



Doggies delight at new dog park

By Doug Kates
Editor

On the count of three, a ceremonial ribbon was cut and more than 40 people cheered.

There were even a few barks in the background.

After months of planning, the On Top of the World Community Dog Park officially opened and residents were invited to celebrate.

Over a two-hour period, more than 50 residents brought their dogs. There were big dogs, small dogs, dogs with bandanas and dogs who just loved running.

Since the dog park actually opened in late March, many residents were already familiar with the setting, while other residents were catching a look at the park for the first time.

Some residents said it's unusual for a dog park to have benches in the shade and under a roof. They thanked On Top of the World for that luxury.

Other residents said they were meeting new people, making new friends, and while the dogs were out playing, it was a great time for neighbors to socialize.

Pet Supplies Plus was on hand to distribute sample snacks and gave away two raffle prizes. Constance McDonald won a gift card and Carolyn Lowry won a gift basket.

Lynn Hutchins from Barks and Bubbles was also on hand to show off her mobile grooming van.

The OTOW Greyhound Club provided information on adopting former race dogs.

Dogs weren't the only ones



At the new On Top of the World dog park, adults can sit in the cool shade while their four-legged friends can wander around meeting new friends. See page 32 for more photos. Below is one of about 40 happy guests.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

spoiled. Sharon Licata, Tracy Torres and Julie Hipp were on hand from OTOW and they cooked hot dogs for two hours. Even though they were serving people-food, they had a lot of little black eyes watching them cook.

Back in September 2011, OTOW Chairman Kenneth Colen announced the new dog park was going to be built at the former site of the West Side tennis courts.

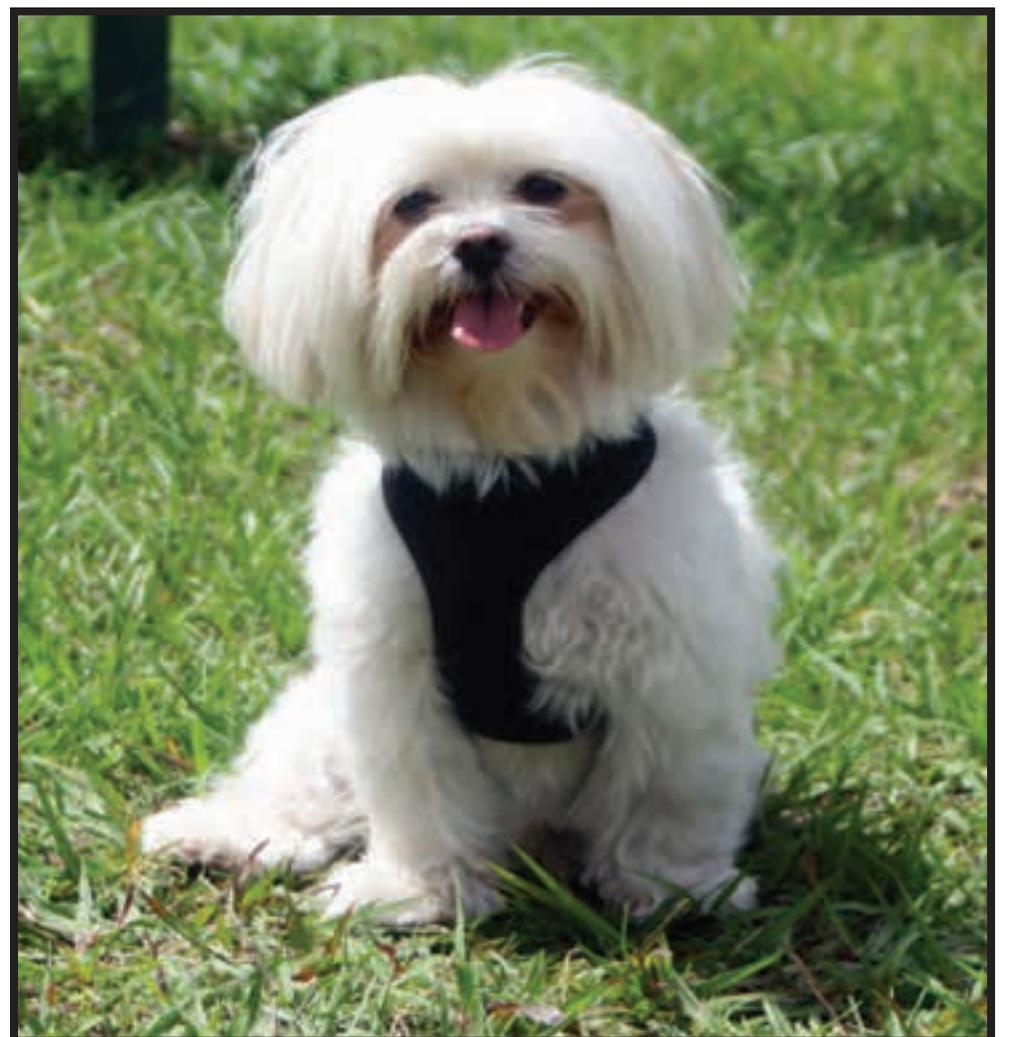
Seven months later, the gates were opened.

The dog park is divided into two with a section for small dogs and a section for large dogs. There is running water, doggy bags and trash cans.

From first glance, there didn't seem to be an unhappy dog anywhere in sight for the opening ceremony.

One resident said she had never seen so many white dogs together in the same place before. Another resident said she didn't realize there were so many residents who owned dogs.

Yet another resident said, "now that we have this beautiful dog park, I'm gonna have to buy a dog."



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More evidence clamshell awnings are damaging buildings

Early census returns show On Top of the World is above percentage required to maintain over-55 status

Spring is in the air!

It is also time your Board begins to put together a budget for the coming fiscal year.

The Association fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. There are many components to consider: insurance coverage on buildings, including wind storm damage, paving projects, ongoing rail replacement, the code compliance challenge of adding a smoke detector in older buildings (pre-code), and replacing aging water mains.

The point is this, it promises to be an interesting and challenging year.

Your Board is well aware of the difficult financial challenges our members face and will work hard to limit cost increases in the budget.

The Association budget meeting will be held in the On Top of the World East Activity Center, 2069 World Parkway Boulevard, Clearwater, FL, 33763, beginning at 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 14, 2012.

Census Update and Enforcement

The Census update is continuing with canvassing of units that failed to respond to the mailed questionnaire.

Progress is slow, but it is still progress. So far, with 76 percent counted, slightly greater than 98 percent of respondents are over age 55.

The Federal rule states that at least 80 percent of the units must be occupied by one person age 55 or older in order to remain an age-restricted community.

I feel confident we will meet that mark.

Many units appear to be unoccupied, but have not transferred ownership. So the last census information we have remains valid for purposes of this latest census.

Community Rules

Another element of why this community is so livable comes down to the aesthetics of the community.

Reasonable and fair rules, consistently enforced, go a long way to assuring the quality of life continues.

To that end, I remind my readers about Rule No. 8, which covers signs, advertising or notices. The posting of any signs, including "for sale," "estate sale," or "open house" is prohibited.



I mention this because staff has reported an increase in violations in this area. It goes without saying that management company personnel are on property on weekends as well. All signs, balloons and other violations are removed promptly.

Certainly we understand that this is a difficult resale market, but violating Rule No. 8 clutters and degrades the community. It is not fair for your neighbors and is the exact opposite of what serves our greater good as a community.

Going forward, violators will receive one warning notice. The cost of enforcement on any repeat offense will be tracked.

When the unit is sold, the cost of enforcement will be collected from the selling party as a condition of obtaining Association approval of the transfer.

Awning Replacement

In previous articles, I have discussed the problem with "clam shell" awnings.

Your Board directs the management company to regularly inspect the exterior common elements of the buildings. It is increasingly evident that the "clam-shell" awnings have resulted in damage to the building.

We also have seen additional instances where the lintel is beginning to split and fracture, whether caused by water intrusion, age, general deterioration of the awning assembly, or by direct damage from the masonry anchors for the awning.

This may become a very serious concern for the Association.

In the coming months, your Board will consider setting a removal deadline for these types of awnings. Once an awning is removed, the point of attachment will be inspected before

repairs may be instituted.

Because these awnings are not able to withstand storm force winds, the Association will not allow them to be replaced with a like kind product. There are acceptable alternates that provide shade and will not damage the building. Inasmuch as these awnings are a limited common element, the cost of any damage to the building will be a charge to the unit owner, whether they installed the awning or acquired the unit with the awnings in place.

Upcoming Work

Reroofing on the mansards is beginning on Buildings 50, 51 and 60 in the first two weeks of May, weather permitting.

Installation of new light fixtures in building laundry rooms is continuing.

Installation/upgrades of center core stairwell light fixtures ("X" Buildings only) is also a continuing project.

Please remember, all start dates are approximate.

Resurfacing work will begin on Columbia Drive (entirety), Franciscan Drive (partial / cul-de-sac to Building 39), Spanish Drive (Partial / Cul-de-sac to Americus Blvd), World Parkway Blvd (various locations), unnamed connector between Brasília and Columbia Drives (entirety), Monaco Lane (entirety) and Israeli Avenue (partial).

Also, the East Belcher entrance from World Parkway Blvd. to traffic light at Belcher with two speed bumps to slow traffic on the entrance lane only), and new double yellow striping and stop bars on World Parkway Blvd and stop bars on all secondary roads.

We will be able to advise more on the schedule once the contracts are finalized.

Parking areas in the resurfacing program are: B18 North and South, B21 North, B25 North, B31 North and South, B37 North, B40 South, B41 North, B42 North, B43 South, B82, B83 North, and B86 North.

Painting and waterproofing finished ahead of cycle and will resume in June. We will be making concrete repairs on several stairwells and walkways. Also several walkways in the central garden area will be scheduled for replacement in June.

Ever wonder why the fronts and

backs of buildings are on staggered painting schedules?

The backs and sides of buildings require a special waterproofing treatment that has a seven to 10 year life span. Erring on the side of safety, the Association doesn't want to push its luck past seven years, since water intrusion can be a serious problem.

The front elevation of the buildings is more shielded from the wind and rain by virtue of the walkways and overhangs. This does not require the same treatment as the more exposed backs and sides.

Also, the detail and color palette is entirely different.

Waterproofing materials come in three basic colors: somewhat white, somewhat less white and beige, so where there are numerous color changes and detail work, that material really isn't a good option.

Regardless, the latex acrylic paint is an excellent product that has a life span of five to seven years when properly applied. Before repainting is allowed to proceed, an evaluation is made to determine if repainting the front elevation needs to happen in five years, or if there is still good usable life that warrants a pass to the next year. It is all about balancing of expenses and benefits to you, the owners.

Construction Projects

Ongoing projects are as follows: Building 29 SE Tower/Cupola Restoration (project delayed from April); Building 56 fire damaged units restoration project (project has an approximate duration of 150 days, county inspections notwithstanding); Building 17/U66 and building mansard repair of fire damage (project delayed from April), and gypsum deck supports in the towers at Building 21.

Vinyl tile floor replacement will be started at Building 30 (second and third floor), Building 36 (second and third floor), and Building 50 (second and third floor). Installation schedule may progress slower than expected based upon condition of existing floor and air temperatures. Please use caution in all work areas.

Ongoing projects include parking lot stall number re-stenciling, water meter box number re-stenciling, and compliance enforcement in all categories.

Plenty of outdoor activities available

We have had some beautiful and very warm weather this spring and it's definitely a great time for our water exercise class to start.

Water supports your joints and may give you some resistance, which helps to build muscle strength.

Warm water is helpful for relieving stiffness and arthritis and can increase circulation. Water is great for exercising, as you have buoyancy, and is a safe way to exercise your joint and muscles.

Come join our water exercise class at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday at the East Activity Center pool.

The Traveling Club and the Snowbirds Club will have some fun trips this summer, so be sure and check with them for all the details and for your tickets.



Many of the card games and board games will continue this summer, as well as bingo, so check the calendar in our newspaper for the days and times.

Golf continues to be a main attraction at On Top of the World and

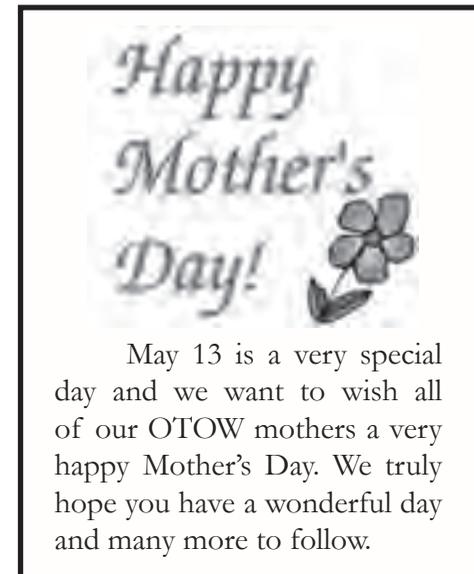
many residents truly love the game, but remember, it's never too late to learn how to play. Old dogs really can learn new tricks.

The Thursday Golf League is open to all of our residents, so visit the golf shop and get all the details.

If you have guests, you as the owner, must go to the Palm Acre Real Estate office to purchase a guest pass. All renters must also purchase a pass for using the golf course.

Our tennis courts are another sure way to get some real exercise. If you have never played tennis before, you might find it a challenge. It's also a chance to make new friends and learn a new and rewarding sport.

We are having such great weather for outdoor activities that it would be a real shame not to get out there



May 13 is a very special day and we want to wish all of our OTOW mothers a very happy Mother's Day. We truly hope you have a wonderful day and many more to follow.

and take advantage of it.

We also have shuffleboard and horseshoe courts, so come out and have some fun at one of the many choices you have at OTOW.

Toastmasters has come to On Top of the World!

Do you want to learn the art of speaking, listening, thinking and leadership?

The Tampa Bay Women Speakers Club is now meeting at On Top of

the World.

These women create a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which to learn these arts and skills. Membership is open to all

women for a nominal fee. Everyone is welcome as a guest.

The meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:15-8 p.m. at the East Activity

Center downstairs in the Yellow Classroom, across from the library.

For more information, please contact Lisa Seward at linxu2me@gmail.com.

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NOTICE

**Important bulletin for all residents
of On Top of the World**

A new standard has been implemented for sealants that will affect window, awning, and air conditioning contractors performing work for residents at OTOW.

Residents should be aware that due to an extremely high failure rate, silicone sealants are no longer approved for use as a caulking and weatherproofing product within On Top of the World.

Failure of the silicone sealant bond has resulted in water intrusion into units. This has resulted in significant water damage and costly repairs. **WATER INTRUSION** is a serious issue that may damage belongings and lead to mold growth.

Protect yourself by asking your contractor in advance if they are using an **ACRYLIC URETHANE** or **POLY URETHANE** sealant recommended for use by your Association. Applying the proper sealant in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications may prevent water intrusion.

Detailed information is available at the East Activity Center Service Desk for your convenience. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Storage rooms, under-age residents, and parking information you need to know

Early morning walkers

Late night walkers

The beautiful weather encourages many of us to get out and take a walk, especially during the early morning/late evening hours.

As I arrive for work each morning, I am always surprised by the many residents walking in black or dark colored clothing. For your safety, please make sure you are wearing light colored clothing during your walks. Bicyclists should use a headlamp and reflective tape on your bikes to increase your visibility.

Storage Rooms

With the nation experiencing a warmer-than-usual winter, the majority of our winter residents have headed home.

Before the Snowbirds took to the road, many of the buildings held a storage room, spring cleaning day with excellent results. As a reminder, each unit is allocated a portion of floor area in the storage room (please see Exhibit "D" of the rules for the standard).

If your building is in the process of storage room clean-out, please contact the Service Department for a copy of the applicable rules and also to coordinate this clean out with the Management Company. A representative from Inspection Services will help allocate the space equitably in the storage rooms and also coordinate the disposal of unwanted items.

Enforcement Matters

I continue to receive correspondence regarding underage residents. We really appreciate this cooperation from concerned residents. We all have a stake in ensuring the continuing success of our community.

The Amended and Restated Rules for the On Top of the World Condominium Community require that one person residing in a unit must be fifty-five (55) years of age or older and no child under the age of seventeen (17) may reside in the community. The only exception to the 55+ age restriction is in the event of an inheritance. All inheritances, sales and leases must be approved by the On Top of the World Condominium Association.

Please continue to notify the Association with rental violations occurring in your building. We work diligent-



ly on these violations. The Association begins the process with a notification to the unit owner with a date for compliance. If an owner fails to comply, the Association pursues compliance through all legal means. The Association may seek collection for any and all expenses incurred during enforcement actions, including attorney's fees and court costs.

The Association continues to canvass the community in collection of the community census cards. The census, conducted every two years, insures that the On Top of the World Condominium Community remains a 55-plus community. If you have not yet returned your census card, you may do so at the Service Department at the East Activity Center.

Insurance Request

Updated Wind Mitigation Forms

This is the time of year we receive many requests for insurance verification from your insurance companies.

Please visit or have your insurance agent visit the On Top of the World Condominium Community Website at otowclearwaterinfo.com, click on the "Community Information Tab" and find the Wind Mitigation Report that corresponds to your address.

Fill in your unit number in the designated space and print the document. There is no charge for this service.

If you wish to have a copy mailed to your insurance agent, include a check for \$15 payable to Parkway Maintenance and Management Co, with your Wind Mitigation Request Form obtained at the Service Department.

Parking

As a reminder, the streets and parking areas within the community are private. No commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, unregistered ve-

Before-You-Go-On-An-Extended-Trip Checklist

The summer season is right around the corner and we know many residents take extended trips around the country. Experience teaches us that added steps need to be taken before going on that extended trip. Below is a list of things to do:

- Leave a contact number with at least two trusted neighbors or friends.
- If you are leaving behind a vehicle, leave a spare set of keys with a trusted neighbor in case your vehicle has to be moved. Leave a note on your dashboard to notify management who is holding your spare set of keys.
- Provide the Association with an update on your emergency contact information.
- Snowbirds should complete a mail forward form and submit it to the Association as well as your local post office.
- Have the interior of your condo checked at least once a week by a trusted neighbor or friend, or arrange for an inspection service.
- Check in with a trusted neighbor or friend while you are gone.
- Arrange for a water meter turn off if you are going away for an extended term. Call 727-799-3417, option 6.
- Turn off the electric to the hot water heater.
- Wrap toilet bowls with cling wrap to keep water from evaporating in bowl. A dry toilet bowl encourages pests.
- Snowbirds should empty refrigerators, turn off ice makers and leave fridge doors open.
- Unplug appliances, including washing machines.
- Lock windows.
- Turn off breakers to hot water heaters.
- Secure patio furniture and outdoor items.
- Hurricane shutters and awnings should be lowered and secured.
- Make sure your air conditioner is properly serviced by a professional before departing. This includes a drain line flush, which should be done at least twice a year to prevent condensate flooding your home and anyone living beneath you. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.
- Leave the thermostat set between 78F to 80F. This helps regulate humidity in the home and prevents the occurrence of mold or mildew.
- If you plan on being gone for several months, you may wish to consult an air conditioning professional about adding a humidistat to ensure optimal humidity levels in the home. Humidistats should be set at 55.
- Make sure your home owner's insurance policy is current and covers damage from wind, water and mold. In most cases, this is now an added rider on the policy.

If the air conditioning system is not properly maintained by an owner, mold and mildew can result and become a serious problem for the owner. Improperly vented dryers may also be a source of both heat and moisture. Water leaks in the home may also be a source of moisture. If you suspect a water leak, contact the Service Department immediately! A fast response on leaks can prevent further damage and save you unnecessary expense.

Mold growth is secondary to the presence of high humidity levels or saturation by water, and is evidenced by the appearance of a black, sooty substance on furniture or walls. If you suspect you have mold, it is best to contact the Service Department and arrange for a visual inspection. There is no charge for this service. Rarely does mold or mildew present a health problem. Usually the main complaint is an odor and the unsightly nature of the matter. We mention this because the home repair industry is rife with scare tactics and scams, causing homeowners to spend thousands of dollars on matters that are generally easily resolved.

Please remember that the proper maintenance or repair of your HVAC unit, water heater and drain pan, and ice maker line (if any) is always the owner's responsibility.

Use common sense and have a great summer!

icles or vehicles with expired registration are allowed to park overnight within the community (please see the On Top of the World Condominium Amended and Restated Rules for additional information).

Vehicles in violation of the parking rules are subject to towing.

No Parking In Driveways

When using the services at the East Activity Center and West Activity Center, please park in parking spaces. Do not park in the driveways, especially in the driveway entrances or exit at the East Activity Center. The driveways must remain clear.

Paving

We have a busy paving schedule this year, with paving projects beginning late April/early May. Please use extra caution when safety cones and flag persons are present in the roadways.

We highly recommend that you leave a spare set of keys with a neighbor in the event your vehicle needs to be moved to accommodate a paving project or in the event emergency equipment/personnel should need access in the parking lot. Please provide a name and phone number of your key holder to the Service Department.

Artists share monthly honor



Jack Johnson and Bob McGrath were recently named co-Artists of the Month for the On Top of the World Art Guild.

Jack created a pastel painting called, "Tropical Sunset."

Bob created a watercolor painting called, "Aging Tree In Winter."

Both award-winning art projects were on display in the East Activity Center for the month of April.



Jack Johnson, left, and Bob McGrath were co-Artists of the Month.

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Dr. Walek also received the "Patient's Choice Award" for 2010 and 2011 as rated by real patients' Online reviews on vitals.com



New 'residents' add tropical feel to EAC

The East Activity Center got two new palm trees in April. If you thought the swimming pool looked inviting before, check it out now. Nothing like a palm tree and a little water!
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Pictured above are members of the Press Association, who ended a successful season with an April luncheon at the Golden Coin restaurant. Anyone who wrote at least three stories and attended at least three meetings was invited as a guest of On Top of the World. In the front row, left to right, are Katarina Tepesch, Tom Brennan, Jane Haynes, Gloria Walz, Cecile Sangiamo, Carol Muntzenberger, Cele Radeloff and Mary Ellis. In the second row are Walter Balderson, Barbara Sundberg, Merle McDonald, Fritz Kocka, Terri Mikszenas, Yvonne Courtney, Elaine Gotler, Leonard Gotler, Lil Cervinka, Ina Colen and Dawn Rubio. In back are Diane Cavanaugh, Kenneth Colen, Arnie Moon, Geri Brown, Fran Fairfield, Dana Garlick, Ed Foland, Marge Mayer, Arlene Bergen, Ann Rost, Margaret Doran, Gloria Clifford, Val Kastner, Theresa Kawalek and Howard Bergendahl.

OTOW News staff celebrates more than 1,000 stories written during 2011-12 season

Your On Top of the World newspaper may be a community publication, but with a staff of all-volunteer writers, there were 1,050 news stories produced for the 2011-12 season.

During the newspaper's annual Appreciation Luncheon, editor Doug Kates said, "one thousand stories is a great accomplishment. The building reporters, club reporters and everyone else who contributes should be very proud of that number."

Anyone on the newspaper staff who wrote at least three stories and attended at least three meetings were invited as a guest to the luncheon. Other reporters attended and paid their own way.

Overall, 37 people were at the luncheon, including special guests Ms. Ina Colen, Leslee Colen and Kenneth Colen, the publisher, who thanked everyone for their hard work and said, as a team, everyone's effort, once again, has helped create a beautiful news-



Press Association

paper the entire community can be proud of.

For the entire season, which runs from May to April, OTOW News produced 916 pages, with the smallest editions - 68 pages - from July through September, and the largest editions - 84 pages - from December through May.

Approximately 130 different writers contributed at least one story during the season, and about 160 different businesses took out at least one ad, including national advertisers such as Ashley Furniture, Dominos Pizza, Subway, Gattitown, H&R Block and

Sports Authority.

Doug said the newspaper staff should also be proud of its contributions to the community this past season.

OTOW News completed its first full year of the Pet of the Month contest, and ended 2011 with a Pet of the Year contest where residents could vote Online.

The staff took a chance on bringing back an old tradition while introducing residents to a 2011 Holiday Lights Contest. The effort brought positive results, opened the door for better results, and definitely gave people something to talk about.

Most important, the contest added to the holiday spirit at On Top of the World.

Also during the past season, the newspaper added new name tags for everyone who writes a building story. The new tags contain individual photos of the writers, plus a background picture of their respective buildings.

The newspaper added a new Web site, published a map of the entire community, and began producing ads and programming on OTOW TV Channel-96.

For next season, Yvonne Courtney will remain as president, Jackie Dooley will remain as vice president, and Dana Garlick will hop aboard as secretary. Gloria Walz will step down, but continue to assist with record keeping and building writer supervision.

The Press Association will hold nine meetings during the 2012-13 season, and, for the first time, three of those meetings will take place at night to give more writers a chance to attend meetings, provide feedback and meet requirements for the Appreciation Luncheon.

The first meeting of the new season will be 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 3, in the East Activity Center card room. There will be no meetings in June, July or September.

Easter bonnet contest results announced

In April, Good Neighbors held an Easter bonnet contest.

Many competed with bonnet of various colors and styles. The ladies pictured here were the winners.

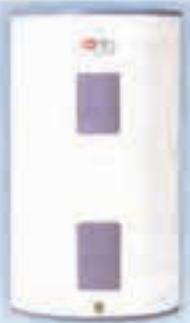
From left to right are Phyllis Brooks, Ann Katz, Hope Stanton and Dila De LaPaz.



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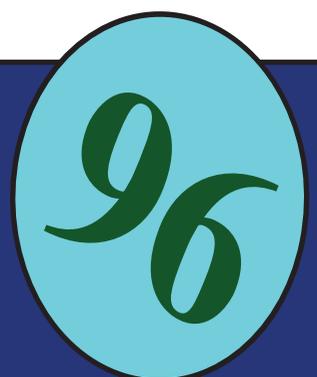
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There are at least four types of scams - get familiar with each of them

ALERT: At this time of the year, I thought it would be a good idea to remind you of some of the far too many scams that are “out there” just waiting to getcha if you don’t watch out.

So here are just a few:

Nigerian Scam: You get an email where someone from some foreign country “prays” (that should be “preys”) that you will help transfer millions of dollars usually from Africa or some Middle Eastern country. There are way too many variations on this to cover, but one is that someone with a similar name to yours has died and you are the only known heir. Contact the emailer, or send money, or send your bank account number to get your millions.

Toss that email in your trash!

Fake Charity Scam: Usually, this is in the form of a telephone call. The caller says he/she is from some charity and solicits your funds — maybe they’ll even come right over to pick up your money. A variation on this is an offer to sell you some goods or products at a very “special” price. Do not talk to the caller! Just hang up your phone, immediately!

Free Lunch Seminars: In an article in 2008, Florida’s former attorney general Bill McCollum pointed out that many such seminars involved misleading or exaggerated claims or fraudulent practices. Florida’s present attorney general, Pam Bondi, has an excellent Website that has quite a bit of solid information regarding frauds and scams that focus on seniors.



Remember this: There is no free lunch!

Emails: You get an email telling you that you need to provide some information about your bank account or your credit card account or your brokerage account, or it will be closed. Banks, brokerages, credit card companies do not communicate by email.

If you have any questions about any account, either go directly to your local bank with a copy of the communication you’ve received, or call the number on the back of your credit card or on your account statement.

Do not call any number given to you in the email or other communication.

Certified Copy of Deed Scam: You get a letter that says in order to protect ownership of your property you should have a certified copy of your deed and if you don’t have one send money (it’s ALWAYS about sending money isn’t it?) and they will send you a certified copy of your deed.

You do not need a certified copy of your deed. Toss that letter into the

trash.

PLEASE, do not fall for any promise to get you on the “ground floor” or that demands that you make up your mind “right now,” or that “guarantees a profit or more monthly income.”

Be Alert!

Unfortunately, you must assume that you are or could be a target for a scammer.

Q. How do I get scammers and advertisers to quit calling?

A. You can register home and cell phone numbers at www.donotcall.gov or by calling 1-888-382-1222. Everyone should do that as soon as possible. However, a really smart strategy is to make sure that you have a good answering machine with a Caller ID that displays at least the phone number that is calling or that displays the name of the caller.

And make sure that you know how to use it.

Then, make sure you look at the Caller ID display whenever a call comes in, that you do not answer the call until there is a display, and if you do not recognize the number, or if you are not sure who is calling, or if the display says “Unavailable,” then do not answer the phone.

Important callers will leave a message with a call back number. If it’s just a call back number without a message, then delete it and do not call back.

Q. I intend to marry my lady

friend who is 12 years older than I am. Why do we need a pre-nuptial agreement? Maybe we don’t.

A. Maybe you don’t, but maybe she does.

Q. I am 85 and my “boyfriend” is a few years older. My daughter said she believes that there’s a Florida law that says a couple cannot get married if either one or both are older than 85. True?

A. False.

Gerald R. Colen is an attorney who is a member of both the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. He concentrates his practice of law in the areas of real estate, elder law, wills, trusts, probate, business law and simple and complex estate planning. He welcomes your questions and comments. This column is not intended to provide legal advice, but is only intended to provide limited information on the specific matters raised in the questions and answers. You should always consult your own attorney for specific advice. Mr. Colen is available for conferences at his law office at 7243 Bryan Dairy Road, Largo, FL, 33777. His phone number is (727) 545-8114. He is also pleased to respond to email at his email address of gcolen@tampabay.rr.com or through his Web page at www.gcolen.com. In Ocala, FL, Mr. Colen is available by appointment for legal conferences at the On Top of the World sales office, which is located near Sid’s Cafe.

Bring in your old medications May 10

The Clearwater Police Department continues to sponsor the program “Medicine Cabinet” which gives residents a chance to dispose of outdated, no longer used medicines.

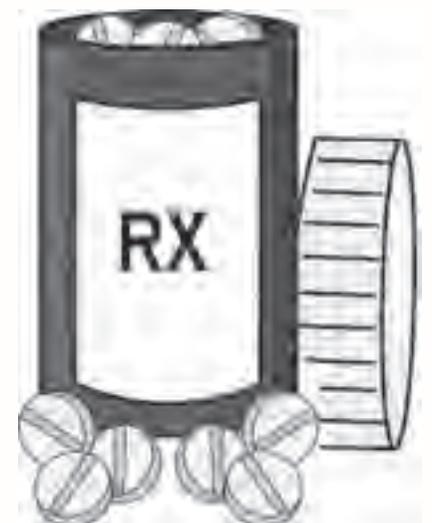
They will also accept outdated medicines for animals.

Please do not put medicines in

the garbage or flush them down the toilet as they contaminate our water.

The Clearwater Police Department will be here Thursday, May 10, at our East Activity Center, the morning of our Good Neighbors meeting.

Please bring any medicines you wish to dispose of that morning.



Curlew Hills Memorial Day Services

Curlew Hills Memory Gardens will proudly hold its 25th annual Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 28 at 9:30 a.m.

The moving observance program will take place under the majestic oaks in front of our Circle of Valor. There will be live patriotic music and plenty of refreshments. This year, Dunkin Donuts will be on site with coffee and donuts to add to the celebration.

Our Memorial Day Services are very special to us. It gives us great pride to honor the many brave men and women who have and continue to so gallantly serve our country. We have assembled some of the most respected community and religious leaders to speak at this wonderful event.

The Saturday prior to Memorial Day, Curlew Hills will host another special event. As tradition, the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops will place flags on all veterans' graves. This is an annual Memorial Day ritual and helps the Scout troops achieve merit badges.

I hope you join us at both these very special patriotic occasions to celebrate our veterans. Please call our office if you would like more information. 727-789-2000.

The great pumpkin experiment



What is the most beautiful flower in the world?

Some of you might say a rose.

Some of you might say a tulip.

Some of you might even say your spouse?

But if you ask me, the most beautiful flower comes from pumpkins. Seriously!

Everyone has seen a pumpkin, but have you see the big, bold, beautiful orange flowers that grow before the pumpkin hatches?

When I lived in Pennsylvania, growing pumpkins in a little garden was one of my favorite things to do.

Pumpkin plants are like vines that grow along the ground. You never know where the vines will crawl and you never know exactly where a pumpkin will come to rest, grow and turn color.

It's kind of like a game that takes about six months to answer.



Doug's pumpkin garden only two weeks after planting.

For the first time since leaving Pennsylvania, I've decided to try to grow pumpkins here in Clearwater. I know up north pumpkins love the seasonal weather, but I'm not sure how they're going to like the Florida climate?

I plan on finding out.

This experiment started in early April by soaking pumpkin seeds in water for one full day, then planting them in a half-shade, half-sunlight area in my backyard. I added a few leftover coffee grinds for flavor and then began the waiting game.

Amazingly, two days later, those

seeds were already reaching for the sunshine, and a week later you could already tell they were pumpkin plants.

I'm not sure how long it will take before I see my first pumpkin flower, but when it happens, I'll take a picture for you.

Be prepared for something brighter than a rose, more colorful than a tulip, and the perfect gift for your spouse on Halloween.

But please don't try this experiment in your own yard. I'm sure pumpkin plants are banned from OTOW. The vines will make a lawn disappear in a hurry.

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It took a lot of hard work, from a lot of people, before dog park could open

The On Top of the World Dog Park was officially opened on April 20.

Dozens of OTOW residents and their pets were in attendance as Sharon Licata and I performed the ribbon cutting ceremony of your newest amenity.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon for all of us, especially the dogs, who seemed aware that the festivities were for their benefit.

Local vendors supplied treats and goodies for the pets, while Sharon, Julie Hipp and I served hot dogs and refreshments for our residents.

This day marked the official completion of the Dog Park project,



but SCA has a few more touches to add.

In the near future we will build a

shaded sitting area outside of the dog park where other residents can relax and observe the dogs at play.

We are delighted by the positive and appreciative comments that we have received and we hope the Dog Park provides many enjoyable hours for you and your dogs.

This Dog Park was created by the Sidney Colen & Associates (SCA) work group, but we could not have done it without additional help from our teammates at Parkway Maintenance and Management. I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to the following people who helped bring this plan together and who will help

maintain it:

John Brown, Julie Hipp, Kevin Lewis, Brian Jones, Cindy Hutchings, Gary Armstrong and the Irrigation team - Al Martin, Gary Hogan, David Kennedy and Jose Jacquez. Rich Piliago and the Landscape crew - David Fox, Will Brinson, Tim Amdor, Brett Mullins, Paul McGregor, Andrew Figgs, David York, Paul McGregor, Wayne Depriest and Pat Burns.

The On Top of the World Community employs many hard-working and creative people; those mentioned above are just a few.

Thank you one and all.

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Chicken for a Crowd



Chicken always seems to be a crowd favorite. Here are two quick, tasty and easy recipes I hope you will try.

Caramelized Baked Chicken Wings

- 3 pounds chicken wings
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
 - 1 cup honey
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- salt and pepper to taste

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
2. Place chicken in a 9x13 inch baking dish. Mix together the oil, soy sauce, ketchup, honey, garlic, salt and pepper. Pour over the chicken.
3. Bake in preheated oven for one hour, or until sauce is caramelized.



Sour Cream Baked Chicken

- 8 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1 (6 ounce) package herb-seasoned stuffing mix, crushed into crumbs
- 2 teaspoons celery salt
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 1 dash pepper
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease a baking dish.

2. In a medium bowl, mix the sour cream, lemon juice, soy sauce, celery salt, garlic salt, and pepper. Dip each chicken breast in the sour cream

mixture, then roll in the stuffing mix to coat. Arrange chicken in the prepared baking dish. Drizzle with the melted butter.

3. Bake 40 to 50 minutes in the preheated oven, until the chicken is no longer pink and the juices run clear.

You can learn something from stars who have and don't have egos

Egos ... are they a good thing or a bad thing?

We all have one.

Egoism or egotism is defined as an excessive or exaggerated sense of self-importance.

Most actors and entertainers have a huge one. For an example, if you are a comedian, you could not possibly follow a Bob Hope on stage if you didn't think you were as good, if not better, than him.

This is a good thing if you keep it under control. The problem comes when egos take over. Then you become a control freak and begin to affect people around you.

Perfect examples of that are Milton Berle and Jerry Lewis. When they



Walter
Balderson

Inside Showbiz

come on stage, they have to control everything - the lighting, audio, make-up, and even tell the other actors how to read their lines.

When Milton had his early TV show, he was the first to bring Hollywood stars to the small screen. His actions were very intimidating and some stars were too afraid to come on the

program.

TV was all live at that time and they were only familiar with film where they could use as many takes as necessary to get it right.

What made the Carol Burnett show so much fun to do was that no one had super egos that got in the way. Carol did not have to get the laugh. She laughed at Tim Conway and Harvey Korman as much as they laughed at her.

None were a threat to each other.

Your ego gets in the way when you feel you have to knock someone down because they are gaining on you. When Camelot, featuring Richard Burton and a young romantic singer from Canada named Robert Goulet, was on Broadway, Richard had Robert's songs

cut from four to two because he was stealing the show. Richard felt insecure.

On the other hand, when you have talent and feel secure you can keep your ego in balance, you are not trying to prove anything to anyone. These are people who are a pleasure to be around.

People who come to mind are Dinah Shore, Dean Martin, Betty White, Ernie Kovacs, Edie Adams, Nat King Cole and Perry Como, to name a few.

So now you know if you have an ego. Maybe you can see yourself in some of the names mentioned above.

If it's all about you, your ego has gotten in the way. Maybe there are times you need to back off a little.

Coming to the East Activity Center starting May 6 ...



Wii Bowling

What is Wii Bowling? Wii is a video game system your children or grandchildren might have at their homes to play video games on their TV sets. But the Wii system (pronounced 'wee') also comes with games where you become the athlete on the TV screen. One such game is bowling. You hold a remote joystick in your hand that acts as your bowling ball. You swing the joystick as if swinging a real bowling ball, follow through, and watch the "ball" roll down the alley toward the virtual pins. The only thing you don't do (hopefully) is let go of the joystick! Organizers of this event are looking for an extra activity for residents to do over the spring and summer. How bowling night works will depend on how many people are interested. Organizers are currently looking for the biggest TV screen available to them and currently this function is scheduled for the EAC large card room. Check it out 2-4 p.m., Sunday, May 6, and each Sunday in May and June.

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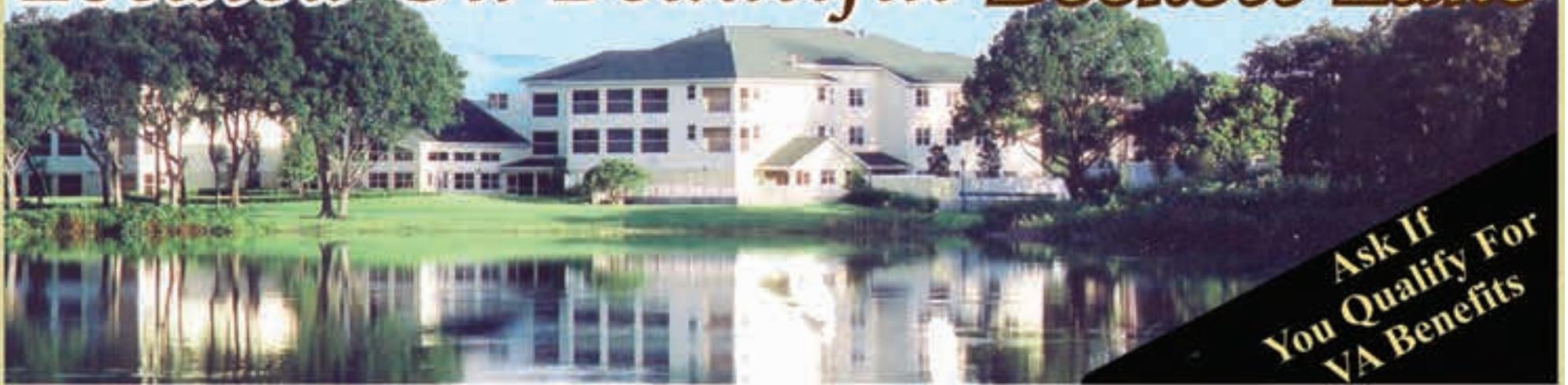
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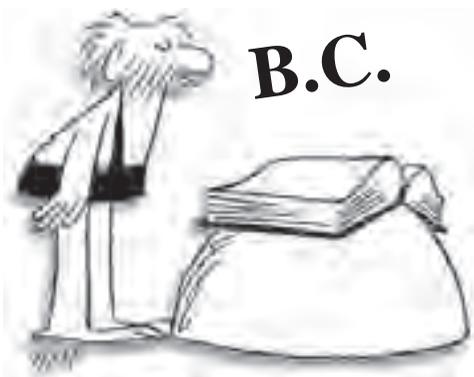
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You'll never guess who came to the Greyhound Club's drawing class?



By Bill Sharpsteen

The Greyhound Club welcomed two very special guests to On top of the World in March.

We had celebrity relatives of a cartoonist, who brought laughter to the world through his two comic strips, "B.C." and "Wizard of Id." They were here visiting Greyhound Club President Bill Sharpsteen and his step-sister, Sharen Guokas, to see life at OTOW for a few weeks.

The mother-daughter team really enjoyed their visit here and fit right into our very active social Greyhound Club activities calendar!

If you haven't guessed yet, the world famous cartoonist was Johnny Hart, and his famous visiting celebrity relatives were wife, Bobby Hart, and daughter, Perri Hart.

Together with Sharen and myself, the four of us jumped right into the fun activities at OTOW by joining the greyhounds in the Irish Club's St Patrick's Day Parade. Bobby rode the float, and in between her wonderful queen's wave, she filled baskets with candy for the residents and guests watching. What a time it was for a gal who originally comes from a little town in Georgia and later upstate New York.

Before March ended, the four



Bobby Hart, left, wife of former B.C. and Wizard of Id cartoonist Johnny Hart, learns to draw during an art class sponsored by the Greyhound Club. Joining Bobby is her daughter, Perri.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

of us participated in the first annual Art Workshop sponsored by the Greyhound Club. Famed Vermont artist Linda Evans gave us some expert instruction.

Linda was impressed to have Bobby as a student, especially since her husband drew for a living. Perri was a treat to have in class, too, because she is now coloring cartoons after her dad's passing five years ago.

Perri and sister Patti, along with grandsons Mason and Mick Mastroianni, help continue the comic strip to this day, which is now over 50 years old!

Mason, who draws the cartoon for national syndication across the U.S., says, "A comic strip has longevity to it that a lot of things don't, these days. I feel fortunate to be carrying on something that can live through generations."

Mick grew up reading his grandfather's "B.C." books in bed every night. Today, Mick co-writes and develops new concepts for "B.C."

Mick's edgy writing style is reminiscent of the humor from the early days of the strip. In 2004, Mick created his own comic strip, The Dogs of C-Kennel, currently in development with Creators Syndicate.

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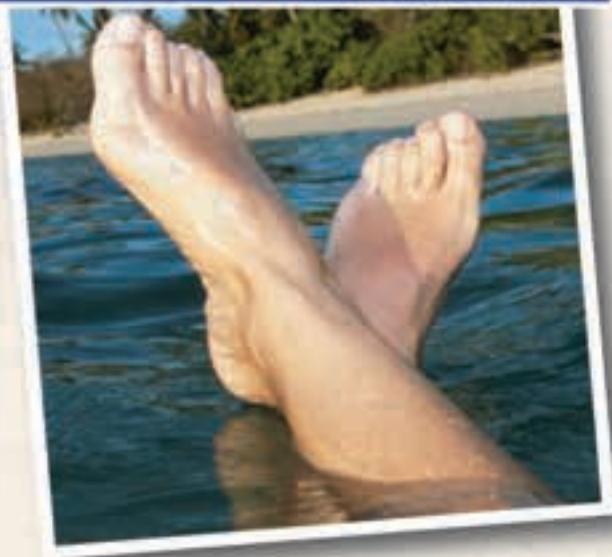


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Raffles for cash prizes will start in July

Hi, Good Neighbors.

We have decided to have cash drawings for July and August of \$500 for each month at Good Neighbors Thursday.

We plan on giving twenty \$25 cash prizes. Coffee Corner has graciously donated \$100. We will give out a \$50 cash prize for each month. Thank you, Coffee Corner. You are very generous.

Coffee Corner is located in the East Activity Center. They are open every weekday morning until 10 a.m. You can buy coffee and a donut for \$1. So if you haven't been there before, please do. You will enjoy it.

The Gift Shoppe will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. till noon this summer. Thankfully, enough volunteers have stepped up to man, or I should say woman, the shop.

Remember, if you need an inexpensive gift, come on in because we

Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

have some wonderful items that are handcrafted by community residents, plus we need your support.

Remember, the shop is for the convenience of the community, so take advantage of it. Don't forget the 50 cent cards.

I want to give a special thanks to the volunteers who helped with the flea market and the Easter sunrise service. Both events were a success.

I hope everyone has a good month. See you at the shop and on Good Neighbors Thursdays.

What's Your View?

By Bob Reis

Our club is currently enjoying presentations, which are followed by a question and answer period.

The discussions give you the opportunity to express your own views.

We also have "Open Discussion" meetings. With this format you have the opportunity to suggest a topic of special interest to you.

Join us on any Tuesday. You don't have to be a member of our club to attend. You're welcome



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Social Committee helps make Spring Fling a special event



Line Dancing

By Julie Narancich

Once again, our line dancing social committee members did a fantastic job for our "Spring Fling" celebration.

On March 27, the line dancing group held their "Spring Fling" party. We gathered together at noon and enjoyed a wonderful meal organized by our social committee members, Helen Crombie and Loni Bentley.

Helen moved to On Top of the World in 2003 with her husband, Donald. Shortly thereafter, Helen joined the line dancers.

Within the first year of moving to OTOW, Helen became a member of the social committee and has remained in that capacity today.

Loni moved to On Top of the World four years ago. Loni and her husband, Bentley, moved to Florida from Ohio. Loni joined the line dancing group approximately two years ago. She volunteered to be on the social committee a year ago.

We truly appreciate all that Helen and Loni do for our Line Dancing group. Thanks so much for your hard work.



Loni Bentley and Helen Crombie.

While we are starting to say goodbye to some of our friends heading north for the summer, we continue to Line Dance twice weekly. We will miss all of you and look forward to seeing you soon. Safe travel to all of you.

We welcome all of you to join us every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center au-

ditorium.

Beginner lessons are the first half hour and are very helpful. Please join us and bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

For any questions regarding Line Dancing, please contact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100. Hope to see you soon!



Art Guild

Painting Pals will continue through summer

By Jean Doane

The Art Guild met on Friday, April 13, in the East Activity Center A Room to end this season with a short business meeting and a salad and pizza party.

The Board members were introduced and approved for the coming year of November 2012 to April 2013, and adjourned to enjoy the wine and delicious food.

The Painting Pals sessions on Wednesday from 1-3 or even 4 p.m. will continue through the summer. If you have an interest in trying your hand at painting or just like a good light and space to spread out your painting and paints, please join the group.

There may be an isolated day or two during the summer when no one will be there, but generally we want to keep the space available for painting together. They may even have music.

It was decided to try to keep Thursday afternoons available for drawing on one's own, but doing it together. Both Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. will be in Room A in the East Activity Center.

Our next general meeting of the Art Guild will be Friday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m., and John Fier will again teach the drawing class starting the first Thursday of November 2012.

The Board members for next year are: Dale Stackhouse, president; Marge McClure, first vice president in charge of programs; Barbara Holland and Mario Altieri, second vice presidents in charge of "Artist of the Month"; RoseAnne Moon, third vice president in charge of membership; Page Wright, member at large representing OTOW Art Guild at Good Neighbors; John Fier, treasurer; Jane Treggett, recording secretary; Jean Doane, corresponding secretary; and Bob Hammond, Sergeant at Arms.

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We are still playing bingo in May, but will be off May 28 for the holiday

By Brad Day

Hello to all our Bingo players.

We are still going strong thanks to your support.

Some of our friends are already heading north for the summer in part due to the fabulous weather up there.

The rest of us will be hanging around here, and hopefully playing Bingo every Monday night.

The prizes have been fantastic, but with the decreased attendance, they will adjust over time.

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Always remember we stop sales at 6:15 p.m. each night. The games start as close to 6:30 as we can. That gives us only 15 minutes to count the donations and calculate the prizes. So please try to bear with us.

Mark your calendar. We will be closed for Memorial Day on May 28, but will continue on until July when we will close for the month to recharge our batteries.

We are all volunteers. We work out tails off to give you the best experience you could ask for.

So continue to support your Bingo. We can't do it without you.



Singles Club

Lunch trip set in May

By Dorothy Carpenito

Our March fashion show was a great success, and we thank the lovely ladies who acted as models.

Our annual picnic was held in Philippe Park and 33 members enjoyed good weather, good food and good friends.

What else can we ask for!

On Friday, May 25, we will have a trip to the Don Cesar for lunch. Transportation will be provided by the Jolly Trolley. That should be fun!

Please call Dorothy Carpenito at 796-4460 or Lucy Castello at 669-3784 for details.

Come join us at our next meeting on Saturday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Happy Mothers Day!

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Installation dinner marks end to season

By Merle MacDonald

The stage may be dark, but the stars will twinkle brightly in the East Activity Center Starlite Room as Kenneth Colon swears in the new Theater Workshop officers for 2012-13.

The Installation Dinner is on Wednesday, May 2, and will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The meal, catered by McCabe's, will feature a choice of chicken chasseur, apricot-stuffed pork, or stir-fried vegetables. Some beverages will be included.

Reservations were being accepted until April 25 and the cost for members was \$9 with that for guests being \$18. If you would like to attend and have not made a reservation, please call Mary or Will Sundblad to inquire if any openings remain.

At the general meeting on April 4, officers for the new season were elected. They are Brad Day, president; Arlene Kilpatrick, vice president; Susan Little, secretary; Lilli Scheifen,



Theater Workshop

assistant secretary; Paige Johnson, treasurer, and Pat Kangar, assistant treasurer.

DVDs of the show are now on sale. Please see Roger Nicoll, Mary or Will to make your purchase. They will be \$10.

The Installation Dinner takes the place of the general meeting and officially marks the end of the Theater Workshop season. We wish you all a fun-filled summer and safe travels wherever you may go. We hope to see all of you back in the fall.



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Chorus celebrates successful concert season with gathering and election of new officers



Chorus

By Dana Garlick

The 2012 spring concert concluded successfully April 1, and we were so pleased to have the support of our On Top of the World friends and neighbors at our performances.

The chorus celebrated the end of all the practice sessions and the conclusions of our show by going to the Sunset Grill to gather one more time before we say goodbye for the summer.

At the restaurant, our director, Beth Kendall, installed the new officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

President Julia Galpin Contella
 First Vice President Bernadette Krauss
 Second Vice President Russ Clark
 Treasurer Rita Tombari
 Secretary Arlene Kilpatrick
 Stage Manager Herb Jordan
 Publications Director Dana Garlick
 Historian Jackie Dooley
 Librarian Evelyn Salta
 Member at Large Betty Ross
 Member at Large Jim Salta
 Immediate Past President Keith Bekofske

We wish to thank Keith Bekofske for his steady leadership these last two years. We appreciate all he has done to encourage us and lead us during his time in office.

We look forward to a summer of rest, for some in different places, but most looking forward to return to sing in the fall. We hope others who have had some singing experience will think about joining us in October.

Being part of a group is a great way to stay healthy. Being part of a group and singing adds years to your life.



Warming up for the spring concert were, left to right, are Arlene Kilpatrick, Kathy Baden, Eileen Bekofske, Janet Soltys, Petie Fornuto and Carolanne Futej. (OTOW News photo by Jackie Dooley)

Stop back and take another look at our bookshelves

By Joan Tannahill

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Book Sale a success.

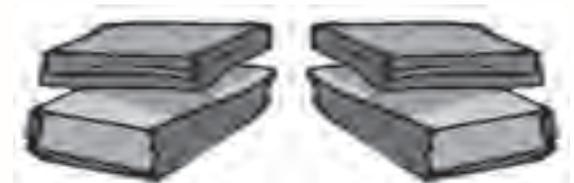
Those of you who came in the afternoon also got the opportunity to see our library open and in operation. We hope you took a look around to see just what is available on our shelves.

We think we have a pretty good selection and we invite you to come back, do some more browsing and maybe become a member. All you need is your On Top of the World activity card and \$2. Just ask any of our volunteers. They will be happy to assist you.

We would like to remind our readers to keep us informed of books that need repairs. Frequently we can make small repairs before they become so large we have to discard the book.

Some of us still hesitate to point out needed repairs because in our youth some adults were so quick to assume we were responsible for damages. That doesn't happen at the OTOW library. Just point out any damage and we will take care of it.

We still have people who make various marks in the library books they have read. We realize that is an easy way to keep track of what you have read but please remember these are library books and are for everyone to enjoy.



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Some of our members keep a record of books they have read in a small notebook. This seems to be an efficient way of keeping track of previously read books and you know there are some books you might even enjoy reading a second time.

Have you noticed how quiet things get around On Top of the World as our winter residents leave? We really notice it in the library. There are fewer people coming in and our shelves are full.

If there is a book you have been wanting to read, now is a good time to look for it. We have a policy of not saving books for patrons, so you might check the shelves carefully every time you come in and remember there are a lot of good reads on all the shelves.

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Volunteers honored but Snowbirds Club remains very active through the spring, summer



Snowbirds Club

By John Koning

There is a certain irony in the Snowbirds Club name. It is easy to assume that you must be a northern snowbird to belong to the club and also that the fun and festivities grind to a halt when the northern snowbirds have flown away.

Both assumptions could not be further from the truth.

In fact, club membership is open to anyone at On Top of the World who can afford \$5 a year and enjoys having fun. It is also a club that just keeps on truckin' right through the Florida summer.

We just hosted our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party at Country Pizza, but it doesn't mean we have gone into summer hibernation. It was simply the best opportunity to reward our club volunteers while most of them are still around.

The volunteers gorged themselves on free pizza, beer and soft drinks. It was the club's way of saying thanks for making this season another winner.

Our membership swelled to 433 this season and it takes an army of selfless individuals to keep the fun going.

This summer, our Snowbirds or "lucky birds," as we northerners call them, are off to Biloxi for a three-day shopping and gambling spree. They will also head out on a couple of exciting cruises and continue to enjoy the great food and hilarious antics at Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Theater.



Sandy Sanborn (left) and Ann Adams kept the thirsty volunteers happy during the Snowbirds' volunteer appreciation party. (Photo by Lois Van De Bogart)

If you are interested in being a "lucky bird," fly on over to the EAC on Monday mornings or contact Sandy Sanborn at 727-216-7922. You can also book events by mail. Go to www.snowbirdsofotow.com

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Lambda Club not taking the spring off

By Dave Beaven

April was a busy month for the Lambda Club.

I'd like to thank the many members who pitched in and brought delicious food for the Easter/Spring potluck dinner. We had 27 diners there, and no one went away hungry.

Other events that we participated in were the Splash of Jazz benefit at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and the Cole Porter Concert. Some of us even made it down to St. Petersburg for the Rocky Horror Show performance at Demen's Landing.

The month of May means that many of our Snowbird residents are returning to their summer homes. It certainly is a nice lifestyle to be able to follow the seasons like that.

For the rest of us year-rounders,



Lambda

May starts a quieter season here. Not so many people on the golf course, and the activity centers get a little sleepier, too.

In fact, several of the On Top of the World clubs go on hiatus. That's not the case for Lambda, though, and May is no exception.

This month the club will have a beach day. Spring breakers have finally gone home and left our beaches easier to get to. Lambdians will be

encouraged to grab their sunscreen, beach umbrellas and coolers, and caravan down to Sunset Beach on the first weekend.

We will also be having our popular movie night in May. This is always preceded by a social hour where people get a chance to have a drink and catch up with their friends.

So while our Snowbird friends are enjoying the cooler weather up north, we will be keeping the Activity Center in use in their absence. See you back in the fall.

Lambda is a social club for our gay and lesbian residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include cocktail parties, dine-outs, game nights, and movie nights. Also, we have a group, the

Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all our gay and lesbian residents in the OTOW community, but we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda meets monthly on the second Friday at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crafts Room. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

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Test your spit, you may learn something

By Anne B. Watkins

Our program on April 9 was called "Miscellaneous."

We began our discussion about worthwhile historically-related day trips people have taken this year, namely to Heritage Village in Largo and the Ringling Museum in Sarasota.

We also talked about DNA, since several in the group have sent their spit to be analyzed - you read it right - the venue we used, 23andMe, doesn't do swabs!

There we discovered relatives we never heard of before and found some really startling facts about how close we all are under the skin.

For the scheduled part of the program, we had four people who had volunteered to speak on a variety of subjects.

The first, June Richardson, read



Family History

her life story, called "Who Am I?" She told of her solid grounding in religion, and how she wants to play tennis until the day she dies! June and her sister married brothers, which is not all that unusual, and she and her husband renewed their vows in Cana not long ago, on a trip to Jerusalem. She has been a kindergarten and first-grade teacher,

and in retirement, enjoys Bible study and visiting shut-ins, as well as shopping at thrift stores!

Next was Virginia Rudolph, who brought in samples of baskets made from pine needles! They were made by her aunt after she retired. When employed during WWII, while all the men were away fighting for our country, Virginia's aunt ran an overhead crane, and she was darn good at it!

Dan Hooper brought us print-outs of a 1940 form to help us navigate our way through the latest census that was just released on April 2. There is just one problem - it isn't yet indexed, so it takes a bit of doing to find whom you're looking for. The accepted way, at this time, is to find the Electoral District number of your town from the 1930 census, and then apply that

to 1940. Hopefully, you're looking for a small town, or there could be multiple EDs!

Last, Anne Watkins talked about the Salem Witch trials of 1692, when 20 women were executed. We heard about one woman, in particular, because she was an old, impoverished widow, who had few of her children survive, and who was accused of appearing as a specter to young women and causing harm to some who had refused to give her aid. Her trial lasted only one day and she was summarily executed. We're glad not to live in those times!

Because most of the group will have left for the summer, we decided not to have a meeting in May, so we'll be up and running again on Monday, Nov. 12. See you then!

Club switches meeting dates

By Bill Sharpsteen

We had our last first-Thursday-of-the-month meeting on April 5. With our next meeting, Nov 15, we will be changing our meeting to the third Thursday of the month and the time to 11 a.m.

We also plan to have exciting theme parties with food, contests and prizes. The best part is, you will meet professional athletes, our retired racing greyhounds!

What a turnout we had Sunday April 1 for our ninth annual Birthday Bash and Greyhound Reunion held at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor.

Between noon and 4 p.m. we had more than 160 people and 80 greyhounds join us at this catered event. We served a meal fit for Royalty from 1-3 p.m! This is an annual event, so plan to join us for the 10th year celebration in late March or early April 2013.

Thanks to all who made the St Patrick's Day Parade such a success. The Irish Club always makes it bigger and better each year!

We even had a celebrity on the Greyhound Club float waving and sending candy sweets to the crowd. She was Bobby Hart, wife of famed cartoonist Johnny Hart. See the article on page 17 of this section for full details about her visit to OTOW and



Greyhound Club

read how she jumped right into our Greyhound Club activities!

That article also mentions our very successful first annual Art Workshop with famed Vermont artist Linda Evans. I left with my very satisfying original framed art piece named "Smokey!"

Always remember every third Friday in Safety Harbor. We set up at Second Avenue and Main Street to show off the greyhounds for adoption. We also continue to visit several ALFs in the county each month to bring cheer to their residents with our "Gentle Giants!"

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Happy Mother's Day
from the OTOW Press Association

Admiring the work of carpenters has given one club member a hobby for retirement

By Nancy House

Dick Collins grew up in Indianapolis, Ind., took electrical shop in high school and avoided the wood-working department.

After graduation, he joined the Navy Reserves and was hired by General Motors, where he worked for a year and 10 months before the Navy called up his unit.

Dick was stationed overseas for two years doing electrical repair work on damaged ships motors. After his military obligation, he returned to General Motors to work as an electrician from 1950-1970.

In 1970 he was promoted to supervisor of all trades, which included the carpenters - a job he kept until retirement in 1990.

Dick exclaimed, "I became fascinated with the magic the carpenters could perform on a piece of rough wood. I started watching these men work on company projects, asked questions, and became interested in the art of being able to create beautiful pieces of furniture from wood.

"With the help and suggestions from the carpenters, I started ordering tools that I would need to build my own small woodshop in the garage. On the weekend I would work on an end table and on Monday quiz the carpenters for ideas to improve my crude effort.

"As the ideas grew and the tool inventory increased, the small wood shop took up about a third of my three-car garage," Dick said with a broad smile.

Dick watched these skilled craftsmen build cabinets at work and then went home to his small wood-working shop to build his own cabinet.



Hoosier Club

His weekend hobby grew so much that he started buying plans from catalogs and spending evenings and weekends working in the woodshop.

Some of his favorite projects are a playhouse he built for his daughters, a china cabinet as a wedding present for a grandchild, a gazebo that is still standing in the yard of a house that he sold, plus a coffee table and end tables for his wife, Jessie.

"She found the plans in one of my catalogs with special wood carvings on the legs. I made them out of red oak and worked five weeks during my leisure time to complete this living room furniture," remembered Dick.

Two months ago Mary Beth Hufty, president of the Hoosier Club, handed a small sketch to Dick and asked him to build her a podium to use when conducting meetings.

"How am I going to build anything using that!" Dick thought when he unfolded the piece of paper.

He revised the blueprint, found a wood with a finish on it that wouldn't need painting, had her stand up so the dimensions would be correct for her height, and built it in the toyshop at OTOW after he had filled all the orders for Sharing and Caring.

The podium, and other requests, are done for a donation to cover the cost of supplies necessary to complete



Dick Collins

a project.

"Everyone should have a hobby, especially during retirement years," Dick said. "It helps to pass the time, and it's a good way to meet new friends.

"We came to OTOW as Snowbirds because of the woodshop. Our condo is just across the street from the East Activity Center and from 8 to 4 I get to work on my projects.

"It depends on my health this summer, but I plan to work in my In-

diana woodshop making playing card holders. I sell them up north by word of mouth, which makes enough cash to buy more red oak.

"By the way, my 80th birthday will be on June 21, the first day of summer," Dick added with a twinkle in his eyes.

Happy 80th birthday, Dick!

The next general meeting for the Hoosier Club will be Tuesday, Nov. 6 in the EAC craft room.

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Newly planted Variegated Schefflera Arboricola, properly mulched, in the garden of Marilyn and Ted Berger, Building 10.

Try mulch for your finishing touch

By C. Wallace

You've done the weeding and planted some nice, little, new plants in your flower bed.

You step back to take a look and can't help but notice that most of what you see is the surrounding soil.

That may be the first time you think about mulch. This is natural.

One of mulch's long list of benefits is that it gives you something more attractive than soil to look at while you're waiting for your plants to grow.

It also promises to block weeds, although some weeds have not been informed about this.

Thicker mulch blocks more



Garden Club

weeds. Applying a product like Preen before mulch can assist in preventing weeds and feed your new plants.

If you choose mulch made from something that was once alive, such as leaves, grass clippings, wood chips or bark, the mulch will decompose over time and become an important integral part of healthy soil.

Your plants will be healthier because more of what they really need will be available from the busy world going on in the soil.

Before you put down mulch, give the area a good soak. The mulch barrier will keep the soil moist.

Apply mulch in a layer that is thin enough to allow water from rain and watering to reach the soil and your plants' roots. After you water, check under the mulch to be sure the soil is getting wet. You'll be surprised how much water the mulch can absorb.

Mulch experts are adamant about never letting mulch touch the stalk of your plant. As mulch decomposes naturally, it can damage the plant if it's

touching it. Use the mulch to open a circle around the plant and when you water, direct the water there, where it's more likely to reach the roots.

Plan to make adjustments to the mulch as a regular part of tending your garden. Keep mulch away from plant stems. Thin it where it seems too thick and thin it where it seems to be bunching. Sneak under mulch to remove annoying weeds by their roots.

After every gardening session, remember to step back, admire the garden and smile.

More and more On Top of the World gardeners are talking about getting together. Watch for a Garden Club meeting in November.

Get that 'good, warm feeling' from helping an On Top of the World neighbor

By Carl & Betty Leiby

Some of our volunteers have been serving for many years. They can attest to the "good, warm feeling" obtained while helping our On Top of the World neighbors.

Faithful volunteers for six months are wonderful, but they go home. Our year-round helpers need some respite occasionally, and we invite any caring neighbor to volunteer for the spring and summer months to deliver hot meals to our OTOW clients.

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Meals On Wheels

din Masonic Lodge. The time required is about 90 minutes.

Our clients are delighted to have a different friendly neighbor bring them a warm, delicious, hot meal and

a warm greeting each day.

The meals are planned by a Neighborly Care Network dietician. It is a well-balanced meal with an interesting variety each month. This cost is only \$5.25 each, billed monthly. A meal includes a main entrée, vegetables, salad, bread, fruit, milk and often desserts are included.

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OTOW resident developed a pitching arm by retaliating against store vandals

By Laura Evans

Most professional or semi-pro baseball players started their careers while playing Little League or in a program for kids.

Not Paul Zuckerman, who is currently an On Top of the World resident living in the Casa Verde building.

He got started by throwing cans and bottles at intoxicated bar patrons, who constantly threw the same objects at his family-owned store in New York City.

"I grew up in a rough neighborhood," Paul said. "My parents owned a store on a corner and right across the street was a bar. Some who visited the bar would decide after a heavy night of drinking that we didn't belong in the neighborhood, and upon leaving the bar they would throw cans or bottles at our store and break our windows."

One night, Paul decided enough was enough. Shortly after more than one bottle hit a store window, Paul decided to do something about it.

"My mother was scared," Paul said. "My dad wanted to fight back, but he was not able to. I was just a kid. Yet, I felt a strong sense of protectiveness overcome me. That night I crouched in the basement steps in front of our store waiting for another attack. I didn't wait long. A can came whizzing by.

"Running up the steps, I reached down, picked up the can, wound up my arm like a pitcher, and return the can to hit the bullseye - the sender."

Feeling he accomplished something, Paul began making it a habit to stay up late at night and protect the store. In a sense, throwing cans and bottles back at bad people was giving him a great pitching workout.

"Word got out that I could pitch those cans back faster than the person throwing them," Paul said. "It was decided that I was probably a good kid and to leave the store alone. Not the ideal way to develop a fast pitching arm but I did."

Paul absorbed two important traits that would serve him well the rest of his life: First, a fast pitch, and second, the knowledge that it was important to be accepted and one way to be accepted was to have a needed skill.

And with this skill of a fast pitching arm, Paul began to play baseball.

Paul became the captain of his high school baseball team for all four years, leading his team to the 1946



Paul Zuckerman holds a baseball trophy presented to him by Babe Ruth. In the background are photos of Paul with famous golfers Arnold Palmer, Chi Chi Rodriguez and Nancy Lopez.

Greater New York Sandlot Championship Game, where, in a surprise move for his individual strength as a pitcher, he was honored in the middle of a game.

"It is the eighth inning. I am on the pitcher's mound. A runner is on first base with one out," Paul said. "I am focused on the batter. There are 25,000 people there. I don't hear them, but I do hear and ignore a call from the sidelines, 'Zuckerman, leave the mound.' I hear the call again, and with my game face on, I look over, still not understanding the reason for the com-

mand. I hear a deep, gruffly, loud voice say, 'I like that kid.' I knew that voice. I looked over and it was Babe Ruth."

The game was stopped to allow Babe Ruth to present Paul with the trophy as the Most Valuable Player in the New York Sandlot Championship.

Later, Paul learned he was given the trophy before the end of the game because Babe Ruth needed to leave the game before it was over so he wouldn't get mobbed by the fans.

Paul's team ended up winning the game 5-2.

A short time later, the Dodg-

ers appeared in Paul's life. They approached him as a pitching draft choice. However, Paul also possessed a healthy view of his own talents and recognized on his own that at 5-feet, 9-inches tall, and less than a great runner, he would not have what it takes to make baseball a career.

Paul understood the win-win philosophy; so he offered to help the Dodgers in drafting seven players. In exchange, Paul wanted (and received) a full college baseball scholarship.

Paul led the college baseball team as captain for four years and helped develop the skills of his other teammates. He did this by encouraging others to develop their talents. He graduated with honors.

Next came the Navy and the opportunity to get his Masters in business, which he did.

Paul found his niche in business and became senior vice president media director of a major advertising agency in New York. His ability to be a star-maker continued full-time, and people who became stars because of Paul's influence gave back to him in various ways.

Paul's love for baseball switched to golf. He played golf in Scotland 10 times, Ireland six times and attended the Masters nine times.

Teammates and coworkers didn't forget Paul's influence in their lives. His office wall is filled with pictures of him with Arnold Palmer, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Fuzzy Zoeller and Nancy Lopez.

Paul found that these great athletes are just normal people building relationships - except when playing for money.

When he had an idea to promote a golf tournament to raise money for multiple sclerosis, all he needed to do was mention a need and a large sponsor made it possible. The tournament raised the most in the history of MS fundraising.

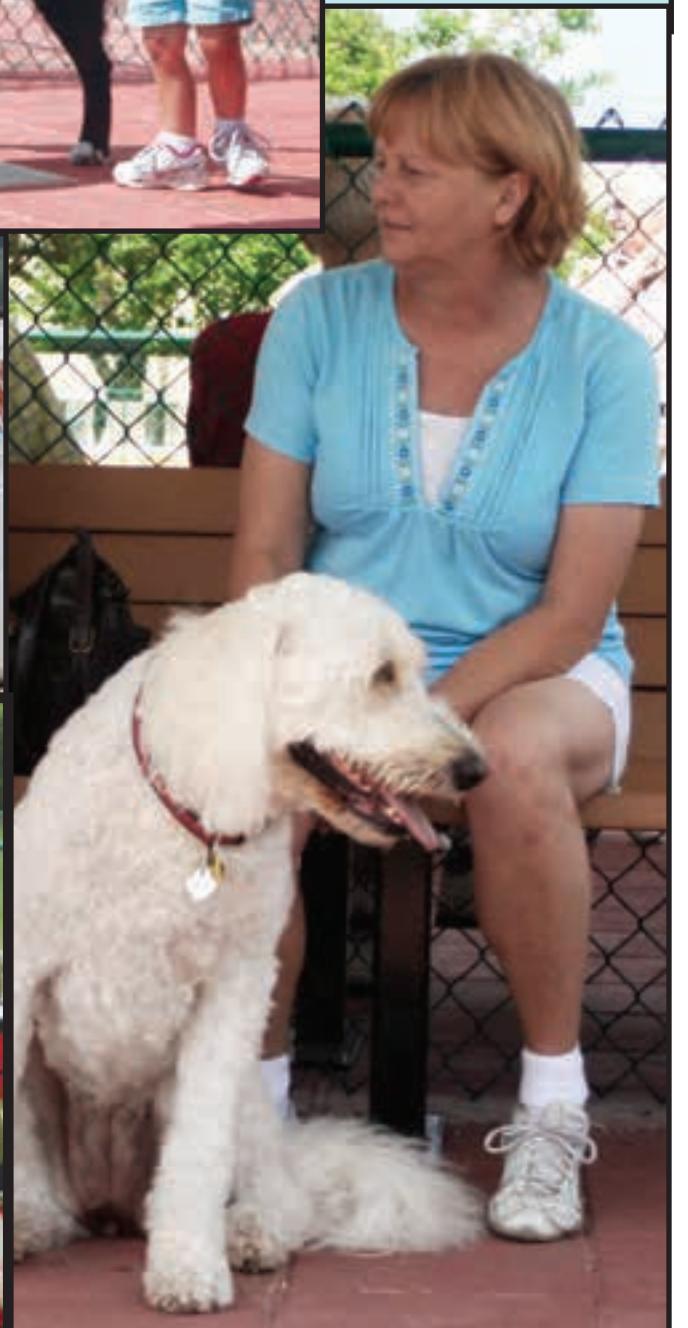
When Life Magazine celebrated their 2000th issue, Paul thought of an idea - what if he could create an advertising insert for the magazine just from his clients. All his contacts came through and the booklet broke advertising records.

Paul and his lovely wife, and biggest fan, Judy, live at On Top of the World. Paul calls the building his home and his neighbors his family. And his mission is still helping others to shine.

Dog Park Grand Opening Highlights



The OTOW Community Dog Park officially opened Friday, April 20, 2012, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, hot dogs and a lot of fun.
(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



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Club changes name to show everyone is welcome



Travel Club

By Pat Zorland

Our April 6 meeting was very well attended and there was a lengthy discussion on changing the name of the club from Single Travelers to just the Travel Club.

A motion was made and seconded to change the club name to Travel Club.

We have started to put together day trips to take us through the summer months. A trip to the Ed Fletcher Dinner Theater was suggested for April 28, to the Show Palace on June 24 and to the Dali Museum on June 21, where we would have lunch at the Albert Whitted Airport "Hangar" and view the Chihuly Collection.

On July 3 we plan to cruise the Yacht Starship. We hope to have sign-up sheets at the next meeting on May 4.

On April 24, Marge Griffith and Pat Zorland went by bus to Hermann's



The Lipizzan Stallions perform in Myakka City.

Ranch in Myakka City to see the Lipizzan Stallions perform. This was a wonderful performance. After the show we went to Troyer's Dutch Heritage

for a wonderful Amish Buffet.

We are planning a trip to New Orleans (The Big Easy) by bus from Sept. 19 to 24. Come to our next meet-

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Community helped make Irish Club season successful



Irish Club

By Mary Ann O'Neil

As we come to the end of our season, I want to thank everyone who helped our club throughout the year setting up tables, decorating, selling event tickets, membership, and especially those who joined us in all our events.

Without hard work and support from our club members and the On Top of the World community, none of our clubs could function.

Our last event of the season was held on April 5, where we were entertained by Chris Turpin, playing the guitar, along with his daughter, Alexandra, singing, and Jack Perry, playing the harmonica.

The event was well received by all in attendance.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am sorry that the following organizations and individuals were overlooked from our parade article in last month's paper.

Hazel Kelly and Liz Buckley were recognized at our St. Patrick's Dinner Dance as well as at the parade for their invaluable contributions over the years to the OTOW



OTOW Line Dance Club approaches the Irish Club viewing stand during the 2012 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Irish Club and OTOW Community. Clearwater Towing and Dayton Andrews Chrysler Dodge as long-time parade sponsors. Please remember to patronize those businesses that

are so willing to help us out during the parade.

We also overlooked the Pennsylvania Club and their contributions to the parade. A special thanks to Mike

Cooper, chairperson and Joe Cassidy, co-chairperson of the Parade Committee for their hard work and dedication to the event.

You've heard several ancient proverbs - here are some new thought-out ones

When the blind lead the blind,
Get out of the way.

If at first you don't succeed,
Get new batteries.

Laugh and the world laughs with you,
Cry and you have to blow your nose.

Happy the bride who gets all the
Presents.

An idle mind is the best way to relax.

Where there's smoke, there's pollution.

It's always darkest before Daylight
Savings Time.



**Marge
Mayer**

Marge's Humor

Old age is when you're napping, but everyone thinks you're dead.

You know you're getting old when your bank sends you their free calendar only a month at a time.

Senior citizens are the leading carriers of Aids: Hearing aids – Band Aids – Roloids – walking Aids – and most of all: Monetary aids to their children.

Don't act stupid - we have politicians for that.

Politicians and diapers need to be changed often for the same reason.

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church and the center of attention.

Drive carefully - it's not only cars that can be recalled to their maker.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes it comes alone.

Life not only begins at 40, it also begins to show.

A penny saved is not much.

Ben Franklin said:

In wine there is wisdom
In beer there is freedom
In water there is bacteria

To those who enjoy a glass of wine and those who don't, but have a glass of water in their hand, think of what he said.

Register for the September national convention

By Rosemarie Totaro

Yes, there is a Democratic National Convention, and you can be a delegate.

The convention will be held in Charlotte, N.C., on Sept. 2. It is an opportunity to watch the political process and meet future leaders.

The workshops, dinners, parties, combined with meeting Democrats from all over the nation, will provide an exciting event.



Democratic Club

You and your supporters must register with the county office (727-327-2796) immediately. The caucus

will be held at the Largo Cultural Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 5 (www.fladem.com).

Mike Fox, the Pinellas County Democratic campaign chair, outlined the plans for the upcoming election. The districts have changed and the candidates have shifted. We are so proud of the number of qualified people who will be challenging the incumbents.

Petitions are being signed to gather necessary signatures to have the

candidate's name placed on the ballot.

The Women for Obama Committee met and have scheduled a "Just For Women" event on Wednesday, May 16, at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. This is an important election for women. They will be the decisive vote.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 24 at 2 p.m. in the Starlite Room. Call Hal Leichart for information at 727-238-4980.



Teachers Club

Club opening doors to anyone in education field

A group of retired teachers met at the West Side Activity Center on Tuesday, March 27 at 11 a.m.

Besides making some new friends, a discussion took place to ascertain if a club was started, what would be the purpose and the goals of such a club.

It was suggested that the group adopt a local school and help with programs at the school, tutor students, or help a teacher by gathering supplies, preparing projects that a teacher might need, or just helping when a school needs an extra pair of hands.

Most in attendance felt that it would be more interesting if retired support staff in education were also invited to join the group. So, anyone who worked in a school, college or university is more than welcome to participate.

There was also some mention of having an opportunity to tutor for those who would like to earn a little pocket money.

It was also decided that the group would meet on the first Tuesday of the month until September and then meet on the third Tuesday of the month beginning in September.

The group will meet in the West Activity Center Rainbow Room, 11 a.m. until noon.

Because the school year is rapidly coming to an end, the group will meet monthly to afford the opportunity to get to know each other more and to get the proper volunteer paper work in place for school opening in the fall.

For those who wish, the group will go out for lunch after the meeting. Call Jane Lee 266-4380 for more information.

See you in September for an ice cream social

By Tom Mauro

The "New" New York/New Jersey Club is proud to announce its new officers for the 2012-13 year.

The president is Tom Mauro, the vice president is Pat Dooley, the treasurer is Dorothy Carpeninto and the secretary is Janis Catapano.

On April 26 the New York/New Jersey Club had a "Picnic In The Hall" which was a resounding success. The subs were terrific and free to all members. It was a good time had by all.

The first gathering of the "New" New York/New Jersey Club will be Wednesday, Sept. 26 for an ice



NY / NJ Club

cream social free to members. The party starts at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

Have a great summer. We are looking forward to a fabulous year to come.

April

Photo Search Answers

1. Clown's left eye
2. Clown's flower switched sides
3. Clown's leg missing
4. Clown's handkerchief missing
5. Dots on clown hat switched colors
6. Clown's leg changed color
7. Clown holding bigger object in hand
8. Egret in background
9. Number different on bus stop sign
10. Clover missing on back of float



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Rich Hayes

Chairman

The duo has been a welcome addition to our dances, offering a mix of standards, Rock 'n Roll, light jazz, R

& B, and Music from the '50s to the '80s. So put on your dancing shoes and come join in the fun. We'll provide the ice and coffee - you provide the romance.

This month's free, old-fashioned Sunday-In-The-Park is on Sunday, May 6. It is also our Derby Day at the Races with entertainment and light refreshments. Come join in the fun as we transform the East Activity Center auditorium into a run-for-the-roses horse track, and we support our favorite jockeys by cheering them on.

We're delighted to say that the

afternoon will also feature "DJ with A Twist," Denise Looney, who has entertained for more than 20 years at thousands of functions. Those of you who have seen her perform know she has the personality and singing style that guarantees an afternoon of fun.

We again remind season ticket holders to renew your tickets before May 31 to keep your seats for the fall season's shows and dances. Stop by and see us on a Monday or Thursday morning between 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the EAC. We look forward to seeing you at our events.

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Champions and runners-up presented awards at annual men's golf post-season banquet

By Pete Milner

On Wednesday, April 11, the On Top of the World Men's Golf Association held its annual awards banquet in the East Activity Center.

It was well attended with approximately 115 members and special guests present.

We had a wonderful chicken parmesan dinner orchestrated by Vice President Jay Schwallie, and served to us by members of the OTOW Ladies Golf Association.

We would like to thank Carol Whynot, Joan Yorkery, Jane Hanley, Dale McMinn and Carol Lacey for giving up their time to come and serve so many hungry golfers.

Men's Golf

Thanks, ladies! You added much-needed class to our luncheon.

Thanks to Hambone and his work crew for setting up all the tables and chairs and cleaning up after the banquet. Thanks also to newspaper editor Doug Kates for coming upstairs with his camera and taking the picture of our champs for this issue.

To all those who helped make this annual affair a lot of fun, the Association thanks you.

President Ken Nield opened the

program with awards which were presented to our champion Jim Stewart, runner-up Rich Kuplen, A flight winner Ed Hanson, runner-up Jeff West, B flight winner Phil Smerz, runner-up Bill Sharpsteen, C flight winner John O'Shea, runner-up Garry Patrick, D flight winner Roy Thompson and runner-up Les Meneilly.

Congratulations to our 2012 award winners.

Most of our Canadian golfers and Snowbirds have left us to suffer through the hot summer months of golf up north. Meanwhile, the weather here continues to reward the year-round golfers who choose to remain at OTOW. That's what we're all here

for - superb days and great golf!

May's tournament is "3 Clubs & a Putter Tournament." This should not present a huge challenge to a lot of guys, as they will probably end up using the same three clubs they use most of the time anyway.

Just remember, when you pack your golf bag, you may only carry four clubs - and "no," your ball retriever doesn't count as a club.

As usual, food and beverages will follow the tournament.

Until your next round of golf, remember to keep your head down and keep your eye on the ball because you really don't know where it might go.



Final month sees four games finish with final score difference of one run or less

The final week of softball season saw four games finish with a difference of one run or less.

The last month started when Scott's Pharmacy trailed On Top of the World 10-9 with three innings to play, but outscored its opponent 6-4 for a 15-14 victory.

The victors were led by Lenny Segal with four hits, including a home run, Hugh Quirk and Gregg Zimmer with five hits apiece, and Doug Murray with four hits.

On Top of the World was led by Pat Kennedy with five hits, including a home run, and Glenn Ohl and Carm Costa with four hits apiece.

Good defense and timely hitting kept the outcome close.

Tommy's Produce 22

Broward Factory A/C 22

Tommy's Produce scored four runs in the last inning to tie the game, but couldn't pull out the win. The game ended in a 22-22 tie.

Guy Bertuzzi led the winners

SOFTBALL

with seven hits, including a home run, and Joe Farrell added seven hits. Bob Rittner and Carm Costa both had six hits and Bill Arkins collected five hits, including a home run.

For Broward Factory, Lenny Segal and Doug Murray both had home runs. Lenny had five hits and Doug had three hits. Greg Zimmer chipped in six hits, Joe Maley and Hugh Quirk both had five hits, Glenn Ohl had four hits, and Trevor Dixon and Lou Peterson both had three hits.

There were also two double plays in the game – one unassisted by Joe Farrell and one from Joe to Tony Caputo back to Joe.

Dimmitt Chevy 14

Tommy's Produce 13

Dimmitt Chevy scored seven runs in the last three innings to defeat Tommy's Produce 14-13.

Dimmitt Chevy won the game

despite not scoring in its first four innings and getting out-hit 31-26 overall. A six-run, eighth inning was the difference.

The victors were led by Lenny Segal with two home runs among four hits and Hugh Quirk had five hits.

For Tommy's Produce, Glenn Ohl and Guy Bertuzzi each had six hits.

Scott's Pharmacy 11,

OTOW 10

In the fourth close game of the month, Scott's Pharmacy edged OTOW 11-10.

In the win, Hugh Quirk and Glenn Ohl both had five hits while Lenny Segal and Joe Farrell both had four hits, and Trevor Dixon, Gene Michel and Tony Caputo all had three hits.

For OTOW, Bill Arkins, Pat Kennedy and Bob Rittner all collected six hits. Carm Costa, Guy Bertuzzi and Doug Murray all had three hits.

Tommy's Produce 27

Broward Factory A/C 19

There were six home runs in a game that saw Tommy's Produce defeat Broward Factory 27-19.

The winning team had two of the home runs. Bill Arkins tallied seven hits with a homer and Frank Hickey had three hits with a homer.

In the loss, Lenny Segal belted two home runs. Pat Kennedy and Doug Murray each had one home run.

Tommy's Produce scored 12 of its 27 runs in the final three innings.

Season Finale

The OTOW softball season is over for another year. New, younger players joined this season, which improve the actual play. The season-ending banquet took place in April with good food and a fun, social atmosphere. Players were also joined by their ladies.

All players are to have a good, safe summer and softball will return in the fall.

Jack Huerter's ace tops weekly highlights

Gilda Gambacurta, Don Baker, Rich Raley and Paul Meyers win four-person scramble

Last month was an exciting one for the Thursday Golf League.

The league held its first four-person scramble and began the Match Play Championship.

The four-person scramble was amazingly close with only four strokes separating first from last place.

The winning team of Gilda Gambacurta, Don Baker, Rich Raley and Paul Meyers shot 14-under par. The second place team of Bo Craddock, Don Hahs and Mike LaViolette was 13-under par. Coming in third was the team of Rich Ziembicki, Bruce MacPherson, Dennis Smith and Tom Ramstack with a score of 11-under par.

The scramble was so much fun that we will add an additional one for next year.

Men's Golf

The yearly Match Play Championship has come down to the semifinals. The new handicap system provided very close matches, several went into sudden death playoffs, and only one preliminary match was decided by more than one hole.

The players in the semifinals will be Bob Odle versus Bruce MacPherson, and Ron Parham versus JT Norris.

Congratulations go out to the weekly tournament winners, including one league member who made it look easy by starting off with a hole-in-one on the very first hole in Week 16!

Jack Huerter scored the ace with his first swing. Jack continued his good

play taking first place. Dennis Smith was second and Rich Raley took third place.

Jack easily won a skin with his ace. The other skins were claimed by Tom Ramstack, Ron Perham, Don Hahs and Bill Gambacurta.

Dennis Smith was our Week 18 champion. Don Hahs placed second and Rolland Provost took home third place.

Don Baker had two skins. Paul Meyers, Jack Huerter, Bo Craddock, Dennis Trauffer and Rich Ziembicki had one each.

Week 19 was a photo finish with three players having identical scores. After matching scorecards, Dennis Trauffer was awarded first place, Paul Farrell second and Kim Norried third

place.

Skins were taken by Bruce MacPherson, Rich Ziembicki, Bob Odle and Paul Meyers.

There are only two more weeks left to decide the League Stroke Play Champion. Six players are still in the running. Currently, Bob Odle and Bruce MacPherson are tied for first place.

Play begins each Thursday at 11 a.m. The league plays by USGA rules. Men play from the extended blues and both men and women play to a par of 67.

The Thursday League is open to all OTOW residents, male and female.

New members are always welcome. Anyone interested in joining can contact: Paul at 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggol@aol.com



Awards presented from recent tournaments

By: Mary Ann O'Neil

April was a busy month for the Ladies 9-Hole Golf League.

We started the month off by having six teams from our league participate in the Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament that was held on April 3. A wonderful dinner was given and great raffles throughout the evening.

I want to thank everyone who contributed items for the eight baskets that our league contributed to the raffle. It was a fun day and evening for all who participated.

On April 5 we had our Spring Luncheon at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach. At our luncheon, winners of our Feb. 14 and 21 tournament were presented trophies.

Winners are: Flight A – Connie Saylor, Flight B - Theresa Gates, Flight C- Jean Norris and Flight D – Bev Huber. Ellen Gilbert was presented the President's Tournament trophy.

Congratulations ladies!

WEEKLY WINNERS

March 20

Flight A – Ellen Gilbert, Char



Pictured left to right are recent top winners: Connie Saylor - Flight A Tournament, Theresa Gates - Flight B Tournament Ellen Gilbert - President's Tournament, Jean Norris - Flight C Tournament, and Bev Huber - Flight D Tournament.

Flach, Anna Hyden, Joyce Harvey and Ann Stewart. Flight B – Marnie Carr, Dorothy Ryan, Dolly Foland, Nancy House, Fran Pittman and Verona Titus. Flight C – Jean Norris, Nancy

Parlatore, Rachel Tranchemontagne and Magdalene Nawrocky. Flight D – Bonnie Glover, Pat Kent, CeCe Shaugnessy and Ingrid Durham. Birdies: Anna Hyden No. 2 and No. 4;

Ladies 9-Hole League

Jean Norris No. 4; Ellen Gilbert No. 5 and Char Flach No. 2.

March 27

Flight A – Gilda Gamburcato, Ellen Gilbert and Connie Saylor. Flight B – Mary Ann O'Neil, Joyce Monahan, June Newman, Marnie Carr and Alice Wilson. Flight C – Magdalene Nawrocky, Jean Norrie, Barbara Velky and Lee Kibbe. Flight D – Nancy Geyer, Bonnie Glover and Pat Kent. Birdies – Gilda Gamburcato No. 8, June Newman No. 8 and Magdalene Nawrocky No. 2.

April 10

We had a Low Putts Tournament and Lee Kibbe came out the winner with 13 putts. Good job Lee.

Have a wonderful and safe summer. Remember to keep those clubs swinging!

Picking up guest passes

Golf is free to all On Top of the World condo owners.

However, guests must purchase a pass at the OTOW/Palm Acre Real Estate sales office before teeing off. Guest passes are \$20.

Passes are sold during regular business hours, which are 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sundays.

A resident must be present when a guest pass is purchased and the resident must have an up-to-date activity card.

A guest cannot play without a pass.

Condo renters may also use the golf course, but must purchase a pass for \$15.

Allen Pier picks up four wins, including three with partners

Allen Pier had a very successful month in the Men's Pool League with a victory in 8-Ball Singles Round-Robin play and three victories in 8-Ball Partners Round-Robin play.

In singles action, there was only one round robin event for the month, but Allen posted first place, with Norm Theriault in second and Marc Schell in third.

There were five partners events. On March 22 Allen teamed with Hugo Orantes for first place, while the team of Joe Doire and Ed Solivan was second, and Bill Robertson and Tony Baker were third.

On April 12, Allen tasted victory for a third time when he teamed with Larry Wells for first place. Denny Balderson and Joe Doire were the runners-up, and Norm Theriault and



Billiard Club

Joe Ventimiglia were third. One week later, Allen had his fourth win when he and Larry defended their title. This time, Mario Rodriguez and Joe Doire were second, and Frank English and Marc Schell were third.

Despite the domination, there were two doubles events Allen did not win.

On March 29, Denny Balderson and Norm Theriault took first place

while Allen and Larry were second. Tony Baker and Tim Rush placed third.

On April 5, Denny Balderson teamed with Bill Robertson for the victory. Tony Baker and Norm Theriault were second, and Joe Doire and Frank English were third.

In 8-Ball singles play, there were four winners in two weeks. Joe Doire won Flight A, while Andy Suhar was second and Herb Jordan was third. In Flight B, John Fier was the champion, Cesar Lemos the runner-up and Terry Wittman third.

On April 16, in Flight A, Jim Anzalone was first, Norm Theriault was second and Bill Robertson was third. In Flight B, Mario Rodriguez was first, John Shearer was second and Joe Ventimiglia was third.



Billie Pineau



Pat Eastman

Handicap Tournament champ and Club champion receive awards

By Pat Eastman

On March 28, the Ladies 18 Hole Golf Association held their Spring Luncheon at the Dune-din Country Club. The luncheon was arranged by Mary Bates Smith, Rita Rudderham, Donia Stadler and Cleone Wells -- great job ladies!

The new officers were announced for 2012-2013. The president will be Dottie Meissner, Vice President Sheila Meneilly, Secretary Elaine Stretavski, and Treasurer Sharon Hackenmiller

Winners of a Handicap Tournament and Club Champion were announced. The winner of the Handicap Tournament was Billie Pineau. This is Billie's first ever championship. She never played golf until coming to OTOW and joined the 18 hole league in 2006. So Billie hasn't been playing golf for long. She plays for the fun of it, but was very excited and proud to win the championship. This year she played more golf than ever and played great

Ladies 18-Hole

in the two-week tournament with her second best round ever in the final week.

Billie spends six months here then returns to Prince Edward Island where she only plays three or four rounds all summer. Besides golf, Billie plays bridge and lawn bowls.

The Handicap Flight winners were: Flight A-Rita Rudderham, Gloria Sayer, Carol Lacey, Maureen Stewart. Flight B-Margaret Hachey, Carol Whynot. Flight C-Sudesh Duggal, Donna Smerz. Flight D-Eleanor Arnold, Fusayo Kado.

The winner of the Club Championship was Pat Eastman. This is Pat's fifth OTOW Ladies 18 Hole Golf Association Championship. She is also

the current Women's Club Champion at Clearwater Golf Club. Pat heads to Cape Cod for the summer where she plays golf almost every day.

Results

March 13

Flight A Low Gross-Pat Eastman, Maureen Stewart. Low Net-Carol Lacey. Flight B Low Gross-Carol Whynot. Low Net-Jill Orchard. Flight C Low Gross-Donna Smerz. Low Net-Dee Wisslead. Flight D Low Gross-Billie Pineau. Low Net-Eleanor Arnold, Arlene Hanson, Phyllis Marsteller.

March 20

Flight A Low Gross-Terry Kuplan. Low Net-Sharon Hackenmiller. Flight B Low Gross-Peggy Lischkge. Low Net-Leora Hamm. Flight C Low Gross-April Glenn. Low Net-Pauline Jones. Flight D Low Gross-Billie Pineau, Jackie Woloszyn. Low Net-Fusayo Kado.

SPORTS



On top, left to right, are Rodger Rivard, Art Lambert and Woon Yung Ryu. In the bottom photo are Paula Ergang, Becky Balderson and Val Varnell.



Champions honored after tennis season closes

By Charlie Christ

It's all over!

On March 22, tennis guys and gals celebrated the end of the tennis season while dining at the Dunedin Country Club.

The season climax was our tournament. There's a saying in tennis that the winners that hit the winners are those who hit the last ball over the net. Usually that requires a great deal of time, patience, and, most of all, skill, to say nothing of luck and stamina.

The winners and the losers will all agree on that, I'm sure.

Well, all 38 players showed up at the dinner to honor the winners, and share their stories, before saying goodbye to those leaving for the summer months.

Those honored were as follows: Woon Yung Ryu - full court men's singles; Val Varnell - men's half court singles; Art Lambert and John McIntyre - men's doubles; Val Varnell and Becky Balderson - womens doubles; Paula Ergang and Rodger Rivard - mixed doubles.

Every player thanks the Tennis Club officers for all their efforts and support for the year.

We also want to especially thank Dean Baker for all his time and effort in putting together the 2012 tournament and seeing it to a successful conclusion. Hopefully, we will continue playing and enjoying the game of tennis wherever we go and return to an even better game next year.



Rashanee Turner and Gail DuCharme first in Scotch Doubles

It's been an interesting month. We've completed a Scotch Doubles Tournament, been photographed and graded on our posture, worked on using the bridge, and have said goodbye to our seasonal residents.

We will miss our friends from the north who bring so much enthusiasm to our club. A wonderful blend of competition and fun has been the theme of this season.

On March 14, the Que'T Ladies completed a Scotch Doubles Tournament. There was a three-way tie for first place. The three teams competed against each other for first, second and third place.

Kay Mahoney and Terry Wittman defeated Jean Doane and Maureen Doire. Rashanee Turner and Gail DuCharme defeated Kay Mahoney and Terry Wittman.

So, first place went to Rashanee



Que'T Billiards

and Gail. Second place went to Kay and Terry. Third place went to Jean Doane and Maureen Doire.

Kudos to all who participated in this exciting tournament and congratulations to our winners.

During the month of April, Andy Suhar, Ed Soliman and Terry Wittman took pictures of each player as they lined up and shot the cue ball to put a ball in the corner pocket. The following week each player was evaluated and



From left to right are the top three teams in a recent Scotch Doubles Tournament: Jean Doane and Maureen Doire, Rashanee Turner and Gail DuCharme, Terry Wittman and Kay Mahoney.

shown their form through the photographs. Corrections were suggested and each player has been working on improvement.

During this time, each player has also had individual coaching. There is seriousness about playing the game as demonstrated in competition and camaraderie as seen in the fun and frivolity among the ladies. What a wonderful

blend!

On March 18, the Que'T Ladies and our instructors joined in a pot luck dinner night to celebrate our friendship and "just because!"

Each person contributed to the main course, beverages, and great desserts. Ain't retirement fun! Who would have ever "thunk" we'd be playing pool at our age!



SPORTS

Awards presented to top horseshoe pitchers

By Jerry Rice

The Horseshoe Club held its annual banquet at Positano's Restorante Italiano with 10 of our 16 members and their spouses attending.

A great time and wonderful fellowship was had by everyone.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards for the top three league winners.

Third place went to Bo Craddock. Bo is from Ohio and a rookie in our league. His winning game percentage was 60 percent over 40 games.

Second place went to one of our veterans, Jim Williams, who is from New Jersey. His winning game percentage was 61 percent for 44 games.

Top honors, for the fourth year in a row, went to Roy Monteith, who played 38 games this year and his winning percentage was a whopping 87

Horseshoes

percent. Roy is one of the few year-round residents in our league.

Congratulations to all these well-deserving pitchers.

We are still pitching for fun and sharing a little gossip each Tuesday and Thursday morning. Come and join us if you like.

Our next league play will start in December.

Our league wants to give a special thanks to Gerald Smith for his hard work in keeping our stats. His accurate recordkeeping is needed each week in providing our handicaps.

Thanks again, Gerald for the statistics to the right of this article.

Final Season Standings - Top Ten

NAME	WINS	LOSSES	RINGERS
Roy Monteith	33	5	578
Jim Williams	27	17	217
Bo Craddock	24	16	382
Dick Knight	24	18	197
Sam Bryant	21	17	332
Gerald Smith	23	21	218
Jim Rudderham	23	23	173
Jim Manard	16	16	89
Wade Candler	19	21	192

Standings are based on winning percentage.

Bowling

By Lillian Ginn

OTOW Ladies League

March 7

High Games: Liz Buckley 176, Nancy House 169, Donna Smerz 160.

High Series: Donna Smerz 460, Liz Buckley 447, Marge Jacobs 423.

Pins Over Average: Liz Buckley 69.

Splits: Madeline Nawrocky 4-5-7, Loretta Macaluso 2-7, Isabelle Houston 3-10, Donna Smerz 5-7-10, Mary Kennelly 5-7.

March 14

High Games: Lil Ginn 167, Jackie Kail 166, Isabelle Houston 160.

High Series: Lil Ginn 451, Jackie Kail 437, Barbara Hawkins 434.

Pins Over Average: Isabelle Houston 52, Linda Gooch 52.

Splits: Isabelle Houston 5-6, 3-9-10, Glenda Greeman 3-9-10.

March 21

High Games: Lil Ginn 195, Sandy Saborn 170, Marge Jacobs 158.

High Series: Lil Ginn 521, Sandy Sanborn 427, Marge Jacobs 420.

Pins Over Average: Lil Ginn 113.

Splits: Sandy Sanborn 3-10, Mary Kennelly 2-7-5-6, Gerri Corcoran 5-10, Jackie Kail 5-10, Sherry Ohl 5-7, Barbara Harkins 4-5, Lil Ginn 3-9-10.

March 28

High Games: Nancy House 176, Donna Smerz 169, Mary Harker 169.

High Series: Nancy House 476, Donna Smerz 450, Gerri Corcoran 433.

Pins Over Average: Nancy House 71.

Splits: Nancy House 5-6-10, Mary Ann O'Neil 6-8-10.

Kim Norried and Frank Arnone score holes-in-one

By Dominic Contorno
Director of Golf

Congratulations to the lady in this group!

Kim Norried did her thing on the 13th hole, March 21. She used a driver to record a great ace.

Kim was playing with Vance Wilson, Paul Meyers and Bruce MacPhearson.

Now it's the guys' turn.

Let's congratulate Frank Arnone for a great hole-in-one.



This shot was great for a reason. It was Frank's first hole-in-one.

Frank was playing with Bob Harper on April 10 when his ace was made. Frank knocked it in on the 15th hole, using a pitching wedge. Again, Frank, a great shot.



NEW SERVICE DESK HOURS

8:30 AM - 3 PM

East Activity Center

Starting in November, this page will only contain notices from services offered free to residents.



BULLETIN BOARD

Stamp Club

Don't forget to attend our last community Stamp Club meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 15 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room, from 1 – 3 p.m. Refreshments and philatelic surprises are on the agenda. For those of us enjoying the rest of the year here at OTOW, Jim Sundberg is available for questions and help at anytime you need it. Call 847-951-2284.

Bonesavers weight training exercises

Do you want to save your bones?

Come join our class which meets 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the East Activity Center lower level, opposite the library.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises that were developed by Tufts University in an effort to prevent further bone loss. We never do floor exercises. There is no charge for this class.

For further information, call Libby at 727-669-1486.

Tai Chi

Ruth Pittman is now offering Yang Style Long Form Tai Chi. Beginner classes are 1:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in the East Activity Center exercise room close to the library.

For more information, call Ruth at 727-726-0336 or 727-709-0841.

Yoga

Yoga with Ann meets 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center.

Wear something comfortable. Bring a mat. Cost is \$5.

Yoga makes life simple and free from worry through meditation, relaxation and correct breathing.

For more information call 724-3864.

Dancing using the Rungo method

Rungo Dance meets Tuesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon. There are newcomer, intermediate and advanced levels. Have no worries, if this is a challenge we can assist with that very easily.

If you have any other questions please call 727-741-3337.

Morning exercises start at 8 a.m.

Ladies, come join us every morning at 8 a.m. in the East Activity Center lower gym room Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, and a cardio workout. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214, or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.



This is the tale of how a dirty, hungry dog became a beautiful white Pearl living at On Top of the World.

Over a year ago, Pearl was found at the side of the road by some nice people who gave her food and medical care. The 5-year-old Shih Tzu was taken to a shelter to hopefully be adopted by someone who would give her a loving home. Shortly after this happened, Louise Lodder, a resident at Capistrano Building, went to the shelter and chose this precious gem to be her friend and walking companion.

Every morning at 7 a.m. the two of them could be seen walking around the lake on the west side of OTOW. Frequently, a good neighbor and friend of Louise's, Helen Holding, walked with them. When Pearl became tired, she would get to ride in the box on Helen's walker.

Recently, Louise was convinced to move back north to be near her family and reside in a facility that does not allow dogs. Pearl would not be able to make the trip with her. When asked if she wanted a dog, Helen Holding did not hesitate to take Pearl to be her pet. Helen smiled and said, "I had already fallen in love with this beautiful dog. We are good friends and she just loves the treats that I share with her. I am overjoyed to give her a good home."

Pearl will now be living at Dorado Building and can still be seen walking with Helen or riding in the box on her walker.



Pearl

Each month OTOW News and Walgreens are going to feature a "Pet of the Month." Any pets living at OTOW are eligible to enter. One pet will be featured each month. To enter your pet in the contest you must have one perfectly clear, large color photo of your pet, along with background information (maximum 200 words). Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. If you are the winner this month, just bring this newspaper and an original pet photo to Walgreens to receive your prize. To enter, email your pet's best photo and information to: bootss@tampabay.rr.com. Include your name, your pet's name and the building you reside in. Good luck!



Invite the whole family. Even the characters.



Every time you get together, you talk about "the time." The time you all piled into Grandpa's station wagon. The time Aunt Pam challenged Aunt Cyndie to a limbo contest. The time the cousins bought matching ten-gallon hats. Every time you get together, you give yourselves something to laugh about the next time.

Imagine the stories you'd tell, the times you'd have, sailing together on a magical Disney cruise.

It's the ideal vacation choice for big families. Disney cruise ships offer outstanding accommodations with some of the roomiest staterooms in the industry including a select number of connecting rooms and family suites. And every detail is taken care of for you, even the complicated parts — the how-can-14-people-eat-dinner-at-the-same-time and who-wants-to-stay-where parts.

Each of you, all 14 or 18 or 22 of you, will be able to build the vacation that you want, with plenty to do when you feel like being together — incredible themed deck parties, excursions, breathtaking Disney stage productions — and just as much to do when you want to be apart.

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Non-conforming and conforming flags

The flag on the left does not conform to OTOW policies. Mounting a flag in a garden is acceptable, but the flag cannot wave over a lawn, which is a maintained common area. In the middle photo, the flag on the left would be allowed, except the flag waves over the sidewalk when there is a breeze. The second flag in the same picture does not conform because it is improperly secured to a wall. The flag pictured at right conforms by all standards. Rosemary McCarthy's flag was hung by OTOW using properly sealed and mounted equipment. (OTOW photos by Doug Kates)

May is a good month to make sure your flags conform to On Top of the World policies

By Doug Kates
Editor

When it comes to patriotism and displaying the national flag, Pat Grace is one of On Top of the World's most proud residents.

Serving this country has been a family tradition started by her grandfather and father. The tradition continued when her late husband, Harold, was a pilot in the Army, and with her son, Hal, who is currently in the Army Special Forces.

Outside Pat's first-floor condo is an American flag – and it's not just a decoration – it's a proud symbol. It represents her love for this country, her family pride in protecting this country, and her freedom.

But like many fellow residents here, Pat was recently approached by an On Top of the World representative and advised she had to follow new

guidelines on displaying her flag. At first Pat was disappointed her traditional, pole-mounted flag was no longer allowed to wave in the wind, but said she accepted where she lived and wanted to do what was best for the entire community.

Pat paid \$10 for On Top of the World to properly hang a flag outside her front door, and today she still proudly displays her favorite colors.

"It doesn't matter where the flag is – it's what it represents," she said. "We still have the right to wave that flag and I'm very proud."

There are several reasons why On Top of the World is enforcing flag displays. Most flag pole mounts have been attached to exterior walls or railings. Over time mountings have caused damage to structures. Some flags have been displayed in lawns, which are hazards to lawn crews and

anyone walking. Some flag displays have been insecure and potential hazards should a wind storm blow through the community.

The new rules are aimed at preventing damage to building structures. The guidelines keep flags away from sidewalks and common areas where people walk and perform regular maintenance.

And even though the traditional mounts are no longer allowed, there are still plenty of options.

Residents may purchase an exterior, wall-displayed flag from On Top of the World and someone from maintenance will install it. The flags come in different sizes and can be displayed horizontally or vertically.

First-floor residents may put flag poles in gardens, but the flag cannot wave over sidewalks.

Residents may also display flags on

patios if the base of the flag is secured.

Rich Biggs, inspection service supervisor, said residents who move into a gated community have to make the transition from "home" living to "condominium" living, which includes following community policies. He said 95 percent of non-conforming flag mounts in the community have been corrected and about 15 residents have already purchased and displayed conforming flags.

Rosemary McCarthy is one of many residents who has the new wall-mounted flag hanging in front of her condo. She said she takes her flag inside every night and proudly displays it again every morning.

For a complete copy of the rules and standards for displays in the community, please visit otowclearwaterinfo.com or visit the East Activity Center Service Department.

Couples honored at building fish fry/potluck

The activities planned during our annual meeting were facilitated thanks to Gloria and Bud Sayer, Arnie and Rosanne Moon and Nancy and Ken Schifferle.

We will continue on with activities throughout the spring and summer to ensure the momentum continues.

Please check the first-floor bulletin board near the inside stairwell for notifications of continued proposed activities, along with a sign-up sheet to show interest of attendance.

The fish fry and potluck dinner for March in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center had the largest turnout to date, 45 people. Additionally, there was a celebratory cake for Doris Anderson who was enjoying her 80th birthday, along with her husband Mel and their son and his wife.

Another special occasion caused us to change the words from a hearty "Happy Birthday" to "Happy Anniversary" for Arnie and his wife Rosanne on their seventh anniversary. An opportunity was missed to capture a picture of a quick kiss by the two, but it didn't fail to draw applause. Congrats to all celebrants!

A special thanks to Arnie and Ken (our fishermen) for providing the fish for the potluck dinner. Thanks to all for the delicious side dishes and desserts brought to accompany the main entrée. Additional thanks to Nancy for adding a special touch to the tables with some lovely live centerpieces.

The developed building roster for all residents was distributed at



Doris Anderson, right, celebrated her 80th birthday with husband Mel at a recent building fish fry and potluck dinner.

the dinner. If anyone else in the building is interested in having a copy, please contact Esta Schwartz by phone (727-420-6091), as these can be hard copied or sent via email.

Many changes and updates have occurred due to new residents. Please continue to update the card file in the storage rooms with emergency contact information.

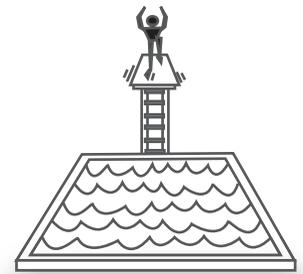


Rosanne and Arnie Moon marked their seventh anniversary at the building fish fry.

A Sunshine Club has been established which will be championed by Helen Saul. Cards will be sent for birthdays, anniversaries etc. You may reach her at 727-797-7925 or email her at hsaul@tampabay.rr.com, if you are interested in participating. You need only provide your name, month and day of birth and your anniversary date (same format) if applicable.

Before ending for the evening, Arnie and Rosanne, along with Gloria and Bud, expressed their thanks for the great turnout and improved participation.

Those who have left or are leaving for the summer: We look forward to your arrival in the fall. Drive safely and keep in touch.



SWIMMING POOL RULES DON'T EMBARRASS YOUR GUESTS! Know the Rules and Abide by them!

- This facility is exclusively for OTOW unit owners with a valid recreation card, for guests of unit owners accompanying residents with a valid recreation card, or for renters with a valid recreation card.
- Please show your valid recreation card upon the SCA staff's request.
- Unauthorized persons will be asked to leave.
- Swim at your own risk
- There is no lifeguard on duty.
- Oils, sun block, and body lotions must be showered off before entering pool.
- Pool will be closed during inclement weather.
- Walkways to the gates must be kept clear at all times.
- Use of these facilities is at a resident's or guest's own risk.
- Guests under the age of 15 may use the facility from 12-4 p.m., seven days a week.
- Guests under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Children under age 2 must wear a "swim diaper."
- Please take all children for frequent potty breaks.
- Pools are closed when gates are locked.

Annual 'Day at the Races' Capistrano event is set for Memorial Day, May 28

Great news from Capistrano! The residents of Capistrano will again host its traditional "Day at the Races" on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, from noon to 4 p.m.

All On Top of the World residents are invited to attend this event. Entry to the Sunrise Room track in the west activity center is \$7, which includes lunch at noon.

The Sunrise track is known as one of OTOW's best for timber thoroughbred racing. Conditions on race day look favorable for tile track runners.

Capistrano building president Tony Sinopoli will call the races. Bets can be placed at betting stations manned by Bennie and Ed Gresham.

Jockeys for the timber thoroughbreds are being recruited from building residents.

Bring your friends and enjoy a day at the track with lunch for a measly \$7.



Wear your red, white or blue and join us for a day of fun.

Remember: "Day at the Races," Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center, entry \$7 (including lunch), Memorial Day, May 28, from noon to 4 p.m.

Tickets are available from Tony Sinopoli - 797-4046, Julia Contella 417-0484, and Lynn Mandolesi 723-1851. Save the date.

Building reps will soon be checking storage areas and notifying residents to please discard any items that once were considered treasures and now can be classified as "junk." We all have to share the storage space, and areas fill up fast. Please check your allotted space and discard items no longer of any value, sentimental or otherwise.

Tony and Julia have identified some former treasures that someone has dumped in the center of our storage room. If any of these items are yours, please dispose of them or they will be discarded without fanfare.

Our resident canine friends have been enjoying the new doggie park located next to the west activity center where the tennis courts once were. OTOW maintenance people did a great job creating the park. Capistrano pet owners thank them.

BLOOD PRESSURE PROGRAM

John Kannaly

Blood Pressures are taken on the second Monday of each month, from October to May, between 8:30-10:30 a.m. on the Veranda at the East Activity Center.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Reporter's son and brother with Marguerite during a visit to OTOW. (Photo by Pat Kelly)

Trip to Georgia resulted in some scary conditions

It was a time for family the last couple of months. A trip to Georgia for me in February in helping to settle our daughter's new home was the beginning of being with family. She and her family moved from Tampa last year and now reside in Acworth, Ga.

There were tornado warnings in the area while I was there. We headed into the basement to wait for a safe forecast. It was my first experience with tornado warnings. Our granddaughter plays the drums, so she entertained us while we waited for the all clear.

A week later our son and my brother drove there from Buffalo, N.Y. for a visit. Two days later they drove to Clearwater and spent five days with us. The guys managed to golf a couple of days and saw a Yankees pre-season game. They enjoyed the pool and



visiting with friends who have moved to Florida. It's always great spending time with family.

Memorial Day is this month. Please remember to thank the military personnel who protect our freedom.

"Till We Meet Again"

Saying farewell to our winter residents in verse

Granadans held their annual picnic for good reason
It was our way of saying farewell for the season.
We were met with a warm, friendly greeting
And we certainly enjoyed lots of good eating.
We partook of delicious chicken
Which caused lots of finger lickin'.
The desserts were plentiful, including pie
And we heard lots of "Here's mud in your eye."
Saying farewell can be a real bummer
But not when we wish all a great summer!



It's storage room cleanup time

Most of us here at On Top of the World only have memories of our mothers. We each have our thoughts on how she nurtured and sacrificed for us. Without her love and guidance, we could not have survived. Hopefully, we passed that wisdom on to our children. Remember her on May 13.

The ladies and men's luncheon was held April 12. The ladies went to the Olive Garden on U.S. 19, and the men went to the Lucky Dill Deli at their new location on U.S. 19. A good time was had by all. A few doggie bags were seen returning to the core.

Our monthly building get-together was held at O'Keefe's on Ft. Harrison on April 18. The food was outstanding. The junk room – oops, I mean our storage room, was discussed. Each area must be identified with name and apartment number. Your storage area should be as organized as the closet in your apartment.

Speaking of clean-up, we have 10 bikes in the flag room (four



on the second and three on the third floor). I understand there are only three people in our building who are seen riding a bike. The rest of the bikes are probably mentioned in the owner's "Last Will and Testament." I am sure the Salvation Army could put those bikes to good use, and they are only a phone call away.

We all at the Valencia thank Ellen, Judy and Martha for their continued effort in upgrading the looks of all three floors of the core.

Mama sez: The only thing a man brags about having the smallest is his cell phone.

Let's welcome a new couple

A big welcome to Etta Jean and Stanford Ferris, who recently moved into our Austrian Alpine building! They originally came from Hamilton, Ohio, and were high school sweethearts since the ninth grade.

They have two daughters, a son-in-law, three grandchildren and "pet grandchildren" of 12 cats and three dogs. They have been married for 63 years.

Stan had a dry-cleaning business for 23 years. Singing, however, had been a very important aspect of his life, so when the doctor told him to give up either his business or singing, he decided to keep singing.

He and Etta Jean then started a catering business, specializing in weddings, banquets and industrial catering. When they realized they had not had a vacation in eight years in that business, they sold it and traveled to Florida, Arizona and California to see where they would live next.

Since Etta Jean loves to fish, they drove to a private campground in their RV in Paradise Valley, Cassville, Mo., near Branson. It was near a speckled trout farm from which they had trout every night for dinner! When they realized how hot it gets in that part of the country, they moved to Largo and then to Island Way.

Stan has been with ADT for 34 years, retiring in November. He was



in a gospel quartet for 12 years and traveled by bus for singing trips and has made records. He would like to join the chorus, play bingo, shoot pool and play golf.

Through the years, Etta Jean was a dental assistant, then marketing director for Freedom Square, and raised their three grandchildren. She is very much interested in pursuing crafts and in taking part in OTOW activities.

Austrian Alpine is very fortunate to have Etta Jean and Stan Ferris here with us!

Mr. And Mrs. Dick Collins enjoyed a visit from their son and daughter-in-law from Indiana. Also, her granddaughter and husband and their great-grandson visited March 8 through March 11. Everyone had a great time. They enjoyed our beautiful beaches and visited Busch Gardens.

'Don't start without me' takes on new spin at birthday bash

Misplaced birthday girl: March 25 was Lee Landre's 85th birthday, and some of her friends gathered at Kally K's for dinner to celebrate.

Lee has been helping to celebrate the birthdays of others. She provided a large birthday cake for our February birthday celebration. Lee and some friends have been having Sunday dinner together.

As Lee's birthday fell on a Sunday, the regular Sunday group invited other friends to join the party as well. Lee is much loved by her neighbors and several were able to celebrate with her. Those included Avona Carroll, JoAnn Howells, Jean Barnhard, RoseMarie Plante, Nancy Williams, Ruth Adams, Angie Bazza, John and Eileen O'Grady, Ann Reid, Leona Marrow and Virginia Butler.

Our routine system of providing transportation for all needing rides became the "surprise event" of the day. Everyone usually gathers on the first floor lobby to arrange rides to the restaurant. Evona Carroll expected to have Lee ride with her, but after picking up another rider she returned to the building but did not see Lee.

Evona had assumed Lee had hitched a ride with someone else, so Evona went on to Kally K's. When she reached the dining room she was greeted by loud calls of "Where is Lee?" Lee was missing and no one seemed to know where she was. Evona said that she would go back home to look for her. As she turned to leave she ran into Lee at the front door.



We all asked, "How did you get here?" Lee had been waiting outside and had seen Evona leave, but could not get her attention. Fortunately a friendly neighbor, Jane Waterman, saw Lee and asked where she was going.

When she learned Lee had been left behind, she said "Lee, get into my car; I will drive you up to Kally K's." So, thanks to a good neighbor, Lee got to her birthday party! She was certainly "last but not least."

On the last weekend of March, long-time out-of-town friends of Lee's spent Saturday with her. Lee took them to Clearwater Beach, which they all enjoyed. After exploring beautiful Clearwater Beach, Lee took them to one of her favorite restaurants, the Beachcomber. They were delighted and will keep it on their list of favorite restaurants.

Marley and me: Maureen Bjorn sometimes likes to sit outside of her place and do some crocheting. On this particular day, Marley (her dog) decided



Maureen Bjorn and Marley shown here busily crocheting. (Photo by Sally Simmonds)

to join her (see photo). I think he was taking lessons. So cute...

Our tradition for Easter is my old school pal and her family came in for Easter. They have been coming to Indian Shores Beach long before I moved here. For the past six years they come to me first – stay with me a day or two then off to the airport to pick up their kids and grandkids and head on down to their timeshare condo on the beach.

I go down there to spend time with them and, as always, have a ball. This is the family I have often mentioned over the years as the "picture-perfect" family. I have always been impressed with the

closeness and the love that comes from this family.

Malcolm and Elizabeth Warren had a special visitor from England: Malcolm's grandson. He is crazy about flying (takes after his grandpa) and planned the trip in time for Sun-n-Fun in Lakeland. I am sure Elizabeth will give me full details and I will put them in the next issue.

More Savings Tips: AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$29.99/Month (65+); AMC Theaters: up to 30% off (55+); Bealls 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50+); Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesday and 10% off prescriptions.

Life is seemingly full of contradictions; learn to simplify

There are over 90 buildings in OTOW. What makes building #27 (our Ottoman Building) unique?

Unlike other buildings, we function without any leadership whatsoever. We collect no dues. We plan no social activities. Our efforts in the recent past have shown we are content to function this way.

As with all buildings, we have our share of Snowbirds, who for obvious reasons (not being here year round), may not be ideal to assume roles necessary for building leadership. For many of us, the free activities (golf, swimming, the fitness and recreation centers, etc.) are enough to keep us content.

We are fortunate to have a few volunteers putting up holiday decorations or our lobby would be devoid of personality 365 days a year. Why has all this happened? Think of it as a paradox of our times.

We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but seem to enjoy it less. We have more conveniences, but less time; we have more knowledge, but



less common sense; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

We laugh too little, get angry too quickly, watch TV too much, and have forgotten about the simple pleasures in life.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We've added years to life, but not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, yet trying to get together with our resident neighbors seems to be way too much trouble. We don't plan anything,

so we don't accomplish anything. We've learned to rush, but not to wait.

We have more kinds of food, less nutrition, overweight bodies (only for some of us), and pills that line our medicine cabinets, providing us with a full-time occupation trying to stay healthy while supporting a half-dozen doctors (all the while trying to live our OTOW dream).

We all need a shot of Vitamin "F" (for friends). Friends are good for our health. Their benefits are essential to our well being, and they can be as close as the person next door.

People in strong social circles bring out the best in all of us. They laugh a lot, share their problems, and even provide advice to one another. They are like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, which, when put all together, form a treasure of friends. Friends understand you. They support you through both the good and the bad days. Vitamin "F" should be included in your daily vitamin ritual.

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, less critical of myself, and have become my own best friend. Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer till 4 a.m. or sleep until noon? I will sing along (if I remember the words — otherwise I'll just hum) to those wonderful tunes of the 50s, 60s and 70s, and if at the same time I wish to cry over a lost love, I will.

I know I am sometimes forgetful, but there again, some of life is just as well forgotten (I eventually remember the important things).

As you get older, it's easier to be positive. You care less what other people think. I don't question myself that much anymore. I've earned the right to be wrong. I will not waste time lamenting what could have been. And, if I feel like it, I will eat chocolate every day...

May Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, the Kentucky Derby and the Indianapolis 500 are all celebrated this month. Lots of opportunities for filling your Vitamin "F" prescription!

OTOW adventurers enjoy recent Caribbean cruise

Here is the story on the Caribbean cruise promised last month. Azores resident Ava Smith has done an excellent job of reporting and writing.

Azores Building Western Caribbean Cruise

By Ava M. Smith

A group of 19 hearty sailors from On Top of the World took sail on the beautiful *Carnival Legend* from the Port of Tampa on Feb. 5 for a seven-day cruise. The ports of call included the Cayman Islands, Cozumel, Mexico, Belize and Mahogany Bay at Isla Roatan, Honduras.

The cruisers included these folks from the Azores: Tom and Marie Pirrello, Jim and Jan Williams, Nan Rudolph and Hugh Abner, Gordon and Jean Fowlie, Mie-ying and Nancy Lo, Gerald and Ava Smith and Terry Fitzgerald.

Also, Dan and Anna Hyden and Bill and Nancy House from the OTOW Hoosier Club joined in for the fun as well. Ava Smith also invited her cousin Peggy Magee and her sister Jessie Featherstone, from Indianapolis, to enjoy time away from the cold north, which they gladly accepted.

The group enjoyed two fun days at sea that included many entertaining activities aboard ship. The ports of call were enjoyed with groups going in all different directions. At the Caymans, one group enjoyed Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville Restaurant and shopping at all the Cayman shops. In Belize, the Smiths and Hydens took

in the shops, along with a guided tour of the island, making stops at various points of interest.

One stop was visiting a rum factory that served samples of a drink called the "Panty Ripper." I am sure some of you are wondering what exactly a "Panty Ripper" is. Well, it is made with one ounce of coconut rum, two ounces of pineapple juice and one teaspoon of cherry juice. Only one of those drinks will suffice... please!

At the last port of call at Mahogany Bay in Roatan, Bill and Nancy and Peggy and Jessie all went on a "zip-line" excursion through the jungle which was said to be quite exciting. At the end of each day, we all gathered on Deck 2 for happy hour to swap stories of the excursions of the day.

The cruisers were well-blended and had a super time enjoying each other's company while dining together for breakfast and dinner. All in all, everyone had a wonderful time and no complaints were heard!

The seas were very kind to us with smooth "flat water" sailing from Sunday through Friday. However, while returning to Tampa on Saturday, there were 40-mph winds and 10-foot seas, but the *Legend* plowed through the rough wind and seas and brought us back safely to Tampa.

A group photo of these fine cruising adventurers is included for your perusal (top right).



OTOW residents pose on the grand staircase of the *Carnival Legend* for a group photo during their February seven-day cruise to the Western Caribbean.

Reporter is stepping down, moving to Ariz.

Easter has passed by, and now we are into summer. The temperatures feel like summer, although summer has not officially arrived. I hope you have been out and about to enjoy the beauty of our blooms that are everywhere.

The purple Jacaranda trees are always awesome to see as are the azaleas, crepe myrtle and gardenias.

Close to 50 residents got together on March 31 for a potluck picnic in the core at noon. Ted Berger took over the cooking of the hot dogs, while Diane Deitz and Bernice Tokarski did the hamburger and cheeseburgers.

The outlay of food was impressive and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who worked so hard so we would have such a memorable get-together.



Now it is time for our winter residents to start preparing their apartments for the summer as they will all be leaving us shortly.

This is my last article as your reporter. I believe most of you know

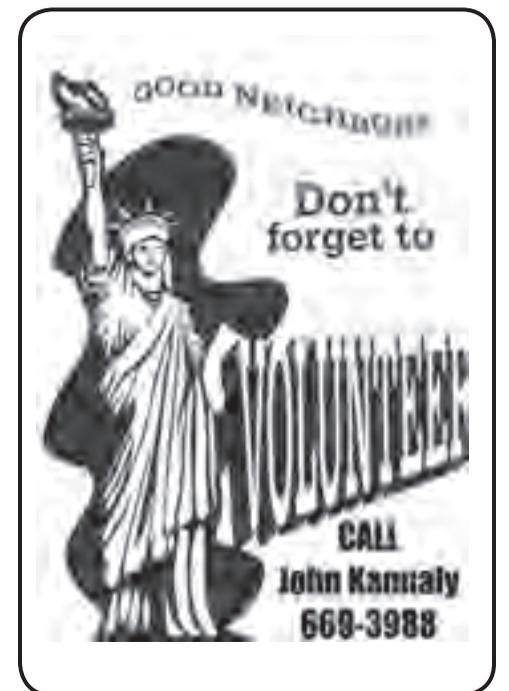
I am moving to a retirement home in Arizona to be near my son and his family and my brother.

The new owners of my apartment, but not new residents, are Tom and Kim Murray, who have rented an apartment in the building for a number of years.

My time as your reporter has been a rewarding and learning experience. I sincerely hope one of you will come forward and continue writing for Building 10.

Thanks for your reporting...

Ed. Note: The OTOW News thanks Margaret Doran for her work as Middle East Moorish building reporter and wishes her well in the future.



Need An Extra Newspaper?

Copies of the OTOW News are available in the East and West Activity Center lobbies.

Let's meet some of the pets residing at OTOW

Last month I told you about the talents at Casa Verde; this month I thought that you might like to meet our pets.

Not everyone in the building has a pet; fortunately, the pet owners we do have are happy to have the rest of us admire their additional family member.

Our largest pet is probably Lola Donna Kahl, a beautiful white Pyredoodle. Lola was born in Florida and she will be six years old Nov. 22. She's very friendly with everyone in the building as well as the other dogs. She likes frequent walks and she is very lovable. She is a little too big to be considered a lap dog but she would like to be one.

Terra Kiddoo is a darling Toy Poodle who loves people and knows no strangers. She's a small loving lap dog who gives unconditional love especially when her owners come home at night. She was born in Terre Haute, Ind., 12 years ago.

Cogan came to his owner as a gift eight and a half years ago. He is a Schnauzer described by his owner as very smart and a loving little guy.



Howie Mullett was a gift from Nancy and Bob's son about 12 years ago. Howie is a Pomeranian who is so sweet and loving and definitely the Mulletts' little baby.

Reba Ordway is a Dachshund and Jack Russell mix who came to her owners seven years ago from a private party. She is well behaved and has a unique way of showing her affection. Her owners claim that she is a great companion to them.

Brooklyn Zuckerman is a 3-year-old Shih-poo. He came from a breeder and loves to curl up and sleep on Paul's lap.

Trixie Ott also came from a breeder. Trixie is a Tea Cup Yorkie.

She is 11 years old and is described by her owners as very friendly. In fact, whenever they go away, her dog sitters love to have her around. She also has a reputation for being a good watchdog.

A 5-year-old Maine Coon cat belongs to Dennis and Carol Babini. Her name is Dusty and she was found as a stray in the woods near Dennis' office. Her family considers her special since she opens all of the bi-fold closet doors after midnight and stuffs her toys under the doors that she can't open.

Another cat in our building is Olivia Manard. She was rescued from a shelter in North Florida. She's a 1½-year-old Siamese mix with beautiful blue eyes. She loves to run around like the Energizer Bunny and she likes to leap on things, including people. Her owners just sit back and admire her zest for life.

When I inquired about pets in the building, I found that many people in the building who didn't have pets considered their spouse to fit this category...

At least no one told me about their "pet peeves!"



CONDOMINIUM OWNERS WHO RENT THEIR UNITS

OWNERS who rent direct must request necessary forms for securing Activity Cards for their renters by submitting a written request giving Building Number, Apartment Number, the address of the Apartment and enclosing a legal-sized self-addressed, stamped return envelope to:

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Applications are NOT available at any On Top of the World office or the Palm Acre Real Estate office. They MUST be obtained BY MAIL and MUST be requested BY THE OWNER.

Big thanks to residents for their support of the arts

Greetings, everyone. I'll bet you have forgotten me, since I haven't submitted an article for these last several months.

If memory serves, it was after the Christmas holiday. So, let me catch all of my fans up on the happenings at Grecian Classic.

Herb and Hazel Jordan were late returning from their vacation. Herb was delegated to being stage manager for the OTOW Chorus' first production, and he did a commendable job. But for their March production, "Broadway Memories," he was back up on the stage in the tenor section giving it his all.

By the way, both productions were indeed splendid.

In the St. Patrick's Day parade, he again donned his Canadian Mountie outfit, but was again relegated to the parade route on foot, since he was minus his steed. You just can't get decent help these days, Herb, but better luck next year!

I'm sure you will agree that The Jesters shows, as well as the Theatre Workshop productions, were quite good.

Our annual building picnic was held March 23 and was a success. Thanks to Herb Jordan and Jerry Dalley for manning the grills and for those



who helped set up the chairs. As part of the festivities, one of our residents, Bill Buford, gave us a "Jack Kerouac-esque" reading from the memories of his retirement party. Per his request, Mr. Buford is not wanted by the FBI!

I would like to thank all of the residents from OTOW, as well as the residents from Grecian Classic, for supporting me and the Francis Wilson Playhouse this season. You did Sam Houston proud!

Come to the Coffee Corner and I'll give you a brochure of the 2012/2013 season. If I'm not there, anyone can show you where they are. You can also get one from Nancy's office.

Until the next time, be well, and continue to support live theater and the arts.



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THE WAY WE WERE A look back at OTOW News (Part 36: May, 1974)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- Kudos heard from residents attending the Chorus' Spring Concert in April. Twin piano concertos plus "Easter Parade" and other favorites were sung by the chorus.
- Fabulous Disney World trip was well-attended, with five buses making the trip.
- Residents enjoyed the trip to the Asolo Theatre in Sarasota. For \$7.75 guests viewed "Broadway" and included the cost of the bus.
- Theatre Workshop presented two one-act plays May 2-3. For only a one-dollar donation everyone enjoyed "New Moon for Hattie" and "Goodnight Please."
- A free steak dinner was held May 20-22, as Publix took the opportunity to thank OTOW residents for their patronage. 1,350 lucky residents were served the dinner. Tickets were given to designated buildings at certain times on May 13. Thank you, Publix, for a delicious evening!
- 25 buildings reported news.

See you in June!

Residents enjoy some nice springtime family visits

May, a month to remember and praise our mother! We all have one, whether still on earth or beyond. What is your *Language of Love*?

How to tell a Mother what she is worth?

The sun, the moon, the stars, the earth?

The debt's too big for words to fill

Perhaps this bunch of violets will do.

Did you know we have a Snowbird-in-residence at Melbourne who fulfilled a lifelong dream of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro last February? Cindy Howard and friends took that challenge! There is so much to tell about the trip that I will endeavor a feature story on it next month; watch for it.

Randy, her husband, went scuba diving in Zanzibar while she was climbing. I can only dream of such adventures. The Howards reside in London, Ontario, but winter at On Top of the World because their son is close by.

The outing at Chopsticks in March was well attended. We all enjoyed the fun and food. Laura Miles has volunteered to plan our future trips. April's trip was planned for the Village Inn on the 21st.

Adele Friedlander sailed on a seven-day Eastern Caribbean cruise. She met some friends in San Juan, and they showed her all around the island. That was the only port where she left the ship but just enjoyed the time there. She also visited her daughter in Ft. Lauderdale. She says it was a restful trip with lovely weather.

Betty Hayhurst's sister Nancy and brother-in-law came down to visit from Ohio. Also, Betty's daughter Teresa came to stay for a week.



Connie Valentin's niece came to Florida the end of March and spent a few days with them. Connie said she couldn't wait to see her children, ages 13, 9 and 7. They had a nice visit.

Joan Wedeen and her daughter Diana were here for a week and were able to come to our March luncheon. So nice to see them.

Dot Michael's granddaughter was here visiting in April. Always great to see our grandchildren.

Lots of spring company. My son-in-law left March 31 and told me he would be back next year if I promised him the same delightful weather. Can't do that but hope he comes back anyway!

Remember to honor your mothers on May 13 and your country on May 28.

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THE PERSEVERING GOLFER

By Alma W. Hudson

(For one who has made a hole-in-one and has received four golf trophies, I thought this could be a laugh!)

On the hills in Junaluska, N.C.
 You are so alive
 And always very happy
 To end up with a "five"

But it rolled down the hill
 With the greatest finesse
 That little white ball
 That was named Titleist

Each time I hit it
 Up high on the slope
 It came bouncing back
 Like a gay antelope

Its actions were silly
 No one did it please
 In fact it just seemed
 Like it wanted to tease

And I kept hitting
 Each beautiful shot
 But old numbers seven

Said "Let's see what you've got"

And after the ball came back
 Times six or seven
 I finally hit one
 Up high into heaven

I chipped to the pin
 Sank a putt curved and mean
 And ended the hole
 With a brilliant "thirteen."

HIS LOVE

By Madeleine Wanda

If you live to be ninety, you are cool
 You've lived by God's chosen rule,
 But there were times you didn't behave
 You must repent for times ill spent.
 We are all His creatures, young and old,
 His love for us is constantly told,
 Our human faults He understands
 So He extends His arms and takes our hand.

SPRING IN 2012

By Madeleine Wanda

April showers bring May flowers
 With May flowers, we welcome June brides,
 There's graduation day in May and June
 That all parents remember with great pride.
 Spring is an exciting time for the young
 And a remembrance time for the young at heart,
 A busy time for awhile, then a time to relax
 So we can begin again, with a fresh start.



WONDERFUL BELLS

By Alma W. Hudson

(This is good for shut-ins and to give a bell)

I'm just a little love bell
 Who has come to say
 Sure hope you can use me
 In a most convenient way

Set me on your nightstand
 And you might soon see
 The tinkle of my clapper
 Will call attention to thee

You may not need me often
 But I'll be there when you do
 And each time you ring me
 Think of our love for you.



THE SMOKEY MOUNTAINS

By Alma W. Hudson

We drove through the mountains
 A sight to behold
 There are no adjectives
 For it to be told

The beautiful mountains
 With a profusion of trees
 And all of the leaves
 Swaying in the breeze

There were red ones
 Yellow ones, rust and green
 So many were falling
 But the air was so clean

From the highest peak
 To the rock bottom creek
 All are adventures
 You'll want to seek

The tall stately trees
 Casting shadows on the route
 Makes a cool serene road
 For you to look all about

Make the Smokey National Park
 As one of your future plans
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Some activity ideas to try

I guess it's safe to say all the Snowbirds are pretty much gone. So let the fun times begin! There are plenty of things still to do and plenty of people to do them with.

The swimming pool has now changed back to summer hours. There is a very nice evening crowd around 4:30. Don't swim? How about just sitting around and chitchatting? Got a lot of people here for that.

We have a really nice baseball field right down the road. The price is not bad, and it's something different for an evening out. Not interested in baseball? How about a movie; just right up Belcher, Tuesday is senior day.

It's a good time to eat out, and the restaurant is not so crowded. Remember, our building is still enjoying a night out once a month to a local restaurant.

Nothing so far here of interest? Well, we still have golf, line dancing, computer club, and if all fails you, you can just sit. Just remember, enjoy your beginning of summer.

Building 34, if anyone is taking a trip, doing something special, or having some interesting people and would like to share a story, just drop by my apartment and I will write it up.

So get out there and get going!

Mallorcans enjoy everything from parties to golf scramble; mini-golf to horse racing

March was a very busy month for the Mallorcans. We had parties, company, and Easter festivities to celebrate. It seemed that the theme was International.

Our first international celebration was a St. Patrick's Day party in our backyards. Elizabeth Poelcher, Josie Marsiglio, Helen Pawlikowski, and Dottie Meissner hosted a corned beef and cabbage dinner for many of their friends and neighbors. What a great meal we had! Four of these traditional Irish dishes were prepared by our four fabulous cooks, and, as usual, everyone brought a dish to pass. Needless to say, no one went home hungry or dissatisfied.

Our annual outing to Congo Golf was a great success, especially for those of us who do not play regular golf. After a hilarious game of mini-golf, we went to Villa Maria, where we enjoyed a delicious Italian dinner. Prizes for best scores went to Ginger Currier and to Jim Finguerra. Congratulations to you both! And thanks to Dick and Terry Kuplen for organizing this fun outing!

The end of March was marked by an outing to Tampa Bay Downs, where six of us participated in the English "Sport of Kings." Some players won, some broke even, and some, well, just had a good time!



April 2 was the date for our annual Golf Scramble, which was comprised of five teams of four players. After the golf game, more than 30 of us, including residents from the Monaco building, enjoyed a barbeque in the back yards of Jim and Rita Rudderham and Terry and Dick Kuplen. Canadian/American hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork, and eggplant Parmesan were just a few of the highlights and delights for us to sample for dinner.

After the meal, Dick handed out prizes for the best scores. The winning team was comprised of Terry, Werner, Margot, and Wendy. Congratulations all! As an added treat, the five teams presented a team cheer, and then we, the audience, voted which one was best. A fun day!

Debbie Pawlikowski Jones visited Helen for a few days in March. Debbie was able to attend the dinner at Villa Maria after the mini golf game. Mother and daughter went to the beach and shopping. We hope Debbie will be able to stay longer next time she visits!

My friend Loretta Keys came back for another visit in April, staying with us for a week. She was here with her husband in February, but this time she came solo, since her husband had to work during her school vacation.

Loretta was able to attend the golf scramble barbeque, which she thoroughly enjoyed. She is beginning to know many of our neighbors now.

Loretta, Jim, and I also went to the pool many afternoons, and we went to Honeymoon Island once. Delightful! Thank you, Mallorcans, for making our visitors feel welcome and part of our family.

Easter was celebrated by many in the Mallorca building. Ginger, Jim, and I hosted dinner for 12, while many others went out for dinner or had a quiet meal with a few close friends and relatives.

Some of our Snowbirds have flown to Northern areas, which will be the common theme for the next couple of months. For those of you who travel north, be safe and have a healthy summer.

Annual tourney is considered another success

Rachel Tranchemontagne was thrilled when her daughter and her family visited for a few days, bringing with her Rachel's first great-grandchild. We can all imagine what a thrill this was for Rachel!

Our "Goodbye Snowbirds" cookout was all set for 3 p.m., and then it started raining. After moving tables and food to the center core, it turned out to be a nice sunny day. Over 50 attended and enjoyed the grilled burgers and hot dogs, along with many contributions by all our good cooks. Thanks to all, including Mike, who cleaned up the grill.

The 13th annual Building 28 "Fun" Paul Tranchemontagne Gold Tournament was played recently, with Frank Parlatore as starter.

24 building residents and friends including Hal Jacobsen, Rachel Tranchemontagne, Don Levay, Clarence



Hebert, Doug Pineau, Nancy Parlatore, Peter Koukotsis, Les Meszaros, Marge Sivek, Thelma Jacobsen, Donna Meszaros and Ce Shaughnessy all joined in the fun.

Winners were: First place team captained by Alex Miller with team members Larry Schaughnessy, Mary Pineau and Marie Hebert. Second place team captained by Claudette Koukoutsis

with team members Beech Thomas, Barbara Sensale and Bill McIntosh, and third place team captained by Bill Moriarty and team members Frank Parlatore, Mary Helen Murray and Gloria Hoffman.

Prizes for closest to the pin were won by Larry Schaughnessy on the 9th hole and Gloria Hoffman on the 15th hole.

Following the tournament a lunch was served at the clubhouse picnic area followed by awarding of the prizes and a raffle for items donated by team members and friends.

The tournament was chaired by Ce Shaughnessy. Her committee members were Frank Parlatore, Rachel Tranchemontagne, Yvette Deschanes, Marge Sivek, Julie Miller and Hal Jacobsen.

Many thanks to the committee members and golfers who helped make this event such a great success.

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Summer travel plans being firmed up

Merna Sternfeld spent a great six-week vacation here accompanied by her friend Fay Cohen. Both are from Skokie, Ill. While here, a friend of Merna's flew in from Phoenix to help celebrate Merna's birthday with her. Along with sightseeing and shopping, they enjoyed quite a few of the local restaurants.

Jerry and Carol DeLisles enjoyed a visit from their granddaughter and her husband, both from Chicago, who also brought along three grandchildren. After enjoying our pool plus the nice weather here, they were off to Disney World for a few days.

Before departure, all dined at the Cinema Cafe and watched the movie "Lorax." "Sure beats Chicago!" they exclaimed.

Mike and Jutta Lane had a visitor from Germany drop by for the Bohemian cocktail hour.

Frederich is a friend from the same town where Jutta lived in Germany: Miltenberg. The Lanes often spend time there in the summers.

He enjoyed the OTOW layout, the people, and especially the cocktail hours, where all the neighbors gathered to share their experiences and opinions.

After visiting Sarasota, Friederich described the scenery there as "magnificent."



Paula Schelling asked our Snowbirds who attended a farewell luncheon at the Ozona restaurant about their summer plans. Here are some of the comments she reported: Louise and Terry MacKenzie are heading home to Canada. One item on their agenda was a Neil Diamond Concert with a stop in Illinois to visit friends there.

Also going to Illinois are Nancy and Pat Kennedy, who plan to attend two graduations and work on selling their beautiful lake home.

Shirley, their neighbor, will head out later this summer to New York and then take a scenic bus trip along the California coast.

Carol and Jerry Delisle will head off to visit their granddaughter before going north to visit friends and family in Michigan.

Jutta and Mike Lane will finalize plans to spend time abroad in Germany.

Frank and Ellen Marina will visit family in Boston before returning with a stop in Virginia Beach for a wedding.

Maxine and son Mike will return to Michigan before a trip to Lubbock, Texas, for a wedding.

Karen and Ted Bay return to Nova Scotia for the summer, while Mary Bronstein will split her time between New York and Pennsylvania.

Jim and Paula Schelling plan to make stops along the way while going to attend Jim's 50th reunion.

Dolly and Larry Boyd have a game plan to relax once back home in Delaware.

The Connollys plan to spend some time selling their home in New York.

Maria and John Denehan are currently in the cruise planning mode: two of them, in fact.

Dotty's daughter spends summers at Cape Cod (and took in the Innisbrook Golf Tournament while visiting here).

Jack Goldberg takes a train ride every year with his car from Virginia. He likes the warm weather during the winter and the cool weather up North for the summer.

Well, enjoy your summer, everyone, however you spend it!



After renting, couple buys

At our March luncheon at the Acropolis Restaurant, we welcomed new Chetniks, Carol and Hugh Carroll, lively Canadians who joined us. They are Snowbirds, but rented condos at On Top of the World in different buildings for three years until now. They recently bought a unit in our building.

Carol has a brother in the Mandalay building, also Canadian with dual citizenship. The Carrolls are from Ottawa. Before spending winters at OTOW, 10 couples from Ottawa wintered in the Panhandle at Destin, Fla., for six years.

The Carrolls have three children, all married – two sons in Canada and a daughter in Seattle, and four grandchildren. They play golf and bridge.

Also at the luncheon, Phil Meissner's brother Henry, from Pennsylvania, joined us. Phil discussed the building Christmas party, which will be held on Friday, Dec. 7, in the Sunrise Room. It will be catered by McCabe's. More details will follow, closer to the date.

Our own Sue Little was one of the lovely dancers in the Theatre Workshop show "Money" and also was in charge of costumes. We are so proud of you, Sue! It was also so good to hear the incredible singing voice of Arlene Kilpatrick in both Jesters and Theatre Workshop productions. Arlene also sings solo and with the choir at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church.

Happy Mother's Day to all you Moms and Grandmoms!

Building holds Golf Day on 18-hole course

I'm going to blame it on the weather! The wonderful, warm but lacking humidity weather we have been experiencing this winter.

Our residents have not been bundled up in their condos huddled in front of the electric heaters nor have they been hiding in air-conditioned rooms dreading to venture out into the heat. They have been joyfully attending our monthly lunch/dinner events.

In the past three months we have had record-breaking attendance at all of the functions, from the potluck business meeting to Kally-K's (where we celebrated Ruth Hickman's 90th birthday), to the March dinner at Cheddar's. I'm thrilled at your interest and your participation. Please keep it up.



That participation did not wane for the American Gothic Golf Day held in late March on the 18-hole golf course. We were even joined by our next-door neighbors from the Victorian

building. There were birdies and bogies and a good time enjoyed by all. A pizza party followed at CiCi's, at which there were no winners or losers.

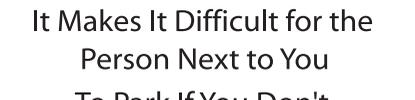
Now, after patting you-all on the back, don't let me down for the Bye-Bye Birdies Picnic. Elaine and Bob Ellis will once again host the picnic on their patio and in the backyard behind their condo. All residents are welcome. Please bring a chair, your beverages, and a dish or snack to share.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. The time and date will soon be posted on the bulletin board; so do keep an eye open and plan to attend.

Our monthly summer lunches will probably commence in May.

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This pair loves occasional visits to quaint German village

I can't say enough about having good neighbors. Let me just say that we are blessed with wonderful next-door neighbors. It truly is a great feeling knowing if you need help, you have it.

Today I would like to say a few words about Goca and Helmut Kranenberg, our next-door neighbors.

They will leave later this summer for a small town in Germany in which they have lived in for the past 17 years. It is a quaint town of 800 people.

Everyone knows each other, and they are on a first name basis. In this quiet village, nothing changes. It stays the same as it was many years ago, which is the beauty of it. This lovely town has one school with two classes. Most people ride bikes to get around.

The children go to school up to the fourth grade and then ride a bus to other areas for the balance of their schooling. The people of this town are quite proud of the one small castle still standing.

The men of the village tend to the fields and animals, and the women raise vegetables and fruits. You would buy your milk from the farms as well.



Most of the people have worked their whole lives in the village. The younger generation goes to the nearby cities for work.

Goca tells me the lakes are so clean you can drink the water or go swimming whenever you like. It is so safe you can take a long walk through the fields and see the beautiful apple orchards.

Most of the time the villagers can their food, but when Goca and Helmut invite the village children over they give them store-bought cans of vegetables and they love it because they say, "We are tired of the healthy stuff."



Goca and Helmut Kranenberg return to this lovely German village periodically when not in residence at OTOW.

We just love when Goca and Helmut come back. First of all, we do miss them, and second, they always have such glorious stories to tell. I don't know about you, but this village reminds me of a Thomas Kincaid scene.

Cheers to two of the greatest, most interesting and wonderful neighbors we have ever had. We will be sad to see them go.

This reporter is signing off; talk to you all next month.

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Building Easter dinner offered residents a luxurious setting

How can I report on all the activities that have taken place in the last month – in 300 words? I'll try!

The shows have been so entertaining, especially the chorus. Our own Rita Tombari is a member.

I attended three picnics, all at Philippe Park. Our Siboney picnic was fun with Mario Gonnella winning the golf putting contest. Paula Ergang won the food quiz, and Pat Heller was the most knowledgeable on the medical quiz. Peg Dugan's baked beans were a big hit.

Congratulations to Craig Ergang and Dave Mathewson who both had a hole-in-one. Speaking of golfers, several of our neighbors volunteered for the Innisbrook Golf Classic, including Paula and Craig Ergang and Rob Maynard.

Bob Evans, who is so great with computers, taught a class for press reporters, instructing them on how to send their copy to the press room. He also gives instructions on Blackberries and Kindles. In this highly technological world, we do need help, and thank God for volunteers like Bob.



What a wonderful Easter dinner we had in the Sunrise Room. Wait till you hear this... we had tables set with linen tablecloths, china, crystal goblets, cloth napkins, beautiful centerpieces and "grandma's" silverware. We owe a big thank-you to Laura Evans, who supplied all of the above items, and her helper, Mary Jane Devoe (and their spouses).

My daughter was here from Long Island, and she participated in the decorated hat contest. Winners were Rita Tombari, prettiest; Ethyle Lee, funniest; Cele Radeloff,



Some of the participants in the Siboney Building Easter dinner and party "decorated hat" contest are (back row L-R) Audrey Decker, Pat Heller, Rita Tombari, Cele Radeloff, Laura Evans, Ann Darmody and Ethyle Lee. In front are Jared (with mask), Wendy and Sydney.

most creative; and Jared Caudill, most Easter spirit (see photo above).

Our president, Bob Heller, had his daughter and her husband and grandchildren visiting from Virginia. We had beautiful "Easter Parade" music played by (you guessed it) Bob Evans. Thanks to everyone!

I have to mention the great core party turnout we had. Newcomers for the first time were Joe and Josie Gonzalez, their daughter and son-in-law who brought a delicious dish. (We need the recipe.)

The next core party will be on Sunday, May 27. See you there! Happy Mother's Day!

Don't get in way of these 'Cane Clubbers'

We sure skidded into summer on two wheels didn't we? Once again, our Snowbirds have left us to deal with summer heat all by ourselves. On the brighter side, restaurants are available without reservations, traffic is manageable, the swimming pools allow us to swim without bumping into someone, and beaches are wide open for us diehards who still like to get golden tans.

Did you know that our resident artist, Jack Johnson, recently received Artist of the Month within the Art Guild? Jack is very talented and has his studio located in what used to be a front bedroom in their apartment.

My late cat, Gus, used to stay with them when I went on vacation and as I recall, he sat near Jack in his studio studying each brush stroke. (Not to take away from Jack, but I think Gus had some artistic talent, also!) Congratulations, Jack.

Mike McDonald used his hunting tactics learned from his grandfather as he was growing up to recently bag a wild hog right here in central Florida. To hear Mike talk, this hog was big, hairy, had tusks like an elephant and muscles like a boxer.

The next time you see Mike, ask to see pictures of his hunt. A little BBQ'd



pork sounds pretty yummy, doesn't it? Mike, we have several people with grills in our building that can help you out with this little task.

Our building has a new group called the Cane Club. If you peek out your windows in the morning, you will see Grace Sulkowsky and Marge Patric trit-trotting along with their canes getting their morning exercise. All joking aside, these ladies move right along at a fast pace, and heaven help anyone who gets in their way as they are liable to get "brushed aside!"

Maintenance cleaned up our parking area a couple weeks ago. Everyone found alternate parking for the day while they swept and blew leaves and built up dirt. They worked hard and

we all appreciate their efforts.

Our annual picnic held in April at Philippe Park was a huge success. Besides grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, and corn on the cob, we had a large assortment of salads, beans, and desserts that curbed the appetites of those who attended.

Several people brought their fishing poles, others brought lawn chairs and a book to read while enjoying the shade and fresh air, while others took the opportunity to visit with neighbors and friends while sipping iced tea under the pavilion.

Thanks to all of those who helped set things up, flipped burgers and dogs over an open fire, brought food, and of course, to everyone who came and made this event another memorable occasion.

Help me with your news, folks. Let me know what is going on in your lives so that I don't have to go snooping around every corner looking for something of interest to write about. It is kind of fun though, and I enjoy being the first one to know what is going on around here. Don't you wish you had my job?

Don't forget — keep a song on your lips and love in your heart.

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Bob Reis, President

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Visits and a hole-in-one are highlights of the past month

Our building's star reporter, Dorothy Churchill, has been on the go again! Last month Dorothy and her friend, Helen Valentine, took Dorothy's niece, Pat Stephens (who lives in the Melbourne building), out to celebrate Pat's birthday.



They enjoyed lunch at the 3 Oaks Cafe on S. Fort Harrison Ave. Afterwards, they headed over to the Largo Cultural Center to see "Tonight's the Night," the Rod Stewart tribute. They enjoyed a lovely afternoon.

Dorothy also entertained another niece, Diana, and her husband, Chuck. They went to the Sunset Grill and the next morning headed over to Lenny's for breakfast before Diana and Chuck took off for several other short visits before returning home to Michigan.

In the photo at right, sitting from left to right are Dorothy and Chuck;

back row are nieces Pat and Diana.

On Monday, April 9, Mike Crittendon was playing a round of golf and made a hole-in-one on the 10th green. Great job acing another hole in one, Mike!

Birthday wishes are extended May 10th to my honey, Jim Sundberg.



Dorothy Churchill and Chuck (seated), with nieces Pat and Diana during a recent visit.

Mandalay's building captain is a special guy who knows how to get things done

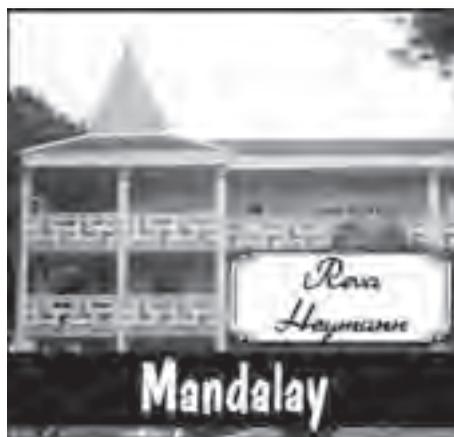
How do you breathe new life into a building resident's group that has slowed way down?

You get an activist building captain! Bob Backland has followed up on residents' concerns about the hot water in the laundry, has put up signs in the trash room to educate people about what does and doesn't go where, and a whole lot more.

Instead of people asking who are the president, secretary, etc., there is a posted roster of the people who are filling each job.

Bob is an interesting guy. He is a member of the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club and has shown his woodworking skills by building an attractive bench with a beautiful planter in the middle.

He was a long-term career Navy man and has a citation for bravery



in helping to deal with a fatal fire on his aircraft carrier, including helping to save a shipmate and by pushing bombs overboard so they wouldn't blow up.

With the help of his wife and other volunteers, a big picnic was set up in the building core and the surrounding walkway.



This little fellow wanted to make his presence known at a recent building picnic.

There was a great response from the Mandalay residents. More people signed up for it than we usually see at lunches or meetings. The food was laid out in tables in the core, two grills were set up outside, and everybody brought folding chairs and snack tables.

A large, animated, talkative group ensued and everybody had a wonderful time!

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100th birthday celebration draws more than 50 to country club

What happens when you get over 50 people together in a nice location with plenty of food, conversation and laughter?

It's time for a party! Especially if one of the guests is Fannie Batista and she is celebrating her 100th birthday.

Hostess Helen Sutkowi and her crew, including Gloria Iovinelli, Andy Grillo and others, gathered everyone together at the Clearwater Country Club on April 18 to help Fannie welcome her birthday.

The actual date is in May but the Orizaba building residents wanted to show their love and affection for Fannie before her family gathered in a more formal atmosphere.

Mr. and Mrs. Delores and Louis Abbagliato (Fannie's daughter and son-in-law) were present, as were many friends and fellow residents.

A photo makeup depicting the many facets of Fannie's life was displayed and included pictures of many relatives and activities from her past, including pictures of the many



wedding gowns that she designed and made.

A party atmosphere was in full gear with short speeches by Helen Sutkowi, Delores and from Fannie herself. She thanked everyone for attending, but was unable to answer the question that everyone asked, "what's the secret of attaining 100 years of age?"

Fannie said there is no secret; she just takes it one day at a time and the years just slip by. She said good living might help but I think that good genes are even more important.



Fannie Batista's 100th birthday celebration was held April 18 at the Clearwater Country Club. (Photos and montage by Howard Bergendahl)

She enjoys bingo every Monday and poker every Friday. She told of her visits to her children's home where she is not expected to do anything but enjoy herself.

Flo Gracia led the group in singing "Happy Birthday," then

everyone ate heartily from the great buffet and definitely enjoyed the birthday cake and ice cream. Wayne Slaght says the secret word is ninety and he is watching the group of ninety years old to see who is next to reach 100 years of age!

Introspective story written by resident couple's granddaughter

We are sadly watching our Snowbirds heading north, but we have a lot to look forward to as they return!

It's wonderful to stay in touch over the summer via emails and phone calls, and a blessing we have such nice friends who live here for several months at a time. While we are missing them, their friends up north are welcoming them back.

I certainly have enjoyed the activities of the various clubs and the dances the Entertainment Committee planned for us. Please note that the former "Singles Travel" has changed their name to "OTOW Travel Club" and is open to everyone. Watch for the summer activities planned.

I have learned the hard way to always use a good sunscreen with both UVA and UVB protection. I also wear a big black hat which is protection for the face. Even when driving, your left ear can get an extra dose of sun exposure (as mine did), so keep at least an SPF 30 with the main ingredient "zinc oxide" per the recommendation from my dermatologist.

Kudos to June and Don Richardson's 16-year-old granddaughter, who wrote an article for a magazine for



kids who have neurological differences they have to live with.

Bella was published in The Painted Brain Magazine recently. Her article is as follows and is good for all of us to read and apply for others with various health reasons:

"I know I'm not different from anyone else even though I have epilepsy. Taking medication doesn't make me a bad person; it makes me responsible.

"I can deal with the seizures. I can deal with the medication. I can even deal with the paranoid parents. But telling a friend at a young age about my disorder has been the hardest part. The awkward pause after I tell someone, following with the response of

'Well are you going to have one right now?' kills me inside.

"I feel like a fish out of water. I don't tell people to make them nervous; I tell them so they'll be aware. 'Why are you always absent in the morning?' 'Why don't you ever sleepover at houses?' 'Why are you taking medication?'

"You want to know why? I have epilepsy. As tolerant as everyone acts, inside I can tell the majority of them don't want to be around me. I get it — they're scared. What if I have a seizure and they don't know what to do? It has happened, and it could happen again.

"Teenagers don't want to deal with problems that they don't need to be a part of. Their minds are flustered with relationships and school work.

"I'm not asking my friends to find a legitimate cure for me. I'm asking them not to give up on me. I've never been the 'it' girl. But I've always had friends who have stuck by my side. They know me, and they know there is more to me other than my epilepsy.

"In a messed up way, my epilepsy is almost like a blessing in disguise. It has helped me discover who my real friends are and encouraged me not to give up on myself."

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Did you know? When my air-conditioner guy came to check my A/C unit, I learned something new I'd like to share. He said instead of using bleach mixed with water to clean the pipes between annual or semi-annual checkups, it is best to now use two cups of vinegar to clean the drain. Reason: It is better for the drains and does a great job. It should be done monthly.





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Kudos to residents who completed mailbox project



Reporter's granddaughter in front of "mystery sign." See text for details.



A Baltimore Oriole in Canada eating a Florida orange. (Photo by Don Jones)

This month I have a riddle for you: Can you figure out where the photo at right was taken? (Answer is at the bottom of this article – don't look now – read the article first!)

My granddaughter came to Florida for a visit. She said, "Look Grandpa, see this picture. Many at OTOW would not recognize this."

Here are two hints: (1) it is not within the OTOW complex, and (2) my granddaughter is from Canada.

The other photo (at far right) in this article is one that I took last year shortly after I arrived in Canada. It is a picture of a Baltimore oriole enjoying a Florida orange.

The oriole is a very picturesque

bird and fun to watch as they migrate from parts south back to Ontario and the northern United States.

I must not leave the country for our trip North until I say a big thank you on behalf of all of us at the Dorado building for the excellent job done by Jim Collins and Tom Hendrickson who painted the wood

around our mailboxes. I believe that completes our very successful "new mailbox" project. Thanks to all who were involved over the past two years.

I would be remiss if I did not thank two of our residents, Eileen Hendrickson and Sandy Lindberg, who organized a splendid "Snowbirds"

party on March 30. As a Snowbird, I appreciate the gesture and look forward to returning next year to meet all the Dorado residents.

Answer: (Did you cheat and look before reading the article?) The picture was taken at the bottom of the CN Tower in Toronto, Ontario.

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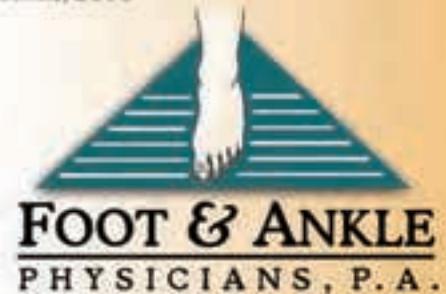
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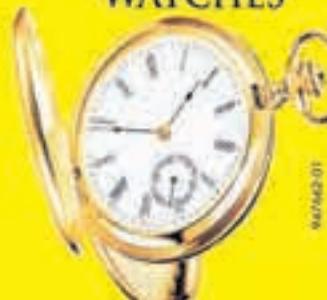
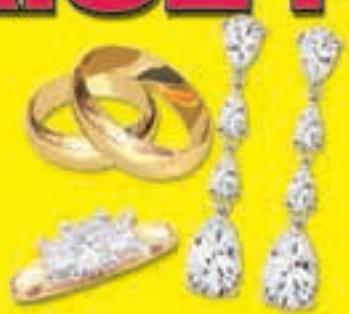
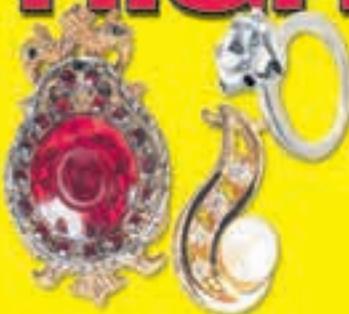
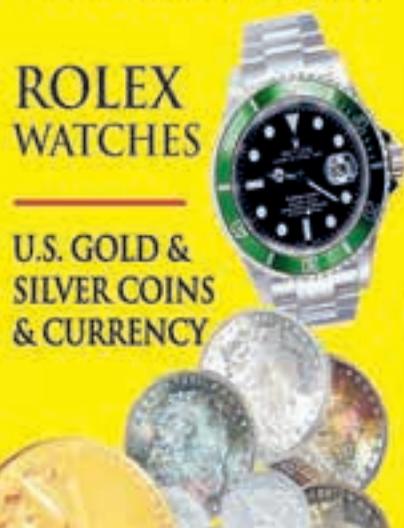
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Virgil Meyer	1930
March 5	
Naoma Harper	2880
Nancy Savelle	2710
March 5 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	3470
Chet Czczot	1780
March 7 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	3090
Jane Child	2720
March 8	
Bunny Posan	3430
Regina Dietrich	3390
March 9 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	4390
Jane Child	3640
March 12	
Marilyn Miller	3360
Regina Dietrich	2960
March 12 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	3500
Lois Brown	2350
March 14 (PM)	
Rudy Skolnik	3450
Sergio Pistella	3200
March 15	
Roland Wigley	4570
Marilyn Miller	3380
March 16 (PM)	
Jane Child	3600
Sergio Pistella	2880
March 19	
Naoma Harper	3670
Mary Spearman	2970
March 19 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	3430
Lois Brown	2250
March 22	
Julie Solfronk	3750
Regina Dietrich	3470
March 23 (PM)	
Jane Child	4020
Sergio Pistella	3450
March 26	
Julie Solfronk	3290
Naoma Harper	3120
March 26 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	3500
Chet Czczot	2760
March 28	
Verna Olson	2860
Julie Solfronk	2600
March 28 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	3250
Virgil Meyer	2190
March 29	
Roland Wigley	5770
Van Jones	5160
March 30 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella	4230
Chet Czczot	2860



**EAST SIDE
Fran Milanec**

March 13	
6620 (1st Place)	Chet Czczot
6510 (2nd Place)	Marge Garvey
Took All Tricks	Frank Spero, Maxine Murray
March 15	
6400 (1st Place)	Jeanne Sanders
6390 (2nd Place)	Dick Gordon
Double Pinochle	Jan Jankowski, Joyce Harvey, Rose Oshaben
Took All Tricks	Madelyn Thome & Helen Gonzalez
March 22	
6670 (1st Place)	Elwyn Legg
6390 (2nd Place)	Joyce Harvey
Took All Tricks	Joyce Harvey, Dick Gordon, Helen Gonzalez & Marge Garvey
March 27	
6460 (1st Place)	Yolanda DaRos
6320 (2nd Place)	Elwyn Legg
Double Pinochle	Fran Milanec
March 27	
7260 (1st Place)	Ken Doolittle
6860 (2nd Place)	Clayton Hancock
Double Pinochle	Yolanda DaRos, Maxine Murray, Clayton Hancock
March 29	
6360 (1st Place)	Frank Spero
6000 (2nd Place)	Lee
April 3	
6830 (1st Place)	Clayton Hancock
6640 (2nd Place)	Chet Czczot
April 5	
6520 (1st Place)	Mary Chiridon
6420 (2nd Place)	Al Lacher
Double Pinochle	Frank Spero
Took All Tricks	Gene Karlin & Fran Milanec
April 12	
7360 (1st Place)	Dick Gordon
7160 (2nd Place)	Alice Langguth
Double Pinochle	Dick Gordon, Joan Mannarino
Took All Tricks	Helen Gonzalez, Frank Spero
March 7	
1600	Janine
1550	Elsie Toth
March 14	
2900	Ann Gehrling
2710	Fran Peck
March 21	
1830	Elsie Toth
1300	Ann Gehrling
March 28	
2800	Elsie Toth
2690	Ann Gehrling
April 4	
3150	Elsie Toth
3020	Muriel Landau



Muriel Landau



**WEST SIDE
Bertie Lewis**

March 15	
6110 (1st Place)	Alice Langgath
6100 (2nd Place)	Russ Zurkan, Clayton Hancock
March 22	
7410 (1st Place)	Alice Langgath
6440 (2nd Place)	Clayton Hancock
March 29	
6620 (1st Place)	Chet Czczot
6610 (2nd Place)	Eileen Brust
Double Pinochle	Alice Langgath
April 5	
6840 (1st Place)	George Edwards
6200 (2nd Place)	Clayton Hancock
April 12	
6740 (1st Place)	Gin Upton
6670 (2nd Place)	Mary Ann Staffieri



**Mondays, Wednesdays
& Saturdays
Walter Balderson, Director
(Top leaders listed for each playdate)**

Wednesday, March 21	
N/S: Jean Rhame, Joan Moore	
Carole Meyer, Dorothy Ehlers	
E/W: Georgia Jensen, Charlie McKague	
Carol Gray, Marie Hebert	
Saturday, March 24	
N/S: Tom McKee, Marnie Carr	
Bob Zeman, Jana Packer	
E/W: Howard Laufer, Rainer Stimming	
Diane Laufer, Cobie Stimming	
Monday, March 26	
N/S: Bob Zeman, Jana Packer	
Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman	
E/W: Maxine Swanson, Betty Hayhurst	
Nita Akers, Liz Bohl	
Wednesday, March 28	
N/S: Renee Fishman, M.A. Sinnenberg	
Charlie McKague, Julienne Workman	
E/W: Adele Schloen, Harry Schloen	
Jackie Frenette, Carmen Dixon	
Saturday, March 31	
N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness	
Bob Zeman, Jana Packer	
E/W: Betty Sagun, Karen Russell	
Carmen Dixon, Jackie Frenette	

(Continued in next column)

**(Duplicate Bridge continued
from previous column)**

Monday, April 2	
N/S: Beverly Gibbo, Kay Ralston	
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness	
E/W: Bob Zeman, Karen Russell	
Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch	
Wednesday, April 4	
N/S: Joan Moore, Jean Rhame	
Jana Packer, Bob Zeman	
E/W: Maxine Swanson, Betty Hayhurst	
Tom McKee, Jackie Frenette	
Saturday, April 7	
N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness	
Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague	
E/W: Rainer Stimming, Cobie Stimming	
Carmen Dixon, Jackie Frenette	
Monday, April 9	
N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness	
Marilyn McKague, Charlie McKague	
E/W: Jackie Frenette, Nita Akers	
Betty Sagun, Hilda Platte	
Wednesday, April 11	
N/S: Bob Zeman, Jana Packer	
Beverly Gibbo, Evelyn Reece	
E/W: Betty Hayhurst, Hilda Platte	
Charlie McKague, M.A. Sinnenberg	
Saturday, April 14	
N/S: Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle	
Jana Packer, Bob Zeman	
E/W: Kay Ralston, Mary Ann Sinnenberg	
Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann	
Monday, April 16	
N/S: Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague	
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness	
E/W: Betty Sagun, Jana Packer	
Karen Russell, Bob Zeman	
Wednesday, April 18	
N/S: Jean Rhame, Joan Moore	
Charlie McKague, Evelyn Reece	
E/W: Betty Sagun, Karen Russell	
Hilda Platte, Tom McKee	
Saturday, April 21	
N/S: Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle	
Orletha Van Etten, Joan Moore	
E/W: Bob Zeman, Jana Packer	
Tom McKee, Hilda Platte	

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**EAST SIDE – Thursdays
Maxine Murray — Fran Milanec**

March 15 Winners	
1.....	Dick Gordon
2.....	Elwyn Legg
3.....	Norma Neiland
4.....	Maxine Murray
March 29 Winners	
1.....	May Blair
2.....	Joyce Engelbert
3.....	Arnie Engelbert
4.....	(Tie) Maxine Murray/Ron Murray
April 5 Winners	
1.....	Dick Gordon
2.....	(Tie) Fran Milanec/May Blair
3.....	(Tie) Mary Ann Fontaine/Ron Murray
April 12 Winners	
1.....	May Blair
2.....	(Tie) Helen Gordon/Maxine Murray
3.....	Ron Murray
4.....	Marvin Bruning



Pizza party always a hit

This is John, giving you some news of happiness in our building.

We all had a very good time Saturday, April 7, at our building pizza party. Thanks to John and Eleanor Shearer, Laura Ahearn, George Thompson, Steve Crosmer and Bob Rooson.

Also, thanks to Al O'Connor, our own entertainer. Thanks again to everyone who helped!

We missed Loretta Benson who was visiting her son, and Elsie Jane and Al Anderson whose two granddaughters were visiting from Hudson, Fla., during their spring break.

Millie Balestra's daughter was sworn in before the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. She is a practicing Nurse Practitioner in California and a lawyer who deals in law and health issues. Millie's son also visited her from St. Louis.

We also missed Jim McDonald at the pizza party. He was on a cruise.

Al and Elsie Jane Anderson's son and daughter-in-law visited from Columbus, Ohio.

Elsie Jane had 29 ladies at a tea at Wildflower Café. They belong to the Polar Bear swim class. Elsie Jane was presented with a big picture signed by everyone at the tea. The food was great. Everybody had a very good time.

Steve Crosmer, whose job takes him on all the roadways and byways across the U.S., reports the insects were out in great numbers very early this year in areas that should still be cold. So be prepared for them early this year.

See you all. God bless and keep you all safe and healthy.

Luncheon was ideal for gathering the news

As promised last month, here's the scoop on the Ladies' luncheon held March 28. We met in our building lobby and the caravan proceeded to Red Lobster where 11 of us enjoyed a delicious lunch and great conversation.

Marilyn Lane provided favors, which were an index card with a pen attached by a pretty ribbon. Then everyone in attendance was asked to write something for my next column. Talk about a captive audience! What a clever way to gather information, thanks so much, Marilyn!

We had a very special guest at the luncheon: my lovely granddaughter, who even provided something for this column. She said she had a nice time, and it was so nice to see all the ladies having a good time together.

Marilyn has gone to Indiana for a high school reunion (she wouldn't tell us which one). She'll be staying on to visit with her daughter and family. They will be in Indiana visiting from their home in California.

One card only said "Nothing new, love you, guess who?" I knew right away it was my wonderful mother. When Mom sold her house several years ago, we were very fortunate that she was able to purchase a condo in our building. Now we're neighbors, almost like living together. I do so love having her so close by.



Ruth Meyers recently celebrated her birthday (again, the subject declined to share the number). Her nieces and nephews had her on the go for a full weekend, starting with a dinner on Friday, bowling and dinner on Saturday and a Sunday trip to the aquarium.

In April she was off to Cleveland, Ohio, to visit her niece, then off to Las Vegas. Ruth also volunteers at a local hospital. What a busy lady!

Lois Linett tells us she and Jack are preparing to head back to Toronto for the summer, and they are already looking forward to returning to Clearwater next fall to be with their many friends in our building and around the pool.

On Mother's Day, Eileen Hawk hopes to meet her newest great-grandson.

The Gitlins are visiting family in New York. Their grandson is graduating college, and her great-nephew will be celebrating his First Communion in Long Island.

Linda and George Myers celebrated their 40th Anniversary April 30. We wish them 40 more!

The April issue of the OTOW News had a lovely article from the Hoosier Club featuring our own Anna and Dan Hyden. What an exciting, busy life they have. Be sure to read it if you haven't already.

As an uncle of mine once said, "Awonder where da birdies iz?" Be sure to get out and enjoy this beautiful weather, and while you're at it, be sure to listen to "da birdies" and smell the flowers!

And don't forget to get your news in the box on the bulletin board by the 13th of May for the June issue.

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Several sets of grandchildren have a great spring break

Did you notice the young children around our neighborhood last month when many schools were having spring vacation? It is such a treat to have youngsters around – just as much fun for the grandparents as the little ones!

Two of Dick and Charlotte Smedley's young grandsons were here in April for six days. Charlotte said they did the usual fun things: Busch Gardens, the beach, the aquarium to see "Winter," back to Busch for the water park, and the pool here at On Top of the World.

I entertained a friend's two grandchildren in March. They always think it is such great fun to stay overnight at "Granny's" house. This was the first time for the 6-year-old boy to stay without Mommy and Daddy. He was so proud of himself. His 9-year-old sister, of course, was an old hand at this. I hesitated to allow her to swim in the deep end of the OTOW pool, but when she asked her father about it, he replied that she was probably the best swimmer in the pool and gave his okay. I don't know who had more fun – they or myself.

Charlyn Miller is looking forward to an Alaskan cruise later this summer, a treat from her children.



Charlyn promises to give us a report when she returns.

Gertraud and Horst Rubenstahl and Gerlinde and Dieter Steinacker are here from Germany. Welcome. We're always happy to see you.

A big thank-you to Betty Sagun for supplying some more beautiful flowering plants for the front of our building. Jim Hinthorn and Harry McGrath spend a lot of time taking care of the plants at our entrance. Thanks to all of you.

Remember, Mother's Day is the 13th and Memorial Day is celebrated on May 28 this year. Both days are for remembering those who did so much for us.



(L – R) Duncan Farrell, Bob Aitken and party host Frank McGuire proudly wear their clan's tartan kilts at the clan's recent Englander Building party. (Photo by Terri Mikszenas)

Scottish clan members get together for annual meet

Frank and Maureen McGuire recently held the annual party of their clan of friends.

Some family, a few neighbors, some childhood friends from Scotland and others who they've met through the Dunedin Scottish Club since moving to OTOW all gathered around the grill for an evening of jokes, interesting stories and lots of fun and laughter.

With a flare of the Scottish influence, the party wouldn't be right without music and singing. Friends Alan Stewart entertained and accompanied all the songs by playing his guitar with skill, while Bobby Kelly added the melody with his harmonica.

It's a formal song event – everyone has their own special song and leads singers as they follow along in Alan's official songbook. Frank hosted the party this year wearing his tartan while friends Duncan Farrell and Bob Aitken also wore theirs (see photo above).

Traditional tea, homemade shortbread and dumplings and custard decorated the dessert table sending everyone home with a happy heart and a sweet tummy.

Later in the month, Maureen's youngest brother, Tom Brady, and



a friend came for Tom's first visit to Florida from his current home in Australia. As you might expect when Scottish brothers and sisters are reunited, there was a lot more singing, laughter and stories to be told.

Many of the Englanders enjoyed our semi-annual get-together, this time a breakfast at a local restaurant, before closing out the season, and before the building's few Snowbirds return to their northern homes.

Although it doesn't seem possible, it is time to extend our good wishes and "safe travels" — there is emptiness when you are gone, so hurry back. Please enjoy the summer in good health!

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Lovely St. Pat's Day OTOW wedding was attended by 70

Those of you who have found it necessary to work with inconvenient deadlines will understand my concerns when reporting a coming event that hadn't quite happened.

But, determined that all — including great weather — would come through, I did submit the Loch Lomond festivities — the eat-in-yard and the wedding of Linda Wilson and Michael Smith — and the photos presented here are evidence that our great party organizers and the sunshine all came through superbly.

Bill and Debby Davie rallied the Building Committee, Linda and Michael rallied a grown son each. Our yard, with a serving tent and tables and chairs for 70 people, appeared early on that St. Patrick's morning.

Sherry Ladell, who in another life must have been a professional party-planner and decorator, set up music on the second floor tower landing and coordinated from that spot.

We are so fortunate to have the professionally-trained Alberta Connor, who rendered "Ave Maria."

In front of a folding screen and banks of colorful blossoms appeared Linda, Mike and Justice of the Peace Charmaine Doumain, who performed the familiar ceremony. Of course, they served a green and white three-tier wedding cake and appropriate sparkling drinks.

As to the luncheon, it was a precise, wonderful meal served with all the perfection of a well-practiced orchestra. No one stood in line more



At the wedding of Michael Smith and Linda Wilson, Bill Davie serves some of the 70 guests who attended the affair. Bill also handled most of the logistical arrangements for the event, held at the Loch Lomond Building.



than 30 seconds before a freshly-served plate was ready to be taken to the table and enjoyed. So many residents join in to provide these social opportunities.

Youngest guest was the 6-month-old granddaughter of Elaine and Ron Gibbons, who was visiting with her parents from Ontario. She just relaxed and bounced in her bouncer and smiled at everyone, or ignored them, and got lots of attention while her older brother was upstairs sleeping through it all.

Neighbors, do you realize how spectacular our community can be when we join together and create special occasions?

Do check the bulletin board for lunches on last Tuesdays. Let us know what you are up to.

Anyone leaving, we'll miss you. Be safe and keep in touch.



Newlyweds Linda Wilson and Michael Smith are shown with Charmaine Doumain, J.P., who performed the ceremony

Easter proves to be a glorious time for visits and visiting

April got a grand kickoff with Easter coming the first weekend. Lots of family and church activities, visiting, and eating, of course. Most of the area restaurants had been booked up for weeks. Whatever and however, it was great to have family and friends getting together.

Rose Caso enjoyed a visit for Easter with her son and his family. Rose's sister, Petie Fornuto, also enjoyed Easter with her son, daughter-in-law and grandson. Petie's other son visited a short time later.

Frank and Maryann Staffieri had the pleasure of having their daughter and her husband nearby on St. Pete Beach for three months this winter — lots of visiting back and forth.

During spring break, their grandson came for a visit. The house was full of joy with the arrival of a new great-grandson.



Easter was further blessed with a visit from their son and his wife and their two girls. Somehow, I need to mention a great-granddaughter who is two this April. Frank and Maryann you have been truly blessed — may your blessings continue.

We had an unusual occurrence in our building on April 14th.

That date marked the birthdays of Marilyn Goode, Rose Caso and Walter O'Meara. Marilyn and Walter moved into the Azores when it was brand new; Rose moved in a few years later. Happy birthday!

I said this is an unusual occurrence, but it has been happening for a good many years. I'm not sure that it is more than a coincidence, but on April 14th the *Titanic* hit an iceberg. Anyone else in the building having a birthday in April, happy birthday to you, too.

On April 18, about 40 Azoreans gathered under our big shade tree for our spring cookout sponsored by Jim and Janet Williams and Gerald and Ava Smith. The grills were going full blast producing great juicy hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings.

Everyone participated by bringing a covered dish and drinks. Nothing

quite like the smell of an outdoor cookout to whet one's appetite. (I'll take mine medium well with potato salad on the side.) Thanks guys, for a great outing!

I hear we have a new resident, Denise Foley, from Worcester, Mass. Let's give her a big Azorean welcome.

This month we can enjoy a fine article by Ava Smith highlighting the adventures of our residents and friends on their group cruise. Thanks, Ava, for letting us know of the great time everyone experienced. The article can be found on page 54.

Keep an eye on the bulletin board for upcoming events. Our Snowbirds are about all gone, but life continues at the Azores.

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OTOW Press Association Meetings

When: First Thursday of each month

Where: East Side card room

Time: 1:30 p.m.

All reporters and those who contribute to our newspaper are requested to join us. Sign in at the desk when you arrive.

Remember to keep contact info up-to-date

Hi, I'm back. Hope all had a nice Easter and Passover. If you had too many goodies, not to worry — water aerobics started April 30.

Our building had its business meeting with 23 people in attendance. It was reported our Christmas party went well, with 16 people attending. It was held at Daddy's Grill.

Regarding the issue of the river rock, it was removed from the core entrances. Doris and Doddie will be looking into the matter some more.

Also discussed were Christmas decorations. We need a new tree and wreaths. A committee was formed to review what we have and need.

Jo Williams reminded everyone that the Association meeting is in May, and everyone who can should attend.

Alan reminded us that we should keep our eyes open, and if there is anything going on that needs to be reported, call 911.

A notice was posted that work on the damaged condos will take 150 days.



shop on Denmark Street. The stairs, she said, were very hard on old hips and knees. The paper was only one section (now there are three), and the few pictures were black and white.

Now we enjoy a profusion of colored ones on many pages and articles. During the winter season, Anna said there were two editions per month: on the first and the fifteenth, and one edition in the summer months.

The residents of OTOW have been lucky to have had very talented and loyal volunteers to give of their time each month so that we can read the news of our community.

Thank you, Mr. Colen, for the Press Association appreciation lunch, at which 37 were in attendance.

So long and be good to one another. Be safe. Remember, we need a vice president. Other offices remain the same.

I'm off to rest after my great-grandson's first Easter.

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OTOW "Mystery Buildings" Report

'It's a trip' describes the life and times of this Avila II resident

This is another in a series of reports from buildings that have not had a regular OTOW News reporter in a very long time, if ever. Feature writer Diane Cavanaugh will visit a different "mystery building" regularly and report on its residents and/or activities.

By Diane Cavanaugh

The experiences, career, and travels of Annemarie Micklo are what she enthusiastically describes as "it's a trip."

Born in Elizabeth, N.J., she was an avid reader, and believes "The library system saved her life." At 10, she was reading adult authors such as "The Poetry of Anne Sexton," and the authors Thomas Wolfe and Keith Richards.

She believed she would follow her mother's plan for her: Write for prominent New York magazines and then come home each night to Mom and New Jersey... but life had another plan!

Annemarie did procure a job writing for McGraw-Hill's trade magazine in New York and also became involved in



the "Feminist Movement." Her influences came from Gloria Steinem. For several years she only read women authors to help promote their views and craft.

She enjoyed reading "Rolling Stone" and later wrote for "Rock Magazine," "The New York Times" and "Glamour." Later she was hired by Warner Brothers Record Co. to produce videos and sell them internationally.

Annemarie traveled all of Europe and blossomed in the culture of Switzerland, with its French-influenced cafes.

She stayed at first-class, four-star hotels and spent time on movie lots all over the world.

Following the "rock career" she became a psychotherapist

and moved to Austin, Texas. There she practiced for 17 years, enjoying the flavor and musical variety of the city.

It also introduced her to "Endurance Athlete Marathons," and she began training; now she jogs scenic Safety Harbor. She also collects reproductions of the Statue of Liberty.

Annemarie worked in Chicago as an editor for the American Bar Association until her mother became ill. She traveled back and forth every weekend for three years to care for her. When she passed, she moved to Florida. Annemarie has a true "gypsy spirit!"



Avila II Building #52

Residents' grandchildren making the news

Friends and neighbors, 25 of them, gathered in the core on Saturday, April 14, to enjoy a delicious array of goodies contributed by the participants. It was especially nice to see our neighbors on the Sumatra side whom we rarely encounter.

We always look forward to this annual event. Thanks to Joyce and Mike Donnelly for making it happen. Incidentally, adding to the fun were Joyce and Mike's daughter and two grandchildren who were visiting. We hope to see an even better turnout next year.

Laverne Iorio informed me the other day that she's now a first-time great-grandmother, as her granddaughter in Chicago had a baby girl. Congratulations!

If you missed seeing David Chew this past winter, it is because he was



out of the country. David was in Singapore for a family reunion. He told us about this amazing experience, reuniting with family he hadn't seen in years.

Julia Ruddy's grandson, a pro soccer player, is getting married in September. Julia won't be at the

wedding, which is in England, but is looking forward to meeting the couple when they return to the States in the fall.

Larry and Cathy Faulkner's grandson is making his mark on the famed Stanford University golf team. He is one of 10 finalists for the Ben Hogan award. This award is based on outstanding achievement in academics and golf. Three finalists will be announced at a dinner in May. To say that Larry and Cathy are proud is an understatement. (Larry is claiming full responsibility for his grandson's talent!)

Our snowbirds are melting away and the parking lot looks deserted, but the good news is U.S. 19 is ours once again!

See you next time.



March yard sale helped building fund

Our annual yard sale was held March 24. It's a good feeling to rid ourselves of items no longer needed and a better feeling to increase our building fund! Thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible.

Mary McDonald presented brochures regarding fire safety in our building. In the event of a fire, we will vacate our units and meet at the flagpole on each side of the building. Let's be ever mindful of our elderly residents who may need assistance.

We are in the process of compiling a building directory. If you would like to be included, please let me know.

Our monthly meetings will now be held on the first Tuesday of the month to insure adequate time to gather important information.

Pat Stewart was the big winner at bingo on April 9. The "Lucky L" was all hers. Congratulations!

Luisa Trafficante celebrated her birthday in March, and Juanita French celebrated hers in April. Hope you had "happy" celebrations.

The Caseys had a visit from their daughter and granddaughter from Georgia. They celebrated their daughter's birthday and had an early Easter egg hunt for the granddaughter and her cousins. What a great time they had!

Finally, we welcome our new residents Gail Reece and Susan and Jerry Cotton. Welcome!

Have a wonderful spring and let's enjoy the cool breezes while we have them.

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I have always said, "Anyone can go to a store and buy a present, but when someone spends their time and energy making you one, that present is very valuable."

Last month I told you about Jackie and Tony Manfredi's 60th wedding anniversary. After I wrote last month's article about their anniversary, Jackie showed me their present from Jackie's cousin's husband.

He made a card with many pages and put them into a spiral binder. Each page had pictures involving events of each decade, and he wrote about that decade as if he were speaking to Jackie and Tony. It is fantastic. Ask Jackie if you can see it.

Have you noticed the new plants at the entrance to the lobby on the Norwegian Drive side? Jackie and Jerry Dooley purchased a new hydrangea tree, dug out the dead one and planted the new one. Then Nancy and Dick Kronawetter purchased new flowers to surround the tree, and they planted the flowers and surrounded them with new mulch. Boy, does it ever look good. When you see the Dooleys and the Kronawetters, thank them.



I had a surprise on Easter morning when I opened the door to get the paper. Some really nice person left me an Easter lily. I have been asking everyone if they left it and so far, I don't know who did. Maybe it was the Easter bunny! I just want to thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Don Rice has posted, in the lobby, a new schedule for this year's building meetings. There are lots of changes, so mark your calendar. The last meeting prior to summer was the picnic in April on the back patios of 5, 7 and 9.

The first fall meeting will be Oct. 8 and will be a pizza luncheon

on the second floor. The November, February and March meetings will be in the form of luncheons on the second Monday of the month in various restaurants.

Saturday, Oct. 27, will be a yard sale. Site to be announced. December will be a dinner at the Beachcomber.

January will be our only meeting in the Sunrise Room, and it will be a potluck dinner. We will then be in April 2013, which will be our spring picnic and the end of this season. See, I told you to get your calendars out!

This is the time of year when I always tell you about cleaning out your storage space. Remember the yard sale in October. It will take time to open your boxes and clean them out. Please mark all boxes with your name and apartment so they are not accidentally put in someone else's space.

This is also a good time to get rid of stuff you don't use or haven't used in years. We are all squirrels, so let's get with it.

Have a great Memorial Day and don't eat too much.



Potluck ends the 'season'

The Americana Social Club seasonal activities came to a close in our most festive manner. Namely about 62 of us got together on the Ecuadorian side of the building for our yearly BBQ/picnic dinner cookout. The weather was perfect – sunny with only a slight breeze.

Bob Gwynne-Timothy and George Georgiou manned the grills and turned out luscious burgers for all to enjoy. Plus most everyone supplied side dishes such as pasta salads, green salads, grilled vegetables, egg rolls (a new treat, thank you Sanh Nguyen), cheese strata, deviled eggs and many other delicious entrée specialties.

Let's not forget the terrific desserts mostly made from scratch: brownies, baked fruitcake (a Portuguese treat, thank you Maria Pereira), cookies and candies and so much more. In addition to the burgers and accompanying condiments, the Social Club also supplied wine. Great place to imbibe a little since no one needed to drive home.

Beverly Schray provided musical entertainment on her keyboard, which got a few people dancing or singing.

Marge Mayer and Sarah Fergas handled the selling of 50/50 tickets. The three winners were Nancy Watson, Lorraine Prentice and Sarah Fergas. Of course, Sarah got a lot of fun-filled flack since she was also one of the sellers.

We also owe a great big thank-you to Catherine Gray and Ann Talner who did most of the coordination for getting this party together.

Lorraine Prentice told me about the visitors from California she recently entertained, namely her grandchildren Daniel and Alexa Ryan, and her three great-grandchildren, ages 4, 2 and 1-1/2 years old. The reason for this get-together was to celebrate their father's 70th birthday. The family stayed at the Sand Point, which has a lovely location on Clearwater Beach.

Trip to Ringling Museum was awe-inspiring

English Tudor has had a busy spring beginning with our building meeting presided over by Captain Eloyd who announced that Roy would be in charge for the summer as co-captain.

Roy was already on hand to help out when the inspection team came to oversee our storage closet makeover. As a result, we are now all pleased with the way the storage rooms have been cleaned up.

We also were delighted to hear that Ben and Virginia will plan our December holiday celebration.

Eloyd acted as host for a superb covered-dish supper late in March, too late to make the newspaper



deadline. About 30 of us dug into the most interesting and colorful meals, accompanied by wine and dessert. The food was made by our talented chefs.

We gathered in the second-floor core, which was set up with folding tables and chairs decorated in green to honor St. Patrick's Day. This seems to be our regular place for meetings and chow.

About 40 people, including our own Ann, Ernie, Dorothy, Helen and Barbara, joined the Entertainment Committee tour bus on Monday, March 26, for a trip to Sarasota for the Ringling Art Museum. The Museum is free on Mondays for anyone who wants to take in the spectacular buildings and art collection amassed by John and Mable Ringling early in the twentieth century.

Dorothy said it reminded her of an Italian villa; Ann was impressed

by the vastness and the opulence which reminded her of English and Scottish castles. It is built around an open courtyard surrounded by arched colonnades.

The focal point at one end of the courtyard is a bronze replica of Michelangelo's "David." They were being taken around by the museum docent, but as the tour moved slowly, many participants simply went off on their own.

There was a tram that took the visitors around the property and several cafés both indoors and out, where they could have lunch and rest.

Since I was unable to attend our April 4 lunch at Queen's Pizza, I interviewed Ann and Dorothy, who were happy to describe what a good time everyone had. Fifteen of our residents car-pooled over to that very large restaurant, which was set up with long tables for our group.

They were able to make selections from the menu and hardly anyone ordered pizza, preferring salad and soup instead.

Conversation was so lively that they made friends, exchanged information and lingered long after the meal was cleared away.

As we say goodbye to our northern residents, we wish all of you down here and up there a good and healthy summer.

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Annual golf tourney and potluck ushers in spring activities

It has been a busy month in our building. Many new faces and greetings exchanged as visitors come and go. Washers and dryers are in full swing, too!

Judging by the empty parking spots, 'tis the season... Snowbirds are migrating north. We wish them safe travels.

Viennese Villa ushered in spring with our annual golf tournament followed by a potluck dinner. No holes-in-one were reported among the 11 golfers who took to the links — but lots of fun! See photo at far right.

Dinner was delish. What an assortment of good food. Our building could (and should) write a cook book. Even the brief shower didn't dampen spirits as we scurried to the core. Pop-up gazebo next year!

The Bucellas entertained their granddaughter and her friend during Spring break. They go to Providence College and Buffalo College respectively. The girls enjoyed Clearwater beach which was inundated with students from various colleges. They had to eat at the beach "hot spots" such as Frenchy's and the Pier Pavilion for the spring breaks crowd.

All that eating gave them energy to shop — and shop they did!



The Dominicks entertained friends from Leesburg, Va.

Hal and I hosted family members from New Hampshire, then Cape Briton. Expecting pals from Halifax later this month.

Yes, On Top of the World and Florida is a beautiful place and it's fun to share it with friends and family.

There were some familiar faces at the "Rick Larrimore as Rod Stewart" show. And what a show it was! People dancing in the aisles... great evening, with lots of fun for everyone.

"Fiddler on the Roof" at Ruth Eckerd Hall was marvelous. Tickets were a birthday gift from the wonderful guy I married...



Viennese Villa annual golf tournament participants (left to right) Hal Fairfield, Rick Carr, Don Bucela, Bill Haener (seated), Marnie Carr, Mario DeJohn, Maggie Whitaker, Gary Gates, Genevieve Regan, John Newman and Russ Lamesfield.

The OTOW chorus spring performance was sheer delight. We are so very fortunate to have such talent in our community.

Manny (our pooch) along with other four- and two-footed residents of Viennese Villa enjoy meeting new friends at the dog park. As the pups play, their "staff" can sit comfortably under the gazebo and get acquainted

with others. So much nicer than standing on the roadside. The park will be a social destination I'm sure, with or without a dog.

If by chance you haven't done so, please see Connie McDonald about dues.

If you have news, my email is fresca@maine.rr.com or the old fashioned way, by letter.

See you next month.

Some Snowbirds pull out earlier than usual this year

Once again our monthly luncheon was a huge success. This time we went to Johnny's Restaurant, and as usual the food was very good and relatively inexpensive. All 14 of us had a jolly time.

We gathered under the oaks for a pizza party, which was organized under the direction of Jan Guyton. There were 30 of us to enjoy the festivity. Thanks go to Judy Boley, Bev Huber and Connie Saylor for providing the desserts, and to John Briggs for setting up the chairs.

Perhaps because Passover and Easter came early this year, this get-together proved to be a farewell to our Snowbirds, many of whom have already made the trip to their summer abode.

So many of us had friends or relatives visit us during the months of March and April that I couldn't keep track of all who did. Among these who did were Donna Cameron's daughter Sue and son-in-law Don. They enjoyed two weeks of fabulous weather during which they shopped and went sightseeing. The principal reason for their trip from Indiana was to celebrate Sue's 60th birthday on April 4.

There were two others in our building to eat birthday cake on that same day, namely Joe Tomaselli and



myself. Needless to say, Joe and I are well over 60 years of age!

Carrie and Joe Dewinter were pleased by a surprise visit of their son and daughter-in-law and their two sons.

A lot of their time was spent at the beach, and their suntans will attest to that to their friends in Wisconsin.

Too many residents left for their summer abode before the wing angel could get a spring housecleaning organized for the storage rooms. We plan to get this done in the fall.

Those of us who live here year-round could and should get a head start on this project. Remember, every item should have a name or unit number marked on it.

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1	Tues	6:00 PM	S	Toastmasters-Tampa Bay Women Speakers
1	Tues	11:00 AM	R	Retired Educators Group
2	Wed	5:00 PM	Starlite	Theatre Workshop Installation Dinner
2	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Capistrano Building Meeting
2	Wed	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
3	Thurs	1:30 PM	C	Press Association Meeting
4	Fri	2:00 PM	S	Singles Travel Club Meeting
4	Fri	9:00 AM	Starlite	AARP Driving Course
5	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
5	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Game Night
5	Sat	12:00 PM	Starlite	Singles Club Luncheon
6	Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee: Sunday in the Park
6	Sun	2:00 PM	C	Wii Bowling (Every Sunday)
6	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke with Kathy & Lenny (Free)
10	Thurs	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get-Aquainted Coffee
11	Fri	7:00 PM	A	Irish Club Meeting
11	Fri	1:00 PM	A1	Art Guild Meeting
11	Fri	7:00 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club Meeting
12	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
12	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Movie Night
12	Sat	6:00 PM	S	Rainbow Club Meeting
14	Mon	12:30 PM	CL1	Family History Group
14	Mon	2:00 PM	S	German Interest Group
14	Mon	10:30 AM	Starlite	Entertainment Committee Meeting
15	Tues	6:00 PM	L-Yellow	Toastmasters-Tampa Bay Women Speakers
15	Tues	1:00 PM	S	Stamp Collectors Meeting
17	Thurs	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
19	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Movie Night
20	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke with Kathy & Lenny (Free)
21	Mon	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear & Eye Screening
23	Wed	6:00 PM	A	NY/NJ Club Meeting
24	Thurs	2:00 PM	Starlite	Democrat Club Meeting
26	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Movie Night
28	Mon	12:00 PM	S	Capistrano Building: A Day at the Races

CALENDAR KEY

A	Auditorium	CL	Classroom	R	Rainbow Room (W)
C	Card Room	K	Kitchen	S	Sunrise Room (W)
CR	Craft Room	L	Lecture Room	V	Veranda



Cinco de Mayo is Saturday, May 5



Happy Mother's Day! Sunday, May 13



ARMED FORCES DAY SATURDAY, MAY 19



Memorial Day is Monday, May 28 (Observed)

DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 8:30 Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge
 11:30..... Contract Bridge
 1:00 P.M. Crafters Group (2nd Monday)
 1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 2:00 Butterfly Tai Chi (Level I)
 5:00 Jim R's Poker
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:30 Bingo

West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
 9:00 Photo IDs
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class
 12:30 P.M. .Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)
 12:30 Mahjong
 5:00 Mahjong
 6:30 8-Ball Tournament

TUESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Ladies 18-Hole Golf
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Horseshoes
 9:00 Caring & Sharing Group
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Ladies 9-Hole Golf
 10:00 Aerobics
 10:00 Philosophy Club
 10:30 Ballroom Dance Class
 11:00..... Yoga
 12:00 Library
 12:00 P.M. Ceramics
 1:00 Poker
 1:00 Canasta
 1:00 Line Dancing
 1:00 The Music Group
 5:00 Min's Poker
 5:30 Dominos
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:00 Bid Euchre
 6:30 Bob B.'s Poker

6:30 Tom's Poker

7:00 Bible Study Club

West Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .. West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 1:00 P.M. 9-Ball Tournament
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Mahjong

WEDNESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Weight & Strength Training Class
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Sewing Class
 9:00 Zumba
 9:00 Tai Chi
 9:00 Good Neighbors Veterans Project
 9:00 Good Neighbors Craft Workshop
 9:00 Veranda Consignment
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Cribbage
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00..... Tap Dance Class (Beginner)
 11:30..... Tap Dance
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge
 1:00 P.M. 500 Card Game
 1:00 Double Deck Pinochle
 1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)
 2:00 Butterfly Tai Chi (Level II)
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 5:30 Sheila's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:00 Baby Boomers Movie Night

West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class
 1:00 P.M. Mahjong
 6:00 Don's Poker
 6:30 Ladies Que't Billiards Club

THURSDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Mens Tennis Doubles
 8:30 Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00..... Yoga

12:00 P.M. Bob B's Poker

12:00 Contract Bridge

12:30 Euchre

1:30 Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)

1:30 Shuffleboard

2:00 Butterfly Tai Chi (Level III)

6:00 Ron's Poker

6:00 Larry's Poker

West Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .. West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 9:00 Snowbird Line Dancing
 12:30 P.M. .Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:30 Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

FRIDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Weight & Strength Training Class
 8:00 Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Ceramics
 9:00 Pinochle
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Hula Hoop Exercise Class
 12:00 P.M. Library
 1:00 Mahjong
 1:00 The Music Group
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 7:00 Hand & Foot Canasta

West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. Exercise Class
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class
 1:00 P.M. Chess Club
 6:00 5 & 10 Poker

SATURDAY

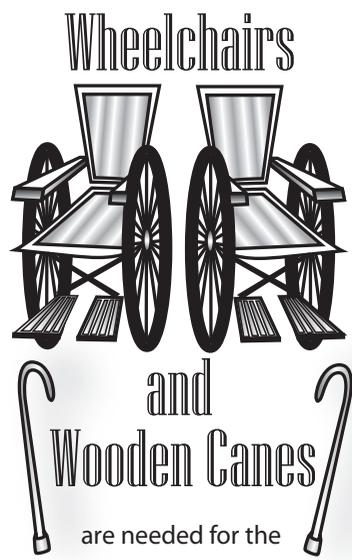
East Activity Center

8:00 A.M. Mens Tennis Doubles
 8:30 Computer Club Meeting
 8:30 Line Dancing
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge
 12:00 P.M. Min's Poker
 12:00 Putting
 1:00 Casual Bridge

SUNDAY

East Activity Center

2:00 PM..... Wii Bowling



are needed for the loan closet provided by Good Neighbors. If you have any you would like to donate, please bring them to the Service Office in the lobby of the East Activity Center. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Rescue dogs are a big hit at puppy show

Once again the Wookeys, Laurie and Pat, invited us to a picnic barbecue in our southwest wing backyard. Wonderful hamburgers and sausages were produced from the grill, accompanied by various salads and beverages. Ice cream sundaes, topped off by a number of fresh berries, made a grand finale for our spring get-together.

Our puppy show finally came off on the original planned date. We were very pleased with the turnout of residents (10) and their pets (11) plus two without dogs.

With chairs brought out to the triangle and a table provided with cold drinks and cookies for the adults and doggie bones for the special guests, all had a good introduction to the breeds and stories of each, most if not all of whom were "rescued" before adoption. We all joined in on the singing of "How much is that doggie in the window?" Robbi would have been pleased.

Terry and Mike Mikulski are sponsoring an early-bird dinner/comedy show on May 5.



Terry is very experienced in management of entertainment and is promoting other shows on our bulletin board. In May on Sunday afternoons in the big card room, they will hold Wii bowling games. Next January they plan to visit a daughter and her two sons in Buffalo.

Ingrid Durhan, the golfer, will enjoy her friend of 31 years, Bridget, coming from Ohio to visit her for a month. She also has sons in Palm Harbor, Oregon and Texas with whom to exchange visits.

Rosemarie Levins highly recommends her Philosophy Club, which stimulates reading and conversation. She also enjoys our two pools, as do Wendy Read and Pam Percival.

Laurie and Pat Wookey, with their Canadian friends, will again take a Caribbean cruise later this summer, the last one being so pleasant.

Mary Ellis has finally given in to the urge to attend the races at our nearby Tampa Bay Downs with her church senior group's annual visit in April. Her one choice for a winner, however, came in second!

It had been quite a while since her early visit as a child at the Rainier Valley (Seattle) Racetrack. She inherited a love for horses from her mother's childhood in Yorkshire, England.

Barbara and Norman Jacques attended an April wedding with the family in Rhode Island.

Kay and Don Land will attend another on May 5 on St. Pete Beach.



Need An Extra Newspaper?

OTOW News is now available in the East and West Activity Center lobbies

"Summerize" Checklist

Make sure these items are accomplished before departing.

- Update your contact information with the Association and include the name and phone number of an emergency key holder you designated for your unit. If you are leaving your vehicle in your assigned space, please leave a note in the dashboard or with the Association as to an emergency key holder in the event the vehicle must be moved for resurfacing or an emergency.
- Complete a mail forward request and submit to the Association, as well as to your local postal service.
- Have your HVAC professionally serviced before you depart. Set your air conditioning thermostat at 80 degrees. (Remember, your HVAC unit's main function in your absence is to remove moisture from the air). If you have a humidistat, set at 55. Change the AC filter.
- Turn off inside water valves: under sinks, behind toilet and washing machine and hot water heater. Drain water from pipes (open spigots). Schedule for water turn off by calling 727-799-3417 option 6, visiting the Service Dept. at the East Activity Center or by submitting an email at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com.
- Wrap toilet bowls with Cling Wrap or similar wrap to help keep water from evaporating in the toilet bowl. A dry toilet bowl encourages pests.
- Empty refrigerator, turn off ice maker and ice maker valve, turn off refrigerator and prop open doors.
- Unplug appliances including washing machine.
- Remove food to discourage pests, or store staples in glass, metal or thick plastic containers.
- Lock windows.
- Turn off breaker to hot water heater.
- Have someone check your unit every one to two weeks. (Remember, unchecked items can cost you thousands of dollars).
- Secure and store patio items. Patio furniture that can become airborne during a storm should be stored inside your unit.
- Hurricane shutters and awnings should be lowered and secure.

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See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.
East Side.....9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

Super Wal-Mart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Tuesday Afternoon

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

Paradise/West Side.. 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & U.S. 19)

Paradise/West Side..... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & U.S. 19)

Paradise/West Side..... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Wal-Mart

Paradise/West Side..... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
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Resident Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- If space allows, residents with current Activity cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Service Department.

CLASSIFIED

This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number (or four column lines). Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. *If the submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.*

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

FOR SALE

MSN2 Web-TV/printer, cables, keyboard, remote, instructions \$110; HP Deskjet printer, model 842C \$25. 791-7610

Lazy-Boy, floral print rocker/recliner, 4 years old \$300. 791-3894

Frigidaire refrigerator, perfect size for standard apartment, with papers, purchased Nov. 2010 \$250 OBO; clothes dryer, KitchenAid, large cap., 7 cycles, 5 years old \$50. 797-9616

4 classy men's jackets size 42/43, sleeve 34, from Big & Tall, blue velour & lemon yellow, 2 off-white formal lightweight wool. Great for cruise dress-up. Also rainwear. 796-7890

Light brown sofa, 84" x 38", 2 years new \$225; cream on cream love seat, 64" x 38" \$115. Ask for Tony 475-9167

Netgear N300 wireless router, 6 months old, works fine, includes install disk and booklet, new cost \$80 sell for \$40. 712-8148

Rocker/recliner, light blue, comfy, like new \$125. 474-2232

8' decorative tree \$75; new Canon printer/scanner \$40; Maxima 12-amp vacuum \$40; Emerson microwave \$40; decorative wall picture, 40" x 40" \$50. 475-8369

Whirlpool white stacked "Thin Twin" washer/dryer, 24"W x 27"D x 71"H \$300. 953-8560

2 "Lazy Boy" mauve recliners \$150 or \$100 for one. 799-0375 or 850-449-5310 (cell)

Sofa, white wicker, small 2-seater, good condition \$125, 797-5882

Blue recliner/lift chair, excellent condition, orig. price \$800, sell for \$400. 726-2668

Full-size Maytag washer & dryer, nearly new \$450 firm. 742-5129

WANTED

OTOW veteran collecting and preserving WWI, WWII, and Korean War military items, memorabilia, relics, remembrances, etc. Fair pricing. Call James 726-4690

Dog sitter wanted for five days in June, must be able to walk a 40-lb. dog. 813-850-8056



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To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for a temporary change of address as you move to your seasonal address. You will still need to make a temporary change of address through the U.S. Postal Service for your regular mail service.

OTOW Change of Address Form

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