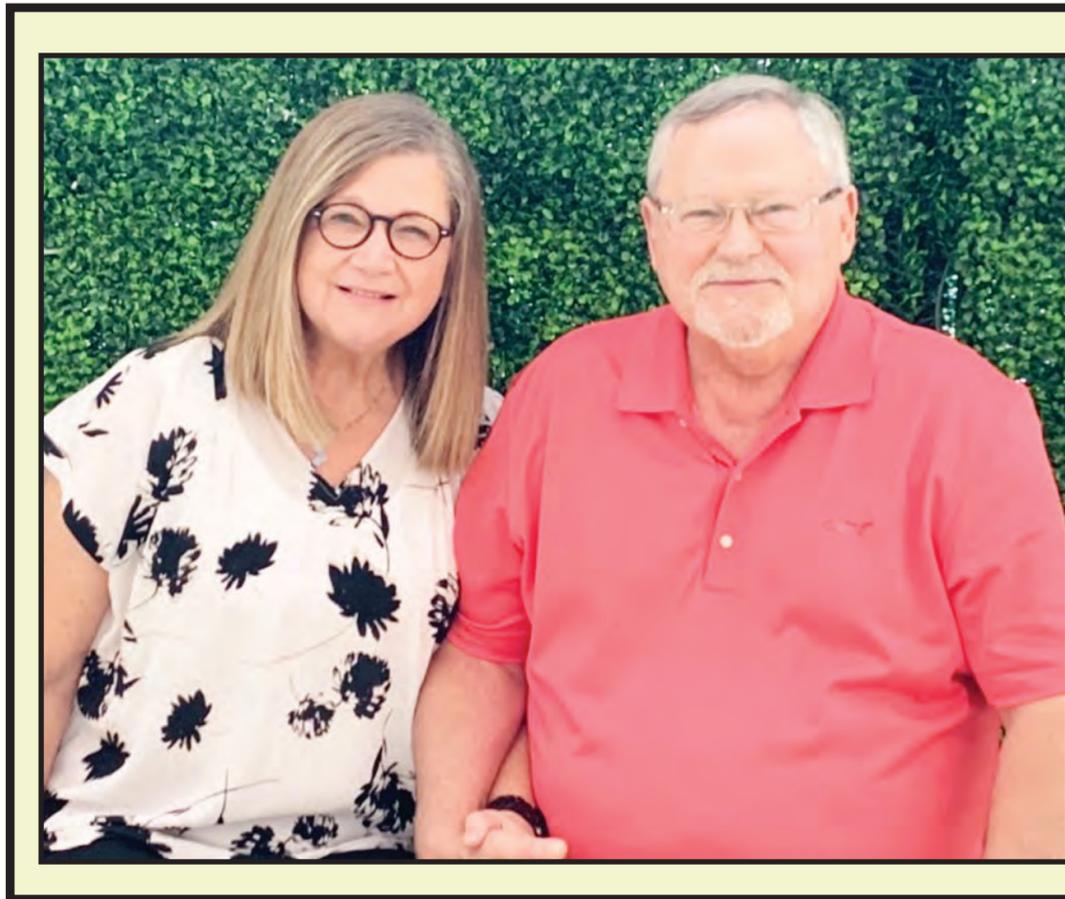
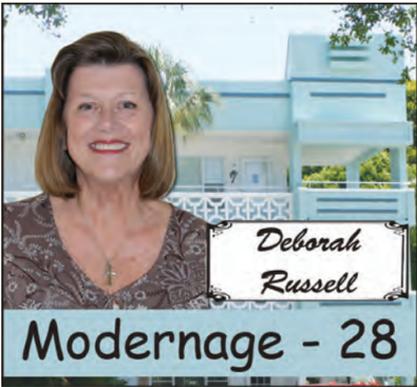
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# Sixty attend annual meeting at Modernage



## 50 Years

Congratulations go out to Barb and Jeff Holm who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, March 10, at the Modern Age Building. Barb and Jeff will be celebrating with a card party. They are in unit 8.

What do you call a gathering of more than 60 happy people? A fantastic party!

That's just what our yearly meeting and social gathering became. Pizza was purchased with building dues and residents made a delectable array of side dishes and desserts.

Showers were forecast, but the rain held off so our large crowd was able to eat and socialize outside.

Changes were made with respect to building officers. Marge Sivek and Barbara Lenzi are now sharing the responsibility of the position of building captain, which was previously held by one person for the last eight years!

Many thanks to the hard-working, selfless volunteers who have put their hearts and hands into making events like this seem effortless!

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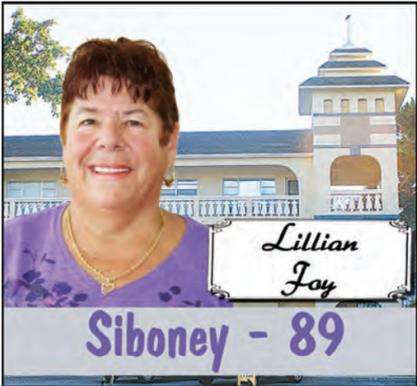
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# Building parties should be enjoyed by all residents



Lillian Jay

Siboney - 89



Siboney residents enjoy a core party in February. All you need is a table with food and many smiles.

Here at Siboney, our monthly meetings and core parties have been underway.

Seventeen residents were present and many food dishes were enjoyed in February.

Many new residents do not participate in our meetings and the core parties. Please reconsider. We have many fun and informational events coming up.

We have monthly luncheons and a great picnic once a year. Holiday parties are always fun and just getting to know your neighbors is so rewarding.

I have been living here at Siboney for 20 years and I think our neighbors are the best.

They always help each other in times of need and always smile when you see them walking to your car.

The reason I moved to this community was that I heard of such great reviews. As re-

tires, I believe we deserve to enjoy ourselves and love life at On Top of World.

So saying all that, I hope to see all our residents at our next meetings and core parties.

Look at the bulletin boards and signs in the elevator for upcoming times and dates.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to everyone. Remember to wear your green and please support the Irish Club parade on March 4.

# Emerald Isle has a new building reporter

Hi. My name is Mary Anne Nargi. I have just taken over the responsibility of building reporter for Emerald Isle.

Glenda Greenman has been our reporter for many years. I am following in the footsteps of someone who has done a truly outstanding job and all our building residents will truly miss her wonderful articles!

I am very lucky to be working for a building that has so many wonderful activities, so there will be many things to write about and share with the rest of the community.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself.

I moved to On Top of the World in August of 2019 with my eight cats.

Wonderfully, two of them are still with me.

I am originally from the Northeast having lived in New York and New Jersey.

I grew up in Long Island and then moved to New Jersey where I lived for 20 years.



Mary Anne Nargi

Emerald Isle - 58

I worked for Xerox Corporation for 36 years, most of it spent in Manhattan and Bergen County, N.J.

I retired here in Florida. At first, moving here was a little daunting, but after all these

years, I realize it was the best move of my life.

Previously, I lived in the East Lake area for 25 years.

I have traveled to England, France, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Paraguay, Columbia, Mexico and Alaska, just to name a few places.

I came to On Top of the World several months before the lockdown. Of course, I was not able to join any clubs or take advantage of any activities during that time. Now that everything has opened, I have joined the Democratic Club.

I love the gym and the pool, and I look forward to joining the Travel Club, the New York/New Jersey Club, and the Ceramics Club.

I have enjoyed a number of the concerts held at the East Activity Center. I am a lifelong Elvis Presley fan and particularly

enjoyed Dwight Icenhower on Jan. 19.

In our building, we have set up a game day every 2-3 weeks, which is open to all residents. We get together at the homes of several residents and we play a variety of games.

I will be looking for interesting articles from the residents of Building 58. If you have anything to share, please let me know, and I will interview you or the person/persons you are recommending for the article.

I am really looking forward to learning more about our residents.

Following Glenda is no easy task. These are big shoes to fill, but I am excited to take on this challenge. I will do my best to provide the residents of Emerald Isle with interesting and informative articles. I am delighted to be a resident of Building 58.

Thank you for welcoming me as your new reporter.

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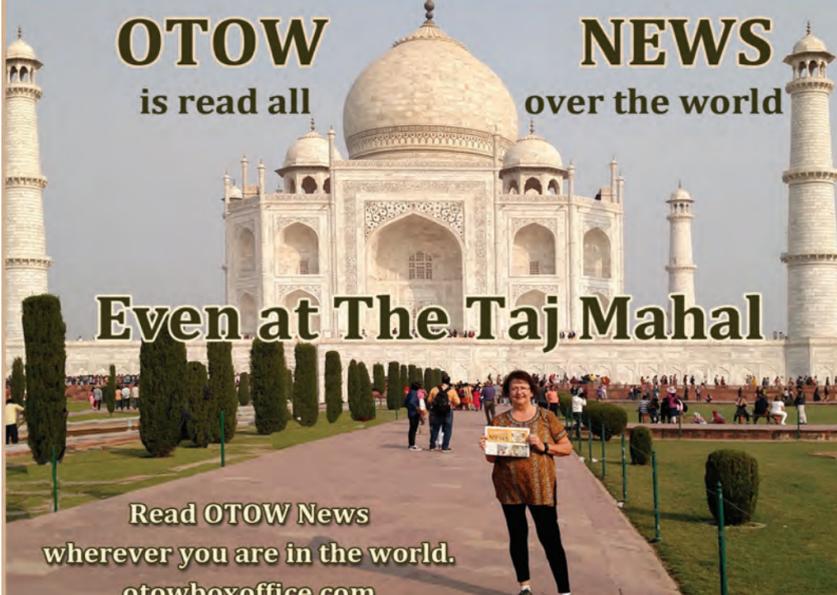
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# Villa Riviera social committee loves to listen to new ideas

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They are topics that have recently been discussed by the newest members of the Villa Riviera social committee.

It's time you meet them. If you live in our building and cross paths, you can offer your opinions and suggestions to them.

Heck, even if you don't live in our building, and you still run into them, share your ideas that have worked in other buildings or clubs.

Sharon Flint is an invaluable addition to any social committee having organized Elk's Club dinners on Friday nights as well as catered numerous other events. Sharon loves to cook and is incapable of doing it for under 20 people.

Julie Regan is the newest member to the building, having only moved here with her husband, Chris, on Dec. 22. She still works full time so you won't see her roaming the halls. But when she is here, you'll hear her coming a mile away.

You can cut her Massachusetts accent with a knife.

Rumor has it she's a distant relative to the Kennedys. But with a surname like Regan, who knows where her loyalties lie.

What we do know is that unlike her two cohorts she is loyal to a cat, her beloved Bandit.

Brenda Nichols is also very hard to miss. She, too, has a very distinctive voice - kind of like Demi Moore - and is forever seen walking around the building with her beloved Shih Tzu, Tamtam.

Brenda originally hails from Ohio and



calls herself a worthless nut, being from the buckeye state. But we all know otherwise.

Last but not least is Susan Feber. Originally from Indiana, her family moved to Florida in 1972 and she, herself, found her way to the Villa three years ago.

Susan's organizational skills will help keep our social events in order. She was a systems analyst and programmer in her previous professional life.

You may not hear her coming as she is a very soft spoken woman, but instead of a big stick, she travels with a big dog. She can be seen outside the building most days with her beautiful sidekick, Pudd, a gorgeous German Shepherd/Chow mix.

That's the crew. Let the festivities commence.

On April 1, Villa Riviera we will be having a pizza party in the Clearwater Room from 1 to 3. See you there.

And remember all ideas are welcome.



Pictured above is 75 percent of the Villa Riviera social committee. From left to right are Julie Regan, Brenda Nichols and Susan Feber. Missing was Sharon Flint.

# Sisters will be showing off their art skills at Art Guild Art Show on March 26

Lately, two residents of the Chetnik building have been running back and forth between their condos with canvases.

One is Claire Bruyere. The other is your's truly, your building reporter, Irene Piper.

We have been getting ready for the On Top of the World Art Show to be held on March 26.

There are many artists residing at the Chetnik building, but I would like to focus on us for now. What most residents are unaware of is Claire and Irene are sisters.

Surprise!

Claire and I grew up with arts and crafts all around us. Originally from New Hampshire, Claire and her husband, Paul, moved to On Top of the World 18 years ago.

I recently purchased my condo with my husband, Jim, two years ago and moved here from the Boston area.

Claire has been involved with arts and crafts for more than 45 years. She worked on commission doing murals and paintings in the Clearwater area.

Prior to moving here, she created paper mâché Santas and, prior to becoming a full-time resident, sold them at craft fairs in New Hampshire to save money for her vacations in Clearwater.

She also has been commissioned to do pet portraits. Her favorite medium is acrylics and pour painting, with a goal to become a well-known area artist who creates soulful paintings to bring enjoyment and relaxation to people.

I have an extensive art background. I



graduated from college with an art degree and owned my own graphic design and newspaper company for more than 20 years in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

During that time, I exhibited at multiple locations, including at the "Birth Art Show" which was held at the World Trade Center in New York City.

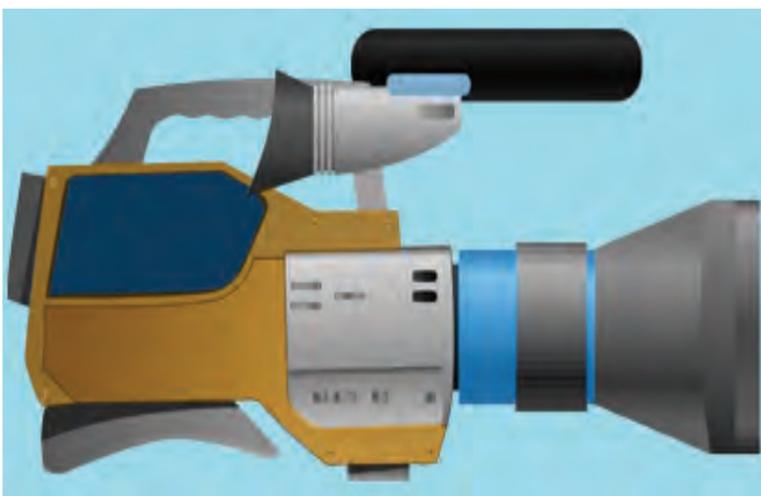
Upon retirement, I got involved with local art communities including Dunedin Fine Arts Center and the OTOW Art Guild.

As members of the Art Guild, Claire and I enjoy working with other artists from the community, sharing techniques, trade secrets and networking.

Claire and I will have our art on display on Sunday, March 26 at the East Activity Center Auditorium from 1-3 p.m. and hope you have an opportunity to attend and stop by to meet us.



Irene Piper, left, and Claire Bruyere, sisters, show off samples of their artwork which will be on display at the Art Guild Art Show on Sunday, March 26 in the East Activity Center Auditorium.



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# AROUND THE BAY

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## Two chances to hear the Florida Orchestra in March, plus many musicians who just keep on singing

March is blowing in with lots of entertainment for On Top of the World residents to enjoy without having to stray too far from home.

Please read what we have uncovered locally for you to enjoy.

### Francis Wilson Playhouse (St Petersburg)

To March 5: "Gypsy" is based on the 1957 memoirs of striptease artist Gypsy Rose Lee, and focuses on her mother, Rose, whose name has become synonymous with "the ultimate show business mother."

The brassy musical features the classic songs "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Together Wherever We Go" and "Let Me Entertain You."

Opening March 30: "Private Lives" is a show with passion, laughter, romance, anger, and love. The stage is set for a battle of the sexes as a divorced couple finds themselves thrown together in Noel Coward's classic comedy of manners.

Unknowingly booking adjoining rooms while on honeymoon with their respective spouses, they are forced to face their true feelings for each other.

This couple cannot live with each other but cannot live without each other either.

### At Ruth Eckerd Hall (Clearwater)

March 2: Neil Berg's "114 Years of Broadway" is back for its annual celebration of Broadway's greatest songs from its finest shows!

This dazzling, all-new show, which sells out every year, features five of Broadway's finest stars performing songs from the best and most beloved Broadway musicals such as "The Phantom of the Opera," "Jersey Boys," "Wicked" and "Mamma Mia!"

March 13: The Righteous Brothers (Capitol Theater in Clearwater). The Lovin' Feelin' is back - and so are The Righteous Brothers as they return to Clearwater after their last sold-out Capitol Theatre show with a string of No. 1 classics, including the most played song in radio.

March 19: The Florida Orchestra features Harry Potter versus Star Wars. Can Harry Potter put a curse on The Force? Themes from the Harry Potter movies take on the best of the Star Wars empire. Fall under the spell of movie wizards John Williams, Patrick Doyle and more.

March 23: Guitarist, multi-platinum-selling singer-songwriter and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Steve Miller, returns to Ruth Eckerd Hall. Steve was a mainstay of the San Francisco music scene that upended American culture in the late 1960s

March 25: The legendary Johnny Mathis - The voice of romance - brings his unmistakable voice back to Ruth Eckerd Hall.

A sublime vocalist, whose approach to pop music eclipses passing fads and trends, Johnny has performed songs in an incredible variety of styles and categories -- from music composed for stage and film to golden era jazz standards, contemporary pop hits, and holiday music, all of which has assured his reputation as one of the most enduring vocalists in music history

April 1: Legendary singer, songwriter, and actor, Paul Anka returns to Ruth Eckerd Hall on the Greatest Hits: His Way! Tour.

One of the most successful singer/songwriters in music, with more than 100 million albums sold, Paul has the distinction of being the only artist in history to have a song on the Billboard charts during seven consecutive decades

### The Mahaffey Theater (St Petersburg)

March 11: The Florida Orchestra's 55th Celebration featuring Itzhak Perlman.

Undeniably the reigning virtuoso of the violin, Itzhak will join Music Director Michael Francis and the orchestra for an unforgettable night of his favorite film music, including the theme from "Schindler's List," "As Time Goes By" from Casablanca, the love theme from "Cinema Paradiso" and more.

March 24: Stars of the Sixties featuring Jay and the Americans (Cara Mia), Gary

Lewis and the Playboys (This Diamond Ring), The Cyrkle (Red Rubber Ball) and the Vogues (You're the One).

With so many stars bringing back the memories, you will believe you are back in the '60s.

March 25: The Guess Who was the most successful Canadian rock group of the late 1960s and early 1970s, and Canada's first rock superstars.

The songwriting team of guitarist-singer Randy Bachman and lead singer-keyboardist Burton Cummings wrote such classic songs as "These Eyes," "Laughing," "No Time," "No Sugar Tonight" and "American Woman" (the first song by a Canadian band to hit No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart).

### Straz Center (Tampa)

March 1-31: Tampa is known for its shenanigans — which makes it the perfect setting for Shear Madness, the screwball hair-salon-whodunit that everybody loves.

Audiences figure out the crime by following the clues and even questioning the suspects. Clues change every night, so audiences never know who the murderer will be until the end of the show.

March 8-26: "Wicked," the Broadway musical sensation, looks at what happened in the Land of Oz ... but from a different angle.

Long before Dorothy arrives, there is another young woman, born with emerald-green skin — smart, fiery, misunderstood, and possessing an extraordinary talent.

When she meets a bubbly blonde who is exceptionally popular, their initial rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships until the world decides to call one "good," and the other one "wicked."

March 15-25: The play "Misery" was adapted from Stephen King's 1987 novel and was also turned into a hit 1990 film.

The script follows novelist Paul Sheldon who is rescued from a car crash by devoted fan Annie Wilkes. Annie has more than convalescence in mind. On top of her list is forcing Paul to rewrite his latest novel in

which he killed off Annie's favorite character, Misery Chastain.

### Baseball

Major League Baseball spring training is in full swing throughout the month of March. Come out to several local ballparks as they host the many stars of this year's upcoming baseball season.

Philadelphia Phillies (Clearwater)

Toronto Blue Jays (Dunedin)

Tampa Bay Rays (St Petersburg)

New York Yankees (Tampa)

### Hockey

Tampa Bay Lightning's season continues at Amalie Arena in Tampa. Our Bolts are in another run towards the National Hockey League's playoffs in April.

Upcoming games:

March 2: Pittsburgh Penguins

March 7: Philadelphia Flyers

March 9: Las Vegas Golden Knights

March 11: Chicago Blackhawks

March 12: Winnipeg Jets

March 18: Montreal Canadians

March 19: New Jersey Devils

March 30: Washington Capitals

As Florida fills up with the spring breakers in March, stay local and enjoy all the Entertainment Around the Bay.

*(This column is only intended to make residents aware of upcoming events in the Tampa Bay area. No business or entertainer in this column paid to have their information printed. Information was taken off the internet and in some cases published as posted on the net.)*

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Connie's Ice Cream

# Viennese Villa resident put her name on an ice cream carton

March promises to be a busy month at On Top of the World.

The St. Patrick's Day parade is coming up on March 4, Theater Workshop's spring show is March 10-12 and the annual Art Guild art show is Sunday, March 26.

Connie McDonald is a resident from our building. She has been a member of the Art Guild for 19 years. She has served as president twice and is now treasurer.

Dewey Carr, an accomplished artist and past member, was Connie's mentor. Dewey would be most proud of this student's talent.

Connie hales from Michigan. This lady certainly has filled her life with many facets from stewardess for Northwest Airlines, teaching school, real estate agent and docent at the Asthe Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. She actual saw the birth of the classic Ford Mustang.

Connie has been a model and featured in Parade magazine. She even made her own specialty ice cream and owned an ice cream store. The slogan on the delivery truck was "The knowing mother will serve no other."

"Connie's Ice Cream" remains an Erie Pa., favorite.

Connie certainly didn't let moss grow under her feet. Somewhere in between flying and ice cream, she married Jerry. Now they are enjoying a well-deserved retirement at OTOW.

Congratulations are in order to Bruce McPherson on his golf extraordinaire.

The Jesters' show in February played to three full houses. It was a smashing success. What talent on stage and behind the scenes.

Our own Pat Sprouse and Nolan Shade are to be congratulated as part of the performance. Pat worked back stage and Nolan was part of the sound and lighting crew.

Hats off to Nancy Rogers and crew for Food Truck Night and the bi-monthly Farmers Market.



Summitt is setting in with a few bumps along the way, but is certainly saving us a lot of money.

Well kids, that's about it for now. Anniversary and birthday greeting to all in March.

Remember any news fit to print, write to me at [Fresca@maine.rr.com](mailto:Fresca@maine.rr.com).

At right, Connie McDonald shows off a piece of art she had previously entered in an Art Guild art show. The next show is coming up March 26.



## In search of Kokomo

# Englander residents deciding this is just the right time to go and have fun



"Off the Florida Keys, there's a place called Kokomo."

Well, that's what the Beach Boys told us about this magical place in their 1988 hit "earworm" song.

With that in mind, Diane and Jerry Kaplan set the auto wheels in motion in search of that place where you "wanna go to get away from it all."

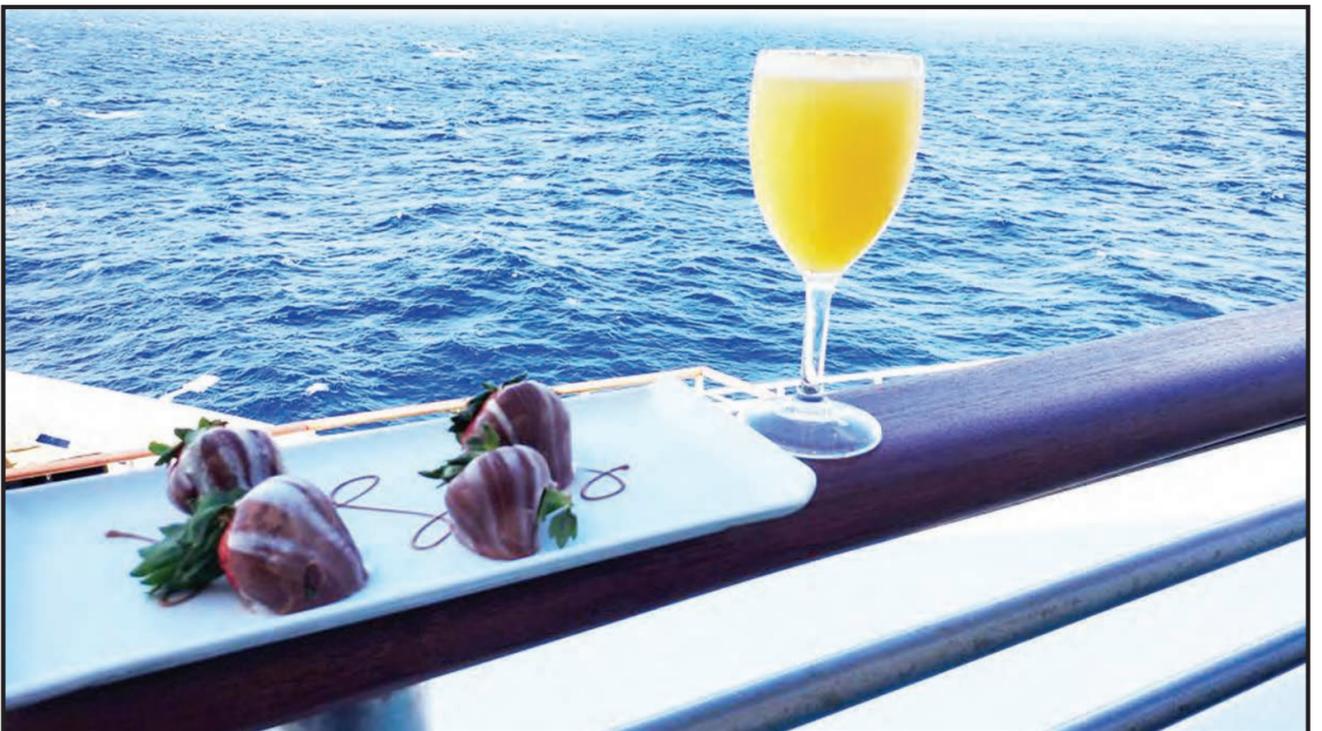
Their first stop was Miami and then on to Key Largo for the next seven days.

As they searched for Kokomo, they enjoyed the warmer weather, the variety of great restaurants, and if you know Diane, well, you know she definitely spent some time dancing to the rhythm of a steel drum band or two!

Their trip ended in Boynton Beach visiting and catching up with Jerry's older sister.

I'll bet you they are still singing that song!

George Algozzina really knows how to travel in luxury. He reported, "Days at sea were just made for mimosas and chocolate covered strawberries on the balcony!"



Sorry to do this to you. But yes, those are chocolate-covered strawberries being eaten on the deck of a cruise ship somewhere in the Caribbean. Good news is, there are more strawberries and more chocolate. You just need to get on a cruise.

And he wasn't talking about Englander's balsally either!

George, who wanted a much-needed break, spent 11 days on a cruise to the Dutch Caribbean, United States Virgin Islands and Key West.

He stopped at the ports of Curacao,

Puerto Plata, Aruba, San Juan, Grand Cayman Islands and the Virgin Islands.

He pushed his comfort level on the Sky Ride in St. Thomas and even went to Hell in the Grand Cayman Islands.

If you like the way George travels, perhaps you would like to join him on a 10-day

tour of Greece in September. He is accepting early bird registrations now for an all-inclusive dream trip.

Although Kokomo doesn't really exist in the Florida Keys, I think you'll agree they all found their magical place to get away from it all.

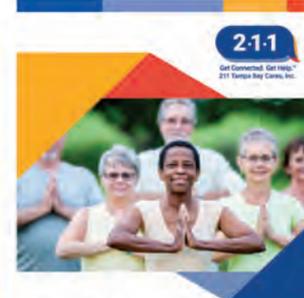


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Shirley Feinstein

# A very special 95th birthday

The Mandalay Building celebrates special birthdays and Shirley Feinstein certainly had a special one - 95.

Shirley is mom to four children, grandmother of seven, great-grandmother to seven more and even has one great-great-grandchild.

Shirley was born in Newark, N.J. She was married to Matthew Feinstein for 54 years.

Shirley is always the first to reach out to a neighbor to give of herself or to give something. She is talented in so many areas and is as equally creative as she is capable. Shirley is as comfortable with a sewing needle as she is with a screwdriver, or as skilled in making pots and pans as she is with a hammer.

Shirley creates many arts and crafts from sewing to needle work, from making clothes to making dried flower arrangements, which are all given as gifts.



Shirley is very independent in mind and spirit and can take on any obstacle and find solutions for herself. Most importantly, her greatest gift is the legacy of a family in which she instilled caring, kindness and values.

To say Shirley is one in a million would be an understatement.

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# Horse races and an island-style luncheon are on tap for Granada in March

Valentine's Day and the Super Bowl have come and gone, and now we are off to the races!

On March 5, residents from the Granada building are headed to the Tampa Bay Downs for the fun and excitement of horse racing.

We will meet 11 a.m., Sunday, on the second and third floors. Please watch for details on the bulletin boards next to the elevator in the core. We have 22 participants so far.

Don't forget to bring plenty of single dollar bills to engage in horsey business.

Contact Tom Jamroz, track leader, for questions.

We had some exciting outcomes during our building Super Bowl experience this year. We had many winners, but four grand winners who dominated our playing field here at the great Granada. Congratulations you great Granadians for being such defensive players!

Our monthly luncheon was filled with fun and food as the Granadians camaraderie came together at Roadies Restaurant in February.

Next, we will meet at Rumbas Island Bar and Grill, located at 1800 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater, at noon on Monday, March 13.



It's on the corner of Gulf to Bay and Keene Road.

Please don't be shy and join us. Enjoy the outdoor sunshine combined with Island music, a great pick me up to start the month of March.

The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board by the elevator. We try to have it ready a few days before each event.

Our January "Meeting on the Green" was cold and windy, but it was informative and delicious! We had a pot luck dinner with a variety of foods, turkey and dressing,



Granada residents went to Roadies Restaurant in February for our monthly luncheon. In March we will be at Rumbas Island Bar and Grill. Come and join us.

pulled pork, refreshing Tennessee cucumber sandwiches on homemade bread, salads and desserts.

Thank you everyone for your great work and culinary skills to make a fun time happen!

Our next "Meeting on the Green" will be on Thursday, March 24. Bring a chair and your favorite drink. Take a chance at the 50/50 drawing!

Bring single bills to participate. We try to meet every fourth Thursday of each month. Special events and information will

be posted on the bulletin board next to the elevator. Come join us and meet your neighbors!

Our building is currently updating its roster. Please text or email me your phone number, emergency contact, and email address. I do not include emails on roster, but need it for communication purposes only.

Send to Toni Young (770) 313-1450 or [toni.one@icloud.com](mailto:toni.one@icloud.com).

Until next month, be blessed and let not your hearts be troubled!

## There are no reasons to not attend a building meeting that takes place at a bar

Our February building luncheon had 38 hungry people who made the time and were able to attend.

The luncheon was followed by a building meeting. It's always good to see more of our building residents join in and come out to enjoy each other's company at our monthly get-togethers.

Building President Ed Fox hosted this luncheon. Ed planned, organized and ran the meeting and luncheon. It was held at Eddie's Bar & Grill on Bayshore Boulevard in Dunedin.

Eddie's gave us plenty of space and a quiet area for the afternoon.

Ed came with a full agenda on ways to improve our building. Ed's ideas had pros and cons that were discussed for some of the topics. After discussions were made by those in attendance, some of the topics were dropped.

What we all agreed on is as follows:

Our annual building dues are due. It was asked that it be paid by March 31. We are asking for \$20 per unit or whatever you can afford to contribute. You can pay it to our building treasurer Sandy Stuhr.

Once again we remind all residents, the visitors parking is reserved for home care



workers, maintenance workers or visitors staying less than two hours. Please be considerate of your neighbors and leave those two spots open.

The garbage room is for garbage only. It's not for dumping anything other than trash. Anything else is the responsibility of the unit owner to dispose of properly.

Cardboard boxes should be broken down to lay flat in the recycling cans as to not take up too much space.

Check the bulletin board and sign up



Rural French residents had a great time at Eddie's Bar & Grill in Dunedin.

sheets to host one of our monthly luncheons. You must have a favorite restaurant that you'd like to share with all of us.

Volunteers are needed!

We need a new wing captain for the Rhodesian side of our building. Joyce Krauss has been doing a great job as wing captain for many years. She's retiring from that position and needs somebody to take it over. Any questions or interested parties please talk to Ed.

Keep an eye on our building bulletin

board for more information on our next luncheon. The date will be Thursday, March 9. Restaurant information will be posted with signup sheet.

Have a story to share?

Contact myself to put it together for the next On Top of the World newspaper.

Remember, good news only!

March 12 we spring forward for daylight savings time and March 20 will be the first day of spring. Better weather and longer days are ahead of us.

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# If you want a front row seat at the parade, better make friends with a Loch Lomond resident



Loch Lomond residents enjoy breakfast at Clearwater Family Restaurant.

There's nothing like starting the spring season with the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Parade.

So get ready.

Our new residents are in for a treat as we let them know about our parade-side seating. A Loch Lomond tradition is to line up our chairs on either side of World Parkway Boulevard and literally in the front row.

The procession assembles a short way down the road, so we're guaranteed not to miss a single moment.

Bring a chair, a beverage, a friend and relish this On Top of the World institution. You might even catch a few lucky beads!

Our social season began last month with breakfast at Clearwater Family Restaurant.

Our lively group talked a bit of business,

got our dues system up and running again, and enjoyed some good old fashion face-to-face renewal of old friends and getting acquainted with new neighbors.

And the array of breakfast treats was

outstanding.

Stay tuned for some spring-cleaning activity and then a lively April event which is in the works. We work, then play.

Did you spot our March birthday girl?

That's Louanne Fiest, in Valentine red, right there in the photo, second from front on the right side of the group.

Many happy returns, Louanne. See you at the parade!

# You've been warned: 30 days to label your storage unit stuff or bye bye

American Gothic has a dynamic and friendly building. We are very fortunate. It is because neighbors communicate and help one another.

Nowhere more is this seen than at our building meetings. We had 42 residents show up. CJ Messina led the meeting and Anne Messina was our secretary and treasurer.

Susan and Paul McBride continue to monitor American Gothic's Facebook page and roster of residents.

Mo and Gary Smith are in charge of the lovely seasonal bulletin boards.

What did we discuss and accomplish at our Feb. 14 meeting?

A lot.

The highlight was chowing down on delicious, hot gooey pizza provided to all attending residents and paid for by our healthy building budget.

Spring is coming. American Gothic residents are in the mind to clean up.

First it was decided that the storage rooms need some tender loving care. C.J.



will post signs on the bulletin board giving each resident a 30-day period to label all your stuff. That means name, unit number and the year.

After the 30-day period, if the stuff is not labeled, it will be considered "abandoned" and disposed of.

Our garbage room looks pretty good.

Yeah us! However, let's do one important task. OK, ready, only recycle plastic bottles with the number 1 or 2 on the bottom.

Do keep up the good work.

We also need some maintenance in our bike room. If you are not using your bike, please remove it.

Next our chief "Communications Officers," Susan and Paul McBride, explained to our residents how to update resident's information. These two officers not only update our roster, but maintain the building's private Facebook page, which not only tells you important facts happening in our building, but hilarious jokes appear weekly. All kinds of fun facts and pertinent information can be found on the Facebook page.

Susan handed out instructions for joining Facebook and updating your information. Seriously Susan, thank you for all your hard work and insight.

Ann Messina, our intrepid secretary and treasurer, reported on our finances. Our kitty is healthy. We have everything we need plus

bonus money to provide a free building picnic on March 24 at the Pavilion.

Wahoo!

You go, Ann.

Ann even managed to lower our dues this year.

The picnic menu will include regular picnic food, but if you have a special recipe that you would like to share, we are always hungry at American Gothic.

As always, more information can be found on the bulletin board, which are a delight because Mo and Gary Smith have continued to beautifully decorate for all the holidays.

Thank you for your creations.

Neighbors, please do not remove them. Please see CJ or Ann before you place anything on the bulletin board.

It is easy to be the reporter for this building because good news is always in abundance here. Our building is like our family. It is our neighborhood. Our neighbors have an attitude of gratitude and big smiles.

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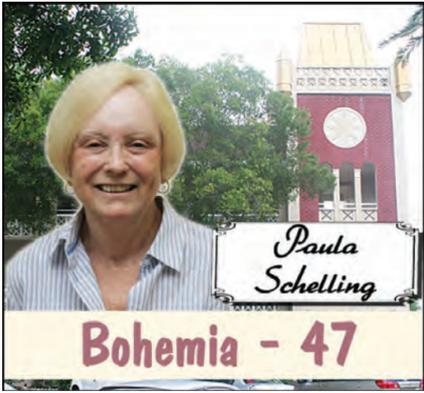
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# Super Bowl and Valentine's Day were two more reasons to party



Bohemians love parties. Carol DeLisle and daughter, Pam Arnold, hosted a very spirited Super Bowl party at her condo.

It was posted on the bulletin board that everyone in the building was welcome. Twenty residents took her up on her offer.

There were foods for every palate, various games bordered the room for non-fans and lots of fun wagering.

Spirits ran high, but at the end of the night, all left with a big thank you to Carol and Pam for such an entertaining day.

Valentine's Day presented an excuse to

party again.

A cocktail party was hosted in the core of the building by the social committee with approximately 30 residents attending. Yummy foods and lots of love were the offerings.

On Feb. 24, more than 20 residents headed to Tampa Bay Downs for a day at the races. Not only is the wagering always fun, but it's a sure bet that the buffet is always a winner.

Traditionally the group ends its day at

Jack Willies to either celebrate winnings or whine over their losses.

All in all, it's a sure thing this event will be back on next year's calendar.

The new building board met on Feb. 13 to review items that the outgoing group had been working on and set its goals for this year. There were many new exciting undertakings they are eager to put in place.

We wish this new group the best and appreciate their willingness to keep our building extraordinary.



Charlotte Smedley celebrates with family.

## 80 warrants a birthday party

We used to anxiously await that anticipated time. The one special day with your name on it. The day when all the presents were just for you.

Your birthday.

These days it just marks another year gone.

However, occasionally, there are some very special birthdays - something to get excited about.

Born in February 1943, Charlotte Smedley has seen the world change around her.

After spending her professional career in nursing, she found time to raise a large family.

Several of her daughters, grandkids and friends, from as far away as California and Pennsylvania, came in February to celebrate Charlotte's long life.

There was, of course, plenty of food



and dessert, as well as wine. It was not a large party, but it was a well-deserved celebration of 80 years of a kind, generous wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

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**Don't forget to notify the United States Post Office of the change!**  
**(Submit new form upon return)**

## Did you know there are 3 ways to turn your water on or off?



(1) **CALL:** 727-799-3417 (Option 6)  
 Service hours are 7:30-5:30, Mon-Fri,  
 and 7:30-11:30 am, Saturdays.  
 Requests during this time frame are free.

(2) **VISIT** the East Activity Center Community Service Office during business hours from 8:30 am - 3 pm, Monday-Friday.

(3) **GO ONLINE** to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com).  
 Go under the service tab to fill out a request.

After hours service is available 6-9 pm, Monday through Friday, 11:30-9 pm Saturdays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. Sundays, by calling 799-1115. There is a \$35 fee for all after hours services.

Service Policy

Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on. No exceptions. Payments are checks only.

# Valentine's Day was a chance to have dinner together



Dorado building residents celebrated Valentine's Day at Grillsmith.

They are encouraging other residents to join them for future monthly luncheons. It is a good time to meet our new residents.

If you would like to receive emails from our Dorado Building Social Club Committee, be sure to get on the email list.

Send your full name to [edwinahere@yahoo.com](mailto:edwinahere@yahoo.com).

We will be having our annual meeting this month to elect 2023 officers. If you are interested in running for an office, or would like to serve on any committees, such as Decorating Committee or Finance Committee, please let us know.

There is room for everyone to be involved. There will be a notice posted on the core bulletin board for details.



Dorado residents celebrated Valentine's Day by having dinner at Grillsmith together.

# Rizal core was decorated to fall in love again



Where can you find a "Kissing Booth" other than in the core at the Rizal building of On Top of the World?

We can't think of anywhere else.

Yes, the decorating elves, headed up by Robbin Klaver, turned our building's first floor core into a Valentine wonderland in February.

Decorations included pink, white and red streamers, hearts containing building resident's names, two kissing booths and a lifesize handsome prince holding a red rose!

What could possibly be missing?

Perhaps some OTOW residents taking advantage of the kissing booth to sneak a kiss?

We are not sure just how many people stopped by to give their loved one a kiss at the booth or take a selfie. Unfortunately, this reporter never happened upon an unsuspecting couple at the booth, although she personally tested it herself with her husband, Mike.

Perhaps next year's kissing booth could come complete with a disposable camera like what you often find on the tables at wedding receptions.



Red, white and pink hearts, a handsome prince, and two kissing booths were used to decorate the Rizal building for Valentine's Day.

I guess we will have to wait until next year to find out what the decorating elves have in store... I wonder if there will be leprechauns sneaking around the building for St. Patrick's Day?

**DID YOU KNOW?**

All applications for occupancy of a condo are available in the Community Service Office or on our Website!  
[otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com)

Which application do you need?

Application for Approval of Owner	If you... • are purchasing a condominium • have inherited a condominium • are being added to a deed of a condominium
Application for Approval of Residency	If you... • plan to reside in a condominium in which you are NOT the owner (you are NOT listed on the deed)
Direct Owner Application for Lease Approval	If you... • are leasing (renting) a condominium

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## OTOW NEWS WORD MIX

Unscramble the six words listed below. If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month. If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words.

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**SECRET WORD**

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Last month's scrambled words: RAPID, AMBER, NICELY, SUNSET, OATMEAL, MACHINE. Secret Word Last Month: RANSOM

# OTOW LIBRARY



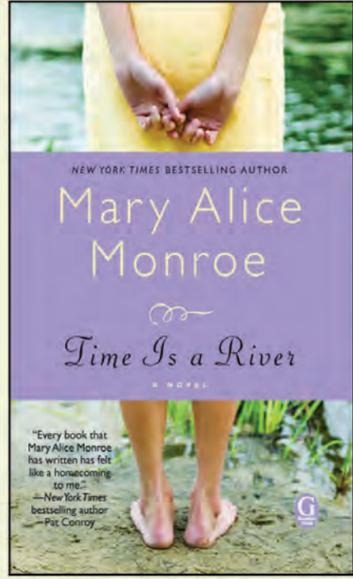
## NEW BOOKS

- "Nothing to Lose" by JA Jance
- "The Choice" by Nora Roberts
- "The Whittiers" by Danielle Steel
- "Mad Honey" Jodi Picoult
- "The Maze" by Nelson DeMille
- "Red Winter" by Tom Clancy (large print)

Join the library for \$5.

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Hours: 10 am-12 pm Mondays, 1-3 pm Wednesdays

# Good Karma Book Club



10 a.m., Thursday, March 16  
"Time Is a River"  
by Mary Alice Monroe.

10 a.m., Thursday, April 20  
"The Great Alone"  
by Kristin Hannah

All of our meetings take place in the EAC Crystal Beach Room  
For more information, see our Webpage on the Box Office:  
otowboxoffice.com - look for our link

Need more information, write to [Jslantz1948@aol.com](mailto:Jslantz1948@aol.com) or call 727-754-3823

# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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| Community Service Office<br>(727) 683-6981<br>Leave Message If Needed | Water Turn On/ Turn Off<br>(727) 799-3417<br>Menu Option 6 | Emergency Service<br>After Hours / Weekends<br>(727) 799-1115 | Activities Office<br>(727) 799-2734 |
|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|
- Duke Energy (report power outages) ..... 1-800-228-8485**  
**Pinellas County Sheriff (Non-Emergency Line) ..... 727-582-6200**  
**Pinellas County Consumer Hotline (Report Scams) ... 727-464-6617**

# Free Activities

**All Year Round!**



## Aqua Aerobics Classes

If The Outdoor Temperature Is Over 62 Degrees, We're Exercising

Need a fun way to exercise?  
Join our exercise classes each morning.  
All are welcome. Classes are free.

9-10 a.m., Weekdays, East Activity Center Swimming Pool

## Social Dance Lessons

Social Dance Lessons will continue. Instructor Fred Mills allows his students to pick the dances to learn and there are a ton of dances to choose from. He will teach Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Hustle, Rumba, Salsa, Swing, Waltz and more.

Fred's classes are open to all residents with a valid activity card. Social Dance takes place every Thursday afternoon, 1-3 p.m., in the West Activity Center Bel-leair Room.

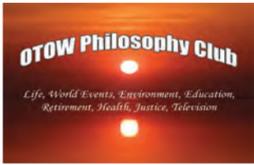
## Shuffleboard Club

**Mondays, Tuesdays,  
Wednesdays**  
starting at 4 pm

## Philosophy Club

The On Top of the World Philosophy Club is meeting again. The group will get together from 10-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Join us for interesting and lively conversations. Each week is a different subject. You may come just to listen. You may volunteer to present a topic, but we do not discuss religion or politics. Please be respectful of different values. Coffee, water and tea are available. Everyone must wear a mask.



## Bible Study

**2 pm, Fridays**  
**Crystal Beach Room**  
**All denominations welcome**

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"Take Off Pounds Sensibly."  
New Day, New Location  
Meets 10:30 am-12 p.m.  
Fridays in the East Activity Center  
Crystal Beach Room.

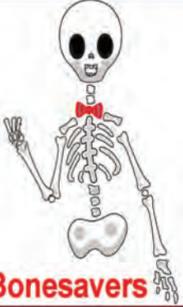
We are very motivated to help you if you want to lose weight. We are a friendly group and usually go out for a healthy meal after our meetings.

Because we are a part of a national club, we charge \$37 per person for yearly national dues. Please come to our meetings at no charge for one month to try us out.



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



The Bonesavers exercise group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights, a towel and a chair.

If you want to try it out, just come over and borrow the weights we already have available.

Men and women are both welcome.

**Bonesavers**

## Learning to Dance with Noland



Ballroom dance classes will take place at 1 p.m. every Monday in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

The instructor is Noland Shade, who teaches beginner dancing to help couples learn how to dance socially.

Dance lessons are taught at a slow pace so anyone can learn how to dance over time.

No pre-registration is necessary. Simply show up and learn.

## Free bridge lessons in March

Free bridge lessons. This is our last class this season. Would you like to learn to play bridge? This is your opportunity.

Free introductory bridge lessons on March 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

For questions you may send a text to Laurie Cole at 586 569-1023.

## Mah Jongg players wanted

Wanted: Mah Jongg players to fill in at our afternoon games. We play Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1-3:30 p.m. in residents' condos. Please call Libby at 727-669-1486. No experience needed!

## Billiards

**9-Ball Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**  
**8-Ball 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.**

**Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays**

## Ceramics

**Thursdays**  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Clearwater Room**

## Pray for America

**Saturdays**  
**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Crystal Beach Room**

## New Casual Bridge

A new, casual bridge club is starting up in March.

New bridge players, and not so new bridge players are welcome.

The first meeting is March 7, 1-4 p.m., and then every Tuesday after.

The club will meet in the East Activity Center Ozona Room, the former puzzle room. Come enjoy some fun card playing while challenging your skills - old and new. No partner necessary. For further information, contact Christine Nason by calling or texting 727-366-0221.

## ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

*Ciao*



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## Experienced Mah Jongg players wanted

Are you ready to toss your tiles again? If so, there is a group of experienced Mah Jongg players that meets each Friday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. in the West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room.

We mainly adhere to the National Mah Jongg League guidelines with just a few variations.

No sitting at home in your room wishing you were playing Mah Jongg! Bring your lucky Mah Jongg card and join us Friday afternoons. We look forward to seeing you. If you have questions, please stop by the Palm Harbor Room before our games begin.



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