



The On Top of the World Chorus performs during its 'America!' spring concert in April. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

After successful patriotic concert, Chorus turns attention to December

By Ilene Bargerstock

To each one of you who attended one of our performances of "America," we extend a heartfelt thank you for your applause and your kind, positive words to chorus members as

you exited the building.

On Top of the World audience members are warm and gracious and we appreciate you!

The patriotic concert in April include the songs "America The Beau-

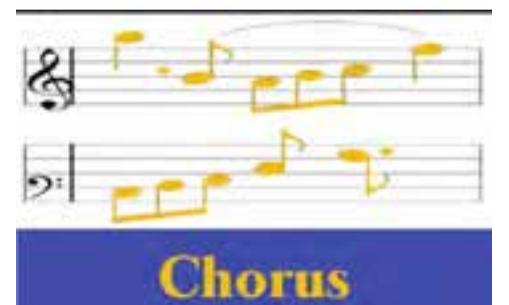
tiful," "God Bless America," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

There was an audience participation segment, where the theme song for each of the Armed Forces was sung. Veterans were asked to stand and be recognized.

The show also featured soloists, and featured two state songs. "Indiana" and "Country Roads" (West Virginia).

Chorus season closed with members and guests enjoying dinner together at the Sunset Grill. Director Beth Kendall installed officers for the upcoming 2013-14 season as follows:

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The audience participates in a singalong portion of the show.

Keith Bekofske

We said goodbye to our many "Snowbird members," but are already looking forward to being together again in the fall.

The next chorus performance will be the holiday concert scheduled for Dec. 8. Rehearsals will begin Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

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Budget plans under consideration for June presentation

Spring is in the air!

It is also the time your Board begins to put together the 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 railing 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 10 a.m., Thursday, June 13, 2013, in the On Top of the World East Activity Center, 2069 World Parkway Boulevard, Clearwater, FL, 33763.

Awning Replacement

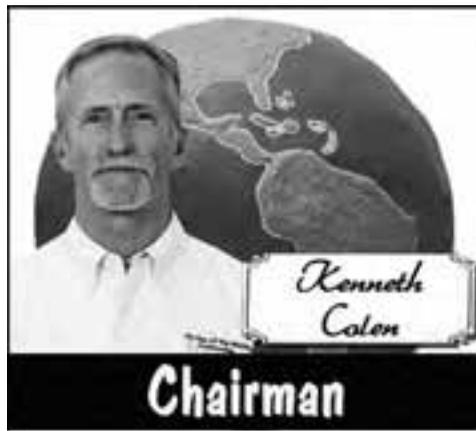
In previous articles, I discussed the problem with “clam shell” awnings. Your Board directs the management company to regularly inspect the exterior common elements of the buildings. It is increasingly evident that the “clam-shell” awnings have resulted in damage to the building. Whether by water intrusion, age, general deterioration of the awning assembly, or by direct damage from the masonry anchors for the awning, we have seen additional instances where the lintel is beginning to split and fracture. This may become a very serious concern for the Association.

These awnings are not able to withstand storm force winds and the Association will not allow clam shells 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 Building 94 is scheduled to begin May 6. Reroofing on the West Activity Center is scheduled for May 6 and will continue all week through May 12. Because of the presence of roof-top air conditioning units, and the need to disconnect and remove them, as well as establishing a



work staging area, the entire building, the parking lot, dog park and pools will be closed for that week. Pool users are directed across the street to the East Activity Center. We look forward to your cooperation during this work period.

Painting and waterproofing is ongoing. In the coming month, Buildings 24 and 68 will be waterproofed on the back and side elevations. Remember, painting and waterproofing is conditioned on the cooperation of the weather.

Ever wonder why the fronts and backs of buildings are on staggered painting schedules?

The backs and sides of buildings require a special water proofing treatment that has a 7-10 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. Water proofing 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 5-7 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.

Hardwired smoke detector installation will begin on Buildings 14, 15 and 16 this month. Again, we appreciate your cooperation. So far, in-

stallations have been going along well with only minimal delay.

Ongoing construction projects are as follows: railing replacements are pending on Buildings 39 and 52, subject to release of building permits. Spall repair on the walkways at Buildings 80 and 18A are ongoing. Although only a small section of walkway is affected in Building 18A, the management company is working closely with an engineer and masonry contractor to determine the best repair solution.

Installation of a new outdoor fitness gym in the Paradise section is anticipated for May.

Header and window sill repairs are ongoing as needed, as are sidewalk and walkway repairs. Structural inspections are also ongoing.

Vinyl tile floor replacement will be started at Building 94 (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 and general maintenance include, parking lot stall number re-stenciling, water meter box number re-stenciling, and compliance enforcement in all categories. General simplification of overplanted back and front porch areas, as well as removal of overgrown or unmaintained plantings in common areas are ongoing.

Asphalt paving projects of the balance of this fiscal year are ramping up. Proposals are due to the management company by April 19. Depending on the pricing, we hope to have a projected start date of May 13. At this writing, the exact streets and parking areas have not been defined. We do plan on resurfacing the East Activity Center south lot, the golf course parking area, and roundabout drive.

Checklist Of Things To Do Before Leaving On An Extended Trip

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

- Leave a contact number with at least two trusted neighbors or friends.
- Update the Association as well with emergency contact information.
- Have the interior of the condo checked at least once a week by a trusted neighbor or friend or arrange for an inspection service.

• Check in with the trusted neighbor or friend while you are gone.

• Arrange for a water meter turn off if you are going away for an extended term.

• Turn off the electric to the hot water heater.

• Make sure the 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 at between 78-80 degrees. This helps regulate humidity in the home and prevent 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.

• Do make sure your home owner's insurance policy is current and covers both 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. 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.

Rarely does mold or mildew present a health problem. Usually the main complaint is an odor and the unsightly nature of the matter. I 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. Use common sense and have a great summer!



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- Gloria Clifford
- Cecile Marchand

105 stories in this month's edition!

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MAY

#14, #15, #16, #17

JUNE

#17, #21, #22, #23

JULY

#24, #25, #26

AUGUST

#27, #28, #29

SEPTEMBER

#30, #31, #32, #38

OCTOBER

#40, #41, #42, #43

NOVEMBER

#43, #44, #45

(note: Buildings 17 and 43 will be split between two months)

Shown above is the schedule for smoke detector replacement work. If you believe you might not be present or available during your building's designated month, please cut out this form and return the information to On Top of the World. Forms can be delivered in person to the East Activity Center Service Desk or they can be mailed to the address below.

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Make sure your spring and summer patio and landscape projects are approved

The month of May marks the end of spring that brought with it our temperate weather, an explosion in landscape projects and the urge to start the summer off with a little tidy-up.

Most of the Snowbirds are heading home or in the process of doing so.

I have seen an effort made by residents in cleaning out and reorganizing the storage rooms in various buildings. 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 Community Service Office for a copy of the applicable rules and also to coordinate this clean out with the Management Company.

During spring and summer we also see efforts at patio spruce up with new lawn furniture, grills and potted plants. There certainly is not a better time to get out and enjoy the



weather and camaraderie of friends. Your front and back patios are there for this purpose, but should not be used for storage of personal household items or items in disrepair.

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Spring and summer are also a time residents want to plant and landscape. Please remember that before you add any plantings or land-

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Insurance Request

Updated Wind Mitigation Forms

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

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Paving projects typically begin in late April or early May. We highly recommend that you leave a spare set of keys with a neighbor in the event your vehicle needs to be moved for either a paving project or an emergency. Please provide a name and phone number of the key holder to the Community Service Office.

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If you want to avoid the long lines and lengthy time delays that will occur in June, OTOW is encouraging residents to get their new cards today. New cards began getting issued on April 1.

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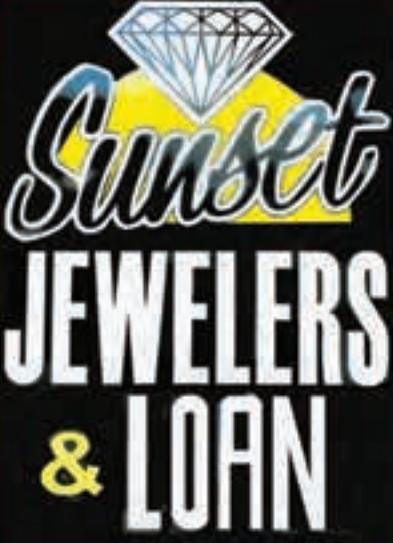
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New art class instructor gives Art Guild a preview

By Jean Doane

The Art Guild had their last general meeting for the season on Friday, April 12. Everyone enjoyed pizza and cold drinks with a buffet of salads brought by members.

After enjoying a social period and lunch, a presentation was given by Patricia Garrow, a local artist. Her presentation was described as mixed media.

Patricia uses a variety of natural materials, such as leaves for texture, and unusual effects. She will be giving classes here at On Top of the World next fall. Her work is very creative. Be sure to look for notices of her classes around September and October.

New officers for next fall will be: President Marjorie McClure; First Vice President Toni Mattz; Program Director Dale Stackhouse; Second Vice President Mario Altieri; Artist of the Month Award Coordinator Barbara Holland; Third Vice President Cheryl Reese; Membership and Corresponding Secretary Treasurer, Jean Sibbald; and Recording Secretary and



Good Neighbors Representative Jane Tregget.

The Wednesday afternoon "Painting Pals" class will continue through the summer, so think up a project and bring it over to the Art Room to work on it. You will have good company, good lighting and wide tables to spread out your work. See you there!

The next regular meeting of the Art Guild will be on Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. in the EAC Art Room.

Have a wonderful and safe summer and if we don't see you at Painting Pals, we will see you next fall.

Pictured above is the incoming Art Guild board. From left to right are Marge McClure (president), Toni Mattz, Mario Altieri, Barbara Holland, Cheryl Reese, Jane Treggett, Bob Hammond, Jean Sibbald, Dale Stackhouse and John Fier.



Pictured above is Pat Garrow, who gave a demonstration at the April meeting. Pat will be an instructor here at On Top of the World this fall.



Appreciation Luncheon
April 4, 2013
Nantucket Bucket
photos by Jackie Dooley

Press Association staff produces 956 pages over past 12 months

There were 139 people who contributed to the Press Association this past season and 38 of them were honored in April during the newspaper's annual Appreciation Luncheon.

The writers, photographers and proofreaders who were recognized, contributed at least three items to the newspaper and attended at least three meetings over the past 12 months.

The luncheon took place at the Nantucket Bucket in Safety Harbor.

"Each year we have a solid staff of writers who come up with entertaining and news-worthy stories," said Editor Doug Kates. "We thank them for contributing several stories each year."

"We also have a special group of individuals who not only write, take photos and proofread, but they attend our meetings and help make the newspaper better and better, month after month. It's this special group that we honored today for their full contribution."



Press Association

Over the past 12 months, OTOW News printed 956 pages and 1,056 stories. During the 2011-12 season, 916 pages were printed and 1,053 stories were submitted.

Doug said he was pleased to see the number of stories increase and the number of pages increase based on statistics from a year ago. He also mentioned that an increase in advertisers has successfully financed the publication.

Not only did the newspaper produce 12 monthly publications over the past year, but the staff and advertisers also assisted with a Pet Halloween Costume Contest in October, the an-

FUN FACTS

Staff Members: 139

Club & Group Stories Submitted: 447

Building Reports Submitted: 455

has about 40 building writers, but that means there are about 50 buildings that don't have writers. If your building is lacking a reporter, contact Doug in the newsroom and ask how you can get started.

The Press Association also has club writers, group writers and sports writers. They are selected by each club, group and sport. If your favorite organization is missing a writer, step up and volunteer.

The next Press Association meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 2, in the East Activity Center lower card room. Yvonne Courtney and Jackie Dooley will be sworn in as returning officers and Arlene Bergen will join the board as secretary.

There will be no meetings in June, July or September. The Press Association holds six afternoon meetings a year and three evening meetings in an effort to give everyone a chance to qualify for the Appreciation Luncheon.

nual Holiday Lights Contest in December and the Pet of the Year Contest in January.

A Writers' Workshop took place in November to help staff members improve their writing skills, and a special guest, horse racing jockey Ronnie Allen Jr., attended a press meeting in March so the staff could practice their interview skills.

Anyone can join the Press Association. Currently, OTOW News

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Our no-nonsense President, Harry S. Truman

This is not a political column, but it is about the 33rd President of the United States, Harry S. Truman.

President Truman popularized such phrases as "The buck stops here" and "If you can't stand the heat, you better get out of the kitchen."

He was a "no-nonsense" president.

President Truman was born in 1884 in Lamar, Mo. He was the only president to serve after 1897 without a college degree.

Serving in the Army in World War I, he stayed in the Reserves and reached the rank of Colonel. His war record made possible his later political career in Missouri and on to the Senate



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and White House.

When President Roosevelt was in his third term, he picked Harry to succeed Henry Wallace as his vice president. When Roosevelt died of a massive cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., Harry was sworn in as the 33rd president.

President Truman had his enemies and barely won his re-election against Thomas E. Dewey. In fact, on election night, Truman went to bed thinking he was going to lose. To his amazement, he awoke the next morning as the winner.

Today, I doubt if Harry could have ever become president as he certainly was not politically correct. When his daughter, Margaret, made her singing debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, one newspaper critic panned her. Harry replied by calling him an SOB.

President Truman fought with his generals, firing Douglas MacArthur, a very popular general. He fought

with Dwight D Eisenhower, his successor to the White House.

I was the cameraman for NBC, CBS and ABC at the White House when Truman left and Eisenhower came in. They posed for pictures, but did not speak.

Truman was the only president ever to leave the White House poorer than when he went in. He was reluctant to spend the taxpayers' money.

In fact, immediately after President Eisenhower's inauguration, Harry and his wife got into their car and drove back to Lamar - still refusing to spend taxpayer money.

No, I don't think he could have become president today.

OTOW Budget Meeting

10 a.m., Thursday

June 13 in the

East Activity Center auditorium

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**The West Activity Center
will be closed the week of
May 6 - May 12.**

The building will undergo a re-roofing project, impacting all areas and activities in the WAC. There will be no activity card renewals. The pool, spa and dog park will be closed. The sales office will be using the East Activity Center art room during this time. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience during this time.

Welcome Newcomers!

OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall



**Rita Kress
of Texas**



**Grace Finck of
Massachusetts**



**Carol Laverone
of Massachusetts**

Consult your attorney to pick the best way to distribute property after you pass on

As I mentioned in my last column, I am really pleased and quite excited to announce that attorney Rachel M. Wagoner has joined my law firm.

She has been in practice since 2004, and during that time, she has handled a wide variety legal matters, including real estate, business litigation, class actions, probate, family law, adoptions, wills, trusts, probate and simple and complex estate planning.

Rachel received a juris doctorate degree from the University of Indiana. She is licensed to practice law in all of the courts of the State of Florida, as well as the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

Q. We are a life-committed couple, but are unmarried. We own our condominium as an equally invested JTWROS couple. Since, at death, we would want our interest therein to pass to our adult children (her to hers and mine to mine) what is the cleanest way to do this?

A. The term JTWROS means “joint tenants with rights of survivorship.” When persons hold property in this fashion, the result is that at the death of one, the survivor owns the property without any requirement or obligation to the heirs of the deceased.

There is no “cleanest and best way” to have the property go to your children, unless you want to change the way the title is held to what is known as a “tenancy in common.” At the same time, you’ll reserve a life estate for each of you.

If the property were held as a tenancy in common, then if one of you passed on, the Will of the deceased would dictate what happens to the property. However, by virtue of the life estate, both of you would be legally entitled to stay in the property



until both have passed on.

You would want to do what is known as an enhanced life estate deed (sometimes inaccurately called a Ladybird deed) so that as long as either of you were alive, you could control the property without the necessity of the joinder of the children. This is actually a very complex problem and you really need to deal with this not only through the deed, but also through your Wills.

So you should sit down with your attorney and discuss the issues.

Q. Unfortunately, we loaned money to a corporation and took back a mortgage on the property the corporation owns.

Now, the president of the company says that the property is “under water” and they can’t continue to pay us our mortgage payment. They have offered us a deed in lieu of foreclosure, but I now know that their corporation has been dissolved by the secretary of state. What do you suggest?

A. I love it when folks ask me questions after the cow has left the barn!

Sigh.

OK, first and foremost, I assume that the property is in Florida. This reply ONLY applies to a property that is

governed by the laws of the State of Florida. Please keep that in mind.

In your email to me, you gave me the name of the corporation. I have checked and, in fact, it has been administratively dissolved by the Florida secretary of state.

Therefore, the company is not now active, and that means that a deed from it to you would not be effective unless the company were reinstated.

If the corporation were in the process of winding up its affairs, then it is possible that the surviving directors would be able to sign a deed, but I don’t have anywhere near sufficient facts to know if that is a possibility or not.

Q. My wife and I have no close relatives, so when both of us have passed away, we will leave what we have to some charities.

We would like to name a friend as our personal representative, but he is in his late 70s, although he’s in great health. We would like your thoughts on both our plan to leave what we have to charities and on the fact that the person we would like as our personal representative is in his late 70s.

A. There are two questions here and I’ll do my best to answer them.

As for my thoughts on charities, I wish to keep my views to myself. There are some charities that I think are wonderful — they appreciate donations and bequests and don’t abuse what they receive by buying large houses or by paying large attorneys fees to make sure they get every penny that’s bequeathed to them. There are other charities that really don’t care about the person or persons who are bequeathing them money — they just care about the money.

I can’t count the number of

times I’ve been the personal representative or an estate or its attorney, and years after the estate was closed and the bequest paid out, I get letters directed to me — not to the Estate of the deceased by the way — asking me for a donation.

It’s as though they don’t even recognize the person who bequeathed them something.

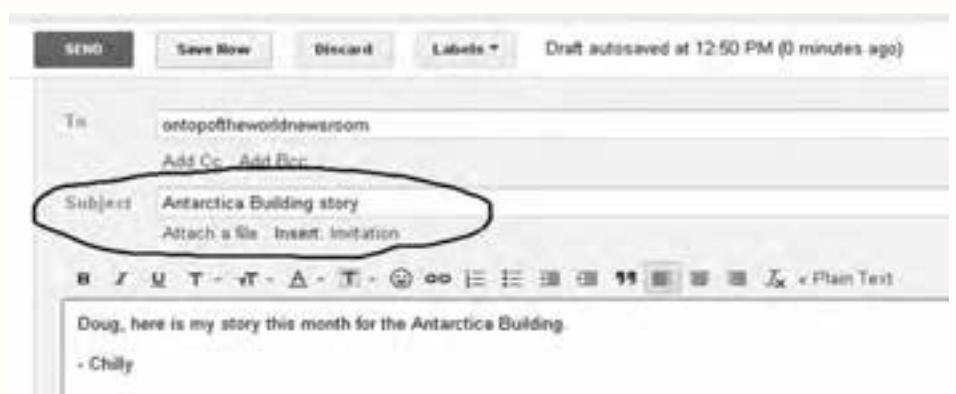
So, that’s why I will keep my views as to which charities I like and which I harbor doubts about, to myself.

As for the person you wish to name as a personal representative, I do not feel you should be the least concerned about that person’s age. Name who you wish and then name an alternate and don’t worry any further.

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.

Attention OTOW News writers ...

When submitting your stories to the newsroom by email, please put the name of your building, group or sport in the subject line of the email.



What to make for Cinco De Mayo?

Ingredients

- 1 pound uncooked small shrimp
- ¾ cup ketchup
- ¼ cup Mexican hot sauce
- ½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 small white onion, chopped
- ¾ cup clam juice
- Salt
- 1 avocado, halved, pitted, peeled, sliced crosswise
- 2 dozen saltines or 8 ounces tortilla chips
- 2 limes, cut into wedges

*Recipe from
Rick Bayless's
Fiesta at Rick's*

Mexican-Style Shrimp Cocktail (Coctel de Camarones)



Though it looks a tad odd at first, Mexican cuisine has its own rendition of the shrimp cocktail.

It has many similarities to the American version, except it trades out the horseradish for hot sauce, and really amps up the seafood flavor with clam juice.

This recipe is from Rick Bayless's *Fiesta at Rick's*, which just perfectly nails this simple dish.

While tortilla chips will work in a pinch, saltines are absolutely essential here.

Directions

Fill a large pot halfway with water and bring to a boil over high heat. When boiling, add the shrimp. Cook until shrimp are pink and firm, 10 to 30 seconds.

Immediately drain shrimp in a colander and then rinse under cold water until shrimp are cool.

Stir together the ketchup, hot sauce, cilantro, lime juice, white onion, and clam juice in a medium-sized bowl. Taste to see if it needs salt. Add some if you think it needs it.. Add shrimp and stir well.

Serve the shrimp and sauce in four parfait glasses, or simply in four small bowls.

Garnish with slices of avocado, and serve with lime wedges and crackers or tortilla chips.

How would you like to get a phone call that your flight has been pushed 'UP' 3 hours?

This story is so bazaar, I just had to share it with you.

My 83-year-old mother was in her kitchen, back home in Western New York, fixing breakfast and getting ready for a two-week trip to visit my brother and me here in Clearwater.

Obviously, she was a bit jittery about flying down here on her own. She didn't know if the weather in New York was going to hinder her departure. And she was nervous about spending two hours by herself in Cleveland waiting for her connecting flight.

It was 9 a.m. and she still had three hours before her flight left, so she was just trying to take everything in stride and be calm.

Then the phone rang.

It was the airline.

There was a problem with my mom's 1 p.m. flight to Cleveland, but instead of booking her on a later flight,



they told her she had to be at the airport by 10 a.m. for an earlier flight.

Yes. You read right. I said "earlier flight."

My mom had not showered. She had not eaten breakfast. She had not made her final preparations to leave her apartment. And her ride to the airport wasn't scheduled to meet her until noon.

But the airline wanted her to board a flight in one hour, even with a

20 minute trip to the airport.

Are you shaking your head in disbelief right now?

When my cell phone rang at 9:15 a.m., my mom was in a panic. "What do I do?" she said.

Very calmly I said, "You are not boarding that plane at 10 a.m."

How ridiculous!

I looked up the airline on the Internet and told my mom to call them back. I said get a later flight. Have them put you on a different airline. Or reschedule the trip for the next day.

My mom called back an hour later and said the next day was her only option. The airline wanted to send her from Western New York to Cleveland to Chicago to Tampa, arriving at close to midnight. She stood up for herself and basically told the airline where to stick their airplane.

I would be excited to spend an hour or two in the Chicago airport, but

my 83-year-old mom did not like the idea of seeing O'Hare for the first time.

I don't blame her.

After calming down and sharing her story with everyone who owns a phone, my mother regrouped, got a good night's rest, and went through the whole routine again the following day.

I'm pleased to say she arrived in Florida safely and on time the next day, and I'm also pleased to announce the airline had a little dignity after cutting short her vacation by one day. After a brief conversation with a very nice lady, the airline gave my mother one extra day to spend in Florida.

If you want, you can learn a lesson from my mom's experience. Next time you book a flight, be prepared to leave three hours early or three hours late.

Makes you wonder, would this type of thing have happened when we had 20 airlines to choose from?



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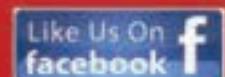


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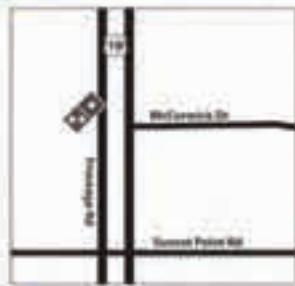
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From left to right are Bob Laplante, Margaret Hachey, Fidel Tourbide, Nicole Pelletier, Dorothy Graham, Wendy Colquhoun, Betty McWhirter, Edgar Hachey, Brian Bedard, Marj Kells and Jacques Breton. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Fun finale to lawn bowling season

By Wendy Colquhoun

For 25 years, the On Top of the World Lawn Bowls Club has celebrated the official end of the bowling season with a fun tournament.

This year the event was organized by Wendy Colquhoun and held on the March 25.

Traditional attire and format were once again thrown to the wind and participants were encouraged to express themselves and be creative.

Not everyone chose to “dress” for the occasion, however, everyone got into the spirit of the

hilarious new rules for the day.

Bowls were switched, throwing hands were switched, and even rinks were switched to describe some of the frivolity.

The finale was throwing the bowl backwards between the legs.

In a team name contest, each team was encouraged to come up with a crazy name. The team called “Organized Confusion,” led by Jackie Bedard, was judged the most creative and original name by newspaper editor Doug Kates. All three team mem-

bers were given a club pin by Wendy.

Scores were kept and Draw Master Tom Basrett apportioned the entrant’s fees to award prize money to 6 of the 16 teams who played.

The winning team was skipped by Edgar Hachey, Vice Jacques Breton and Lead Agnes Doyle.

A barbecue, sponsored by the club, was ably manned by Fidel Tourbide and Jacques Breton when bowling was finished.

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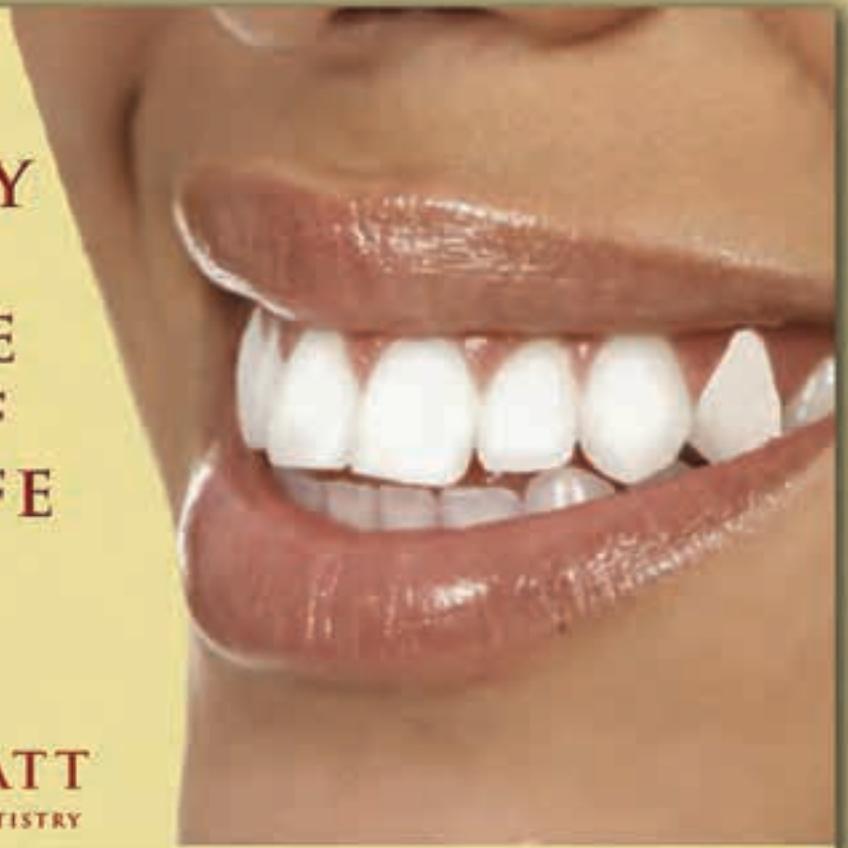
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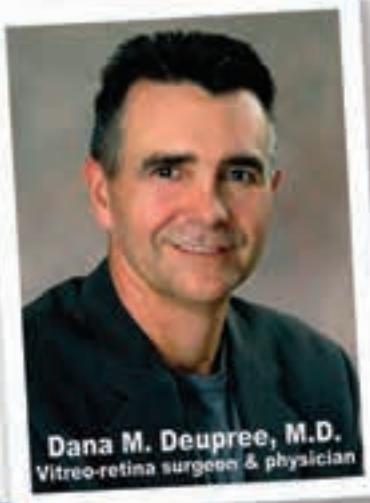
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By Katy Gerritt

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Over the next few months, we will continue to take out of circulation books that have not been borrowed in over three years and duplicates of older books.

We have scheduled a First Friday book sale each month and many of these books will be available for purchase. Our regular sale prices are 50 cents each for hardcovers and 25 cents each for paperbacks. There will

be special prices offered at each First Friday sale. Come in and see what we have!

We are also looking for input from our members (and potential members) about who your favorite authors are and what type of books you most enjoy. Please share this information with us when you come in. This will assist us in the future purchase of books.

We also love to receive your donations! If you are cleaning out your bookcase, drop off any unwanted books on Tuesdays or Fridays between

noon and 2 p.m.

We have several new books that we hope you will try. The first two are hardbound, "The Tides of Memory" by Sidney Sheldon and "Secrets From the Past" by Barbara Taylor Bradford.

Three new paperbacks are in. They are "Reflections Point" by Emily March, "Sandcastle Bay" by Cheryl Woods and "Three Sisters" by Susan Mallory.

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Not too early to consider an island resort trip in 2014

By Walt Copeland

Our season has come to an end and we had a wonderful time.

There will be no meeting in May, June, July, August or September. Our next meeting will be on Oct. 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

We're excited about the coming fall and winter season featuring one- and two-day trips, followed by an



Pennsylvania Club

April trip of five days to Lake Lanier Island Resort.

In March 2014, we're planning a six-day trip to Pigeon Forge.

We'll also be planning to attend the Fort Myers Broadway Palm matinee show and the Mystery Train evening show.

Our Christmas party this year will be on Dec. 8 at the Island Way Grill's famous champagne brunch.

We'll celebrate Thanksgiving,

Valentine's Day and Easter Sunday at Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater, featuring an excellent buffet and humorous comedies.

We're looking forward to many good times in 2013-14, and remember, our club is open to all residents of On Top of the World, not just Pennsylvanians. We hope to see you all in the fall. You can contact us at 315-725-0753 or 727-408-0664.

Last three-game winners until shuffleboard resumes this fall

By Marge Sivek

Quite a few of our shuffleboard players enjoyed sloppy joes, drinks and all the other things that go with a picnic lunch at the shuffleboard courts on March 12.

We wanted to say our good-byes to all of our friends who will be leaving for the north. It is my hope that all our traveling friends have a safe and happy summer until we see them in the fall again.

The following people recently won three games:

Feb. 4 – Charlie McKague, Ian Hunter, Marge Sivek.

Feb. 11 – Walter Lanham, Paul Santacroce, Rod Jones.

Feb. 17 – Doris Brown, Bob Rittner, Jose Pereira, Paul Santacroce.

Feb. 21 – Jose Pereira, Charlie McKague, Shirley Gibson, Bob Rittner, Larry Henderson.

Feb. 25 – Larry Henderson, Rodney Jones, Doris Brown, Marge Sivek.

Feb. 27 – Bob Rittner, Bridget Dwyer, Jose Pereira.

March 4 – Bob Rittner, Doris Brown, Larry Henderson.



Shuffleboard

- March 7 – Jose Pereira.
- March 11 – Virginia Butler, Doris Brown.
- March 14 – Doris Brown, Larry Henderson, Marge Sivek.
- March 18 – Larry Henderson, Doreen Paine, Larry Jones, Marge Sivek.
- March 21 – Kasy Linkewich, Pat Henderson.
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- March 28 – Larry Henderson, Charlie McKague, Jose Pereira



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OTOW birthday boy throws out first pitch at Rays game



Al Malter meets Rays' coach Joe Maddon.

By Tom Brennan

Hi, neighbors. How in the world RU?

This month I would like you to meet Al Malter, who celebrated his 95th birthday here at On Top of the World on Friday, April 5. Al's son, John, organized a birthday party in the Sunrise Room with 90 to 100 of Al's friends.

There were trays of cheese that would satisfy the most discriminating cheese connoisseur. There was ham, hot sausage, tomatoes, summer squash, chips, sandwiches, etc. Also coffee, tea, soda and cake - not one - but two extra large cakes. One was decorated with the Stars and Stripes and topped with 96 candles - one to grow on. Al is an Army veteran from World War II. The other cake was covered with beautiful sunflowers to match Al's sunny personality.

At our table were Dee and Mary Lou Speers, Charlie Mills, Donna Hohlbaugh, John Velchoff, Liz Bohl, Gene and Carol Moore, and last but not least, Bo Craddock. It was good to see Bob Johnson, also 95, with daughter, Anne Glidden, at the celebration.

Music was provided by On Top of the World resident Bill Clark. Out of the corner of my eye, I could see Hope Stanton dancing with Mary Lou Speers on the far side of the room.

Al's son John came down from Vermont to give him a memory that will last a lifetime. He presented Al with an official batting practice jersey with "Malter" in bold white lettering and number "95."

The next day Al, John and friend Kenny Russel went to Tropicana Field for the first game of the season. After the band played and the Star Spangled Banner was sung, Al stepped onto the field in his new jersey No. 95 as 3,300 fans cheered. When they announced on Jumbotron that today is Al's 95th birthday, the crowd roared. Al threw the first ball to catcher Jose Loboton.

Manager Joe Maddon came out to the mound to meet Al.

Al said, "He is a real gentleman, very personable. We talked man to man for 20 minutes, a different image in person than on TV or the newspapers."

Al was happy that strangers came up all during the game to give him birthday wishes.

Before our interview came to a close, Al allowed me to hold the ceremonial first pitch ball signed by Jose Loboton and an official league baseball presented to Al and signed by Joe Maddon.

Oh, by the way, the Tampa Bay Rays won 6-0.

Theme for 2014 show will reflect the USO

By Lilli Scheifen

New officers are about to take over the helm and continue the time-honored tradition of Theater Workshop.

Our dinner was held May 1, and Ken Colen graciously agreed to perform the installation ceremony.

New officers are as follows: Tony Scheifen, president; Nellie Kellogg, vice president; Roger Nicoll, treasurer; Lilli Scheifen, secretary; Pat Kangas, assistant treasurer; and Barbara Hynson, assistant secretary.

We thank our fellow Theater Workshop members for your votes and the confidence you have placed in us. We will "Make You Proud!"

Before you can say, "Well, we can relax for a while now that the show is over," here comes that eternal question: "What's next year's show going to be about?"

As you can imagine, we can give a tentative answer, "tentative" being the operative word.

We are happy to announce that Mary and Will Sundblad have once again agreed to bring their unending supply of talents as co-directors for our next presentation. They have already come up with a theme and even presented us with a skeleton outline for the show. The title has not been finalized, but will focus on the USO - an organization that many can relate to as the USO has been a source of comfort and joy to members in service to our country, from the Second World War to the present.

So, if you like to entertain or help our club in any capacity, we will welcome you. Buckle up - it will be a smooth ride!



Theater Workshop

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.

We are working harder to make OTOW your wonderful place to live!

Many contributors to spring luncheon

By Julie Narancich

On Tuesday, April 9, the Line Dance Club celebrated "spring" with a luncheon before line dancing.

The menu consisted of "Subway" sandwiches, chips, drinks and cookies.

Our social committee members, Loni Bentley, Connie Giudice and Lynn Anzalone, did a wonderful job in organizing the luncheon.

Our creative line dancer, Helen Crombie, provided cute cloth flower table decorations.



Line Dancing

Cele Radeloff conducted a raffle and the lucky winners were Julie Miller, Bob Mayer, and beginner line dance instructor, Sheila Bolster.

After our spring luncheon, we

danced to our favorite line dances. Thank you to the organizers. We all had a great time.

Mary Becker is still collecting the annual membership fee of \$5 from our members. Please remember to present your On Top of the World identification card, along with your money to Mary.

Please join us as anytime is a great time to learn line dancing. We have wonderful individual instruction and provide moral support, so please 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 auditorium.

The beginner lessons start at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for 30 minutes. The beginner lessons are extremely helpful.

We welcome everyone 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!

Charter member shows treasures

By Anne B. Watkins

June Potter Richardson was our speaker at the Family History group meeting in April.

June could be called a "charter member," faithfully attending for some 12-plus years. In fact, she brought a picture from an early meeting, and only she and Virginia Rudolph were in the picture, while the rest of us had yet to start our "journey of discovery."

June showed us some of her treasures. She had a picture of an ornate desk, which is still in the family. It was made by her great-grandfather, Theodore Swan, 1843-1895, who was in a New York Regiment that fought at Gettysburg.

Also from the Civil War era, June brought in an outside tome, at least 2 feet by 2 feet, called "The Soldier in Our Civil War; history of the GAR," by Carl Vandervoort, volume 2, published 1890. It is a pictorial history of the conflict, and is just an amazing book, filled with two-page black and white etchings of war scenes. It is even more astounding that it still exists, as June and her husband found the book in a closet of a home they purchased.



Family History

We learned June was related to the Duryeas, whose bicycle repair shop grew into a business which manufactured the first mass-produced horseless carriages in the 1890s.

Her parents were missionaries to China in the 1930s, and while her grandfather lived with the family when she was a child, June recalls his trumpet-like hearing aid that she had to yell into!

Our last meeting of the season will be May 13 from 1-3 p.m., in Classroom No. 1 at the East Activity Center.




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VETERANS PROGRAMS – Wed., May 8, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Suncoast Hospice's Veterans Serving Veterans, Honor Flight, Veterans History Project. Free.

LEGAL MATTERS – Wed., May 8, 1 to 2 p.m. Filing Police Reports. Free.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS – Thu., May 9, 1 to 2 p.m. Free.

NEEDLEWORK – Mon., May 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Workshop. Fees apply.

4-WEEK WATERCOLOR CLASS – Tue. classes begin May 14, 1 to 3 p.m. Fees apply.

SCAM SMART WORKSHOP – Tue., May 14, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Avoid being a victim. Free.

SPANISH FOR TRAVELERS – Wed., May 15, 22, 29, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fees apply.

HISTORY SERIES – Thu., May 16, 1 to 2 p.m. The War of 1812. Free.

BRAIN EXERCISE SERIES – Mon., May 20, 1 to 2 p.m. Entertaining cognitive activities. Free.

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Join our online list! E-mail: agingwell@myclearwater.com

*Did you know
we have a
puzzle room?*

Did you know putting together a puzzle is good for your brain? Did you know OTOW has a puzzle room loaded with simple and complicated puzzles? The puzzle room is located across the hall from the East Activity Center library.

Take a puzzle home with you. Return it when you are done.

If you discover a piece missing, simply throw the puzzle out, but make sure the missing piece is not on your floor! If you want to donate a puzzle, simply leave it in the puzzle room for others to enjoy.



Snowbirds sent flying with spring party and Sunbirds vow to keep fun going



Baby Boomers

By Valerie Martin

Our Baby Boomers group continues to enjoy camaraderie at local events and the playful high jinks we organize as group activities.

A group of six went to the Whimsey House and worked together to create a 2-foot by 4-foot mirror mosaic that will be used in a local building renovation project.

Many of us attended the Irish Club picnic at Philippe Park.

Some have been attending the Tuesday afternoon movies at the Dunedin Library.

Others have gone to Blast Friday, Dunedin Concert Band concerts, performances at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Saturday morning bike rides, and dancing and karaoke at the Legion Hall.

We also got in a few coaching sessions by some of our top golfers.

To send our group's Snowbirds off in great spirits, we held our first "Fly Away" BYOB party, which featured the band "At Large," a wonderful potluck buffet and some of the best



Baby Boomers enjoy a 'fly away' dance to send off their Snowbirds on a positive note.

dance moves in OTOW. Everyone had such a blast, we already have plans in place for a "Boomerang Party" (Glad to be Back) in the fall, so our Sunbirds can welcome our Snowbirds back.

We wish the Snowbirds safe travels and look forward to having them return to us.

Meanwhile, the Sunbirds will carry on and are already thinking about hikes, more bike rides, boat trips, beach sunset parties, beach strolls, street festivals, BBQs, picnics, movies nights,

some surprises, and all the fun summer has to offer.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday, and third Thursday, of every month, at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. Our May meetings will be on May 1 and May 16.

Those interested in joining our group are welcome at these meetings. After each meeting, we adjourn to a local restaurant or pub for a chat social.

In our group, everyone participates in making things happen by

sharing ideas, organizing activities and rotating the role of leading our meetings.



Philosophy Club

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 even if you just want to listen, Tuesdays 10-11:30 AM, East Activity Center Veranda. Any questions? Call Bob Reis at 798-2443.

Club taking Jolly Trolley to Vinoy Hotel this month

By Mary Widman

Thank you to the following members who helped make our annual picnic such a success: Lucy Castello, Janice Catapano, Sue Fleming, Madeline Nawrocky, Anne Maglio and Joan Abatemarco.

Congratulations to member Arla Gossiaux for winning two out of three 50/50 prizes and two out of four bingo prizes played at the picnic.

Lucky lady!

We are all looking forward to our trip to the Vinoy Hotel on Sat-



Singles Club

urday, May 4, leaving from the East Activity Center at 9:30 a.m. Transportation will be via the Jolly Trolley or

car pool. Cost will be \$10 for the trolley for our paid members and \$15 for all others. The tour of the hotel with luncheon will be \$25, which includes tax and tip. Call president Dorothy Carpenito at 796-4460 if you have any questions.

Our June meeting will have a wine and cheese party. Guests are invited. Cost will be \$3 per person.

So join us and make new friends and meet some old friends and neighbors. We meet on the first Saturday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the EAC.

Things you begin to notice with age

The older you get, the harder it is to lose weight because your body and your fat have become good friends.

Calories – tiny creatures that live in your closet and sew your clothes a little bit tighter every night.

Sometimes I laugh so hard the tears come down my leg.

A penny saved is government oversight.

The easiest way to find something is to buy a replacement.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

Ever notice that when you put the two words “the” and “IRS” together, it spells “theirs”?

My life is broken down in segments: sleeping, eating, looking for things I just had a minute ago.

Marge
Mayer



Marge's Humor

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of algebra.

An idle mind is the best way to relax.

One of the nice things that no one tells you about aging – it's such a nice change from being young. Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Smile – it makes your face look good.

All you need is love, and a little chocolate doesn't hurt.

Women will never be equal until they can walk down the street with a bald head and beer gut and still think they're sexy.

Go green – recycle Congress.

A balanced diet is chocolate in both hands.

When you were born you were crying and everyone around was smiling. Live your life so that when you die, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around is crying.

Middle age – the time when you finally get your head together – then your body starts to fall apart.

A smile is a sign of joy.

A hug is a sign of love.

A friend is a sign of good taste (like me)

A laugh is a sign of happiness.

So keep on laughing.

View this newspaper Online

Did you know you can view this On Top of the World newspaper Online?

Are you aware of some recent changes that were made as to where you can view this newspaper and past editions?

Simply visit otowclearwaterinfo.com and click “Community Information” at the top of the page. Once there, scroll down until you see the OTOW Newspaper banner. Press where it states “Click here to view this month's newspaper.” You will be redirected to the Press Association's own Website, complete with current newspaper and newspapers from the past 12 months.

Once you've reached the Press Association Web-page, bookmark it, so you can easily return to view new and old newspapers.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo on diez de Mayo

By Dave Beaven

We're entering the quieter months at On Top of the World.

By May, most of our Snowbird residents have migrated back to their summer homes leaving us to keep things going.

Our monthly social on the 10th will have a Mexican theme. Call it a belated Cinco de Mayo celebration. If you like Mariachi music, grab your sombrero and come to the Craft Room at 7:30 p.m. We'll have Margaritas and Mexican dishes to sample. For more details, check our Web page (see below).

Last month, Lambda Club par-



Lambda

icipated in two fundraisers. Many of us attended the Splash of Jazz event at the Harborview Center in Clearwater to benefit RCS Grace House for homeless families. We also took part in Dining Out for Life to benefit AIDS social services in Pinellas

County.

I know that other clubs at OTOW are also active in supporting local causes. It just goes to show that the residents here do care about our surrounding community “outside the gates.”

Lambda is a social club for gay and lesbian residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include cocktail parties, dining out, 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 gay and lesbian residents in the OTOW community, and 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 Club is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda gets together monthly for a social on the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Crafts Room downstairs in the East Activity Center. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Web page: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at lambdaclw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

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Volunteers thanked with ice cream social

Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

Hello, neighbors!

Well, May is here, the Snowbirds are just about gone, and things are quieting down.

First, there will be no Good Neighbors meeting on Thursday, June 13. SCA is having a business meeting that morning.

Other than Good Neighbors Thursdays, we are not planning any events till the fall.

If you were not at Thursday's get-together, you missed a great show. We had a bellydancer, Graciela Diaz. This young lady is a medical doctor, trained in Argentina. She will soon be taking the test to be able to practice in the U.S. It was really nice for a change. She was so well-received that several of those in the audience want her to start a class. Turn to page 31 for more information.

On Friday, April 12, we held our ice cream social for Good Neighbors



Dishing out a variety of ice cream toppings are Laura Ahern, Helen Lane, Terry Drake, Patti Jones and Maureen Bjorgo.

volunteers. We had plenty of ice cream and a nice variety of toppings if you wanted to make a sundae. We also had lots of nice door prizes.

We hope to keep the Gift Shoppe open all summer, provided we have the volunteers to man it. Of course, there is no reason to keep it open if

you don't support it.

To our Snowbird neighbors, have a safe trip back north and we'll see you in the fall.



Stamp Collectors

Last meeting of the year

By Jim Sundberg

Retirement, an endless hobby, and great friends to share our love of stamp collecting, is something we've been looking forward to.

We must have been having fun, because five months have gone by so quickly.

May 21 is our last official meeting for 2013, but don't forget I am available the rest of the year for questions about stamps to fill all those holes in your albums.

Hope to see you on Tuesday, May 21 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room starting at 1 p.m. After the meeting we'll serve some refreshments.

Memory Challenge on your Box Office Website

Try a new, fun way to keep your mind sharp

Games are a proven, fun way to keep your mind sharp.

On your On Top of the World Box Office Website, a new game is available which is easy to play, yet challenging for your brain.

Remember the days of playing Concentration where you flipped and matched cards until there weren't any left? Well, this new Online game provides the same challenge without having to find a deck of cards.

In Memory Challenge, 60 cards are placed down. One at a time, click and view cards, which are actually pictures of OTOW buildings. Find two cards with the same building and you have a match.

How long will it take you to find all 30 matches?

Give it a try. Create a strategy. Try to beat your previous score. Heck, try to beat everyone's score.

Simply go to otowclearwaterinfo.com, click "Rec Centers & Amenities" at the top of the page and then look for the "Box Office" link. Once you've arrived at the Box Office Website, bookmark it for an easier return. Once you have entered, scroll down until you see "Play Memory Challenge."

Good luck!

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If Meals on Wheels continues ...

Summer delivery volunteers needed

By Carl and Betty Leiby

We are still looking for someone to take our place as coordinators for our Meals on Wheels service here at On Top of the World.

We've been on the job for 20 years and need to retire because of health reasons.

We have decided to stay on one more month, hoping someone will step up and take over the coordinators position. So far, the right person has not been found.

Meanwhile, we have faithful volunteers, who are wonderful, but they do go home up north.

Our helpers need some respite occasionally, and we invite any caring



Meals On Wheels

neighbor to volunteer for the summer months to deliver hot meals to our On Top of the World clients. The time required is about an hour and a half. We do drive to the Dunedin Masonic Lodge to pick up the food. Mileage can be claimed as an income tax donation.

At OTOW, our Good Neighbors Association and OTOW News help keep residents advised of this service and the need for volunteers.

Our clients are delighted to have a different friendly neighbor bring them a delicious hot meal and a warm greeting each week day. Some of our volunteers have been serving many years. They can attest to the good feelings obtained in the process of helping our neighbors.

The meals are planned by a Neighborly Care Network dietician. It is a well-balanced meal with an interesting variety each month. A main entrée, vegetables, salad, bread, fruit, milk and often a dessert are included.

The cost is now \$5.82 per meal, billed monthly. To volunteer for this rewarding service, call Betty and Carl Leiby at 791-3861.

The colorful Neighborly Care bus you see coming through OTOW takes residents to Dunedin to join others for lunch and a social time of entertainment, cards, bingo and music.

There is bus service available to take seniors to "Senior Day Care," and transportation to doctors' offices.

The Neighborly Care Network has many other services available such as skilled nursing, physical therapy and home health aides. For services, phone them at (727) 573-9444.

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We will help any member with Windows XP or Windows 7 instruction from 9-10 a.m., on Fridays. Our club offers free Wi-Fi in the EAC, and a computer equipment recycling service to members for a small, modest fee.

The computer lab is located opposite the large card room. By joining our club, you can ask all your computer questions in a relaxed, friendly environment, and your questions may help others with similar situations. You are also encouraged to share your own past computer experiences - both good and bad.

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New Jesters spring 2014 production could include mystery and mayhem

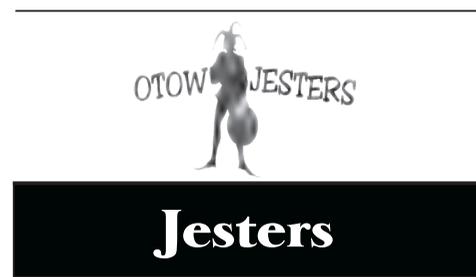
By Marvin Flam, President

The New Jesters motto is 'Jest For Fun' so as the Snowbirds head north, and everything quiets down here at OTOW, we are already getting ready for next season.

The newly elected Executive Board is meeting and planning a season which will include many fun and social events that will promote good fellowship and friendship, with the year culminating with our 35th anniversary show in February 2014.

The creative team, headed by Evelyn Flam, is meeting with members and developing an exciting, upbeat show for next February titled, "Fifty Shades, The Musical."

The initial plans call for a musical variety show featuring murder, mystery and mayhem, presented with new song and dance routines, all per-



formed, coordinated and choreographed by the talented members of the Jesters and supported by amazing new stage settings, lighting and sound technology.

The New Jesters will continue its past tradition that all the people who write, direct or perform in the show, or provide any of the support services like costumes, stage sets, stage hands, ushers, ticket takers etc., must be both residents of OTOW with a valid activity card, and paid up members of the



Jesters.

We are inviting all OTOW residents to join us and have the time of their lives.

As the summer unfolds, we will present more details regarding our planned programs and the show. Follow us in the newspaper or on Channel 96/720 for updates, or better yet

email us your email address to jestfun@gmail.com and we will keep you updated on a regular basis.

For more information, or to join, call 727-797-1761 or email to above address, or visit us at the East Activity Center on Mondays during the summer, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Don't miss out, join us. "Jest For Fun."

Italian-Americans know how to finish a season



Italian American

By Jerry Kaplano

On March 20, we had our St. Joseph's dinner/dance which was a huge success.

We had a great Italian dinner and entertainment by Carlo.

Our picnic was held on April 3 at Philippe Park. We had 62 people there and everyone had a great time. We had sausage and peppers, potato salad and, of course, hamburgers, hot-dogs and Italian pastries, all for \$3 a member.

Our April 17 meeting included a pizza party for members only.

Membership to the club may be purchased any Monday or Thursday at the East Activity Center from 8:30-10:30 a.m., and is effective until December 2013. The cost is \$4.

On Oct. 16, we will have a Welcome Back spaghetti and meatball dinner at the EAC at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased at the next meeting as well as in the EAC in September and October. All members are invited.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer.



Clair Mauro, Mary Ann Fontaine, Pete Marchetti, Dottie LaPorte finishing the sausage and peppers

New Canadian Club executive board already planning 2013-14 activities

By Rick McLauchlan

We hope that those who have returned home have done so safely and have found all is well at your Northern homes.

As you can see from this article's "byline," our publicity chairman for many years, Rollie Lapointe, has decided to retire. He leaves behind a legacy of timely and well-crafted articles that have kept us all informed about the activities of our club. Thank you Rollie for your expertise, time and dedication.

Our annual General Meeting was held in March and a new executive board for the 2013-2014 season was elected: President Rene Careau, Immediate Past President Andy McEvoy, First Vice President Shirley Hunter, Second Vice President Rick McLauchlan, Recording Secretary Cathy Mills and Treasurer Jill Orchard.

Continuing to provide valuable work with the executive board will be Linda McKee, who manages registration, and Gabriel Taillefer as our Webmaster.

The first 2013-2014 executive board meeting was held on April 2 to start the annual planning. At the request of many participants, Social



Standing left to right are Rene Careau, president, Jill Orchard, treasurer, Andy McEvoy, past president, Linda McKee, registration, and Rick McLauchlan, second vice president. Seated left to right are Shirley Hunter, first vice president, and Cathy Mills, recording secretary.

Games will start in November with cribbage being added. More card tables will be needed, so, if anyone has a card table in good condition that they wish to donate, please contact Jill Orchard at rorchard2@tampabay.rr.com.

An article will appear in the On Top of the World newspaper each

month throughout the summer. So, if you cannot pick up a copy of the newspaper, please visit the Press Association Website to view the newspaper online or refer to our Canadian Club Website where Gabriel will post these articles. The Web address are listed below.



Please save these 2013-2014 Canadian Club dates: Social games new starting date Nov. 7, Registration and First General Meeting Nov. 22, Christmas Party Dec. 4, Past Presidents' Ball Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014, Golf Tournament Feb. 16, 2014, St. Patrick's Day Parade March 8, 2014 and Spring Fling Wednesday, March 12, 2014. (Note all dates in 2014 are tentative pending scheduling with OTOW.)

Have a safe and happy summer!

Websites

Press Association

ontopoftheworldnews.com/clearwater/news.html

Canadian Club

otowcanadianclub.com



Wii bowling returns this summer

By Mike & Terry Mikulski

Come join Wii Bowling on Sundays from 2-4 p.m. at the East Activity Center in the big card room.

See how good of a video game bowler you can become. We've had some good games thrown and some not so good games, but everyone has a good time.

On April 7, Neva Gamble shot a 289!

Wii Bowling is here all year. We have coffee and snacks. If you come just once, we are sure you will come back.

OTOW resident to give senior advice during local radio station program

Shirley Hill Moran, who has resided at On Top of the World for six years, is joining the radio staff at WTAN 1340-AM starting in April.

Shirley, an expert in geriatrics, has owned and operated the "Ask Shirley" assisted living placement and consultant service for 29 years and will add her expertise on the air for one afternoon, the final Monday of each month.

The program will be aired from "The Oaks Of Clearwater," one of the top senior assisted living communities in Clearwater. Shirley will be on once a month, but the actual show is hosted by Marketing Director Brad Smith every Monday from 11 a.m. to noon.

Shirley's background is well versed in the field of geriatrics, with a degree from the University of South Florida, special studies at Eckerd Col-



Shirley Moran

lege, St. Petersburg Junior College, University of Michigan and North Texas State.

Shirley has opened congregate dining sites in and around Clearwater and throughout Pinellas County, and helped develop other services for seniors.

During the early '80s, she had her own radio program on WTAN 1340-AM, where she gave advice to seniors. It was called "Ask Shirley."

Shirley and her husband, Dan, live in the Punjab Building and are well known there. Dan is a familiar face at the Coffee Corner on Monday mornings serving coffee, doughnuts and always a good word.

Circle your calendar for Monday, May 27. Give Shirley a listen between 11-noon and get ready to Ask Shirley whatever is on your mind about senior issues. Shirley will discuss different topics each month, so tune in to WTAN 1340-AM on your dial and get expert advice on a regular basis.

Your Snowbirds Club has a full slate of activities this summer

By John Koning

If you are reading this article on paper, you have already noticed how uncongested the golf courses and the pools have become.

However, the peace and tranquility shouldn't dissuade you from participating in the many activities your Snowbirds Club has planned for the summer.

On the contrary, your enjoyment will surely be enhanced by the absence of crowds inside the gates of On Top of the World and in the Clearwater area.

We gave our northern Snowbirds a wild, wild western sendoff with the best party in our club's short history. The tables were packed, the food was hot and the entertainment was awesome. Of course, by entertainment we mean At Large, our signature band, but there was other captivating entertainment.

There were cowgirls and cowboys out in record numbers, displaying their western regalia and strutting their stuff to the music and the line dancing. Yeehaw!

We received good news during the dance when our club bypassed the half kilobody mark.

What exactly is a kilobody?

Well, according to Ed Foland, in redneck country, a kilobody is a thousand living, breathing, paid Snowbirds Club members.

This year we bypassed the 500 member mark putting us solidly in the half kilobody league.

Of course none of it could have



Snowbirds Club

If the summer heat gets to you, join the Snowbirds in Alaska and raise your glass to a glacier while you bask in the refreshing arctic air.

happened without our energetic army of volunteers.

Now that the northerners are gone, it's time to have some unimpeded fun. This jealous northerner is obliged to present the lineup for our Sunbird activities. Don't be confused. The Sunbird name is not a new club. It's a pet name our year-round Snowbirds rub under our northern noses.

The Sunbirds are heading out by bus to Biloxi for four days and Atlanta for four. Locally they are regulars at Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater and the Show Palace.

If the summer heat gets to you, join them in Alaska and raise your glass to a glacier while you bask in the refreshing arctic air.

For information stop by the Snowbirds sales desk between 8:30-10 a.m. on the first two Mondays and Thursdays of every month this summer.



Lois VandeBogart and Ron Marten dressed the part at the Snowbirds' Wild, Wild West Party.

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East Side Pool Exercises



East Activity Center pool exercises will run 9-10 a.m., starting May 6 for the summer. Everyone is invited. All you need is a swimsuit and a smile. Exercises are done in the shallow end of the pool. You do not need to know how to swim. We enjoy the water, have fun and do something good for us. Join us!

The one day each year exercise class encourages eating!



Thanks to Brid Mitchell and Margaret Forde for getting the 8 a.m. East Activity Center exercise class together at First Watch for its annual appreciation luncheon. It was no easy task with everyone's busy schedule, but it was such a fun event. The food was delicious and the company delightful. It was a wonderful time to remember. Seated left to right are Helen Martini, Susan Cotton, Theresa Bosio, Dolly Newcome, Gloria Mitchell and Julie Narancich. Standing left to right are Mina Osborne, Barb Sundberg, Chris Norris, Joanne Ring, Carol Babini, Sue Mellott, Joanne Wallend, Norma Bastidas, Colleen Winn, Edie Ryczek, Connie Giudice, Nora Kazanovich, Brid Mitchell, Margaret Forde, Bea Swan and Pat Van Hise.

County official to speak at next meeting on May 23

At the March 28 Democratic Club meeting, the Reverend Manuel L. Sykes was introduced by Van Farber, our district representative, as the afternoon guest speaker.

Reverend Sykes has served two terms as NAACP president and is pastor of the Bethel Community Church. He defined the meaning of "E Pluribus Unim" as coming together for a common purpose.

Torrey Craig spoke on the need for Medicare counseling, especially since Universal Medicare is no longer valid. Call 433-2950 for advice.

The May meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23 at 2 p.m. in the Starlite Room. Refreshments will be served and the speaker will be Ken Welch, chairman of our County Board of Supervisors.



Democratic Club

Morning exercise class continues through summer

Keep active and join us for the 8 a.m. exercise class in the East Activity Center lower gym room.

We meet Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, and we added music to our daily 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.

Bonesavers

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.

Slimnastics

What is slimnastics?

Walking, stretching and getting your blood flowing.

We do not do floor exercises.

Slimnastics meets in the East Activity Center gym at 9 a.m. every weekday morning.

Every class is free to On Top of the World residents.

Does your building have a Good Neighbors representative?

Good Neighbors representatives meet 8:45 a.m., the second Thursday of each month, in the EAC large card room prior to the 9:45 a.m., Get Acquainted morning social upstairs in the auditorium. Good Neighbors representatives help answer questions for new residents. Reps will invite new neighbors to the Get Acquainted social. Reps will also distribute vials for life and update residents in their own buildings of any new rules or policies at OTOW. Call Shirley at 946-3968 for more information.

Here's your chance to try an activity you've probably never experienced before

Want to try an activity where you use every body part?

You might be skeptical when you learn the activity is belly dancing, but when Graciela Diaz gave an exhibition performance at On Top of the World back in April, several residents didn't hesitate to join her on stage and they all seemed to enjoy it!

Starting this month, Graciela will be holding a belly dance class in the East Activity Center gym.

Graciela is a native of Argentina, she is a medical doctor, and has been belly dancing since 1996.

Her own doctor told her she needed to take up a physical activity to help relieve stress. She considered joining a gym, but that idea didn't appeal to her. She discovered belly dancing and gradually realized this was her passion.

Today, Graciela is a certified belly dance instructor and also a certified Zumba instructor.

The class will take place every Thursday afternoon from noon to 1 p.m. Graciela says come dressed like you're going to work out. Footwear is not necessary. If you have a hip scarf you will have more fun. If you have a hip scarf that makes noise then you will really have fun.



Graciela Diaz shows off her 'wings' during a recent belly dance exhibition in the East Activity Center auditorium. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Gold wings are optional.

The class will be \$5 per session and exclusively for OTOW ladies.

"You don't have to be skinny,"

Graciela said. "You don't have to be young. You also don't need a shape.

"We will make all pieces of your body work, from head to toe. We will

also balance the center of your energy.

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Rally for the Cure closes in on \$50,000 donation mark

For the third consecutive year, the annual Rally for the Cure golf tournament at On Top of the World has raised more than \$5,000.

And just as impressive, when golfers and friends attended a post-tournament banquet in the East Activity Center, an announcement was made for everyone to stand who is a cancer survivor.

One-third of the audience stood!

“My grandmother died of breast cancer and my mother is a breast cancer survivor,” said one of the tournament organizers, Arlene Hanson. “Knowing how much they struggled, makes this event very important to me. I honored the crowd of breast cancer survivors who stood up at the banquet. My hope is to see breast cancer eliminated with the help of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.”

The 2013 tournament raised \$5,152, which brings the grand total for the 16-year event to \$49,564.

The winning team was Elaine McDonald, Muriel Salo and Carl Rounds.

Second place went to Nancy House, Bill House, Mary Ellen Cavalieri and Bob McGrogan.

Third place went to Pat Murray, David Murray, Donna Mescaros and Les Meszaros.

There were three Closest to



Tom McMinn chips to get his team close to the hole for an easy putt. From left to right are Ed Hanson, Arlene Hanson and Dale McMinn.

the Pin placewinners on hole No. 15: Tony Sinopoli was within 42 inches of the hole, Dee Cellitti was within 108 inches and April Glen was within 163 inches.

The tournament would not have been successful without the people who contributed behind the scenes. They included scorekeepers, gift basket makers, course crew, photographers, decorators, dinner servers, clos-

est to the pin workers, ticket sellers, clean-up crew, starters, monitors and many more.

“The Rally for the Cure golf tournament showed people really know how important this event is,” Arlene said. “I would like to express my pride in our OTOW community for its overwhelming participation and support to fight breast cancer. The players proudly dressed in pink and it was truly a sight to behold.”

In the last three years, more than 400 people have rallied for the cure.

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In the photo at left, Pat Cassidy and John Bladykas head to the next hole in their golf cart decorated with pink balloons. Pat said she started out with more than four balloons, but other teams borrowed some for their own carts. In the photo at right, Anna Hyden putts to within inches of the hole. From left to right are Vayna Jones, Rodney Jones and Dan Hyden.



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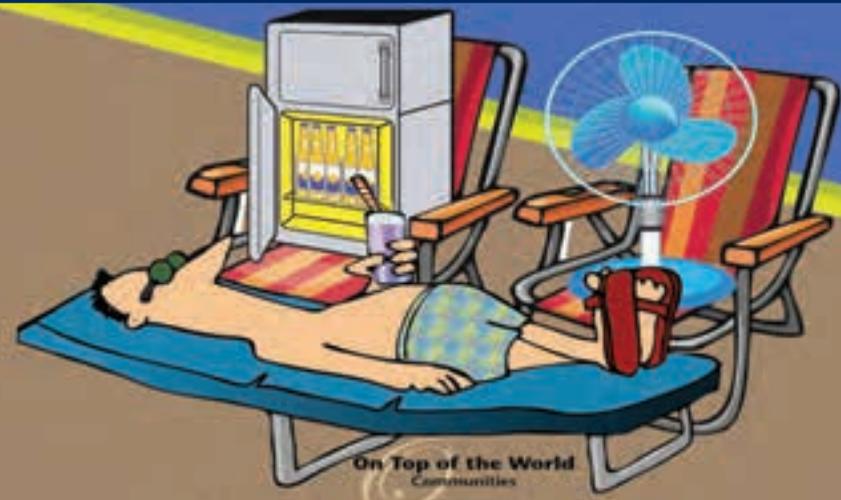
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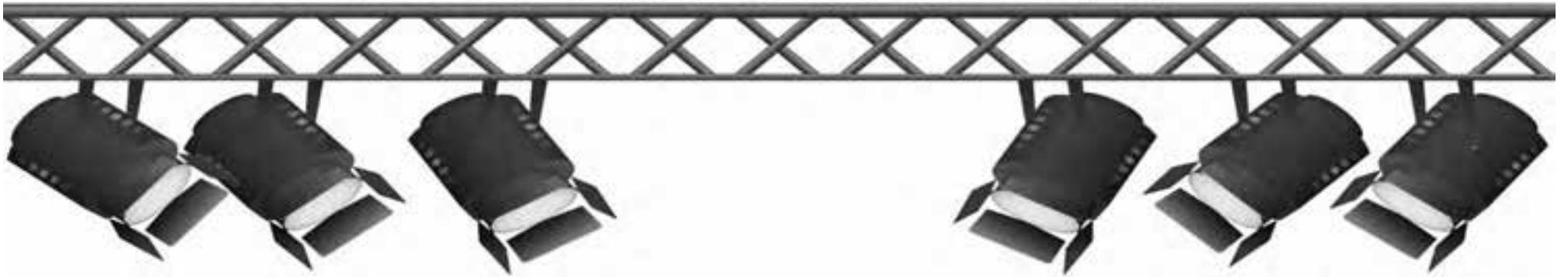
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Parade of hats show off spring colors

By Hazel Kelly, 2013 Chair

Talk about tough to judge!

Our Easter Parade Dance at the end of March featured some beautifully decorated hats, so choosing a winner was a tough job.

First place went to Betty Baker, the runner-up was Joan Brennan and others received honorable mention. The most unusual hat was worn by former chair Rich Hayes.

We had an exciting month of April with the Bobby Palermo Cabaret Show bringing their brand of showmanship to his fans.

The Vinnie Talarico's Show closed out the much-praised spring show season.

May 1 begins renewal time for half-season ticket holders. So remember, renew your reserved seat before it goes on sale to the general membership on June 1. Come in on a Monday or Thursday morning between 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. and we'll be glad to renew your seats for the exciting fall lineup of shows and dances.

May is also the time for you to make reservations for your Thanksgiving dinner right here at On Top of the World. For only \$24.95, you'll have a traditional turkey dinner catered by Marguerite, and entertainment provided by DJ with a Twist - Denise Looney. Reserve your place at the table, or reserve a whole table for you and your friends. Don't miss out on this exceptional offer.

On Saturday, May 18, come listen and dance to a new band to OTOW called The Travelers, who'll have you up and dancing to the sounds of the '60s. Stop by our table and we'll tell you more about them.

On May 19 at 2 p.m., our free Sunday-in-the-Park at the East Activity Center will feature entertainment by the Harmonica Seniors, and, of course, we'll serve up some lite refreshments following the show. We remind you to pick up your 50-50 tickets when you come in. You could be a winner in the drawing.

Stop by the EAC on a Monday or Thursday morning to get your tickets or learn details about this show. Sign up to become a part of the fun.

At top left is Gilda and Bill Gambacurta. At top right is Jacque Kalimari and Betty Baker. Below is Doris Beasley and Ernie Kreider. Betty Baker took first place.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



'Carpenters' were here in March

In March, The Carpenters Tribute Band performed at On Top of the World. From left to right are Bob LeMay, Stephen Mason, Entertainment Committee President Hazel Kelly, Rodd Zeitler, Donna Weise, Pam Zeitler, Tom Kurt, Rudy Ramos and Benny Guilory.



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TURNING 100

Can you imagine having six birthday parties?

By Diane Cavanaugh

Most of us would be thrilled if we got a card, a cake, or were taken to lunch on our birthday.

But for Madelyn "Gigi" Mischke, who just celebrated her 100th birthday - one card, one cake and one lunch was only the beginning.

She had six different birthday parties!

A relative, Karen Johnson, coordinated one party where family and friends attended and sang to her in French, Polish, German and English.

This smiling woman from Stillwater, Minn., and former On Top of the World resident, also had parties at "Bon Apetite," Regency Oaks and other friends' homes.

One of the parties was thrown by her long-time friends here at OTOW.

There is an old saying that "what you put out into



Madelyn Mischke with one of her many birthday cakes.

the world, comes back 10 fold" and for the Gigi, this is true.

This lovely woman's looks and smile reflect a lady 30 years younger.

Gigi was one of the original residents at OTOW. She and her husband, Raymond, were on vacation, and someone suggested they come to see

Clearwater.

"Clearwater?" Raymond asked. "What's in Clearwater?"

But with some coaxing he decided they would drive through. Then they found OTOW and purchased a condo in 1972, but had to wait for construction to complete.

Raymond was employed with General Motors, so they were used to the fast pace in Chicago.

Gigi devoted her life to her husband and her children. Today, her children and grandchildren currently reside in Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and Ft. Myers, and many came to celebrate this special event.

Shortly after their condo purchase, their friends from Chicago started purchasing units to retire and family members followed. They enjoyed golf, the exercise room and

the many bridge games.

I asked Gigi, what was the best thing about OTOW and she replied "the people."

She has so many friends here, and was so touched by the fact that they cared about her, and would help her celebrate in so many ways. She currently resides in Regency Oaks.

Gigi feels blessed to live to 100. She has had a wonderful life, including a husband she adored, who helped her raise her children.

So the appropriate question at 100 wonderful years is "Gigi, what are your goals for the rest of your life?"

She paused, then gave a big smile.

"To see my grandchildren graduate from college and marry fine people."

We wish Gigi the very best in this special year.

Happy Birthday!

New board gets started with summer activities

By Jack Casey

The New York/New Jersey Club indoor picnic at the East Activity Center went extremely well. The turnout was wonderful and everyone agreed the food was great.

A new Board was elected and the following were sworn in: Jack Casey, president; Bob Jennings, vice president; Betty Byrnes, secretary; Anne Casey, assistant secretary; Jeanette Rosa, treasurer; Lucy Jennings, Sunshine Lady; and Anne Casey, hos-



pitality.

The following members graciously accepted to chair the membership and event-sales desk: Sue Fleming,

Sally Sheulin and Madeline Nawrocky, and 50/50 sales: Madeline Nawrocky and Ann Maglio.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge and thank Tom Mauro, former president, who was responsible for the smooth and well-informed transition to the new Board.

Full of enthusiasm, the Board has elected to continue club activities throughout the summer. Meetings and socials will be combined, so mark the following dates on your calendar: June

26 (wine and cheese), July 24 (Christmas in July dinner/dance \$8), August 28 (hot dog party), Sept. 25 (ice cream social), Oct. 23 (wine and cheese), and Nov. 15 (holiday dinner/dance \$15).

All meetings are scheduled at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center with the exception of Aug. 28, which will meet in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Please contact Jack Casey 727-475-9762 or Bob Jennings 727-953-9534 for further information and cost of socials.

April Photo Search Answers

1. Extra sun glare on side of road.
2. Extra bird in front of lady.
3. Extra bird near water.
4. Three legs on bench.
5. Lady is not holding paper.
6. Shark fin in the water.
7. Rock in the water.
8. Frog's head in the water.
9. Tree is missing.
10. Bird's head turned opposite direction.

Heather Archambault shows her true strength on the golf course



As Heather Archambault walked to the first tee box at the Canadian Club golf tournament, on the arm of her husband, Paul, there was no outward sign of the nervousness she felt inside.

Paul placed her ball on the tee and lined her up with the flag at Hole No. 1.

Heather looked every bit like the veteran golfer she is. She adjusted her grip and rested her club next to the ball. Then slowly and smoothly she swung the massive driver behind her left ear and unleashed a classic swing. Then came that sharp, sweet sound that every golfer loves, and her ball sailed northward toward its goal.

Congratulations and encouragement followed from her teammates.

The casual onlooker might have wondered why Heather didn't set her own ball and why her husband was so absorbed by the position of her feet and hips prior to the shot.

That's because the casual onlooker didn't know that less than two years ago, Heather lost her sight completely.

Paul and Heather Archambault grew up on the Canadian Shield, a tough and forbidding slab of granite as large as the United States, if you exclude Alaska and Florida. It is pocked with thousands of lakes and covered in a paper thin layer of meager topsoil that is frozen for six months of the year or more. The people who call it home are a hardy bunch.

Paul's childhood home was Québec, on the north shore of the world's largest estuary, the Gulf of St. Lawrence. During the short summers he spent his days exploring the wilderness around their home on foot. He and his boyhood friends left home in the morning with just a potato and a pack of matches. When hunger pangs forced them to eat, they would liberate a carrot or onion from a farm or gar-

den, build a fire and cook their lunch right in the coals.

It was a carefree childhood that led to Paul's robust lifestyle.

Heather spent her childhood in Newfoundland, Canada's largest island south of the arctic circle. Access to this massive, moose infested boulder in the frigid North Atlantic, is only by air or overnight ferry across the vast Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Heather's father made his living as an auto parts manager while he lived for fishing. He was an expert angler and regularly took Heather and her mother on fishing adventures. Some of Heather's fondest childhood memories took place in a pair of hip waders, waist deep in the crystal clear waters of Newfoundland's lakes and streams.

Heather's dad was a patient man who had a knack for finding fish and shared his knowledge openly with young Heather. The only time she recalls her dad's patience wearing thin was later in life, when Heather and Paul had met and married, and her dad tried to teach Paul to cast a line. After Paul snarled his line in a tree while casting, Heather could almost read her dad's thoughts, "This Québecer is hopeless!"

Since then, Paul has blossomed as an angler.

After 50 years of marriage, the affection Paul and Heather have for each other is still evident. When Heather lost her sight, this active golfer, lawn bowler and shuffleboarder, faced challenges that most of us cannot imagine. She faced down the demons of depression and self pity with her inner strength and the steadfast support of her husband.

Apparently Paul meant those things he said on their wedding day, half a century ago.

This remarkable couple live the words of author and artist, Mary



Heather Archambault shows the swing that stays with her despite her vision loss.

Anne Radmacher who said, "Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'"

It was Paul's idea to get Heather back out there on the golf course.

"It's another chance to hold her hand," Paul says warmly. "I look at her and admire the way she has adapted. Then I fall in love with her all over again."

On the On Top of the World 18-hole course, Heather has memorized

the holes and picks her own clubs. After each swing she can tell immediately what kind of a shot she made by the feel of the impact.

Heather enjoys a hidden benefit that few of us can claim. In the unlikely event that she shanks the ball into the rough, she can shift the blame to the guy who lined her up.

How's that for a silver lining?

Do you know someone in our community who we should get to know? Send your suggestions to jck@johnkoning.com

Interested residents pack Travel Club meeting

By Pat Zorland

Our April meeting was really a sellout meeting.

There were so many people in attendance that we needed to keep adding chairs. Lucky for us, there were some men in attendance to help with chairs.

Next – interim secretary Roxie Maggio reported that the Lunch Bunch has been very well attended and will continue to meet at least twice a month. In May, Roxie will be arranging for a luncheon at Johnny’s Italian Restaurant and at the Longhorn Steak House. Come to the meeting on May 3 for all of the details.

Shirley Bruccolire gave a report on our day trip to Solomon’s Castle located in Ona, Fl. We were given a tour of the castle, which contains many of Mr. Solomon’s creations. Then we went to lunch in a restaurant on the property. The food was very good and we were entertained by a country music singer.

A trip to Pigeon Forge is scheduled from Sept. 22-28 and looks like it is a go. Come to the meeting on May 3



Audrey Jones and Shirley Bruccolire leaving Solomon’s Castle. (OTOW News photo by Pat Zorland)

for more of the details.

Next on the schedule is a trip to New Orleans in December. This is not just a gambling trip. It will be a sight-

ing seeing trip .

Last, but not least, Audrey Jones gave a quiz on our National Parks with a short question and answer period

For more information on our meetings call Shirley at 726-4619.

Our next meeting will be held on May 3.

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Improvements coming



A complete refurbishment will begin approximately May 20 on the Nature Gym at the On Top of the World Paradise Reserve. The project is expected to take three weeks and will replace the current outdoor exercise equipment with new equipment designed to help residents stretch and get a low-impact workout. This is the sign that showcased the old Nature’s Gym.

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SPORTS



In the photo at left are the first and second place flight finishers from the 2012-13 Men's Golf season. From left to right in the front row are Ron Magmussen, Scott Im, Duane Hinrichs, Bob Ellis and Ron Huber. In back are Gary Gates, Bill Higgins and Mark Schell. In the photo at right, golfer Jack Smith receives an oversized 99th birthday card from the golf league. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

Top golfers announced from Men's Golf League

By Pete Milner

'Tis spring and the fairways are a beautiful green. If only I could keep my ball on them.

The weather is warming quickly and our numbers are dwindling fast. Our fellow golfers, who are Snowbirds, are heading elsewhere for more tepid temperatures. Hopefully, they will all be back in the fall.

Our annual awards banquet was a huge success and was enjoyed by all who attended. It takes a lot of people to pull it off. A special thanks to the

Men's Golf

ladies of the Ladies Golf Association for serving as they usually do.

Mike Crittenden hit another hole-in-one, this time on the first hole. He would like to get an ace on every hole at the golf course and seems to be well on his way. I would like to witness the one on our 12th hole.

Members are reminded to please

follow a couple of important rules. Be courteous to your fellow golfers. Please remember to check in at the golf shack on Wednesdays at least one-half hour before your scheduled tee time. If you don't, you could (by our rules) forfeit your tee time to a stand-by golfer.

If you sign up and can't play and you signed up as a rider, you must leave your half of the cart fee for your riding partner. Your money will be returned if your place is taken by another rider.

Always remember to check the

scoreboard for changes in the schedule, rule changes and upcoming events.

Watch for the changeover date for shotgun starts, which will be happening soon. When that change happens, the shotgun starting times will be changed.

Enjoy our summer months on the golf course. Always remember to stay hydrated during the hot weather. It's unfair to the rest of the guys in your foursome if they have to hit their ball and take turns dragging you until they finish their round of golf.

Season ends with some teams unable to score in late innings

By Don Grabowski

Another season has come and gone. This will be our last report until October, the start of a new year.

Cody's Restaurant 17

Scott's Pharmacy 14

Cody's win featured a combined five home runs - three by the losers. Lenny Seagall had four hits with his home run. Gary Burgett and Frank Schlotter each had a home run. Bill Arkins had a home run, included in his four hits.

Guy Bertuzzi did Bill one better with his home run and five hits. The scoring difference was the result of compact hitting by the winners with men on base.

Tommy's Produce 18

Cody's Restaurant 11

Although outthit 30 to 27, Cody's made a game of it. Tommy's players held Cody's to four runs in the final four innings.

For the losers, Bill Arkins had seven hits, Gary Burgett six and Van Farber five. Trevor Dixon, Joe Farrell and Dan Burnstein had three each.

The winners had hitters of their own. They were led by Lenny Seagall and Guy Bertuzzi with five hits. Each had a home run. Also contributing were Carm Costa, four hits, Ken Graham four, Jim Pollock and Bob Fields with three hits each.

Cody's just couldn't match Tom-

my's offense. The losers scored three runs in the last six innings.

Scott's Pharmacy 18

Cody's Restaurant 14

Scott's just kept scoring. A home run by Lenny Seagall with men on base helped to score six runs in one inning. That was enough to keep Scott's ahead for the rest of the game.

Carm Costa, Glen Ohl, Bob Hazarossian, Gary Burgett and Jim Pollock had four hits each. Bill Arkins, had six hits, which included a home run and almost kept Cody's in the game. Guy Bertuzzi and Joe Farrell had four hits each.

Scott's Pharmacy 15

Cody's Restaurant 15

This was one of our tie games. Cody's scored more frequently in six of the innings played, but Scott's scored more runs in the inning in which they scored.

For Scott's, Bill Arkins had five hits, and Gregg Zimmer, Bill Lepping, Glen Ohl and Joe Farrell had four hits each.

Cody's was led by Carm Costa with six hits, and Gary Burgett with five hits. Bob Fields had four, including a home run. Lenny Seagall had three hits with his over-the-fence home run.

An exciting game as both teams scored five and six runs, respectively, in the last two innings.

See you in September.



SPORTS

Pat Eastman, Dottie Meissner crowned champions for 2013

On March 27, 55 women enjoyed the lovely Spring Luncheon at Dunedin Country Club arranged by Leora Hamm, Billie Pineau, and Phyllis Farrell.

Thanks ladies for all your work!

At the luncheon, the new officers were announced. The president will be Sheila Meneilly, Vice President Elaine Stretavski, Secretary Wendy Colquhoun and Treasurer Sharon Hackenmiller. Good luck ladies!

Also at the luncheon, the Handicap Champion and Club Champion were announced.

Dottie Meissner, our president, won the Handicap Championship for the second time. She also won in 2006. Dottie is from Costa Rica and Panama.

While in Panama, Dottie watched the yearly PGA tournament, but never played golf until coming to On Top of the World. Fishing was Dottie's expertise, holding a women's record for a 455-pound, 10-foot, 8-inch Black Marlin. She was also a line handler for sailboats, catamarans and power boats on the Panama Canal.

Dottie has four children, nine grandchildren, one great granddaughter and is expecting twin great-grand-



Pictured above is the 2013 Club Champion Pat Eastman and the 2013 Handicap Champion Dottie Meissner.

daughters in July.

Besides seeing Dottie on the golf course, you may see her dancing Tap or Jazz.

Pat Eastman successfully defended her Club Championship for the sixth time. Besides seeing Pat on the golf course, you may see her rid-

ing her bike, playing golf at Clearwater Country Club, or volunteering at the Hospice ReSale Shop in Clearwater.

Pat also plays golf in the Women's Golf Association of Massachusetts tournaments and is the current Senior Champion.

The handicap flight winners

Ladies 18-Hole

were: Flight A: Maureen Stewart, Flight B: Gloria Sayer, Flight C: Billie Pineau and Flight D: Mary Bates Smith

Congrats to Natsue Dawson for her first hole-in-one on March 14 on hole No. 9 using a 5-wood. The shot was witnessed by Betty McKay, Terri Mikszenas and Maureen Stewart.

On May 28 we will have our closing tournament and celebration. During the summer, residents should check the bulletin board for upcoming information.

Tournament Results

March 26

Flight A: Low Gross - Pat Eastman, Terry Kuplen. Low Net - Nancy Lo, Maureen Stewart.

Flight B: Low Gross - Christine Miller. Low Net - Marie Belliveau, Katie Quelch, Gloria Sayer.

Flight C: Low Gross - Dale McMinn, Billie Pineau. Low Net - Donna Smerz.

Flight D: Low Gross - Wendy Colquhoun. Low Net - Mary Bates Smith.

Lawn Bowlers already making plans for 2013-14 season

By Bob LaPlante

The annual general meeting saw the election of officers, including new president, Wendy Colquhoun, who is already busy planning for next year.

Vice President is Mario Altieri, who announced the theme for the 2014 Past President's Dinner Danc will be "60s - Wild and Wonderful."

Be ready to witness an influx of flower children and hippies dressed for this fun event.

It seems as if every club at On Top of the World is dependent on a cadre of volunteers to run their events. Nowhere is this more evident than at OTOW Lawn Bowls, where volunteers have to prepare the courts every day before play, offer training to interested future bowlers, communicate with members, offer a host of tournaments or special games, and include food as part of special social events.

If we were to list everyone that contributed, the list would include a majority of members and extend to their families and friends.

Of special note would be Hal Jacobsen, who coordinated many of the social games, Dave Lindeman whose committed to maintaining the grounds, and the morning captains ,who were there every week to coordinate the regular play.

Tom Barrett coordinated the innovation of having mini-tournaments on a weekly basis and assisted with a number of other tournaments.

A special thanks is extended to all who contributed.

The summer months witnesses a huge drop in the number of bowlers, however, some stalwarts continue to play. If you are interested in playing or learning the game, stop by the courts and speak to our lawn bowlers for more information.

Top tennis players



Pictured above are the top tennis players from the annual On Top of the World Tennis Tournament. From left to right are Harry Morrison, first place mixed doubles; Loring Russell, first place men's doubles; Josh Balderson, first place full-court singles; Dean Baker, tournament director; Phyllis Tetzloff, first place women's doubles and first place mixed doubles; and Paula Ergang, first place women's doubles.

Did you know OTOW News sports writers are members of the Press Association? The person who covers your sport in this newspaper should attend 3 meetings a year.



Gilda Gambacurta wins league title

By: Mary Ann O'Neil

Another successful year for Ladies 9-Hole Golf comes to an end on May 14.

We had our annual spring luncheon at the Beachcombers Restaurant at Clearwater Beach on April 4 with 40 ladies attending this event. I want to thank Dolly Foland for organizing this event and making the center pieces for the tables.

Congratulations to those ladies who won the center pieces as door prizes.

A big thank you to Ginny Tounsignant for being our photographer once again. If anyone would like to see the pictures, please call me and I will be more than happy to email them to you.

The following individuals won



From left to right are President Mary Ann O'Neil, League Champion Gilda Gambacurta and Vice President Connie Saylor.

their flight during our two-day tournament that was held Feb. 9 and March 5. Flight A – Connie Saylor; Flight B – Ann Stewart; Flight C - Marjorie Sivek

Ladies 9-Hole

and Flight D – Nancy Parlatore.

Our President's Tournament was held on March 19 and the winner was Gilda Gambacurta. Each winner was given a trophy and for the President's Tournament, Gilda's name was entered on our plaque that is hanging in the Pro Shop at the 18-hole course. Congratulations ladies. A job well done!

What a wonderful day we had participating in the Rally for the Cure Golf Tournament and our representation from the Ladies 9-hole Golf League was tremendous.

Nancy House and her husband, Bill, along with Mary Ellen Cavalier and her partner, Bob McGrogan,

teamed up and ended up coming in second place.

The lady closest to the hole on No. 15 was our very own Dee Cellitti, who was awarded a golf club at the Rally for the Cure dinner. Way to go ladies and gentlemen!

Once again, I want to thank everyone who made my year as president of the Ladies 9-Hole League a successful, thrilling and enjoyable year. I applaud all the ladies who were on the various committees and those who are stepping up to head our committees for the 2013-2014 season.

For you Snowbirds heading north, have a safe and healthy summer. Remember to keep swinging those clubs and we will see you back on the golf course in October or upon your return to On Top of the World.



Well, Mike Crittendon just repeated the hole-in-one that he made last year. On April 7, Mike made another hole-in-one on the first hole of the 18-hole course, almost one year from the last one. Mike was playing with Bill Johnson and Herbie Kuhl. Great shot, Mike. Let's see another before a year goes by.

Jerry Rice must be congratulated for his first hole-in-one. Jerry made a great shot on the 16th hole. He was playing with Jim Stewart, Gay Stewart and Gerald Smith. The club he used was an old wood driver. He said he is going to keep it until he gets another hole-in-one. Great shot, Jerry. Let's see the next one soon.

Dutch Michael recorded his second career hole-in-one on April 11 when he was playing with Ada Culb, John Maloof and Ken Smith. Dutch used an 8-iron on the ninth hole for his great shot. Dutch said he knew his second ace was coming soon.

Four golfers in close quarters for season title

The Thursday league season is rapidly approaching its end. It has been an enjoyable season with many good rounds, many new members and many new friends made.

Sadly, the Snowbirds are heading home and those of us who continue our weekly competitions will miss them.

The weekly matches over the past month were competitive. Week 19 champion was Dennis Trauffer. Second place went to Jim Keagy and third place went to John Mullin. Tom Keating, Jim Keagy, Don Baker, Duane Hinrichs and Don Leamy all collected one skin each.

In Week 20, the ladies shined. Gilda Gambacurta was champion and Ada Culbertson took third place. Don Hahs placed second. Bill Higgins took home three skins. Paul Meyers, Bruce MacPherson and Don Hahs collected one skin each.

A hardy group of golfers showed up on Week 21 under threatening skies. The rain started off slow

Thursday Golf

and increased in intensity until the eighth hole when thunder and lightning forced us off the course. Several golfers scored eagles and good rounds were disappointed, but safe to play another day.

Week 22 was a shootout with most of the golfers shooting over their quotas. In a close tiebreaker, Alan Teal edged out Jim Keagy for champion. Pete Dominguez took third place. One golfer was not disappointed by not placing in the top spots. Bill "Dutch" Michael won a skin on the ninth hole with a hole-in-one! This was Dutch's first "ace." Paul Farrell, Alan Teal and Bruce MacPherson also collected one skin each.

The Thursday League Champion will be decided soon. John Maloof leads the race with 39 points. Dennis Trauffer is next with 37, Ron

Parham has 32 and Gary Bronson has 30 points. Several other golfers have a chance with great finishes.

Our league welcomes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are encouraged to join. Weekly play is not mandated and guests are welcome. The Thursday League is a mixed league. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format. There is no weekly sign up. If you show up, you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

Anyone wishing to try the league before joining is welcome to do so. Play begins at 11 a.m. and sign in starts at 10:30 a.m.

We play the course to a Par-67. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available.

For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdog-golf@aol.com.



SPORTS

Ladies welcome to join Que'Ts on Wednesdays or Thursdays

By Penny Page

The Ladies Que'T Billiards Club has a tournament between our women league players every month.

In March, 18 women competed and the winners were Helen Crombie in first place and Sandy Wall in second place.

Congratulations!

While we play every week on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m., we also play one Thursday out of the month in a Scotch Doubles Tournament with the men's team that is a lot of fun. It gives us a chance to play with partners, and it widens our range of friends. This is a great help when we feel like playing on our own and don't have anyone to play with. Walking into the pool room is never a problem now, because we know so many of the players that we always can catch a game.

Some of our men and women



A group photo of the OTOW Que'T Billiards Club.

members are Snowbirds and are leaving to go back home in other parts of the country. We want to say "Safe

Journey" to our friends. We hope you have a great summer and come back to us soon.



Que'T Billiards

Meanwhile, those of us who are here year-round continue to have our league nights the same as always. Summer is a great time to join if you have been thinking about it. It is quieter and you will have a lot of attention from our coaches, Ed Solivan, Denny Balderson, and Terry Wittman. Come on down and join us any Wednesday!

If you would like to know more about our league, you can contact our president, Becky Balderson, 727-674-1733, becky@beckybalderson.com.

Ladies are learning the men can be defeated

Just goes to show you that you can do anything you put your mind and heart into.

Of course, it helps to have two of the best billiard players guide you along the way.



My sincerest gratitude to Andy Suhar and Frank English, co-founders of the Ladies Que't Billiard Club back in October 2009.

When I showed up for that first night of pool, I thought to myself, how hard can this be? After all, there are six pockets on the table and I can practically reach the other side of the table without the "rake."

So this should be easy!

I couldn't have been more wrong.

Add to the challenge of playing pool, the fact that I was told early on I was "not a natural." That was all I needed to hear to push myself to learn this fun and challenging game.

I'm proud to report, all those hours of practice finally paid off on Monday, April 8, when I took first place in Men's 8-Ball by winning 7 out of 10 games in the B flight.

So Andy and Frank, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your expertise, dedication and unending patience.



Andy Suhar, Barb Sundberg and Frank English.



Gene Baranowski wins a pair of 9-Ball titles

By Barb Sundberg

Gene Baranowski was a two-time winner in recent Men's 9-Ball action.

On April 9 and April 16, Gene had the easy task of winning the nightly titles, while the real battles were for second place.

On April 9, Denny Balderson, Ron Blaettner and Bob Eads all finished in a tie. Denny won the tiebreaker.

On April 16, Jim Anzalone, Howard Wilson and Tony Baker all finished in a tie. This time Jim won the playoff for second place.

On March 19, Pat Elliott captured first place and Gene Baranowski took second place.

At the March 26 tournament, Jim Anzalone won 12 out of 13 games to run away with first place. Allen Pier had 10 wins for second place.

On April 2, Joe Ventimiglia broke into the winning circle for first



Men's 9-Ball

place while Tim Rush placed second.

If you're looking for something to do on Tuesday afternoons, get in on the 9-Ball action at 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Billiard Room. Bring your recreation card and join the fun in this very popular and challenging tournament. Andy Suhar, tournament director and recently elected president of the Men's Billiard Club, has proven that the round robin format does not favor any one player.



Tim Rush, left, was second, and Joe Ventimiglia was first during the April 2 9-Ball tournament.

8-Ball

Norm Theriault captures two titles in April

By Barb Sundberg

Starting the first of April, Andy Suhar took over as president of the Men's Billiards Club.

Also elected were John Shearer as vice president and Howard Wilson as treasurer. Will Schafer will continue as secretary.

Elected Members at Large were Ray Digulio, Ian Hunter, Allen Pier and Marc Schell.

Congratulations gentlemen!

Norm Theriault, was the top player during the month of April in the Men's 8-Ball, A Flight Tournaments. He was first on April 1 and first on April 8.

Second place went to Tony Baker on April 1 and Tim Rush on April 8. Hugo Orantes took third place on April 1 and Denny Balderson claimed third place on April 8.

At the April 15 tournament, Denny Balderson walked away with first place, Jim Anzalone took second place and Norm Theriault took third. Norm had a hot stick by making the



Men's Billiards

8-ball on the break twice that night.

In Flight B, first place went to Marc Schell on April 1. Due to time restraints, no playoff games for second and third places were played between John Fier, Mario Rodriguez, John Shearer and Terry Wittman.

Barb Sundberg took first place at the April 8 tournament. Because of time restraints, no playoff games were played for second and third places between John Fier, Ian Hunter, Charlie McKague and Terry Wittman.

On April 15, first place went to Ian Hunter, second to Marc Schell and



Norm Theriault

Barb Sundberg stole third place.

Instead of Scotch Doubles on April 4, the men played singles with Bill Robertson capturing first place and Norm Theriault taking second place.

On April 11, the men and ladies

played Scotch Doubles with the team of Bob Ellis and Bill Robertson running away with first place.

Andy Suhar and Nick Sapienza took second and Mario Rodriguez and Herb Jordan walked away with third place.



Men's 8-Ball crowns flight champions

By Joe Ventimiglia

On Monday, March 25, the Men's Billiards Club held their end-of-season 8-ball championship tournament.

There were 16 players that took part, including eight from the A Flight and eight from the B Flight.

At the end of the regular games there were some players tied for second in the A Flight and two players tied for first and second in the B Flight.

After the playoffs were completed, the results were as follows:

A Flight

First place and season champion – Bill Robertson.

Second place – Tony Baker.

B Flight

First place and season champion Mario Rodriguez

Second place – Joe Ventimiglia



From left to right are Bill Robertson, Tony Baker, Joe Ventimiglia and Mario Rodriguez.

Mario Rodriguez and Maureen Doire win Guys & Dolls Scotch Doubles title

By Joe Ventimiglia

The Men's Billiards Club and Ladies Que'T Billiards Club held a Guys and Dolls Scotch Doubles Tournament on March 28.

There were 28 players making up 14 teams, which were divided into east and west sides. Both sides had seven teams with four players competing against each other.

At the end of the night, there were numerous teams tied, and playoffs were necessary to determine the overall top six teams.

The result of the playoffs is as follows:

1st – Mario Rodriguez & Maureen Doire

2nd – Andy Suhar & Christine Sapienza

3rd – Ian Hunter & Mary Sparmen

4th – Denny Balderson & Reva Heymann

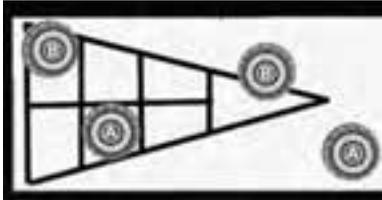
5th – Ray Diguilio & Maureen Doire

6th – Norm Theriault & Alice McCullough

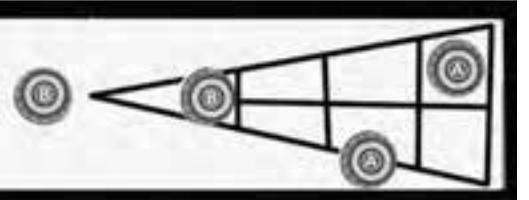


From left to right are Mario Rodriguez, Maureen Doire, Andy Suhar, Christine Sapienza, Reva Heyman, Denny Balderson, Mary Sparmen and Ian Hunter.

I would like to thank the following members who helped make the Guys and Dolls tournament a success: Tony Esposito and Will Schafer, who were the scorekeepers, and Ed Solivan, our referee.



SPORTS



Finally, time to play tennis

By Laura Evans

At the age of 7, Phyllis Tetzloff, along with her family, left their farm in Sicily, Italy, to come to America.

They traveled by boat and every day, the view was always the same - nothing but water!

"I'd get up in the morning and see the same sight as the day before," Phyllis said. "Water in every direction."

The long days at sea presented a challenge to this young girl. She would scan the sky looking for any type of movement.

"Finally, the day arrived when me and my family, along with others, gathered to see the most talked about approaching view," she said. "My mother put her arm around me. I felt and heard my mother's excitement as she said, 'this is a place of liberty. Freedom. We are free to do what we can in this new country.'"

And with that, Phyllis saw the Statue of Liberty. It was beautiful.

Phyllis takes her mother's words of wisdom, about freedom, to heart, and when the family moved into their new home in New York, Phyllis found her freedom via her new bike.

She explored her neighborhood and discovered a tennis game in progress. She stopped her bike and watched the movement of the tennis ball as she had never seen a tennis match before.

A ball went sailing over a fence, and Phyllis hopped off her bike, ran, picked up the ball and threw it back to the player.

As the weeks passed, and Phyllis viewed more tennis games, she learned to judge by focusing her eye on the ball and by observing how the player held their rackets. She learned how to anticipate the ball's flight.

Phyllis discovered that keeping her eye on the ball, as it soared through the air, was the same skill she had developed on the boat in looking for and following movement or change in the horizon.

In time, she firmly announced to her family that she wanted to play

The long days at sea presented a challenge to this young girl. She would scan the sky looking for any type of movement. Finally, the day arrived ... when Phyllis saw the Statue of Liberty. It was beautiful.

Tennis

tennis and needed a tennis racket. Patiently waiting for Christmas, she was rewarded with not one tennis racket, but two rackets.

Her family did not know the basics of tennis, but did know that you needed two to play.

And her sisters piped in with, "this way, you can find a friend to play, and if they don't have a racket, you can still play."

Phyllis never took a lesson, yet her natural ability blossomed.

Thirty years ago she put down her racket and focused on winning in other areas of her life. With raising two daughters, and a career as a postal employee, there was not any time for tennis.

Phyllis moved into OTOW with her husband, Terry, in October 2012. She now says she has the time to play tennis, and not only with someone who has their own racket, but with someone who really knows how to use it.

Phyllis also accomplished something else just this past month - great medical tests.

Her doctor said, "Keep up the tennis!"



Phyllis Tetzloff

Take a road trip with the Greyhound Club and meet some baby greys and future racers

By Bill Sharpsteen

Who wants to go to the dogs?

As our meetings wrap up until November, we'd like to offer a couple trips to go to the dogs!

If we have interest, I would like to take a group to the Derby Lanes Dog Track and also a working farm just east of Tampa.

Who's interested in seeing some puppy greyhounds?

I will need some people with vans to car pool to the events, so call me 727-797-7977 and let me know your open days in May as we can go during the week to either place.

If we have enough interest, we'll do these trips this summer, and if not, we will plan possible trips in the fall.

What would you see?

You would be impressed to see the greyhounds from birth to training to racing to retirement! It is really something to see greyhound puppies and it will amaze you to think "how can they run 45mph?"

For both events, we will hit res-



taurants during the trip. For the farm trip we'll hit the famous Hungry Harry's BBQ in Seffner and for Derby Lane we will enjoy their buffet.

Always remember, we meet every third Friday during "Third Friday" in downtown Safety Harbor. We set up next on Friday, May 17 at Second Avenue and Main Street to show off our 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!"

Please add our OTOW Greyhound club meetings to your fall calendar. We meet the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Veranda



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Bridget

Hello. My name is Bridget and the building I reside in is Royal Chateau.

I am a 2-year-old Shih-Tzu. I was born Nov. 26 in Washington, Pa.

My owner, Peggy Talak, was visiting her daughter when she saw me in a newspaper. She said, "I have to have her" and now I'm at On Top of the World.

I was 3 months old when Peggy brought me home. Someone said I was a tiny fur ball with a lot of energy. I love greeting everyone at the front door and getting petted.

I know, for a fact, everyone who visits Peggy is actually there to see me.

Peggy feels differently.

I enjoy watching TV and sitting in my big chair that faces the window. I have my own fuzzy blanket and new princess bed.

I recently completed 16 weeks of training at Petsmart, too.

I know I'm cute, but I'm not available. I have a boyfriend. His name is Romeo.

Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to bootss@tampabay.rr.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. 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. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on entrees, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

Find 10 Differences In The Two Photos Below (answers will appear in next month's newspaper)





Golf event gift baskets made with love at OTOW



Hello to Hawaiian Towers and welcome to the month of May.

The Susan G. Komen Rally for the Cure cancer golf outing was held in April at On Top of the World. Arlene “Red” Hanson, a resident of our building was chairman of the event.

Red Hanson and her husband Ed have been at OTOW since 2003. They spend part-time here and the remainder in Minnesota. You can most always find them both on the golf course.

Red became interested in the Susan G. Komen event by the death of her grandmother from breast cancer. Her mother is a breast cancer survivor. Red also has beaten the odds with cancer.

The Susan G. Komen golf outing began at OTOW in 1998. Fran Zaloski was the very first chairperson. Red has been the chairperson for 2012 and 2013.



Arlene “Red” Hanson, this year’s chair of the Susan G. Komen Rally for the Cure golf outing at OTOW, poses with a few of the 48 baskets she and a few assistants created. They were eventually donated to a post-event affair to be raffled.

One of Red’s responsibilities was to make gift baskets containing many different items. She made, with some help, 48 of these baskets.

Twenty of the baskets were made by donations from four residents in our building. Thank you to Yvonne Courtney, Donna Martz, Diane Ridolfo, and Ed Hanson. (The three women

mentioned do not play golf, but feel that every one of us must do our part to fight breast cancer.)

These baskets are taken to the awards banquet for all golfers who are members of the men’s 18-hole, women’s 18-hole, or women’s 9-hole. They are then raffled off. The money from the raffle is donated to the Susan G. Komen Rally for the Cure.

The raffle money that was raised this year amounted to \$1,381. The total for this year’s outing was \$5,152. The 16-year total comes to \$49,564.

The caterer of the dinner, A&N Deli (Ma-Ma), even gives to the cause by only charging \$5 for each meal. So congratulations to Arlene “Red” Hanson and her helpers — what a great job!





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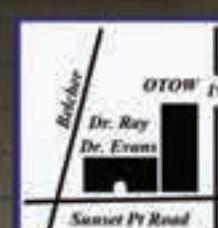
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Resident broke new ground as female auto salesperson

Hello from Rila Renaissance.

Let's meet our neighbor, who is quite a dynamic salesperson: Sharon (Sher) Parry lives at On Top of the World with her mother, Audrey Lerigo. Everyone knows Audrey — you see her walking her dog every day.

Sharon (photo at right) has a degree in Interior Design. In 1990, she realized it was very hard to support her and her two children working as an interior designer.

Her friend suggested she try selling cars and trucks. She had that personality, and there was an opening in the friend's company. She started selling not too long after and realized she had found her niche.

During the 90's, it was very rare having a woman selling cars. It was still a man's world in that career. Customers even found that they didn't fully trust a woman helping them.

After research, Sharon learned about her products and loved doing it. She became very successful. Men were (and still are) surprised that she knows so much about trucks.

Sharon feels she brings a different touch to her job. Women as well as seniors buying a car feel very comfortable with her. It is a scary process when making such a big purchase. She likes to treat a customer as she would expect to be treated. The car industry now has many women working in that field. Sharon enjoys her job and working so close to home.

She enjoys living in the Pinellas area with her mom. Sharon has a son living in the Clearwater area and a daughter in Land-O-Lakes. She has two



Rila Renaissance featured resident Sharon Parry is a pioneer in the field of female auto salespersons.

grandchildren. Her grandson is three and her granddaughter is six years old. Sharon loves to see her grandchildren as much as she can on her days off.



Just a portion of the 50 residents who attended a recent pizza party and building meeting.

Building news: We recently had a building pizza party. We were all ready for a get-together after all the cold weather. The event was great and we had a wonderful time. No one wanted to leave. About 50 residents attended. Our building captain gave a quick meeting and introduced all of our new neighbors. We also said goodbye to our Snowbird friends.

We hope all our neighbors pause and reflect on Memorial Day and what it means.

Periodically check the bulletin board for important messages from the building captain or the Service Department. If you have any news for the column, please drop

a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board.

News from building captain, Gerri Jaeger: Once OTOW comes into our storage rooms, they will give us 30 days to tag all our items including bikes.

After trying to reach us, they will dispose of anything that is not marked with your name and unit number.

Also they consider flat tires on bikes as bike not being used and again will get rid of them. There are many needy children who would love to have a bike.

If you're not using it, let's give it to charity.

Safe travels to our Snowbird neighbors. See you in the fall!

Activities begin to gear up

On the March 9, we saw our street wearing the green, and many of our Royal Dutch residents enjoyed the parade though it was long and warm. It was a happy green nonetheless.

Check out the large tree on Sumatran Way at the end of the street, covered by the green philodendron. It seems to be reaching to the sky. Beautiful.

We have several walkers in our building: Gwen, Marion and Ann. More power to these faithful walkers!

May Day comes with memories of days gone by. In my day, we had Maypole parties and May baskets to give, handmade and filled with candy, popcorn and flowers. We made them, filled them and then left them on the doorstep of a friend and ran home. A lot of these fun and lovely traditions have been lost. What a shame.

The water is warming up, and the swimmers are taking advantage. I am noticing also the bike riders are out again in numbers. Also, garage sales are sprouting up all over.

My neighbor Ann Gehrling feels



like she is running a bed 'n' breakfast as her son was here for Easter. Another son came soon after and as they left, her daughter from California arrived. Busy days of cooking and sightseeing!

Janice Fernow spent five days in Ecuador with friends. She said it was exciting seeing old friends.

Easter saw us with the Salvation Army band and choir at the sunrise service.

I leave you today with these thoughts: A grudge is a heavy thing to carry. Friendship is a responsibility, not just an opportunity. All for now.

May social outing to be held at scenic Philippe Park

A very nice thank-you note was received from the Salvation Army for our donation from our clean-up of the storage area. The clothing was also appreciated. Sorry to say, but our bike inventory remains the same.

Last month's pizza party was enjoyed by all. For some it was their last building activity before they packed up and headed north to their summer homes. Thanks to Art, the sing-along continued long after the core was returned to its original configuration. Thanks to all the people who attended.

The ladies' and men's luncheons were held April 11. The ladies had an enjoyable meal at Marguerite's in Dunedin, and the men went to Farmer Boys on Drew Street.

Our co-ed dinner was held at O'Keefe's on Ft. Harrison on March 18 at 3 p.m.



This winter hung on a little longer this year, but not as cold as some years. Spring is here.

Mark your calendars. Our May outing will be a picnic at Philippe Park, Shelter No. 1, on May 22. Details will be on the bulletin board.

Mama sez: Any day above the ground is a good day.



Two new reporters for Saratoga

On April 11, the residents of the Saratoga building got together for a potluck dinner. Mother Nature was so kind by holding off on the rain that was expected. What a great evening it turned out to be for all of the "pot-luckers."

We said goodbye to our resident Snowbirds and said hello to us: new residents John and Kathy Fiorentino. We just recently moved into On Top of the World — two weeks ago, in fact! What a great community and friendly neighbors.

Everyone has made us feel so welcomed. We are so looking forward to enjoying OTOW and all of its activities.

John and I had a great time getting to meet each if not all of our neighbors — as well as taste lots of lip-smacking good food. So glad there is a gym close by and lots of places to walk!

The group sat under the huge tree in back of our homes and exchanged stories and created new friendships sure to last a lifetime.

Saratoga hopes to have more get-togethers in the coming months. This one was a success. We can always use the upcoming holidays as an excuse to get together, but then of course who needs an excuse to meet with friends.

Have a great summer, Snowbirds. Looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

New family includes Vietnam vet, poodle

*The world is full of beauty — sparkling seas,
A garden in full bloom, the shape of the trees,*

*A child's eyes dancing with some new delight,
A sky ablaze with stars all twinkling bright,*

A sun-splashed meadow's gold, the rainbow's colors...

But more than that — the love of mothers.

May is the month we always remember our mothers and how they made us what we are.

Melbourne's dinner at the Red Lobster on March 23 was a farewell party for Eunice (Patti) Glover. Twenty people gathered to present her with a cake and their best wishes. Melbourne's loss will be Wisconsin's gain. We will miss her.

Now I hope by the time you read this, I will have greeted 20-plus of you at Cody's on April 20. It's always fun to be together.

Grace Rudman is enjoying all the new people she has met since



moving to Melbourne. She says, "It's a great place to live."

Larry Hayhurst is doing great. Betty's sister and brother-in-law spent two days with them.

Connie and Eugene Valentine were in New York for two weeks. They went to specially celebrate their grandson's birthday.

Sonny and Susan Hunt, with puppy Fritz, are enjoying seeing everyone. We are all so glad to have them back.

They hope to get some relaxation and fun in the sun while here. Can you believe their oldest granddaughter is now 18 and in nursing school? I know they enjoy just being with and enjoying other grandchildren's games.

Susan wants us all to welcome her new next-door neighbors, Cal and Gayle Gotts and their black poodle, Tinkerbelle. Cal has been here getting everything ready for them to move. He is a Vietnam veteran, likes to golf and is a really friendly person. His parents used to live in Largo, so he is familiar with the area. You all welcome them when they are settled in.

I hope you are all enjoying the fun in the sun. May you have a special May! Enjoy celebrating Memorial Day; are you having a picnic? That was always our first outing of the year in my childhood in Michigan.

Thank you for all the notes and news. Will there be more for next month?

A time of new beginnings and sad farewells

Spring is a time of both endings and beginnings at Mandalay. The ending of the winter season sees our north-bound residents packing and saying their goodbyes.

The election of officers ushers in the beginning of the term of our new slate of building officers. Twenty one residents recently met at the Sunset Grill for a luncheon/business meeting.

In addition to good food, the Grill accommodated us by providing a private room with tables arranged for maximum person-to-person contact. Outgoing building captain Bob Backlund conducted our business meeting following lunch.

As always, there was much socializing and exchange of personal items of interest. Alice Hall shared that



her daughter recently retired from Delta Air Lines. Although living in Kennesaw, Ga., she now visits Alice almost weekly, having free passage on Delta.

Fred Drew is very busy with weekly music rehearsals. He is a member of the chorus and also the ensemble (which

requires an audition), which presents two shows per year at Ruth Eckerd. A tenor, Fred is enjoying singing the songs for the next presentation called "Love Is Great."

Linda and Nilson Sabadin moved to Mandalay last year and will have been residents here for a year in May. Nils is quite happy to have traded yard work for golf. Linda loves the community. "I have found my tribe," she says.

Many of us continue to be involved in the various recreational opportunities here at On Top of the World. Ann Frederickson is among the golfers. Thelma Goodson continues with Tai Chi lessons, while Ted Rost plays tennis on the recently refinished court.

The list goes on! We all appreciate the amenities available at OTOW.

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Snowbirds head north while visitors descend on OTOW

The exodus is in full swing with the Snowbirds all heading north. We are going to miss our good neighbors for the next few months.

However, the year-round residents are looking forward to the warm (hot) days of summer and some relaxing by the pool.

March was a good month for the building with a nice lunch outing to Smokey Bones attended by 20 residents and hosted by Jackie Blair. Everyone loaded up and expressed satisfaction with the food quality and quantity.

Visitors were bountiful with the Kokenyesis' hosting their children and grandchildren as did the McEvoy's. There were quite a few youngsters running around the pool area.

Andy McEvoy was involved in the St. Patrick's Day parade, and he and Joan looked the part of President and First Lady of the Canadian Club.

The main exception to the good side of the month is that I was unable to get an article into the paper for publication — that means I didn't get the chance to wish Gloria and Tony Iovinelli, Bob Rittner, Jack Soll and Jackie Blair a happy birthday.



Jackie had a special day reaching her eighth decade.

Flo Gracia had her sister, Esther, visit, and my son and his in-laws paid a surprise visit. Jackie Blair had her niece spend some time, and the Kokenyesis' entertained friends from their home town.

The OTOW complex resembled spring break except it was for seniors!

By the time you read this article, construction should be in full mode on the walkways of the building. Soon we have a better idea of what that construction will include. Hopefully, it will be done with a finish that will last for an extended period of time and improve the look of our building.



Breakfast club members are always ready for a great meal. (Photo by Walt Copeland)

The breakfast club (see photo) is going strong, and is a great source of information. It is surprising how well-informed the members are. I have no doubt that all the world's problems will be solved very soon....

I recently had lunch at a restaurant in Dunedin that posts a sign that reads, "It is good to have patience, but hurry." Another restaurant displays the following, "There are no strangers —

only friends that we haven't met yet."

Many stores advertise their sales in various ways but one sign has really caught my eye. It is addressed to senior citizens and says the following: "Senior citizens — buy one get one free."

Happy birthday to Norbert Mercier, and a really special wish to our centurion, Fannie Battista, who celebrated 100+ years and is still going strong!

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The Theater Workshop production of "The Theatrical Museum" was very entertaining. Kudos to our own Sue Little, who was in a few skits.

Much was accomplished at the March 21 building luncheon at Kally K's. Eighteen attended, including our new Chetniks, the Carrolls and the Zayeks.

We formed a committee for next year's Christmas party, and will be eating at a restaurant, possibly Daddy's Grill. Committee members are yours truly, Bill Jacobs, Carol Carroll, Phil Meissner, Pat Matons and Linda Zayek.

Our next building luncheon was at Daddy's Grill on April 18. My June column will cover that and the final



decision about the Christmas party.

Muriel Landau had her niece visit from Naples for a few days.

In early April, the McKays went on a Carnival Paradise Cruise with friends to the Cayman Islands and Cozumel, Mexico.

John and I spent Easter with our daughter and her family in Coppell, Texas. Also in early April, Phil Meissner visited with family in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Happy Mother's Day to all you Moms, Grandmoms and Godmoms!

We will miss all our Snowbirds, and wish them a safe, happy and healthy summer.



More than 50 residents attended the "Goodbye Snowbirds" barbecue held recently.

New couple has traveled to many parts of the world

Happy May Day! This is the month we honor all mothers. It's a time-consuming job, plus sometimes a lot of work, but oh(!) — what rewards we can sometimes behold...

To all you mothers out there, here's wishes for a happy, restful day. Put out your flag on Armed Forces Day on the 18th and Memorial Day on the 27th.

Be sure to welcome an attractive couple, Torrie and Duane McDonough (see photo at bottom right), who come to us originally from Illinois. However, they moved to Florida in 1972.

They decided they wanted to live here at On Top of the World after hearing of all the activities available. They enjoy camping and often travel to their place in the mountains of West Virginia.

In their many travels they have visited Egypt, Peru, China and Europe. They have two children and three grandchildren. The grandchildren range in age from 17 years to 19 months. We hope they enjoy living in our friendly building.

Our "Goodbye Snowbirds" BBQ had 55 attending (see photo at top). Thanks to all who brought delicious food, the people that cooked the hot dogs and hamburgers and God for the lovely weather. We will certainly miss those who are leaving.

Our flea market was a great success, and our treasury was greatly increased. Thanks to all who helped with the work that was needed, including Ann Wilson for organizing it. Also thank you to Alex



New Modernage residents Torrie and Duane McDonough will find many activities at OTOW.

and Julie Millar, Joan LeSage, Rachel and Ce, who all worked hard to ensure its success.

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Reporter on nature walk finds new duck family, baby turtle

April showers bring May flowers. The area is blooming with flora and fauna. On a recent walk around the ponds, I observed a new duck family has graced us with its presence.

There were 12 ducklings staying close to their mom. There was also a huge smooth back turtle with a new baby. It was the largest one I have yet to see here. Unfortunately, it slipped beneath the water before I was able to snap a picture.

Take some time to walk around the lake and pond areas and you will be surprised what you find. Flowers and trees are showing their faces to the sun and warmth. Take the time to smell the flowers and enjoy the spring and summer.

We, of course, feel for those in areas that are still experiencing unusual



dramatic weather and hope they will see some relief soon.

In April's edition, several individuals' last names had an incorrect spelling. I apologize for the errors regarding Glo Wentzel, Gretchen Hirschinger and Mary Bladykas.



Some of the Brahman ladies had lunch at the Bahama Breeze recently. L-R are Lorraine Davis, Sue Queary, Helen Saul, Esta-Lee Schwartz, Gloria Sayer, Nancy Schifferle, Jeanette Rosa, Mary Harker, Anita Harris, Lucy Jennings and MaryAnn Fontaine.

The hot dog potluck cookout took place as planned (see photo at left). Although cold, the sun, camaraderie and fun kept us warm enough until we went inside for coffee and dessert. It was a great turnout with about 21 altogether. Gloria and Bud Sayer were great hosts for this event.

There were even some lawn games to keep the blood flowing. Food was terrific. There were lots of desserts, side dishes and special Sahlen's hot dogs from Buffalo, N.Y., brought by Ken and Nancy Schifferle. Paulette and Gus Perrotta brought bake beans cooked from an old-fashioned bake bean pot. It gives beans a completely new flavor.

Bahama Breeze (on the Courtney Campbell causeway to Tampa) is a great restaurant with an atmosphere for relaxing and enjoying its surroundings.

It has outside seating as well with music, island cuisine and wonderful desserts and drinks (if you so partake). Just need to turn left onto Rocky Point Dr., then a right, and follow to the restaurant.

Last but not least, the Safety Harbor Spa was a hit.

Wednesdays they have a special for \$14.95 for lobster and steak, which everyone said, was excellent. About 14 people attended this event.

It has been a wonderful season with many activities, good food and lasting friendships. We will miss all the Snowbirds, but will continue to look for fun things to keep the year round neighbors connected.

We welcome your suggestions and participation all year. Thanks to all for a great Brahman season. Keep in touch.



In spite of a rather cool day, the hot dog potluck still drew about 21 Brahman residents.

Month filled with visits, activities, dinners and more

As usual this past month was a busy one for our building. We did what we do best —entertain!

Elizabeth Poelcher hosted a very delightful St. Patrick's Day party in the backyard. She and a couple of very special leprechauns cooked the corned beef and cabbage, and the rest of us brought appetizers, sides, and desserts. It was a great time for all.

Off to the races for the Mallorcans! Tampa Downs was the setting for our annual horse racing event. Lunch at the track was followed by some interesting betting. Alas, the report is that there were no big winners, but some returned home with a few extra dollars. Congratulations to you!

Ginger Currier, Jim and I hosted Easter dinner, with 15 friends and relatives enjoying the traditional ham and fixings. In addition to being with those dear to us, we also learned that a cousin from Largo and his wife will become parents for the first time in November. We were very happy for them and their family.



Ginger also hosted our annual Crazy Bridge evening. Sixteen of us played this most unique game of cards. Prizes were awarded to the high and low scores for both men and women.

Dick and Terry Kuplen organized a golf scramble/barbeque recently, co-hosted by Rita and Jim Rudderham. Hamburgers and hot dogs were cooked by the Rudderhams and we all brought sides and desserts. The people from the Monaco building joined in the fun, especially when the golfers had to present a cheer to the rest of us.

Prizes were awarded for the best golfing teams as well as to the best cheering teams. There was much laughter in the back yard that night!

Debby and Bill Benzinger hosted a post-cruise party at their place, with 13 of the original cruisers in attendance. The highlight of the evening was being able to plug our chips from our cameras into Bill's television and watch a slide show of all the fun things we did on the ship. It was a great way to reminisce about our wonderful trip.

The time will soon be here for the Snowbirds to think about returning back north; in fact, some have already departed.

With this in mind the Monaco building hosted a "Farewell, Snowbirds" party in April. Thank you, Monaco, for this delightful evening. Elizabeth coined the term "Summerbirds" as those who roost here during the summer, while the others fly north.

Not only did we party this past month, we also entertained family and friends. Loretta and Pete Keys

from Lowville, N.Y., visited Jim and me for a week, escaping the cold and snow of Northern New York. They also were part of the group enjoying Easter dinner with us and playing Crazy Bridge. It was a busy and fun-filled week for all of us.

We truly enjoyed hearing the patter of little feet coming from Helen Kelley's apartment as her granddaughter and family visited for a week. They had a busy time enjoying all the fun activities that Florida has to offer.

Mary Beth and Dennis Devine entertained their daughter and her family over the Easter holiday. Their older grandsons enjoyed fishing in the pond and gecko hunting. They are such nice young men, ready with a smile.

Helen Pawlikowski's daughter flew down from Seneca Falls, N.Y., to see her mother recently. Word is they will do some serious shopping.

As many of our Florida family will be leaving for northern areas, we wish them safe travels.

Happy Mother's Day to all!



NOTE: The Poetry Page is going on summer break. Poetry will return in October.

LOOKING AHEAD AND LOOKING BACK

By Alma W. Hudson

We're always advised to look ahead
To read the books we haven't read
But, strangely, there's another tack
To benefit from looking back
To take our memories in review
Refresh our souls with things we knew
In other times and other places
The other days, the other faces
Of loved ones we recall so well
Of days we spent, of joys we tell
To dream awhile of days long gone
To keep in mind a lovely song
To live again in days of yore
To let our minds and memories soar again
To heights of Heaven's days
The prayers we prayed, the hymns of praise
The family gathered in our home
To know we'll never be alone
Yes, days gone by we oft recall
By looking backward, don't we all?

HOOSIER SCRAMBLE HOLE-IN-ONE FOR JERRY RICE

By Donna Lehman

Jerry has oft been heard to proclaim,
"Golf is my game, a hole in one is my aim."

Sometimes he drives to the right
Or to the left his ball may take flight.
He hasn't given up on getting a hole-in-one.
Tho' trying keeps him on the run.

While playing in the Hoosier Scramble
Jerry hit the ball Kersmack!
You could hear it go crack.
When his ball left the tee
Where it went was a mystery you see.
He had hit the ball straight as an arrow!

It seemed to have wings against the sky of blue.
Across the fairway it went, then landed on the green.

Wow! Now wasn't that keen?
It rolled and wobbled about.
Then you could hear everyone shout.
"A HOLE-IN-ONE"
So they knew the party had begun.

No one has heard such a cheer
Now who will buy the beer?
It won't be Jerry, that is clear,
For he is admiring his image in the mirror.

MOTHER

By Madeleine Wanda

M is for the beautiful name "Mother"
O is for her Opinions you do respect
T is for her Thoughtfulness of others
H is for her Head and her Hear, always there for you
E is for her Eyes that watch over you
R is for her Remembering when you were on her knee.

THE SAILING

By Alma W. Hudson

It's high noon and the ship is ready to sail
One chilling blast on the whistle and
passengers crowd the rail to wave
goodbye to loved ones who have come
to bid "Bon Voyage"

To those dear and fortunate people
Like membership in a lodge, they'll sail
together on shipboard, they'll dance
and play and dine
They'll sail for just one reason, to have a wonderful time.

==== The below story submission is from an OTOW Writer's Ink member ====

"SCARY STORY"

By Harvey Fishman



It was a cold and dreary night; the sea was angry, my friends. White waves were crashing on the shore. Further inland, the wind was causing the window shutters to bang back and forth on a tidy split level house.

Inside, the unshaven gentleman (the hero of our story) thought he heard a mewing noise in the dark room next to him. He peeked in and thought "What was that? Was it a cat? Was it a rat? No, it was a bat. Imagine that." He hoped it was not a vampire bat which legend tells of sucking human blood, and debated whether to turn on the light in the room. Since bats reside in dark caves, he figured that it would be able to see him in the dark more easily than he could see it. Advantage – bat.

He put on the light switch and stepped into the room gingerly. The two creatures stared at each

other for a few minutes, but the bat blinked first and flew to the other end of the room. The unshaven gentleman thought that he should get rid of the bat before his unshaven wife got home to prevent an anticipated hysterical reaction. Since he was not a violent man and believed all creatures should exist peacefully with each other, he devised a plan to open each room door, allowing the bat to exit peacefully, until the front door was reached and the

bat could escape. This seemed to work, although the bat insisted on investigating each room thoroughly before he left. In the last room, before the final exit, the bat became tired of the escorted tour and started to settle down for a snooze by hanging from the ceiling.

Our hero could not allow this, so he used a broom to gently push the bat from the ceiling to get him moving again. The bat was about to make his exit when he suddenly flew down to the desk near the front door to grab a baseball card worth thousands of dollars because it was signed by Babe Ruth. With his souvenir in his mouth, and a jaunty wing wave goodbye, the bat left. The unshaven gentleman was very upset and his last aggravated words were "Of all the bats that could have come here, I had to get a baseball bat."

THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News (Part 48: May, 1975)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- Moonlight music was being provided by Frank Franza every third Thursday each month at poolside.
- China House, Fishhouse, Chief Charley's, Stefanoes and the Beachcomber were the scheduled restaurants being visited in May.
- The Gulf Coast Ballet provided unusual entertainment on May 23, which was a pleasant deviation from the usual type of show and drew enthusiastic applause from the audience.
- Through the combined efforts of the Good Neighbors Association and the 1975 Entertainment Committee, 20 benches were to be installed throughout the On Top of the World community to provide resting places for strolling residents.

See you next time!



Bohemia resident Nancy Kennedy and some of her family toured the Florida Keys.

So long to a memorable building president

The Florida Keys was the scene of a "girls mini-vacation" for Nancy Kennedy, three daughters, two sisters, and two nieces. They came here from four states and seven different cities.

Some of the memorable highlights during their five-day stay were experiencing the night life and dining places on Key West's Duvall Street, witnessing the Sunset Celebration at the Mallory Dock, where Ernest Hemingway hung out, and visiting Harry Truman's presidential "Little White House."

It's also a fact the sand for the beaches in Key West must be imported from the islands.

Finally, did you know that Key West is the farthest southern point of the U.S.?

There was a great turnout at the Ozona Blue luncheon recently. Frank Marino was presented a certificate for his past 12 years service as president of the Bohemian Building.

Under his capable leadership, with wife Ellen always at his side,



many memorable accomplishments were made. All carpeting was removed, sidewalks were painted, storage spaces organized, new mailboxes installed, holiday decorations put up, coffee hours and building meetings organized, air-conditioning checkups coordinated, and — best of all — holiday lighting wine and cheese parties that were enjoyed by all!

Frank says he'll stick around now — for a long time — to enjoy his retirement benefits and our golf courses!



New residents are already joining in building activities

On March 23, we had a spring cookout which was arranged by our building captain, Gino DeOrazio. Gino and his wife, Lorraine, and Derek Buggie volunteered their back patios for the event.

Eighteen residents attended, and each brought a delicious side dish to share. We grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and had a wonderful afternoon of eating and socializing.

We would like to welcome our new neighbors Bob and Joanne Munshaur who recently moved here from Bethlehem, Pa. They moved here to be closer to their son who lives in Tampa.

They were able to join us for the cookout and are a delightful couple.



Again, Bob and Joanne, welcome to On Top of the World.

If anyone has recently returned from a vacation or has a special event they would like to share, please give me a call. Enjoy the May flowers!

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Cruises, land tours are highlights of residents' travels

Belated 98-year-old birthday wishes to our neighbor Howard Arcon. He celebrated in North Carolina with his family and friends. Howard is very active in the community and we wish him many more healthy and happy years.

Congratulations to Alice Langguth on the birth of her fourth great-grandchild (a boy) in New York. Alice and her Florida family visited with the new baby soon after he was born.

Marion Knutson reports having recently enjoyed a five-day cruise aboard the Royal Caribbean's "Jewel of the Seas". Many of her church friends were also present.

Their itinerary included stops in Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico. Former Malagueña residents Al and Ruth Avery, now living in Lancaster, Pa., enjoyed renewing acquaintances with neighbors and friends on the trip.

In other travel news: A three-day stay in San Francisco was the first part of a grand tour of California and Hawaii for Bette Byrnes and Peg Devany. An informative bus tour of San Francisco and a trip to



the Sonoma Wine Country were also on the itinerary.

Then on to the *Grand Princess* for a 15-day Hawaiian cruise. In Hilo, they witnessed lava and steam coming from the mountain's crater. A beautiful garden luau was a delicious treat in Kauai. The Pearl Harbor Memorial was in Honolulu.

There, they saw school-age children leaving leis in the shape of hearts on the war memorial. They also visited a World War II memorabilia shop.

The picture at far right shows Bette and Kay on the USS *Arizona* with another U.S. Navy ship in the background.



During their Pearl Harbor tour, Betty Byrnes, left, and Peg Devany pose in a WWII Jeep at a military memorabilia shop and display.

A tourist attraction in Maui took them 130 feet down in a submarine. There they observed the beauty of the sea with coral and many colorful fish.

During one of the great entertainment evenings, Bette learned to do the Hula.

Luckily, there was a Catholic priest aboard and he was able to perform Easter Services. Bette assisted him with communion.

The last stop was Ensenada, Mexico before sailing to San Francisco under the Golden Gate.



Betty Byrnes, left, and Peg Devany aboard the USS *Arizona* at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.



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Reporter's hometown boasts of TV hopeful

Lots of congratulations and best wishes are extended to Molly Marchand, daughter of Susan Marchand, on her recent wedding. What a beautiful day they had for their beach wedding.

Molly was given away by her two brothers and honored her deceased father by taking photos on a beautiful park bench that her dad had made for her.

There might be roast lamb and red eggs on the table after midnight at Nick and Mary Spinosa's as they celebrate Greek Orthodox Easter on May 5.

Greek Easter follows the Julian calendar and so was five weeks beyond the Christian Easter this year. Happy Easter to all our fellow Greeks at On Top of the World!

Frank McGuire, Polly Irwin, Jean Kelly, Paul Brophy, Linda Precoda, Sandra Heimel, Rich Hayes, Jackie



Milam and George Algozinna are all on the mend ...and that's good news!

Are you watching American Idol this season? If so, then you've seen Angie Miller, who is not only an accomplished singer, but also plays the piano in many of her presentations.

Angie is from my hometown of

Beverly, Mass. While all of the singers are excellent this year, I'm sending all my votes her way — all 50 of them! You can too! Just go to www.americanidol.com and select the voting option. I'm looking forward to seeing my hometown on TV and might even be able to pick out a few familiar faces in the crowd!

It's spring cleaning time again, so please tidy up your storage areas, mark each item with your name and condo number and remove all paints, furniture and of course any flammable materials.

Wishing all our Englander neighbors a very happy and healthy summer and for those who are traveling, have a safe journey and be sure to take photos and notes to include in our column when you return!

Memorial Day 'race day' coming up May 27

Capistrano residents about 20-strong enjoyed an ice cream social at the On Top of the World West Activity Center on April 2.

Desserts provided by the great Capistrano bakers accompanied the ice cream adorned with whipped topping and cream. Unfortunately, I had to miss the event.

Most of the Snowbirds are gone by now and are already at their homes wherever they reside. It is kind of quiet around here, lots of empty parking places, no lines waiting for a turn at the washers and dryers, only a few garbage cans are needed and not many people walking their dogs.

We hear from some they are already planting their summer gardens and getting ready for the first lawn mow of the year, a few are planning to attend graduations and weddings and some are



looking forward to long awaited cruises to ports in various parts of the world.

I know a couple that have tickets to return to Capistrano for a week or two during the summer months.

A Happy Mother's Day wish to all the mothers of Capistrano.

Don't forget the annual Capistrano

"Memorial Day at the Races." Once again, the wooden horses are coming to the Sunshine Room at the West Activity Center for this annual race, which will take place Monday, May 27. Tickets are \$7, which includes lunch. Doors open at noon and close at 4 p.m.

The card will have some local jockeys riding the "almost" Kentucky Derby challengers along with a few mudders. The cost of admission is low, food is good and the horses are rarin to run!

Save your bucks to bet on your favorite. These horses' records are not in any racing form, so you are on your own. Hope you remember last year's statistics. Tickets for this event are available from:

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More than 60 attend end-of-season barbeque

Our end-of-season barbeque and potluck dinner was held on one of the most perfect days (weather-wise) we've had recently. Close to 60 Americana residents, including a few guests, attended this most popular event.

Our very special guests included Anne Ahern, Bill Hiltz and Mary Parks, and all of us were delighted to see them again. Sarah Fergas and the Georgious donated their grills, and the grillmasters were Arnie Engelbert and George Georgiou who turned out the luscious burgers we all enjoyed.

Everyone donated something to the potluck table, which included several types of salads, bean dishes, and gooey desserts. The 50/50 drawings were handled by Joyce Engelbert and Carol Munzenberger. Third place



winner was Edgar Hachey, second was Mary Gwynne-Timothy, and first place went to Ken Jenner.

It took all of us to put together Americana's most favorite event, but special thanks for organizing everything

go to Catherine Gray and Ann Talner.

A warm welcome is extended to Frances and Michael Lemonis, our newest Americana residents. They joined us from nearby Palm Harbor. Americana is a warm, friendly, fun-loving building, so we know you'll be happy here along with the rest of us.

Our last Monday of the month lunch was held at Lucky Dill Restaurant. Mary Gwynne-Timothy took care of the arrangements for about 21 of us. We all had a fun time getting together.

I had a terrific Easter vacation with my sons, their wives and my five grandchildren on Long Island, N.Y.

This year my birthday fell on Easter Sunday, so I decided to celebrate this holiday with my marvelous family.

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Monaco dwellers enjoy an outdoor party for departing winter residents.

Looking forward to a new paint job for the building

See you later but not good-bye: Each winter we are so lucky to have these wonderful groups of friends visit us from so many different places. A going-away party was held recently for them (see photo).

While they are here with us we rekindle old friendships, we make new friendships, embrace old memories and make new memories.

But now it's that time of the year again. That time that we say, see you later but not good-bye.

We wish them all a safe trip back to their summer homes and we look forward to seeing each one of them again next winter.

Maryellen Knapp (without Ralph) will be going back to New York for a short visit. Ralph will be staying behind as he has injured his foot and cannot travel easily at this point.

Our common areas were pressure-washed in preparation for painting. Hopefully by the time you read this article the painting will be completed.



We have a golf celebrity among us. The OTOW Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association held a tournament called the Ladies 18-Hole Championship and Handicap Tournament. The Handicap Tournament was won by our own Dottie Meissner. She previously also won that tournament in March 2006.

In May we celebrate two birthdays: Sue Szabo on the 10th and Julie Narancich on the 15th.

Have a great month of May. See you again next month.

OTOW RECREATION CARD RENEWAL

OTOW recreation cards are available at the West Activity Center every Monday morning from 9-11:30 a.m., except holidays. Each person must present two proofs of residence (one of which is a picture I.D.) to validate his/her own card. Proofs may be a Florida driver's license, a Florida I.D., electric or cable bill, etc., which shows name and OTOW address. NOTE: All residents will need a new card by July 1.

Happy Mother's Day from everyone at OTOW News!



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Classic trip to New Orleans included a stop at Cafe' du Monde

Dorothy Churchill had a big surprise when her nephew and his sisters came to visit with their spouses.

They joined another niece, Pat, for lunch at beautiful Heilman's Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach. The food and service was really great. Everyone enjoyed this get-together. Lots of laughs and memories were shared! This was the fifth time for their visit and each one has been a special treat. The photo at right was taken in front of her niece Pat's condo in the Melbourne Building on Irish Lane.

Maria and Helmut Mader, along with their friends, Inge and Herbert Greicha, took a trip to New Orleans recently. They enjoyed all the many sights and sounds of the French Quarter. Their trip wouldn't have been



complete without a stop for coffee and chicory along with a plate of beignets at Cafe' Du Monde.

We want to congratulate Mike Crittendon for his hole-in-one on the first hole of our 18-hole golf course. Way to go, Mike!



Members of Dorothy Churchill's family surprised her recently with a group visit.

We extend Birthday wishes to John Schinn on May 8.

Emily and Bob Anderson will be

celebrating their wedding anniversary on May 30. We hope all of you enjoy your special day!



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Catching up on visits, travels, anniversaries and events

I had an exciting ride with Bob and Laura Evans to my eye doctor's appointment in St. Petersburg. They were chauffeuring me, and on their car phone Bob called their son Robbie who is a CBS news anchor in Missouri.

Robbie was an expectant father and was in the hospital awaiting the birth of his second child. Laura and Bob were able to speak to all the relatives gathered for the big event. The baby boy was born later that day, after our return home, and was Laura and Bob's 16th grandchild. Congratulations!

Dolly and Mario Gonnella celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 27, and we congratulate them! Dolly lived in Greenwich Village in New York, and Mario had just arrived from Italy when they met. It was love at first sight when they realized their birthdays were on the same date – April 12. They're a wonderful couple, and we wish them many, many more years of wedded bliss.

For the very first time, the core party was canceled due to water on the floor of the core. Our president, Skip Heller, thought it was dangerous and did not want anyone falling.

Wow – did we have visitors in the Siboney. We saw four beautiful youngsters running, laughing and enjoying our gorgeous weather. We learned it was Sue Rausch's grandchildren. Her son and wife and family were visiting from Chicago.



Marianne Wolf's 100-year-old mother, "Babe" Aiello, visited from New York recently.

Mary Jane DeVoe had a niece and her husband visit from Indiana. They then visited relatives in Naples. Ralph's sister-in-law and nephew arrived for a

visit from Gloversville, NY, the "glove capital of the world."

Doris Prekopa's sister Penny traveled from West Virginia and just loves our sunshine. Then, Doris' grandson and great-grandson arrived just in time to join the Siboney group attending the races and buffet at Derby Lane. And – they all won a "little" money which made it more pleasant. Thank you, Paula Ergang and Mary Jane DeVoe, for making the arrangements.

Since there were four generations present, Doris and family went over to J.C. Penney and had a professional portrait taken. Penny, Doris' sister, is a nurse and has been so very helpful to me. I appreciate her kindness.

Our president, Skip Heller and wife Pat, had their daughter, husband and children visiting from Virginia. They were a little disappointed that we were not having Easter dinner in the Sunrise Room like last year, as they even enjoyed and participated in the decorated hat contest. Maybe next year we'll try again.

Marianne Wolf has had her 100-year-old mother visiting from Yorktown Heights, N.Y. She is put on the plane, travels by herself, and Marianne or her sister get a pass and pick her up at the gate.

She's remarkable... lives by herself, cooks, and dons makeup. Last year, an article about her appeared in our newspaper. Her

name is Babe Aiello (see photo at left center).

My cousin, Elaine Duga, her husband and daughter, visited me from the Bronx. She lives across the street from the school I attended 75 years ago, St. Frances de Chantal.

The Happy Wanderers are back. Arla Gossiaux and Audrey Decker flew to San Francisco and then took a cruise to Hawaii. Audrey has her sister Karen and husband Thomas visiting from Waterbury, Conn. This is their first visit here.

Everyone enjoyed the Siboney picnic at Philippe Park, and it was nice to see Leo and Nicole Germaine and Ed Uhl attend.

We have a "smartie" in the building by the name of Sue Watlington, who answered all 14 questions correctly in the trivia contest.

Big winners in the bean bag contest were Ralph DeVoe and Donna Bartanen, who is Arla's friend since they were 15 years old.

Hope you enjoyed Rita Tombari in the chorus. It was a very enjoyable, patriotic show.

We have new "Mail Is In" signs, created by Ralph DeVoe and art work by Nicole Germaine. Thank you. They're great!

Happy Mother's Day to all.

Happy Memorial Day.

Tuesday Lunch Bunch boasts more than 20 'members'

The Rumba Restaurant was the locale of our most recent Tuesday Lunch Bunch monthly affair.

Twenty-plus residents have attended for the past several months, sometimes including their houseguests or nearby family, thus widening our knowledge of our neighbors.

The "membership" varies from month to month as it is not a must for attending every month, but Phil's attractive sign-up poster is posted well in advance so that a reservation number can help the restaurant be prepared for us. And when we see who plans to come, we can plan carpooling if desired.

With such a large residency, we may not really know who our neighbors are unless there is a social occasion to lure us on. And what easier social affair is there to participate in than going to one of our numerous nearby dining places? We meet in the core about 11:15 and head out, and though we talk a lot while orders are being freshly prepared, we still are usually ready to leave in time to keep an appointment, shop, or more importantly, return in time for that afternoon nap.



Though the weather was somewhat chilly, many residents had visitors; real northerners didn't think it was too bad to keep them from the beaches or pools. And our Entertainment Committee and clubs provide constant activities of all sorts – shows, games, day trips, long trips and cruises – so much that we need to just keep going.

Loch Lomonders often may not know our neighbors on the "other side," not just off Belcher Road, but in our own building, unless there is a bit of effort made for each of us to try to have a friendly greeting as we pass our new and not-so-new neighbors.

Dog owners and golfers seem to be pretty well acquainted, and if you must use the laundry room as I do, you get to know some familiar fellow laundry patrons.

The Building Committee would like to post coming events arranged by some group or club that anyone can sign up for. If several of us see a trip or play being arranged, we might want to suggest signing up a neighbor or two. Most clubs can be joined by anyone. Yearly dues are very reasonable. Then on Mondays or Thursdays the club reps are at the East Activity Center during coffee time to inform and accept members.

Word is that several of our units are being seriously shown and looked at, so if you get a new neighbor, please let Sophia Kuglares or any Building Committee member help show them around or inform them of the routine.

Our busy, busy Canadians had a wonderfully busy lawn bowling season. Dorothy Graham and Marge Kells really kept the regional competition on the move. And then, after a week of

Regionals, they went on a great motor coach tour of New Orleans.

Many have "taken off", and many more will take short trips, but to all: Stay busy, happy, safe and well; hurry "home" and then tell us about your adventures.

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Snowbirds' departure can be nostalgic

The exodus of Snowbirds to cooler climates has begun. They linger for as long as they can, unwilling to give up their comfy warm abodes... and busy in their frenzied preparation for the return north.

Items on important "to do" lists to be dealt with, not an easy task, this symphonic movement in harmony with the rhythm of the seasons. Taking leave of family and friends... and already filled with thoughts of their next return to On Top of the World, their winter oasis.

It is truly a sojourn of nostalgia, this coming and leaving, and I among them.

The reality of our existence is that change is the cue we need to bring forth the inspirations that add to our growth... a learning experience to open ourselves to.

Just look at the programs offered by On Top of the World, a variety of selections to cater to our individual tastes, opportunities for all of us to take advantage of. The learning process is fun, and partaking with other OTOW'ers affords us friendships galore emanating from those contacts. There truly is something for everyone.

Eighteen of our condo dwellers dined out on the town recently. It was fun to be together and become better



acquainted. Amazing how much of a "connection" we can make with one another, once we strike up a conversation.

I learned that Bob and Bethyl Mayer arrived here from Albany, N.Y., my home town, and we found a number of commonalities we could converse about.

Ruthe Meyers returned from Cleveland, Ohio, where she spent a very happy six days visiting her niece. She was glowing when she spoke of that most enthralling experience, even though it snowed two of the days she was there.

Her niece's home is in a wooded area, so the surrounding trees were laden with white, white snow, a beautiful sight to behold. Imagine Ruthe living in

Clearwater and loving the cold weather and snow!

Ruthe has presented an interesting suggestion for those of us who would be interested in "play reading," a great way to become acquainted with theater by reading plays together, a form of each person being able to act out the role being read. Sounds like fun.

Again I would sound a note of alert in regard to our storage rooms. Each apartment unit is allotted no more than a width of four feet of storage area. This space is divided equally so as to provide all of us the same amount.

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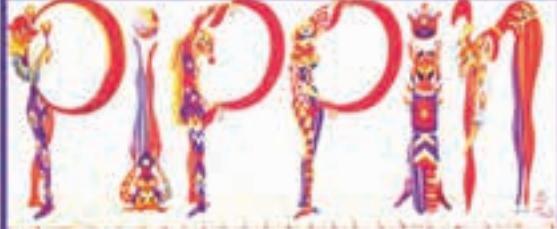
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World-traveler's latest jaunt is to 'land of the Buddha'

The Azores ladies got the month underway with a great lunch at the Nantucket Bucket in Safety Harbor.

The Azores R.O.M.E.O.s (retired old men eating out) tried the Rusty Belly in Tarpon Springs. Both parties had excellent seafood and wonderful visiting ... and nobody had to cook!

Our resident travel diplomat, Dulce Boyce, has returned from a recent trip to the "land of the Buddha." After a long flight from Tampa, she arrived in Bangkok, Thailand to begin a 15-day exploration of the various cultures, mainly in Burma.

The trip included stays in Rangoon, Bagan, Mandalay, Kalaw and Inle Lake. She traveled by plane, bus, horse-drawn carriage, canoe and motor boat. She missed the hot-air ballooning as the weather was not cooperating. She saw the world's largest bell, women weaving cloth out of fibers from lotus plant stems, visited the "jumping cat monastery", and the world's longest mahogany foot bridge.



She says she also visited countless Buddha pagodas and many golden Buddha statues (see photo). Wonderful experience, but glad to be home. I'm sure she added to her extensive doll collection.

I talked to my daughter-in-law in Chaska, Minn., on April 10. She said they had "lots of snow and are tired of it; it is supposed to be spring!" Well, better luck next year! Think I'll stay in Clearwater...

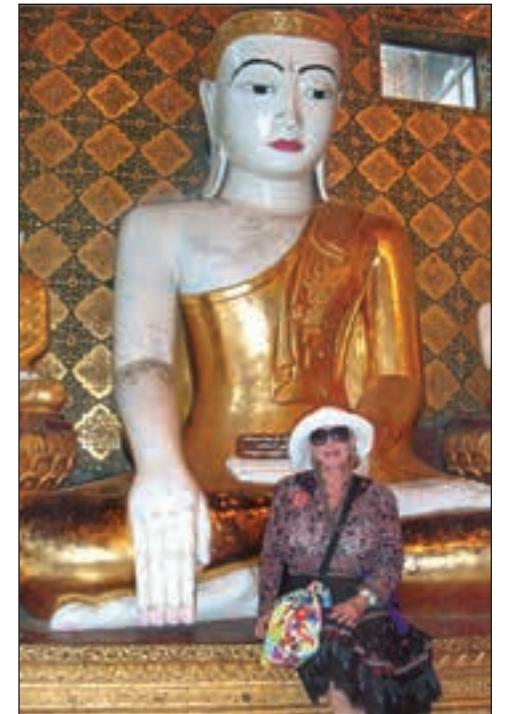
On Saturday, April 13, about 35 Azoreans and friends went to the races. Gordon Fowlie called to remind me that this is the biggest crowd we have had. Gordon and Jean Fowlie always set this up;

this year they forgot a previous commitment and were unable to join us for the fun and excitement, plus the outstanding buffet. We look forward to your company next year. I'm not sure how many people were big winners, but our horse won. I hope to have a picture in the winner's circle next month.

I'm sure everyone remembered that taxes were due mid-month. Those guys in Foggy Bottom sure know how to spend other people's money. I wish to give a special thanks to the AARP tax prep volunteers. They sure take a little of the sting out of getting everything just so for the IRS.

I've been reading about a successful cottage industry emerging in Florida – called ripping off the IRS – and ultimately you and me. Hope they get this under control soon!

Our April 22 cookout was again a success. The smell of outdoor cooking really makes a guy hungry. I think the cooks did an especially good job this year; everything was prepared to perfection. Lots of good



Dulce Boyce poses by a golden statue of Buddha during a stop on her recent 15-day trip to Thailand and Burma.

eating and lots of good visiting. We again thank Jim and Janet Williams and Gerald and Ava Smith for organizing and carrying out this activity with perfection. Thanks!

Guess that is it for this month – nothing from the "Whack-a-Ballers." Maybe next month.

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May days to remember: The month of May brings many reasons to celebrate and remember those whom we love.

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In the early 1900s, Mother's Day was created and trademarked by Anna Jarvis. Her intention was for families to honor their mother, rather than all mothers in the world. President Woodrow Wilson, by law, made the second Sunday of May the official Mother's Day holiday.

Allow me to honor all mothers with the words of a song I recall from younger days:

*"M is for the Many things she gave me.
O means only that she's growing Old.
T is for the Tears she shed to save me.
H is for her Heart of purest gold.
E is for her Eyes with love light shining.
R means Right and Right she'll always be.
Put them all together, They spell MOTHER —
a word that means the world to me."*

Thank you, Mom for loving us! You are appreciated!

To honor and remember those men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces, Memorial Day was established on the last Monday of May. This day of honor has since become a day to remember all those loved ones and friends who have passed away.

Many will visit local cemeteries and place flowers or flags as a remembrance of those who are deceased.

To all those who have lost loved ones this past year, may you have peace and comfort as you remember your loved ones on this Memorial Day.



Visits and big family dinner testify to strength of bond

Shirley Miller's sister, Claire, and her husband, Bill, spent three wonderful months as Shirley's guests (see photo at below right).

Claire and her husband are from Toms River, N.J. They make the road trip every year to spend time with the family. Debbie Bonomo lives next door to her mother, Shirley. The ladies have a routine of sitting out every morning (weather permitting) and having their coffee.

Shirley and Claire's brother and his wife also came to Florida for a visit. They were celebrating a special wedding anniversary. Shirley held a family gathering in their honor.

Before the New Jersey relatives went back home, Shirley had a dinner for the family with 27 members in attendance. Loyalty and love in a family make for a special bond!

Sue and Ray Claxton have a new addition to their family. "Desi" is a rescued dachshund. She has adapted quickly to her surroundings and loves riding in the car. Good girl, Desi!

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Shirley Miller is shown at right with her sister Claire (left) from New Jersey. Claire and her husband were here on a visit. (Photo by Marguerite Laskowski)

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Time out for some Memorial Day thoughts

General Omar Bradley once said, "In war, there is no prize for the runner-up."

Memorial Day takes on different meanings for everyone. For some, it is a day to honor loved ones and remember veterans who have given their lives while serving our country. For others, the day takes on a lighter-hearted meaning... the unofficial start to summer.

What does Memorial Day mean to me? Is it a day off or a cookout? Yes, to some people.

The most important reason to me is to honor all veterans living and veterans who have passed on. And especially all the military personnel who were killed in action and all active duty military personnel who are serving today to protect our freedom. It is not a given, it must be earned.

As Billy Ray Cyrus sings: "All gave some, some gave all; some stood through for the red, white, and blue, and some had to fall. And if you ever think of me, think of all your liberties and recall... Some gave all."

Memorial Day to me is a chance to honor my father who served in the United States Air Force for 30 years as a pilot. He always wanted to be a pilot and to fly the skies to protect each and every one of us.

He could have jumped from planes or walked with infantries. He could not wait to train and earn his pilot's wings.

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and a man of honor and pride, and fighting for his country, not knowing if he would live or die.

He stood up for what he believed and fought for our freedom and he left everything behind to be loyal to his country.

He is a man of great dignity, honor, and strength. His merits are noble and of admirable length. He is my father, my mentor, my friend and my hero!

I realize how important it is to thank every single hero who has sacrificed so much to protect our freedom. We as a community and as a nation need to realize how privileged we are for what we take for granted on a daily basis.

All of these heroes volunteer to fight and the least we could do is to respect them for what they do.

Take your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, or even your friends to a Memorial Day event to

help pay tribute to the active soldier, veterans, and the men and women who never returned home.

Thanks to the fallen heroes who have never returned home, and may God Bless America!

Lee Greenwood sang: "I am proud to be an American, where at least I know I am free, and I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me, and I will proudly stand up next to him to defend her still today, because there ain't no doubt I love this land, God Bless the U.S.A.!"

Ben and Betty Benvenuti's son, and his wife drove from Southbridge, Mass., to visit. It had been three years since their last visit. They would love to buy a condo here at OTOW next year, but as Snowbirds.

Since graduating from high school, her son has been working at Russell Harrington, where they make knives and other tools. His wife runs a day care and they have four children, four grandchildren, and expecting another grandchild in the fall.

In reference to our yard sale, it was a success and loads of fun for everyone. Thank you to each and every one who assisted in pricing, moving all of the yard sale items, donations, set-up, and clean-up.

The monies made during the yard sale do provide for us to have an awesome Fourth of July Barbecue and various other special occasions for the Building.

Have a wonderful month!

Travels and visits relived at pizza party

We greeted the arrival of spring with a rousing pizza party supplied by Pizza Hut. My favorite is the traditional but you could feast on sausage and pepperoni if that was your delight.

Our faithful organizers, Barbara and Dana, came through once again with the setup. Their helpful spouses, Tom and Gary, along with building captain Eloyd, hauled big folding tables and chairs and set them up in the second floor core.

The revelry could be heard all over the building as 33 of us chewed and chatted for a few hours. Charlene played to our sweet tooth once again with her homemade cream cheese cakes covered with blueberries and cherries.

We heard many tales of visitors and of Charlene and Eloyd's cruise to Cozumel with ports of call at St. Thomas and other islands.

Our neighbor Dorothy went with the Snowbird Club to Savannah.

For a few days during the Easter season, Dave and Elaine had a visit from



their 6-foot-tall Georgia grandson, who is studying to be a pastry chef. He and Charlene should get together!

Karen flew to Erie, Pa., for the holidays to be among her four children, 13 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren (there is one more on the way). What a great big family!

Virginia hosted friends from South Jersey. Our other Dorothy had a sister and family visitors from North Carolina who used the opportunity to

go condo shopping. They would like to relocate to our beautiful area.

Dana's three daughters and three grandchildren came to cover the beach, go shopping and bicycling.

We were delighted that our old friends Ann and Ernie joined us at the party and regaled us with their excursion to Pass-a-Grille, John's Pass and Sand Key.

At Banana Records, they were flabbergasted at the nearly 3,000 vinyl records lining the shelves. Ann said they had never known there were so many record varieties. The proprietor said he has three million!

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and Passover holiday!

Len and I hosted a party at our house for 17 family members and friends which ended with an Easter egg hunt out back for my nephew Andrew.

Several people at our building had a "moving away party" for Shirley Erickson at Sunset Grill on March 21. Shirley and her husband moved here 18 years ago and are now moving to the Chicago area.

Shirley was known for her fancy wardrobe on her goose on the patio, changing outfits weekly.

Although we will miss her smiling face, our wishes for good health for many years go with her!

A dinner party at the Olive Garden was given for outgoing President Kathy Ahrens of the Dunedin-Clearwater Elks Ladies Auxiliary on April 9. Kathy was honored for her year of dedicated hard work as Lady President of the Elks.

About 30 people attended, including her friends Marguerite Stearn, Alberta Currie, Lorretha Benson Carol Ferman and Lori Hirsh.

Mother's Day brings back warm memories

I always enjoy seeing children visiting their grandparents here, especially the little ones. The children are so enthusiastic and in awe of everything.

One 4-year-old told his grandfather (regarding his second-floor condo at On Top of the World), "I remember where you live, Grandpa. You have lots of steps and live in a small place," to which his much wiser six-year-old sister said, "Don't tell Grandpa he lives in a small place. You'll hurt his feelings."

Speaking of children, Nancy Geyer's son and his wife from New York visited with their 17-month-old son recently. Besides taking in a Rays game, the family went to Disney for two days, and visited the beaches at Clearwater and Honeymoon Island. The little one was undaunted by the cold water and loved playing in the sand.

Dick and Charlotte Smedley's daughter and her two boys (ages 8



and 10) came down from Maryland for Easter. The boys got to see "Winter" at the Clearwater Aquarium and spent some time at Clearwater Beach and Caladesi Island.

Rose and Patrick Mulhall had visitors in March and April. First their daughter and her husband came down from New York with their children and took in the beach and the zoo.

Then Patrick's cousin and his wife came over from Ireland.

Their three-week visit included a Caribbean cruise.

My younger son and his wife visited in early April. They enjoyed going to Ybor City, Sand Key Beach, and the mineral springs in North Port. He tried to get in a little fishing at OTOW; however nothing was biting much except the mosquitoes.

With Mothers Day on the 12th, I think of my mother. She graduated high school in 1928; and in those days, any Iowa high school senior girl could take an exam and, if she passed it, she could begin teaching rural schools right after graduation.

There was an agreement that she spend her summers going to teachers college until she had the required two years education.

She was paid \$50 per month and felt very fortunate as some teachers made only \$40 a month.

Have a wonderful Memorial Day.

Holiday party plans already in motion

The day was sunny but very chilly. The warm spirits of the 40-plus people attending our "farewell to our Snowbirds" picnic helped to offset the cold weather.

Everyone helped to make the occasion a huge success. Many helped to set up the table and chairs. Thanks go to Jan Guyton and Bob Saylor who manned the grills, producing the best hamburgers and hot dogs ever. The variety of side dishes made for a great meal, and the camaraderie of the group made for a great day.

The "clean-up" went easily as many helped with that chore. I know that I am not alone in hoping that our good friends from faraway places will choose to return earlier in the fall and leave later in the spring.

We now have a new building phone book, thanks to Jeanette Marsden, Nancy Hoyt and Ginny Tousignant



(Ginny had done this alone for the previous issues). Thank you, Wing Angels, who passed these pamphlets to our residents.

The Christmas party will take place in December at Kally K's. The contract was made when our monthly luncheon took place there. Full details will be posted nearer the date.

Joe Tomaselli and I share the same birthday. I hope his 94th was as happy as my 84th. My daughter Ginny, who rented here during the winter months, took me to dinner along with my granddaughter Lee and her husband Rick.

I received 45 greeting cards from family and friends, as well as several bouquets of flowers. Sadly for me, Ginny left for her Pennsylvania home the next day.

Jan Guyton and I attended the show presented by the Entertainment Committee. The star of this performance was none other than Joe and Kay's son-in-law, Vinnie Talarico. His wife Mary Elizabeth joined him in several duets. Many people were heard to comment on what a great performance they gave. Should he be here again, I urge you to attend.



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Officer of Scottish heritage group strives to visit all lodges

There is a lot to report this month. Trish Burch and Joyce Marsden recently completed a 17-day trip to lodges of "The Daughters of Scotia," which is an organization dedicated to keeping their Scottish heritage alive and viable.

Joyce, the Grand Chief Daughter, visited lodges in New York and New Jersey. While on their trip together, Joyce and Trish used Akron, Ohio as their home base.

They visited lodges in Tarentum, Pa., Youngwood, Pa, Du Bois, Pa., Livonia, Mich., Garden City, Mich., and then back to Akron. Their devotion to their organization is truly impressive.

Before her term expires, Joyce will have visited every lodge in the United States.



Congratulations to Yolanda and Guido DaRos, who are celebrating their 64th anniversary together with their 90th birthdays. They will be feted by friends and family at a party in Farmington, Mich. We wish them many more happy, healthy years together.

Pat Dalziel was visited by her daughter and son-in-law from Joliet, Ill. Among other events, they all went to Busch Gardens for a day, before visiting Pat's son in Ponte Vedra.

After enjoying her family, Pat drove to Louisiana with three of her Florida friends, where they visited with two other friends, all of whom had worked at Folger Adam Company in Lemont, Ill.

Stan and I were visited by my brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Jeannette Swick from Boca Raton. We all went to Kissimmee to visit our daughter and son-in-law, who had come down from Hillsborough, N.J., to watch our granddaughter and her teammates play in a softball competition with high school girls from all over the country.

(Her team won all their games.)

That same week, we attended a Passover Seder at the home of our son and daughter-in-law. All in all, it was a hectic, but exhilarating week.

Now that all our Snowbirds have returned to their summer homes it is time to say adieu for another season:

*"As the winter season ends
Say "so long" to your friends
No---it's not such a bummer
You'll have fun this summer?"*



Couple's family 'gives of themselves' in Costa Rica

Our ladies building luncheon was once again held on the second Wednesday of the month. It is always nice to meet someone new, as well as friends, at these luncheons and to learn from them.

This month we had the honor of having lunch with Mabel De Ware, who is retired as a Senator from New Brunswick, Canada, after 11 years of service.

Because she lives on another wing, this is the first time I had ever met her. What an interesting conversation! Please feel free to join us next month. There is an information sheet on our bulletin board as a reminder.

June and Don Richardson's daughter and entire family went to Costa Rica to help at an orphanage. They were also the entertainment one evening. It is something their daughter has wanted to do for a long time—"giving instead of receiving."

What great role models they were for their two children as well as the children at the orphanage. They all enjoyed their time sharing and caring for them and made lifelong memories.

A pizza party was held in the core of our building in honor of the Snowbirds on Friday, April 12. We had a really good turnout. Many of the Snowbirds will be clearing out over the next two weeks. We shall miss them, but we are also happy they will enjoy their other homes and



families in the North. We are looking forward to their return!

The swimming pool is being frequented once again with the warmer weather. What a great way to exercise without hurting your joints, and the time flies by while visiting with friends.

Best wishes to "all the Snowbirds in all buildings." We wish you a safe and joyous time away. We look forward to your friendships once again in the fall!

Did You Know? Mabel De Ware (mentioned above) said at our luncheon that her son is a physician. She had a bout of the flu while visiting him. He suggested slicing an apple into wedges and loading it with as much salt as you can stand while eating it.

He said it is the best home remedy if you are getting dehydrated and not at a hospital to receive a saline bag.

We found that to be a good tidbit of info to pass on to others if ill and losing fluids quickly.





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MONTHLY CALENDAR

MAY 1 – 31

1	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Theater Workshop Dinner	Sunrise Room
1	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
2	Thursday	11:30 AM	Contract Bridge	Kitchen
2	Thursday	12:30 PM	Writers Ink Class	Computer Room
2	Thursday	1:30 PM	Press Association Meeting	Large Card Room
3	Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
4	Saturday	12:00 PM	Singles Club Luncheon	Starlite Room
6	Monday	11:00 AM	Snowbirds Club Meeting	Starlite Room
7	Tuesday	6:00 PM	No. 82 Capistrano Meeting	Sunrise Room
9	Thursday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
10	Friday	7:00 PM	Lambda Club Meeting	Crafts Room
10	Friday	7:00 PM	Irish Club Meeting	Auditorium
13	Monday	12:30 PM	Family History Meeting	Computer Room
13	Monday	2:00 PM	German Interest Group Meeting	Sunrise Room
16	Thursday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
18	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
19	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
20	Monday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Free Eye & Ear Testing	Auditorium
21	Tuesday	1:00 PM	Stamp Collectors Meeting	Sunrise Room
22	Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Meeting	Auditorium
23	Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
25	Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Game Night	Crafts Room
25	Saturday	6:00 PM	Rainbow Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
27	Monday	12:00 PM	No. 82 Capistrano Social	Sunrise Room
28	Tuesday	12:00 PM	Womens 18-Hole Golf Luncheon	Sunrise Room



*Cinco de Mayo
is Sunday, May 5*



*Happy Mother's Day!
Sunday, May 12*



ARMED FORCES DAY
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is Saturday, May 18*



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DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY

7:30Coffee CornerAuditorium
 8:00Ladies Exercise ClassEast Side Gym
 8:00Bonesavers ExerciseYellow Room
 8:30Exercise ClassWest Side Gym
 8:30Ent. Committee & Clubs.....Ticket Sales Auditorium
 9:00Water Exercise Class.....East Side Pool
 9:00Zumba ExerciseLarge Card Room
 9:00Slimnastics ExerciseEast Side Gym
 9:00Recreation Cards/ Photo IDs...Sunrise Room
 9:00Computer Club Help.....Computer Room
 10:00Mens Exercise ClassWest Side Gym
 11:30.....DancerciseEast Side Gym
 11:30.....Duplicate BridgeLarge Card Room
 11:30.....Contract Bridge.....Blue Room
 12:30Mahjongg GameRainbow Room
 1:00Canasta GameSmall Classroom
 1:30Tai Chi Exercise.....East Side Gym
 2:30Tai Chi Exercise.....East Side Gym
 5:00Mahjongg GameRainbow Room
 6:00Mens 8-Ball TournamentBilliards Room
 6:00Bingo.....Auditorium
 6:30Contract Bridge.....Large Card Room

TUESDAY

7:30Coffee Corner.....Auditorium
 8:00Ladies Exercise ClassEast Side Gym
 8:30Exercise ClassWest Side Gym
 9:00Water Exercise Class.....East Side Pool
 9:00Slimnastics ExerciseEast Side Gym
 9:00Caring and SharingCrafts Room
 9:00Computer Club Help.....Computer Room
 9:00Jewelry Making.....Lapidary
 9:30Womens 9 Hole GolfOutdoors
 10:00Philosophy Club MeetingVeranda
 10:30Ballroom Dancing ClassAuditorium
 11:00.....Yoga ExerciseEast Side Gym
 12:00CeramicsCrafts Room
 12:00LibraryLibrary
 1:00Canasta GameSmall Classroom
 1:00Music GroupLarge Card Room
 1:00Mens 9-Ball TournamentBilliards Room
 1:00Line Dancing.....Auditorium
 2:00ChessRainbow Room
 5:30Dominos.....Small Classroom
 6:00Mahjongg GameRainbow Room
 6:00PinochleLarge Card Room
 7:00Bible Study MeetingVeranda

WEDNESDAY

7:30Coffee Corner.....Auditorium
 8:00Ladies Exercise ClassEast Side Gym
 8:00Bonesavers ExerciseYellow Room
 8:30Exercise ClassWest Side Gym
 9:00Water Exercise Class.....East Side Pool
 9:00Knitting Group.....Veranda
 9:00Slimnastics ExerciseEast Side Gym
 9:00Zumba Gold ExerciseLarge Card Room
 9:00Good Neighbors CraftsCrafts Room
 9:00Sewing Class.....Starlite Room
 9:00Computer Club Help.....Computer Room
 10:00Tai Chi Exercise.....Large Card Room
 10:00Cribbage GameSmall Classroom
 10:00Mens Exercise ClassWest Side Gym

11:30.....Duplicate BridgeLarge Card Room
 12:00MahjonggRainbow Room
 1:00Double Pinochle.....Small Classroom
 1:00500 Card GameBlue Room
 1:00Painting PalsArt Room
 1:30Tai Chi Exercise.....East Side Gym
 1:30Scrapbooking Class.....Kitchen
 2:30Tai Chi Exercise.....East Side Gym
 6:30Ladies QueT BilliardsBilliards Room
 6:30Contract Bridge.....Large Card Room

THURSDAY

7:30Coffee Corner.....Auditorium
 8:00Ladies Exercise ClassEast Side Gym
 8:30Exercise ClassWest Side Gym
 8:30Ent. Committee & ClubsTicket Sales Auditorium
 9:00Water Exercise Class.....East Side Pool
 9:00Slimnastics ExerciseEast Side Gym
 9:00Computer Club Help.....Computer Room
 11:00.....Yoga ExerciseEast Side Gym
 11:30.....Contract Bridge.....Large Card Room
 12:30Euchre Cards.....Small Classroom
 1:00Belly Dancing Class.....East Side Gym
 1:00Mahjongg GameYellow Room
 1:00Drawing Class.....Art Room
 2:00ChessRainbow Room
 5:00PinochleLarge Card Room
 6:00Mens Billiards Tournament....Billiards Room

FRIDAY

7:30Coffee Corner.....Auditorium
 7:30Tennis (Womens)Outdoors
 8:00Ladies Exercise ClassEast Side Gym
 8:00Bonesavers ExerciseYellow Room
 8:30Exercise ClassWest Side Gym
 9:00Water Exercise Class.....East Side Pool
 9:00Zumba ExerciseLarge Card Room
 9:00Slimnastics ExerciseEast Side Gym
 9:00CeramicsCrafts Room
 9:00PinochleSmall Classroom
 9:00Computer Club Help.....Computer Room
 10:00Hula Hooping Exercise.....East Side Gym
 10:00Mens Exercise ClassWest Side Gym
 11:30.....DancerciseEast Side Gym
 12:00LibraryLibrary
 1:00Mahjongg GameSmall Classroom
 1:00ChessAuditorium
 1:00Music GroupLarge Card Room
 6:30Contract Bridge.....Large Card Room
 6:30Hand & Foot Canasta.....Small Classroom

SATURDAY

8:30Line Dancing.....Auditorium
 8:30Computer Club MeetingLarge Card Room
 11:30.....Duplicate BridgeLarge Card Room
 1:30Tai Chi Exercise.....East Side Gym
 2:30Tai Chi Exercise.....East Side Gym

SUNDAY

1:00PinochleSmall Classroom
 2:00Wii Bowling ExerciseLarge Card Room

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Time again to marvel at OTOW's Night Blooming Cereus

It's the time of year when I usually remind you about the fantastic flowers that bloom on the old oak tree by the pier, but this year what I'm about to tell you is truly very important.

That poor old tree will soon be gone and so will its glorious flowers. As you walk by, you can see that two-thirds of the tree has died, so take advantage of seeing the flowers this year because there may not be a next year.

For 11 months a year the tree has an ugly vine on its trunk. But wait until that 12th month! Near the end of May and the beginning of June, that ugly "vine" (which actually is a cactus), produces spectacular flowers. It is called a Night Blooming Cereus.

Each flower, which is about five inches wide, blooms only once, and there will be hundreds, night after night, blooming on the tree. The flowers begin to open about 7:30 p.m. and bloom all night.

In the morning, you will see the spent flowers from the previous night and buds that are getting fat and ready to bloom that upcoming night. While you are there, be sure to notice that this vine has no roots in the ground.

If you have never seen this flower, it is worth walking down to the pier or driving to the cul-de-sac to experience seeing it. If you drive, point your car toward the tree and turn on your lights. If you walk, take a flashlight. The sight is spectacular. Jackie Dooley gave me the accompanying photos which she took last year.

I owe an apology to Aldo Delu. Last month I gave someone's name as working with Ken Russell in painting the numbers on the storage spaces in the storerooms. I had checked the info that I posted with someone and I thought the info was correct, but it



What appears to be vines on the tree are actually members of the cactus family.

wasn't. It was actually Aldo Delu who with Ken Russell painted the numbers on the floor of the storerooms. Who corrected me? Ken Russell — so this time I am correct. Sorry, Aldo.

We are all aware that we had some bicycles stolen from the bicycle room. Two of them belonged to the Rices. They now have a replacement bike and they are making sure that this bike doesn't get ridden away. How are they doing this? There is no seat on the bike. Don has removed it and when he is ready to ride the bike, he puts the seat back on. Smart move, Don, and it gives



The annual spectacle of the Night Blooming Cereus occurs near the end of May on the big oak near the pier. The event only lasts a few nights. (Photos by Jackie Dooley)

others something to think about.

I am amazed at the number of people, who do not live in the España, who tell me how much they enjoy my articles and my hints. Thanks.

Here's another hint. We all have marble window sills and some residents have replaced their vinyl kitchen counters with marble, so here's the hint. What's the best way to clean marble? Marble surfaces can be scratched by grit, and marble absorbs moisture, so you should immediately wipe up any spills or water from the sweating of the windows.

Clean marble regularly by using a soft cloth or sponge with a mild solution. Do not use lemon, vinegar, or any other acidic cleaner; it will eat into the marble. Remove stains with a marble polishing powder such as tin oxide.

The other night I fell asleep with the TV on and woke up in the morning with a start. What I heard reminded me of TV over 50 years ago, when TV was new.

Do you remember when TV went off at night and stayed off all night? When it came on in the morning the Star Spangled Banner was played? Yes, we now have TV 24/7 so there really is no start of the day with the exception of Fox News on Channel 37.

At 4:59 a.m. every morning, they play the Star Spangled Banner. I have set my clock to check this out and yes, it does happen every morning. This brings back pleasant memories of days long gone by.

This month we have Memorial Day. This is the day when we honor the military men and women who gave their lives in the service of our country.

Kudos to all who made Philippe Park picnic a success

Our building picnic held at Philippe Park was another huge success. The food was fantastic, the weather incomparable, the camaraderie unbeatable, and the relaxation that goes on at these picnics is unbelievable.

Thank you to our building captain, Char Donato and her helpers, for putting this event together.

A big welcome to our new Fujiwara residents, Lola and Barry Bolton, and Anne and Chuck Melby. Watching the Boltons move in was very entertaining as it took all day for the moving van to unload enough furniture to fill three apartments. Have you seen Murphy, the Melby's gray cat, taking Anne for a walk every afternoon? If you need something to brighten your day, that will certainly do it!



Joy Polifko, Bethyl Mayer, and Char Flach have been enjoying lunches together along with little outings about once a week at new and different places. So far we've had lunch at Cafe Alfresco in Dunedin and checked out all the cute little shops on Main Street.

We've also had lunch at Mazarro's Italian Market in St. Pete and visited the Deja Vue Consignment Store.

Most recently we had lunch at Panara's and shopped 'til we dropped at Beall's Outlet store. We can't figure out why we haven't started this sooner as we're having so much fun.

Shirley Windisch, Bernice Tapper, Deborah Karlan (Bernice's daughter), and myself have some very competitive Hand and Foot card games on Wednesday nights. If you would like to consider being a sub, let one of us know. It's fun and we always enjoy each other's friendship.

You won't believe this, but I just glanced out my back door while writing this article and saw a big ol' opossum

strolling across my patio. He headed straight for my weed patch and nestled in looking happy as a clam. Guess it's time for me to clean up my flower beds and see what other little varmints are lurking around.

A big thank you to Mike Pizorusso for keeping our bulletin board up to date with birthdays, anniversaries, and monthly dinner information. Mike is also a wizard with computers and always amazes me with his knowledge and well-designed signs and posters.

Farewell dear Snowbirds and have a good summer, wherever you are going.

Remember to keep a song on your lips and love in your heart.



Regina Dietrich

March 4	
Regina Dietrich.....	2390
Julie Solfronk.....	2060
March 5	
Nancy Savelle.....	4160
Mary Spearman.....	4060
March 7	
Nancy Savelle.....	3840
Joyce Tidmore.....	3000
March 11	
Nancy Savelle.....	4370
Julie Solfronk.....	2500
March 14	
Margaret Powlowski	4230
Marian Vezey.....	3980
March 18	
Julie Solfronk.....	3330
Regina Dietrich	3120
March 21	
Margaret Powlowski.....	3490
Verna Olson.....	3360
March 25	
Julie Solfronk.....	3480
Nancy Savelle.....	3100
March 27	
Julie Solfronk.....	3410
Mary Spearman	3350
March 28	
Beni Sturcken.....	4060
Nancy Savelle.....	3180



EAST SIDE
Fran Milanec

March 7	
6010 (1st Place).....	Fran Milanec
5980 (2nd Place).....	Sergio Pistella
March 12	
6890 (1st Place).....	Chet Czczot
6200 (2nd Place).....	Guy DaRos
Double Pinochle.....	Yolanda DaRos, Fran Milanec
Took All Tricks.....	Chet Czczot/ Clayton Hancock
March 14	
6590 (1st Place).....	Ann Spiro
6090 (2nd Place).....	Sergio Pistella
Took All Tricks.....	June Sweeney/ Sergio Pistella; Ann Spero/Sergio Pistella
March 19	
6480 (1st Place).....	Sergio Pistella
6300 (2nd Place).....	Ed Fronzoni
Took All Tricks.....	Yolanda/Charlie, Bertie Lewis/Ed Fronzoni
March 21	
5940 (1st Place).....	Marge Garvey
5870 (2nd Place).....	Sergio Pistella
March 26	
7180 (1st Place).....	Ann Spero
6760 (2nd Place).....	Betty McKay
Double Pinochle.....	Betty McKay, Ann Spero, Gwen Nolan
March 28	
6560 (1st Place).....	Gloria
6550 (2nd Place).....	Diane Bigelow
Double Pinochle.....	Sergio Pistella
April 2	
6980 (1st Place).....	Sergio Pistella
6650 (2nd Place).....	Al Lacher
April 4	
6260 (1st Place).....	Sergio Pistella
5330 (2nd Place).....	Al Lacher
April 9	
6370 (1st Place).....	Frank Spero
n/a (2nd Place).....	Rose Oshaben
Double Pinochle.....	Frank Spero
Took All Tricks.....	Frank Spero/ Clayton Hancock



Muriel Landau

March 13	
3080.....	Elsie Toth
2640.....	Janine Maziarz
March 20	
2020.....	Ann Gehrling
1620.....	Muriel Landau
March 27	
2290.....	Ann Gehrling
2080.....	Janine Maziarz



Mondays, Wednesdays
& Saturdays

Walter Balderson, Director
(Top leaders listed for each playdate)

Monday, March 18	
N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague
E/W:	Betty Hayhurst, Maxine Swanson Trish Burch, Georgia Jensen
Wednesday, March 20	
N/S:	Tom KcKee, Marnie Carr Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman
E/W:	Georgia Jensen, Jackie Frenette Carol Gray, Marie Hebert
Saturday, March 23	
N/S:	Paul Streigle, Walther Caithness Ross Weir, Anita Gray
E/W:	Betty Sagun, Orletha Van Etten Pat Van Hise, Tina O'Brien
Monday, March 25	
N/S:	Jerry Sandidge, Joan Sandidge Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague
E/W:	Jackie Frenette, Thelma Wishnek Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch
Wednesday, March 27	
N/S:	Charlie McKague, Tina O'Brien Anita Gray, Ross Weir
E/W:	Maxine Swanson, Pat Van Hise Hilda Platte, Betty Hayhurst
Saturday, March 30	
N/S:	Charlie McKague, Tina O'Brien Adele Schloen, Harry Schloen
E/W:	Jackie Frenette, Mary Sinnenberg Carmen Dixon, Maxine Swanson
Monday, April 1	
N/S:	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness Frank Schlotter, Dorothy Ehlers
E/W:	Georgia Jensen, Walter Balderson Claude Guitard, Marie Lamonthé
Wednesday, April 3	
N/S:	Betty Sagun, Walter Balderson Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
E/W:	Jerry Sandidge, Joan Sandidge Joan Moore, Pat Van Hise
Saturday, April 6	
N/S:	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
E/W:	Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston Jackie Frenette, M.A. Sinnenberg

(Continued in next column)



Mondays, Wednesdays
& Saturdays

(Continued from previous column)

Monday, April 8	
(No winners available)	
Wednesday, April 10	
N/S:	Bob Zeman, Jana Packer Tom McKee, Carmen Dixon
E/W:	Betty Hayhurst, Hilda Platte Charlie McKague, M.A. Sinnenberg
Saturday, April 13	
N/S:	Tom McKee, Walter Balderson Betty Sagun, Tina Salamone
E/W:	Maxine Swanson, Carmen Dixon Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Monday, April 15	
N/S:	Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness Maxine Swanson, Betty Hayhurst
E/W:	Tom McKee, Pat Van Hise Thelma Wishnek, Reva Heymann
Wednesday, April 17	
N/S:	Carmen Dixon, Maxine Swanson Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
E/W:	Hilda Platte, Betty Hayhurst Joan Moore, Pat Van Hise
Saturday, April 20	
N/S:	Charlie McKague, Marilyn McKague Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
E/W:	Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston Hilda Platte, Tom McKee

NOTICE

Duplicate Bridge lessons will begin again in November. Please call 791-4574 to make your reservation.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE

EAST SIDE – Thursdays
Maxine Murray — Fran Milanec

March 21	
1.....	May Blair
2.....	Joyce Engelbert
3.....	Mary Ann Fontaine
4.....	Fran Milanec
March 28	
1.....	Joyce Engelbert
2.....	Barbara Lenzi
3.....	Mike Lenzi
4.....	Ron Murray
April 4	
1.....	Barbara Lenzi
2.....	Arnie Engelbert
3.....	Mary Ann Fontaine
4 (Tie).....	June Sweeney/Norma Neiland
April 11	
1 (Tie).....	Mary Ann Fontaine/Arnie Engelbert
2.....	Fran Milanec
3.....	Don Crombie
4.....	Joyce Engelbert

E-mail/phone list, smoke detectors discussed at meeting

Happy May Day! Doesn't Viennese Villa look grand sporting its new paint job? The crew was very considerate, even tucking uncollected newspapers in screen doors to protect them. Kudos on a job well done!

The April building meeting and pot luck called by Jim Sheppard was sparsely attended.

Front and center discussions were led by dues and storage room issues.

The storage and bike rooms need clearing out. It was suggested and agreed upon this be done in the fall when most everyone is in residence.

Dues will remain the same payable to Connie McDonald or any wing captain.

The smoke detector upgrade for our building is scheduled for late August into September. If you are not here make arrangements for unit entry with a friend or neighbor. You can also drop off a key with On Top of the World if desired.

Russ Lamesfield continues gathering and compiling an e-mail and phone number list for our building. This will be a great help to everyone,



especially our building captain, Jim Sheppard, in case of emergency. If you haven't given this information, please send it along to Russ.

Connie McDonald gave a very detailed treasurer's report. Thanks to Steve Muzurek, we now have a service-free bank account.

Jim Sheppard, Connie McDonald, Charlie Coffman, Russ Lamesfield, Howard Rochte, Steve Muzurek and Chris Tuttle were recognized for all they do for our building. We are so very lucky to have such caring people.

Bill Carey printed up detailed minutes of the meeting and distributed them the next day which was greatly

appreciated especially by those unable to attend.

You may have seen the birthday card posted on the bulletin board for John Rahtes. We all want to wish him a most happy birthday.

The silent auction was held April 13th (see photo). Lots of treasures bought and sold with proceeds to the building fund. A turkey roaster morphed into a Lobster warmer in its new Maine digs for hungry pals. If you couldn't find it, you didn't need it.

Connie cataloged every item and she and Chris did a nice job. This was a big undertaking and we thank them for their efforts.

Rosalie Borelli has been on the go again. This gal's got "jack rabbits" in her boots for sure. She just got back from New Jersey... spent Easter with her brothers... then onto her brother's grandson's wedding April 5.

It was a beautiful affair, top of the line, with plenty of food, drinks and dancing. Her two daughters and her son-in-law Michael came in for the wedding. It was nice visiting with them.



Silent auction attendees sign in for a chance to seek out and acquire items they "just can't live without."

The day after the wedding, it was off to Pennsylvania to visit her great-grandsons. Wow! Then back to OTOW to rest for more adventure ahead. Glad you're home safe and sound.

Okay boys and girls, that is it for now. Safe travels to all our Snowbirds... to the rest of us, ready the A/C — summers a-comin'!

Hint of the month: To really clean the garbage disposal drain, a "Johnny brush" from the dollar store works like a charm.

For any news fit to print, e-mail it to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Resident is major winner in new sport of Pickleball

Hi! I'm back. Hope you all had a nice Easter. Now here we go for a new activity: Senior Pickleball, 55-years and older, just like the Olympics, in the U.S.A. competition in all sports.

Liselotte Gade (see photo below right) competed and won the Gold Medal for the Singles age group 70-75 yrs. Congrats to her!

If interested in this fun sport, sign up at the Long Center or Countryside. Liselotte attends twice a week and would love to have a doubles partner from the building. The sport is similar to tennis. It is easier than tennis when you're older.

There were other winners from OTOW, but they were not known to her. So "come on down" and play.

Our building luncheon was held recently at the Olive Garden with 22 attending. Next month we will meet at Johnnies, and will be hosted by Dan Bernstein. Watch for info on our bulletin board.

Thank you, Ken Colen, for our Press Association appreciation luncheon at the Nantucket Bucket, with about 30 members attending.

Please keep me informed of your happy events, birthdays etc. I can share them with other readers. "Bee" good to one another. God Bless.



Liselotte Gade with some of the Pickleball awards and ribbons she has won.

WANTED: OTOW Meals on Wheels Coordinator

Carl and Betty Leiby will soon be stepping down as Meals on Wheels coordinators for On Top of the World. If this position is not filled, OTOW residents will have to depend on Meals on Wheels in Clearwater for service and there is currently a waiting list. The coordinator does not deliver meals, but organizes deliveries. It is a 7-day a week volunteer job which often requires finding new drivers and scheduling. For more information, call Carl or Betty at 791-3861.

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A few handy hints for the amorous couples among us

Mayday! Mayday! Mayday! the American Medical Association, Tampa Bay Times, all emergency rescue services, including the fire and police departments, all local hospitals, Publix, Papa John's, and the AARP, have issued the following lovemaking tips for seniors:

1. Wear your glasses to make sure your partner is actually in the bed.
2. Set timer for three minutes, in case you doze off in the middle.
3. Set the mood with lighting (i.e., turn them all off!)
4. Make sure you put 9-1-1 on your speed dial before you begin.
5. Write partner's name on your hand in case you can't remember.
6. Use extra Polygrip so your teeth don't end up under the bed.
7. Have Tylenol ready in case you actually complete the act.
8. Make all the noise you want — the neighbors are deaf, too.
9. If it works, call everyone you know with the good news!
10. Don't even think about trying it twice.

Now listen to this little anecdote: After a luncheon at a Clearwater Beach hotel, this lovely OTOW resident desperately gave herself a personal TSA



pat down, looking for her keys. They were not in her pockets. A quick search in the restaurant revealed nothing.

She suddenly realized she must have left them in the car. Frantically, she headed for the parking lot. Her husband had teasingly scolded her many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. Her theory was the ignition was the best place not to lose them (I'm guessing at one point in her life she must have been a blonde). His theory was that the car would be stolen.

As she burst through the door, she came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty. She immediately called the police. She gave them her location,

confessed that she had left her keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then she made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," she stammered (she always call him "honey" in times like these), "I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen." There was a period of silence. She thought the call had been dropped, but then she heard his voice. "Are you kidding' me", he barked, "I dropped you off!" Now it was her time to be silent.

Embarrassed, she said, "Well, could you please come and get me?" Calmly, he replied, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop I didn't steal your car." Yep, it's the golden years....

It has been suggested by one of our own that we try to set aside time every week where we would simply get together and talk: discuss favorite restaurants, recent movies, TV programs, books, world events, compare chicken recipes, or even contact the president suggesting why social security should be doubled (there's a ton of stuff to talk about).

Maybe it could all be done over a glass of wine, mint juleps, coffee, iced tea, or Ensure. Whatever, it gives us the chance to get together every week for a couple of hours to *laugh, care and share*.

Special airline rate results in quick trip

How about this for a 72-hour Florida respite: Kate Buckley had a visit from her friend Helen Jenckes from New Durham, N.H.

Helen works at Huggens Hospital in Wolfeboro, N.H., as an emergency room trauma nurse. Helen needed to recharge her life after a particularly long winter, where the emergency room had been very busy.

Southwest airlines had a particularly good round trip, and Helen took advantage and came to Florida on Monday April 1st.

Kate and Helen went straight



from the airport to Clearwater Beach, where the sun was in full force. On Tuesday, Helen could be seen anywhere she went by her pink hue!

On the evening of April 2, we had a social hour out in front of Alsace Lorraine, and many of our neighbors stopped by to say hello and quiz Helen about her life.

Helen has a small farm in New Durham where she and her husband raise Alpacas, Araucana chickens and rabbits. With two of her four children still at home, Helen has a full schedule and needed to recharge to get ready for summer.

On April 3, about 43 of us got together and had a pizza party at Gatti Town Pizza on McMullen Booth Road. When we were through

eating, a birthday cake came out and we celebrated Bill Goodard's 99th birthday.

April has also been a moving month, for many of our friends have moved back North to be with their summer family.

While we will surly miss them and will look forward to renewing friendships next fall, we do get our peaceful restaurants and our less crowded roads back and, please, lest I forget: a walk on the golf course.

Full-time residents have the best of both worlds. We have great fun while we spend time with our winter friends and then we get to spend even more time with our year-round friends.

Paula and I have taken up line dancing along with square dancing. We are going to see if we can get a round dance/square dance club going next fall. We must certainly have several hundred square and round dancers at On Top of the World. Line dancing has been offered four days a week here, and it has a good-sized following.

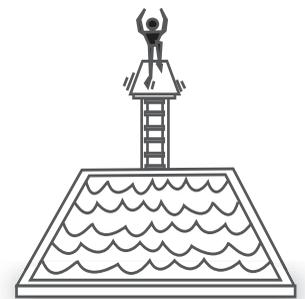
Paula and I have both lost weight through dancing, and we are looking forward to getting in better shape through even more dancing.

And that's the way it is at Building 8.

Please give it some thought, discuss it with each other, and let's figure a way to make it happen.

Mark your May calendar (dates are in parenthesis): the Great American Grump Out Day, and May Day (1); Cinco de Mayo (5); V-E Day (8); World Belly Dance Day (11); Hug Your Cat Day, and Mother's Day (12); National Chicken Dance Day (14); National Pizza Party Day (17); Armed Forces Day (18); End of the World or Rapture Party Day (21); Memorial Day (27).

These are all great opportunities for neighbors and friends to get together.



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 OTOW 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 the 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."
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Guidelines for Riding the Bus

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Tuesday Morning Specials

See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.
East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 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.

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.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 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.

Friday Morning

Super Wal-Mart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
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Friday Afternoon

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- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid recreation card.
- 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.
- If space allows, residents with current recreation 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.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- 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.

Seasonal Residents-Temporary Address Change

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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Please complete a new form in the future if your return date is unknown at this time.



Grecian Classic's annual barbeque lunch was attended by more than 60 residents.

Annual barbeque featured food, fun and camaraderie

Happy May from the Grecian Building, and a very Happy Mother's Day to all you moms at On Top of the World.

It is so easy to believe in creation if you are a mother, because if evolution were true, we would have four hands by now... right?

This past month brought celebrations, travel and fun to the residents here at our building.

Howard and Dorothy Frick celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary at Smokey Bones. Many family members were present, which always makes it an extra special memory for all.

We held our annual barbeque lunch attended by over 60 people (photo above). Burgers and sausage were grilled and a plentiful array of potluck dishes. Everyone went all out with their favorite recipes and nobody went home hungry... well, if they did, it was their own fault (ha-ha). It was fun to welcome new friends and to catch up with the older ones.

Welcome to all our newcomers! A few of them are shown in the photo at right. So good to have Margo Robson back on terra firma. She enjoyed a 10-day Panama Canal cruise on the *Holland Zuierdam*.



Grecian Classic newcomers include (L-R): Evie and Louie Karageorge, Gabi and Gene Baranowski, and Sarah Listec.

She is quite famous here for her photography skills and we can't wait to see all her pictures — hopefully she can share some with you next month.

Safe travels to all our Snowbird friends on their return to the north — tell us again why you leave?

CLASSIFIED ADS

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. We cannot accept ads over the phone. 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

Hamilton-Beach microwave, small, white, almost new, in box, 1.1 cu. ft., 1,000-watt \$50. 725-1879

Ladies 26" bicycle, good condition \$30. 793-9402

Recliner rocker/swivel chair, blue, never used \$300; twin bed \$150; medium-size wire kennel \$30; medium-size bird cage \$30. 600-8529

Full-size (24") Frigidaire portable dishwasher w/countertop, can be permanently installed, works excellent, looks brand new \$250. 204-2984

Dresses, size 16, sequined styles, many others, hats, tailored slacks, barely used wigs. Call to see. 797-9616

38 white blind slats, 35"L (no hardware), 6 mos. old \$20; Four white sheer panels (JCP), 60"W x 82"L w/valences \$20. 474-5799

New Wave oven (as seen on TV), never used \$30; electric recliner: full recline to standing position, best offer over \$150. You move. 916-0180

37" Visio flat-screen TV \$225 OBO; 19" GPX flat-screen TV \$75 OBO; twin quilted bedspreads, cream w/blue flowers \$40 OBO. 796-8447

Bag Boy golf cart \$20. 446-9797

Complete set for 12, Bavaria, Germany, china pattern "Forever Spring," all Addison pieces. 726-0424

Wall oven, black, new \$260; microwave, black, under-cabinet style, new \$100. 712-0496

Electric hand vacuum, great for inside car & carpeted stair steps \$25; artist supplies: new brushes, paints, etc. \$25; new golf umbrella \$10. 796-7890

56" Toshiba TV, excellent condition \$30. 513-377-7864

Ladies two-piece dresses, sizes 4, 6 & 8 petite, some new or like new. 796-7157

Sofa bed \$40; love seat \$40; single bed frame \$20; women's bike \$35; toaster, coffee maker \$10 each. 615-389-1093

Three pool sticks with separate cases, excellent condition \$75 OBO. 791-1264

Leader's rattan dining chairs, two each, excellent condition, \$25 each. 796-2003

4-wheel folding basket carrier \$15; 4-wheel folding walker w/seat & hand brakes \$25; two wheelchair cushions \$5 each. Carpet rake \$7. 793-9007

Couch, medium brown, three cushions, 85" wide, 3 years old. Priced to sell: \$195 or best reasonable offer. 475-9167

Victor adding machine, needs ink \$5; Michael Aaron piano music books, make offer; TV converter, new \$15. 796-4834

WANTED

Will pick up unwanted stepping stones and border stones. 797-6534

Need periodic rides for medical appointments, etc. 669-8041

Want art supplies and oil paints. 791-1264

Need someone to haul off old TV to the Clearwater recycling facility. 796-4834

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