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Irish Club
Parade
March 7
10-11 am

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More than 200 musicians expected!

Irish Club set to host largest marching band in parade's history

For the first time in 30 Irish Club St. Patrick's Day parades, a marching band is coming to On Top of the World that could bring up to 400 musicians and dancers.

Introducing the world famous Second Time Around Marching Band.

Who are they you ask?

We'll let me give you a brief history of this band.

The Second Time Around Marching Band was founded in 1983 in St. Petersburg. A music store owner named William Findeison was looking for an innovative way to promote his business during a local festival. He placed an ad in a local newspaper looking for previous high school, college and military marching band musicians who would like to play and march in the festival. To his surprise, 60 lovers of the music showed up for his rehearsal.

William gave the musicians two music sheets to play. They were so good and their passion was so strong that the group decided it wanted to keep playing even after the festival.

Now you know how the Second Time Around Marching Band was founded.

Today, this band has more than 400 members from ages 18 to 85. Some are even three-generation musicians.

This amazing group has marched in some of the largest and most talked-about parades in the world, including the New York City Macy's Day Parade, a parade in Dublin, Ireland, a parade at Walt Disney World and the Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, D.C.

Now they are coming here to help us celebrate our 30th parade. You won't want to miss this one.

The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. on



Irish Club

By Jim LeBlanc

Saturday, March 7 along World Parkway Boulevard East.

This year's Grand Marshals will be David and Mary Kennelly. They have been active residents in our community since 2002, and are great supporters of many clubs and groups here at OTOW, including the Irish Club.

This year's parade will be very entertaining. As OTOW News announced last month, the New World Celts will be bringing Nibbles the Duck and an antique Japanese fire truck.

Our fun-loving Shriners will be here, along with the Sun City Dancers, The Jeep Club, Rosco the leprechaun, Irish dancers, plus many more guest entries.

Of course, don't forget about all of our OTOW clubs that will be marching. When you see representatives of each club, give them your support. They keep all of our residents busy year round.

The Jolley Trolley will be here and be

sponsored by Summit Broadband. The trolley will be helping residents get from the west side to the east side before the parade starts. Don't wait too long. Trolley service is only 9-9:30 a.m. from the West Activity Center.

All residents should plan for heavy traffic and road closures. Both gates into the east side will close to traffic at 9:30 a.m. No traffic will be allowed in.

Several roads on the east side will have barricades. There is absolutely no crossing these barricades after 9:30 a.m. Plan ahead. Get out early if you need to be somewhere.

The 30th parade will feature a viewing stand located at the three-way stop sign at World Parkway Boulevard East and Brisbane Street. That's where you'll find announcers Denis O'Doherty and Carmel LeBlanc, who still have that Irish brogue and who came to us straight from Ireland many years ago.

Denis and Carmel will be doing a pre-parade TV show live on OTOW-TV channel 901 and then will be commenting on the parade and giving you valuable information about each marching group as they pass by the viewing stand.

If you cannot make it to the parade, the whole parade, with commentary, will be broadcast live from the viewing stand for the first time.

If you watched the parade on TV last year, you will remember Denis and Carmel had special guests and sang a song. We'll find out soon enough what they have planned to entertain you this year.

And even if you do enjoy the parade in person, video from the parade will be rebroadcast on March 17 all day. So

you can be at the parade and still watch it again on TV 10 days later.

How will you know when the parade is over? As the end of the parade passes by, you will see a "that's all folks" banner. This only means that it's the end of the parade, but the party is just beginning.

In East Activity Center back parking lot, the post-parade celebration will begin. You'll find the Irish Club handing out free beer and water while supplies last. Our Good Neighbors Association will be selling hot dogs with all the fixings, plus chips and soda reasonably priced.

Also, to cool you down, Galvin's Goodies ice cream will be there. You might enjoy some dessert after eating those delicious hotdogs.

Live music will be played by top-notch Irish band Paddy O' Furniture.

Stop by to eat, dance and listen to all their traditional Irish music. It'll be a great day for all to enjoy.

Obviously, this is a day when everyone is Irish, so please dress in green. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. This parade is open for everyone to enjoy - not only OTOW residents.

The parade will be broadcast live on the Box Office website (otowboxoffice.com) so even people from out-of-town can watch.

For those who will be there, we only ask that you help to keep our streets clear and dispose of any garbage properly. This is our home, so let's not leave a mess behind. The Irish Club and OTOW is asking for your help.

Enjoy the parade.

Just a reminder of what you're missing back home.



WHY WINTER IS PRIME TIME TO BUY

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Management needs your help tracking down vandals tampering with community elevators



Creek Restoration Project

The much needed (unnamed) creek project on the north end of World Parkway Boulevard is finally off and running.

When I checked in last, the contractor was adding reaction rip-rap at the outfall stormwater pipes that enter the creek. This is done to disburse and tamp down much of energy of stormwater velocity entering the creek following any type of rainfall event.

The next phase is to relocate equipment to the south side of the creek to further access and desilt the buildup of sediment, thus restoring both capacity and flow.

Hurricane Milton damaged the headwall at Irish Lane, where the creek transitions to a 60 inch stormwater culvert that carries the low to the west side of the community and into another stormwater outfall.

Parkway is anticipating input from the project engineer on next steps to stabilize the headwall.

I want to commend and thank all the residents, whether in groups or people with brave dogs, who regularly walk in the area where this work is taking place. They have heeded the warnings about keeping clear of the jobsite. This is both for resident safety and jobsite safety.

When a backhoe operator is swinging around the boom and bucket, he does not have a rearview mirror he can peek into to see what's in back. The operator is only focused on his task of demucking the sediment and restoring the ditch volume.

Thank you for keeping yourselves and the jobsite safe.

Pavilion Pond

SCA Pinellas Amenities, LLC, previously engaged a civil engineer and geotechnical engineer to develop restoration plans for the stormwater pond adjacent to the Pavilion and East Activity Center.

This pond was heavily impacted by Hurricane Milton. SCA is finalizing Requests for Proposals for contract work on repairing the pond.

Work includes stabilizing the storm-



When you read, watch or listen to board members discuss the 'Ditch' project or the 'Creek' project, this is what they are talking about. An effort started in February to remove silt, and widen and deepen the creek alongside the 18-hole golf course on World Parkway Boulevard East. The creek is a major water transportation tool used naturally during heavy rainstorms, tropical storms and hurricanes. By taking care of the creek, more water can be moved and will heavily reduce the chances of flooding over the boulevard and onto property. Work is expected to continue into March.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

water inflow structures and concrete pipes, removing sediment to restore volume, and stabilize the pond embankments.

SCA does not have a date for starting the work as it may first require permits from multiple agencies. We are optimistic that it will not need permitting inasmuch as this is post-Hurricane Milton restoration work. We are hopeful this project will bring the pond and spillway back to its original pre-storm condition.

Elevator Vandals

See Something. Say Something.

In the past several months, it has been brought to the attention of the Parkway Maintenance & Management Pinellas Elevator Services Division that unknown persons have been tampering with the electronics on several elevators.

In one instance, a panel inside an elevator was removed to get access to the control electronics.

In several other instances, person or persons have entered the elevator hoistway to disable several switches.

Plain and simple, this is vandalism and very dangerous.

The Elevator Safety Act, Chapter

399 of the Florida Statutes, provides for criminal penalties for any tampering by persons not licensed by the state.

If you observe unusual activity around or in an elevator, please attempt to document it with a photo on your phone.

If you see a marked or unmarked vehicle that may be suspicious, please take a picture of both the vehicle and the license tag if you are able. Make note of the date and time you observed the suspicious activity, as well as the building location address.

Report these events to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office as close to the time of observation as you can do. Then report your observation to the Community Service Office along with any photographs from your phone.

If your sighting is after business hours, use the After-Hours Emergency Services Number (727-799-1115) to file a report, as well as report your observations to the sheriff office emergency phone number at 727-582-6200.

Lease Extension Reminder

The Association Board recently received a few questions regarding lease extension and how residents can learn more about this event.

As a reminder, 81 out of 91 buildings at On Top of the World-Clearwater have leasehold units. Those condos were originally conveyed for a lease term of 99 years, but with OTOW now more than 50 years old, it is time for many residents to extend their lease to protect the value of their unit and to ensure that lenders would be comfortable with the remaining term of the lease.

When you sign the First Amendment to the Lease, your leasehold will be extended until June 30, 2119.

There is no additional payment required to extend your lease, no change in the way lease fees are currently being collected, no change in the amount of your lease fee, and there will be no impact on your property taxes or insurance.

Additionally, the lease extension includes capping annual increases to \$6 per year.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/leasehold-first-amendment-request/>.

In addition, you can send any questions to leaseFAQ@clw-info.net and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



Good Neighbors Association
Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, March 12, 9-11 am
East Activity Center Auditorium

Introducing Tota Music and Theatre Conservatory



TOTA Music & Theatre Conservatory is proud to present "A Music Theatre Showcase" featuring their adult series. TOTA will present entertaining songs from music theatre, including solos, duets and groups.

Come get a free coffee and a free donut, too!

Final reminder, east side roads will be blocked during parade

March Reminders

Irish Club Annual Parade

The Irish Club has worked tirelessly to provide the community with a fun-filled parade that will be held on Saturday, March 7.

Please remember that World Parkway Boulevard East will be blocked off for approximately 90 minutes from 9:30-11 a.m., including at all road crossings along the parade route. Barricades will not be removed once the parade starts.

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

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing

As this article goes to print, residents in Buildings 57 and 59 should see the painting contractor working on the front façade of their building.

This important ongoing work involves the pressure washing of the masonry block, a thorough inspection of the surface followed by sealing any hairline cracks, an ample treatment of surface sealer, and finally followed by the application of a high-performance coating.

Once again, please keep in mind that when the painting contractor is operating on the front façade of buildings that they may require residents to temporarily relocate vehicles and move personal property from porches in order to perform this work. Heavy equipment and specialized spraying equipment are used by the contractor so please keep this in mind and proceed safely in these work areas. Please use caution in these areas while the improvements are underway and be aware that inclement weather can affect these approximate start dates.

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

Building 89 will be the next structure in the improvement cycle to see crews from the roofing contractor arrive beginning in late February/early-March.

This will be the third project of five in the 2025/2026 fiscal year. The project is expected to take 3-4 weeks to complete barring weather delays and will require the staged closure of the building's parking lots, either partially or in their entirety, to allow for safe and efficient operation by the contractor.

Bulletins with exact work start dates will be posted in the building in advance of the contractor's arrival. As always, please observe all cordoned off areas in the interests of safety.

March should see the licensed mechanical contractor continuing their work on Building 23 before transitioning to the next structure in early April.

These projects are slightly different in scope than years past and will require a bit more time to remove existing railings before the new railing replacement begins.

Parkway's construction team will also be part of the process as they make any repairs needed to the substrate before installation takes place.

Because of this, the duration of the improvements will take approximately six weeks to complete.

This state-licensed contractor will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails, so please exercise caution in the areas where these improvements are being made.

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

The elevator at Building 68 will be the next total equipment modernization and cab remodel to be undertaken by Parkway's Elevator Services Division.

The scope of work involves replacing functional components to provide for decades of future reliability. The remodeling of the elevator cab interior is also part of the project which provides for new, updated laminate surfaces for residents and visitors to the community. The entire undertaking should be



completed in roughly four weeks' time barring any unforeseen conditions.

Residents and visitors of Building 68 should be aware of active work zones and exercise caution in and around these areas while the elevator is out of service. Thank you for your cooperation and patience while this work is undertaken.

Boat Registration

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 2026 registration period is \$50.

Residents looking to inquire about available space should contact the Inspection Services Division of the management company through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

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

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

Recurring Reminders for All Community Residents

As a reminder, in 2023 the Management Company recommenced its enforcement efforts by removing all unapproved items placed in building common areas. This includes but is not limited to plants (live or artificial), personal items, non-exterior rated furniture, rusted chairs/tables or in disrepair, tchotchkes, etcetera, as these items are not permitted to occupy common spaces.

These items will be removed and disposed of without further notice. These ongoing efforts help keep the areas safe for first responders as well as maintain an aesthetically pleasing community for all to reside in. We ask that residents help keep the community's common areas in compliance by reporting violations of this nature to the Management Company. We appreciate the community's cooperation and support in reporting any violations of this nature so the Management Company can investigate and correct if necessary.

The Management Company would also like to thank the residents who live on the second and third floors for their cooperation in making the On Top of the World community a safer and more aesthetically pleasing place to live by removing their floor mats from the common area.

The community's response for compliance was astounding, as has been the feedback regarding these efforts.

Once again, thank you for your support in this undertaking. Now that the notification and compliance piece has been completed, the Management Company will continue the ongoing compliance enforcement of these common areas where the mats were once located, as well as repainting areas that could not be cleaned up to community standards.

As a reminder to all residents and in keeping with condominium rules gov-

erning common areas, any floor mats placed in the second or third floor balcony walkways or center core areas will be removed without any further notification. Please assist us in keeping these walkway areas clear while making your community a safer and more beautiful place to live.

Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services Team, in conjunction with the Parkway Construction Department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle.

This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant 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.

Inspection Services representatives also will be reaching out to residents of buildings who are scheduled for new paint and waterproof 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 from the coating vendor.

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

First floor unit owners will continue receiving notification 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 and have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing.

The Management Company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times, decorative rocks or landscaping are installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator. Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Inspection efforts continue to focus on the tagging and removal of portable barbeque grills, including propane, charcoal, or electric, which are not permitted in any buildings common areas as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents. Only grills meeting the approved Clearwater Fire Department standard are permitted on the patio 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.

The Management Company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in

the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, and 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 advanced cooperation.

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 a 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 www.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.

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

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

OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warnings 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!

As a reminder, when signing up for community and emergency alerts, be sure to enter your building number. You can select to receive notifications via text, telephone call, and/or email. You can select one, two, or all three notification options. Should you wish to change your notification options you can do that by visiting the Community Service Office, calling 727-683-6981, or email at clearwaterinfo@otowfl.net.

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.

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Would you drink grease from a deep fryer? NO! Then why give it to your sink???

CAUTION
Do not try AFTER using a commercial drain cleaner

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1. Start with a plunger.
2. Pour 1/2 cup baking soda down a drain then add 1/2 cup white vinegar. The chemical reaction can break down fatty acids.

STOP!



What goes down your pipes?

- Water
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Boat Storage Renewal Guidelines

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

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

Dated this 1st day of March, 2026, and published in the March 2026 edition of OTOW News

Did you know there are 3 ways to turn your water on or off?



(1) **CALL:** 727-799-3417 (Option 6)
Service hours are 7:30-5:30, Mon-Fri,
and 7:30-11:30 am, Saturdays.
Requests during this time frame are free.

(2) **VISIT** the East Activity Center Community Service Office during business hours from 8:30 am - 3 pm, Monday-Friday.

(3) **GO ONLINE** to otowclearwaterinfo.com.
Go under the service tab to fill out a request.

After hours service is available 6-9 pm, Monday through Friday, 11:30-9 pm Saturdays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. Sundays, by calling 799-1115. There is a \$35 fee for all after hours services.

Service Policy

Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on. No exceptions. Payments are checks only.



Artist of the Month

Dale Stackhouse is the Art Guild Artist of the Month for March. Her painting is called Tuscany Landscape and was done using watercolors.

Dale's artwork will be in the Art Guild display case for the entire month of March. Next time you are in the East Activity Center Auditorium, go check it out.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

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Post-Parade Party 11 am, EAC

(expect gate and road closures at 9:30 am)

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Look for Romeo in the Irish Club parade.

At right, Pam Leonard-Williams (fifth from left), presents Laurel and Cliff Chavis of the Australian Alpine building with a \$50 gift certificate for winning the 2025 Pet of the Year contest. Actually, it was Romeo who won the contest. He received the most online tallies during Pet of the Year voting in January. Romeo is an 11-year-old Huskie. He visited Pam Leonard-Williams State Farm on Sunset Point Road to receive his gift card and then visited with staff members. Now Romeo has been invited to march in the Irish Club parade with State Farm on March 7. Romeo will either be walking or riding in a red wagon. If you see him, yell "Hi Romeo!"

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



Romeo

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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.

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Free vision seminar in March and free vision screening in April

Preserve Vision Florida

Eye Health Educational Seminar
A Preserve Vision Florida Eye Health Educational Seminar will take place 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 18 in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Vision Loss is the single most prevalent disability experienced by adults, with 75 percent requiring some level of vision correction by age 40.

Eye disorders have been identified as the fifth most prevalent health condition among aged 65-years-and-older.

Preserve Vision Florida, a non-profit organization founded in 1957, is Florida's leading agency promoting no cost vision screenings and education. The organization's mission is to promote healthy vision through:

- Vision health awareness and education for all ages.
- Vision screenings for children and adults.
- Assistance to obtain medical eye care.
- Advocacy for vision and medical eye care health services.

Preserve Vision Florida invites you to attend an educational session to learn about aging eye disorders and how to prevent vision loss from 1-2 p.m., Wednesday, March 18 in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Registration for this educational seminar is not required.

Preserve Vision Florida also will be here for an introductory visit at the Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, March 12 from 9-11 a.m. in the Auditorium and then will be back again for a no-cost vision screening from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 25.

The no cost vision screening does require registration and here are a few ways you can do it:

- Visit the Preserve Vision Florida information table at Get Acquainted Coffee on March 12.
- Attend the educational seminar on March 18.
- Email your name and phone number to msutherland@pvfla.org.

Registration deadline is Thursday, April 23.

Irish Club Parade

The Irish Club Parade is 10 a.m., Saturday, March 7.

The 30th parade will take place at along World Parkway Boulevard East.

Please note that gates to the east side and several roads along the parade route will be closed from 9:30 - 11 a.m.

To help residents get where they need to go on parade morning, the On Top of the World shuttle bus will be operating at 8:30 a.m. from the East Activity Center front parking lot to a Denmark Street parking area on the east side, and up down the parade route.

After the parade, the bus will provide transportation back to the Denmark Street lot until 1 p.m.

The Jolley Trolley will be covering the west side.

An after-parade celebration takes place at the East Activity Center back



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parking lot near the Pavilion. The Good Neighbors Association will be serving up hot dogs at a great price, \$3 each, or a meal combo at \$4.

As always, the Irish Club will be serving free beer and pretzels.

Galvin's Goodies will be serving ice cream, goodies and coffee after the parade.

Please watch the parade and join in all the festivities.

Gerald Colen Presents

Gerald Colen will be here 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 26 for a Planning Ahead Seminar for Florida Residents in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Attorneys Jerry Colen, Rachel Wagener and John Beck will discuss Medicaid planning, powers of attorney and ladybird deeds.

The discussion will focus on planning for Florida residents and those considering it.

Snowbirds, too, will want to learn about these important planning methods.

Jerry, Rachel and John have examined recent changes in the law regarding these topics and will answer any questions you may have.

Registration is not required, but please show up on time.

Food Truck Night

The next Food Truck Night will take place from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11 in the East Activity Center back parking lot near the Pavilion.

Residents can dine at the Pavilion or in the parking lot where SCA will set up tables and chairs.

Come join the fun. Make new acquaintances or reconnect with friends and neighbors. Enjoy some delicious food that you don't have every day.

The vendors will include Happy Snapper, Stevie D's Philly Cheese Steaks, NY BBQ and Saucy Lady.

OnSpot Dermatology

OnSpot Dermatology's Mobile Unit "Derma Drive" will be back from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 13 and April 17 parked at the East Activity Center front parking lot off of World Parkway Boulevard East.

To make an appointment, visit onspotdermatology.com/otow or click on the flyer/link posted on the OTOW website www.otowclearwaterinfo.com.

You also can call 941-444-0011.

Free Tax Help

For 2026, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will again offer free tax help in Clearwater at the Countryside and East Community Libraries.

This assistance will focus on low-to-moderate income individuals, especially those 50-plus, with services running roughly through April 15.

Appointments are required and can be made by going through the AARP Tax-Aid Locator website. Go online to <https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp-taxaide/locations/> for details and to sign up for notifications.

You'll need IDs, Social Security cards, and income documents (W-2s, 1099s) for your appointment, plus bank info for direct deposit.

Walk-ins are usually not accepted.

• Services: Options include in-person preparation and drop-off services where you leave documents for a volunteer to file remotely.

AARP tax prep locations and schedules closest to On Top of the World are listed below:

Clearwater Countryside Library 2642 Sabal Springs Drive

Clearwater - 1.24 miles away
Mondays 10 am - 1:30 pm
Fridays 10 am - 1:30 pm
Language: English
In-Person

Dunedin Community Center 1920 Pinehurst Road

Dunedin - 3.03 miles away
Thursdays 9 am - 12:45 pm
Fridays 9 am - 12:45 pm
Language: English
In-Person

3D Mobile Mammography

3D Mobile Mammography will return on Friday, May 22, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., but please make your appointment now.

3D Mobile Mammography will be parked at the East Activity Center front parking lot from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you have any additional questions or would like to register for an appointment, you can do so at their website: www.3dmobilemammography.com.

A link to the website also will be available at Nancy's Bulletin Board at the OTOW website www.otowclearwaterinfo.com, or just show up. Walk-ins are welcome!

One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be back at the East Activity Center front parking lot on Thursday, March 12, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Residents can register at Nancy's Bulletin Board at otowclearwaterinfo.com, in the Community Service Office or just show up that day.

All donors will receive a \$20 Ecard, a long-sleeved T-shirt and mini wellness checkup, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse, and cholesterol screening.

Take this opportunity to save lives! The Honor Roll from Feb. 12 is as follows: Karen Tatge, Jeffrey Flynn, Charles Fuhr, Sandra Hubbard, Thomas Huffman, Peter Roman, Jesus Mulero, George Mead, George Matzke, Donald Hayes and Randy Daus.

Local Shredding Events

City of Largo Shredfest

Saturday, April 11 and Oct. 10.
City of Largo is proud to announce 2026 dates for ShredFest, a free document shredding and recycling event.

Shredfest is held at the Starkey Road Collection Center (1551 Starkey Rd) from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., or until full capacity has been reached.

This easy, drive-through event allows residents to bring up to five boxes of documents for free and secure on-

site shredding and recycling. All patrons are to remain in their cars during the event.

The Starkey Road Recycling Center is a facility where residents can drop off their mixed recycling at no cost, recycle used cooking oil, and pick up free, recycled mulch all year round.

ShredFest is part of the City of Largo's sustainability initiatives. To learn more about ShredFest or other upcoming events, visit LargoRecycles.com or call 727-587-6760.

A message to

OTOW Club Leaders

I just want to take a moment to applaud our clubs and activity leaders for stepping up and maintaining your groups. Overall, club membership and participation have been down over the past five years, but we still have approximately 80 clubs and activities and spurts of growth from time to time.

Most of our clubs make a concerted effort to recruit new members, but recently I've learned that a few clubs, some large and some small, have not welcomed new members. It's not hard for me to understand, sometimes groups just want to stick with what's familiar, but we all know deep down that this is not healthy for your club or the community. As leaders, you set an example to the entire group. Let's find a way to ensure that everyone feels welcomed and offered opportunities to take part.

Calendar Reservations

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.

Send an email to 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, 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 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 or Access Card, the fee is \$25 for a replacement. If you already have an Access Card, there is no charge to renew. If you need an Access Card, there is a \$7 charge.

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

Join The Honor Roll

DONATE BLOOD

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On Top of the World
Thursday, March 12
10 am - 3 pm

Appointments are encouraged. Please visit oneblood.org/donate-now.
Or just show up at the bus.

ID REQUIRED

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Share your power.

March Calendar

Special Events (open to everyone)

Sunday, March 1, 1 - 5 pm, Salute To Veterans, East Activity Center Auditorium (veterans no charge)
 Wednesday, March 4 - Canadian Club Spring Fling, 5 - 9 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Thursday, March 5, 1 pm - Association Board Meeting, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Thursday, March 5 - Irish Club Parade Meeting, 4 - 5 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room
 *** Saturday, March 7 - Irish Club Parade, 10-11 am, World Parkway Blvd E and EAC Back Parking Lot (expect blocked roads) ****
 Sunday, March 8, 1 - 4 pm - Art Guild Art Show, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Wednesday, March 11 - Food Truck Night, 3 - 7 pm, East Activity Center Back Parking Lot
 Thursday, March 12 - OneBlood, 10 am - 3 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot
 Thursday, March 12 - Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee, 9 - 11 am, EAC Auditorium
 Friday, March 13 - OnSpot Dermatology, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm, East Activity Center front parking lot
 Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14, 7:30 pm; and Sunday, March 15, 2 pm, Theater Workshop Show, Auditorium
 Wednesday, March 18 - Preserve Vision Florida Seminar, 1 - 2 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium (free)
 Thursday, March 19, Entertainment Committee Show, Beach Boys Tribute, 7:30 - 9:15 pm, EAC Auditorium (sold out)
 Saturday, March 21 - Entertainment Committee Dance, Cruise Control, 7:30-10:30 pm, EAC Auditorium
 Wednesday, March 25 - Italian-American Club St. Joseph's Dinner Dance, 5 - 9 pm, EAC Auditorium (this is correct date)
 Thursday, March 26 - Gerald Colen lecture, 10:30 am - 12 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Saturday, March 28 - Good Neighbors Association Craft Show and Flea Market, 10 am - 2 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Tuesday, March 31 - Canadians Club Annual Meeting, 2 - 4 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Club Information Tables, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 - 10:30 am, East Activity Center Auditorium

Clubs and Groups

-  Art Guild - Board Meeting, 3-5 pm, Wednesday, March 4, Largo Room
- Art Guild - General Meeting: 1-3 pm, Friday, March 13, Largo Room
- Art Guild - Presentation: 1-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, Largo Room
- Art Guild - Acrylic Painting: 1-4 pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Largo Room
- Baby Boomers: 5:30-6:30 pm, Wed., March 4 and Thur., March 19, Largo Room
-  Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am-1 pm, Thursdays, Learning Lab
- Bible Study: 2-3 pm, Fridays, Crystal Beach Room
-  Bingo: 6 - 10 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Auditorium
-  Canadian Club Sock Hop: 4:30-7:30 pm, Friday, March 6, Belleair Room
-  Canadian Club Picnic: Wednesday, March 18, 12-3 pm, Pavilion
- Caring and Sharing: 9 am-12 pm, Tuesdays, Clearwater Room
-  Chorus: Practices Mondays and Tuesdays in Largo Room
-  Coloring Book Club: 11-2 pm, Wednesdays, Crystal Beach Room
-  Computer Club: 9:00-10:30 am, Wednesdays and Saturdays, Learning Lab
-  Democratic Club Board: 2-4 pm, Thursday, March 26, Crystal Beach Room
- Democratic Club Meeting: 2-4 pm, Thursday, March 12, Learning Lab
- Democratic Club Happy Hour: 6-8 pm, Tuesday, March 24, Learning Lab
-  Entertainment Com. Board: 10:30-11:30 am, Monday, March 9, Crystal Beach
-  Fixers Club: Annual Picnic - Saturday, March 28, Pavilion
-  Freebirdz Weight Loss Group: 10:30 am-12 pm, Fridays, Crystal Beach
-  French Language & Culture: 11 am-12 pm, Wednesdays, Dunedin Room
-  Good Karma Book Club: 10-11:30 am, Thursday, March 19, Crystal Beach Rm
-  Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee: 9-11 am, March 12, Auditorium
-  High Vibe Tribe: 7-9 pm, Tuesday, March 10, Kitchen
-  Irish Club - Parade meeting, 4-5 pm, Thursday, March 5, Largo Room
-  Italian-American Club: 5 p.m., St. Joseph's Dinner Dance, March 25, 5-9 pm
-  Jesters Board Meeting: 11 am-12 pm, Tuesday, March 10, Dunedin Room
- Jesters Meeting: 6:30-8:30 pm, Wednesday, March 11, Belleair Room
- Italian Language & Culture Class: Fridays, 10:30 am-12 pm, Dunedin Rm
-  Kibitz Corner: 9-10 am, Mondays and Wednesdays, Kitchen
-  Knitting Group: 9-11 am, Wednesdays, Crystal Beach Room
-  Lambda Social: 6-10 pm, Friday, March 13, Oldsmar Room
- Lambda Chat: 10:30-12, Fridays, March 6, 20, Ozona Room
- Lambda Activity Night: Sunday, March 29, 6-10 pm, Learning Lab
-  Lawn Bowl: Tournaments - March 2; March 12 and 19; March 17; March 26
- Living With A Strong Mind, Tuesdays, March 10 & 24, 3-4 pm, Learning Lab
-  Music Group: 3-6 pm, Tuesdays, Dunedin Room
- New York-New Jersey: No events in March
-  Philosophy Club: 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays, Crystal Beach Rom
-  Plant-Based Living Club: 1 - 2:30 pm, Wednesday, March 4, Learning Lab
-  Pickleball Club Board Meeting: 1-3 pm, Monday, March 16, Crystal Beach
- Pickleball Club Game Night: 6:30-9:30 pm, Monday, March 16, Belleair Rm
-  Pray For America: 10 am-12 pm, Saturdays, Crystal Beach (No 3/7)
-  Press Association: Pizza Party - 1:30-3:30 pm, Tuesday, March 3, Pavilion
-  Republican Club Meeting: 6-9 pm, Tuesday, March 3, Belleair Room
- Spanish Club: Mondays, 10:30 - 12:00, Dunedin Room
- Speak English: 10-11 a.m., Thursdays, EAC Dunedin Room (all winter)
- Tennis Club: No special events
-  Texas Card Game Club: 5-10 pm, Friday, March 27, Clearwater Room
-  Theater Workshop Meeting: 6-8:30 pm, Wednesday, March 4, Belleair Rm
-  Theater Workshop Cast Party: Sunday, March 15, 5-9 pm, Belleair Rm
-  Travel Club Meeting: 2-4 pm, Friday, March 6, EAC Oldsmar Room
- Veterans Club: Salute To Veterans, Sunday, March 1
-  Women's Bible Study Group: Fridays, March 13 and 27, 10:30-12, Clrw Rm
-  World Quilters: 9 am-2 pm, Tuesdays, Largo Room
-  Writer's Ink: 1:30-3:30 pm, Thursdays, Dunedin Room

Exercises and Games

- Aqua Aerobics: 9-10 am, Mondays through Fridays, EAC or WAC Pool
- Bonesavers: 8-9 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Largo Room
- Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Exercise Room
- Cornhole: 1-3 pm, Mondays, Belleair Room
- Gentle Movement Exercises: 11 am-12 pm, Tuesdays and 3-4 pm, Fridays, Auditorium
- Ladies Exercises: 8-9 am, Monday-Friday, Exercise Room
- Line Dance Club Practice: 9-10 am, Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays - East Activity Center Largo Room
- Moving 'n Grooving Line Dance: 9-10:45 am; Tuesdays | 1-2:45; Fridays, EAC Auditorium
- Qigong: 3-4 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Exercise Room
- Slimnastics: 9-10 am, Monday through Friday, Exercise Room
- Snowbirds Line Dancing: 8 am-12 pm, Wednesdays, Auditorium
- Social Dance with Howard: 1-3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
- Tai Chi Flow: 3:15-4:15 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Exercise Room
- Yoga Align and Stretch: 10-11:30 am, Mondays, WAC Belleair Room and Thursdays, EAC Exercise Room
- All-In: 1:30-4 pm, Friday, March 27, Largo Room
- Board Games: 1-3 pm, Wednesdays, Palm Harbor or Belleair Room
- Blackout: 6:30-9:30 pm, Thursdays all year, Belleair Room (Canadian Club members)
- Bid Euchre: 6:30-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Crystal Beach Room
- Casual Bridge: 1-4 pm, Tuesdays | 9 am-12 pm, Thursdays, Ozona Room
- Cribbage: 10 am-12 pm, Wednesdays, Ozona Room
- Dominos: 5:30-8 pm, Tuesdays, Ozona Room
- Double Deck Pinochle: 1-3:30 pm, Wednesdays and Sundays, Ozona Room
- Ladies Bunco: 6-9:30 pm, Wednesday, March 18, Crystal Beach Room
- Mahjong: 1-4 pm, Tuesdays, Fridays, Palm Harbor Room
- Beginner Mahjong: 3-5 pm, Sundays, Safety Harbor Room
- Mexican Train: 1-5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room
- Qwirkle: 1-4 pm, Mondays, Dunedin Room
- Rummikub: 12:30 - 3:30 pm, Mondays, Ozona Room
- Samba Hand & Foot Canasta: 5:30 - 9:30 pm, Fridays, Ozona Room
- Spike's Euchre: 6 - 9 pm, Wednesdays, Dunedin Room

- 9 Ladies Golf: 8:30 am, Tuesdays
- 18 Ladies Golf: 8:30 am, Tuesdays. Thursday, March 26, 12-4 pm, Lunch at the Pavilion
- Billiards 8 ball: 6-10 pm, Mondays and Tuesdays
- Billiards: 9 ball: 1-3 pm, Tuesdays and Fridays; 6 - 10 pm, Thursdays;
- Billiards Events: none
- Mens Golf: 8 am, Wednesdays
- Mixed Golf: 9 am, Fridays
- Lawn Bowling: 9:30 am, Monday through Saturday, lawn bowl courts
- Lawn Bowling: Lunch at Pavilion - Tuesday, March 17, 12 pm; Meeting - Thursday, March 27, 1 pm, Crystal B Rm
- Pickleball: 10am-1pm Mon, Wed, Fri | 8-10am, Tue, Thu, Sat | 3:30 to 5:30pm Tue, Wed, Thu | 9-12 Sun.
- Pickleball Snowbirds Social: Sunday, March 22, 12:30 - 4 pm, Belleair Room
- Ping Pong: 10-1, Tuesdays-Fridays, Belleair Room
- Shuffleboard: 4 pm, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Softball: 8 am, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Safety Harbor City Park
- Tennis: 7:30-10 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays | 10-1 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

- Alonzo Poker: 5-8 pm, Mondays, Safety Harbor Room
- Barry's Poker: 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, Ozona Room
- Bob's Poker: 6-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Safety Harbor Room
- Carol's Poker: 6-9 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, Safety Harbor Room
- Laura's Poker: 5-9 pm, Fridays, Safety Harbor Room
- Richie's Poker: 5-8 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, Ozona Room
- Tom's Poker: 5-9 pm, Wednesdays, Safety Harbor Room

Building Events

- Casa Verde - Monday, March 30, Dinner, 5-9 pm, Belleair Room
- Rural French - Sunday, March 15, 3-6 pm, Pavilion
- Azores - Sunday, March 22, 12-3 pm, Pavilion
- Victorian - Saturday, March 14, 12-4 pm, Pavilion
- Modernage - Saturday, March 21, 1-5 pm

- Swimming Pools (October-April): 8-6:30 Mondays-Saturdays, 9-6:30 Sundays
- Swimming Pools (May-September): 8-8 Mondays-Saturdays, 9-8 Sundays
- Library: 10-12 Mondays & Thursdays, 1-3 Wednesdays
- Woodshop: 8 am-4 pm Monday-Friday, EAC Woodshop
- Lapidary: 1-3 pm, Monday-Friday, EAC Lapidary Room

Flea Market, Craft Show moved up two weeks



By Sue Trost

The Good Neighbors Association has been very busy these last couple of months and more is coming.

The Irish Day parade is being held on Saturday, March 7. The Good Neighbors Association will be selling hot dogs and soft drinks with all proceeds going back to the Irish Club.

Hope to see you there!

Our Spring Flea Market and Craft Show had to be moved up two weeks because of a scheduling conflict. Our apologies to everyone who thought they were going to have more time to prepare.

The date now is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 28 in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

The date is no longer April 11.

Tables are \$15 apiece or two tables for \$25. Tables are on sale in the Auditorium at the Good Neighbors Association information table on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

We have sold quite a few tables already. Come in and purchase your tables as soon as possible because they are going fast. First come, first served.

Our next Get Acquainted Coffee is going to be on Thursday, March 12 from 9-11 a.m. Our special guests will be the Tota Music and Theatre Conservatory.

For those of you that have never been to our Get Acquainted Coffee before, please come over and enjoy a free coffee and donut and visit our many club information tables to see what is going on in the community.

Looking forward to seeing you around our great community!



Skirt and Ties was here on Feb. 12 to entertain On Top of the World residents during Get Acquainted Coffee in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Skirt and Ties is led by resident Mike Wood (second from left) and they are a barbershop quartet. Seating was a little different for this performance. Instead of rows of chairs, tables and chairs from the Outpost were scattered on the floor. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



**Date of
Flea Market/
Craft Show switched
to March 28**

Newcomers!

**Spring Flea Market
& Craft Fair**

Saturday, March 28
10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

East Activity Center Auditorium

Tables are \$15 or 2 for \$25
and are on sale at
The Good Neighbors table
on Mondays and Thursdays
From 8:30 AM until 10:30 AM
First Come, First Served!



Welcome new residents to On Top of the World. Above are Vicki and Jayson Bromboz of Florida and at right is Judy D'Amico of Illinois.



(Photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Pet of the Month



Each month, 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.

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.

Hello!

My name is Ripley. I am a 13-year-old tuxedo cat.

I live with my human, Robin Weber, in the Alsace Lorraine building (8).

I rescued my human in April 2013. She came into my room at the Humane Society where I was sharing a pad with about a dozen other cats. Some cats tried rubbing up against Robin's legs, but not me. I jumped right into her lap and gave a cute little meow.

Of course, I went home that day.

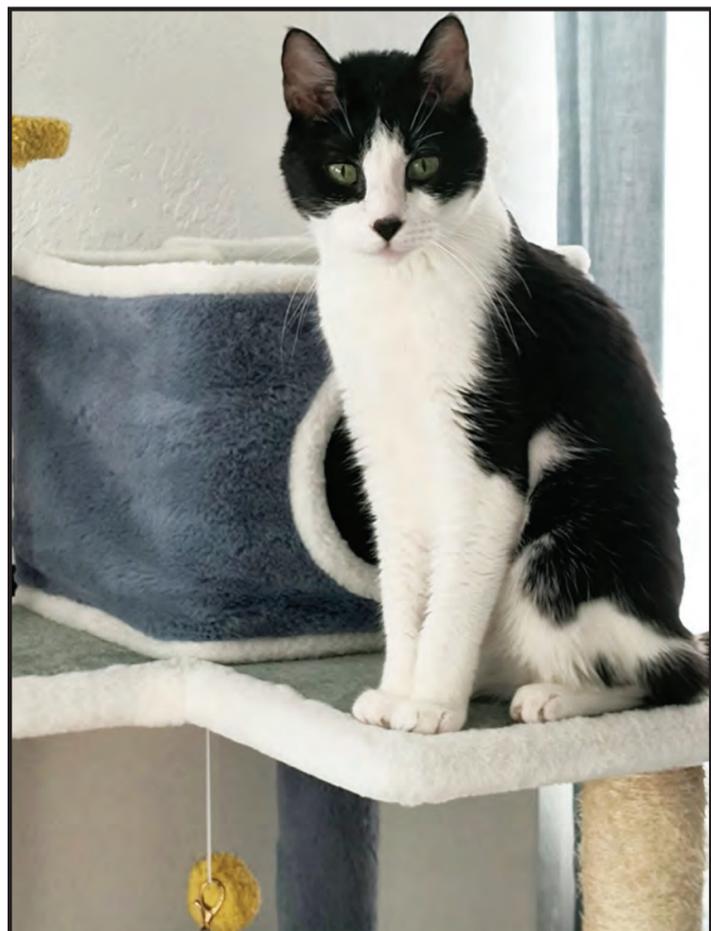
It hasn't been easy taking care of Robin. Since we've been together she's gone from newly divorced, to remarried, to widowed and now is a breast cancer survivor!

Throughout it all, I have been her faithful companion, keeper of her secrets and collector of her tears.

Did I say secrets? Oops.

I heal her body and heart with my kisses and purrs.

I am so excited to be Pet of the Month for March.



Each month, OTOW News will feature a Pet of the Month. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one perfect photo and a brief reason why your pet deserves to be Pet of the Month. Email to otow.newsroom@gmail.com. You must include your pet's name, owners' names, breed of dog, age of dog and building you live in. You can enter more than one pet per household but they all must be in the same picture. The winning pet each month will receive a portrait for Irene Piper. The newsroom will notify you when your portrait is finished. Each monthly winner then becomes eligible for the State Farm Pet of the Year, which takes place with an online vote each January. Your pet must still be a resident of OTOW on Jan. 1 to be eligible for the State Farm Pet of the Year honors. The State Farm Pet of the Year will be announced in February and gets invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade.



Guidelines for Riding the Shuttle Bus

1. You MUST have a valid Activity Card and present it to the driver upon entering the bus. The SCA bus service is exclusively for use by Association-approved residents and tenants only. If you do not have a valid Activity Card, you may not ride the shuttle bus.
2. Reservations are REQUIRED – please call 727-799-3417 Option 7 no later than 1:00 pm the day prior to your planned trip. Monday's trip deadline is 1:00 pm Friday. Please be present in the core of your building at your scheduled pick up time.
3. Shopping time is 1.0 hours for grocery stores and 2.0 hours for Countryside Mall. Those going to Sunset Point 19 Plaza will have approximately 90 minutes to shop. Shopping time begins when you are dropped off at the destination.
4. Although appreciated, the driver is prohibited from accepting gifts or tips.
5. The driver may not assist you with entering or exiting the bus or with your packages. Please do not ask him to do so.
6. The start time listed is when the shuttle bus departs the Community Service Office. The pick-up schedule will rotate weekly between low and high buildings, meaning one week pick-up will start with the lower-numbered buildings, the following week it will start with the higher-numbered buildings.
7. Seats are not assigned. They are first come – first served.
8. Seat belts must be fastened during bus movement and must remain fastened until the bus comes to a complete stop.
9. Eating, drinking, smoking, vaping, fighting, distracting the driver, or any other unacceptable actions at the discretion of the driver are strictly prohibited on the bus. Violation of the above may result in your bus privileges being revoked.
10. All route changes are at the discretion of Management.

SCA Shuttle Bus Schedule

DATE	PICKUP TIME	LOCATION	SHOP TIME	SHUTTLE BUS
Monday	9:00 am	Publix	1 hour	SCA
	12:30 pm	Walmart	1 hour	SCA
Tuesday	9:00 am	Sunset Point 19 Plaza	1 hour	SCA
		Sprouts/Aldi		
Wednesday	10:00 am	Clearwater Mall	2 hours	SCA
Thursday	9:00 am	Walmart	1 hour	SCA
	12:30 pm	Publix	1 hour	SCA
Friday	10:00 am	Countryside Mall	2 hours	SCA

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For Reservations call (727) 799-3417, Option 7



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The desire to commit road rage can happen to anyone - be smart, stay cool, stay safe



Florida Driving Laws

Did You Know?

By Tara Still

According to Wikipedia, road rage is an aggressive or angry behavior exhibited by people driving a vehicle.

These behaviors include rude and verbal insults, yelling, physical threats or dangerous driving methods targeted at other drivers, pedestrians, or cyclists in an effort to intimidate or release frustration.

Road rage can lead to altercations, damage to property, assaults and collisions that result in serious physical injuries or even death.

Behavior has included (but is not limited to) cutting motorists off, inappropriate honking, flashing headlights,

directing obscene gestures at another driver, swerving, tailgating, brake checking, and physical confrontation.

Please be careful not to make derogatory remarks to yourself while in your car because drivers can read your lips in the rearview mirror. The same applies to our favorite finger.

There is no reason to upset yourself because another driver did something that irritated you. Chances are that the driver made a simple mistake, and, yes, that mistake could have caused injury or property damage.

However, if you decide to escalate the situation with

the behaviors listed above, according to Florida Statute 316.1923, you may be subject to:

Criminal Charges: Road rage can escalate from traffic infractions to criminal reckless driving (willful disregard for safety) or aggravated assault if a vehicle is used as a weapon.

Penalties: Penalties can range from traffic fines and points on a license to jail time (up to 90 days for first-offense reckless driving, up to six months for a second offense).

Felony Potential: If road rage causes serious bodily injury or involves a deadly

weapon (e.g., a car), it can result in third-degree felony charges, punishable by up to five years in prison.

Nasty behavior towards other drivers can trigger immediate physical and mental health crises, including spikes in blood pressure, heart rate and adrenaline that increase the risk of heart attack or stroke.

Long-term, chronic rage contributes to cardiovascular disease, anxiety and depression.

So please, do not get yourself in a tizzy. Simmer down and proceed down the road calmly. And remember, we are all human.



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Class is in session: Let's learn a little about the risks that come with social media

Scam Alert

Social media is tricky, isn't it? There's a lot of good in some of those platforms. We can communicate with friends and family. We can see what's happening in the news. We can follow celebrities or folks who are nationally known. We might even meet interesting folks who are worthy of our acquaintance.

Yeah. There's a lot of good in social media platforms.

But there's a lot of bad, too. Really bad.

There are scammers, fraudsters and criminals and they are hunting for us - for you and for me.

We confront them every time we respond to a direct message on a platform like X (formerly Twitter), or on a Facebook group, or on Bluesky.

It never ends, does it?

I'm on Twitter. I post on it now and then. I don't post too often, but just enough so that I get suspicious messages from folks who want me to subscribe to an OnlyFans page, or folks who want me to let them show me the best way to quadruple my money through investing.

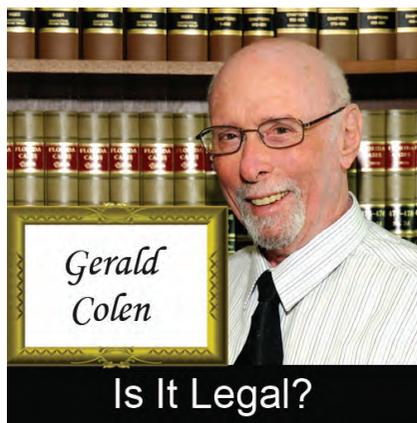
One lady I met on social media was an expert in crypto, like bitcoins.

Another guy I met knows how I can make 50 percent on my money.

Wanna meet hot girls? So there's OnlyFans and the price is as low as possible.

Are you feeling sad or alone or lost. There's someone out there for you to talk with. Just sign up for a different platform like Telegram, or WhatsApp, where the talk is private and (for them) inexpensive.

Enough already. Don't listen to any-



one who offers you crypto, investments or has a post on OnlyFans.

Are you ready to come back down to reality?

My thoughts: First and most important, always, always, always, always, always, remember that every time you click on something, be it a direct message or a link where you can express your view on the topic of the day, you are always vulnerable to a scammer.

They are lurking to see what you do.

Now, I'm not interested in pretty girls. I've been married to one for 60 years. But I'm like you. I want to read a story about Sidney Sweeny or see what's being said about a singer, such as Dolly Parton. But if I click a strange link, then the next thing I'll be getting are ads or messages about who knows what. One wrong click and I've opened myself up to anything but information.

And then, there are the lurkers who hunt for vulnerable men or women, seeking to lure them into conversations that more often than not, lead directly to losing money.

I'm learning about money scams and

in future columns I hope to share with you my social media experiences.

For now, I just want to remind you that while there are a lot of good social media platforms, there's a lot of bad ones, too. Everyone needs to remember that every single time you log onto Facebook or X or Bluesky or Tinder or any other media, there is a risk.

If you don't know someone attempting to say hi, don't assume he or she is just looking to be your friend. Be careful what you write back because I can assure you that messages you get in return can easily be faked.

Simple example: You might think you are getting a social message from a young American woman who wants to be friends. Most likely, you are texting an old foreign man who wants your money.

Q. It seems to me that lawyers can charge a lot for a service and yet, a different lawyer might charge more or less. How do we know where to get the best value for our money when we need to use a lawyer?

A. In all the years I've written this column, this is the first time I've had this question and it's a very good one. I'll try my best to answer it.

More than likely, and except with the mega-law firms with mega overhead, most fees are going to be within a certain and identifiable range.

I mean, if one lawyer charges, say \$100 more than another, that can certainly be significant, especially if you get the same or similar advice and documents.

So, what do you do?

First, of course, you try to see what your friends might say about a specific attorney. If you hear that so-and-so is more expensive, but he or she took all the time needed and answered every question, that's important.

Or, if you learn that an attorney charges less, but seems to see you as just another client, maybe that means something.

It's really a matter of feeling comfortable with the person who is going to handle something significant for you.

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Entertainment



Sixtiesmania performed here in February and then packed up and performed at Ruth Eckerd Hall. So when the Entertainment Committee says we have first class shows, we really do. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Flashback returns April 18



One of On Top of the World's favorite dance bands will be back here on Saturday, April 18. Tickets are on sale for \$10 and are available at the Entertainment Committee information table 8:30-10:30 a.m. every Monday and Thursday.

Thursday, March 9
7:30 pm, EAC Auditorium

SOLD OUT

You waited too long!

Goog Vibrations

A Celebration of the *Beach Boys*

Committee



Cruise Control on March 21

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

The Entertainment Committee, along with most of the clubs here in our community, will be participating in the annual On Top of the World Irish Clubs St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, March 7.

This event gives our residents an opportunity to see some of the clubs that we have here. There will be many outside entries as well. So please be sure to come out and support this great event.

Once again, the Entertainment Committee brought an enjoyable evening of entertainment to our community in February. The Sixties Mania Show brought back memories to all of us who were either in high school or college in the '60s. The music even brought back memories for those who were serving in the military.

If you missed this show, you missed a great night of entertainment.

The Over the Edge Band entertained us for our February dance and was very well attended. This band performed at our 2025 New Year's Eve Dance and didn't let us down.

Our Sunday Meet & Greet in February was a fun afternoon with our own Friendly Feud. We had nearly 200 people participate and about 30 six-person teams. Everyone had a great time and this event will definitely return some day. We had three group prizes. Each member of the top three teams was awarded gift cards to local establishments.

Free refreshments were provided during intermission and we also had raffles at the end of the games.

If you missed the Sunday Meet & Greet in February, mark your calendar for May 17 for our own Kentucky Derby Day.

Why not make a Kentucky Derby hat? There could be a surprise for the best hat!

The show on Thursday, March 19, is Good Vibrations – a Beach Boys Tribute.

The audience will be mesmerized by this amazing group and how they are able to capture the unique harmonies of the Beach Boys.

You will hear some of their classic hits such as California Girls, Surfin'USA, I Get Around and, of course, the group's

wonderful hit Good Vibrations.

Unfortunately, for those of you who did not purchase your tickets early, the show is sold out.

Again, just a reminder that all of our shows for 2025 were sold out. Our first three shows of 2026 sold out as well, so do not wait to purchase your tickets. All show tickets are \$20.

The Cruise Control band will entertain us on Saturday, March 21.

This band specializes in '50s, '60s, Blues, Motown and surf music.

Get your dancing shoes on and get ready for a wonderful time. 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 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.

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

Our shows and dances are reserved table seating- bring your own favorite beverage. We do not provide glasses for your drinks other than the cups for your coffee. The ice buckets provided for each table are to be used for the ice for your drinks, not to chill your bottles or cans. Please be considerate of those sharing your table.

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 or check only.

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

If you have any questions regarding shows or dances, please call (727) 449-9243 or (215) 431-4799.

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

Entertainment Committee Calendar

MARCH

- 19 - Good Vibrations - Beach Boys Tribute (show), 7:30 pm, **SOLD OUT**
- 21 - Cruise Control (dance), 7:30 pm, \$10

APRIL

- 16 Tap Into Soul (show), 7:30 pm, \$20
- 18 Flashback (dance), 7:30 pm, \$10

MAY

- 14 - The Edge Effect - ICONS: The Show! \$20 (final show until Oct)
- 16 - Three's Company (dance), 7:30 pm, \$10
- 17 - Horse Races (Sunday Meet-and-Greet), 2:00 pm, FREE

In the past two months, more than 60 people have contributed to your community newspaper

OK. OK.

You just picked up another edition of OTOW News and have started reading it.

But this is not just another edition of OTOW News. There are 40 residents and five employees who contributed at least one story to this March edition of OTOW News, and over the past two months there has been a grand total of 56 different residents who have contributed.

That's a lot of people putting this newspaper together and 56 of them were volunteers.

As you read this newspaper over, please take note of the individuals who wrote the stories. If you know one of them, or a few of them, stop them and say "thank you for writing for our newspaper."

They do a lot of work getting information together, writing their stories, getting photographs and submitting everything in on time. They have a tough editor who requests everything be in by the 15th of each month and they have a penguin, Chilly, for an assistant editor. The penguin requires everyone to follow guidelines.

It's not easy!

In the newspaper business, when you publish something that makes an individual stop and look, it is called an element. Elements are not advertisements. They are stories, photographs, graphics, calendars, recipe pages, puzzle pages or entertainment pages which make people stop turning the page.



If a story is accompanied by a photo, that's two elements.

When the Press Association has monthly meetings, the editor asks the staff to come up with ideas so there are at least 50-60 elements in each newspaper. In this March edition you are currently reading, there are nearly 115 elements! You are only on page 16, but you have already been exposed to 26 elements!

So, how do OTOW News staffers get rewarded for their work?

Seeing their bylines.

Getting compliments from you.

Every April, any staffer who has contributed to at least three newspapers and attended at least three press meetings over the past 12 months gets invited to our newspaper's Appreciation Dinner. There will be about 40 of us eligible and we will go down to Philippe Park to celebrate another successful

year that officially started in May.

What's disappointing is, there could be more than 40 people qualified to attend the Appreciation Dinner. OTOW News only has 30 people writing stories (storytellers) for buildings in our community. There are about 60 buildings that do not have storytellers and those buildings never get their news included on these pages.

You could be reading this right now from one of the 60 buildings without a storyteller.

Would you like to get your building in this newspaper?

First. Relax. You do not need a journalism degree to be a storyteller.

Second. Relax some more. You do not have to submit a story every month. We ask for three stories a year and anything more is a bonus.

OTOW News does have guidelines. Mainly, we only write stories about good news. You can write about people in your building, write about building luncheons or dinners, or write about special events in your cores or lawns.

Did your building have a holiday party over Christmas? You could have written about it.

Did someone just come back from a European vacation? Hello! You missed a story!

If you are interested in becoming a storyteller, I can send you an online tutorial for joining our staff.

I also teach a basic journalism class every November. Everyone on staff is welcome and most of them do attend. It's a one hour class and it's the first

Tuesday in November.

Once you are on staff, you can join us at monthly meetings, proofread the newspaper for mistakes and attend special events like our annual pizza party and Kick Off the New Year party.

Interested? Send an email to otow.newsroom@gmail.com.

Now. Here's a list of everyone who has contributed to the last two newspapers: (I hope I didn't leave anyone out)

Jim LeBlanc, Katie Bajis, Sue Trost, Tara Still, Mary Ann O'Neil, Renée Ingrassia, Dave Beaven, Dianne Dvorak, Tom Chalupka, Audrey Strong, Deborah Russell, Randae VanDenover, Patti Branch, Roy Lemnus, Jesse Tiamson, Dale Stackhouse, Terri Latzko, Pat Hayes, Joe Wisinski, Connie Stanley, Laurie LeClaire, Joe DeChiaro, Jackie Miles, Charles Kovarik, Marie Clodge-Valdes, Sheryl Barbin, Kathleen Walker, Barney Hanrahan, Paula Ergang, Tim Lewis, Kathi Finley, Paula Schelling, Patricia Cullen-Davis, Mary Connolly, Pat O'Bierne, Tom Butcher, Lillian Foy, Donna Gagnon, Linda Faust, Mary Lou Wall, Joanne Cordes, Lyn Taecker, Diane Like, Janet Hooper, Barbara Rice, Rodger Hillier, Jerry McDonald, Cheryl Kutchinski, Kathy Brumbaugh, Marina Davidovich, Sally Herman, Irene Pappas, Alicia Lang, Anna Foss, Karen Tatge, Joseph Scolari, Kenneth Colen, Dessa Barabba, Nancy Rogers, Jerry Colen, and myself, Doug Kates.

If you add up the number of people who have written over the last 12 months, you would be thanking about 90 residents.

Live TV Coverage of the Irish Club Parade
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10 am - Parade
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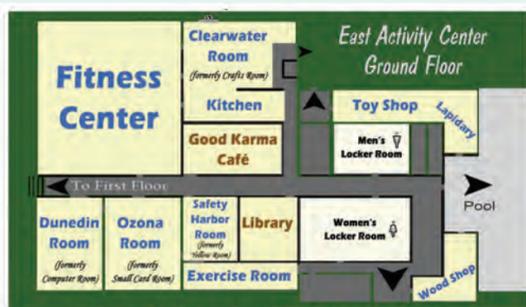
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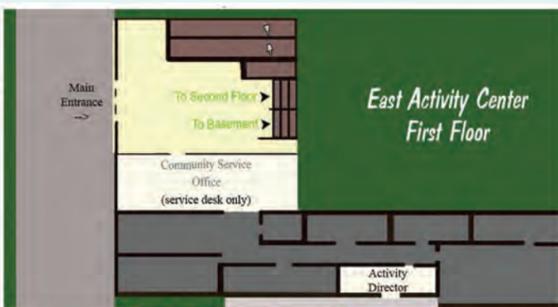
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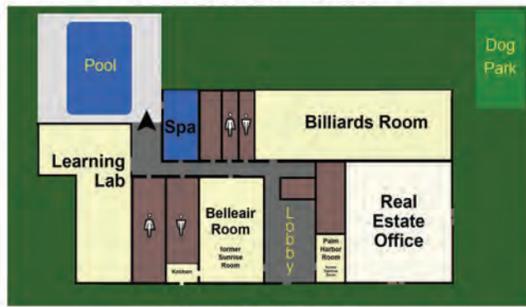
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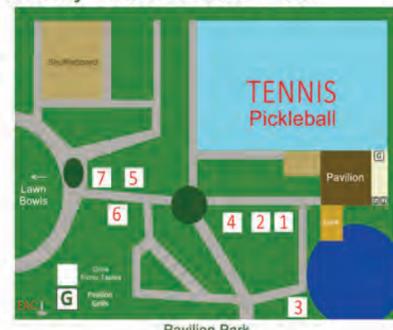
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Live parade TV coverage will use new cellphone tower technology

Your On Top of the World TV station has broadcasted the annual Irish Club Parade for the past few years either live or taped.

But 2026 should be the best year ever for this broadcast.

Newspaper Publisher Kenneth Colen has helped provide the newspaper/ tv station with new equipment which will allow channel 901 to broadcast the parade live using cellphone towers instead of WiFi. This means the 2026 live broadcast will take place at the most beautiful location along the

parade route - the three-way stop sign at World Parkway Boulevard East and Brisbane Drive.

We no longer need WiFi for a live TV broadcast. We will be using nearby cell towers.

The TV coverage of the 2026 parade will begin with a live preparade broadcast followed by the actual event.

During the preparade broadcast you will learn who is in the parade and guests may drop by for interviews.

An edited version of the parade broadcast will take place all day on

March 17.

So, if you cannot make it to the actual parade route, grab your favorite beverage, sit on the couch and watch on OTOW-TV channel 901. If you want to march in the parade with your favorite club, don't worry about missing the parade, a rebroadcast will take place on St. Patrick's Day.

If you have tried watching board meetings on 901 in the past, but something goes wrong, you need to call Summit Broadband today so you are ready by March 7. You may need up-

dated equipment and Summit will not come to your condo unless you call them first.

If you tune to 901 and get a black screen, echos in audio, repeated words and disruptions in video, you may need the updated equipment. If you constantly get an unending circle on your screen, you need to call Summit.

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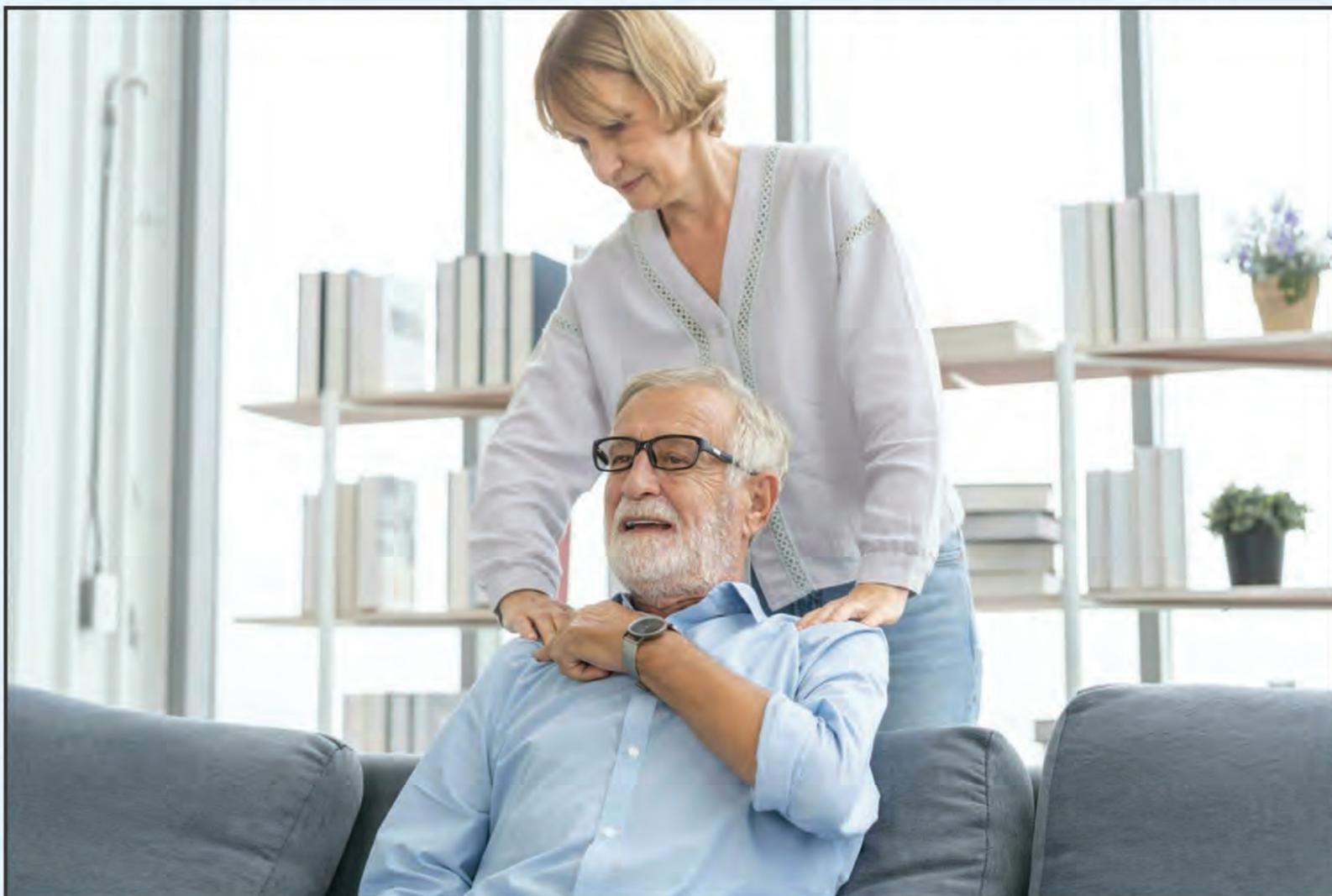
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ACTIVITY

Reports



Fourteen residents painted flamingos and they all turned out awesome. Here is the proof!

We painted flamingos!



Art Guild

By Katie Bajis

The On Top of the World Art Guild hosted an exciting "Paint And Sip" class on Feb. 6.

Under the guidance of Robin Megel, 14 artists painted colorful images of flamingoes.

Artists started with a blank canvas, acrylic paint and written instructions. Robin provided step-by-step coaching through the entire painting process as she explained color mixing, brush selection and proper stroke techniques.

Each artist first painted a base layer sky and water background. Then each artist sketched his/her own flamingo onto the painted background or traced the bird's outline from a photo refer-

ence.

Robin demonstrated the entire process to paint the flamingo by starting with an under layer which was finished with colorful, textured brush strokes to paint the bird's beautiful feathers.

The picture above shows the results.

Participants brought their own beverages of choice and light snacks were provided. Everyone had a phenomenal time and the entire class presented their masterpieces in a final photo.

Several Art Guild events are planned for March.

The Art Guild will march in the OTOW Irish Club Parade on March 7.

The yearly Art Show will take place

in the East Activity Center Auditorium on Sunday, March 8 from 1-4 p.m. The Art Guild has arranged for an outside artist to judge the entries.

All classes take place in the EAC Largo Room unless otherwise noted.

On Thursday, March 5 and 12, from 1-4 p.m., we will have a Pastel Class taught by Robin Megel in the EAC Largo Room.

On Friday, March 6, from 1-3 p.m., we will have a club membership meeting in the Largo Room.

On Thursday, March 19 and 26, from 1-4 p.m., we will have a Acrylic/Pastel Class taught by Maggie Reinhart in the Largo Room.

Art Guild Art Show

Sunday, March 8, 1-4 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium



Thirteen OTOW artists will have their artwork on display. You can browse. You can buy. But most important, just stop by to enjoy their skills. The Art Show is free. There will be refreshments. A neutral judge will pick the top three artists. You can learn more about the Art Guild and join.



St. Joseph's Dinner Dance returns on March 25 - hopefully those darn pirates don't come back!

Italian American Club

By Renée Ingrassia

One of the biggest Italian-American Club events of the year is our annual St Joseph's Dinner-Dance. It will be held on Wednesday, March 25, in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Felice's Italian Catering will provide dinner. The music will be by DJ Frank Lebano from Brooklyn.

Our second annual Gasparilla Night took place in January and was a repeat success with great food and dancing.

All the costumes were fabulous.

The costume contest winners were Lisa Esposito in first place, Maxine Sutcliffe and Ron Steele in second place, and Frank and Lynn Leeb in third place.

Jay Jarvis won the Pirate Bounty cash door prize. There also were five Share the Wealth prizes.



Last year's St. Joseph's Dinner Dance featured great food and a lot of dancing. This year's dinner dance is set for March 25. (OTOW News file photo by Mary Lou Wall)

If you were not there, we are planning another Gasparilla Night again next January 2027.

Our Day at the Races at Tampa Bay Downs, which we partnered with the Travel Club, was a tremendous success. Both clubs sold out of our original allotted tickets. We were able to acquire some additional tickets, which went fast. Hope you were one of the lucky horse race winners.

Our remaining events for 2026 will be an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, April 14, a Latin Twist on Wednesday, Sept. 23 and a Holiday PJ's and Game Party Night on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Please stop by our information table in the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. Tickets must be bought in advance. Please bring your own drinks to all of our events.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers, and a special thank you to Laura O'Connor, Vickie Circia and Madeline Nawrocky, who manage our share the wealth ticket sales.

Our planning committee will be setting up our 2027 winter and spring events. Please stop by and give us your ideas. This is your club. We want to hear from you.

Democratic Club will proudly join other OTOW clubs in annual Irish Club parade

The Democratic Club is looking forward to stepping out on Saturday, March 7 in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

We're proud to represent our party and thankful that On Top of the World allows us to hold our regular meetings here.

Our theme for the parade is "Happy 250th" in recognition of the United States' 250 year history since the Declaration of Independence.

And we'll be playing patriotic tunes as we march. Hope to see you there.

Last month, we had two speakers who visited us at our monthly meeting. Curtis Campogni, a candidate for Pinellas County School Board, met with us. He has a lot of experience working as a coach, student mentor and case manager in Pinellas County schools. He also has two children in public schools.

Curtis emphasized his commitment to promoting empathy for students, teachers and staff to build respect.

Student safety is another issue he supports, along with support for teachers and staff.

The School Board position is non-partisan. For more information, see his web page: curtis4allpcs.com.

Our second speaker was Bryan Beckman who visited us at our monthly happy hour. Bryan is running as a Democrat for State House Representative in our district. He emphasizes af-



Democratic Club

By Dave Beavin

fordability as an issue, which originates from increasing housing costs, insurance and healthcare costs. Find out more at his web page: bryanbeckmanfl.com.

The Democratic Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Learning Lab on the west side. This month that falls on March 12.

We have guest speakers at every meeting and watch videos that inform and motivate us on the current political scene.

We also have a monthly happy hour where we can relax and get to know each other better. Our club website is worlddemsclub.blogspot.com. Or you can call Dave for more information: 727-410-7566.



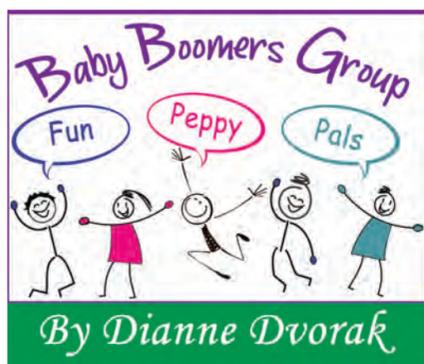
Curtis Campogni, right, was a guest at the Democratic Club meeting in February. He was introduced by club president Dave Beavin.

Planning Ahead for Florida Residents

A lecture by Gerald Colen, Rachel Wagoner and John Beck on Thursday, March 26, 10:30 am EAC Auditorium



Boomers make one last visit, create one last memory, to one of their favorite places on Clearwater Beach



For many years, the Palm Pavilion on beautiful Clearwater Beach has been a meet-up spot for the Baby Boomers Group.

The fact that we live nearby either as Sunbirds, Snowbirds or as full-time residents is a blessing and often we feel pulled to its beauty.

Walks in the powdery sand, gorgeous sunsets, live music and a fun place to meet up is a Baby Boomer's paradise.

This photo was our last to the Palm Pavilion under ownership of the Hamilton family, which purchased the building in 1964 and transformed it into an iconic beachfront restaurant, bar and hotel over a span of 60 years.

After the hurricanes of 2024 hit, the family repaired the damage, reevaluated life and sold the Palm Pavilion to Beachside Hospitality Group II, LLC.

Lucky for all of us who love the stunning setting for a meet up, the new owners plan to keep the place open, retained the staff and rebrand it as Crabby's Beachside Pavilion.

This establishment will celebrate 100 years (oldest beachside bar/restaurant in Florida) on May 31.

Gee. I wonder where the Boomers

Baby Boomers pose for a photo at Clearwater Beach during the group's final outing to the Palm Pavilion before a management change. The Palm Pavilion has been the site of many memories for this group.

will be on May 31?

The Baby Boomers, and most residents here, are thrilled it will continue instead of being replaced by a high rise condo tower.

Whew!

We wonder if the famous motto of the Palm Pavilion, "There is no place like this place around this place, so this must be the place" will continue?

If not, I wish I would have bought a couple more of those shirts.

So much is going on at On Top of the World and many members of our Baby Boomers group have supported recent great shows put on by the Entertainment Committee (Bob Seger Tribute, Over the Edge Band). We all liked rocking out in the Auditorium on New Year's Eve.

The Entertainment Committee has

been doing an awesome job of appealing to the Baby Boomers preferences in music. Several in our group are Jesters and they put on a great show this year. All of our Baby Boomers support them every year.

Several group members recently joined the Canadian Club and enjoyed their recent events. They really know how to party!

The Baby Boomers take bike rides on Fridays at 10 a.m. We meet up outside the East Activity Center and ride together. You can join us, but helmets are a requirement.

Boomers bowl on Mondays at Maple Lanes. We meet at 9:50 a.m. to get the lanes by 10 a.m. We bowl two games and it's a hoot.

Cost is \$1.50 a game and there's no commitment.

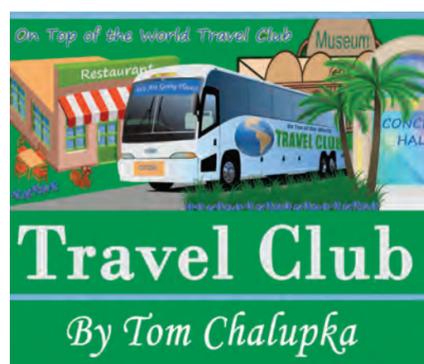
We are trying to get a golf group going, but the weather has not cooperated as of writing this article. Come check us out. What do you have to lose?

We are planning to meet up at a Rays versus Blue Jays spring training game and a dinner theater event. We have other fun ideas that have been suggested on our Google chat group or in meetings.

The Baby Boomer Group meets at the EAC Largo Room on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. for about 30 to 45 minutes. We pick a place to go out for dinner after the meeting for those who want to chat and hang out.

We have no dues or officers. We are a casual meet-up group. Come check us out sometime.

Culinary center makes special meal for OTOW residents from the Travel Club



Travel Club members enjoy dinner at the Jacobson Culinary Arts Center in Tarpon Springs.

(OTOW News photo by Tom Chalupka)

In 2025, the On Top of the World Travel Club set a record with 49 events and we are off to a very busy 2026.

In January alone, we had 11 different events ranging from an overnight bus trip to Sanford, FL., concerts, theatrical performances at local venues and horse racing at Tampa Downs.

Besides all of this action, we always had time for a monthly lunch and breakfast at local restaurants.

On Feb. 5 our monthly lunch was at one of the most exclusive restaurants in Pinellas County - the Jacobson Culinary Arts Center, which is part of Tarpon Springs High School.

This center only has one lunch a

month during the school year and they always sell out the 96 seats made available.

The OTOW Travel Club has been a sponsor of this program for the last few years and the center set aside a special lunch entirely for our club members.

This great program teaches students everything that they need to

know in the daily operation of a restaurant. This hands-on experience with guests is one of the best parts of their training. The students cook and serve the outstanding four-course meal and gain practical skills and teamwork. They also bake delicious bread that we gladly purchase to help support the program.

In March our club has scheduled a trip to the Strawberry Festival where we plan on enjoying food and listening to a free concert by Bill Haley, Jr. and the Comets.

We'll also be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and enjoying a traditional Irish lunch at O'Keefe's Irish Restaurant.

Philosophy Club format includes presentations and discussions

Everyone who lives at On Top of the World is welcome to join us at the Philosophy Club.

We are a friendly and diverse group of men and women, or a variety of ages, and different levels of education.

We even have several attendees who were born and raised in other countries.

Each Philosophy Club meeting begins by watching a TED presentation (Technology, Education, Design) on a TV set located in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Our meetings have a facilitator to guide guests in a discussion of the TED material. The main facilitator is Bill Wor-

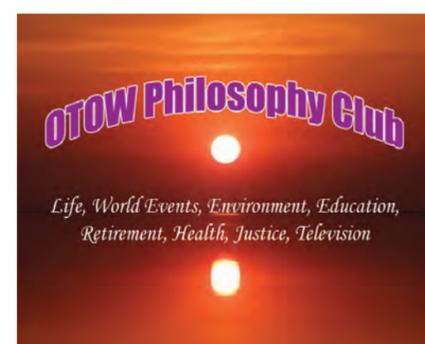
sworthy along with Marje Green and Rachel Stone.

We meet every Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Crystal Beach Room overlooking the EAC swimming pool. We do not meet on weeks hosting holidays.

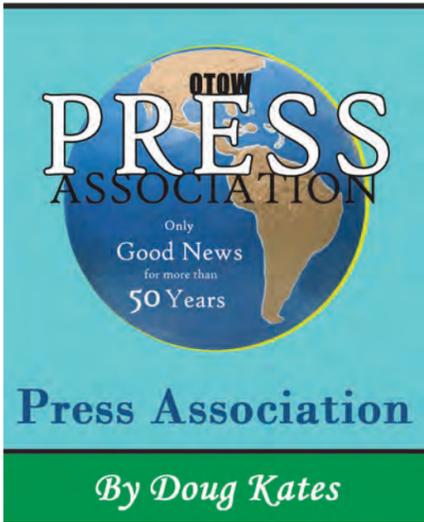
In March, each meeting will start with a presentation followed by a group discussion. Guests are always interactive. Subjects are chosen by the group.

One of the topics will be collectives.

Come and give us a try. There is great conversation and even some laughter. We never talk politics or religion.



Press Association cupcake makers could compete against any club at OTOW



If there is ever a cupcake-making contest at On Top of the World, the Press Association is ready.

Back in December, building storyteller Roy Lemnus made red velvet cupcakes for the holidays and they were delightful.

During our Valentine's Day meeting in February, building storyteller Betty Spoerl made two varieties of cupcakes and candy-filled gift cups for each person in attendance.

And she did it all while getting a new power system installed in her condo!

We are more than ready for a cupcake contest.

The Press Association held its monthly meeting in February and this was the first meeting since the switch to Tuesdays. There were nearly 30 people in attendance and for the first time in club history, someone skipped a doctor's appointment to attend a press meeting.

Editor Doug Kates announced there will be a change to club logos in the activity section of the newspaper. The logos will now contain the storyteller's name just like with reports from the community section.

President Tom Butcher, Secretary Joanne Cordes and storyteller Patti Branch were thanked for sitting at our club's information table during Get Acquainted Coffee Saturday in January. This newspaper continues to make an effort to recruit new storytellers for buildings throughout our community.

The next event for the Press Association will be an annual pizza party



Betty Spoerl shows off her homemade Valentine's Day cupcakes which were a treat to everyone who attended the Press Association meeting in February. (OTOW News photo by Patti Branch)

at the Pavilion on Tuesday, March 3. Pizza will be provided thanks to 50/50 drawings over the past 12 months.

In April, the Press Association will hold its annual Appreciation Dinner for staffers who have contributed to at least three newspapers and attended at least three meetings. The dinner will take place at Philippe Park and our own Tom Butcher will be doing the cooking.

As of this story going to press, the Press Association was trying to recruit enough staffers to march in the Irish Club parade on March 7, but not enough were available. Our staffers can march with other clubs.

Doug announced at the meeting that OTOW-TV channel 901 will be broadcasting the parade live from the three-way stop sign at World Parkway

Boulevard East and Brisbane Road. This will be the first time live from this location which is also home to the reviewing stand. So if you are unable to watch the parade live, you can watch it on OTOW-TV.

Jim LeBlanc was the winner of the February 50/50 drawing and he donated his prize back to the pizza luncheon.

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The 18th amendment took away



American's rights to imbibe in liquor of any kind, but even Elliot Ness and his gentlemen could not keep thirsty Americans from producing, importing and selling liquor ... all illegal. This Speakeasy proves to be one-of-a-kind with love, laughs, dancing, singing ... what could be better?

Remember, tickets are available on Monday or Thursday mornings at our



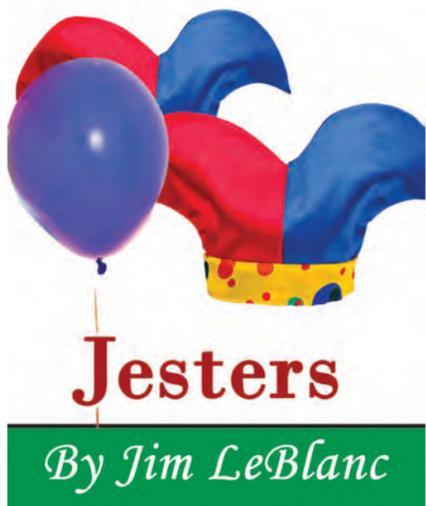
information table in the East Activity Center or from any cast member.

Shows are on Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14, both at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m.

Where could you find entertainment like this for just a \$5 donation?

Tickets also will be available at the door. Practice dancing the "Ball in the Jack" and hope to see you there.

When the final curtain dropped, Jesters say their three-day crowds were much larger than expected



In case you didn't make it to the Jesters' 2026 show last month, I'm sorry for your loss. According to the constant laughs during the show and all of the feedback we received from audiences, this show was a huge success.

People loved the comedy, dancing and singing. Our costumes and scenery were top-notch and perfectly planned out to suit each act.

"The Times Of Our Lives" concluded on Sunday, Feb. 1. The attendance was larger than we had anticipated, probably due to the positive feedback and reviews on the quality of the show from our first audience on opening night.

Our producer for the show was Rodger Hillier.

We had so many talented performers, crew and volunteers working together to make everything run as perfectly and smoothly as possible. Changes and adjustments were made during rehearsals to perfect each scene.

So many of our Jesters deserve to be recognized, but to sum it all up in a few paragraphs, "we are one big happy Jesters family working together and we gave our audience the "Times Of Their Lives."

We did it!

What will our 2027 show be titled?

What will it be about?

Sorry to say that I'm not going to tell you because even I don't know.

In May, our creative planning committee will begin to meet, bring ideas, make plans, discuss themes and hopefully get some input from our friends, neighbors and audiences.

These shows aren't put together by any single person or small group.



Pictured above and below are two scenes from the Jesters show "The Times of Our Lives." The Jesters report a great turnout for all three shows and are already looking forward to 2027. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



It takes many ideas and suggestions that are gathered for months before the planning ever starts. Then comes all of the discussions on what and how we can do different scenes. What will the budget be, costumes and stage scenery.

Then comes the big challenge of who will be best to play each part or be

in each dance, and who can sing.

What will the scenes be and how many scenes will we have in the show.

Then we will have four months of rehearsals and adjustments until finally 2027 is here and we have another wonderful show for you to enjoy.

Stay up-to-date every month by reading the Jesters' report in this news-

paper.

Now that our Jesters show has ended, our cast would like to remind you about the March show put on by our talented neighbors in the Theater Workshop: "Welcome to Our Speakeasy." Their showtimes are Friday March 13 and Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m.

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Republican Club meeting became an open forum for discussions

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club meeting on Feb. 3 began with a meet and greet at 6 p.m.

At 6:48 p.m., the general meeting was called to order by Deborah Russell, followed by a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Jesse Tiamson led the group in singing "God Bless The USA," written and recorded by Lee Greenwood.

The secretary's report was given by Louanne Feist and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Karen Tatge and approved.

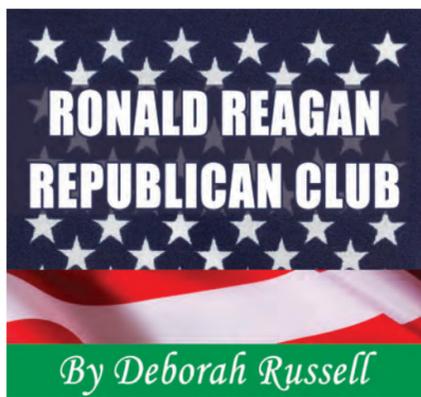
Our keynote speaker was unable to attend due to family matters.

A new member from Iowa was introduced.

Instead of a speaker, we opened the floor for discussions regarding various topics. With so many upcoming events, I thought it would be great to ask everyone to participate in an open forum.

Regarding the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 7, we have decided our theme will be the 250th Birthday of the United States with a banner depicting the theme. Karen Tatge asked two members to walk in the parade carrying each end of the banner.

We will have two decorated golf carts, a convertible and our friend,



Charlie Beville, and his antique truck named "Jethro" joining us.

Jim and Maureen Borge brought in two different beautifully designed American flags that can be ordered online.

We have chosen one to display in the parade and we will have small American flags resembling it to hand out to the crowd.

We discussed the upcoming elections and our needs as a club to provide more ways to reach residents with educated information on candidates.

Our next meeting will be held on March 3 from 6-8 p.m. We will be hosting guest speaker Julie Marcus, supervisor of elections for Pinellas County. I would urge all of our members to come



David DiNardo and Karen Tatge show off a collectible flag that many members of the Republican Club have purchased to show off this year.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

to this meeting and learn more about our mid-term elections.

A reminder was made regarding the election of club officers. This is a great opportunity to step up and become an officer of the club and make a difference in our community.

Tim Wilts won the 50/50 and the meeting was officially adjourned.

Our group meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the West Activity

Center Belleair Room from 6-8 p.m.

If you need a ride, please call, text or email me at 727-515-8211 or debruss11@gmail.com.

We would be happy to provide you with a ride any time!

Watch for our club in the parade and come see us at the East Activity Center information table on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8-10 a.m.

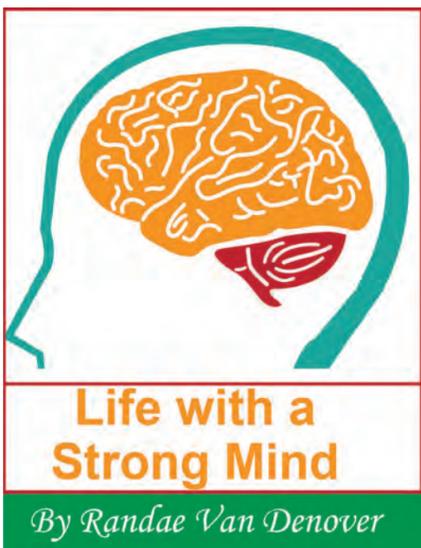
Visit us in March for tips on how to relax

The new Life with a Strong Mind club kicked off its first successfully month in January with a focus on daily lifestyle habits that can be a big help in making our brains healthy.

Come join us Tuesday, March 10, at 3 p.m., in the Learning Lab at the West Activity Center. We will learn about the benefits of deep breathing from one of our members who has been practicing these techniques daily for decades. Bill Houser began practicing deep breathing techniques when he was 19 years old and he continues to do so now. He knows from personal experience that it can help improve cognitive health.

These simple techniques improve mood and reduce stress signals which are important ways to lessen anxiety and stress which are harmful to the brain.

This will be a follow-up to our February discussion that focused on tactics for a solid night's sleep. For example, we shared ways to detox from social media prior to bedtime. We need to understand how to function with our circadian rhythm, which signals the brain for sleep. That month's daily challenge was to dim the lights and listen to quiet, calm music for at least 30 minutes prior to bed.



A solid night's sleep is critical for good brain health and health in general.

Each month we will hold a breakout session where we break into circles of four to five people to share our experiences. The breakout sessions are spontaneous, fun opportunities to learn from each other.

Our club is a group of folks who desire to make positive differences in their minds.



Exercise class poses for a post-workout photo.

After a rigorous workout, morning exercise class treated to chocolate

The Ladies Morning Exercise Class wore red for Valentine's Day and Mary Marsden handed out chocolate candy after the class. Yes. Chocolate!

We meet 8 a.m. each morning, Monday through Friday, in the Exercise Room in the East Activity Center. If you want to join us, there is no fee. Just bring your current activity card.

We follow a different video each day. Monday begins with strength training and cardio, followed by 30 minutes of yoga. You will need to bring a yoga mat. Tuesday is a dance fit cardio workout. Wednesday is kickboxing followed by weight training. Thursday begins with a core workout followed by cardio conditioning. Friday is cardio and weight training. Weights are provided. Each class is approximately 50 minutes.

We are a fun and friendly group. If you are thinking about starting an exercise routine, come and join us!



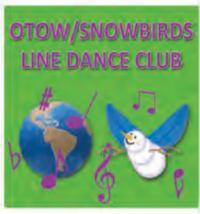
Ladies Exercises

By Patti Branch

If you were born with two left feet, we have a line dance class for you!

Ed Foland's Class for People with Two Left Feet
 Don't say you can't line dance. Ed can teach anyone.
 Learn and practice his 12-basic steps to line dancing.
 8:30 - 9:00 AM, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Auditorium

Ed's Line Dance Practice Class
 Easy dances and turns to practice, plus learn how to social dance with popular line dances like the Electric Slide.
 9:00 - 9:30 AM, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Auditorium
 If you are having fun, you are welcome to stay until 11:30 AM.



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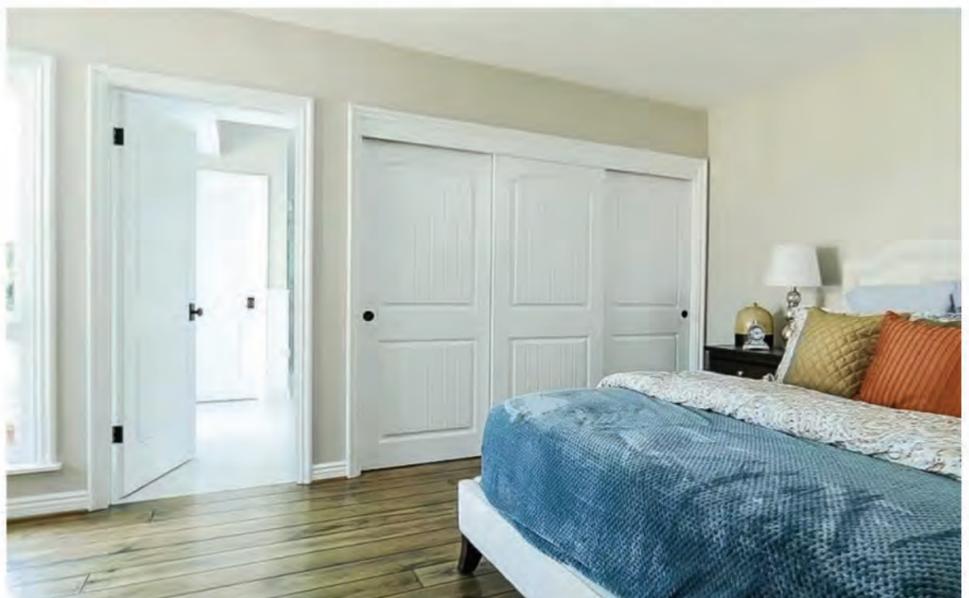
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The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club held its annual meeting in January and officers were named for 2026. Seated are Judy Bosnyak (secretary) and Edwina Schick (assistant secretary). In the back row, left to right, are Gary Anderson (president), Jose Miranda (trustee), Lloyd Sibolt (vice president), Henry Santos (trustee) and Jesse Tiamson (trustee). Missing was Bob Patrick (Toy Shop Manager) and Ron Cree (2025 Past President). *(Photo by Doug Kates)*

Fixers Club elects officers for 2026

By Jesse Tiamson

The Fixers, Fiddlers & Fumblers Club, aka the Woodshop, elected its Board of Officers last January.

The following will assume their positions for 2026:

Gary Anderson, president; Lloyd Seabolt, vice president; Judy Bosnyak, secretary; Edwina Schick, assistant secretary; Henry Santos, treasurer; Ron Cree, three-year trustee; Jose Miranda, two-year trustee; and Jesse

Tiamson, one-year trustee. Bob Patrick remains the Toyshop Manager.

At the January meeting, it was also announced that the toyshop made a little over 1500 toys in 2025, which were given to organizations serving children

as part of its charitable work.

Look for the Fixers Club in the Irish Club parade on March 7. You cannot miss us. We have an awesome banner and may be making things as we march.

Every line dancer starts out the same - let us give you a friendly introduction

The On Top of the World Snowbirds Line Dance Club is so encouraged by the number of people we see coming out to line dancing.

Some are absolute beginners, who have seen other people doing it and want to join in the fun. Others have attended other classes and are looking for more opportunities to dance and improve their skills.

Whatever your level, the newly merged OTOW Snowbirds/Line Dance Club has something for you.

If you are a total beginner (and we have all been there at some point), you might want to start with Ed Foland's beginners' class on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am in the East Activity Center Auditorium. He will start you with the very basics: the walk, the vine, toe touches, heel touches, etc.

After practicing these steps for a while, Ed will lead you into other common line dance steps, such as the K-Step and the Charleston.

This class is all about getting started and practicing the same steps over and over until you are comfortable.



Around 9 a.m., Ed will start to incorporate those steps into simple dances, introduce dances with turns, and to finish up, teach some popular social dances, such as The Electric Slide and The Cupid Shuffle.

After a while you may feel like you have mastered these basics and are ready to move on and try a little more.

So, at about 9:30, our team of teachers Dolly Foland, Leila Walker, Carol Babini and Dale Stackhousetake the stage and alternate teaching a variety of line dances. Usually this means starting with easier ones, to test what you have learned in Ed's class, and gradually progressing to more difficult dances.

By 11 a.m. the floor may have thinned out a little ... and that's OK ... because we might be trying out some dances that will present a challenge to our more experienced dancers. You are free to stay for as little or as long as you want, or sit out a dance and just watch, if that's how you are feeling. It's a great way to learn.

It is surprising how many people will stay to the end and tackle the harder dances, who a year ago were sure they'd never get there!

Trust me, it happens, and it is such a great feeling!

But the important thing is to be kind to yourself ... enjoy the moment and just have fun.

During the breaks, you will meet

people who are just like you and new friendships are formed. Line dancers tend to be friendly folks, so don't be shy to strike up a conversation.

In addition to the aforementioned Wednesday morning classes, our club also offers three practice sessions a week. These take place on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings, from 9-10 a.m. in the Largo Room. We go over the playlist for the upcoming Wednesday class, so everyone has the opportunity to get a headstart on learning the dances.

Practice classes are not required. We will teach all the dances on Wednesday anyway, but practice always helps. Plus, we have a lot of fun!

Most days we have between 20 and 25 dancers. It is a great time to work out the kinks on those more challenging dances.

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Women's Bible study group is new

Lessons from a palm tree

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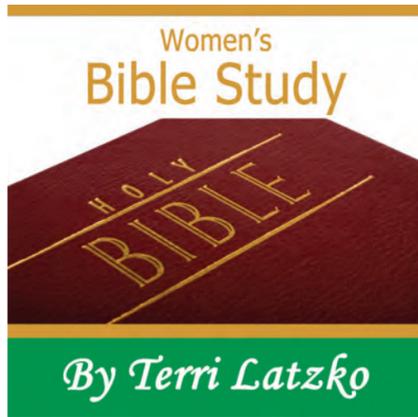
Palm trees survive hurricane winds because they are flexible. The trees will bend, but not break.

This should be a reminder to people not to be so hard-hearted and stubborn, especially in troubled times.

Be flexible.

Palm trees are the most robust of trees and some people believe that storms strengthen their root system.

Researchers tell us palm trees need the natural element of wind to blow against them, causing their root system to grow deeper. This provides strength and long-term support for life.



Be resilient.
Palm trees grow differently than other trees because they have one ter-

restrial bud. If that bud is not damaged, palm trees may lose all their fronds (leaves) and still survive. Even if the tree appears dead, life goes on.

Losing leaves may be a good strategy, helping the tree to better resist the storms.

Be hopeful.

Researchers found that palm trees growing in groups endure storms better and suffer less damage compared to solitary trees. God created us for community, and as challenging as that can be at times, we thrive better together.

Be welcoming.

Palm trees remind us that strong winds can be a blessing. Deep roots take time, but are invaluable for healthy

survival. When we listen to God's lessons in nature, we learn, grow and thrive in this spiritual journey of life that God has given us.

Flourish like a palm tree.

If this message sounds inspiring, you should consider joining the new women's Bible study group at On Top of the World

We start on Friday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Clearwater Room, where we will further discuss what lessons nature may be stirring in your heart this season!

For any questions, or to let me know if you are going to join us, please reach out to Terri Latzko at tlatzko@gmail.com.

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The Auditorium was full of happy people when the New York-New Jersey Club hosted its first ever Valentine's Day dinner on Valentine's Day. The room was full of red and relaxing music.

Hawaiian Shirt Night is coming back in May and soon Carla Hines will return

So far, the New York-New Jersey Club has kept its New Year's resolution to have fun in 2026.

Our first event this year was our very romantic Valentine's Day dinner on Saturday Feb. 14, 2026, at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

We ate well and partied hard!

Come visit our friendly information table in the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays from 8-10 a.m. to make some new friends and buy tickets.

Upcoming events include :

On Sunday, March 1, we will be co-sponsoring Salute to Veterans.

On Saturday, March 7, we will be marching as a club in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

On Tuesday, May 5, we will be hosting Hawaiian Shirt Night with disc jockey Frank Lebaro. Subs will be available from Felice's Italian Catering. Cost is \$20.

On Tuesday, July 14, Carla Hines

will be back with a live performance during Dessert Night. We will be serving New York-style cheesecake with either strawberry or cherry toppings. Cost is \$12.

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, we will host our annual summer social featuring the KP DUO as entertainment and Felice's Italian Catering as the food provider. The meal of the night is baked ziti with meatballs, salad, bread, butter, dessert, coffee, water and ice. Cost is \$ 20.

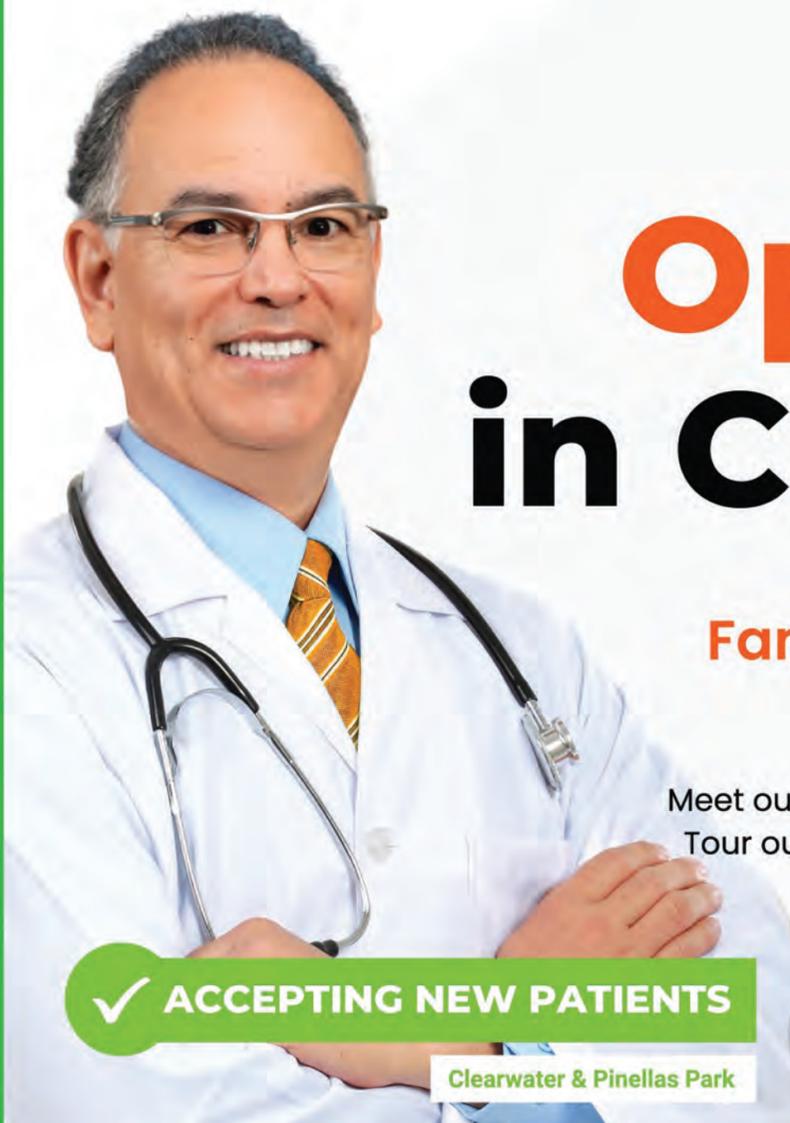
Our first ever Sock Hop will take place in October. There will be a DJ and food. More information will be provided in the future.

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, our traditional Ugly Christmas Sweater party will take place. This will be the fifth year for this event. Start planning your attire! We will have a DJ and food.

Remember our New Year's resolution - let's have fun !

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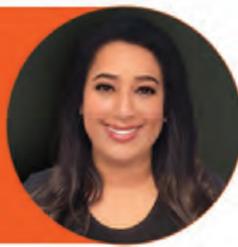
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Computer Club

By Joe Wisinski

The 2026 Computer Club board, left to right, are Rowland Hetrick, vice-president; Mike and Charlie Wood, board members-at-large; Dan Speer, president; Lisa Pompeo, immediate past-president; Cheryl Lindback, treasurer, and Joe Wisinski, secretary.
(Photo by Rowland Hetrick)

Dan Speer promoted to Computer Club president

In response to many requests, the On Top of the World Computer Club is making a change in its meeting time.

For many years, the club has met from 8:30-10 a.m. on Saturday mornings. The board recently agreed, after a vote from members, to move the meeting time to 9-10:30 a.m.

The time change took place on Feb. 21.

Also, the club's help sessions are now from 9-10:30 a.m. These take place every Wednesday in the Learning Lab, which is in the West Activity Center.

The club held a "coffee and bagels" brunch on Feb. 7. More than 60 mem-

bers and guests attended. The 2026 board was formally installed.

Long-time member Dan Speer is the club's new president. Dan previously served the club as a board member-at-large. He also helps update the club website and Box Office site, as well as being a regular at the Wednesday morning help sessions.

"I am honored to be the president of the Computer Club," Dan said. "I look forward to continuing to make the club something we all can benefit from."

Dan is a fan of the Philadelphia Eagles and the Philadelphia 76ers. He played wheelchair basketball for 11 years, traveling all over the United

States.

He joins Immediate Past President Lisa Pompeo, Vice President Rowland Hetrick, Treasurer Cheryl Lindback, Secretary Joe Wisinski, and board members-at-large Mike and Charlie Wood in serving the club's membership for 2026.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 9-10:30 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.

For assistance with technology-related issues, come to a help session in the Learning Lab on any Wednesday morning from 9-10:30 a.m. Please arrive before 9 so we have enough time to help you. Our services are free.

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

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The Canadian Club hosted its second Happy Hour-Karaoke of the year on Friday, Feb. 6, with a crowd of approximately 45 in attendance.

There was a good handful of singers who braved the stage to sing and the line dancers enjoyed the entertainment.

People brought wonderful snacks to share and four \$25 share the wealth prizes were drawn with many happy winners.

The Canadian Club held "Canada Day in the USA" as its Feb. 11 dinner-dance. More than 130 folks were in attendance, including eight non-members. It was another gala event and the feedback was tremendous.

Club members celebrated with lots of red and white décor, which was beautiful!

We enjoyed a wonderful buffet with a choice of Chicken Florentine or Bourbon Glazed Salmon Filet from Banquet Masters.

Three Costco cakes adorned the dessert counter at the Outpost, along with tea and coffee.

Guests danced the night away to wonderful music selections by DJ Les from Les N' More. We concluded the evening with a traditional conga line to "Heave Away" by The Fables from Newfoundland, Canada. We marched with sparkling wands all around the Auditorium.

The date Sunday, Feb. 15, 1965, is known in Canada as "Flag Day," so the takeaway centerpieces went to anyone



Tables were beautifully decorated for Canada Day on Feb. 11. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

at each table whose birthday was closest to Flag Day.

Next was our club's Golf Fun Day on Feb. 22 coordinated by Past President Harry Morrison. There was a great turnout of 60 golfers. It was a wonderful weather day with lots of fun and camaraderie. The beverages flowed with a very tasty luncheon from Sprouts in Largo.

On March 1, the Canadian Club co-sponsored Salute to Veterans along with Good Neighbors Association, Veterans Group, New York-New Jersey Club, Italian-American Club, Snowbirds Club and Sidney Colen Associates (SCA).

Our club's Spring Fling is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, and the follow-up story will come next month.

Our annual picnic will be on Wednesday, March 18, in the Pavilion from noon until 2 pm. Tickets are on sale for \$12 per member. Tickets can be purchased at our information table

from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays. Joanne Fenn is the coordinator and will need to submit her numbers to Sprouts by March 15.

The menu is either a chicken leg or breast, and please make your selection when purchasing your tickets. Scott McParland will be our DJ following the lunch.

We have a third Happy Hour Karaoke with a '50s Sock Hop theme on Friday, March 6, in the Belleair Room, West Activity Center from 4:30-7 p.m., featuring DJ Scott McParland.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at our information table on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. or at the door. Again, it's BYOB, and please bring a snack to share for the buffet table and bring a few dollars to purchase share the wealth tickets for a chance at a cash prize. Single tickets are \$2.

On Sunday, March 22, our club will watch a preseason baseball game be-

tween the Toronto Blue Jays and the Tampa Bay Rays at the TD Ballpark in Dunedin at 1:07 p.m.

Coordinator Susan Cober purchased 60 tickets and we are looking forward to a wonderful group outing and a great game kicking off the Blue Jays' season before they flock north for their full season in Toronto.

The Blue Jays have been training at this site since 1977 - first at Grant Field and then at TD Ballpark.

Club elections will take place at our club's annual meeting, 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 31 in the Auditorium. Please submit your votes to Connie Stanley or Past President Harry Morrison, who will be handling the annual general meeting.

After the meeting portion, a wine and cheese social will start the next season. We are seeking an assistant vice president.

Lambda knows the rules: Everything has to be green even on March 13

March is for all things green - if you're Irish. But on St. Patrick's Day, everybody is honorarily Irish.

All across the U.S., people will be wearing green and drinking green - beer, that is. It's no different here at On Top of the World where we have a big parade to celebrate the holiday.

And what's an Irish holiday without a joke?

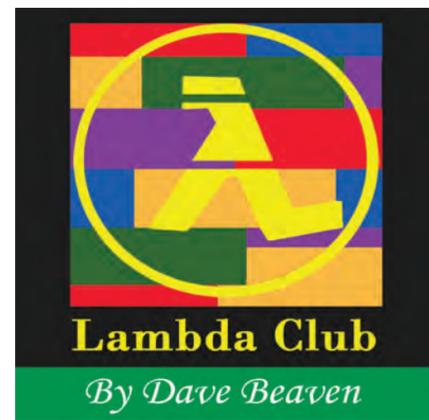
What's Irish and sits outside night and day? Patty O'Furniture.

In keeping with tradition, Lambda Club will be holding its annual St. Paddy's Day celebration on Friday, March 13, at 6 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room.

Irish music will fill the air while our club bar will be serving green Paddy's Punch. It's zero proof, but you can add a bit of spirit to it to suit your taste.

Meanwhile, our potluck dinner table will be full of tasty dishes. Irish recipes are especially welcome.

The dress code for the party is green and there will be a special prize for the



most original outfit. May the luck of the Irish be with you.

Lambda Club is a social group for our LGBT residents, but we are open to all OTOW residents who want to get to know their gay neighbors. You can find out more about us by visiting our webpage: lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.



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Lara Skadsen returns in March for another session on “tuning out” tension and keeping the body balanced

I am excited to announce the return of Lara Skadsen as the High Vibe Tribe's guest speaker for March.

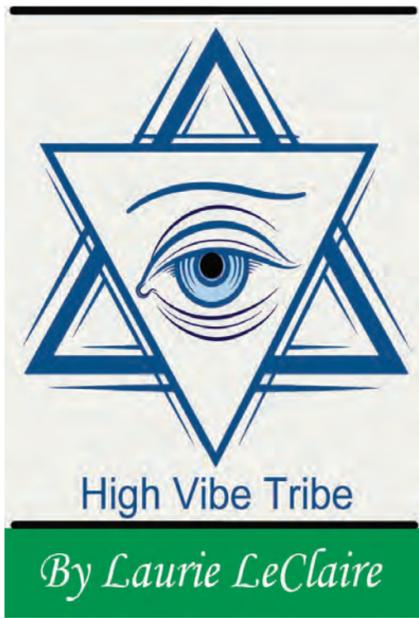
Lara is a biofield tuning practitioner who did a presentation for us in September. She graciously accepted a second invitation for our March 10 meeting.

Together, we will explore the science and art of biofield tuning — understanding how the body's electromagnetic field, known as the biofield, holds life experiences and influences our well-being.

At the last session, we did collective remote tuning with tuning forks, along with intuitive crystal-coded frequency work. Many participants shared that they left feeling lighter, clearer and deeply refreshed.

For this upcoming gathering, the experience will be different and beautifully complementary.

This time Lara will guide the group through a biofield tune-up combined with a multidimensional guided medi-



tation designed to support coherent nervous system regulation and inner alignment.

The session also will include gentle

tone-ic voice work using simple, accessible vocal tones to help the body and biofield release tension and reorganize naturally.

We may begin with gentle, optional movements to help the body arrive and prepare for the stillness that follows, before settling into the meditation experience while seated.

Lara also will offer an introduction to Voice Bio Analysis (VBA) — a unique method that uses the voice to reveal patterns of stress, balance and energetic information within the system.

Voice Bio Analysis is offered individually, and for those who feel called, Lara will be available for private one-on-one sessions following the gathering (details and scheduling will be shared at the event).

What to bring to the March 10 session and how to prepare:

To support comfort and ease, please wear comfortable, breathable clothing. We'll be removing shoes so you may wish to bring warm socks and some-

thing soft to place under your feet.

Come well-hydrated and feel free to bring water with you.

After the session, it's recommended to drink extra water, be gentle with yourself and spend time in nature if possible — this helps the system stay grounded to continue releasing excess “noise.”

This session will remain fully experiential and accessible — no prior experience needed.

You'll be invited to relax, listen and receive, allowing your system to do what it knows best to do.

This will be a grounded, calming and expansive group experience. No “doing” is required — just your presence. There will be an opportunity to explore deeper individual support if desired.

Our High Vibe Tribe meets monthly on the second Tuesday evening of the month from 7-8.30 p.m. in the Clearwater/Kitchen Room at the East Activity Center. We welcome new faces. It is a free club.

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Texas Card Game Club kicks off fifth year

The first Texas Card Game Club poker tournament of the year had 25 players.

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Many of the players brought sweets to share with everyone. The final six players divided the prize pool evenly.

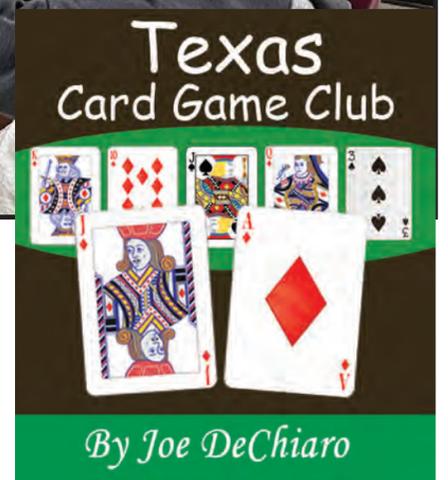
The club held two tournaments in February. One tournament was a high stakes tournament with food before start time. The other tournament was a regular monthly tournament.

The next three-monthly tournaments will be held on Friday, March 27; Friday, April 24 and Friday, May 29 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

Anyone can join the club with an updated activity card. Please send an email to joegdechiario@yahoo.com for more information.



The final six table in January included, left to right around the table, Bill Burns, Tom King, Helen Hughes, Dale Stevens, Mark Manns and Ben Halevy.



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Rick Muchler and Kathy Mills shoot low score at Jack and Jill Tournament



The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League held its annual Jack and Jill Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 10 and it was a beautiful day.

Kathy Mills and Rick Muchler won the event in the Flight 1 Division with a 68.

Joan Smith and Tom Moran shot a 77 to win the Flight 2 Division and Jackie and Keith Miles won the Flight 3 Division with an 84.

Before the event, the welcoming committee sold mulligans for \$1 per shot and all who participated were happy for this second shot, which sometimes is much needed over 18 holes.

The full results of the tournament are as follows:

Flight 1

Kathy Mills and Rick Muchler 68, Ursula Taylor and Peter Spokas 69, and Kim Norried and Fred Piece 71.

Flight 2

Joan Smith and Tom Moran 77, Ed and Arlene Hanson 77, and Sheryl Barbin and Joe Wisinski 78.

A tiebreaker was held to break the tie.

Flight 3

Jackie and Keith Miles 84, Bud and Gloria Seyer 85, and Darilyn Bedal and

Vinny Maranto 86.

The closest-to-the-pin event results were:

Verna Lundgren was closest to the pin on hole No. 15 and Dave Johnson was closest to the pin on hole No. 16.

This year, the league raffled off a "Basket of Cheer" for \$10 a ticket. The lucky winner of the basket was Jacqui Livingston.



Above are the flight winners from the Jack & Jill Tournament. From left to right are Keith and Jackie Miles, Rick Muchler and Cathy Mills, and Joan Smith. Missing was Tom Moran. At right, Jacqui Livingston is awarded a Basket of Cheer.

(Top photo by Doug Kates)

We would like to thank Joann Congelli for making the wonderful basket.

We also would like to thank all the men and women who came out to participate in this fun-filled yearly outing.

We would like to give a special thank you to Arlene Hanson for organizing this event and thank you to all the other ladies who made this event a success.



Can your club celebrate 273 years worth of birthdays with just three members?

The On Top of the World Tennis Club recently celebrated 273 years of birthdays - and that was not for an entire year. Just three members in one month.

The Tennis Club celebrated birthdays from three long-time beloved members: Art Lambert, Roland Kearly and Woon Young Ryu (91).

Art and Woon still play regularly while Roland let us know "I still have my racket ready."

Woon, from Korea, said in his speech that he played tennis from the time he was a little boy, but he only had rubber balls until reaching high school. He

also expressed his great joy and happiness playing in the Tennis Club. Art and Roland agreed.

Thanks to Janice Hayden, Bruce McMaster and assistants for creating this celebration.

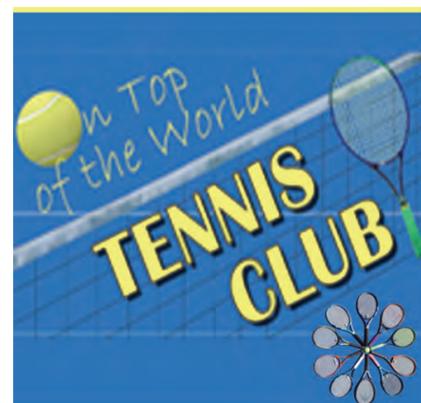
The Tennis Club is always reaching out to invite anyone who would like to play. You can join us at any level.

If you played tennis in the past or are just beginning and don't feel you can run or play games yet, members are happy to hit the ball back and forth with you. Members are also glad to share their knowledge with you if you ask.

The club is also fortunate to have a tennis pro Rich Bruer who gives lessons.

If you like competitive tennis, member Sam Chakar has initiated a weekly doubles match play ladder system. As you play, if you win or lose, you go up or down in the divisions, so that then you will be playing players at your own level.

It is important, as with any other OTOW sports clubs, that tennis is played recreationally, for exercise with safety first. We have fun with respectful fellowship.



By Charles Kovarik



If you see Carol Moniz, ask her about her 'grand slam' home run

Rob Bishop, Rick Graham, Gary Zimmerman and Ray Woolsey combined for 16-for-16 effort in victory

With Red leading 8-7 in the bottom of the ninth inning, Barry Yellets led off with a triple and scored the tying run when Mark Manns singled him home.

Red tied Blue 8-8 on Field One while White edged Red 13-12 on Field Two.

Blue's star of the game was middle infielder Jim Maid who had two doubles in his perfect four-hit day. He also made a series of outstanding plays in the field, including a leaping grab of a smoked line drive.

For Red, Rob Bishop had a perfect five-hit outing while Dan Joyce drove in three runs with a triple and two singles.

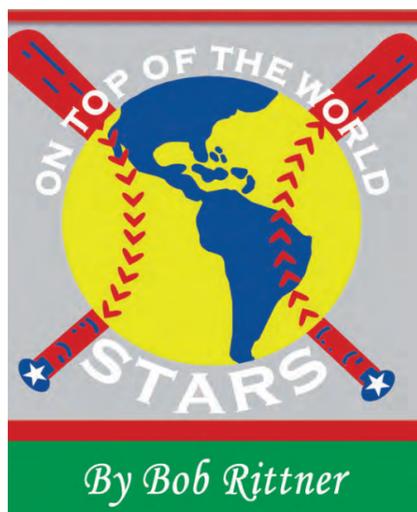
On Field Two, White's Bob Dembinski homered for his team's first run in the first inning and then led off the eighth inning with a single and scored the winning run on Joe DeChiaro's fourth hit of the game. Eddie Ramirez of White also homered and doubled, driving in four runs.

For Red, Lenny Segall homered twice, Ray Woolsey hit two triples and a home run, and in just her third game of the season, Carol Moniz hammered a grand slam over the center fielder's head.

Red 17, White 11, Blue 10

In a game marked by powerful offenses, it was defensive plays that stood out.

For Red, Barry Yellets made a run-



ning, knee-high catch of a long fly ball and later threw a one hopper to the catcher to nip a runner at the plate.

White's Joni Edwall raced to her right to grab a fly ball into right center field which brought the crowd to its feet.

After a scoreless first inning, Red had multiple runs in every succeeding inning while after the fifth frame, White, which at that point had an 11-10-7 lead, failed to score.

Blue's top hitter was Bob Dembinski whose three run homer brought his team back into contention. He also homered in his seventh straight contest.

Bo Voigt homered as did Ray Wool-

sey, both with perfect hitting days. Tara Gunning, Ron Shields and Frank Whitney all went 3-for-3.

**Field 1
Blue 12, Red 6**

**Field 2
White 10, Red 7**

The first four batters on Field One for Blue, Rob Bishop, Rick Graham, Gary Zimmerman and Ray Woolsey went 16-for-16 with a double, three triples and four homers scoring all 12 runs in four innings of three runs apiece.

Only brilliant infield play by Middle Infielder Carol Moniz and first baseman Wayne Pall kept Blue from further scoring.

On Field Two, a furious Red rally in the eighth inning tied the score at 7-7, but consecutive homers by Elbe Ramirez, Rick Champ and Barry Yellets led White to victory.

Bill Holland had a perfect four-hit day for Red. Elbe had four hits for White

**Field 1
Red 13, Blue 11**

**Field 2
White 8, Red 7**

A furious rally in the ninth inning knocked three runs in and bases loaded for the Blue team, but Red pitcher Mike Blaa hunkered down and set the next batter down to secure the victory.

It was not an easy victory as Blue outfielder Ray Woolsey homered twice on a four-hit day, and Bill Holland, Bob Dembinski, Richard Mierzejewski and Tara Gunning also had four-hit days with either a double (Bill, Bob) or triple (Richard, Tara) mixed in.

Starring for the Red team were Jim Kemp, Joe DeChiaro and Mark Manns, each with a perfect four-hit day. Everyone on the Red team contributed by bunching hits together to score the maximum three runs in three different innings and scoring at least one run in all but two frames.

On Field Two, the game entered the bottom of the ninth inning with a 7-7 tie. Tony Martinez stepped to the plate with runners on first and second and one out, and laid down a strategic hit to the right side which advanced the two runners. When the ball was bobbled, Pat Glynn raced home from third with the winning score.

The hitting star of the game was Frank Leeb in his first game with us. He smashed five hits, one a triple, and also proved himself a flawless outfielder with a series of catches of high fly balls.

Stan Stock, Bob O'Donohue, Tom Rivera, Livia Constantinescu

Winners announced from annual Dan Budd ping pong tournament



The Ping Pong Club is off to a great start for the year.

We have already had a monthly birthday party celebrating some of our members, including Oscar Kanter, Dave Purcell, Mark Legin, Woo Young Ryu and Eddie Ramirez.

Eddie brought flowers for the ladies on another day to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Cha Cleveland's sweet daughter, Jackie, even made a heart shaped peanut butter cheesecake for her dad to share with the club that he loves so much. It was a hit!

On Jan. 21 we held our fifth annual Dan Budd Memorial White Ball Doubles Tournament. Players were divided into A and B divisions based on their experience and level of play, and then used a poker chip picking system to be matched up with their partners within the same division.

We had 26 competitors overall with 16 in the "A" division and 10 in the "B" division. Each match involved the best two out of three games with the win-



Congratulations to winners of the Dan Budd Memorial White Ball Tournament. Pictured from left to right are Tom Rivera and Livia Constantinescu - winners of the B Division and Stan Stock and Bob O'Donohue - winners of the A Division.

ners advancing to the next round.

We witnessed many exciting matches.

Winners were Stan Stock and Bob O'Donohue in the A Division and Tom Rivera and Livia Constantinescu in the B Division.

Many thanks to Lois Price for being our ball collector, and thanks to Oscar

Kanter and Janice Wisinski for helping to get the teams matched up and for keeping the play ladder moving smoothly.

The competition was followed by a club-sponsored pizza party from our favorite local restaurant - Queen's Pizza. Many thanks to Rigo Valdes for delivering to us on site afterwards so we could

all enjoy our time together.

If you would like to join us, and learn a new game, or renew your love of ping pong from years ago, we invite you to come and play with us from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays through Fridays, at the West Activity Center Belleair Room. We can guarantee that you will have lots of fun!

SPORTS

Bill Higgins and Jack Patterson win two-person scramble in January

The Friday Mixed Golf League's third tournament of the season, a two-person scramble was held on Friday, Jan. 23.

We had 92 players participate for 16 spots. It was a beautiful Florida day and we played in four hours.

First place went to the team of Bill Higgins and Jack Patterson with a score of 53.6. Second place went to the team of Paul Hanco and Gary Herr with a score of 54.1. Third place went to the team of Suk Kim and Mong Kim with a score of 54.3.

Fourth place went to the team of Art Reilly and Mike Lopez with a score of 54.7. Fifth place went to the team of Bill Holland and Andy Watson with a score of 55.4. Sixth place went to the team of Dave Baldwin and David Rosenberg with a score of 55.8.

Seventh place went to the team of Roger Shockley and Paul Cairns with a score of 56.3. Eighth place went to the team of Guy Bertuzzi and Bill Lepping with a score of 56.4. Ninth place went to the team of Vincent Maranto and Scott Hoyt with a score of 56.6. Tenth place went to the team of Peyton Grogan and Joe Coyne with a score of 57.2.



Eleventh place went to the team of Tom Pettit and Jan Pettit with a score of 57.3. Twelfth place went to the team of Fred Schick and Dan Hyden with a score of 57.3. Thirteenth place went to



the team of Joe Johnson and Len Picone with a score of 57.4. Fourteenth place went to the team of Mike Schuyler and Joedie Albert with a score of 57.4. Fifteenth place went to the team of Bob Beals and Sue Beals with a score of 57.5. Sixteenth place went to the team of John Pellegrino and Jim Keagy with a score of 57.6.

All ties were broken by a match of cards.

Closest-to-the-pin winner on hole No.

3 was the team of Bill Lucci and Gary Sandine. Hole No. 5 was awarded to the team of Paul Hanco and Gary Herr. Hole No. 6 went to the team of David Saccone and Jeff Chesson. Hole No. 9 went to the team of Bruce MacPherson and Karen Oshona, hole No. 13 to the team of Tim Carr and Ken Oatsvall. Hole No. 15 went to the team of Chris Regan and Mike Palermo. Hole No. 16 went to the team of Bill Higgins and Jack Patterson.

Skins were awarded to the team of Paul Hanco and Gary Herr on holes No. 5 and 12.

The team of Suk Kim and Mong Kim won hole No. 7 with an eagle.

The team of Bruce MacPherson and Karen Oshona won hole No. 9. The team of Jerry Jordan and John Penkala won hole No. 17 with an eagle. The team of Andy Corbell and Gary Piccoli won hole No. 18.

Please remember to sign-up by 6 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's play.

For more information or questions about our league, please contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email him at harrybarbin1@gmail.com.

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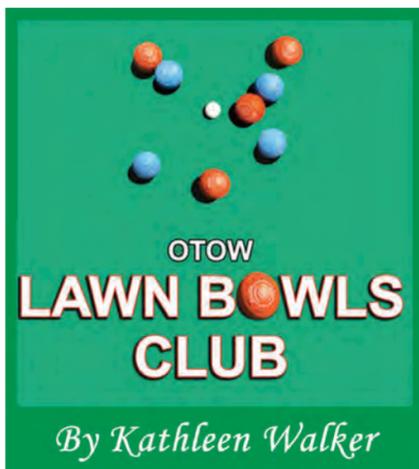
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Valentine's Day was a great day for a Lawn Bowls Tournament. Pictured above are most of the participants for this year's event.

In lawn bowling, you can become a new member and soon after take home a tournament prize

The On Top of the World Lawn Bowls Club is so happy to welcome our new members this season: Elizabeth Aposhian, Denise Bernier, Paul Edwards, Doug Shonk and Mary Watson.

We are amazed at how quickly they have learned to play the game.

Several of them have not only participated in a tournament already, but they have even taken home a prize!

Have you been thinking about trying lawn bowling? With our beautiful weather, now is the perfect time to do so. Simply stop by our courts in front of the East Activity Center during our practice sessions. We meet every day,

Monday through Saturday, at 9:30 a.m. No knowledge or experience is necessary. If you have an OTOW activity card, one of our trainers will gladly work with you.

Our tournament season continues through the end of March.

Congratulations to our recent tournament winners: Sandy Wall and Roxanne Deagler, who took first place in the Australian Pairs, and Mike Lenzi and Jeff Duncan who took first place in the Valentine's Day Tournament.

A great time was had by all at our Valentine's Day lunch in the Pavilion. Many came dressed in red to celebrate.

We were treated to homemade lasagna and meatballs, as well as an incredible variety of sweets prepared and served by members Beth Conversi and Butch Swain. Our monthly lunches are always a great way to relax after a tournament.

March is our busiest month of the year as we hold several tournaments before our Snowbirds head home.

Upcoming events are scheduled for March 2 (Novice Tournament), March 12 and 19 (Leads Draw Tournament), March 17 (St. Patty's Tournament) and March 26 (Fun Day Tournament).

Our monthly lunch will occur in the

Pavilion following the St. Patty's Tournament.

The month will end with our annual general meeting on March 27 at 1 p.m. in the Crystal Beach Room where we will elect our officers, say goodbye to our Snowbirds and discuss plans for the summer and fall seasons.

Members of our club will be marching in the 30th St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 7. Thank you to the Irish Club and all the sponsors who enable such a wonderful yearly event to occur right in our community. We will be decked in our green club shirts, proudly promoting our sport. See you then!

Gary Sandine wins men's club championship

Despite the weather, turnout for men's golf has been improving weekly. Players are turning out in good numbers.

Players endured cold temperatures in the mid-50s and 60s, and higher wind than usual. During second day of play in the Men's Championship, terrible conditions of wind, rain and cool weather existed. Nevertheless, they played on.

Gary Sandine shot a combined round of 125 and took first place in the Championship Flight. Other players listed below won their respective groups.

Our congratulations to Gary and all the other players who showed up for the two-day event. Normally I only show the top five players in each group, but I feel all those that showed up and endured the weather conditions deserve recognition, so I am listing everyone that played. Thanks to you all.

February 4-5

Men's Club Championship

Group A

Top Scores: Gary Sandine 63-62-125, Brian Kreilach, 63-66-129, Mike Walker 66-64-130, Bill Whipps 66-64-134, Fred Blatz 69-69-136, Nilson

Group B

Top Scores: Sal Vasapolie 64-63-127, Jim Vanleuven 63-66-129, Dale Denning 72-60-132, Jay Schwallie 66-66-132, Eric Russel 71-61-132, Barry



MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Barney Hanrahan

Sabadin 69-68-137, Bob Beales 67-71-138, Paul Cairns 70-69-139, George Mead 71-69-140, Fred Peace 71-70-141, Stanley Doran 70-79-149, Tim Finan 73-85-158.

Pelham 67-66-133, Andy Poselli 68-66-134, Jeff West 68-66-134, Edmond Molina 66-71-137, Bill Holland, 67-71-138, Ron Lafond 68-71-139, Keith Miles 66-74-140, Pete Gagnon 70-72-142, Joe Coyle 70-72-142, Peter Gauvin 67-75-142, Dermot Keane 75-67-142, Bill Gambarurta 74-71-145.

Group C

Top Scores: David Baldwin 56-67-123, Roger Shockley 64-64-127, David Morely 64-65-129, Marc Schell 68-61-129, Mike Smith 68-61-130, Henry Rejman 59-71-130, Vincenzo Maraanto 64-67-131, Tom Petit 64-68-132, Jim Caldwell 67-69-136, Ken Nield 67-70-137, Harry Crawford 71-68-139, Tennyson Spiceman 68-71-139, Bill Lucci 69-73-142, Tim Palmquist 73-77-150.

Group D

Top Scores: Bob Kincha 57-67-124, Guy Bertuzzi 58-69-127, Joe Ventimiglia 79-62-135, Bill Robertson 70-66-136, Joseph Dowe 72-66-138, Ken Schiffene 74-73-147, Bob Ellis 72-76-148.

January 21

Flight A

Top Scores: Fred Peace, 62, Bill Whipple, 64, David Johnson, 64, Davis Saccone, 66, Jere Keiser, 66.

Flight B

Top Scores: Fran Majewski, 60, Joe Coyne, 61, Tim Finan, 63, Jim Anzalone, 63, Bob Beals, 64.

Flight C

Top Scores: Dermot Keane, 60, Sal Vasapolie, 60, Tom Petit, 62, Dan Hayden, 63, Tennyson Spiceland, 66.

Flight D

Top Scores: Bill Robertson, 61, Bob Ellis, 63, Guy Bertuzzi, 64, Joseph Dowe, 65, Tim Palmquist, 69.

February 11

Flight A

Top Scores: Gary Sandine, 60, Fran Majewski, 60, Mike Walker, 62, Stanley Doran, Bob Beals, 67.

Flight B

Top Scores: Andy Poselli, 58, Joe Coyne, 61, Dale Drenning, 63, Ron LeFond, 63, Jeff West, 63, Bill Haener, 63,

Flight C

Top Scores: Vincenzo Maranto, 58, David Baldwin, 60, Greg Basheda, 61, Jerry Jordan, 83, Jim Caldwell, 64.

Flight D

Top Scores: Bob Kincha, 58, Joseph Dowe, 62, Guy Bertuzzi, 62, Bob Ellis, 67, Joe Ventimiglia, 68.

Preserve Vision Florida Eye Seminar
1 p.m., Wednesday, March 18
East Activity Center Auditorium (free)

SPORTS

Four tournaments scheduled for March

OTOW News reporter Paula Ergang records three birdies en route to top score in Flight A

"I have three."
"Four for me."

If you heard that recently when the On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole League was on the course, you might have thought that they were talking about their score on a hole.

But they weren't.

They were just stating how many layers of clothing they were wearing!

Mother Nature wasn't very cooperative in January. Cold morning temperatures caused us to have later starts.

And then on Jan 20, only five players came out to play.

The next week was even colder and play was cancelled. February mornings were just warm enough for many of us to play and we were happy to get out on the course again.

Of course, our monthly schedule was effected, too. Tournaments and weekly event dates had to be moved around and rescheduled. President Carroll Harris and Vice President Sheryl Barbin put their heads together to be sure nothing was left out.

March is a busy month for the league and we're hoping the rest of the season continues without any weather related problems.

We were also lucky last month to gain another picnic table. Thanks to Fred Schick we have more seating where we can sit after play, talk about our good and bad holes, celebrate birdies and enjoy the end of the month snacks. Once again, Thank you, Fred! You might feel like joining the league



for the golf and fun after reading this article. Contact Carroll Harris for information at 432-528-8684.

Be sure to look for us in the St. Patrick's Day parade. We'll be wearing our pink league shirts with plenty of green touches.

On March 3, our league will host a Low Gross/Low Net Tournament. A board meeting will follow and it's the day to sign up for the President's Tournament.

We'll be marching in the March 7 OTOW St. Patrick's Day parade. Then March 10 is Mystery Hole. March 17 is the President's Tournament.

Count odd holes only is the theme for March 24.

Lastly, it's Low Gross/LowNet for March 31 followed by our Nine and



What is this a picture of? Not golfing. Notice the gloves, rosie cheeks and scarfs. It's a picture of golfers arriving at the course in layers of clothing.

Wine snacks and 50/50.

We have a few weeks' scores to report.

Jan. 13

Closest to the Pin on Hole No. 4
Flight A: Paula Ergang had 37 and Pat Holland shot 41.

Flight B: Ann Stewart, Nancy Erhardt and Pam Riley all had 44.

Flight C: Dorothy Hughes shot a 44. Laura Chesson and Lainey Quarello had 46. Mendy Payne and Sue Stevens scored 47 and Diana Anderson had 48.

Flight D: Carol Murphy had 53 and Theresa Gates had 54.

Closest to the Pin on hole No.4 was Gilda Gambacurta.

Birdies: Paula Ergang had quite a day with birdies on three holes - Nos. 2, 4 and 9.

Feb. 3

Low Gross/Low Net

Flight A: Paula Ergang and Pat Holland both had a 40.

Flight B: Jan Pettit and Ann Stewart had 43.

Flight C: Marge Sivek and Sue Stevens had 43. Judy Bergeron had a 46.

Flight D: Mary Ann O'Neil had 49 and Mary Arnone scored 51.

Birdies: Ann Stewart had a birdie on hole No. 4 and Sue Stevens on No. 8.

Becky West, Ursula Taylor, Jackie Miles top shooters in February tournament

The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf League has held their three-week eclectic tournament again this year.

The best score on each hole over three weeks counted toward the overall score.

Although the weather did not cooperate, we were finally able to finish the tournament on Feb. 2. The following are the results:

Flight A: Becky West 65, Kim Norried and Gloria Sayer 70 tie, and Joyce Majewski 71.

Flight B: Ursula Taylor 67, Donia Stadler 70 and Sue Beals, Nancy Lo, and Barbara Moon 71 tie.

Finally, Flight C: Jackie Miles 76, Nancy Buzzell 77 and Jacqui Livingston 80.

Way to go ladies!

For our pin events: Nancy Lo had two chip-in's (hole No. 1 and hole No. 16), Kim Norried had a chip-in on hole No. 7 and Joy Walker had a chip-in on hole No. 18.

Joy also had closest-to-the-pin on hole No. 15, while Kim had the longest putt on hole No. 17. Thank you, ladies, for participating in the tournament. Hopefully, next year the weather will cooperate and not be as cold for this event.

Lastly, the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League would like to remind everyone of upcoming events.

On March 3 and March 10, our



Memorial Club Championship will take place with March 17 for a rain date.

The after-tournament lunch will be on the last day of the event.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is on March 7. Please contact Fran Urba-Day at (843) 814-6006 if you would like to help with the event and/or walk with the league.

Also, our Spring Picnic is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 at noon at the East Activity Center Pavillion. There will be a sign-up sheet on Tuesday prior to golf on March 3, March 10 and March 17. Guests are invited for a cost of \$5.



Pickleball also has a game night once a month

If you think the pickleball club is only about playing pickleball 24/7, you would be wrong.

Yes, we do love pickleball and we play every day, but we are more than that paddles and plastic balls. We meet monthly in the Belleair Room for one evening of fun and games. All are invited and we welcome spouses and guests to join us.

We ask that you bring a snack to share and your favorite card or board game if you have one.

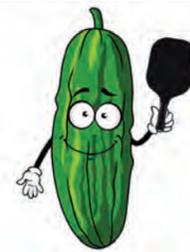
Don't worry. We have plenty of games to choose from. It's just another opportunity to get to know our members.

We held a pickleball tournament in late-February and results will be posted in next month's newspaper.

Also, look for us in the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 7.

If you would like to learn the sport, come out on a Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. for an orientation session.

Hope to see you on the courts!



Pickleball

By Patti Branch

Richard Lagasse wins Shuffleboard Club singles tournament

After finally getting a break in the cooler weather, the Shuffleboard Club was able to hold its fourth annual Singles Tournament in February.

Twenty-one participants vied for the top position. A 40-game, double-elimination tournament saw many close games decided by just a few points and we even had to have one shoot-out tiebreaker.

In the end, 2024 champion Richard Lagasse came out on top again, this time defeating Bill Fournier. Richard finished the tournament unbeaten at 6-0 with a few close calls. Bill finished second with a 4-2 record.

The third place finisher was Penny Lagasse (Richard's wife). She had a

great tournament after losing a first-round game against Richard by three points. Penny amassed six straight wins to reach the semifinals against Bill.

Congratulations to all for a well-played tournament.

After the Monday-Tuesday tournament, the club got together on Wednesday for a time of fun and food, and to celebrate. About 30 members enjoyed a potluck-style picnic featuring baked beans, ham and a variety of salads and sweets. No one left hungry!

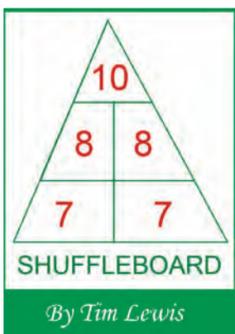
Following the meal, it was announced that our doubles tournament will be taking place on March 9 and 10 with another party to follow on March 11.

Tournaments are for club members, but new members are welcome throughout our playing season. We would love to have you get in on the fun.

Come and visit us on the courts on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays



Here are your top three finishers in the recent Shuffleboard Single Tournament. From left to right are Bill Fournier, Richard Lagasse and Penny Lagasse.



at 4 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns regarding shuffleboard, shoot a text to the club president at (207) 441-3472. Hope to see you on the courts.

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Reports

HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY

Before there was St. Patrick's Day - there was Mardi Gras!



Residents from French Renaissance I did not want to wait for St. Patrick's Day to hold a building-wide party. They celebrated Mardi Gras in February with costumes, food and beverages. Only they know if beads were thrown from the third floor. It will be their secret. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Got a clever artist in your building? Consider hosting a crafts party



Eight residents and friends from the Polynesian building recently returned from a late-January cruise to Mexico and Belize aboard Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas.

We brought home stories of shifting weather, strong friendships and a powerful reminder of the importance of travel preparedness.

The group set sail with high spirits, though the first two days at sea brought unexpectedly cold temperatures — felt most sharply by the Florida residents accustomed to warmer weather!

Fortunately, the ship's gift shop proved well stocked with sweatshirts, jackets and sweatpants, helping everyone stay comfortable until conditions improved.

By day three, the weather warmed significantly in Cozumel, Mexico, offering ideal cruising conditions.

Day four in Belize brought cold rain, adding an element of adventure to tender boat rides and excursions, particularly an airboat tour that became memorable for reasons beyond the scenery.

Sunshine returned on day five in Costa Maya, where the group enjoyed what many described as a "glorious"



Polynesian residents share dinner together ... and this wasn't in a Pinellas County restaurant. This was in Mexico.

day.

Day six, a sea day, delivered perfect weather. Guests spent time by the pool, played cards on deck, and soaked up the sun — an experience especially appreciated by our friends from Indiana, who had recently left frigid winter conditions behind.

The food was delicious and the shows were entertaining, but the camaraderie proved to be the best part of the trip.

Upon returning home, residents gathered for another group event: the Polynesian Super Bowl XL Potluck Party.

More than 20 residents attended, enjoying great food, games and prizes. Twelve door prizes were drawn just for

joining the fun. Becky Lucas and Tara Gunning won the football bingo game. The football pool was won by four people: Debbie Clarkson, Kathi Finley's grandson, Elsie Jane Anderson and the big winner ... Rick Druzak.

While the game itself was considered underwhelming and disappointing for Patriots fans, attendees agreed the event was a resounding success.

Also, a group of seven residents recently gathered for a fun and creative shell art led by resident artist Daniella Kelly. The event brought together neighbors eager to try their hand at crafting with seashells, transforming simple natural materials into beautiful works of art.

From decorative wall pieces to per-

sonalized keepsakes, each project reflected the unique style of its maker.

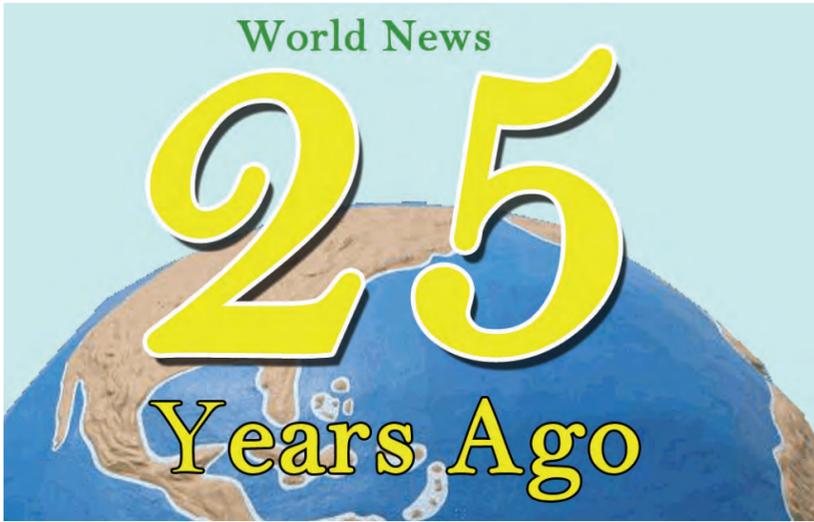
Host Susan Miller was thrilled with how the workshop turned out.

"Pretty easy and fun," Susan said. "Thanks, Daniella!"

Participants appreciated the opportunity to explore their creativity while spending quality time with fellow residents.

Due to the positive response, residents are encouraged to keep an eye out for additional craft events in the future. With talented community members, like Daniella, willing to share their skills, more creative gatherings are already on the horizon.

Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to learn, create, and connect!



March 2001

By Randae Van Denver

U.S. Events

Major good news for the U.S. space program included a successful delivery of the Expedition 2 crew to the International Space Station and the return of the first crew home. Additionally, NASA astronauts James Voss and Susan Helms set a record for the longest spacewalk (8 hours, 56 minutes). This spacewalk remains one of the longest in U.S. history. The first crew in the Space Station was also successfully returned home.

U.S. World View

The U.S. intelligence community begins getting focused on trans-national terrorism (including Al Qaeda) proliferation and regional flash-points, although no single major public terrorist attack directly on U.S. soil occurred in March 2001. There would be a foundational shift following the Sept. 11 attacks at the Twin Towers in New York City later in 2001.

Economic Initiatives

The National Bureau of Economic Research later determined that March 2001 marked the peak of the business cycle, meaning the long expansion that began in March 1991 ended, and a recession officially began at that point. The 10-year expansion was the longest in modern U.S. business cycle records up to that time. Sharp stock market declines (especially in tech) and growing corporate/energy-sector trouble foreshadowed coming major scandals. For example, California's rolling power outages were later tied to manipulative trading by Enron and others. Enron was already using aggressive accounting and off balance sheet entities that would help trigger its collapse later in 2001.

Fashion Trends

In March 2001, the fashion world was primarily focused on the Fall 2001 collections during Paris and Milan Fashion Weeks, where the dominant trend was a moody, serious tone with a prevalence of the color black, reflecting an implied economic forecasting of bad times.

Sports News

At just 15, Michael Phelps broke the 200 meter butterfly world record at the US World Swimming Championship trials in Austin, becoming the youngest male to set a world mark at the time. He went on to become the most decorated Olympian ever with 28 medals (23 gold), who established records like eight golds in one Olympic Games (Beijing 2008) and inspired many.

TV Trends

World Championship Wrestling (WCW) held its pay-per-view event "Greed" from the Jacksonville Memorial Coliseum in Florida, before it is purchased by its arch-rival, World Wrestling Federation just days later. This led to a sudden end to the "Monday Night Wars," shocking TV wrestling fans. Many fans grew up watching WCW and its unique style. This style was characterized by hard-hitting, realistic wrestling, with strong storytelling, limb work and a focus on family dynamics of wrestling. Its end led to a sense of loss for the wrestling world.



Nancy Schifferle, Bud Sayer and Rosalind Hine celebrate their birthdays at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa. (Photo by Gloria Sayer)

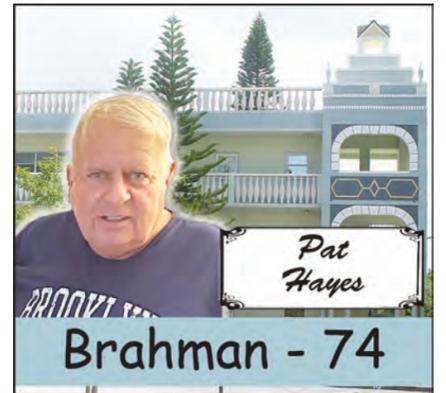
Want a building party? Just celebrate birthdays!

Nancy Schifferle organized a wonderful dinner at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa.

The Brahman building turned out a large and enthusiastic group despite the weather and several residents under the weather!

We have now celebrated birthdays in the building in September, October, November and December in 2025 and now January 2026. Each month a different resident has picked the venue and put up the sign-up sheet.

Plans are already being made for February and March birthdays by new volunteers. Our building has truly been blessed with a wonderful blend of new volunteers along with "seasoned" volunteers.



Our birthday celebrants in January were Nancy Schifferle, Bud Sayer and Rosalind Hine. Gloria Sayer took the birthday trio photo!

Happy hour party



Residents from New World French had a great happy hour get-together at Linda Herron's condo, organized by Theresa Shave, who lives next door. Theresa Shave supplied all the food and drink. She wanted us all to meet her sister, Linda Millek, who is interested in moving here. It also turned out to be a birthday celebration. More January birthdays were celebrated at Abe's Restaurant in Clearwater. About 23 residents attended. (Photo by Theresa Shave)

Modernage to host its own tea party

The Modernage building held a yearly meeting and pizza party.

Barbara Lenzi opened the meeting by reading the minutes of the 2025 meeting and giving the treasurer's report. She noted the current balance in the building budget is \$386.83.

Barbara reported on our annual tea party and it was decided that this year we will hold one here at On Top of the World due to the cost of tea parties at a tea room.

It was noted that we will talk with Nancy Rogers at the Activities Office about reserving a room and have a sign-up sheet to see how many people are interested.

Building captains will be collecting \$10 building fees and giving out new resident phone number lists to all residents in our building.

Marge Sivek reported that there hasn't been a Modernage Christmas



party in two years. She hopes to get some ideas for one in 2026.

Modernage's next event is our annual barbecue on Saturday, March 21, to be held at the Pavilion before our northern friends return home in April.

The meeting adjourned with everyone enjoying pizza, salad and an array of desserts.

The ladies have their club, now the men have their own club - and all appears wonderful

For many years, the girls in the Bohemia building joined together and explored many of the museums from Tampa, St. Petersburg and the surrounding areas. They have even abandoned their husbands briefly for a girls' building cruise.

The men of the building asked themselves, if the girls can gather together why don't we? It was with that thought the men established the Bohemia Men's Breakfast Club.

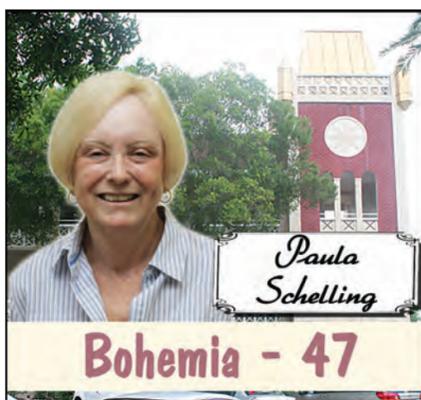
The first Saturday of each month, this group selects a restaurant and bands together for male bonding.

We girls are not privy to their conversations, but from what I've gleaned, the men have a great time.

This year's building cruise had 18 residents and family members sail away at the end of January into February on a southern Caribbean cruise. It was reported to us, upon our return, that we missed snow, wind and cold. It is for this reason that next year's trip is already in the planning stages.

Our building is special. When we have residents that move from our building, they remain family to us.

This proved to be true when it came time to celebrating the birthday of Ed



Oulten. Ed, still an OTOW resident, joined us at the Varsity Club for our Monday night dinners. A few additional friends came out to celebrate with him.

Our first scheduled event on our social calendar in February was a Valentine, wine and cheese party held in the building core.

There was food, a 50/50 drawing and the first canned goods food drive of the year. Once again, we're trying to reach our 1000-pound mark for the year. We have managed the past two years to achieve this goal. Hopefully, we'll do it again.



Bohemia residents meet at the Varsity Club to celebrate Ed Oulten's birthday

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Melbourne residents played big part in Jesters show

As the storyteller for my building, it is my privilege to share stories about Melbourne residents with others from my building and the greater On Top of the World community.

Having seen the recent presentation by the Jesters, I was inspired to learn more about the talented residents in the show who call Melbourne home.

Veronica Thomson worked behind the scenes to provide a timely and efficient change of furniture and props. This added greatly to the ambience of the show.

Veronica is a native of Jamaica. While there, she met and married an Irish-American stagehand. She relocated to New York City and was introduced to the theater. She was fortunate to meet many stars including the talented Eartha Kitt. It was this background that encouraged her to join the Jesters.

Shirlee Ward is a native of Sarasota. She sang in her church as a child and grew up in a musical family. Her mom is a professional singer and plays the piano by ear. Her brother is a professional singer and plays bass guitar by ear. She also had an aunt who sang for Ray Charles.

One day, while Shirlee was exploring the information tables of various OTOW clubs, she met a friend from Cornhole at the Jesters. When she learned the Jesters show included singing, she immediately decided to join.

We are very fortunate that she made that decision. Her favorite song was "You Raise Me Up." She is very appreciative of her fellow cast and crew members for their support and friendship.

Don Hayes is a native of Boston. He was motivated to join the Jesters by a poster on the building bulletin board. He played a variety of roles in the show including an elementary student, a



maître d', a wedding guest and a senior honeymooner. His favorite role was the maître d'. The variety of accents he utilized produced much laughter both during rehearsals and the actual performance.

Don attended the Connecticut School of Broadcasting where he got rid of his Boston accent and was taught "even if you mess up, just keep going," which probably contributed to his ability to ad lib so easily.

Don was a local access commentator for Quincy High School and University of Massachusetts-Boston sporting events. He was especially fond of calling hockey games.

In 1985, Don was in a music video to the song "Voices Carry" with Aimee Mann. The name of the group was Til Tuesday.

In 1986, he ran the Boston marathon in 4.5 hours in rainy conditions. After a varied career, he now enjoys being an Uber/ Lyft driver.

It was Don who recruited his wife, Jackie, to be a dancer in the show.

Jackie has enjoyed dancing ever since elementary school when she would do dance skits at nursing homes and other events. Jackie still works full time as an administrative receptionist



Melbourne residents in the Jesters show.

for a public accounting firm, but she found time for limited rehearsals. So she was given a video of the dance routines and would practice in their apartment.

Don and Jackie ended our visit by proudly showing me well-deserved "Emmys" they were presented at the cast party. I was glad to learn that

Shirlee and Veronica also received Emmys, but Shirlee prefers to refer to her award a Grammy.

If I could, I would place a star on the "Hollywood Walk of Fame" to honor each of these talented Melbourne residents. Instead, I can only honor them with this tribute to their talent.

Association Board Meetings

1 pm, Thursday, March 5

1 pm, Thursday, April 2

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Once again, Jim and Sue Ellis arranged for dinner - this time at Smokey Bones.

Thirty stalwart residents from the Rio Riviera building braved "chilly" night air to be a part of the fun.

We are often joined by folks from the Waterford building for good times and I'm happy to say nearly half of those who attended our party were neighbors.

Our section of On Top of the World was named Paradise, and roads in our section are named Utopia, Camelot and Shangrila. Quite a lot to live up to where about 900 plus people call home.

Our paradise also is a shopping paradise and food paradise to many residents.

I began to wonder why people chose this section of OTOW to live. I was curious to learn if their reasons were different or similar to mine. Turns out, mostly similar.

I asked a few residents, who has lived in our area the longest and who is our newest neighbors.

After polling all in attendance, Mary Gilmore (not related to the movie "Happy Gilmore" or the "Gilmore Girls") has lived here for 28 years and the Cullens, John and Kathleen, our are newest members at four months.

Both Mary and the Cullens had a similar answer to why they wanted to live here. A relative recommended they give OTOW a look when they were ready to relocate.

The Cullens also appreciated the proximity to the beach, amusement parks and the Phillies spring training stadium, being former residents of Philadelphia.

Those same reasons were all a draw



for their two adult children and grandkids, which provides incentives for frequent visits.

John and Kathleen enjoy the bowling club, gym and our community dinners. They both had "I" careers - John was a long-haul trucker and Kathy was an operator of large mechanical equipment as well as consulting.

Kathy is interested in design and decorating. She has brightened our community with her Christmas and Valentine's Day decorations.

Mary first moved here with a job transfer and she wanted to be close to her Mom.

Mary was born in Texas and has lived in several southern states. She enjoys visits from her two adult children and five grandkids. She had a career with regional telephone companies, over 38 years, before retiring. She moved to Paradise in March 1982 when Paradise was almost "new."

I asked her why she stayed and she responded that through the years her neighbors have become her adopted family, sharing the good times and helping out when help is needed.

Nice.



In front is John Cullen. In back are Mary Gilmore and Kathleen Cullen.

Throughout the ages, people have believed in Paradise. Every religion and culture has their version that heaven is paradise, the Garden of Eden, or Nirvana, and some search for it on earth.

Whatever your Paradise, I hope you find it.

Join Rio Riviera for its next outing and give Jim Ellis a call if you have an idea for an event. Watch the lobby bulletin board for upcoming lunches or dinner. Life is good here if you get to know the neighbors. Why not join in?



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FRENCH CUISINE

Traditionally, French cuisine are meals cooked with techniques that have been developed over centuries.

Although recipes and techniques vary according to region and season, French cuisine is known for its rich flavors, use of high quality native ingredients, and emphasis on elegant presentations.

Traditional French food features rich, savory dishes, like Boeuf Bourguignon, Coq au Vin, and Cassoulet, alongside iconic staples such as crepes, croissants and French onion soup. These dishes showcase regional flavors, fresh ingredients and masterful sauces with cheeses and pastries also playing a central role.

Key ingredients often include wine, butter, herbs and regional produce, creating comforting classics like hollandaise, ratatouille, seafood dishes and famous cheeses like camembert and roquefort.

French cooking is a renowned culinary tradition emphasizing fresh, seasonal ingredients, precise techniques, and regional diversity. This can include rustic, provincial dishes to elegant, haute cuisine. Dishes are built on foundations like mother sauces and with methods like sautéing and braising, made accessible to home cooks through figures like Julia Child.

French sauces evolved from heavily spiced medieval concoctions to the refined art form of today.

Chefs like Careme (early 19th century) and Escoffier (late 19th/20th century) formalized the Five Mother Sauces: Bechamel, Velouté, Espagnole, Hollandaise and Tomato, serving as foundations for countless variations and symbolizing culinary sophistication.

The king of all French sauces is Bechamel, a fundamental French “mother

sauce” made from a simple, creamy base of butter, flour (forming a roux), and milk, seasoned with nutmeg, salt and pepper.

This versatile white sauce provides a milk flavor and creamy texture, serving as a foundation for many other sauces (like Mornay) and dishes such as lasagna, moussaka, gratins and croque monsieur.

Here are the other four French mother sauces:

Veloute sauce is a classic “mother sauce” made from a light colored roux (butter and flour cooked briefly) combined with a clear stock like chicken, fish, or veal, which creates a smooth, velvety and savory sauce that serve as a base for many other sauces.

Its name “velvety” reflects its luxurious, silky texture.

Espagnole sauce is a rich, foundational “mother sauce” made from a dark brown roux, brown stock (beef or veal), caramelized mirepoix (onions, carrots, celery) and tomato puree, creating a deep, savory brown sauce used as a base for many classic sauces like de-

mi-glacé and bordelaise. It is perfect for pairing with red meats.

Hollandaise sauce is a rich, creamy sauce made from an emulsion of egg yolk, melted butter and lemon juice (or vinegar), seasoned with salt and cayenne pepper. It is famous for being the key component in Eggs Benedict and a classic topping for vegetables, like asparagus and fish.

It’s a “mother sauce” known for its delicate, buttery and tangy flavor, created by whisking warm egg yolks and slowly incorporating hot butter over gentle heat until thickened.

Tomato sauce is versatile and made from cooked tomatoes. It is often seasoned with salt, garlic and herbs, and used as a base for many dishes like pasta, pizza, stews and chilies.

Tomato sauce can vary from a thin liquid to a thicker consistency, depending on concentrated tomato paste or puree.

It can range from simple (tomatoes, oil, herbs) to complex (with mirepoix stock etc.) and is a staple in global cui-

sines. However, some regions, such as the United Kingdom and Australia) consider “tomato sauce” to be a ketchup.

Making French sauces starts with mastering the five mother sauces.

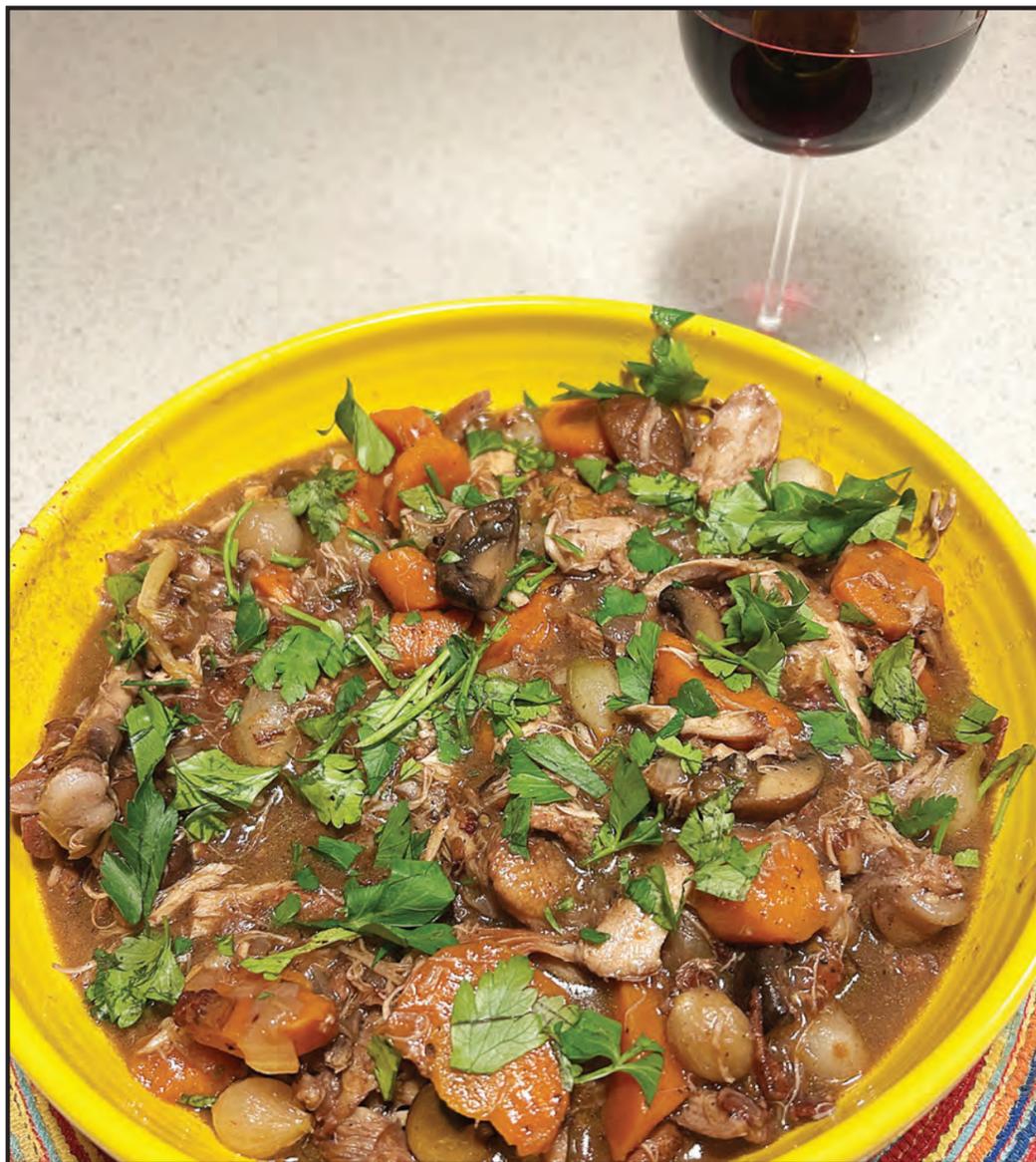
These sauces are often built with roux (butter/flour) for thickening or emulsions, like Hollandaise.

Key techniques involve slow heating, gradual liquid addition, whisking for smoothness, reducing for flavor, then flavoring with aromatics, herbs, wine, or cheeses to create countless “small sauces” for diverse dishes.

Chefs create these sauces with flavorful foundations, aromatics and stocks, then enrich them with liquids, fats, or emulsifiers.

This is followed by thickening and always tasting and adjusting the seasoning. Salt, acid (vinegar/lemon) and sweetness (sugar/honey) can be added for balance.

The most common problems arise when flour is not whisked thoroughly or when liquid is added too quickly. Any of these missteps can produce lumps.



Coq Au Vin

Ingredients

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
4 ounces bacon or pancetta, diced
1 (3 to 4 pounds) chicken, cut in 8ths
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
½ pound carrots, cut diagonally in 1-inch pieces
1 yellow onion, sliced
1 teaspoon chopped garlic
½ cup Cognac or brandy

½ bottle dry red wine such as Burgundy
1 cup chicken stock
10 fresh thyme sprigs
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature, divide
1 ½ tablespoons all-purpose flour
½ pound frozen small whole onions
½ pound cremini mushrooms, stem removed and thickly sliced
Parsley for Garnish

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees.

2. Heat olive oil in a large Dutch oven. Add bacon or pancetta and cook over medium heat for 8 to 10 minutes until lightly browned. Remove the bacon to a plate with a slotted spoon.

3. Meanwhile, lay the chicken pieces out on a paper towels and pat dry. Liberally sprinkle salt and pepper on each piece. When the bacon is removed, brown the chicken pieces in batches in a single layer

evenly turning until brown. Set aside.

4. Add the carrots, onions, 2 teaspoons of salt and 1 teaspoon pepper to the pan. Cook over medium heat for 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the onions are lightly browned. Add garlic and cook for 1 more minute. Add the Cognac and put the bacon, chicken and any juices that collected on the plate into the pot. Add the wine, chicken stock and thyme, and bring to a simmer. Cover the pot with a tight fitting lid and place in the oven for 30 to 40 minutes until the chicken is just not pink.

Remove from the oven and place on top of the stove.

5. Mash 1 tablespoon of butter and the flour together and stir in the Coq Au Vin. In a medium sauté pan, add the remaining 1 tablespoon of butter and cook the mushrooms over medium-low heat for 5 to 10 minutes until browned. Add to the Coq Au Vin. Bring the Coq Au Vin to a simmer and cook for another 10 minutes. Season to taste. Add parsley for garnish. Serve hot.

Effort is underway to make Siboney core parties successful again



The Siboney monthly core parties are going strong.

We just need more people to attend.

Posters are up in the elevator and in the core asking residents to please plan to attend.

We no longer have monthly meetings because of lack of attendees so we're hoping to have people come to the core parties so we can discuss things that we want to do for the building, like having end-of-the-year parties and holiday parties.

At one time, our building was very active. We had luncheons - usually monthly - but that came to an end.

Please help make our building a fun



Several residents pose for a picture during the most recent Siboney core party.

place to live by attending our core parties. If you are either an owner or a renter you are welcome.

We also need to collect dues of \$5 per person so we can buy supplies for parties and other things needed for the building. Attending core parties is a great way to meet your neighbors and enjoy some great food dishes and deli-

icious desserts.

Hope everyone kept warm this winter season. This year was the worst winter I experienced since 2013 when I moved in. I guess we were fortunate not to be up north where some of the temperatures were below zero with lots of snowfalls.

People say the longer you're here in

Florida, your blood gets thinner! I believe that's true.

Don't forget to attend the On Top of the World Irish Club Parade this month on March 7. You will enjoy seeing all the clubs marching and a few local marching bands will be playing. Hope to see you all there and don't forget to wear your green.

Please note: The Good Neighbors Association Flea Market/Craft Show has been moved up two weeks to March 28.

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Austrian Alpine residents came together in February to raise money for Hope Villages. The theme for the day was valentines.

(OTOW News photo by Joanne Cordes)

Austrian Alpine residents raise \$420 for Hope Villages



Austrian Alpine neighbors shared the love at our Valentine-themed "Coffee, Tea, Donuts and Donate," showing plenty of heart for Hope Villages of America and its food pantry.

Homemade coffee cake, valentine-decorated donuts, handmade caramel candies, apple cake, chocolates, pumpkin bread and honey spoons filled the tables.

Dunkin' Donuts coffee and

creamer were donated by Mary Virginia Donlon.

Joyce Monahan brought a wonderful variety of teas in a pretty basket.

Six neighbors went home with beautiful porcelain-covered dishes donated by Marilyn Whelan.

Thank you to Chris Rathbun, Bob Young, Dottie Ference, Mohand Abdelli and Chantel Faubert, Joyce, Ginny, Laurel Chavis, Mi-

chele Berg, Kathy Ahrens and Donna Gagnon for supplying all the delicious food and beverages.

Thanks to Bob and Cliff Chavis and Mohand for the heavy lifting, and everyone who helped. If it's true that sharing is caring, then we were immersed in it.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to Hope Villages. We collected two barrels full of food and

\$420.

Thank you to Joanne Cordes for hanging out with us and taking our picture.

And a hearty congratulations to Cliff and Laurel Chavis as their Huskie, Romeo, received his Pet of the Year Award from State Farm Insurance in February. We'll be cheering for Romeo at the Irish Club parade on March 7.

An OTOW-TV 901 rebroadcast of the Irish Club parade will take place all day on Tuesday, March 17

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At Rural French, we like to plan ahead ...

Christmas decoration clean-up day scheduled for Jan. 9, 2027



Rural French started the month of February with our annual building meeting.

The meeting was held on Saturday, Feb. 7, in our third floor core.

Building Coordinator David McClellan ran the meeting and we had a good turnout of 36 neighbors.

David handed out the meeting agenda with information extending all the way to February 2027.

This meeting was very well run with a lot of preparation and good information passed on to our residents. We had a lot of suggestions and comments from those in attendance about our building and any future building events.

If you were unable to attend this meeting, and you'd like to know more about what you have missed, contact David and he'll fill you in on our discus-

Many residents turned out for our building's annual meeting in February. Schedules were set for the rest of the year.

sions.

At the meeting, the new trash recycling rules were discussed along with a reminder about the On Top of Tthe World trash room policy, smoking policy and noise issues that have been previously reported.

Our building phone list also was updated and some of our building dues were collected.

David was very proactive setting dates for building-run activities for the remainder of the year. Please mark your calendars and try to attend these functions. Now nobody can say they didn't know about them or it was the last-minute planning.

Our building picnic will be held on March 15 at 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Pavilion.

On Dec. 5 we will decorate our building for the holidays and, as always, enjoy our decorating while having a pizza party. Hopefully that delicious pizza will come from Nona's Slice House. That is our building's favorite for pizza!

On Dec. 10, we will host our holiday dinner. The restaurant will be announced at a later date.

On Jan. 9, 2027, we will take down our holiday decorations.

On Feb. 6, 2027, we will hold our next annual meeting.

Our building residents enjoy getting

together for monthly dinners. We had our February building dinner at Eddie's Bar and Grill in Dunedin. The dinner was organized and sponsored by David McClellan.

Check our building bulletin board for any information, dates and times of upcoming functions that you might enjoy.

If you have a story to share with our readers, contact your building story teller. We'll get it in our next month's newspaper.

For your convenience, our treasurer is still collecting building dues. Ask your neighbors or wing captains where to bring your donation.

The Entertainment Committee's New Year's Eve Dance is set for Thursday, Dec. 31. The Southshore Cruisers will be here. Tickets are on sale Monday and Thursday mornings in the Auditorium.

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 March 25 - Celtic Woman
 March 27-28 - Dancing with the Stars Live
 March 29 - The Dream Team of Rock and Roll
 April 1-5 - Moulin Rouge - The Musical

The BayCare Sound at Coachman Park, 301 Drew St, Clearwater

March 6 - Little River Band
 March 7 - Bret Michaels and Tesla
 March 20 - 98 Rock Fest
 March 21 - Joe Bonamassa and Christone Kingfish Ingram
 March 29 - Alan Parsons Project

Nancy & David Bilheimer Capitol Theater, Cleveland St, Clearwater

March 1 - Alicia Witt
 March 2 - Al Jardine and the Pet Sounds Band
 March 3 - Jake Shimabukuro
 March 4 - Gregorian

March 5 - Justin Furstenfeld
 March 6 - Tribute to Neil Diamond
 March 7 - Taj Farrant
 March 8 - Johnny Cash Tribute
 March 10 - Ron Pope
 March 11 - Home Free
 March 12 - Classic Elton
 March 13 - Paula Poundstone
 March 14 - Gino Vannelli
 March 15 - Gary Gulman
 March 16 - Pat Metheny
 March 20 - Dusty Slay
 March 22 - Prince Purple Rain Classic Albums
 March 23 - Don McLean
 March 26 - The Simon and Garfunkel Story
 March 28 - Donna Summer Tribute
 April 2 - Countess Leann
 April 4 - Eric Clapton Tribute

Francis Wilson Playhouse, 302 Seminole St, Clearwater

March 19-29 - The Miracle Worker
 April 4-5 - Hooray For Hollywood: Concert Fundraiser

TheatreFor, 1863 N. Highland Ave, Clearwater

March 13-29 - Something Fishy

Early Bird Dinner Theater, 13355 49th St N, Clearwater

March 1-April 12 - "Baggage" by Sam Bobrick

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You might meet Lynn Bamberger and Brian Munroe at our March luncheon, but keep their story secret until April

The Granada building held a luncheon in February at the Bacon Street Diner.

The event was well attended, including two new residents, Lynn Bamberger and Brian Munroe. They have a great retirement story to share with us ... but you're going to have to wait until April!

I need to interview them first to get a great story in our April edition.

Our building co-captains try to plan luncheons and potluck dinners, and we encourage all residents to submit ideas to help plan future events.

Our March luncheon will be at Sonny's BBQ in Clearwater. A sign-up sheet will be on the core bulletin board.

Our building meeting this month will be held downstairs March 19. Bring your chair and beverage. We will have a 50/50 drawing so bring some \$1 bills. It's a great time to discuss any building items and talk socially with neighbors.

Our community's first Honor Flight of 2026 will be taking off April 21 from



the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport. We encourage everyone to join the crowd at the airport. These honor flights recognize the bravery and commitment of our retired military personnel. If you qualify and would like to go on a future honor flight, please contact your building storyteller, Linda Faust.

Whats else is up?

Please check the bulletin boards in the core for important information about upcoming building activities and important information.

On the lighter side, let's take a moment to learn a valuable lesson in life from a dog.

Meet Oliver Ciofu, a well-loved dog in the neighborhood. He takes his owner, Renee, for walks.

One day Oliver came home from a walk to find the family cat stretched out on the big, soft dog bed. The cat was not willing to share.

Oliver did not start a fight. He did not start an argument. He did not throw a fit.

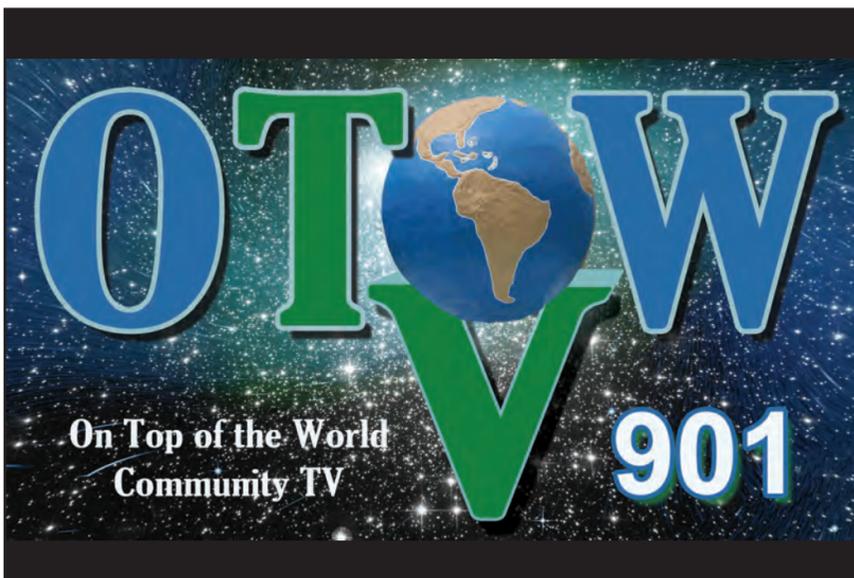
Oliver found multiple pieces of furniture to jump on and wound up in cat tower. Oliver claimed it for his new castle. Today he is King Oliver.

What did we all learn?

Please stay safe and well.



When Oliver's bed was overtaken by a cat, he simply took over the cat's castle and claimed it for himself.



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For sale: Pride Mobility Go Chair in new condition. Two new batteries with 2 year warranty. Call Paul at 727-796-4691 for price.

For sale: Sofa bed and matching love seat. Tropical design. Asking \$100 for each item. Call Anita at 727-922-1479.

For sale: Classical music albums from the '50s,, '60s and '70s. Some German albums. Call 717-360-2249.

For sale: Lawn and beach chairs, laundry baskets, commode seat, large roasting pan. All \$4 each. Call/text Sharon at 717-372-3091.

For sale: John Boat. Comes with trolling motor, anchor and battery. About 12 feet long. Fits about 6 people. Call Vince for a price, 440-221-0254.



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Association Board Meetings

June 12, 2025 (annual meeting)	
June 5, 2025 Information Meeting on Voting and Reserves	
April 30, 2025	April 17, 2025
February 27, 2025	March 27, 2025
January 30, 2025	January 16, 2025
Meet The Candidates Morning - January 9, 2025	
Meet The Candidates Evening - January 9, 2025	
Nov. 7, 2024 Hurricane Response Review	
Nov. 22, 2024	Dec. 19, 2024
Oct. 15, 2024	Oct. 2, 2024
Sept. 20, 2024 Selection Committee Created	Sept. 11, 2024
September 5, 2024	July 25, 2024
July 18, 2024	July 15, 2024
June 13, 2024	June 4 and 6, 2024
May 22, 2024	April 24, 2024
April 11, 2024	February 20, 2024

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Interviews with management companies are not available.

Some future meetings may not be available.

But the dates listed can be watched anytime when Internet access is available.

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1-3 pm, Thursdays

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Year-Round

Thursdays, 6:30-9:30 pm

WAC Belleair Room

Must have a valid activity

card and be a member of

the Canadian Club.

Bring spare change.

Blackout

Learn how to play at 5:50 pm



English

There is an English class

at On Top of the World taught by Lola Dickert
and Eugene Z. We meet for 1 hour every Thursday from
10-11 am in the East Activity Center Dunedin Room.

Just bring your Activity Card.

French Language and

Culture Society

11 am - 12 pm

Wednesdays

EAC Dunedin Room



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on any Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Also, OTOW clubs with dinner-dances, I'll be back with red solo cups again!

Thank you for contributing to such a worthy cause.

Women's Bible Study



2 PM

Fridays

Crystal Beach Room

All Denominations

Welcome

Example: OTOW NEWS WORD FINDER
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"Finder"

ACEEHLNPRU

There may be more than one answer for a word. Your answers might not match the answers listed next month.

Make words below by filling in the blanks. You can only use the letters shown above in blue type.

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(The word above must use every letter above)

Last month's answers (answers could vary): READ, IDEA, SAVER, STRIVE, RIDE, EVER, TRADE, ADVERTISE

BRAIN TEASE

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	3		2		1

To do the Brain Tease above, you must put a number 0-9 in each white square. The trick is, each number can only appear one time horizontally and vertically. Start with a row or column with only one white square. As you fill in squares, the rest of the board will get easier to manage.

OTOW News
WORDMIX

Unscramble the six words listed below. If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month. If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words. Please note, none of the secret words are plural.

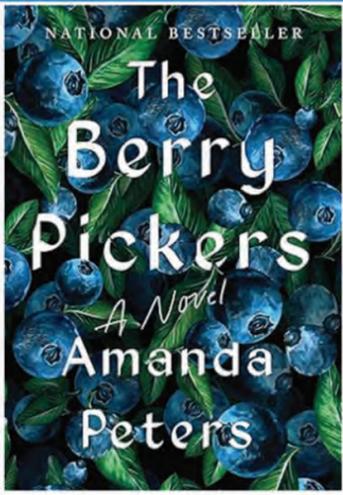
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SECRET WORD:

Last month's scrambled words: NURSE, ORBIT, VACANT, ICEBOX, CURIOUS, EXCLAIM. Secret Word Last Month: NOVICE

Good Karma Book Club

A post-read book discussion group.



10 am, Thursday, March 19
"The Berry Pickers"
By Amanda Peters

10 am, Thursday, April 16
"James"
By Percival Everett

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