

# Irish Club Parade 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 2

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More than 100 couples took advantage of having Valentine's Day right in the Auditorium. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

## OTOW couples went on that most special date of the year and were able to stay home



New York - New Jersey Club



Last year, the New York-New Jersey Club got the idea to host a Valentine's Day dinner and give residents the option of staying home instead of going out.

It was successful.

One year later, it was even more successful - the dance floor was packed.

There was a live disc jockey, catered food, valentine candies at every table and the opportunity to dance for hours.

There was romantic slow dancing and there was line dancing. Even the guys gave line dancing a try.

"This turned out to be the largest party the club has hosted in post-pandemic times," said New York-New Jersey Club President Pat Hayes. "The festivities included music from DJ Frank of Brooklyn and he got the place jumping."

Last year this event was catered by Mama

Felice of Felice's Italian Catering. Mama previously attended every function she catered. However, she was recently promoted and was missed by all who knew her.

Pat said Valentine's Day would have been Mama's birthday, so everyone remembered their favorite caterer with a happy birthday song.

"We took a moment to help her celebrate," Pat said. "It was her first heavenly birthday party."

Dinner included chicken marsala and eggplant rollatini. Then we had homemade cooked desserts by Lou Greenhalgh.

"After dessert, everyone was very happy to return to the dance floor," Pat said.

There were many volunteers who helped make this event possible. Pat says thank you to everyone.

Up next for the New York-New Jersey

Club is Dessert Night on Wednesday, March 27, at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Performing live will be singer Carla Hines, who will be performing special songs. Many of the songs you can dance to and the dance floor will be open.

"If you love the Motown sound, this is an evening you won't want to miss out on," Pat said. "We will be serving sheet cake from Publix along with coffee, hot chocolate, water and ice - all for just \$10."

In late spring will be traditional Sports Shirt Night on May 8.

This is when everyone is encouraged to wear a shirt with their favorite sports team logo on it.

Yes. You can even wear Boston stuff.

The event begins at 5 p.m. in the Auditorium. Dinner includes a variety of subs, in-

cluding meatball, meatball parmigiana, sausage and peppers, Italian Godfather, or tuna.

There also will be sheet cake, coffee, hot chocolate, water and ice.

We are pleased to announce that the music and dancing will be provided by Kathy of the KP Duo group.

Tickets for all New York-New Jersey events are on sale 8-10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursday in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

The New York-New Jersey Club is a year-round club and we accept members from all 50 states and of course Canada.

We remain active in the community either through our events or by promoting other club activities. The month we will participate in other activities planned by the Irish Club, Italian-American Club and Snowbirds Club. Look for us in the March 2 parade.

## Theater Workshop spring show on March 15, 16 and 17

By Maxine Sutcliffe

Wow! Showtime is here!

"OTOW Talent Across the States" is Theater Workshop's 54th annual production and this year's performances are on March 15, 16 and 17.

As the spring season begins, what could be better than music, song, dance and comedy from across the country we love.

Come and see your neighbors and friends on stage as they showcase their talents highlighting different states across the USA.



If you do not already have tickets, they are available at the Theater Workshop information table 8:30-10:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday in the Auditorium for a donation of \$5.

Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16 are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 17 is at 2 p.m. Treat yourself to two hours of fun and entertainment.

If you enjoyed our March 2023 show, "Ocean's Away," you have a good idea of what we have in store for you as the same director is producing this new show. If you are new to On Top of the World, don't miss out. Bring your visitors. Bring your family. Our show is definitely suitable for all ages.

We will be highlighting states across the nation, such as California to New

York, Tennessee to Pennsylvania, and Georgia to Nevada. We will be singing, dancing and laughing away. Our goal is for you to be uplifted and smiling as we extend our clear intention to warm your heart.

As a last note, if you would be interested to learn more about us, or would like to be involved in the future productions, you are cordially invited to come to West Activity Center Belleair Room on Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. for socializing and 7 p.m. for a club general meeting. Everyone is welcome.

## Six Costly Mistakes Home-Sellers Make (and how to avoid them)

### ❌ Not Expecting Home-Selling Costs

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# February Board Meeting review

## Sense of Mission

The mission of your Community Service Office staff is to address 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 concerns are simply not solvable by either the Community Service Office staff, the Management Company or the Condominium Board.

A common example is disputes between neighbors. Neither the Management Company nor 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, want to address your concern, resolve the matter, and make living in the Community a wonderful experience.

## Board Update

The Board meeting on Feb. 20 considered selecting a contractor qualified to conduct the state-mandated Structural Integrity Reserve Studies (SIRS). The Board received three proposals from qualified firms.

Beryl Engineering was selected because they best understood the requirements of this unique community and the long, successful history of always funding current work.

Some condominium boards tend to defer important capital maintenance work rather than fund it adequately when due. These types of Boards wind up needing to fund reserves to manage their maintenance programs, which ultimately runs up costs for members - pay now or pay later.

The Board considered the matter of 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. Seven unit owners had their rights suspended.

Following the Board meeting, a budget workshop was held. The purpose of the recent budget workshop of Feb. 20 was to review a draft budget presented by the Management Company and to have an open discussion on what is required in the budget for essential community operations, the requests of Board members, and what makes sense to cut or reduce to moderate costs in the Budget.

During the workshop, it was pointed out that there are tremendous pressures on the Association budget for fiscal year 2024-25. The biggest matter is property insurance. It is a large number inasmuch as the total insurable value of buildings in OTOW is more than \$560 million.

Many insurance companies have left the



state because of the unreasonable amount of litigation and attendant expense in defending against claims. The legislature attempted a fix last year, but was largely unsuccessful to date.

As a result of lingering effects of Hurricane Ian, as well as other national disasters that influence overall availability of insurance capacity, the Association is left with fewer options.

The next driver is the full cost of Summit Broadband at \$51.61 per month. Many residents previously paid between \$110 to \$150 plus tax per month or more for cable programming and internet. I took internet only and was paying \$76 plus tax per month after my promotional offer expired. There was no one else for whom to get that service.

Now you have a choice between the money saving Summit bulk rate negotiated into the monthly rate, or you can choose Spectrum for additional expense.

Remember, more than 67.7 percent of residents originally voted for bulk video and internet service (31.26 percent wanted no bulk service - a 36.44 percent margin in favor of bulk).

The last survey conducted in October of 2023 found that 63 percent of residents responded "no" when asked if they wanted to switch to a different provider even if there was an additional cost. 29 percent responded "yes," a spread of a 34 percent margin.

The Management Company took guidance from the Board on what they wanted more of or less of in the way of services.

The Management Company will continue to refine budget numbers in anticipation of the June 2024 Board Meeting.

To that end, you will be seeing a short survey from the Management Company on those suggested budget changes from the Board. It is very important that you provide your feedback as that will have influence on the final budget numbers.

It is worth remembering that residents responding to the Sept. 3, 2023, survey reported 88 percent as favorable for living at OTOW; while 87 percent would recommend OTOW to someone moving into the area.

Your Management Company is working to keep resident satisfaction high.

## Thinking 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 nev-

er 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 can 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 your favorite hardware store and buy a small fire extinguisher to install in your pantry or another easy-to-reach location.

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

Customer Service 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 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 at their information table in the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays 8:30-10:30 am.

## 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 2024 registration period is \$50.

Management recognizes that many residents enjoy using this access to the lake for their personal watercraft, but a goodly number of watercraft have not been moved in years and are presumed to be abandoned. This modest fee is designed in part to weed out the owners who never use their watercrafts and free up some space for new paddling enthusiasts.

Residents looking to inquire about available space may contact the Inspection Services Department 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 10 to remove your boat from the area. Boats left in this area after the deadline date will be removed, impounded, and ultimately disposed if not claimed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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2. On the home page, hover over the "Stay Informed" tab and click Stay Informed.
3. Provide the information requested.

Signing up for RAVE alerts is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared, and never solicited.

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.

# To assure safety, World Parkway Blvd

Once again, the Irish Club has worked very hard to provide the community with a St. Patrick's Day parade, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, beginning promptly at 10 a.m.

During the parade, World Parkway Boulevard East will be closed to the community for approximately 90 minutes. The road will remain open for emergency responders, however, during this time, all other traffic is required to cease.

This request is not only for the safety of parade attendees, but also for the participants in the parade. The parade is a lot of fun for the community and showcases the true spirit of On Top of the World.

After the parade, the Irish Club is offering free beer (only for age-appropriate attendees) and free pretzels, while supplies last. You'll find them at the East Activity Center back parking lot.

Hot dog combos and soda will be available at a nominal cost by Galvin's Goodies Food Truck.

Adding to the fun, there will be live music provided by Paddy O' Furniture! So invite your friends and family, and come out to this fun community event.

## REMINDER

### Hydro-Jetting Project

If you live in buildings 19 and 31-47, please note the hydro-jetting project is currently in progress.

As a reminder, this was discussed during the June 11, 2021, General Meeting. Access to your unit may be required. The impacted units will be contained to first floor units and any necessary follow-up appointments will be scheduled by the Management Company.

A tentative schedule has been established for this project, however, it is dependent upon ease of access into units and weather. Should a delay occur, notices will be sent out via an OTOW Alert. Be sure you are signed up to receive alerts prior to the project commencement.

Additionally, notices will be posted in each building up to two weeks prior to the scheduled start date. This information will also be available on the OTOW Community website at <https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/hydro-jetting-project/>.

If you will not be home, please fill out the form on page 20 and mail it in



or drop it off at the Community Service Office.

### Boat / Kayak Stand

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 renewal registration period is \$50. Residents inquiring 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 is on a first come/first serve basis. The rental space may not be subject to another party.

If you currently have a registered boat/kayak in this area, a representative may contact you about your yearly renewal. If you elect not to renew, you will have until March 10 to remove your boat from the area. Boats left in this area after the deadline date will be removed and disposed if not claimed. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Did You Know

Asphalt maintenance and improvement projects are currently in the bidding phase by qualified, licensed contractors. Work will commence shortly after contracts have been awarded.

Keep an eye on your building's bulletin boards for any important notices regarding this annual work.

Signing up for the community's RAVE messaging system is a fantastic way to become informed when community-related projects start. Visit [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/stay-informed/](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/stay-informed/) for more details (messaging rates may apply).

Tree removals are another function

that the Management Company will be performing during the spring months, pending permitting approval from Pinellas County. Tree crew personnel will be working in several areas of property which will include work near roadways.

Please slow down and obey any traffic control measures in place while the team members safely perform this vital service. Once removals are complete, new saplings will be planted to replenish the community.

### 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

#### Emergency Information

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 condo.

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!

### 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 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted. If your call goes to voice mail, it is because the 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 once. 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 condo and is the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

### Upcoming Projects

#### Painting/Waterproofing

The cold weather and precipitation over the preceding winter months has hampered the progress of the painting contractor, however, we're hoping that March's outlook will allow them to catch up.

Work will continue on the west side of the property with the renewal of rear waterproofing coating at Building 77 and Building 88 before shifting back to the east side.

Once again, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating on the front and rear façade of these buildings and their activities may require residents to temporarily relocate vehicles and personal property on patios to perform their work safely.

As always, start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

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## Know Your Water Heater



**Water heaters traditionally last 10-15 years.**

**If your water heater is leaking around the base unit, is not producing normal amounts of hot water or has become noisy, it's time to consider replacing your current unit with a new one.**

**If your water heater fails, it could not only flood your unit, but units below you. You may be financially responsible if it causes damage to your neighbors' units.**

### 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 2024 registration period is \$50. Residents looking to inquire about the 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.

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

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

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2024, and published in the March 2024 edition of OTOW News

# will be closed during March 2 parade

## Construction, Roofing and Large scope projects

A state licensed roofing vendor will begin their next contracted project as crews arrive at Building 40 in the first weeks of March. This project is anticipated to span 2-3 weeks total.

As a reminder, the vendor uses low Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) adhesives to reduce the odor during the installation of these roofing systems, but residents may still experience elevated moments of chemical odors dependent on relative humidity levels.

Opening windows, along with the use of household fans, will help to alleviate this temporary condition.

Building bulletin boards are posted in advance advising residents of the project's details which may require your attention or cooperation. As with each year's improvements, the staged closure of the building's parking lots, either partially or in their entirety to allow for the safe and efficient operation by the contractor is necessary at all roofing project sites.

As a friendly reminder, we ask that all residents near these or any projects observe all cordoned-off areas for safety reasons and to keep an eye out for heavy equipment operation and supplies deliveries. Please help us ensure the safety of all in the community by abiding by the safety notifiers in place.

A mechanical vendor, under contract to the On Top of the World Condominium Association, Inc., will begin the next aluminum railing improvement project this spring with work crews moving to Building 94 sometime during the month of March.

This state licensed contractor will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails which involves power tools and elevated noise levels periodically. The improvements are typically completed in 4-6 weeks, depending on the scope and the size of the structure.

Notices will be posted in advance of work so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

The Management Company and your association ask that residents be aware of workers in the building and do their best to avoid active work areas when at all possible. Thanks for your assistance.

Building walkway repairs will continue through winter and into spring as construction crews perform maintenance to second and third floor walk-

ing surfaces. These small-scale repairs require the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust.

Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work. These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work areas they may encounter for their safety.

Walkway coating improvements will continue across the property in the winter and spring. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete and then an application of a quality, slip-resistant barrier coating. The end result is to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

The Management Company will post notices on the affected building's bulletin boards noting the dates work is anticipated to commence. Please be aware of "Caution" and "Wet Paint" signs in and around these work areas and exercise care when near these improvement locations.

## Recurring Reminders For All Community Residents Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services Division, 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 hanger brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

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

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 are not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coating's vendor. We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

First floor unit owners will continue receiving notifications from the Inspection Services Department as the Management Company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike. The Management Company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. The Management Company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Often decorative rocks or landscaping are installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator. Please, al-

ways apply for approval before you install.

Inspection efforts continue to be focused on the tagging and removal of portable barbeque grills, be it propane, charcoal, or electric, defined as violating life-safety and fire codes in any building common areas or kindled in proximity to the structure as they pose a fire risk to the building and residents. Only grills meeting the approved Clearwater Fire Department standard are permitted on the patios of first floor units. If you're a first-floor unit owner and not sure if your grill complies, please stop by the Community Service Office to request a visit from our friendly Inspections Services staff. We're always happy to educate or assist the community as much as possible.

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.

Due to original conveyance, not all units are able to add a softening system. Please check with the Management Company's Inspection Services division for more information.

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.

## Q&A with Parkway Management

Residents are invited to attend a question and answer conference with Parkway Maintenance staff from 9-10 a.m. on Friday, March 8 in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

There are two topics on the agenda: Rodent control and elevators.

If you have any questions on either topic, please attend and ask our staff. These are the only two questions that will be covered on March 8. Future conferences will have different topics.

The conference may also be televised live on OTOW-TV channel 901 so you can sit and listen from your condo, but you will not be able to ask questions from home. Watch OTOW-TV for future announcements.

Thank you.

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Newspaper staff social scheduled for March 29

# Raise your hand - Press Association will be passing out March newspapers



Look for the Press Association banner and staff in the Irish Club parade on Saturday, March 2. We will be wearing our green fedoras and passing out March newspapers. (OTOW News file photo by Tim Amdor)

The March edition of On Top of the World News was delivered to condos on March 1, but if you didn't get your own copy, you can line the Irish Club parade route on March 2.

During the Irish Club parade, members of the Press Association will be marching down World Parkway East passing out newspapers. Look for our beautiful club banner and raise your hand. One of our newspaper delivery people will be glad to hand you a newspaper.

Members of the Press Association met in February to finalize participation in the parade. We will have two convertibles, banner carriers and several members of the club marching.

Marching with us should be the OTOW Pet of the Year, Gunter. At press time, it was not known if Gunter would be walking or riding in a vehicle, but look for him and cheer.

OTOW-TV plans on covering the parade live on channel 901. If you cannot attend the parade in person, you should be able to watch from your own living room.

The parade also will be recorded and re-

played on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. The recorded version will be on TV all day long.

During the February meeting, members of the Press Association discussed whether there was a way to let residents know when other residents leave our community. In the 50-year tradition of our newspaper, we have never had an obituary section. However, reporters asked if we could have a section simply letting the community know when friends and neighbors do leave.

One reporter, Katie Bajis, said obituaries contain a lot of private family information, and our newspaper would be a prime target for scammers if obituaries were ever printed. She was opposed to the idea, as were 20 of

the 30 people present.

Editor Doug Kates said he was opposed to traditional obituaries, but said he would talk to Publisher Kenneth Colen and see if there was a different way just to let residents know another resident had left the community - by moving away or another reason. He would share that information at a later date.

The next Press Association meeting will be a pizza party at the Pavilion at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7. This will be a regular meeting. The pizza would be paid from 50/50 funds collected over the past year.

In January, the Press Association meeting was disrupted by the length of the Association's annual meeting. Doug scheduled

a make-up meeting for 4 p.m., Friday, March 29 at the Pavilion to give reporters another chance to attend a meeting. Reporters need three meetings to qualify for the Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, April 4 at Philippe Park.

The March 29 meeting does not have a theme at this time. Just an evening social for staff to attend and possibly get their third meeting in. Each staffer is encouraged to bring beverages of their choice, for themselves and to share. We will be at the Pavilion until 7 p.m.

No plans have been announced yet for the Appreciation Dinner. Food choices will be discussed in March.





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# Galvin's Goodies will be selling hot dogs, chips and drinks at Irish Club Parade on March 2

## Irish Day Parade

A last-minute reminder to come out for the Irish Club Parade on Saturday, March 2, starting at 10 a.m.

The parade officially starts at Netherlands Drive and ends at the East Activity Center back parking lot.

Join us for the after-parade party at the north parking area. As always, pretzels and beer are courtesy of the OTOW Irish Club (please drink responsibly) and SCA has invited a friendly Irish family-owned food truck, Galvin's Goodies, to sell hot dogs, scooped ice cream (it's the most delicious ice cream I, personally, ever tasted), baked goods, cookies, fruit bowls, coffee and more.

Hot dog prices are one for \$4.75, one hot dog and chips for \$5, and one hot dog, chips and a soda for \$6.

The Irish Club has coordinated a great band for us, "Paddy O' Furniture" and Parkway Maintenance & Management will be sponsoring it.

So please wear something green, bring your appetite, and don't forget to put on your stepping shoes.

We look forward to seeing you at the parade and the party or Hooley!

(Irish Slang for "Party")

## Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market will be back on Wednesday, March 13 and 27 in the East Activity Center front parking lot.

Spring has sprung and we are so fortunate to have fresh produce directly from Plant City. Please mark your calendars.

In February I stopped by the Farmer's Market after work and picked up a couple of pints of strawberries and a container of tomatoes. I heard the Florida strawberry crop is very good this year and it's true! I prepared a strawberry shortcake dessert and my main course, a Caprese Salad. Please try my simplest of all recipes for Caprese salad - delicious and healthy too!

## Ingredients

- 1-pint grape tomatoes or tomatoes cut in half
- 8 oz Mozzarella pearls or cubes
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves, torn.
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar or a squiggle of balsamic reduction or glaze is also a nice touch.
- ½ tsp Kosher salt
- ¼ tsp fresh cracked pepper

## Instructions

- Add tomatoes, cheese and basil to a medium-size bowl, set aside.
- In a small bowl or mason jar, mix olive oil and balsamic vinegar. Pour over salad and gently toss. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and toss to mix. Serve immediately.

This dish is best served at room temperature but can be stored in the fridge for up to two days.

## Food Truck Night

The next Food Truck Night is Wednesday, March 6 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. It all happens near our beautiful EAC Pavilion.

What is new for our next Food Truck Night? Paradise Island.

Back by popular demand will be Stevie D's Philly Cheese Steaks, Charm City Sea-



food, Dave's Deli Wagon, BBQ Queen and Sea Dog Cantina.

More details will be on Nancy's Bulletin Board located at the official OTOW Clearwater website: [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com). On the bulletin board will be links for preordering food for the event.

## 3D Mobile Mammography

3D Mobile Mammography will be here on Friday, March 1, and Friday, April 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center front parking lot.

As a reminder, a few facts about breast cancer:

- 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Majority of breast cancers are diagnosed in women after age 50
- 95 percent of breast cancers occur randomly and are not hereditary.
- 20 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer are over age 75.
- Routine mammography screening is the best tool for detecting cancer early.

3D Mobile Mammography offers a very easy and comfortable experience: 10-minute appointments, no doctor's order needed, all insurances accepted, same day results, the latest imaging equipment, top notch, and welcoming staff, and a beautiful, state of the art coach.

If you have any additional questions or would like to register for an appointment, you can do so at their website: [3dmobilemammography.com](http://3dmobilemammography.com). A link to the website will also be available at Nancy's Bulletin Board at [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com). Residents may also show up without an appointment.

## OnSpot Dermatology

Skin Cancer Awareness - OnSpot Dermatology's Mobile Unit "Derma Drive" will be here on Friday, March 8, and Friday, April 12 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center front parking lot.

Here are the facts:

- 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by the age of 70.
- More than 2 people die of skin cancer in the US every hour.
- Having five or more sunburns doubles your risk for melanoma.
- Here's the good news! When detected early, the five-year survival rate for melanoma is 99 percent.

To make an appointment, visit [onspotdermatology.com/otow](http://onspotdermatology.com/otow) or click on the link posted at [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) or call 941-444-0011.

## Fletcher Music Keyboard Lessons

Fletcher Music Center is wrapping up a

series of keyboard lessons in March, but will be back offering another series of six keyboard lessons in April for only \$20.

The next set of lessons begins Monday, April 1, through Monday, May 6 in the West Activity Center Learning Lab from 10 - 11 a.m.

This discount rate is for OTOW residents only and registered students must bring their updated activity card and payment to the first day of class.

Residents may register by calling Art Bishop at 727-580-5937 or register in person with Art Bishop at the next Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, March 14 from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Class size is limited to 15.

Important Note: Fletcher Music has offered to lend a keyboard to registered students to practice on when other activities are not scheduled in the Learning Lab. Fletcher Music owns the keyboard and only registered students are authorized to play it. Thank you for your cooperation.

## AAA Safe Driving Course

Upcoming AAA Safe Driving Courses are scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, and Tuesday, May 14. There will be no classes in March.

The in-person, onsite course is for OTOW residents only at the rate of \$20. Residents are not required to be AAA members.

If the April class is full, you can sign up for the May class on May 14. The classes are held at the West Activity Center Learning Lab on the second Tuesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour lunch break from noon - 1 p.m. Class size is limited to 30 people, sorry no exceptions. Please bring your own bag lunch and refreshments.

Registration is easy! Call 727-431-8887 with your name, address and credit card info or you may also stop by the AAA Clearwater branch at 2347 Gulf to Bay Boulevard to register.

Residents will receive a certificate of completion on the day of the course, which earns you a discount on your car insurance. The instructor can also email you the certificate in PDF format if you or your insurance company would prefer. The discount will be good for three years from the day the course was completed.

Wishing you all happy and safe road travel!

## OneBlood

The Big Red Bus will be back at the East Activity Center front parking lot on Thursday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents can register at Nancy's Bulletin Board at [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com), in the Community Service Office, or just show up that day.

All donors will receive a St. Patrick's Day T-shirt, \$20 Ecard and wellness checkup, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening! Take this opportunity to save lives!

Thank you to all the donors on Feb. 8 for saving lives! And a special thank you for your patience with the bus parking issue that morning. The Honor Roll is as follows: Chita Anderson, David Dunsmoor, Erin Lawton, Frederick McAndrew, George Monioudis, Judith Bergeron, Julie Trent, Kathleen Lovely, Martha Weber, Norma Bastidas, Paul Lovely, Ramon Tatge, Stanley Stock, Veronica Enabosi, William Fournier.

## AARP Free Tax Service

The following are a list of locations where you can go to get your taxes done for free and in-person.

### Dunedin Community Center

1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin.

No appointment Required.

TH: 8:00 AM - 11:45 AM

FR: 8:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Dates Open: Feb. 1 to April 15.

## Clearwater Countryside Library

2642 Sabal Springs Drive, Clearwater

By Appointment only. Reserve an appointment online at [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org).

MO: 10:00 AM - 01:45 PM

FR: 12:00 PM - 03:45 PM

Dates open: Feb. 1 to April 15.

## Largo Library

120 Central Park Drive, Largo.

No appointment Required.

MO: 09:45 AM - 03:00 PM

WE: 09:45 AM - 03:00 PM

FR: 10:00 AM - 03:00 PM

SA: 10:00 AM - 03:00 PM

Details: Only Saturdays are March 11 and March 25.

## Attention Club & Activity Representatives

If you have not already, please pick up your 2024 annual club packet, a.k.a. "Steps to Forming a Club" from the Community Service Office. The packet includes updated club rules and information and a request to clubs for updated membership information.

Clubs are required to read the information, complete the questions, and provide the requested information on an annual basis.

The completed packet should be delivered to the Community Service Office, and I will acknowledge receipt in an email.

The forms are also available online to print out at [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com). Click "Community Activities" and then "Forms" and you'll see the 2024 "Steps to Forming a Club."

Please contact me with any questions at [general\\_activity@scaclw.com](mailto:general_activity@scaclw.com) or call 727-799-2734.

## How Do I Make A Reservation on the Calendar?

The first step for making a reservation on the calendar is to email or call the Activity Office with the type of event you are planning, and preferred date and location.

Email to [general\\_activity@scaclw.com](mailto:general_activity@scaclw.com) or call 799-2734. This starts the process.

Once we confirm all the details, you will fill out the online Facility Request form.

Visit: [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) and 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. This form works better if you use Google 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

The Community Service Office (CSO) is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch).

You must bring a valid, government issued photo ID, a recent piece of mail showing your name and OTOW address, and your most recently issued Activity Card.

There is no fee for renewals, however, if your card has expired (all fiscal years have been punched at the bottom), a new card is required, and the fee is \$3.

If you do not have your most recently issued Activity Card, the fee is \$25 for a replacement.

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. Noncompliance matters will be directed to the On Top of the World Association.

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## Food Truck Night

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**Dave's Deli Wagon and BBQ Queen.**



# OTOW Community Activities Calendar

## March 2024

### SPECIAL EVENTS

3D Mobile Mammography, Friday, March 1, 8 am - 3 pm, Friday, April 5, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot  
 Irish Club Parade: Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m. along World Parkway Boulevard East, Post-Parade Party at EAC Back Parking Lot  
 Karaoke Night, Sunday, March 3, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Food Truck Night: Wednesday, March 6, 3-7 pm, EAC back parking lot  
 On Top of the World Questions and Answers, Friday, March 8, 9:00 - 10:00 am, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Onspot Dermatology, Friday, March 8, 8 am - 3:30 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot  
 Bingo Marathon, Saturday, March 9, 12:00 - 4:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Good Neighbors Association Philippines Music Event, Sunday, March 10, 3 - 6 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 AAA Driver Safety Course Tuesday, March 12, 8 am - 4 pm WAC Learning Lab. You must pre-register  
 Farmers Market, Wednesday, March 13, and Wednesday, March 27, 10 am - 5 pm, EAC Front Parking Lot  
 Laughter Yoga, Wednesday, March 13, 1:30 - 2:15 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee, Thursday, March 14, 8:30-11 am, East Activity Center Auditorium (OneBlood)  
 Theater Workshop Spring Show, Friday-Saturday, March 15 and 16, 7:30 pm; Sunday, March 17, 2 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Italian-American Club St. Joseph's Dinner Dance, Wednesday, March 20, 6:30-10 pm  
 Snowbirds Club Salute to Veterans, Friday, March 22, 4:00 - 9:00 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 New York-New Jersey Club Carla Hines in Concert, Wednesday, March 27, 5 - 10 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Canadian Club Annual Meeting, Friday, March 29, 6:00 - 10:00 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 7, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Art Guild Painting Pals: 1 - 4 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Art Guild Membership Meeting: 1 - 3 pm, Friday, March 15, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Art Guild Coffee and Critique: 9:30 - 11:30 am, Monday, March 18, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Art Guild Pastels Workshop Saturday, March 16, 12:00 - 4:30 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Baby Boomers Group: Meetings, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 21, EAC Largo Room  
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am - 1 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Ballroom Dance with Noland: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 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 Every Monday, 6 - 10 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Canadian Club Karaoke: Friday, March 8, 4:00 - 8:30, West Activity Center Belleaire Room  
 Canadian Club Dance: Friday, March 22, 7:00 - 9:30, West Activity Center Belleaire Room  
 Canadian Club Picnic Tuesday, March 5, 12:00 - 3:00 pm, Pavilion  
 Caring & Sharing: 9 am - 12 pm, Tuesdays, Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Ceramics Thursdays, 10 am - 2 pm, East Activity Center Clearwater-Kitchen 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  
 Cornhole 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Mondays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Democratic Club Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Democratic Club: Happy Hour, Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Democratic Club Board Meeting: 2:00-4:00 pm, Thursday, March 28, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Entertainment Committee Board Meeting: Monday, March 11, 10:30 am - 12 pm, EAC Crystal Beach Room  
 Entertainment Committee Dance: Saturday, March 23, 7:30 - 11 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Entertainment Committee Show: Thursday, March 21, 7:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Fletchers Keyboard Lessons: Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 am, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 French Language Society: 10:30 - 11:30 am, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
 Gentle Movement Exercises, Fridays, 10 - 11 a.m., Sundays, 11 - 12 a.m., East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Golden Minds Club (new) Thursdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
 Good Karma Book Club: Thursday, March 21, 10:00 - 11:30 am, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 High Vibe Tribe 7 - 9 pm, Tuesday, March 12, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Italian Language Classes: Fridays, 10:30 am - 12 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
 Irish Club Post-Parade Meeting 4:00 - 5:00 pm, March 7, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Jesters Meeting Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Keyboard Club 9:45 am, Fridays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Kibbitz Corner (Coffee Corner), Mondays, Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:00 am, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Knitting Group 9:00 - 11:00 am, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Lambda Social Friday, March 8, 6:00 - 10:00 pm, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Lambda Chat Friday, March 1, and Friday, March 15, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room  
 Lawn Bowl Meeting, Thursday, March 26, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Line Dance Club 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Line Dance Club Practice 7:00 - 8:00 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Moving and Grooving Line Dancing Tuesdays, 9:00 - 12:00 pm, 1:00 - 4:00 pm Fridays, EAC Auditorium  
 Music Group Tuesdays, 3:00 - 6:00 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
 Philosophy Club 10:00 - 11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Pickleball Board Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, EAC Kitchen/Clearwater Room; Sunday, March 24 12:00 Pavilion  
 Plant-Based Living Club 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Friday, March 8, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Ping Pong 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Pray for America Meeting, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Press Association Meeting Thursday, March 7, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, and Friday, March 29, 4:00 - 7:00 pm, both at Pavilion  
 Republican Club Meeting, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Tuesday, March 12, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Republican Club Celebration Party Saturday, March 23, 12:00 - 3:00 pm, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Resident4Residents Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 6 - 8:30 pm, West Activity Center Belleaire Room (note date change for March only)  
 Social Dance: 1 - 3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleaire Room  
 Snowbirds Club Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
 Snowbirds Line Dancing: Wednesdays, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Tennis Board Meeting Thursday, March 21, 1:00 - 3:00, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Texas Card Game Club: Friday, March 29, 3-10 pm, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Theater Workshop Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 6 - 7 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Theater Workshop General Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 7-8:30 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Theater Workshop Post-Show Celebration Sunday, March 17, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Travel Club Friday, March 1 2-4 pm, East Activity Center Oldsmar Room  
 TOPS 10:30 am-12 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Veterans Group Coffee Wednesday, March 6, 2 - 4 pm, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 World Quilters 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Writer's Ink 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room

### CARDS AND GAMES

Bid Euchre 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Bid Euchre Potluck Dinner 4:00 - 6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 26 East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Blackout (Canadian Club) 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Thursdays, WAC Belleair Room  
 Casual Bridge Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, EAC Ozona Room  
 Cribbage 10 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Dominoes 5:30 - 8 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center 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 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Euchre Club: Fridays, 4 - 6 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
 Ladies Bunco: 6:30 -10:30 Thursday, March 12, 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 - 8 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 - 9:30 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): 5 - 9 pm, Wednesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Richie's Group): 5:30 - 8:45 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room  
 Rummikub: Mondays, 12:30 - 3:30 pm, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Samba Hand/Foot Canasta: 6 - 9 pm, Thursdays and Fridays, EAC Ozona Room  
 Spades Night: Saturday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 24, 5:30 - 9 pm

### 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  
 Dance Fitness: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 - 10 am, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10:15-11:30 am, Mondays, WAC Belleair; 10:15-11:30 am, Thursdays, EAC Exercise Rm  
 Ladies Exercise: 8-9 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Moving & Grooving Cardio Dance: 11 am -12 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, 9-10 am Saturdays, EAC Exercise Rm  
 Moving & Grooving Cardio Dance Light: 12:15-1:15 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 Saturdays, XR  
 Moving & Grooving Broadway Bound: 10:30 am - 12 pm, Sundays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Minnastics: 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: 3-4 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-3 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room

Food Truck Night  
 Wednesday, March 6  
 3-7 pm, EAC  
 Farmers Market  
 Wednesday, March 13 and 27  
 10 am - 5 pm

All events in the  
 EAC Auditorium  
 on Primary Day (Tuesday, March 19)  
 have been canceled.  
 Polls open 6:30 am

Get Acquainted Coffee  
 Good Neighbors Association  
 March 14, 8:30-11 am, Aud

### PAVILION

Canadian Club Picnic  
 12:00 - 3:00 pm, Tuesday, March 5

Press Association  
 1:30 - 2:30 pm, Thursday, March 7  
 4:00 - 7:00, Friday, March 29

Azores Luncheon  
 12:00 - 3:00 pm, Saturday, March 9

Lawn Bowls Social  
 2:30, Monday, March 11

Rio Riviera Building  
 12:00 - 4:30 pm, Thursday, March 22

Modernage Building  
 12:00 - 6:00, Friday, March 23

Pickleball General Meeting  
 12:00 - 3:30 pm, Sunday, March 24

### BUILDING EVENTS

The Gables, 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
 Tuesday, March 5, EAC Clearwater/Kitchen

Azores, 12:00 - 3:00 pm  
 Saturday, March 9, Pavilion

Rio Riviera, 12:00 - 4:30 pm  
 Thursday, March 22, Pavilion

Modernage, 12:00 - 6:00 pm  
 Saturday, March 23, Pavilion

Casa Verde, 5:00 - 8:30 pm  
 Monday, March 25, WAC Belleair Room

Flamenco, 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
 Tuesday, March 5, WAC Belleair Room

Siboney, 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
 Wednesday, March 20, WAC Belleair Room

Information Tables  
 Mondays and Thursdays  
 8:30-10:30 am, EAC Auditorium

Pickleball  
 Monday through Friday  
 10 am - 12 pm  
 Sundays 9 am - 12 pm  
 Tue, Wed, Thu 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Shuffleboard  
 4 pm, Mon, Tue, Wed

Tennis Club  
 7:00 - 10 am,  
 Monday through Saturday,  
 4:30 - 6:30 pm, Sundays

Lawn Bowling  
 9:30 am  
 Monday through Saturday  
 Lawn Bowls Courts

### FACILITIES

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

Woodshop  
 8 am-4 pm Monday-Friday (Sept-May)  
 (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)  
 Monday-Saturdays, 8 am to 6:30 pm  
 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 6:30 pm



Chelsea Smith, left, and Chelle Fulk performed live during Get Acquainted Coffee in February. Chelsea played the ukelele and Chelle played the electric fiddle. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

## ‘Glimpses of the Philippines’ returns to OTOW

By Sue Trost

Happy March to all!

Good Neighbors Association is looking forward to our upcoming St. Patty’s Day Parade on Saturday, March 2, sponsored by the Irish Club.

The Good Neighbors Association will be in the parade wearing our Philippine attire (and a lot of green) to give everyone a glimpse of our upcoming show on Sunday, March 10, featuring “Glimpses of the Philippines,” which will include a bamboo orchestra, choral group and dance ensemble. This is truly a spectacular and entertaining event.

Tickets are \$15 and will include snacks and soft drinks. The tickets are available on Mondays and Thursdays at the Good Neighbors Association table in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Doors will open to the show at 2:30 p.m.

Our next Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee will be held on Thursday, March 14, featuring opera singer Jonimarie Soprano, who has performed in many musical roles including “Guys and Dolls,” “The Pajama Game,” “Camelot” and many more.

Looking forward to being entertained by such a renowned artist.

On Saturday, April 13, we will host our Spring Flea Market & Craft Show from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Cost of the tables are \$15 for one or \$25 for two. Tables can be reserved on Mondays and Thursdays at the EAC Auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Good Neighbors Association information table. Tables will be sold first come, first served.

Wishing all a very happy upcoming spring!



## Welcome New Residents

(Photos by Doug Kates)



Pictured above is Virginia Jackson of Tennessee and at right are Wayne and Clare Seelmann of New York



## Get Acquainted Coffee Thursday, March 14, 9-11 am



Joni Marie enjoys singing classical music composed by Italian, French and German composers. She has acting experience in many TV, movie and stage films, including ‘Guys and Dolls’ and ‘My Fair Lady.’ Her vocal coach is famous Italian soprano Patrizia Orciani director of The Opera Studio School in Bologna, Italy. She has appeared in such operas as ‘La Wally’ and ‘La Rondine.’ Joni Marie recently sang ‘Angels We Have Heard on High’ on a Christmas CD for ‘Cathedral Christmas.’ Joni Marie will be performing for On Top of the World at the Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, March 14, from 9-11 a.m. Everyone gets one free donut and one cup of coffee. The event is free.

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

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On Top of the World residents enjoyed a Barry Manilow tribute concert in late January (pictured above) and a tribute to the band Chicago in February. In March the Entertainment Committee presents the Florida Bee Gees. (OTOW News photo by Barry Manilow)

## MARCH

- 21 Florida Bee Gees (show, 7:30, \$20)
- 23 TC & Sass (dance, 7:30, \$10)

## APRIL

- 18 Yacht Rock (show, 7:30, \$20)
- 20 Over The Edge (dance, 7:30, \$10)

## MAY

Final Show of the Spring

- 16 Streetlife Serenader - Billy Joel Tribute (show, 7:30, \$20)
- 18 The Impacs (dance, 7:30, \$10)
- 19 Horse Races (Sunday Meet & Greet)

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

# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



## Florida Bee Gees



Florida Bee Gees/Facebook

# March is your chance to hear Bee Gees music live again

By Maire Aine O'Neil

Once again, the On Top of the World Entertainment Committee brought to our community an enjoyable evening of entertainment in February.

The show Chicago Rewired brought back memories to all of us who were and still are Chicago fans. If you missed this show, you missed a great night of entertainment.

Our February dance featured the Flashback Band and was very well attended. This band played for our community several years back before COVID hit. We were so glad that we could finally bring them back!

Our Sunday Meet & Greet 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 the February Sunday Meet & Greet, mark your calendar for May 19 as that will be our next one and we will have horse racing once again.

The Florida Bee Gees will be returning on March 21 for our Thursday show. You will remember songs like "Stayin' Alive" to "Night Fever." This group brings the early songs of the Bee Gees such as "To Love Somebody," "I've Got to Get a Message to You" and of course the song "Massachusetts."

Again, just a reminder that all our shows for 2023 were sold out. Our first two shows of 2024 were sold out as well, so do not wait to purchase your tickets. All show tickets are \$20.

The TC & Sass band will entertain us on Saturday, March 23. This band performs

around the area and is very entertaining. Get your dancing shoes on and get ready for a wonderful time. Why not get a group of friends together and reserve a table or two? The cost is only \$10 and you do not have far to drive or walk for a night out. Just a reminder, wearing shorts is not allowed at dances.

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 just want to make sure you do not miss great entertainment right here in our own backyard.

Our shows and dances are reserved table seating - bring your own favorite beverages. Remember we will try to accommodate your party, so get your friends together and re-

serve 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 so that you can plan ahead.

Remember, you can purchase several show or dance tickets in advance. You do not need to purchase one at a time or wait for the month of the event. We accept cash and checks only.

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.



Look for our information table banner where tickets are sold in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Find our banner and you will find ticket sales for all of our upcoming events, plus we will answer your questions.

Our information table is open from 8:30-10:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday. We are also there for Get Acquainted Coffee.

## Horse Races!

Bring \$1



2 pm

Sunday, May 19  
EAC Auditorium

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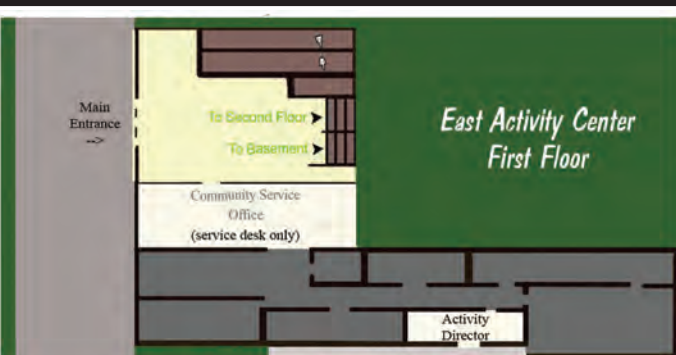
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East Activity Center Ground Floor



East Activity Center First Floor



East Activity Center Second Floor



West Activity Center

## East and West Activity Centers Room Maps

### EAC Pavilion Park Grill Map



Pavilion Park

## Important Phone Numbers

### Community Service Office

727-683-6981

### Water Turn-On/Water Turn-Off

727-799-3417 Option 6

### Activities Office

727-799-2734

### Emergency After Hours/Weekends

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# On Top of the World outdoor patio in 1979



If you have ever visited the On Top of the World newspaper office, you may have heard stories that the newsroom was once an outdoor patio overlooking the East Activity Center swimming pool. Pictured above is proof. This is a photo from the upstairs, outdoor patio in 1979. Today this area is now the newsroom and Crystal Beach Room. The lady in this picture is standing where Editor Doug Kates currently puts the newspaper together. Those metal support beams were still in the newsroom a few years ago. They were recently covered up during a remodeling project. You may notice a palm tree in the middle of the pool. It was removed about 10 years ago. You may notice a diving board on the right side. It has been removed. You may also notice there is no parking lot on the left side. According to On Top of the World, the patio was enclosed because there was a need for more activity rooms. Prior to becoming the newsroom, the section above was the Activity Office. This picture was rescued by Kathy Ahrens at a rummage sale in January. The image was touched-up for clarity. Below is work to the current pool during the month of February.

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# Our community's biggest event of the year takes place March 2 and is a 28-year tradition

By Barbara Rice

For 28 years, the Irish Club's St. Patrick's Day Parade has marched down World Parkway Boulevard East.

The 2024 parade steps off Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m.

We hope you have your chair ready and a place picked out on the parade route. There will be something in the parade for everyone to enjoy and more.

The annual celebration concludes many months of planning. Incredible community support and parade participation have been true Irish blessings.

Parade participants are headed our way on Saturday morning from Clearwater, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Dunedin, Largo, Holiday and Safety Harbor. They will join many On Top of the World residents striking up music, being patriotic, dancing, marching, cruising and making you smile on the boulevard.

Please be an OTOW ambassador. Welcome everyone. Offer help if someone looks lost.

Festivities follow the parade in the East Activity Center back parking lot. An after party includes food, drinks, music and dancing.

"Paddy O' Furniture," a three-piece band, will get the party moving. On Top of the World is sponsoring the band for your enjoyment.

Galvin's Goodies food truck will be here to take care of appetites built up while marching and watching the parade.

Galvin's parade-day menu is one hot dog for \$4.75, one hot dog and chips for \$5 and one hot dog with chips and a soda for \$6. Their menu will also include their popular ice cream and other food items sold on OTOW Food Truck Nights.

Parade committee members are pleased to report more parade entry registrations have been received and added to the list reported in last month's newspaper.

Roscoe the Leprechaun, charmingly authentic, will represent the Suncoast Storytellers, Inc. Roscoe will ride shotgun with Grand Marshals Tom and Noreen O'Riordan. There is a rumor he may have a pot of gold.

Team Lucky Penny USA plans to roll in three unique bicycles. Their Penny Farthing bicycle will have you craning your neck and asking, "How did you get up there?"

Our own Night Riders bicycle club will again treat us to a daytime ride.

Past favorites, the Clearwater Golden Doodles, Tina (the Weeki Wachee mermaid) and Dr. Scott Ray and his staff will return.



## Irish Club

Welcome Creative Dance School, Creating Smiles Dental, and O'Keefe's Tavern to their first time in our parade.

Entries also include many of your neighbors representing their OTOW clubs.

Also registered are classic cars, clowns, dancing troupes, pipe and drum bands, musicians, marching cadets, color guards, veterans, Santa Claus Drill Team, Camp Flamingo military vehicles, The Salvation Army, Chick Fil-A cow, Culver's life size ice cream cone, Egypt Shriners and their tin lizzies motorcars, Pinellas County Jeep Club, State Farm Insurance, Pinellas County Sheriff, Bob and Kim Stackpoole's tandem cycle, Kaylee the Scooter Dog, St. Vincent DePaul representatives, and more.

The Jolley Trolley will arrive on parade day to transport residents from OTOW's west side to the east side parade route. The trolley is scheduled to arrive around 9 a.m. Watch for the trolley. It will make trips along Americus Boulevard. It will not turn into each building parking lot. Wait along Americus Boulevard. The Jolley Trolley will also stop at the West Activity Center. Return trips will be made to the west side after the parade.

The Jolley Trolley is sponsored by Summitt Broadband.

Parade participants will begin to line up at the upper end of World Parkway Boulevard at the corner of Netherlands Drive. The side streets from Netherlands Drive down to Irish Lane will be used to line up the five parade divisions. The divisions will feed from the side streets onto the World Parkway Boulevard parade route and then march down the boulevard past the EAC.



Keep your eyes open. You may just see a real leprechaun at this year's Irish Club Parade.

Sit below Irish Lane to be sure to see each entry. (See parade map on next page)

Denis O'Doherty and Carmel LeBlanc will announce each entry from the reviewing stand at the three-way intersection on World Parkway Boulevard East.

Take note of an alteration to the past parade route at Brazilia Drive. Some of the parade entries (not all) may choose not to turn onto Brazilia. They will exit OTOW through the Sunset Point Road gate. If you

set up your chair on Brazilia, you will not see all of the parade entries.

A post parade meeting is scheduled for all participants on March 7 at 4 p.m. in the EAC Crystal Room.

Irish Club members are reminded the annual club picnic is on March 25 at Philippe Park, shelter 2, beginning at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members.

### \*\*\* Irish Club parade live on OTOW-TV channel 901 and rebroadcast all day March 17 \*\*\*

For the third year in a row, your community TV station will attempt to broadcast the Irish Club parade live for everyone who cannot line the boulevard and watch the event in person.

Live TV is still new at On Top of the World. We are working very hard to perfect it. There are a lot of moving pieces. If everything goes according to plan, live coverage will begin about 9:30 a.m. on World Parkway Boulevard

East in front of the OTOW golf course. The plan is to broadcast live from the golf course parking lot. If everything works, you will be able to enjoy the parade from your living room couch or favorite chair.

OTOW-TV channel 901 realizes not everyone can view the parade in person. We will make an effort to bring the parade to you. A rebroadcast will take place all day on the actual St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

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Each month in 2024, OTOW artist Irene Piper will be providing each Pet of the Month winner with a pet portrait based on their submitted photograph.

The owner will be contacted when each portrait is finished.

If you would like to contact Irene and request your own pet portrait, she is receiving emails at [loislane96@hotmail.com](mailto:loislane96@hotmail.com).

Irene does not take the initial photograph. You must submit a photo and she will create the painted portrait based on the picture.

Irene also can be reached at 617-921-3272

Hi, I'm Brady. I would love to be a Pet of the Month. I just turned 15 years old in December. My mom says I'm a sweet senior boy with soulful eyes. I'm a retriever sheltie mix, who was adopted by Cathy Berg at only 4 months old. I've been her faithful sidekick ever since. Originally, I was rescued in the hills of Kentucky. Then I lived a long and happy life in Minnesota with Cathy and her son, until moving here last October to retire at OTOW. We live in the English Gothic building. I love being outdoors, watching sunsets with mom, going for walks and seeing the big white birds. I enjoy meeting all the neighbors and their furry friends. You've probably seen us out walking around. I love getting a good pet from everyone I meet. It makes me smile and makes my day. Mom says I'm truly the best boy ever, and I believe her. I aspire to be the 2024 OTOW Pet of the Year.



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Each month in 2024, OTOW News will be 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:OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com) and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information at the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but two pets from the same household can be one entry. The winner each month will receive a portrait from On Top of the World artist Irene Piper. If you are the winner this month, the newsroom will notify you when your portrait is finished. 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 Pet of the Year winner will receive a portrait and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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# If you are sharing your condo with someone under 55, they do not have to leave if you pass on

SCAM ALERT: The Certified Copy of Deed scam is alive and well. AGAIN!

In this scam, after you have purchased a home, a condominium or homeowners' association property, your deed is recorded. Then you often receive a very "official-looking" letter. This is the scam.

This letter appears to come from local county government or a deed-record office. I mean, it really looks official.

In one way or another, this letter informs you about the necessity of having a certified copy of your deed. Some of these scam letters just refer to the necessity of having a copy, without mentioning whether it's a certified copy.

Then, of course, you are told what it costs. I've seen letters that say the cost is \$250.

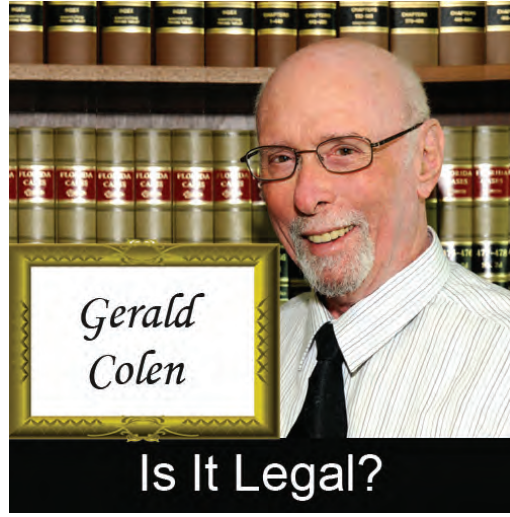
Please believe me: You DO NOT need a certified copy of your deed. For that matter, should you ever need one, you can get it for around \$10 from the clerk of courts.

You don't even need a copy of your deed, because you will have the original recorded one since your closing agent, or title insurance company, sends it to you.

SCAM ALERT: Folks, it is not possible to alert you about all the scams that are out there. You already know that.

What I try to do is go to FBI, IRS and Federal Trade Commission websites and see what scams they are warning us about.

And it goes without saying, but I am saying it anyway, that if you receive a text mes-



sage, email or phone call about a credit card issue, rather than respond, call the credit card company, using the phone number on the back of your credit card. Tell them you are calling about a scam and you will be given someone to speak with about the matter.

Q. I live at On Top of the World, which is an over-55 community. I am (considerably older than 55) and my spouse is (considerably younger than 55). My realtor said that if I pass away, because my spouse is not yet 55, she will have to leave our home. How can this be?

A. Your realtor is incorrect about OTOW. In an over-55 community, 80 percent of the residences must be occupied by at least one person who is 55 or older. That means that 20 percent can be younger than 55.

At either OTOW in Clearwater or OTOW in Ocala, when the over 55 person passes on and the younger one inherits the residence, the younger person can continue to occupy the residence.

Q. My disabled child lives with me. She is under age 55. She can take care of herself but when I pass away, I want her to have a home. Will she have to leave my residence at On Top of the World, because of her age?

A. Your child will not have to leave OTOW, either in Clearwater or in Ocala. See my answer above.

Q. I am a veteran having been in the Vietnam War. I have no spouse and I am disaffected from my son. I do not need financial help now, but don't know about the future. More to my point is, I have no idea what I need to do to plan for my demise. Suggestions from you, Mr. Attorney?

A. Of course, the Veterans Administration will be very helpful. Also, I am aware that there are veterans' organizations who are always available, if you reach out to them. I don't know the name of one in Pinellas County, but in Ocala, the On Top of the World Veterans Group, is eager to help all veterans.

Q. Where do you get the questions, you use in your newspaper column?

A. I get them from client meetings, and equally, from people who are not clients. I get them from folks I meet who might stop me

and ask me something. I get them from realtors and financial planners, who were asked questions they would like me to address. I speak to folks at my lectures and frequently, someone in the audience will come up after the lecture and ask me something. I get them from emails I receive. I get them from internet posts on the listservs of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys.

I am always on the lookout for something that might interest the people who read this column. I believe that the Q and A format works best.

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# Hydro-jetting project continues in Buildings 42-47

By Dessa Barabba

If you live in Buildings 31-47, please note a hydro-jetting project is currently in progress.

As a reminder, this was discussed during the June 11, 2021, General Meeting. Access to your unit may be required. The impacted units will be contained to first floor units and any necessary follow-up appointments will be scheduled by the Management Company.

A tentative schedule has been established for this 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 On Top of the World RAVE Alert. Be sure you are signed up to receive alerts prior to the project commencement.

Additionally, notices will be posted in each building up to two weeks prior to the scheduled start date. This information will also be available on the OTOW Clearwater website at <https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/hydro-jetting-project/>.

If you will not be home, we will still need access to your unit. Please find a representative for your unit, fill out the form above and mail it in or drop it off at the Community Service Office.

## OTOW Hydro-Jetting Project

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41	March 5 - March 8
40	March 11 - March 14
39	March 15 - March 20
38	March 20 - March 22
36	March 25 - March 28
37	March 29 - April 3
46	April 4 - April 5
47	April 5 - April 11

If you are a first floor resident and you will not be home during your scheduled hydro-jetting dates, please let On Top of the World know by cutting out this form and bringing it to the Community Service Office or mail form to:

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**\* Project Only Involves  
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(Hydro Jetting is the process of cleaning out debris and clog build-ups in wall pipes with a stream of high pressure water jets)

If you will not be home, but you have a personal representative who will allow workers into your unit, please fill out the two lines below.

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# OTOW Veterans Group to receive another military escort at parade

By Pamela Rosenblatt

The annual Irish Club Parade is Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m. and we hope you will be looking for the On Top of the World Veterans Group.

If you see a fleet of Army vehicles approaching, you know the veterans are getting closer to you.

All OTOW veterans are encouraged to participate in the parade and be recognized. We will have plenty of ways to transport you down the parade route and we may even be able to get you into an Army transport vehicle donated by Camp Flamingo.

Participants will line up on Mexican Way between 9-9:30 a.m.

If you cannot participate in the parade, we will have a designated viewing area for veterans. Please join us at our shaded area on Brisbane and World Parkway Boulevard.

All are welcome.

If you cannot attend the parade in person, you can still watch it live on OTOW-TV Channel 901. If everything goes according to plan, there will be a live broadcast and then a replay all day on March 17.

On Wednesday, March 6 at 2:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center there will be a pizza social for veterans and friends. Sign up at our



Members of the On Top of the World Veterans Group march ahead of Camp Flamingo, which provided Army vehicles during last year's parade. Not only will the Army vehicles be back this year, but you will actually get to see them up close during the post-parade party at the East Activity Center back parking lot.

information table or send an email to RSVP.

Our annual Salute to Veterans event hosted by the Snowbirds Club will be on Fri-

day, March 22. There will be music by Les 'N More - a live USO type show on stage.

All veterans will receive a free light meal



delivered to their table. The menu will include a sub sandwich, coleslaw, potato chips, cookies and coffee. All residents of OTOW are invited to attend and honor our veterans. This is a community-wide event. Sign up at the Snowbirds Club information table in the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. See pages 30 and 38 for details. Thank you for your service and welcome home. God Bless America

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Neighborly Care Transportation must reduce their bus schedule to Mondays and Thursdays effective Feb. 5. The bus service will be limited to the three locations shown on the left. Residents who need a ride still must call the OTOW Bus Phone Line to make a reservation. The number is (727) 799-3417, ext. 7. All rules for making reservations remain the same. Reservations must be made by phone at least 24 hours prior to the time you need a ride. No same-day reservations will be accepted. The phone line is open starting at 7:30 a.m. on business days. Monday reservations must be made by 1 p.m. Friday. Thursday reservations must be made by 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Only dates and locations offered at this time.

# Chorus spring concert set for April 6 & 7

By Patricia O'Beirne

The On Top of the World Chorus will be presenting a wide variety of songs with piano accompaniment.

"Timeless Treasures" is the theme of the show and will include music you've enjoyed throughout the decades.



**Chorus**

There will be two performances: Saturday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m. Both shows will take place in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Tickets are \$5 and can be used at either show. Tickets are on sale Mondays and Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. in the EAC. Please contact Marilyn Zylstra at zylst@att.net for additional information.

While I have you here reading my column, how about some name that tune music trivia? The following questions all have something to do with our show.

1. Ethel Merman was the first to be this stage mama and sing this song on Broadway?

2. The song written to commemorate the end of the Civil War?

3. Guaranteed a kick-line will form when you hear this song.

4. Louis Armstrong's version of this song is the most recognizable?

5. The Wizard of Oz helped make this song a standard.

6. A green frog had a hit with this song.

7. Frank Sinatra's famous Big Apple tribute song.

How did you do? Here are the answers.

1. Everything's Coming Up Roses

2. Battle Hymn of the Republic

3. Cabaret

4. What a Wonderful World

5. Somewhere Over the Rainbow

6. The Rainbow Connection

7. New York, New York



This is the On Top of the World Chorus performing during its holiday concert in December.



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# State law says you cannot drive into a crosswalk

By Tara Still

Do you know the Florida laws pertaining to pedestrians and drivers at stop signs and crosswalks?

Here's a refresher:

According to 2023 Florida Statute 316.123, every driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection with a stop sign shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, must stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection. If there is no crosswalk, then stop at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway.

After having stopped, the driver shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle which has entered the intersection from another highway or which is approaching so closely on said highway as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when the driver is moving across or within the intersection.

What is a full stop? Drivers often slow down at stop signs before continuing. But according to laws, you must come to a complete stop with no forward momentum at a stop sign.

2023 Florida Statute 316.130 says that a pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device specifically ap-

plicable to the pedestrian unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic control signals at intersections.

If a sidewalk is provided, no pedestrian shall, unless required by other circumstances, walk along and upon the portion of a roadway paved for vehicular traffic.

If a sidewalk is not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.

The driver of a vehicle at an intersection with a traffic control signal must stop before

entering the crosswalk and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross a roadway when the pedestrian is in the crosswalk or steps into the crosswalk.

When traffic control signals are not in place, or in operation, and there is no signage indicating otherwise, the driver of a vehicle must yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk.

Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



OTOW saxophone player, Peter Neumer, performs during an Italian-American Club jazz night back in February. There were more than 100 people in attendance.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



## OTOW saxophonist headlines Jazz Night for the Italian-American Club

By Sam Gonnella

Cabaret Jazz Night was a big hit on Feb. 6 as more than 100 people came out to listen to the Pete and Wayne Cabaret Jazz Show.

Pete is Peter Neumer, an On Top of the World resident. He was very excited to perform in front of his home crowd.

Pete performed on stage playing three types of saxophones, including alto, tenor and soprano. Wayne Levy, who was also on stage, played keyboard in musical harmony with Pete.

The audience soon got into the jazz-style renditions of popular artists with songs by Frank Sinatra, the Beatles, the Bee Gees, Motown, etc. The renditions drew well-deserved applause from the attendees.

Pete and Wayne interacted with the audience with stories of jazz and jokes. The rhythmic music had many people on the dance floor. The overall response to the jazz concert was very positive.

The Italian-American Club held a Day at the Races at Tampa Bay Downs on Feb. 23. It was an exciting day, which started out with hopes one could use their skills to pick winners. Some just used their own instincts like names, colors and favorite numbers to pick winners.

The reality was that it was a fun day with plenty of food, excitement and socializing with friends and residents from OTOW.

On March 20 at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium, the Italian-American Club will host one of its most popular events

on the calendar - the annual St. Joseph's Dinner/Dance.

Every year the objective is to feature special Italian foods that will please our residents who attend. This year, rotini pasta with marinara sauce is at the top of the list.

Rotini is a screw-shaped pasta that originated in southern Italy. It translates in Italian as "small wheels" or "spring like."

The shape of the pasta is how it captures sauce.

Also being served is eggplant rollatini, chicken marsala, sausage and peppers, tossed antipasto salad and traditional dessert, St. Joseph's zeppole.

Festival and dancing music will be provided by DJ Dino. This event is lots of fun every year.

The cost is \$30 for members and \$33 for non-members.

April 10 is our traditional end-of-the-season ice cream social - a sweet tooth affair. The ice creams will come with a variety of toppings, plus Lu's famous layer cakes.

There will be a chance to socialize with neighbors and friends. The cost is \$7.

The club will provide coffee and water at all of the events.

Tickets for the events can be purchased at the East Activity Center Auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m.

You can look for future event postings on the OTOW Box Office website (otowboxoffice.com) or OTOW-TV 901.

## Congresswoman Kim Berfield to speak March 12



By Debbie Russell and Carl Turner

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club meeting in February started with a fun meet and greet session. Then the business meeting was called to order by the President Carl Turner.

Later, Treasurer Karen Tatge gave an update on the club account balance, stating it was holding strong at more than \$2,180.

The club is growing and new members were recognized and given a warm welcome.

Jim Bjorgo said club shirts featuring an elephant Republican logo and name tags can still be purchased for \$22 so don't miss out!



Nearly 40 people were present for the Republican Club meeting in February.

Our March meeting will be a "working" meeting with our usual education program. We have invited various candidates to speak starting with our March 12 meeting.

The March meeting speaker is State Congresswoman Kim Berfield.

We have been working to develop ways

for all of us to connect, including a website and a liaison program for each building. So far we have gotten liaisons for 39 of the 91 condo buildings here and 52 of the 100-plus volunteers we are trying to recruit.

If you can volunteer as much as two hours per month, and have not already done

so, please call Carl Turner at 443-624-9303 or carlmarvinturner@gmail.com to see what you can do.

The club is planning some fun events this year, including a pizza party at the Pavilion and to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, both in March.



Congressional candidate Whitney Fox visits the On Top of the World Democratic Club.

# Whitney Fox stops at On Top of the World on the Congressional campaign trail

By David Beaven

At last month's Democratic Club meeting, we were treated to a presentation by Congressional candidate Whitney Fox.

Whitney is a candidate for Congress in the upcoming August Democratic primary. If she wins that contest, she will challenge the current Republican representative in our district, Ana Paulina Luna.

Whitney decided to run because she saw a need for improving affordability in our county for housing, transportation and other services. Her previous career was with our local transit authority, PSTA, where she

worked with leaders on both sides to improve transportation services for all.

She also feels the need to help women to have the right to make their own health-care decisions. Whitney has been endorsed by many local leaders. Find out more about her record at [whitneyfoxforcongress.com](http://whitneyfoxforcongress.com).

With the Clearwater city elections coming up in March, our club members have been actively supporting local progressive candidates: Kathleen Beckman for mayor, and Javante Scott and Mark Bunker for City Commissioner seats. Although we can't vote for these candidates, we have been doing

sign waving at busy corners and literature distribution to help them in their campaigns. It also gives us practice for the upcoming big show - the general election in November.

The Democratic Club is open to Democratic and like-minded independent voters who are residents of On Top of the World. We meet monthly every second Thursday at 2 pm in the Learning Lab on the west side. You can also drop by our club table on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 10:30am in the Auditorium. For more information, go to our website: [worlddemsclub.blogspot.com](http://worlddemsclub.blogspot.com).



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# Mermaids, boat rides and manatees lie ahead for Travel Club in April

By Tom Chalupka  
 The Travel Club has already had a busy year, enjoying a casino cruise out of Cape Canaveral, where residents saw a rocket launch as an added bonus.  
 We've also had lunch at Tampa Bay Downs, a day at the Lowery Park Zoo, a club cookout and a lunch at the culinary school at Tarpon Springs High School.  
 April promises to be even more special with a very luxurious trip to the Plantation Resort on Crystal River, a well-known spot for the best of amenities and excellent service.  
 This three-day trip includes delicious dinners, wonderful breakfasts and the possibility of swimming with manatees or boating with manatees.  
 We also will be enjoying massages, manicures, boat trips, kayak rentals, paddle boards, fishing, golfing, chess, checkers, both indoor and outdoor bars, and a beautiful swimming pool for relaxation.  
 Travelers may shop in the quaint village

and a hospitality room will help keep the evening going.  
 On the way to the Plantation on Crystal River, the group will stop at Weeki Watchee to see mermaids perform their graceful moves or we could possibly take a boat ride down a spring-fed stream on the property.  
 On the way home, the bus will stop at Homosassa Springs for a boat ride through the original Florida landscape and to see rescued animals and water creatures under care of the park.  
 As always, reservations for this trip may be made on Monday or Thursday mornings at the Travel Club information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 8:30 until 10:15 a.m.  
 Members of the club can also answer any questions you may have regarding this fantastic opportunity. They will register you as a member of our club if you'd like to join.  
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# Computer Club helps members keep computers optimized for performance and security

By Joe Wisinski

Computers that run too slowly are the bane of users.

Worse yet are computers that may be subject to malware that could compromise personal information.

So the On Top of the World Computer Club recently showed members how to keep their computers optimized for both performance and safety.

Club President Lisa Pompeo and member Scott Mascitelli taught the session. Some of the tips they provided are:

- Run Disk Cleanup. In the search area of your computer's taskbar (the icons on the bottom of the screen) type "cleanup." A list of potential matches will open. Click on "Disk Cleanup," then on the "C" drive. Click on all the boxes except for "Recycle Bin" and then on "OK." Finally, click on "Delete Files."

- Keep your computer updated. Type "update" in the search area, then on "check for updates." In the window that opens, click on "check for updates" again.



Computer Club member Scott Mascitelli teaches club members about keeping their computer running quickly and safely.

- Keep adequate space free on your hard drive. The hard drive is too full, the computer struggles to find a place to put information, thus slowing it down.



Think of this like a kitchen cabinet with too many items in it. It's more difficult to put items back where they belong.

Lisa recommends that users keep at least 25 percent of the hard drive unused.

These are only a few ideas out of many to keep your computer running quickly and safely. For more help, come to the Learning Lab in the West Activity Center any Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 10. Computer Club members will help optimize your computer and answer any questions you may

have. This service is free to residents.

### About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Meetings take place both in person at the West Activity Center Learning Lab and using the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Visitors are welcome.

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask questions.

Although the club does not offer help to residents with computers that require service in their condos, it can offer guidance and assistance in locating service providers.

For more information about the Computer Club, or to ask computer service-related questions, email [otowcc@gmail.com](mailto:otowcc@gmail.com), visit our website at [www.otowcc.com](http://www.otowcc.com), or click our link in the OTOW Box Office website [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com).



Charley Thewatt

## High Vibe Tribe present a guitar concert on March 12

By Laurie LeClaire

The High Vibe Tribe will host a guitar concert on Tuesday, March 12, in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room from 7-9 p.m. After introductions, sharings and oracle cards, Charley Thewatt will present his concert with vocals and acoustic guitar. It will also include easy opportunities for people to sing along.

The following is Charley's biography: Charley brings a presence of warmth, humor and ease to any gathering. He has been a favorite with spiritual groups since the early '80s when he took a leap of faith from his budding

architecture career into touring full-time with his inspiring talks, concerts and workshops. This work has taken him to 15 countries on six continents.

Charley has also been the musical opener for such luminaries as Wayne Dyer, Marianne Williamson, Deepok Chopra, Tony Robbins, Ram Dass and Lousie Hay. He has appeared on national television and radio with his songs, including such popular titles as "You're an Angel," "Take Your Power Back" and "Dancers in the Light."

Please check out his online website: [musicangel.com](http://musicangel.com)

Our High Vibe Tribe now meets monthly on the second Tuesday evening of each month in the East Activity Center's Kitchen/Clearwater Room from 7-9 p.m. It is a free club with the intention to explore all aspects of metaphysics, which is an unlimited topic.

We welcome all residents interested in exploring the realms of spirit and mysticism and anything under the topic of metaphysics.

I have now created a club page on the Box Office website ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)). You can contact Laurie LeClaire for questions at [otowwooo@gmail.com](mailto:otowwooo@gmail.com) or call 727 265-1671.

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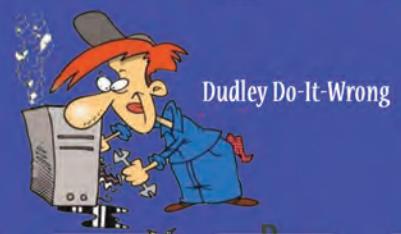
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# Lawn bowl tournaments should resume as weather gets dryer



By Kathleen Walter

The wet winter weather caused a lot of disappointment for our lawn bowlers throughout January and February.

Although the sport is called lawn bowling, and was initially played on grass, many courts today, including On Top Of The World courts, are made of rubico. Rubico is a granular material that is easier to maintain than grass, and when compacted forms a perfect surface for lawn bowling.

A big problem though is that heavy rains that cause the courts to flood or become too soft. As a result, many practice sessions, unfortunately, get canceled and several tournaments had to be postponed.

A huge thank you goes out to the OTOW maintenance crew and our team captains, who worked tirelessly to maintain the integrity of the courts.

As the weather improved, tournaments were rescheduled.

Congratulations to the winners of the following in-house tournaments:

**Australian Pairs**

Cathy Mills and Kelly Moore

**Rabbie Burns**

Butch Swain and Roxanne Deagler

Several of our members also competed in Lawn Bowls USA tournaments at the Clearwater Lawn Bowling Club, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year.

Congratulations to Jerry Cotton and



Lawn Bowls held a 1960s themed dinner party in February. These were two of the hippies who showed up.

Butch Swain who took first place in the open pairs.

Even though the bowls were not rolling as much as we would have liked, our social events continued as planned. We had a marvelous time at our Annual President's Dinner on January 24 at the East Activity Center (EAC). In addition to great food, we had tons of fun dressing up in tie-dyed shirts and

bell bottom pants while dancing to the twist as we celebrated the 60's (picture). We also had several fabulous gatherings in our beautiful pavilion including our Valentine's Day lunch and Sunday Sundae Party.

Look for us in our green team shirts as we march in the St. Patrick's Day parade and stop by to say hello at our table in the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays. We are always

eager to provide information about our sport and we gladly welcome all who would like to give it a try. Remember that weather permitting you can roll some bowls at our practices on Monday through Saturday at 9:30 am and Wednesdays at 6 pm. No experience is necessary. We have several nationally ranked members who serve as trainers and we provide all equipment.

# Snowbirds Club planning salute to OTOW veterans and 2025 cruise to Panama Canal



By Ed Foland

The Snowbirds Club has enjoyed several fun events this season and more fun events are on the schedule for March and April.

A club favorite are concerts at Ruth Eckerd Hall, and dinner theater trips to Fletchers Early Bird Dinner Theater in Clearwater and Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater in Hudson.

Recently, the Snowbirds went on an annual bucket list cruise to the Eastern and Southern Caribbean Islands. Cruising gives the biggest bang for the buck and is very relaxing. Cruises provide food, lodging and entertainment all within walking distance of each other.

Our second cruise was on the Captain JC Riverboat along the Caloosahatchee River, passing through the Franklin Locks. The cruise provided good scenery, food and entertainment at a reasonable price.



A bus load of Snowbirds Club members are ready to get on A paddlewheel river boat on the Caloosahatchee River. (Photo by Ed Foland)

The Snowbirds Club's next bucket list cruise is through the locks in the Panama Canal, plus several other bucket list destination

such as Aruba, Curacao and Jamaica.

This cruise will depart from Tampa on Jan. 3 of 2025 for 14 days. Contact Travel agent Marie Emmerich to lock in the lowest price this season. Her direct line is (727) 686-8886.

The Snowbirds Club big event for this season is a community-wide Salute to On Top of the World veterans. The date is Friday, March 22, in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6 p.m. The price is \$15 (free to veterans).

Snowbirds Club membership is not needed for this major event to salute our veterans. After the dinner, talented entertainers will perform with a USO-type show.

Thanks to the New York-New Jersey

Club, the Irish Club, the Veterans Group and a multitude of dedicated volunteers for providing assistance to the Snowbirds Club in honoring our veterans.

There will be no ticket sales at the door. All tickets must be purchased at the Snowbirds Club information table in the East Activities Center between the hours of 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Monday and Thursday mornings prior to March 19.

The Snowbirds Club line dance team is a major source of volunteers for the Salute to Veterans party. Watch for our line dancers performing in the Irish Club annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 2. They will be dressed in matching green and white outfits. Be sure to cheer them on.



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## *Five reach final table*

# *Poker terminology lesson*



By Joe DeChiaro

The first Texas Card Game Club tournament of 2024 drew 28 players. There were four tables of seven players each.

The blind structure was condensed to accommodate the four-hour time limit to complete the tournament. Eventually the final five players decided to split the prize pool.

There are many poker terms which are called out as the tournament is conducted. Before each hand is dealt, a small blind and a big blind are posted. The big blind is always two-times the small blind. Every 15 minutes, the blinds increase.

After the first break in an hour, the big blind will also add an ante. The ante is the same amount as the big blind.

After the first two cards are dealt to each player face down, players will say check, bet, call or raise. Check means no bet. Bet means chips are placed in front of the player. Call means a player will bet the same amount as



Warren Levene, Mike Marsh, Bob Ellis, Don Mandeville and Debbie Hall reach the final table.

the initial players bet. Raise means the player will bet more than the initial players bet.

On any bet or call or raise, a player also has the option to fold his/her cards.

The next three cards are dealt in the middle of the table face up. This is called the "flop." Players will either check, bet, call, raise or fold their cards.

The next card dealt face up is called the "turn." Players will either check, bet, call,

raise or fold their cards.

The final card that is dealt face up is called the "river." Players will either check, bet, call, raise or fold their cards.

At any time, a player might say "all in" which means all his/her chips are placed as a bet.

At any time, a player might say "fold" which means he/she will not play the hand anymore.

Finally, after all the betting is completed, players turn over their initial two cards to see who has the highest poker hand. This player wins all the chips in the middle of the table.

The next tournament will be on Friday, March 29, at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

For more information, send an email to joegdechiaro@yahoo.com or show up 15 minutes before the start time.



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Pictured above is work from the Artist of the Month for March. This pelican was painted by Art Guild newcomer Stephanie Heygley. At right is a sample painting from Shawn Dell Joyce, who will be a guest demonstrator on March 15.



# Community invited to attend pastel seminar hosted by special guest

By Julie Awot

March is a busy month for the Art Guild. The East Activity Center Largo Room is the base of operations.

Ongoing activities include, Painting Pals from 1-4 p.m. each Wednesday and Rosemary Luggs' popular acrylic painting class from 1-4 p.m. each Thursday.

On Friday, March 15, Art Guild will host its monthly members meeting. This month the guest art demonstrator will be Shawn Dell Joyce.

Shawn is a renowned plein air artist. She is also somewhat of a performance artist. She was featured in the Tampa news when she worked "live" for visitors to the Dune-din Fine Arts Center. She produced an enormous pastel landscape over a month's time all while on view to museum goers.

You can visit Shawn's website at [www.shawndelljoyce.com](http://www.shawndelljoyce.com). You can view a video of the news story there, as well as read other biographical info about Shawn.



All residents of On Top of the World are welcome to attend Shawn's demonstration on March 15, 1-3 p.m. in the Largo Room.

Also open to all residents is a Saturday workshop in the pastel medium. The attend-

ees will have the option of creating a landscape or still life. There will be two instructors guiding us. They are Karen Baker and Brenda Mattson.

Karen and Brenda demonstrated for the Guild in April of 2023. Both artists are signature members of the Pastel Society of America.

The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, from 1-4 p.m., in the Largo Room. The cost is \$25 plus supplies. A list of supplies will be given to you at sign up.

This event is a great value. Three hours with professional instruction of this caliber is the perfect opportunity to explore a new medium.

To sign up for the workshop, please call Kacee Clarkson at 502-644-4187.

The Artist of the Month for March is Stephanie Heygley, who is a brand new member of the Art Guild. She submitted a beautiful pastel of a pelican. She was able to paint the feathers so realistically that you

can almost see them flutter. This painting features lots of beautiful colors and a lovely composition.

Welcome and congratulations to Stephanie.

Guild members are busy getting prepared for the 2024 annual Art Show and Sale. This event is scheduled for Sunday, April 14, from 1-4 p.m. There are a few spots still available, but don't procrastinate. The deadline to sign up is March 15.

The ever cheerful Barbara Holland is the Art Show event chairperson, but she can't do it alone. Members not exhibiting, please volunteer to help Barbara. You can touch base and find out where you can help at the March 15 meeting.

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.

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# Around the Bay

Clearwater Area Entertainment  
By Mike Wood



## Music and theater scenes around the bay bring March in like a lion

Spring has sprung and the bay area music scene is sprouting up with great shows all around the area.

From country music-great Alabama, to Blues Guitar icon Joe Bonamassa, to legendary singer Paul Anka, Pinellas County has it all.

We even have a special event in March - a play adapted by world-renowned comedian Steve Martin will be live here for all to enjoy.

While you are browsing the information below, look for the \* which designates my picks for "Must See" performances.

For more information on these and other live events around the bay, keep reading!

### Ruth Eckerd Hall Venues

All tickets and information for the following Ruth Eckerd Hall venues are available through their website: [ruteckerdhall.com](http://ruteckerdhall.com).

The Sound at Coachman Park

301 Drew St, Clearwater

\* March 16, Joe Bonamassa - blues guitar concert extraordinaire.

March 23, Air Supply & Little River Band - step back to the '70s with these two super groups.

### The Nancy & David Bilheimer Capitol Theater

405 Cleveland St, Clearwater

March 7, Gino Vannelli.

March 9, Lords of 52nd Street - Billy Joel Legends.

March 14, Classic Albums Live presents Pink Floyd - The Wall.

March 15, Colin Hay - Men at Work lead singer performs a great music and comedy show.

March 20, Crash Test Dummies, Canadian music superstars tour stops in Clearwater.

March 21, Pat Metheny: Dream Box Tour.

March 22, Electric Light Orchestra Experience.

March 23, Taylor Dayne & Tiffany, an evening of smash hits.

### Ruth Eckerd Hall

1111 McMullen Booth Rd, Clearwater  
Highlights this month include, but are not limited to:

\* March 5-6, Bob Dylan, Rough and Rowdy Tour.

\* March 8, Paul Anka, Seven Decades Tour.

March 11, The Temptations & The Four Tops, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Show.

March 17, Neil Berg's 115 Years of Broadway.

March 22, Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance.

### Other Venues around the Pinellas County side of Tampa Bay

#### Francis Wilson Playhouse

302 Seminole St, Clearwater

March 1-3, Something Rotten This Way Comes, Tony Award winner comes to Clearwater.

\* March 9, Broadway by the Year Concert, Celebrating 1975, great Broadway music from one of the greatest Broadway eras of all time.

Tickets and showtimes are available on their website [franciswilsonplayhouse.org](http://franciswilsonplayhouse.org).

#### freefall Theater

6099 Central Ave, St. Petersburg

March 2-10, Kurt Vonnegut's musical comedy God Bless You, Mr. Rosenwater.

Dates, showtimes and tickets available on their website: [www.freefalltheater.com](http://www.freefalltheater.com).

#### West Coast Players

21905 US Hwy 19 N, Clearwater

March 8-24, The Dining Room, a comedy of manners, directed by Victor Carr.

Tickets are available on their website: [www.wcplayers.com](http://www.wcplayers.com)

#### Palladium Theater

253 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg

Tickled Pink Comedy Tour, St. Pete Opera Piccini's Turnadot, Absolute Queen and Women of Jazz highlight the fantastic lineup of shows at the Palladium this month.

Visit their website [mypalladium.org](http://mypalladium.org) for show dates, times and tickets.

#### St. Petersburg City Theater

4025 31st St S, St. Petersburg

March 15-24, Don't Dress for Dinner, a "slapstick comedy" play loaded with "hilarious hijinks."

Visit their website for dates, showtimes and tickets: [www.spcitytheater.org](http://www.spcitytheater.org)

#### Central Park Performing Arts Center

105 Central Park Dr, Largo

The Central Park Performing Arts Center has a great lineup of 10 shows this month, highlighted by:

January 18, The Dark Desert Eagles (an

Eagles tribute).

January 25, Orlando Transit Authority (a Chicago tribute).

For the test of their lineup, tickets and showtimes, visit their website [largoarts.com](http://largoarts.com)

#### Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center

4951 78th Ave. N, Pinellas Park

March highlights include, but are not limited to:

March 1-10, Escape to Margaritaville, a musical comedy tribute to Jimmy Buffett.

March 12, The Jake and Elwood Blues Review.

March 28, Solitary Man - A Tribute to Neil Diamond.

Visit their website for a full list of all the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center shows, showtimes and tickets at [www.pinellas-park.com](http://www.pinellas-park.com).

#### Zubrick Magic Theater

1211 1st Ave N Suite 101

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Tickets available on their website [www.zubrickmagic.com](http://www.zubrickmagic.com)

#### Early Bird Dinner Theater

13355 49th St N, Clearwater

\* March 2-April 21, The Underpants by Carl Sternheim, adapted by Steve Martin.

This show could be this month's sleeping giant, especially when you think about the fact that it was adapted by the world-renowned comedian Steve Martin.

11 a.m. and 4 p.m. shows Thursdays through Sundays.

All performances include lunch or dinner and a show.

Tickets are available on their website, [www.earlybirddinnertheater.com](http://www.earlybirddinnertheater.com).

#### Dunedin Showcase Theater

1920 Pinehurst Rd, Dunedin

The hilarious, laugh-out-loud comedy farce Drinking Habits starts May 3. Stay tuned for updates.

Dates, showtimes and tickets

are available through their website at [www.dunedinshowcasetheater.net](http://www.dunedinshowcasetheater.net)

#### The Mahaffey Theater Duke Energy Center for the Arts 400 1st Street South, St. Petersburg

Ten great shows and concerts this month, highlighted by two performances by The Florida Orchestra's Rick Steves' Europe, A Symphonic Journey.

Show dates, times and tickets are available on their website, [themahaffey.com/shows-and-events](http://themahaffey.com/shows-and-events).

#### Fantastic Venues Across the Bay

##### The Straz Center

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Dates, showtimes and tickets are available on their website at [www.strazcenter.org](http://www.strazcenter.org) for these venues: Jaeb Theater, Shimberg Playhouse, TECO Theater, Morsani Hall and Riverwalk Stage

##### Amalie Arena

401 Channelside Dr, Tampa

Tim McGraw, Ricky Martin, Enrique Iglesias and Disney on Ice highlight some of the non-hockey events this month.

The full listing of shows and tickets are available through the Amalie Arena website, [www.amaliearena.com](http://www.amaliearena.com)

##### Raymond James Stadium

4201 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

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Wow, what a lineup of great live performances to kick off this spring.

Which ones will you attend?

I'll be back next month with another great lineup of live music and theater "Around the Bay!"

*(Nobody paid OTOW News to list information in this column. Nor will OTOW News ever accept payment to list information in this column. Information was gathered off the Internet for the sole purpose of providing information to our residents.)*

## Keyboarders will get homework assignments for over the summer

By Audrey Strong

Happy spring to all of our friends and neighbors here at On Top of the World.

The members of the Keyboard Club have been busy learning new songs and practicing old ones to keep our skills sharp.

Aside from note reading, we've been working on reading various rhythms in different tempos and time signatures to keep us fluent in each. The more adept we are, the easier learning new music becomes.

March will be the last month for Keyboard Club this half of the year. We've developed a step-by-step learning plan for every piece of music each member might want to teach themselves during our months off.

Hopefully, learning will not stop even though our time together will be ending for now.

If you'd like to join us, we are in the Learning Lab of the West Activity Center from 9:45-11 a.m. each Friday.

On March 29, this will be an optional day since it is Good Friday and may interfere



### Keyboard Club

with some members' religious observances.

Keep music in your life. Listen, learn, read about and enjoy it. Attend a concert or musical production or even some Friday night street music events that are available in various parts of our area.

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# Everyone enjoys Jimmy Buffet so everyone should attend a tribute dance in March

By Mary Smith

Seems like yesterday, we were all getting ready for Christmas and here it is March already. The older I get, the faster time seems to speed up.

February saw the Canadian Club's continued evolution of what was first known as the "Canada Day Dinner Dance" then become the "Friendship Dinner Dance."

The greatest gift that any club can offer is the opportunity to make new friends. The Canadian Club wants to continue our quest to build great friendships.

The next chance is in March.

The On Top of the World Canadian Club will be offering A Tribute to Jimmy Buffet and Margaritaville dinner dance on Tuesday, March 12, at the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Cocktails start at 5 p.m. and the buffet dinner will start at 6 p.m. This is a bring-your-own-beverage event.

Dinner will consist of roast pork with Rosemary shallot sauce, or almond with dill sauce.

Rice Pilaf and a vegetable medley will round out the meal, which includes salad and dessert.

After dinner, we will dance to the sounds of our favorite music thanks to our good friend disc jockey Les N'More, who is always happy to take requests, even a few weird Canadian type songs.

Tickets are \$25 for members, \$30 for guests. There is still a little time left to visit the Canadian Club information table and



The Canadian Club turned the Auditorium into a dance floor with its annual Friendship Dance in February. We have two more big events coming up in March. (Photo by Rowland Hetrick)



Once again, the Canadian Club will be able to participate in the Irish Club Parade. We all have a little bit of Irish in us somewhere.

Our fabulous annual picnic will be held at the On Top of the World Pavilion. Tasty chicken will be brought to us by our fabulous friends at Sprouts.

On March 8, our club will be returning to the '50s and '60s by "going to the hop." The Belleair Room will be rocking and rolling to everyone's old favorites. We're hoping to get a few karaoke tunes in there as well.

So, dig out your old poodle skirt and lace up those saddle shoes and join us for an evening of fun. It's free so why not attend. Bring your own beverages and snacks.

And don't forget to buy your Blue Jay's tickets. More next month.

pick up your tickets. Cut off for ticket sales is March 8.

Jimmy Buffett said it best, "Life is a journey that's measured not in miles or years

but in experiences." Please join us for a fabulous experience.

There are many other great things that the Canadian Club will be doing in March.

# After a successful first cruise, Moving 'n Grooving plans 2025 event

By Margaret LeTourneau

Can you imagine the excitement of planning a relaxing vacation, but all the details are managed for you?

This great opportunity is within your reach right now.

The Moving 'n Grooving Club is planning a fabulous cruise for its members, as well as their family and friends.

We are hoping for a February 2025 date to the Eastern Caribbean Cruise, which would include a leisurely bus ride from the East Activity Center to the cruise terminal.

There's nothing like cruising with our fun-filled Moving 'n Grooving group. There were about 75 of us who joined the first club cruise last December. We had a wonderful vacation together. We hope you'll consider joining us on our second voyage.

Welcome aboard!



How about trying some line dance classes with Margaret LeTourneau? She caters to all levels and a great time is guaranteed. The schedule is listed with this article.

You also can find our listings for Cardio Dance/Cardio Dance Light, Broadway Bound, cornhole, and gentle movement exercises for more information on those activities.

Members of our club receive monthly calendars, showing dates, times and locations for our activities. If you would like to receive a copy of our monthly calendar for March, see the contact info below.

The Moving 'n Grooving Club is always welcoming new ideas and new beginnings. If you'd like to check out our inclusive line dance, cardio dance, Broadway Bound, cornhole and gentle movement exercise classes, please contact Hope Tera at 914-217-9206, or send her an email at movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com.

You can also come to any of our activities to try them out.

You can learn more about our club on the OTOW Box Office website (otowboxoffice.com). Look for our logo.

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

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# Lambda social turns into possible source for future documentary

By Jay English

Our Lambda Club social in February saw a visitor who arrived to make a documentary about retiring in Florida's LGBTQ communities.

"Nana Schewitz" came to serve tea and check out our Lambda Club and our social, which did not disappoint.

The Lambda Club was in full Valentines mode with members dressing in red and passing out Valentines and hugs.

With all the love in the air, and Nana's camera crew, it made for an exciting monthly social.

The Lambda Club wishes Nana much success in "her" upcoming documentary about LGBTQ retirement in Florida, which we hope our Lambda Club at On Top of the World Clearwater gets a mention.

This month's Lambda monthly social theme will be in the spirit of St. Patrick. This is the time of year when most all Lambda members claim to be part Irish, any excuse for a hot toddy.

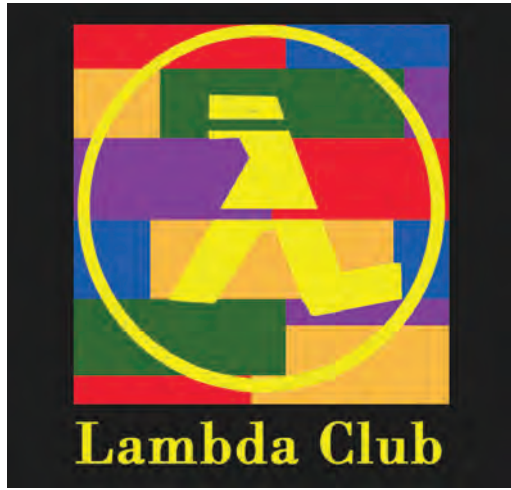
The social will be held in the Kitchen-Clearwater Room at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 8.

Irish music will be playing. The bar will be serving Paddy's Punch to put you in a festive mood. Make something yummy to share for our potluck buffet.

The dress code is wear green, or for those of you who have kilts (and we know who you are) wear them - appropriately!

The Lambda Book Club this month is reading "Insignificant Others: A Novel" by Stephen McCauley. The book discussion will take place on Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at Dave Beaven's condo.

April's book club read is "Deaf Utopia."



It is a memoir and a love letter to the way of life by Nyle DiMarco and Robert Siebert.

As usual, our regular weekly Monday 3 p.m. golf meet up is still swinging away. Dress accordingly.

On Wednesdays at noon, our mall walkers continue and Fridays at 5 p.m. Lambda Zoom calls with Howard are still happening.

Our Lambda Chat is on the first and third Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room.

Lambda is a club that serves the LGBTQ population at On Top of the World as well as our friends and neighbors. For further information about the club, go to <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

If you want to participate in our monthly book club, please feel free to contact Kevin Knotts at [kknotts2347@yahoo.com](mailto:kknotts2347@yahoo.com)

You can also check us out on the Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)), or call Lambda Club President Dave Beaven at (727) 410-7566.



Nana Schewitz, left, visits with Lambda Club President Dave Beaven during the club's Valentine's Day social in the East Activity Center. Nana was here making a documentary about LGBTQ people living in Florida.

## Q&A with Parkway Management, 9-10 am, Friday, March 8, EAC Auditorium Details on page 5



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# If you can ride a bike vast distances and drink coffee - you are Boomer material



Fourteen Baby Boomer bike riders stop for coffee and drinks in Safety Harbor.

By Dianne Dvorak  
The Baby Boomers group has been in full swing this year!

We are taking advantage of all the fun ideas and outings our members have been bringing to the group. Thanks to our Margery Cruise, 12 of us totally loved the Broadway Musical Comedy "First Date" at West Coast Players. It was delightful, funny and well written with amazing local young talent.

Many of us are going again for "The Dining Room" in March.

More members of our Boomers group went to the Jesters show this year where we saw some of our own club members perform. It was great to see them on stage! Who knew we had so much talent in our group!

Those of us who went to the show realize how much effort and preparation it must take to put on this production every year. We appreciate all the Jesters!

We also had two tables of Baby Boomers supporting the Irish Club parade fundraiser. What a hoot with an ugly stick to boot!

Members of our club bike every Friday at 10 a.m. with a meet up at the EAC parking lot on World Parkway. Generally we ride the Ream Wilson Trail through Cliff Stevens, Moccasin Lake and Kapok parks, and along Bayside Drive to Safety Harbor. It is scenic and lovely and we end up at a local coffee shop Cafe Vino Tinto for fun chats, coffee and/or a bit of breakfast.

Other biking opportunities and destinations are announced through our Baby Boomers group e-mail communication. We

have regular bikers and e-bikers ... we get along fine, really!

Eleven Baby Boomers attended the first Sunset Beach Concert of the season on Feb. 1 in Tarpon Springs. We were dressed like we were going skiing instead of to a beach!

We enjoyed the bonfire while listening to the amazing Tarpon Springs High School Jazz Band until we succumbed to the north wind and had to give it up before the end of the show. The talent in that band is amazing. There is Baby Boomer fun golf now on Mondays at 3 p.m. Just show up at the 9-hole course to get out there and enjoy our OTOW Golf Courses. Again, no competition or embarrassment. It's all in fun.

We welcome all the newcomers to the Baby Boomers group and appreciate their ideas, input and participation. It's always

great meeting new people and making new friends!

The Boomers have always depended on ideas put forth by our members on our Google email and/or discussions in our meetings twice a month. We meet on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Largo Room. We are casual and have no officers or dues and rely on members to volunteer to run meetings. It is informal with none of the typical

protocol and we try to keep the meeting to 30-45 minutes.

Those of us who want to go out afterward will visit a local restaurant. If you are active and want to meet people, make new friends and are open to taking part in the unlimited fun activities inside and outside of OTOW, come join us. For more than 11 years our members have made priceless friendships and memories, and we are still on it big time!

## First social meeting for new club is March 7

By Lola Dickert

Welcome to the Golden Minds Club.

We are just getting started.

We all need a comfortable place to go and feel welcome. This is the idea by a new club I am starting in March.

The Golden Minds Club will hold its first meeting 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday, March 7, in the East Activity Center Dunedin Room.

Get out of your condo for an hour and bring your joy. Leave the rest to this new social group. We can tell jokes, have positive conversations, and bring up fun events from our past or future.

Every person at On Top of the World is different and you are all welcome. No malice or anger allowed. Life is good. Share it.



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# Jesters pull off a 27-scene show

By Rodger Hillier

If you attended our Jesters' show in February, you saw two sharks get married, a ventriloquist, magic, a singing airline pilot and bikini babes dancing on the beach.

Oh, what a night!

The Jesters' imagination of Hawaii became center stage in the On Top of the World Auditorium. The cast shared a taste of Hawaii through dance, singing and a lot of comedy.

Nearly 1100 people came out and saw the show.

'Aloha Hawaii' was the culmination of several months of work. There were so many aspects to putting a show like this together. From the very beginning, we started with a concept, then ideas, then writing and finding the right talent.

This was all followed by rehearsals, making costumes, finding music, making scenery and more.

This year the Jesters had a very talented cast. They all worked hard. We had three rehearsals a week starting at the end of October until showtime on Feb. 2, 3 and 4.

After a few rehearsals, we wondered if we were going to pull it off successfully - we had 27 scenes. That is a lot to coordinate.

I must say, the Jesters had grit, or in another word "sticktoitviness."

A lot of people said it was not going to



The 2024 Jesters' show 'Aloha Hawaii' had a little bit of everything, including music, dancing, magic and a wedding. Pictured above are two sharks getting married on a beach in Hawaii. They chose Hawaii to be closer to Charlie Tuna. (Image courtesy OTOW-TV)

work, but this cast worked together, helped each other and made the show a reality. The show was a great project and it made a difference in the lives of the people who took part in the show.

Some cast members said "they had a blast" while others called it "crazy fun."

One cast member never envisioned being on stage in front of a live audience, but pulled it off.

Another cast member said, "it was a memory that will last."

Stage Manager Mary Smith had a unique

view of the whole ordeal. While working back stage it was her job to make sure everyone was in place for their next scene and the correct scenery was in the right place. Plus, you have to do all this in silence while the current act is live.

"I felt like a librarian shushing people back stage," she said.

Thank you to everyone who came out and saw the show. Performing for you was so much fun and exciting. The Jesters hope to see you next year.

## Want to write the next great novel? Start here

By Lori Gottshall

Writers Ink is a creative writing group that meets every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Dunedin Room at East Activity Center.

Topics and writing styles are as diverse as the members of the group.

Every meeting is a delightful surprise. We never know if we will be sharing real life stories, or imaginary short stories, happy or sad poetry, or maybe even political satire.

Our group seems to have a never-ending trove of human-interest experiences going back decades. These vignettes speak about the people we've met along the way, the places we've visited and the events that had an impact on our lives.

Sometimes the pieces concern family relationships.

Most people can tell great stories about something that happened at a wedding, or how they related to their grandfather, or what the first day of school felt like to the mother watching her child take that big step.

The trick is getting that sort of thing down in writing. Not everyone can be as creative as Dr. Seuss. But even he had to start somewhere.

Perhaps you think you would like to write, but don't have confidence in your



**Writer's Ink**

skills. Perhaps you don't know how to start. Perhaps you think nobody would be interested in your stories - or poetry - or jokes.

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# Keeping your gut healthy might extend your life

By Ronald A Baltrunas

Prior to the Plant-Based Living Club meeting in February, we read an article by US News that pointed out how much of our health is influenced by our gut.

From there, we discussed the inner world of our digestive system, noting that there are always good and bad bacteria. It is necessary for the good bacteria to dominate or we suffer illness.

We spoke about the food sources of good bacteria like fermented vegetables in Kimchi and some sauerkrauts.

We noted that there are supplements that contain billions of bacteria and dozens of strains that can be taken.

We talked about how the good bacteria must be fed with prebiotics. Soluble and insoluble fiber are prebiotics. The main sources of these fibers are legumes, (including peas, beans and lentils), fruits and vegetables. We agreed that our plant-based and vegan diets are very healthy for this as meat and dairy products have no fiber.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recommends that women aim for 25 grams of fiber per day, while men should aim for 38 grams per day. The overwhelming majority of Americans don't get that much.

We agreed we should do what we can to educate others of these facts.



Sheila Charette led a discussion on Dr. Greger's new book, "How Not To Age" and showed us her autographed copy. She pointed out that Dr. Greger wrote how wheat germ can help a lot with dementia. A substance called spermidine within it shows considerable promise.

We discussed pressure cookers or quick cooks and how they shorten cooking time. This is significant for foods like beans that can require over an hour of cooking in a conventional pot while a pressure cooker can reduce that to a third, 20-25 minutes.

I pointed out how they save energy by reducing cooking time and electric use pro-



Plant-Based Living Club members meet in the Learning Lab for a variety of educational programs.

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For information on the many reasons for plant-based diets, please visit Vegansalvation.com

For information on our club, please visit OTOWboxoffice.com Scroll down and click our Plant-Based Living Club logo.

Contact us through Vegans10@yahoo.com

Our next meeting will be in the Learning Lab in the West Activity Center on Friday March 8 at 3 p.m.

Our agenda will be announced via our email list and on our OTOWboxoffice.com web page. Come meet some new friendly people and learn a few new and healthy things.

## What color do I use?

By Elsie Paulan

You are sitting in the air-conditioned East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room with a beautiful view of the swimming pool.

The next decision you make will be your easiest decision for the entire day. Do you color in the flower red, purple or yellow?

Pictured at right are some of Jackie Robinson's many decisions. She has red, purple, pink and orange flowers.

Join the Coloring Book Group for one Wednesday afternoon and you will be making decisions like Jackie did.

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the day. Plus you will be in good company with plenty of conversation.

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# Richard LaGasse wins shuffleboard tournament

By Tim Lewis

The Shuffleboard Club recently held a singles tournament with 32 of our then 47 members participating in the double elimination event.

The tournament was played over the course of three days with champion Richard LaGasse outlasting the field. Runner-up, Michael Patterson, sailed through the first two days undefeated until he played Richard, who won a total of eight matches to get to the finals against.

Richard was up to the task of winning two straight games against Mike.

Mary Patterson made a strong showing in the tournament and placed third.

The three top finishers earned small cash prizes and the respect of the membership. We celebrated the tournament the following week with a pizza party at the Pavilion.

Since the tournament, club membership has grown to over 50 members and another tournament was in the works for late February or early March. It's going to be a double elimination doubles tournament. A post-tournament cook-out is being planned.

Join us on the courts at our club times on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 4 p.m. Shuffleboard is a fun, competitive and low impact activity.



Michael Patterson, left, Richard LaGasse and Mary Patterson were the top three finishers in a double elimination shuffleboard tournament in February.

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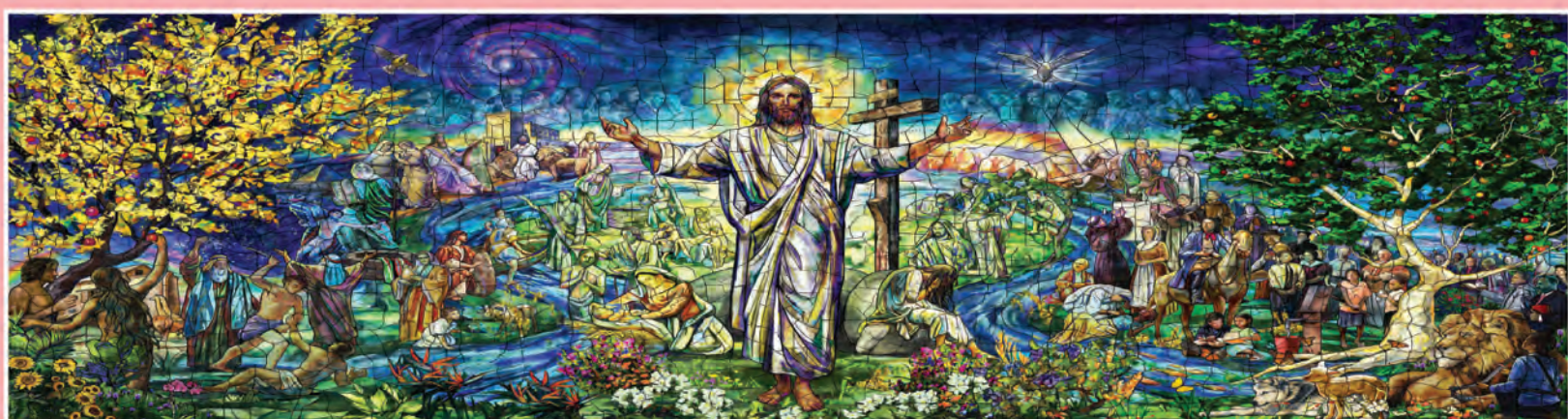
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# SPORTS



Twenty-one people competed for club honors in February.

## February was tennis tournament time

By Ismalia Polselli

It was that time of year once again. February was Tennis Tournament time at On Top of the World. This year we had 21 players competing in team tennis, five players competing in ladies singles, nine players competing in open and five players compet-

ing in seniors.

Everyone was chasing a club championship title in their division.

Our tournament took an entire month to complete. Only the NFL Super Bowl had more excitement.

Watch for the April newspaper. We will

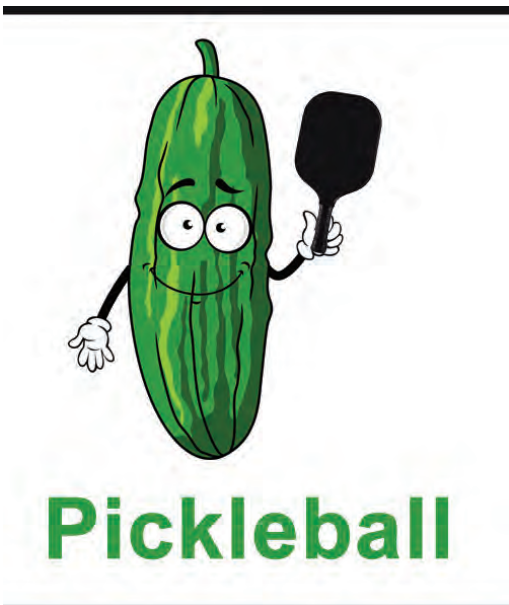
have a story with a complete list of all the winners.

The atmosphere on the courts was energetic, and more importantly, fun.

With the addition of new members and the return of all residents, the courts have been buzzing with activity.

The OTOW Tennis Club plays Monday-Saturday from 7-10 a.m. and Sundays from 4:30-6 p.m.

We host a tennis clinic on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcomed!



Pictured above are the award winners from the annual OTOW Pickleball Tournament in January. From left to right are Franco Rifici Sr. (Men's Singles First Place), Jo Peavler and Scott Scheibler (Mixed Doubles Third Place), Karen Walker and Chris Shyne (Mixed Doubles Second Place), Mary Anne Benuzzi and Patrick Delcore (Mixed Doubles First Place), Becky Kinney (Women's Singles First Place), Tara Gunning (Women's Singles Co-Second Place) Bob Voigt (Men's Singles Second Place) and Marina Davidovich (Women's Singles Co-Second Place). Missing was Joe Lisbon (Men's Singles Third Place). Below is everyone who participated.

## Tournament award winners

By Dave Kelly

The On Top of the World Pickleball Club conducted its annual tournament in January.

We had two days of competition, spirited, but friendly, competition and were cheered on by spectators.

The men's singles division was won by Franco Rifici Sr., with Bob Voigt in second place and Joe Lisbon in third place.

In the women's division, Becky Kinney was the singles champion, and Tara Gunning and Marina Davidovich tied for second.

We also had a mixed doubles division.

First place went to the team of Mary Anne Benuzzi and Patrick Delcore.

Runners-up were Chris Shyne and Karen Walker. Third place went to Jo Peavler and Scott Scheibler.

Congratulations to all the winners and participants.



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## Danny Budd Tournament Champions crowned

By Karen French

The Ping Pong Club once again had a fabulous fun-filled tournament in honor of Danny Budd.

We usually use orange balls during normal league play, but Danny preferred playing with white balls, so this is always the color of choice for our tournament.

This was the third annual tournament and it took place on Jan. 26.

Oscar Kanter and Anna Krown won the A Division.

Maria Lindholm and Cathy Stuart won the B Division.

The tournament was followed by pizza and soda, which all participants appreciated because everyone worked up quite an appetite.

Feel free to come and play with the Ping Pong Club any Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleaire Room.

For more information, please call Karen French at 907-229-2648.



Pictured above are the top teams from the annual Danny Budd White Ball Tournament. From left to right are Oscar Kanter and Anna Krown (A Division winners) and Maria Lindholm and Cathy Stuart (B Division winners). Pictured below is everyone who participated in the tournament. (OTOW News photos by Karen French)



## When temps are cold overseas, ping pong at On Top of the World is a warm alternative



By Karen French

Bob O'Donohue and Maria Lindholm enjoy a fun game of ping pong and they are usually winning.

When Marie was in her early 20s, she reached the ping pong finals three times in her home country of Romania.

Meanwhile, Bob was in Ignace, Ontario, Canada. He is a multi-singles and doubles champion in the Florida Senior Games.

Maria was born in Romania and moved to Sweden in 1965. She has two daughters and a son. She loves to dance, cook, entertain and have fun. Her favorite sport is ping pong, which she plays most days with our On Top of the World Ping Pong Club in the West Activity Center Belleaire Room.

Bob is originally from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He has taught all subjects at a variety of grade levels, from kindergarten through 11th grade, for 30 years. He coached volleyball for 56 years.

Now Bob plays ping pong, table tennis (same as ping pong, but more serious) and golf.

He was a fishing guide in Lak Seul for 10 years. Lak Seul has a perimeter of 3,000 miles and is great for catching walleye, pike, small mouth bass and lake trout.



Bob O'Donohue and Maria Lindholm play ping pong in their home countries overseas during our summer months and enjoy ping pong at On Top of the World during the winter.

Both Maria and Bob love living in On Top of the World during the winter months, especially since it is cold in their homelands.

Come join the Ping Pong Club. We play Tuesday through Friday in the West Activity Center Belleaire Room from 10 a.m. to

1 p.m.

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## Every 15 years, someone pitches a shutout

By Bob Rittner

**Red 15, Blue 7 (Field 1)  
White 11, Red 0 (Field 2)**

Fifteen years ago, Glenn Ohl pitched a shutout in On Top of the World softball. It has not been done since until Karen French duplicated the feat.

Assisted by an airtight defense, led by shortstop Steve Garvin and second baseman Roger Martel, she gave up just one extra base hit and never allowed more than two base runners in an inning.

On Field One, Lenny Segall and Alex Scaranda hit three-run homers and Don Mandeville blasted a three-run triple to turn a close game into a rout.

**Blue 12, White 10, Red 7**

A tie game at 4-4 after the fifth inning turned into a Blue victory behind the unstoppable Dan Joyce's perfect five-hit game and cycle.

**Red 15, Blue 9 (Field 1)**

**Blue 10, White 7 (Field 2)**

On Field 2, Blue scored three runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to break the tie and overcome Ralph Scunziano's two homers. With Rob Bishop and Mary Anne Benuzzi on base with hard singles, Dan Joyce laced a homer to center field for the three-



run victory.

On Field 1, Red's Lindsay Mandeville's five hits set up four scores, while Melvin Tennille drove in one run and scored two runs. Alex Scaranda drove in five runs with three singles and a double.

For Blue, Bob Fields, Karen French and Rick Champ scored five runs and drove in four runs to keep the game close until the seventh inning.

**Blue 8, Red 1 (Field 1)**

**Blue 14, White 13 (Field 2)**

Despite gusty winds, Blue's outfielders,

Don Mandeville and Barry Yellets, tracked down numerous long fly balls to register outs.

At bat, Bob Studwell's and Barry's four hits, plus key blasts by Bill Holland, Ron Childress and Wayne Pall drove in or scored six of the eight runs.

Red's only run came on a Lenny Segall home run blast.

On field two, a four-run rally in the ninth inning came a run short of a tie for White. A three-run homer by Dan Joyce in the top of the inning had provided Blue with a five-run cushion and Ray Woolsey's grand slam in the bottom of the inning brought White close.

**Blue 13, Red 8 (Field 1)**

**Blue 18, White 11 (Field 2)**

Lenny Segall's homer put the cap on his team's Field One victory marked by brilliant outfield play by Bob Dembinski and Barry Yellets.

On Field Two, we had a tie game going into the seventh inning, but it turned into a rout when Bill Rafferty's triple drove in Blue's go-ahead run and then the dam burst.

To that point, the heroes seemed all on White as Jim Tiano blasted a towering fly ball deep over the outfielders for a two-run triple. Observers calculated it was a four story job.

And Joe DeChiaro emulated Ron Swoboda in the 1969 World Series as he laid out

on a dive to catch what otherwise was an inside-the-park home run.

**Red 11, Blue 11 (Field 1)**

**Red 9, Blue 7 (Field 2)**

In the top of the ninth inning, Jim Tiano launched a missile well over the head of the left fielder for a two-run double that gave Red a three run lead. To that point, he had made a spectacular catch in short left and when switched to catcher, collected two put-outs, making him the star.

Lucky for Red, Jim did his work because in the bottom of the ninth inning, Al Bartolo doubled to center scoring the tying runs, one of them carried by Joe DeChiaro whose earlier grand slam had tied the game in the third inning.

In a "you had to be there" moment on Field Two, Tara Gunning raced to her left to catch a dying quail at her knees - a catch nobody thought possible.

Mike Blaa contributed his own web gems with two splendid catches in center.

**Blue 17, Red 11, White 4**

The Lepping family, Bill and his two sons, blew out the opposition with Bill Jr. blasting two home runs over the fence. Father Bill's pitching shut down White and John played a flawless third base, driving in two runs.

## Majewski and Irwin win Jack & Jill

By Gloria Sayer

Congratulations to Fran Majewski and Donna Irwin, winners of the annual Jack & Jill's Golf Tournament sponsored by the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League.

This tournament is an opportunity each year for members of our ladies league to get a guy partner and challenge the rest of the community.

Sometimes people are playing golf with a partner for the first time.

Second place went to the team of Mike Crittendon and Verna Lundgren.

Third place went to Marc and Cindy Schell.

Closest-to-the-pin for the men was Gary Sandine on hole No. 16 and for the women Verna Lundgren on hole No. 15.

It was a very chilly and windy day out on the On Top of the World 18-hole golf course, but the scores were terrific and competitive. Everyone managed to have a good time playing their favorite game. There were no bad shots, but many high-fives for great shots.

A luncheon followed the event which was just another plus for the day. There also was a Share the Wealth drawing. Winners were Arlene Hanson and Joe Iacobaccio.

Thank you to the Jack and Jill Tournament Committee, including Chairpersons Terry Kuplen and Sheila Meneilly, Registrars and Carts - Becky West and Maureen Stewart, results - Sherry Ivey and Donna Osborne, lunch and clean-up organizers - Sheila Meneilly and Terry Kuplen, props - Arlene Hanson, publicity - Gloria Sayer, and prizes and reimbursement - Suellen Dowe, Cindy Schell and Arlene Hanson.

Thank you to Douglas Kates, editor of our newspaper, for taking the photos of the winners.

Thank you to all the women and men who participated, and all the volunteers who made the event possible.



Pictured above are the top teams from the annual Jack & Jill Golf Tournament in February. From left to right are the second place team of Mike Crittendon and Verna Lundgren, the first place team of Donna Irwin and Fran Majewski, and the third place team of Cindy and Marc Schell. Pictured below are the Closet to the Pin winners - Verna Lundgren on hole No. 15 and Gary Sandine on hole No. 16.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



# SPORTS

## Jay Laracuente brings veteran leadership to Men's Golf Association

By Barney Hanrahan

The On Top of the World Men's Golf Association starts a new year in 2024 with the hope of sub-pars rounds and more hole-in-one scores.

The official board of directors was installed and we see a couple of new names added to our list. Our newly elected officers include Jay Laracuente as the president elect. He will manage duties of vice president and offer support to present President Joseph Dowe.

Jay was born in Puerto Rico, moved and grew up in the Bronx, NY. He joined the Army in 1977 and spent 20 years serving his country. He served in Desert Storm and received multiple accommodations. He was a security guard for Vice President Dan Quayle, and he was a member of the 3rd US Infantry Regiment known as "The Old Guard" that honored the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

He also served as a non-commissioned officer of the color guard over the Statute of Liberty opening celebration.

After service duty he joined BayCare Medical for 20 years. He moved to OTOW six years ago. He says he loves living at OTOW and his love for golf.

We all welcome Jay to the OTOW Men's Golf Association management team and thank him for his service to our country.

Now the scores:

**January 3**

**Flight A**

First Place: Stanley Doran, 59, George Mead, 61, Tom Stephens, 63, Bill Haener, 65,



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Roy Monteith, 66.

**Flight B**

First Place: Edmond Molina, 60, Pete Gagnon, 61, Bill Holland, 63, Jim Anzalone, 64, Dick Pasco, 64, Marc Schell, 65.

**Flight C**

First Place: Joe, Iacobaccio, 58, Jim Vanleuven, 61, Dave Combs, 61, Sal Vasapolle, 62, Tom Pettit, 63, Bob Beals, 64.

**Flight D**

First Place: Bill Robertson, 62, Jim Valoreo, 68, Daniel Collings, 70, Jim Mutschler, 70, Joseph Dowe, 71.

**January 24**

Bill Whipps got a hole in one on Hole

13.

**Flight A**

First Place: Roy Monteith, 65, Doran Stanley, 67, Bill Whipps, 67, Jerry Fugatt, 68, Jere Keiser, 69.

**Flight B**

First Place: Jim Anzalone, 61, David Saccone, 62, Paul Farrell, 62, Jerry Jordan, 63, Doug Silver, 63.

**Flight C**

First Place: Bill Gambacurta, 62, Bob Beals, 62, Sal Vasapolle, 62, Dave Combs, 62, Mike Smith, 63.

**Flight D**

First Place: Bob McGrogan, 60, Ken Nield, 66, Joseph Dowe, 67, Jim Mutschler, 69, Bill Robertson, 69.

**January 31**

**Flight A**

First Place: Doran Stanley, 61, Bill Haener, 61, Mike Crittendon, 62, Nilson Sabadin, 65, Jerry Fugatt, 65.

**Flight B**

First Place: Mike Schuyler, 58, Len Piccone, 60, Jerry Jordan, 62, Tim Finan, 62, Ron Nobile, 64.

**Flight C**

First Place: Henry Rejhan, 55, Joe Iacobaccio, 62, Jim Vanleuven, 63, Tennyson Spiceland, 64, Dave Combs, 64.

**Flight D**

First Place: Bill Robertson, 65, Ken Nield, 66, Tim Palmquist, 67, Les Meneilly, 68, Irvine Hernandez, 69.

**February 7**

**Flight A**

First Place: Bill Whipps, 61, Jeff West, 65, Gary Sandine, 67, Mike Walker, 67, Nilson Sabadin, 67.

**Flight B**

First Place: Jay Schwallie, 59, David Johnson, 62, Tom Stephens, 63, Dick Pasco, 64, Jim Vanleuven, 65.

**Flight C**

First Place: Tom Pettit, 58, Bob Beals, 62, Tim Palmquist, 63, Bill Gambacurta, 65, Ron Lafond, 65.

**Flight D**

First Place: Jim Mutschler, 60, Les Meneilly, 63, Guy Bertuzzi, 63, Buddy Sayer, 66, Joseph Dowe, 68.

**February 14**

**Flight A**

First Place: Bill Haener, 64, Gary Sandine, 64, Mike Crittendon, 64, David Saccone, 66, Jeff West, 66.

**Flight B**

First Place: Fred Peace, 60, Marc Schell, 61, Jim Vanleuven, 61, Jay Schwallie, 62, Michael Lucas, 64.

**Flight C**

First Place: Ron LaFond, 58, Dave Combs, 59, Bob Beals, 62, Tom Pettit, 63, Gerald Morrisette, 63.

**Flight D**

First Place: Jim Mutschler, 54, Bob McGrogan, 63, Darrel Collings, 64, Joseph Dowe, 64, Les Meneilly, 64.

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## Lady golfers invited to a fashion show

By Gloria Sayer

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf League is holding our annual Spring Fling Luncheon, on Wednesday, March 27, at the beautiful Belleair Country Club, where the accommodations and the view of the gulf are beautiful.

The luncheon will start at 11:30 a.m. with cocktails and much conversation telling each other how beautifully dressed they are.

There is a saying among lady golfers, "I did not recognize you with clothes on." How funny that sounds!

The committee members for this event are Sherry Ivey, Arlene Hanson, Terry Kulp, loria Sayer, Becky West and Ursula Taylor.

The committee members, and Donia Stadler, will be our models for the afternoon. We will be entertained with the ladies showing their modeling skills while wearing The Patchington Fashions.

Strut your stuff ladies!

It will be a fun time with the fashion show, delicious choices for lunch and, of course, a delicious dessert to top it off. Who



doesn't like dessert?

We always have several ladies who donate gift baskets, gift cards, and handmade items for door prizes and it is fun to see the winners faces when the gifts are opened. Love it!



This is the beautiful group of ladies who attended last year's 18-Hole Golf Association Spring Luncheon. Always a wonderful time with friends.


Pre-registration, choice of meal and payment, cash or check, for the event will be Tuesday, March 5, 12 and 19 at 7:45 a.m. at the Green Shack at the 18-Hole Golf Course.

The event will certainly be a special event for all of our present members, past members, social members and new members

and their guests to enjoy the beautiful Belleair Country Club.

I, for one, always look forward to a day out with friends, having lunch and cocktails and watching a fashion show.

Hope to see you all at this wonderful event.



Congratulations are in store for Mike Payne, who scored a hole-in-one on the 201 yard, 18th hole at the On 'Top of the World '8-hole golf course.

Mike used a 4-wood to record this incredible shot. It was his first ever "ace" and was witnessed by playing partner Sixten Larsen.

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Donia Stadler putts on the 18-hole course.

## From Poland to the 18th hole at On Top of the World

By Karen French

Donia Stadler is another fabulous member of the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League.

Born in Poland, she moved to On Top of the World with her husband in 1998.

She had several obstacles to overcome in our community. She had no driver's license

and spoke no English. She rode her bicycle everywhere her first year here.

Donia and her husband drove in a motorhome for three months in 1996 from Florida to California, Mexico and Canada.

Donia is very clear of this, "OTOW is the best place to live!"





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Buffet 6 pm



## Next tournament is March 15

# Bill Higgins, Jack Patterson win scramble

By Sheryl Barbin

Sixty-two golfers participated in a Friday Mixed Golf League Two-Person Scramble on Friday, Jan. 26.

We played about four hours on a warm and windy Friday.

Our first place winners were Bill Higgins and Jack Patterson with a score of 50.8. Second place went to Bruce MacPherson and Deb Young with a score of 52.8.

Rick and Lisa Muchler took third place with 53.7. Andy Polselli and Joe Johnson finished in fourth place with a 54.4. Fifth place, with a score of 54.8, went to John and Ada Maloof.

Bill Holland and Andy Watson ended in sixth place with 55.1 while Bill and Mary Bernard finished in seventh place with a 55.5.

Eighth place went to Peyton Grogan and Jim Cadwell with 56.2 and ninth place went to Mike Palermo and Chris Regan with 56.2.

Lastly, 10th place went to newcomers Vincent Maranto and Marilyn Lisbon with 56.7.

We also had seven closest-to-the-pin winners. Hole No. 3 went to Vincent Maranto and Marilyn Lisbon,

Rick and Lisa Muchler won hole No. 5, John Spencer and Don Campbell won hole No. 6, Mark Legin and Mike Marsh won hole No. 9, Mike Palermo and Chris Regan won hole No. 13.

Joe Iacobaccio and Diane McKenzie won hole No. 15 and, lastly, Don Hahs and Brian Kreilach won hole No. 16.

We had one skin on hole No. 6 by John



Spencer and Don Campbell.

During play, Joe Wisinski eagled hole No. 18. His drive landed 12 inches from the hole. Amazing shot, Joe!

We have three tournaments left for the championship season. A Select Drive Alternate Shot Tournament will be held on March 15 and a 6-6-6 tournament will take place on April 12.

Remember to sign up on the box office website by Wednesday at 6 p.m. for Friday's play.

For more information about our league, please contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email Harry at HarryBarbin1@gmail.com.



At left, Joe Wisinski shows how close he came to a hole-in-one on hole No. 18. It was about 12 inches. At right is the winning scramble team of Jack Patterson and Bill Higgins.

# A new name gets added to Best Ball plaque - but who is it?

By Paula Ergang

Two down, one to go.

The On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League has completed two of their annual tournaments.

The first was a Best Ball Tournament on Jan. 16. This event was started in 2018 by former member, Karen Johnson, in memory of her son who loved playing best ball.

Marilyn Lisbon has stepped in as chairperson and keeps the tournament going each year.

Marilyn always contacts Karen afterwards to let her know that the tournament is still part of our yearly events.

In best ball play, after each player tees off, the foursome decides whose ball has the best lie. Then players drop their ball in that spot and hit their second shot from there. Play continues that way until everyone is on the green. All players then putt until the ball is in the cup.

The winning team has their names added to the Best Ball Tournament plaque that is on display in the little green house on the first tee.

Our Flight Tournament was our second tournament of the year and was scheduled for Feb. 20 after this article was submitted. We golf with members of our own flight for a round of nine holes. The player with the lowest score in each flight receives an award.

The final tournament of the season is the President's Tournament, which will be March 19. Sign up by March 12 if you plan on playing.

Scores from all three tournaments are kept hush-hush. Winners will be announced and awards given at our spring luncheon. Nancy Schifferle and Diana Anderson are planning the luncheon for April 3 at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa.

Besides the tournaments, we have a lot more going on. Of course, we are marching in the OTOW St. Patrick's Day parade March 2. We'll be wearing our pink league shirts, but you can be sure that we'll have plenty of green accessories.



Other March events are a low gross/low net tournament on March 5, a Mystery Hole Tournament on March 12, the President's Tournament on March 19 and an Odd Hole Tournament on March 26.

Call Carroll Harris at 425-528-8684 for information if you think you'd be interested in joining the league.

Tournament scores can't be revealed, but here are players with lowest scores for other weeks:

### January 23

#### Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Pam Riley, Paula Ergang, Ann Stewart. Flight B: Gilda Gambacurta, Sheryl Barbin, Diana Anderson. Flight C: Marge Sivek, Carroll Harris. Flight D: Carol Murphy, Theresa Gates.

Birdies: Carol Murphy Hole No.3, Pam Riley No. 4, Paula Ergang No. 5.

### January 30

#### Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Paula Ergang, Anne Jarvis, Betty Gerkin. Flight B: Sue Beals, Sheryl Barbin. Flight C: Joan Yorkery, Rose Mary Lepping. Flight D: Mary Ann O'Neil, Ava Ciolli.



Chairperson Marilyn Lisbon and President Carroll Harris show off a plaque dedicated to the annual winner of the 9-Hole Ladies Golf League Best Ball Tournament.

Birdies: Paula Ergang Hole No.3.

### February 6

#### LowGross/LowNet

Flight A: Gilda Gambacurta, Paula Ergang, Marilyn Lisbon. Flight B: Ann Stewart,

Judy Bergeron. Flight C: Carroll Harris, Sheryl Barbin, Rose Mary Lepping, Linda Graff. Flight D: Ava Ciolli, Sheri Blaa, Carolyn Lust.

Birdies: None



## Prime Rib you can make at home, but you might want to start 14 days early

Let's talk beef.

America's national dish might as well be hamburger. We eat it an estimated 50 million times per year.

In 2022, the average American consumed 57.7 pounds of beef sourced from more than 32 million cattle.

Clearly, we like red meat, yet many of us know so little about the beef we eat other than what temperature we like our burgers and steaks cooked.

### Beef's nutrition benefits

Beef is an excellent source of protein and supplies 10 essential nutrients, including B-vitamins, zinc and iron that support an active and healthy lifestyle.

The nutrients in beef provide our bodies with the strength to thrive throughout all stages of life.

The three most common grades of beef you will find in the supermarket are prime, choice and select. I buy almost all my prime beef at Fresh Market.

The major difference between each grade of beef is the marbling (fat content).

Prime beef has abundant marbling with 8-13 percent fat and is from a young, well-fed cow. Only about 2-5 percent of beef sold receives this grading.

Choice beef is one of the most common USDA grades with approximately 50-55 percent of cattle receiving this rating. At the choice grading level, the meat features around 4-10 percent fat marbling.

Angus beef is the most well-known example of choice-grade quality meat.

Select beef is a popular option in supermarkets for its uniformity and lower price tag. This leaner grading only has approximately 2-4 percent fat marbling - meaning it will lack natural juiciness and tenderness.

Do you know what wagyu means?

Wagyu beef is not a breed of cow. It's a Japanese cow. Wa means "Japan" and



also "the spirits of peace and harmony that reign there" and gyu means "cow." Japanese wagyu beef can cost up to \$128 per pound.

Basically, creating a wagyu outside of Japan is like making Normandy camembert (cheese) in the U.S., champagne in Australia, or Parma ham in Germany. It looks similar, but it's not the real thing.

### Dry aging versus wet aging

Dry aging refers to beef that has been hung or placed on a rack to dry, whereas wet aging refers to beef that is aged in a vacuum-sealed bag (which helps it retain moisture).

When I want to prepare a prime standing rib roast, I take it out of the wrapping and place it on a plate with a paper towel on it. I then put it on the lowest shelf in the refrigerator and let it sit there anywhere for 14 to 30 days, changing the paper towel about every three days.

The liquid you see in those packages or when you grill a steak to medium-rare or rare isn't blood at all. It is actually a combination of water and a protein called myoglobin, which is found in red meat that transports oxygen in the cells. As a piece of meat ages, the muscle tissue breaks down, causing the liquid and myoglobin to leak out.



At the top of this page is uncooked prime rib 14 days dry-aged in a refrigerator.

The photo just above is the juicy, finished product.

### Prime Rib Ingredients

5 pound prime rib  
Sea salt  
2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper  
2 teaspoons fresh rosemary  
1 teaspoon fresh thyme  
8 cloves of garlic, minced  
1/4 cup olive oil

### Directions

1. Remove prime rib from the refrigerator one to two hours before cooking. Season it on all sides with salt and cover it loosely with plastic wrap as it comes to room temperature. Prime rib will cook better and more evenly when it's at room temperature.

2. When you are ready to cook the prime rib, adjust the oven rack so the meat will cook in the center of the oven. Preheat oven to 500 degrees.

3. In the meantime, mix together 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt, pepper, rosemary, thyme, garlic and olive oil.

4. Pat the roast with paper towels, spoon seasoning over it, rubbing it onto all sides. Place bone-in roast with the bones down, inside a roasting pan. Place a boneless roast on a rack inside the pan.

5. Bake prime rib at 500 degrees for 15 minutes, then reduce the oven to 325 degrees and continue baking until desired level of doneness. Use a meat thermometer to check the temperature of the meat. Rare is 120 degrees. Medium rare is 130 degrees. Medium is 140 degrees. Medium well is 150 degrees.

Important Note: The meat will continue to cook as it rests out of the oven and will rise 5-10 degrees before it reaches your optimal temperature.

**For more information on the USDA beef grade scale, please visit the following link:**

[www.usda.gov/media/blog/2013/01/28/whats-your-beef-prime-choice-or-select](http://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2013/01/28/whats-your-beef-prime-choice-or-select)

# Soda Bread can be an Irish treat

**Science of Cooking Healthy Food**  
 By Marie



Email questions, suggestions and comments to  
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While soda bread was actually first created by Native Americans, it is most famously attributed to Ireland.

The Irish cooked it in iron pots over a hot fire which created a hard crust and dense texture for which it is noted.

The ingredients of traditional Irish soda bread are limited to these four basic ingredients: flour, baking soda, salt and buttermilk. This produces a hard, dry and flavorless bread.

When the Irish began making soda bread in the early 1800s, the lifestyle of common man was tough and people made use of simple foods that were available.

Ireland still protects the authenticity of this basic recipe to remember sacrifices and challenges of their ancestors.

But, in America, the modern version of soda bread is richer and more flavorful than the traditional version. The Americanized recipe in this column has an appealing, savory taste, which is a good match for this humble bread.

Savory is a term that describes a food dish full of flavor ... not sweet or salty. The cheese, fresh garlic and spices in this recipe give it this flavor. It is a beautiful, craggy-textured bread ... far from "dry and uninteresting."

### The Science

Soda bread is a quick bread in which yeast is not used as a leavening agent. Thus, it can be prepared quickly and reliably without requiring time-consuming labor and the temperature control for traditional yeast breads. In fact, the less you handle the dough, the better.

Many quick-bread recipes, including

this one, use both baking powder and baking soda. Baking powder reacts to moisture to release tiny bubbles of carbon dioxide. Baking soda has a similar effect with acid ingredients. The milk in the dough contains lactic acid the baking soda needs. If you have buttermilk, this gives the bread an appealing, slightly sour tang and texture.

My dear chefs, be sure to test the freshness of baking soda and baking powder. This can be lost during storage and sometimes even in the store. If not fresh, it cannot function properly. Test a teaspoon of baking soda in a saucer with a drop of vinegar. Test baking powder by exposing a teaspoon to a splash of water. Both of these tests should produce lots of bubbles immediately.

### The Nutritional Value

Garlic is used in many types of foods,

including breads. Have you heard of the popular garlic knots? Garlic is used across the spectrum of dishes, including salads, vegetables, meats and even desserts. It is a healthy goal to everyday incorporate fresh garlic while cooking.

Medical research links garlic to a number of health benefits.(1) It is good for heart health. It helps protect the heart after a heart attack, may reduce odds of blood clotting, and thins the blood. The latter is a reason to not eat garlic if you are taking warfarin or having surgery.

Some studies have associated garlic with reduced risk of certain cancers. Garlic is widely recognized for its ability to fight bacteria, viruses, fungi and even parasites.

Homemade soda bread is a treat, but it doesn't keep nearly as well as yeast-risen breads. It's best eaten within two days. How-

ever, you can freeze soda bread if you want to save extend its life by two to three months without compromising taste or texture.

1. Cool completely to avoid trapping any excess moisture inside the packaging.

2. Then, slice, wrap and freeze each slice individually to create an airtight barrier to prevent freezer burn and keep the bread fresh.

3. After frozen, place wrapped slices in a resealable freezer bag or airtight containers specifically designed for freezing.

4. To thaw, let it defrost naturally at room temperature for several hours. Avoid using a microwave or oven. They heat unevenly and make the bread dry and hard.

(1) [www.webmd.com/diet](http://www.webmd.com/diet)

## Savory Soda Bread

### Ingredients

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- a few cracks of freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1½ teaspoons dried rosemary
- 1 tablespoon dried thyme
- 3 fresh cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons cold butter
- 1¼ cups milk

### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
2. Mince the garlic.
3. In a large bowl, combine dry ingredients (flour, baking soda and powder, salt, pepper and sugar). Stir in cheddar cheese, herbs and garlic.
4. Add slices of cold butter and, using pastry cutter or hands, mix until it's fully combined.
5. Stir in milk to form a dough.
6. Shape dough into a rough circular loaf. (This may be more easily finished when loaf is placed in the skillet. Leave

room around the edges of the skillet for expansion.)

7. Spray 12-inch cast iron skillet with non-stick cooking spray or line with parchment paper. Add the dough directly to skillet. Cut a deep cross in the middle with a sharp knife. Brush lightly with milk.

8. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick is inserted and comes out clean. Cool for 15 minutes before you remove it from the skillet and slice.

9. Store leftovers in a tightly sealed container at room temperature for 1-2 days.

Serves 16. Excellent with soups, chili, or stews.

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# COMMUNITY REPORTS



## Emerald Isle salutes resident and tutor Susan Cohen for making a difference



Emerald Isle residents held their annual board meeting in the Sumatran Way courtyard and enjoyed pizza and a variety of yummy desserts.

Cheryl Butcher and Jeniffer Hansen agreed to continue as building manager and treasurer for another year.

Dues for the coming year will remain the same as last year.

We are so lucky to have Cheryl and Jen, and all the other residents who volunteer their time to plan and execute our activities throughout the year.

We have so many fun activities planned throughout the year, including lunches, Christmas and other parties, outings to the races, picnics and cocktail parties.

We are proud to congratulate resident, Susan Cohen, on her work with the Pinel-



Emerald Isle hold a board meeting in the building's main office - the front lawn.

las County School District. She has been involved in a program called Read Across Pinellas. This is a district tutoring program funded by federal pandemic relief grants. Pinellas officials have said that the program has been such a success that they feel confident they can keep it going in the fall.

The federal funds were granted to help schools survive the economic and academic effects of the pandemic. Susan is a tutor who gives individualized help two times weekly to children primarily in kindergarten and first grade who are behind their classmates in literary skills, such as word identification.

Once a child catches up with his or her

classmates, another child takes his or her place. This program allows for children to receive attention focused on them and their individual issues.

Susan has a lot of experience with Pinellas County school programs. She has been a volunteer, a mentor and now a tutor.

Susan says, "This is one of the best programs I have ever been involved with."

One of her star pupils, Zamir, said "When I am with her, I get more attention, and I've got more things to learn."

Thank you, Susan, for a job well done. Helping a child is one of the most satisfying things we can do.



Susan Cohen  
tutor

## OTOW long-time musician is creating new album right from his condo

Our Old World Spanish neighbor, Joe Pollari, has a music studio. When you visit, it's a very fun trip down memory lane.

Joe owns two condos in our building: one is where he writes, creates, collects and enjoys his art as a musician. The other condo, just next door, is where he lives.

Music has always been a part of Joe's life, from the early age of 7 when he listened to his uncle playing at Italian weddings for family, friends and neighbors in New York.

Once his father realized Joe's interest in music and singing, he bought him a guitar and arranged for him to take lessons. Many decades later, Joe has numerous guitars. His favorite is a Benedetto.

On his own, Joe formed bands with friends and they lined up performances in local clubs during the late '50s and early '60s.

The Steel Pier Amusement Park of Atlantic City was a very popular venue during this time.

Joe and his band played in the Catskill Mountains of New York, a bustling resort region - especially for Jewish families of New York City.

He spent time with Dickey Do and the Don'ts and The Everly Brothers.

An agent set him up as one of the American Twisters and they spent two months in Milan, Italy, playing dance clubs.

Joe also spent time entertaining GIs on military bases, traveling from one base to another nearby.

As he developed his own style and reputation, Joe eventually found himself a part of the world-renowned Lester Lanin Orchestra. Lester was a major star of the dance music world. He was hired worldwide to play for



kings and queens, and had a recurring invitation to play at the White House inaugural balls from the Eisenhower to Carter administrations.

Joe told me he always either had a band or was in a band. And importantly, he always had money in his pocket.

Joe continually adapted his music style to the changes in music styles.

He explained to me that there are two types of music: what you play for your audience and what you play for yourself. And as long as you continue to play for yourself, you can manage to play for others.

Once Joe moved to Clearwater in the 1960s, he found the beach scene was dominated by tiki bars. Music was eclectic and mellifluous. Joe adapted easily. Wouldn't you?

For a number of years Joe and his lovely, late wife, Erlin, enjoyed their own disco DJ business. If you did not know how to have a fun time before meeting this duo, you sure did know him afterwards.

Joe's been creating his own music since



Joe Pollari and his business manager pose for a picture near the Sunset Gardens.

the beginning of his journey as a musician. And he continues spending a part of each day writing. He gave me one of his CDs -

Closed For the Day. He's just finished working on another CD. Look for it online and enjoy the smooth sounds of Joe Pollari.



(Our monthly 25 Years Ago column reflects world news from 25 years ago)

**World Event**

March 24 - NATO commenced air bombardment against Yugoslavia during the Kosovo War, marking the first time NATO has attacked a sovereign country. The Kosovo conflict (1998-99) concerned ethnic Albanians who opposed ethnic Serbs and the government of Yugoslavia. The conflict gained widespread international attention and was resolved with the intervention of NATO. However, the conflict has never been resolved for many Kosovo Albanians and Serbs. A physical clash occurred even as lately as September 2023.

**Financial News**

March 17 - The Roth IRA became law.

March 29 - For the first time, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above the 10,000 mark, at 10,006.78.

**Sports News**

March 28 - Wrestlemania XV: 'Stone Cold' Steve Austin and The Rock competed in a no disqualification match for the WWF Heavyweight title. Austin became the first man ever to win the WWE Championship at consecutive WrestleMania events. The two competitors shared and continue to share a great friendship outside the ring. The Rock is Dwayne Douglas Johnson who became a successful American actor after he retired from wrestling.

**Movie News**

The year 1999 was the cusp of a new millennium. Movies prognosticated what was to come in our culture. Many influential movies came out in 1999, including The Matrix. It opened in theaters in the United States on March 31, 1999, to widespread acclaim from critics. This film created "bullet time" and other special effects, influenced later films, and also rebooted existential sci-fi action films. It was the top revenue grossing films in 1999. What was only a concept in the film, Matrix, is starting to become a reality. Elon Musk is currently seeking participants for his new technology, Neuralink, to test the safety and feasibility of a brain implant to help patients with paralysis control a keyboard or computer cursor with their minds.

**Working Seniors**

March 1999 - Among people 65 and over, only 12.5 percent were in the civilian labor force. In recent years, this has risen to 19 percent. This is particularly driven by an increase of employed female seniors to 40 percent from 10 percent 25 years ago. Plus, seniors' earning power has grown in recent decades. In 2022, the typical worker age 65 or older earned \$22 per hour and may be receiving health and retirement benefits too. In many cases, seniors recognize employers' need for stable workers in today's culture and seniors are seeking financial security.

**Florida News**

March 6 - A Florida manatee study recorded manatee population at 2,353 statewide. Every year manatee population is estimated and, over time, there is a pattern of slow but variable population growth. Manatees have been on the endangered species list since 1973. Today, there are estimated to be over 6,300 individuals. Florida's growing manatee population is a "dramatic turnaround" from the 1970s. The federal government officially removed the aquatic creatures from the endangered list to a threatened list in 2017. Red tide and cold weather are the main threat to manatee populations currently. Tampa Electric's award-winning Manatee Viewing Center has set an amazing new record, hosting 1,100 manatees at one time consistently throughout the chilly days of this cold 2024 winter. This dwarfs the previous record of 850, set last winter.

**OTOW News**

One of the most unique clubs at OTOW was the "80s and Over" Tennis Club. In March 1999, they had 10 members ranging from 80 to 84. One of the 10 was a woman, Dorothy Proteau. Two men, each 79 years old, were on the waiting list to join.



Donna Zuschlad and Oscar

# Meet one of our newest residents, Oscar

A few months ago I shared a story with you about Bavarian Chalet resident, Donna Zuschlag, getting a guide dog very soon.

Well, it's happened. Please welcome Oscar to On Top of the World.

Oscar is a 2.5 year old Golden Labrador Retriever. He is a wonderful companion to Donna and she is so appreciative to the Southeastern Guide Dog Association for bringing him into her life.

Oscar attended a building-wide potluck dinner in January and we were all reminded when he has his harness on, he is a working dog and not to pet him. It is amazing to observe how he never takes his eyes off Donna when he is in his harness.

We also have two new couples who have joined us at Bavarian Chalet. John and Diane Kozojed purchased their home in 2017 and visited back and forth all those years, but in December 2023 they became permanent residents. They came from Chicago and both are retired educators from Marian Catholic High School in Chicago.

John taught theology and history for 41 years. He was a member of the administration team.

Diane taught 17 years. She was instrumental in the development of a high school and college level program for 33 years, and was an outreach leader for Project Hot Meals, which serves 80-200 people each Monday.

They are Walt Disney World vacation club members and visit special events at the Disney parks.

Tom and Sandy Stephenson are from Prior Lake, Minn., and are Snowbirds for now. They have started visiting On Top of the World clubs and really enjoy being with



others, especially the traveling groups. They have a dog, Alex, who is a 13-year-old Labrador mix who travels with them when it is permitted.

Tom retired as an engineer with Aero Space and I learned he is a great musician, especially playing the organ. Sandy retired as a purchasing agent for Emerson Television Corporation.

They are enjoying traveling around the area, trying new restaurants, shopping, attending many events in the area and making lots of new friends. They love being outdoors and enjoy spending time on the water and working in their yard. Their flowers are already planted in their front yard and look beautiful.

John, Diane, Tom and Sandy signed up as volunteers for Bavarian Chalet. We now have 25 to help with all buildings activities, luncheons, pot lucks, decorations and anything that will help make our building the best at On Top of the World.

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**We hope to see you on the dance floor!**

**The Jolley Trolley will take west side residents to the parade on March 2.**

# Azores has a new reporter and he has already learned to write food-related stories

Let me introduce myself. My name is Roy Lemnus. I am the new secretary/reporter for the Azores building (50).

In 2002, I received a phone call from my son and he said, "You are going to be a grandpa, come on down." That summer I moved to St. Petersburg and lived there until three years ago when I moved to Clearwater.

I was a teacher for 35 years in Milwaukee. I taught English and American History, with specialization in Afro-American History. I also coached baseball girls' basketball and girls' gymnastics.

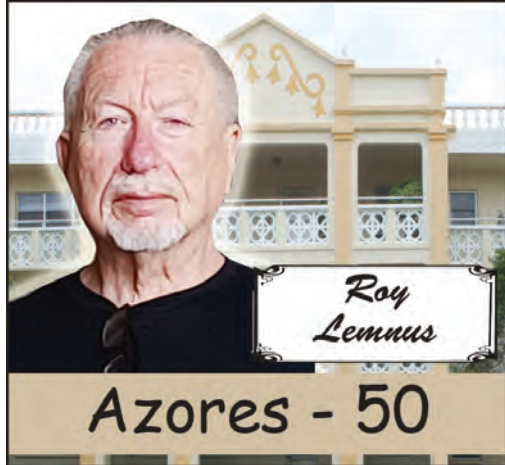
This is my first article for the On Top of the World's newspaper.

On Jan. 20, Azores had its annual meeting. Ann Setkowitz is the building captain and John Geanakos is the assistant building captain. The treasurer is Peggy Longfellow and Roy Lemnus is the secretary/reporter.

Old business was discussed. We are still having problems with residents who park in the visitors parking spaces instead of their assigned spots.

Gerald Smith purchased and installed solar lights for our American flag so it would be illuminated after dark.

In new business, a discussion was held on condo remodeling and the necessity of obtaining permits. We seem to have con-



cerns about this rule. It was decided that reports should be submitted to the office concerning offenders.

Another question was brought up about building walkways and also will be submitted to the office. The poor condition of the bulletin board was also noted.

New telephone directories were distributed. Eleven new residents were introduced. We were told that three units were for sale and one for rent.

Our building is having a storage room trash pickup. It will cost us \$100 for trash to be hauled away.

Recently, 15 members of our building



Residents enjoy dinner at the Outback Steakhouse together.

got together for a luncheon at The Outback Steakhouse on US Highway 19. This was number two of many future get-togethers that we have planned for this year. Last year we had seven activities: A New Year's Day open house, a picnic at the Pavilion, lunch at Cricketers, a St. Patrick's potluck dinner, another lunch at The Outback Steakhouse,

lunch at The Bacon Street Diner and a Hal-loween potluck dinner.

This year's schedule is being organized. So far we have had a New Year's Day Open House and an Outback luncheon.

As you can see, residents from this building like to eat!



Siboney residents enjoy a core party and business meeting in February.

## If you join us for core party, you may get a taco casserole

The Siboney monthly core party was held in February and lots of food and delicious desserts were enjoyed by all.

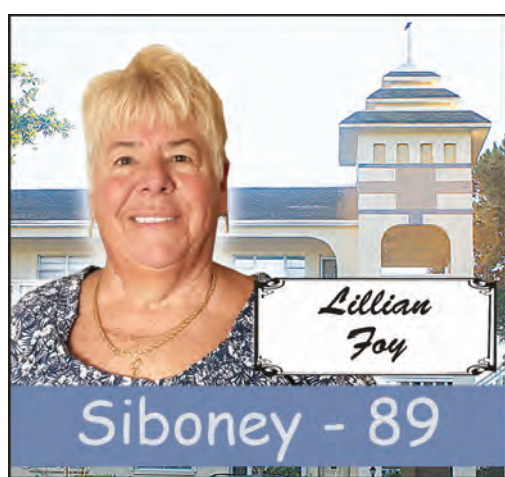
Sixteen residents were in attendance. President Tom Tarka's wife, Linda, made a delicious taco casserole.

If you are new to our building, please consider coming to our monthly core parties. We would love to meet you. Getting together with your neighbors is a good thing. Full-time residents, Snowbirds and renters are all invited. Posters will be posted on the information board and in the elevators.

Recently, I attended the Jesters show and it was fabulous with plenty of comedy, dancing and singing. It was just hard to believe that all this talent is in one community.

If you're interested in joining Jesters and you have some talent to share, please join. Look in this newspaper and you will find all the information that you need to know.

Hope everybody enjoys the Irish Club parade which is March 2. It's always a fun day watching all the clubs in their colors holding banners and walking through the commu-



nity. There will be Irish music and dancing in the street. If you cannot make it to the parade, watch for it live on OTOW-TV channel 901.

Don't forget to get your hot dogs and beer.

Well, this has been a really cold winter here in Florida, but warmer temps are coming. March will be a better month.

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# Luncheon was a chance to say goodbye to two great friends



Austrian Alpine residents gathered in the East Activity Center Kitchen-Clearwater Room for a Valentine's Day luncheon.

Austrian Alpine residents don't need a reason to have a party, however, February was a special occasion because we celebrated friendships.

And one of those friendships we will all deeply miss. We got together to cheer for Joanna and Keith Hudson as they prepare to move and start a new journey.

Joanna and Keith have lived at Austrian Alpine since October 2019 and in that time they have made an indelible impression on the community, along with their sweet puppy, Lucy.

Joanna has lived in Florida since 1954. She met Keith on Sand Key where she worked at the Sheraton. They have been happily married for 47 years.

Joanna is a lovely, friendly personality who enjoys chatting with anyone she sees. In fact, it's well known in her family that she's never met a stranger.

She has always been active in letting everyone know when something is going on and encourages everyone to sign up for building events.

Joanna is always helpful and her contri-

butions have always been meaningful and appreciated.

For instance, I'll never forget her energy and enthusiasm after a recent annual meeting when we were asked to encourage people to send letters to our state representatives.

She is a great organizer and her enthusiasm has brought a huge response.

Joanna served on our building's decorat-

ing committee and was willing to do whatever was needed.

Keith and Joanna are going to be greatly missed here and we all send our best wishes as they move closer to family.

Our luncheon in February was perfect in every aspect. There was a great turnout to celebrate the day.

Dottie Ferrance made 10 pounds of

baked ziti and spaghetti alfredo dishes and there were antipasto plates, prosciutto skewers, garlic bread, Greek and Italian salads, Italian cookies and to top it off, Joanna made a special cannoli filling for pizzels at each table.

That's Joanna - even though she was the guest, she treated everyone to an Italian family favorite!

## Family follows family to Viennese Villa



What's been going on at Viennese Villa? Pals, cruises, new family members, new card game, building review, plus handy hints of the month.

Meet Brian and Laurie Kreilach, both retired from the Oakland, Mich., County Sheriff's Office.

On Top of the World became a family affair. First, their parents bought a condo here and then after visiting, Brian and Laurie bought a condo in 2014.

Next, Laurie's sister and brother-in-law, Jim and Carol Vanleuven, bought a condo right in our building.

In 2023 Brian and Laurie started a Euchre card group. They play Friday nights from 6-8 p.m. in the Dunedin Room at the East Activity Center.

Euchre is a midwestern game. Pretty easy to learn and lots of fun. Drop over and join the fun.

Brian and Laurie have seven children and 18 grandchildren.

The Jesters show brought the house down in February. It was fabulous. Congratulations and thank you to everyone on and off the stage for the great entertainment.

Next up for Theater Workshop this month is March 15-17. Get your tickets early for more great entertainment.

OTOW has put new fire extinguishers on all floors. Hope we never have cause to use them.

Pictured are Brian and Laurie Kreilach both retired from the Oakland, Mich., county sheriff's office.

Paul and Bertha Lamber adopted Dexter, a darling Yorkie.

Paul said "Lord couldn't get Bertha out of bed but Dex can."

Dex will be entered in this newspaper's Pet of the Month contest within the next two years, so please vote when he runs for Pet of the Year.

Cheryl McKay hit the high seas again with pals on a cruise. Great time, however, she is glad to be home again.

Handy hint. A dry bath towel in the dryer facilitates a quicker drying time.

Speaking of laundry, thanks to Harry at the Community Service Office for quickly resolving a credit card issue in our laundry room.

Well kids, birthday and anniversary greetings to all in March and happy Easter.

Till next we meet. Any news fit to print, send to fresca@maine.rr.com.

## Happy St. Paddy's Day



Enjoying Taco Tuesday at Taco-Quila are left to right, Charlene Wood, Sherry Lile, Charlene's sister Karen Dumont, Robbin and Ray Klaver, Solange Vetorazzo, Joe and Cebe Vicino and Mike Wood.

## At least 25 times a year, your group can have tacos at a different local restaurant

A group of Rizal residents found a great and inexpensive way to get together for a fun social dinner.

Who would have ever thought that Mexican restaurants and tacos would be the catalyst to bring a group of residents together?

Not only did we find that tacos and margaritas can cost less on Tuesdays, but that there is a plethora of Mexican restaurants in the area that offer Taco Tuesday treats.

These Taco Tuesday troubadours found 25, yes 25, participating restaurants within a five mile radius of On Top of the World.

So, how does one find any of these restaurants?

As my past Computer Club president husband, Mike, always says, "Google it!"

All you have to do is go to Google Maps and type Taco Tuesday in the search bar and press enter. Then just pick one of these restaurants that shows up on the page and go enjoy a tantalizing taco Tuesday treat!

And who knows? If Taco Tuesday catches on with other clubs or buildings, and the stars align correctly, we might meet some other On Top of the World troubadours at one of the local Mexican restaurants and we can enjoy Tuesday together!



# French Renaissance resident makes headlines in news and sports section



Someone from the French Renaissance building pitched a very rare shutout in the On Top of the World Softball League.

Any idea who?

Here's a hint: She also plays golf, tennis and ping pong. She has been known for flying to Alaska and bringing home fresh salmon.

Here's a simple clue. She's your building reporter!

Yes. I had a wonderful month of February.

Our community softball league has many talented players, even some who can nearly hit a ball over the fence at the Safety Harbor community park. But one day last month, I silenced those bats. There were a lot of great defensive plays made behind me.

Don't believe me? Check out the headline on the sports page. That's me!

On Top of the World is like a college campus to me. Everything is either right here or a short drive away. Where else can you go to play pickleball, swim, go bike riding and pitch a shutout without traveling a far distance from home.

In other building news, French Renais-



sance residents held their annual meeting in February and we discussed many items, including trash removal, building positions and expenses for holiday decorations.

Snacks were provided and it was a great get-together for those who attended.

Now it's your turn. Who's recently done something terrific from building 45? Shoot me a note so we can feature you in the next newspaper.

Karen French with her tennis racquet, golf clubs and softball bat. What shall we play today?

## Message to anyone planning a 'big' event - make sure your hosts are ready



As your Rural French building reporter, I can't always write an article that is all good and positive news. This month I have no choice but to add some negativity to my story.

The good news is our building residents created a positive atmosphere to enjoy a social outing and each other's company.

This was suggested and then implemented. This turned out to be a big success. What we tried is having a building dinner instead of a building luncheon. The dinner idea worked out great!

It allowed our friends and neighbors who work during the day or have daytime activities and commitments, to have the opportu-

nity to join us for food and socializing. Many thanks go out to Judy and Rene Bergeron for organizing and hosting this dinner.

Judy and Rene made it happen and their choice for this outing was Queen's Pizza. At 4:30 p.m. our hungry neighbors started to arrive for a 5 p.m. reservation. How many were able to join us? About 40.

With high hopes for a good time and good meal, we were soon very disappointed. The restaurant was unable to handle our large group. Sometimes the best intentions and plans are out of your control.

Lesson learned for next time.

We'd like to send a big thank you to Judy, Rene and the person or persons who sug-

gested having a building dinner instead of a luncheon. This was a well accepted and attended function. The time we shared together was enjoyed by all of us.

We don't know about our future plans. That will be up to those who wish to host our future building functions. The choice is theirs.

Suggestions work and change is a good thing. Sign up to host a building function. It's your choice. Whatever function you think will be enjoyable for all of us. Keep checking our bulletin board for any updates or sign up sheets to join in on the fun.

If you have any news or a story to share contact Jim and we'll put it in the next building report.

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# The Box Office

What Our Clubs Are Up To

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# Ladies and men from Bedford both get their night out



Ladies enjoying their luncheon are, left to right, Sally Herman, Sandi Cole, Jie Simonson, Sylvia Auch, Nickie Arbucho, Barbara Wong, Merle Heft and Connie Pope.

Happy and lucky St Patrick's Day to all! Bedford had eight young ladies enjoy a good time at Johnny's Italian Restaurant in January.

We welcomed our new residents, Kathy Simonson and Brad Kennedy from Ohio, and we welcomed home Snowbirds, Tim and Rose Calloway.

Not leaving our men behind, we had a group of 21 attend our dinner at Norton's Bar and Grill in February. Everyone had a good time getting to know each other a little more.

It was not all good times as we had to say, "goodbye" to one of our loved residents, Dorothy Purcell. She will be missed by all.

The Irish Club parade will be on OTOW-TV channel 901 live at 10 a.m., on Saturday, March 2

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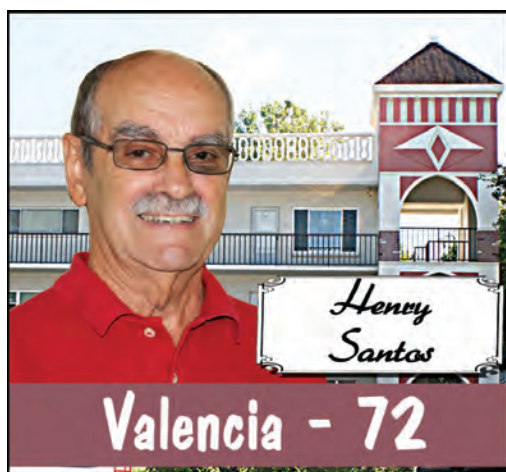
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# Valencia showcases talent at Jesters' show



Valencia resident Valerie Martin was in the 2024 Jesters' show 'Aloha Hawaii' which was live in February. Valerie was a part of several skits on stage, including the solo number shown above. She had the crowd laughing as she pulled several items out of her dress, including a golf club and a fishing pole. (Image courtesy of OTOW-TV)



Valencia has been running the "Name That Teen" contest for a year now and from the enthusiastic submittal of your pictures, we will probably go for another six or seven months.

I want to thank everyone who has provided me with a picture and, of course, let's thank all those who venture to take a guess. I am amazed as to how many people guess correctly and it's not necessarily from the clues. You people are smart.

There are several of you who got every-one right so far and, of course, it also may be because some of us haven't changed much from out teens.

Yeah, only in our dreams.

I hope everyone got to see our old friend Stan Morris who visited with us last month. Good to see you again, old buddy. You're looking well.

Those of us who attended the Jesters "Aloha Hawaii" performance in February were treated to a fantastic performance and a fun night. One of the many highlights of the evening was a skit by our own Valerie Martin (and her alter ego Loulou LaMore) that brought down the house. She kept pulling stuff out of her ... well ... you had to be there to see it. I hear from sources you will be able to see the show on OTOW-TV 901 in August. Is there anything that lady cannot do? And now for the "Name That Teen"

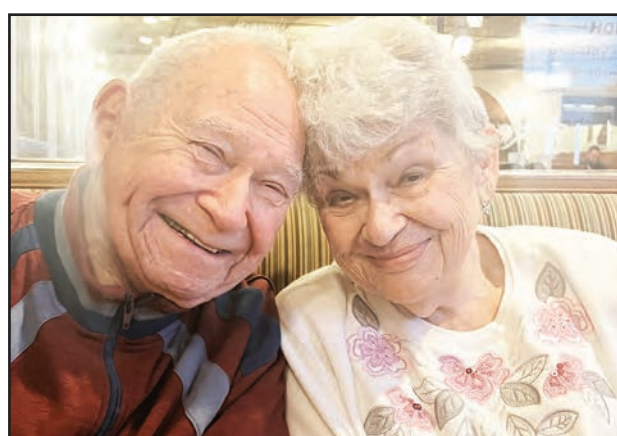


## Name That Teen

contest. This month's photo is of a young girl who was about 13 at the time. The letters of her name, and five more additional random letters, are included in the following phrase, "A SOLID SNOWY SKIRT."

The February teen was of course Mike Tubolino and again everyone correctly guessed it was Donna DiMeo in January.

Thank you all, again, for participating.



Stan & Arlene Berger

## The love boat could be docked at Granada

Congratulations to Stan and Arlene Berger for 68 years of blissful marriage.

Once upon a time there was a television program called the "Love Boat." Stan and Arlene say their life here at On Top of the World has been like a Love Boat.

They are now in their 90s, use walkers and believe they are the oldest people in our building.

"Everyone we know treats us like we are their parents," Arlene said. "Two of the ladies cook, bake and bring us goodies, and my husband never says 'no' to food offers."

"They bring us chili, banana bread, meat-loaf and lots of other good food."

Arlene says that one day a resident came to her front door with a large tray of food and said it was leftovers from the building's potluck dinner meeting. Arlene said she was unable to attend the meeting, but the ladies in charge wanted her and Stan to have the extra food.

"There was enough turkey, chicken, meatballs and stuffing to feed us for days," Arlene said.

The phone often rings at Arlene's and Stan's condo. Other people are always asking if they can pick up anything for them when they go to Publix, Walmart, Costco or wherever.

One day Arlene and Stan heard unfamiliar sounds outside the door and then a phone call telling them to be careful upon opening the door.

"When my husband tried to open the door, he couldn't," Arlene said. "It was then that we discovered that one couple had bought us a ramp for the door to make it easier for us to go in and out. The only problem was, it didn't fit properly, so for two days, two men worked on it and now it is perfect!"

That's why Arlene says living at our building is like living on a love boat, but this boat is called Granada.

Congratulations also go out to Papa Stan for his 94th birthday. It was just a few days before this newspaper came out.

Granada had a huge turnout for both our building luncheon at the Columbia Restaurant, Sand Key, and our monthly social, "Meeting on the Green." We had a fabulous potluck dinner and introduced several new neighbors.

Our next Meeting on the Green will be March 22, 4-5 p.m. We will be sharing thoughts and mingling. As always, bring a chair and your favorite beverage and snack.

Our building luncheon in March will be held Monday, March 11, 1 p.m. at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, 105 N Bayshore Drive in Safety Harbor.



## I had a choice - Florida winters with my dogs or Missouri with a lot of gray

It was a warm summer's day when I was asked by a neighbor to start a recap of Flamenco building activities, along with a brief introduction.

I spent most of my youth in college trying to figure out what I wanted to do. After degrees in English and Psychology, I went back and earned my Masters in Business Administration (M.B.A.) and spent most of my career designing computer systems and networks for firms like First Bank, Citicorp, and Enterprise Leasing.

Plus, I wrote a few books along the way.

I am currently the executive transportation engineer (i.e. dog walker) for my two lovely dogs.

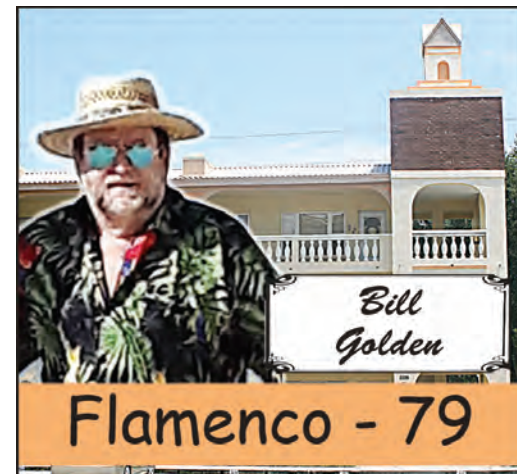
I bought a condo here nearly seven years ago to escape the cold up north. It was meant to be a winter retreat for a few months during the year. Although I still have a house and condo in St. Louis, I have never gone back.

Missouri is a beautiful place with expansive forests and freezing natural springs. I spent many weekends floating down the winding Meramec River. However, soon after Halloween and just before Easter, it turns into a lifeless void. A cold and bitter wasteland. The leaves are gone, the trees and bushes become barren, the grass is dead, along with endless cornfields with the remaining stalks crying for burial.

There is no green.

Just a dull black and white etching.

People there even paint their houses grey, brown and black in celebration of their despair. They bundle up in sweaters, coats,



boots and mittens to drive to the store or work and rush back home and huddle inside with their big screen televisions.

In Florida, I go outside every day.

I walk the lakes that I call my "zoo." Every day I see beautiful exotic birds that I have never seen before. There is even an alligator whose dark beady eyes look at me as if I am a delightful dinner.

This is my first, and probably last, personal article, however, I do think we have had a tough couple of years between COVID, inflation and all the political divisions. I personally think we all deserve a medal. We are still here despite all the trials and ordeals the world has thrown upon us.

We won.

So next time you are walking our beautiful lakes and tree-lined lanes, and you see a stranger, wave and say, "Hi. I am a survivor!"



# New World French had a cake just big enough for all February birthdays



A party was held in the New World French building in February for Gene and Reta Carney's birthday.

Reta's sister, Ruthy Sellers, hosted the party in her condo, which is in the same building. I reckon about 50 people came to visit although not all at the same time. Ruthy supplied all the food and drinks, and plenty of it.

There was a lovely birthday cake organized by Reta with the names of all the February birthdays in the building on it.

It was a great birthday, enjoyed by all who attended, plus we got to meet up with neighbors we hardly see.

Thank you Ruthy and daughter, Mi-



Leave it to New World French to get everyone's birthday on one cake. From left to right are Amada Darvich, Shawn McGovern, Reta Carney, Gene Carney and Linda Gallant. (Photo by Michelle Sellers)

chelle, for organizing a great party.

Incidentally, Gene and Reta's niece, Mad-

ison Marsh, just won the Miss America title, She is in the Air Force based in Colorado. the only contestant who was in the military.

Her family are so proud of her achievement.

# Birthdays are always memories and Swedish Traditional created some more

Swedish Traditional always finds a reason to get together.

Either for an anniversary, birthday, welcoming new tenants, cheering up a neighbor, or just getting together to socialize - we create parties.

The month of January was to celebrate birthdays for Debbie O'Connor, Chris Scarpato and Maureen Stewart at Joey's New York Pizzeria. Between the total ages among these three ladies, believe me there were plenty of stories buzzing around the tables with lots of laughter.

As the years go by, we always have those wonderful memories that we love to share with family and friends - even if they have heard the stories multiple times over the years.

As the stories are being told, we pause and look around at every face that has gathered at the tables and remind ourselves of all



the blessings and memories we have and to cherish them.

Most of all, continue to cherish our friendship and love for each other in building 23.



Three young ladies went out for a birthday party and 23 more joined them.

# Bohemians begin drive for 1000 pounds of food

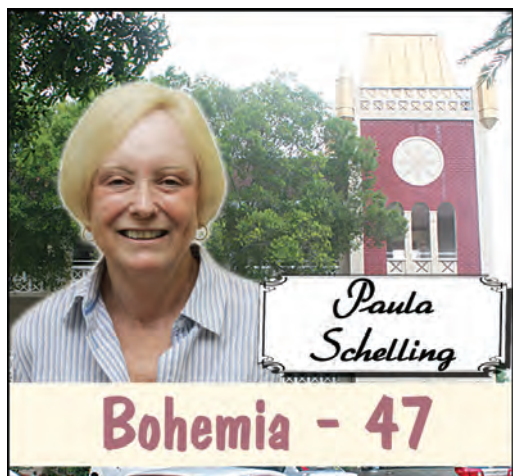
February has always been noted as the month of love. That is exactly what Bohemians do - we love to have fun.

Fun began with a Monday night dinner at Capogna's Dugout. We never know from week to week how many residents will show up for dinner, but we always get a good turnout and it is always a good time.

Next on the agenda, we had a wine and cheese party to celebrate Valentine's Day. This is the first event of the year that the building begins its annual collection for the Food for the Hope food bank. The goal this year is to collect food at each event and attempt to attain the allusive 1000-pound contribution mark.

Continuing the fun, a Day at the Races at Tampa Bay Downs qualifies. The package the Downs offers gives admission, a program, an excellent buffet luncheon and opportunity to win some money.

At the end of the day, many stopped at



Jack Willies Tiki Bar in Oldsmar to celebrate their winnings or have a beer and reflect on how they might have played differently.

We are looking forward to March and all the upcoming events slated for the month.

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## Bible Study

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## OTOW SHUFFLEBOARD

It is time to start a new season!



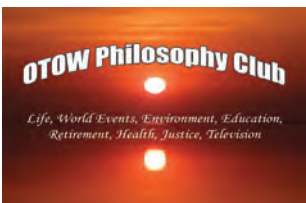
Shuffleboard begins in October.

Shuffleboard is open to all OTOW residents with a valid activity card. Just show up and play. We have the equipment.

## 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.




## Social Dance Lessons

Social Dance Lessons are now being offered by instructor Howard Wolff, who allows his students to pick the dances to learn - and there are a ton of dances to choose from. Howard will teach Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Hustle, Rumba, Salsa, Swing, Waltz and more.

Howard'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 Belleair Room.

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"Take Off Pounds Sensibly."



Curious what our club is all about? Stop by as a visitor on any Friday at 10:30 a.m. for one of our meetings. We will be in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

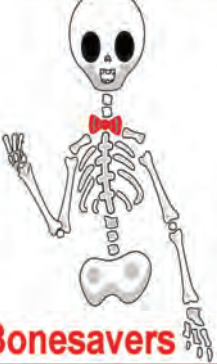
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We use hand weights and ankle weights, a towel and a chair.

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Men and women are both welcome.

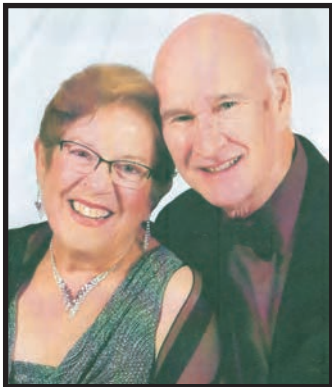
## Learning to Dance with Noland

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.

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## Duplicate Bridge

Beginner duplicate bridge takes place 9 a.m. to noon, Thursdays, in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

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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 Carlos at loresc@yahoo.com



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## Year Round

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Bring your own beverage of choice. Must have a valid activity card.

## Experienced Mah Jongg players wanted

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We mainly adhere to the National Mah Jongg League guidelines with just a few variations.

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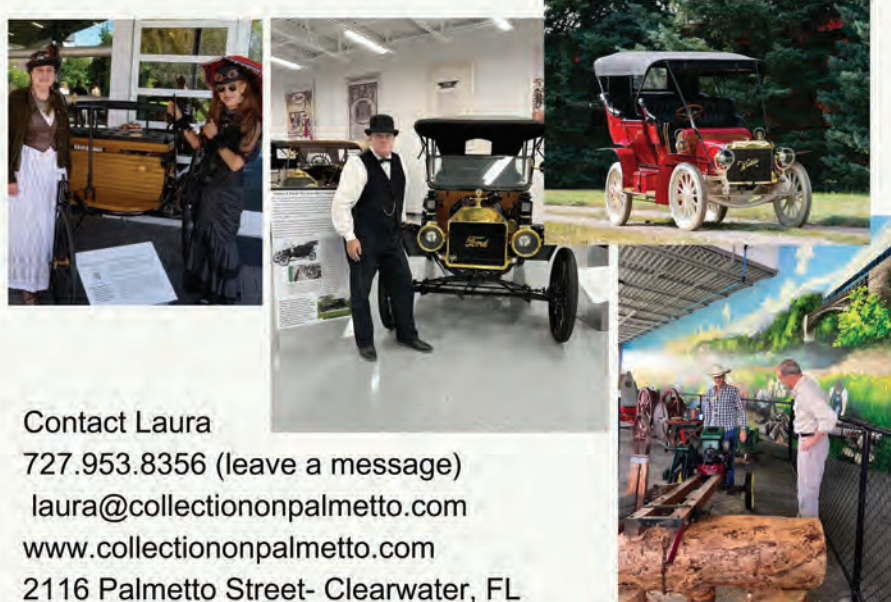
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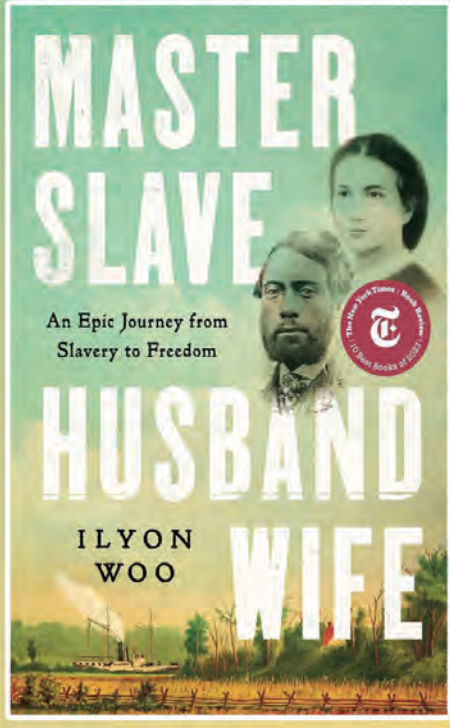
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