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Our community is a great place to walk, ride and exercise - let's keep it beautiful, clean and safe

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Arriving for work in the early morning hours, a woman was walking her dog.

This would normally be an unremarkable event - some would say - unless you took the time to notice the details.

This woman was doing everything right.

First and foremost, the woman had on light-colored clothing, making her visible in the pre-dawn hours.

She also had a small flashing light attached to her waist in the front and a reflective light on her waist in the back. She could clearly be seen by approaching motorists.

The best part was, this woman had a small flashing light on the front of her dogs' leash which made them both very visible.

Unfortunately many other residents go for walks or ride a bike during morning or evening hours, in low visibility, and wear black or dark-colored clothing, making it very difficult to be seen.

To ensure your safety, and be more visible, the National Safety Council recommends that cyclists and pedestrians wear bright clothing or reflective clothing. They also recommend that cyclists equip their bicycles with a red rear reflector, a white front reflector, a red or colorless spoke reflector on the rear wheel, an amber or colorless reflector on the front wheel, plus pedal reflectors, a horn or bell, and a rear view mirror.

A headlight mounted on the front of the bicycle is highly recommended for riding when it is dark.

Many residents question which is the correct side of the road for pedestrians, runners and bicyclists.

Other residents just assume they are on the correct side, even though it's the wrong side.

Whether you're taking a comfortable route from Franciscan Drive to the East Activity Center, or around the front entrance garden and back home, there is a proper side.

At Online Sunshine, the official site for the Florida Legislature, there are rules-of-the-road listed under 2014 Statutes.

This site states, pedestrians should walk on sidewalks where available, however, if no sidewalk is



Bob and Joanne Wallend walk their dog Misty while facing traffic and wearing light-colored clothing. They are setting a good example for all of us. (Photo by Doug Kates)

available, the correct side of the road is facing traffic.

Also, keep in mind, the rule is different for cyclists.

Anyone on a bicycle should ride single file with traffic, not against it, and of course always wear a helmet.

Florida Bicycle Law tells us that bicyclists have all of the rights and duties applicable to any other vehicle. Please ride with the flow of traffic.

The great thing about walking or riding here at On Top of the World is World Parkway Boulevard, and our other roads, are so wonderfully wide that there is lots of room for us and our dogs to walk comfortably without fear of being in the way of traffic.

Of course, walkers, runners, cyclists and motorists must all be responsible and do the right thing.

The speed limit in our community is 20 miles per hour. You are not an exception.

Drivers turning on to north-bound Belcher Road must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks, in par-

ticular those pedestrians crossing during a "WALK" light on Belcher Road.

Did we mention, walking, running and cycling is a great way to exercise and stay healthy?

Want to meet your neighbors? Take a dog for a walk and see how many new friends you make.

Dear OTOW residents,

I'm sure I'm not the only who enjoys going for a walk in our beautiful community. It's one of the reasons I retired here. However, over the last couple of weeks, I have watched several folks who appear to think it's OK to let their pets do their business and just leave it. I did not retire here to pick up after your dog. You are the owner. You are the parents. Please clean up after your pet so we can all enjoy the scenery.

- your neighbor

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Common Area Service Requests

The term “common area” may be broadly defined as those areas outside the four walls of your condominium.

In other words, this is the area that your Association is responsible to maintain.

Community Service Office Phone

The Community Service Office has initiated a service request phone line at: 727- 683-6981.

Rather than visit the CSO, you can call in and request common area service.

You can continue requesting service online by visiting the On Top of the World Website at otowclearwater-info.com and entering your information under the Community Service Office tab.

The Community Service Office is open Monday-Friday for service-related requests which pertain to the Common Elements and are within the scope of your Association’s maintenance responsibility.

The after-hours emergency phone number remains the same: 727-799-1115. This phone number should be utilized for after-hours (weekend and evenings) water leaks, elevator outage, fire, or accidents with property damage.

Water off and on service remains the same. You must call the water service line 727-799-3417 option 6. Please follow the instructions provided. Please note in order for your water service to be activated, you must be present in the unit and sign for the service.

Community Information Tab

Insurance Forms

- Master Certificate of Ins (Property)
- Master Certificate of Ins (Liability)
- Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Unit Owner

Wind Mitigation Forms

- Wind Mitigation forms (OIR-B1-1802)

You or your insurance agent may:

- Click this link to Wind Mitigation Forms.
- Find report that corresponds with your address.
- Click to download form. Please be aware the photos attached may take time to download.
- Print form and photos.

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Broadcast TV Surcharge

A resident recently questioned the broadcast surcharge found on their cable bill. This charge has nothing to do with the services provided to your Association. It is a pass thru of costs.

In the past, local broadcast TV signals (CBS, NBC and ABC) have been made available to cable providers at no cost or a very low cost. Federal law now allows for local broadcast stations to negotiate charges with cable companies to rebroadcast their signals.

The local station-providers have increased the rate of their charges to Brighthouse (Charter) and as a result those charges are being passed on to customers in the form of a Broadcast TV surcharge.

The surcharge is \$2.30 and is reflected in the taxes and fees section of your Brighthouse bill.

Insurance Request Wind Mitigation Forms (OIR-B1-1802 Rev 02/10)

Wind Mitigation forms (OIR-B1-1802) are valid for five years from the date the roof was inspected.

The management company provides updated forms at time of roof replacement or as the current form expires.

Updated forms are available to you and your insurance agent at the On Top of the World Website at otowclearwa-

terinfo.com, click on the “Community Information Tab,” find the report that corresponds to your address, fill in your unit number in the designated space and print the document.

There is no charge for this service.

If you prefer to have a copy mailed to your insurance agent, include a check for \$15 payable to Parkway Maintenance and Management Company, with your Wind Mitigation Request Form obtained at the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

You may also find more competitive and affordable insurance rates by visiting online: challengemyrate.com.

Roadways/Paving

Your Association has an aggressive paving schedule this year, with paving projects commencing in late April/early May.

Please use extra caution when safety cones and flag persons are present in the roadways.

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

Underage Residents Enforcement Matters

The Association continues to receive correspondence regarding underage residents.

We appreciate this cooperation from concerned residents. Every owner has a stake in ensuring the continuing success of our community. The Amended and Restated Rules for the On Top of the World Condominium Community require that one person residing in a unit must be fifty-five (55) years of age or older and no child under the age of seventeen (17) may reside in the community.

The only exception to the 55+ age restriction is in the event of an inheritance. All inheritances, sales and leases must be approved by the On Top of the World Condominium Association.

Please continue to notify the Association with rental violations occurring in your building. We work diligently on these violations.

The Association begins the process with a notification to the unit owner with a date for compliance. If an owner fails to comply, the Association pursues compliance through all legal means.

The Association may seek collection for any and all expenses incurred during enforcement actions, including attorney’s fees and court costs.

Phone Numbers You Need To Save

**Community Service Office
(new)
683-6981**

**Water Turn On/Off
799-3417
Option 6**

**After Hours/Emergency
Weekends
799-1115**

Summer proofing your condo

GENERAL MEETING AROUND THE CORNER!

This is the time of year 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 as your Board considers long term capital projects and day-to-day operations.

The General Meeting will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2015, in the East Activity Center auditorium at On Top of the World, 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East, Clearwater, Fla., 33763.

A Board of Administration Meeting of the Association will follow.

SOLAR PANEL UPDATE

In March, I wrote about the application submitted to Duke Energy for cooperative funding of the installation of up to 100Kw of solar panels on the roof of the West Activity Center.

Inasmuch your Board is always trying to find ways to trim operational costs, the solar panels are a sizeable step in finding long-term savings.

While 100Kw installation is not sufficient to replace the entire power needs of the West Activity Center, it will make a significant dent in reducing the overall electric costs of operation, and by extension, savings to the community.

It is a positive that it is a "green" technology and helps reduce the overall carbon footprint.

The panel installation is not going to happen on the roof due to engineering concerns, but will be installed on the ground.

The area slated for the panels will undergo grading to level the site. Initially, underground conduit will be installed, then a weed mat and gravel in advance of the actual panels.

Finally, the area will be fenced with a 4-foot, vinyl, chain link fence matching the dog park, and then a continuous 3-4 foot hedge planted and maintained around the entire area.

Construction is expected to begin in early May and be completed in approximately three weeks.



WEST ACTIVITY CENTER

The good news is the new exercise equipment arrived, is operational and being enjoyed by the residents.

The bad news is, the equipment arrived with scratches and dings.

While this is not a deterrent to operation, it is a matter being pursued with the shipper.

We are still trying to find a multi-station weight machine that is a good fit for the limited space.

AWNING REPLACEMENT

As the calendar moves us closer to storm season, I wish to remind you that the older "clamshell" awnings are not wind-rated and pose a continuing risk in high wind conditions.

Additionally, it is increasingly evident that the "clamshell" awnings have resulted in damage to buildings. 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.

Clamshell style awnings are not able to withstand storm force winds. As such, the Association will not allow them to be replaced with a like 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 structure will be a charge to the unit owner, whether they installed the awning or acquired the unit with the awnings in place.

UPCOMING WORK

Painting/Waterproofing: Building 88 is scheduled to have its front facade

recoated, while Building 79 will see new waterproof coatings applied to the rear of the structure in May. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Railing Improvement Projects: Building 12 is the next structure slated for improvements and work should begin in late May, pending permitting from Pinellas County.

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

The improvements are estimated to be complete in 5-7 weeks, depending on the scope and the size of the structure. Notices will be posted in advance of the work so residents of Building 12 should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

Construction, roofing, and large scope projects: Early May will see the return of a management company contracted asphalt/paving vendor at On Top Of the World.

As in years past, the vendor will be working in multiple areas on each day that they are here.

It's important that residents keep an eye on their bulletin boards and car windshields for the latest paving updates.

This is an ideal time for you to examine your current parking spot for tell-tale signs of an oil leak from your vehicle. If you notice an oil spot in the parking place, please have your vehicle serviced and repaired.

Leaking oil damages the newly placed asphalt.

Parking areas will be cordoned off for a minimum of 24 to 48 hours after the new asphalt has been applied to allow the product time to cure correctly.

This curing time is crucial before it is driven upon.

The time that the lots are closed will allow the contractor the opportunity to restripe the lot without obstructions, as well as minimize tire scuffing on the new asphalt.

We politely ask that residents observe the closures and wait until a management company representative has removed all the barricades at their parking lot before venturing onto the new

asphalt.

Alternative parking will be available on roadways and in visitor spots at surrounding buildings for those residents displaced during the work.

Keep in mind, management company employees will be working in close proximity to the roadways during this work. For safety's sake, we ask that residents slow down, pay close attention to any direction given by flagmen, and obey posted speed limits.

The worker's safety depends on your cooperation.

Elevator improvements will continue into the month of May. Most improvements will require that the elevator be taken out of service for a period of 3-7 days, depending on the scope of the work.

Residents will need to make the necessary arrangements during these upgrades as the elevator will not be available for usage.

Please keep an eye on your bulletin boards and inside the building's elevator for work start dates. As always, watch your step in and around work areas and excuse our dust while we make these annual improvements

An underground utility contractor will return to OTOW in May to replace the potable water service lines at buildings 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18A. The project will commence at Building 14 at the beginning of the month and will progress numerically until all buildings are complete.

Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to second floor and third floor walking surfaces.

Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work.

These small repair areas also will be coated as a future preventative. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

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& upcoming summer projects

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

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

The management company will post notices on affected building's bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work.

Please be aware of "Caution" and "Wet Paint" signs in and around these work areas.

The patching and painting of all building common areas due to unapproved wall penetrations is continuing across property.

A large majority of this work is being performed in advance of contracted painting crews.

Notices regarding this necessary work are being posted in the affected buildings in advance of the work. All in all, the response has been overwhelmingly positive, but the management company is asking for all residents' cooperation in not drilling into or attaching any un-approved fastener to the structure in the future without modification approval by the On Top Of the World Association.

If residents are not sure about what items (like wall mountings) require a modification permit, please stop by the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center and a representative will be glad to assist you.

INSPECTION

SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Compliance inspections of storage rooms are continuing across property.

Many times these new items are randomly placed in other residents' allotted space, or the items are of a nature that they not permissible for storage.

To assist in keeping these areas compliant and orderly, the Inspection Services Division of the management company started performing preliminary storage room inspections and tagging non-compliant items.

Residents who would like to request an inspection, or have general storage room questions should visit the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center. A representative will be glad to contact them regarding the matter.

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

The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas.

Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

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

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

A recent inspection by the Clearwater Fire Marshall's office confirmed the management company's commitment to the On Top of the World community. In particular, the focused efforts in the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings that present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

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

While clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top of the World, these efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately.

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

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice.

Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

PREVENTING UNWANTED SUPPRISES

Improperly maintained air conditioning systems are a source of mold and mildew within your home.

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.

Leak sources may be an improperly maintained air handler unit, old water heater, or leaky drain line under the sink.

If you suspect a water leak, contact the Community Service Office immediately! A fast response on leaks can prevent further damage and save you unnecessary expense.

Installing a water sensing alarm in these high risk areas is a very cost affordable option. Said warning devices are available through the Community Service Office at cost.

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 Community Service Office 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!

General Meeting
Wednesday, June 10
10 AM, EAC Auditorium

Post Office opens May 14



The Community Service Office will host the grand opening of our very own On Top of the World Village Post Office on Thursday, May 14.

From here you will be able to purchase individual stamps, books of stamps, and mail out priority flat rate shipping packages.

You may also pick up change of address cards.

Notices of our grand opening, along with the time, will be mailed out from the post office.

AAA Driving Course

The AAA driving course will be held in the East Activity Center Starlite room on Thursday, June 18 and Friday, June 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and registration forms can be found on page 56 of this newspaper.

F.L.O.W Bus

The F.L.O.W. bus was not able to come as scheduled on Friday, April 1, as they were experiencing mechanical difficulties with the bus. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

The bus will return on Friday, June 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Activity Center North parking lot.

East Belcher Road Entrance

Work is complete and the new sidewalk, fence, and gate look great.

We will be planting new landscaping so the work will be ongoing. Please pardon our dust while we complete this beautification project.

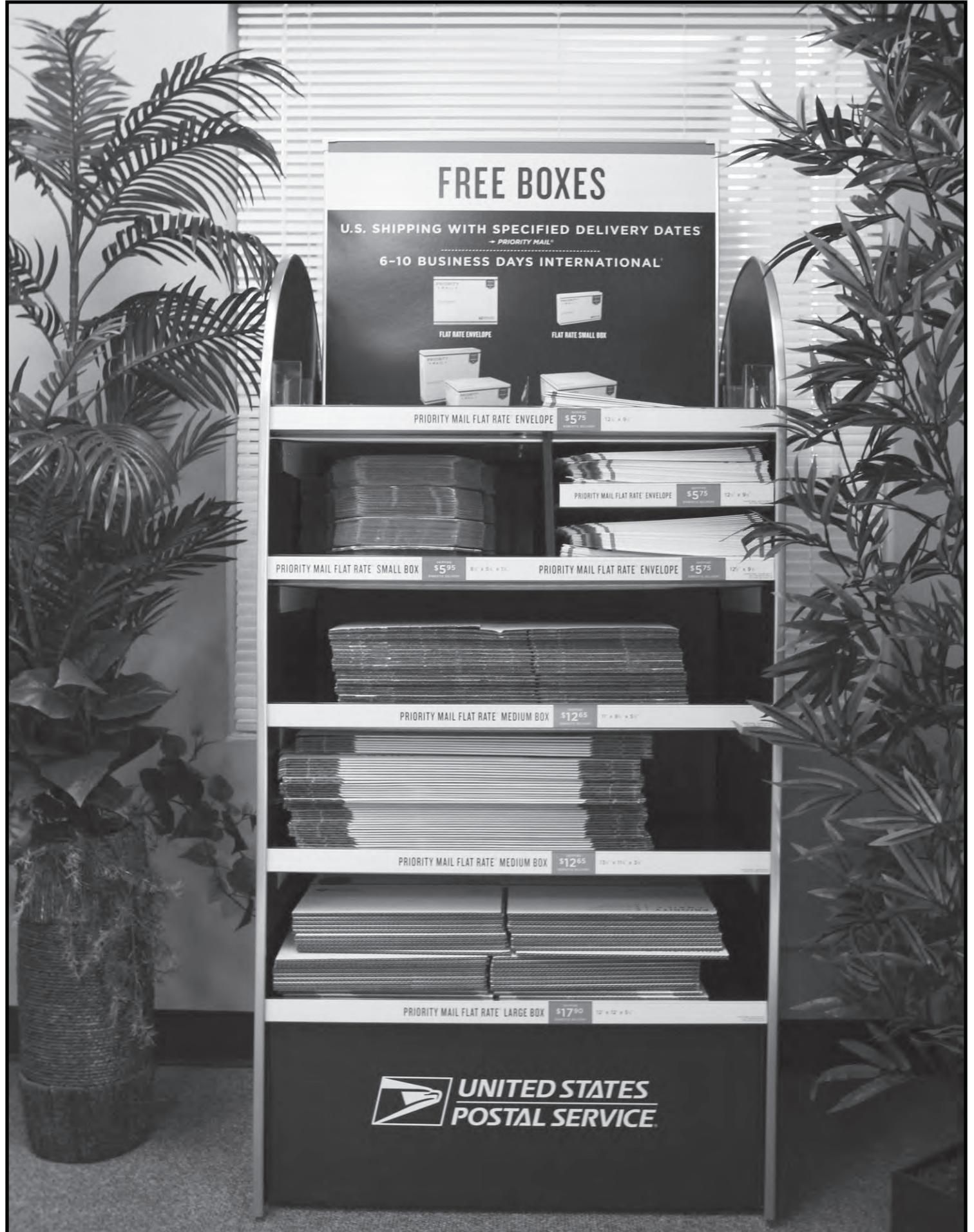
Good Karma Café

If you had a balance on your Good Karma Cafe account with our previous food vendor then a gift card has been created for you.

Please pick up your card in the café Monday through Friday, but remember to bring with you a photo ID, such as your valid recreation card.

We also have dairy products now available, including milk, eggs, butter, half and half creamer, cottage cheese, and sour cream.

Stop in and see Amy and Destany in the café and grab a healthy alterna-



tive to fast food drive thru.

Reminders

Please remember to observe all rules when visiting the recreational facilities, including the gym and pool areas. With summer coming, please keep all food, drinks, and outside pool furniture away from the pool area. If you bring such items with you, you will be asked to remove them immediately.

Water is allowed in plastic bottles only.

As a courtesy, please limit your time on the treadmills, elliptical, and bicycles to 30 minutes. This will give everyone the opportunity to use the fitness equipment.

You must bring your recreation card with you when using the SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. All guests must

be accompanied by a resident anytime they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool.

As always, I would also like to thank the SCA staff for their hard work and assistance in maintaining our beautiful facilities. We think they do a great job and if you think so too please write a note and drop it off at the Community Service Office.

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To advertise in our June edition, checks must be received by May 15
Be aware, we may sell out all our ad space before the deadline!*

NEXT DELIVERY DATE

June newspapers will be delivered on June 1

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This month's volunteers:

- Barb Sundberg
- Arlene Bergen
- Theresa Kawalec
- Gloria Clifford
- Cele Radeloff
- Jim Harrington
- Dawn Rubio
- Mary Lou Wall
- Kathleen Santosuosso

Newsroom Hours

9:30-6 Mon-Thur, 9-2 Fri

***The normal deadline for purchasing ads is the 15th of each month, but our color ad space will likely sell out before the 15th.**

Black and white ad space could also sell out before the 15th.

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122 contribute to OTOW newspaper

Your On Top of the World Press Association never starts a season with a membership count.

During a 12-month period of time, a solid core of writers contribute their regular stories, another group contributes whenever the time is right, and new writers join the adventure to fill open positions as building writers, club writers or sports writers.

For the 2014-2015 season, the final count is now official. There were 122 different individuals who came together.

There were 377 stories written for the second section of the paper.

There were 344 stories written for the third section.

Overall, from May 2014-April 2015, your newspaper showcased 832 stories and included 592 photographs.

That's about 70 stories per edition.

"We had an excellent season," said editor Doug Kates. "Since December, there have been people walking through our front door trying to get newspapers before they are even delivered.

"The ladies in the Community Service Office often call asking us to refill the newspaper bin in the East Activity Center lobby because they all go so



fast. Three months, we completely ran out of newspapers in the newspaper office and the EAC lobby.

"This is a great indication of our successful season and how much people enjoy picking up our work."

Among the 122 individuals who contributed stories, photographs, proof read or were on the board, 31 people were honored on April 2 at the annual Appreciation Luncheon.

To attend this special event, individuals must contribute to at least three editions of the newspaper and must attend at least three monthly meetings.

"Contributing to the newspaper is what makes our product successful,"

Doug said. "But when you have 31 people who regularly attend meetings, too, then you have a solid group which is also planning our future.

"Planning ahead is what makes us even better."

The Appreciation Luncheon was catered by The Stuffed Mushroom, which also advertised in our March newspaper.

Those in attendance included our honorees, plus a few guests, and Kenneth Colen, Sharon Licata and Dessa Barabba from On Top of the World - also contributors each month to the first section of our newspaper.

Guests dined on fruit-stuffed chicken and a pork roast. There were more desserts than 30+ tummies could handle.

On display were the front pages of each section from May 2014 to April 2015. It posed as a reminder how much work goes into one season.

Vice President Jackie Dooley organized a raffle drawing. Everyone was given an Easter egg with a secret number inside. Seven numbers were called, everyone was allowed to open their eggs, and Jackie donated a \$2 bill to each winner.

The Press Association also de-

buted its brand new tableclothes. Club members were asked to make a donation toward the purchase and enough money was raised to buy eight of them - all orange - the same orange color to match our newspaper banner.

On a sad note, some Press Association members were attending their final meeting. Some were giving up their monthly column to free up time for retirement. Some just thought it was time to move on.

On a good note, the Press Association is excited to welcome new writers to the staff and look forward to their contributions.

Lastly, the Press Association has announced a new meeting schedule for the 2015-16 season. Seven meetings will take place 1:30 p.m., the first Thursday of each month, in the Veranda Room.

The November meeting will be a Writers Workshop at 6 p.m. The December meeting will most likely be at a local restaurant. There are no meetings in June, July or September.

This month's meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 7 in the Veranda Room. Officers Yvonne Courtney, Jackie Dooley and Arlene Bergen will be sworn in to serve another term.

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* contributed to at least 3 newspapers and attended at least 3 meetings.



Pictured on this page are scenes from the 2015 Press Association Appreciation Luncheon in April, which was catered by The Stuffed Mushroom. Above are Appreciation Luncheon qualifiers and guests. The qualifiers contributed to at least three newspapers and attended at least three meetings over the previous 12 months. The tablecloths were purchased by association members and are the same color as the newspaper banners. At left, publisher Ken Colen thanks all the volunteers who write, take photos, proof read and are on the board. Behind Ken was a display of every front page section for the season. Below, Gloria Clifford prepares to get a slice of freshly cut pork. Also below, Terri Mikszenas, Sue Naylor, Jim Harrington and Anne Rost prepare to fight over the vegetables.

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For the knitters who stay behind this summer, join us because our group stays very active

By Phyllis Butler

Well, here we are again, the beginning of summer.

Most of our Snowbirds have gone back North and we do wish them an enjoyable summer, and will certainly welcome them back in the fall.

Many Snowbirds are members of knitting groups back home.. Some will work at home and bring their finished projects back with them to On Top of the World in the fall.

We wish them good luck with all of their projects, whatever they may be.

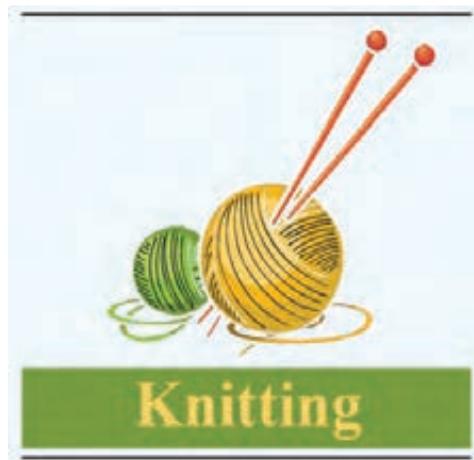
The OTOW knitting group continues to meet throughout the summer, although our numbers do diminish a bit. We meet every Wednesday morning from 9-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

Members continue to accumulate lap robes and shrugs and will probably have enough to make another delivery in June. Hopefully, we will have some red, white and blue ones to take to the VA Hospital in July.

We will certainly work on that.

Our knitter profile this month is Adele Pokizywnicki, who is a resident of the Brittany Farmhouse Building.

She has only been a resident for three years, but joined our group after



moving in.

While Adele makes lap robes and shrugs like the rest of us, she especially enjoys making tiny hats and blankets for Hospice babies. These items are even smaller than for premature babies and are sent to St. Petersburg for "Memory Boxes" for parents who lose their baby at birth or who miscarry.

Adele does a beautiful job on these tiny items.

We operate under the auspices of Good Neighbors, and receive financial support from this club, as well as from the Coffee Corner.

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We have several new dramas on our shelves

By Katy Gerritt

Spring has sprung and our Snowbirds are heading north.

We had so many nice visits with all our northern friends this winter. And we registered a lot of new members!

We enjoy reading your reviews of books and read your suggestions for new authors to try.

We have several new titles that were added in April:

“Crash and Burn” by Lisa Gardner, “Motive” by Jonathan Kellerman, “Obsession in Death” by J.D. Robb and “Prodigal Son” by Danielle Steel.

We also have “Ruth’s Journey” by Donald McCaig, “The Paying Guests” by Sarah Waters and “A Spool of Blue Thread” by Anne Tyler.

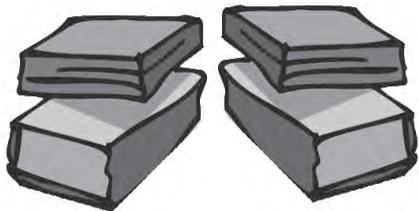
As a reminder, we keep our most current paperbacks on the top of the left shelf as you enter the library. These books are all donated and are from 2014 and 2015.

We have a small collection of 2013 paperbacks in the rear right hand corner, also to borrow.

Once the paperbacks are more than 2 years old, we place them in the sales racks. All of these books are donations from our generous members and visitors.

We have also had an influx of hard bound donations, many quite new and a real bargain at 50 cents each.

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On Top of the World Computer Club

www.otowcc.com

CLUB MEETINGS: We hold computer classes, presentations and help solve computer-related problems. We meet every Saturday, 8:30-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

HELP SESSIONS: Staffed by experts and OTOW residents - we help you with all your computer questions and problems. You can get one-on-one assistance with problems relating to computer software, hardware and applications. We help with Windows XP, Windows 7, 8, 8.1 and 10. There is free WiFi during help session hours. Sessions are Monday through Friday, 8:30-10 a.m., in the East Activity Center Computer Room.

RECYCLING: We will help residents recycle computers and printers for a small, modest fee. This service is for members only.

MEMBERSHIP: Our annual membership fee is \$20.

MORE INFORMATION: Find out what topics we will be talking about at future meetings. Go to: www.otowcc.com

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There are many ways to avoid probate

SCAM ALERT: The “Nigerian” scam is still out there and apparently has been hooking some folks lately.

That’s the scam where you get an email from some slimy person who tells you that he or she is the representative for a recently deceased rich person and they have to transfer millions of dollars into a U.S. bank account.

This person wants to put those millions into your account and in return you’ll get a huge percentage if you’ll just provide some “verification” of the account.

That “verification” will involve you giving out some personal information about you or your bank accounts.

Some folks, who are aware that it’s a scam, think they can reply with some nasty email.

Please don’t reply at all.

Just delete the email.

Speaking of replying to spam, there’s usually some place where you are asked if you want to unsubscribe to whatever the junk is they are sending you. Please do not unsubscribe. That just proves there’s an active email address. Just delete the message. If



you hit unsubscribe, you will immediately let the sender know you have a live email address and you will get hit with more and more of that junk.

And ... never, never, never, never give out any personal information including your social security number by email or over the telephone.

Q. I want to avoid probate of my home when I die and plan to convey it to my daughter now, but should I do it in a joint tenancy or by means of a life estate? What’s wrong with that?

A. I know that many, many folks

think the way you do and I understand that. My own view is that you should just keep your homestead in your name(s) alone and not put anyone on the deed with you unless that person actually resides with you on a permanent basis.

Why?

The simple answer is that in my opinion your homestead is the single most protected asset you have in the State of Florida and when you put someone else’s name on that property, then you don’t own it any more, now you and whomever you’ve added to the title own it.

That person could have legal problems, which could affect the property.

That person could become incapacitated, which could affect the property.

If that person should go into bankruptcy, that too, could affect the property.

OK, so what about doing a life estate deed where you keep a life estate for yourself, but set up the deed so at your death, the person you name gets it.

Well, if you then decided to sell the property, you would need the signature of that person on any deed you might give.

Look, there are so many variables involved with such a thing that it is best if you speak with your attorney and obtain his or her advice.

Q. Why don’t you like trusts? I think that’s how we avoid probate.

A. First of all, my feelings about trusts are complex and are always tied to specific facts.

Second, in my opinion, if what someone wants to do is avoid probate, there are much less costlier ways to do that.

Payable on Death accounts work just as well as a trust if what we are talking about is avoiding probate.

They are very easy to set up and you continue to control any asset held in a payable on death account.

Third, I just feel that trusts are too heavily marketed to folks who would be better served by having a Will, durable power of attorney and Advance Directive, and then have accounts set up in payable on death mode.

Q. Did you say that if my son is not a Florida resident, he could not be the Personal Representative of my Estate?

A. No, I did not say that. A blood relative can qualify to be a Florida Personal Representative so long as he/she’s not incapacitated in some way and so long as he’s not a convicted felon.

Persons who are not Florida residents and are NOT blood related to the person making the Will, cannot qualify to be a Personal Representative in Florida.

Interestingly, however, someone who is not a blood relative, can still serve as an agent under a durable power of attorney and as a health surrogate under an Advance Directive and can even serve as a Successor Trustee under a properly drafted Trust.

Q. My granddaughter said she would like to come to Florida next winter with her boyfriend and stay with me, but she said that I would need to move out because it wouldn’t be legal for her and her boyfriend so stay with me in my apartment. Is she correct about that and do I have to move out?

A. Nope! I think you should tell her to find her own place to stay and she and her boyfriend can pick you up and take you to dinner now and then.

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NOTICE

Important bulletin for all On Top of the World residents

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

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 Community Service Office in the East Activity Center.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.



- Leave your away contact number with at least two trusted neighbors or friends.
- Turn in an updated emergency contact form with the Community Service Office.
- Leave a spare house and/or car key with a trusted neighbor in your building.
- Have the interior of your condo checked for water intrusion at least once a week by a trusted neighbor or friend or arrange for an inspection service.
- Check in regularly 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 water valves to sinks and toilets, washing machines and hot water heaters. Drain water from pipes (open spigots). Schedule for water turn off (727) 799-3417, option 6.
- Turn off the electric to the hot water heater.
- Make sure your air conditioner is properly serviced by a professional before departing. This includes a drain line flush. Drain line flushing should be done at least twice a year to prevent condensate flooding your home and any unit beneath you. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.
- Leave the thermostat set between 78 F to 80 F. This helps regulate humidity in the home and prevents the occurrence of mold or mildew.
- If you plan on being gone for several months, you may wish to consult an air conditioning professional about adding a humidistat to ensure optimal humidity levels in the home.
- 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.
- Go to otowclearwaterinfo.com and sign up for email letters so you can stay up to date on community notices.
- Leave a small amount of water in the toilet bowl and wrap it with cling wrap to avoid evaporation.
- Empty the refrigerator, turn off the ice maker, turn off the refrigerator and prop doors open.
- Unplug all appliances, including washing machine.
- Remove food from counters and cabinets. If necessary, store in glass, metal or thick plastic containers to discourage pests.
- Lock windows.
- Secure and store patio equipment to prevent objects from becoming missiles during a storm.
- Lower hurricane shutters and awnings.

Bingo marathon returns

By Brad Day

Our last Bingo Marathon was so successful, why not do another one?

The Snowbirds are taking flight and heading north. That leaves us “full-timers” trying to find something to do this summer.

So, how does a Bingo Marathon sound in July!

Mark it on your schedule: Saturday, July 18 in the East Activity Center auditorium. We'll start the games at noon. We plan on making some of those longer games shorter. So we should be out in under four hours.

Bingo will provide lunch.

Coffee and donuts will be available starting at 10 a.m.

We'll have an early bird game with an interesting lineup of games to follow.

The smaller crowd will result in less than the generous prizes as the last marathon, but we will still have just as much fun.

All you summer birds, come out and join us. Tickets are already on sale Monday evenings during bingo, or Monday and Thursday mornings in



the EAC auditorium.

We are still doing an over-90 free sheet offer.

We also have enlarged bingo sheets for the sight impaired.

For all bingo events, each resident is allowed to bring one guest. Everyone must be older than 17 years of age.

So, remember, we're in your neighborhood and we still have the cheapest games in town.

Please note, regular bingo will take place in July, but we will be taking August off.

Have a wonderful summer and don't forget to thank our volunteers who will be working this summer.



2015 On Top of the World Asphalt Projects

Community Notice for all residents

(even if you are not here this spring)

The Management Company would like to remind all residents that with the arrival of spring comes the application of new asphalt around the On Top of the World community.

We ask all residents to watch for notices posted on their bulletin board and vehicle windshields, concerning schedules and locations for paving.

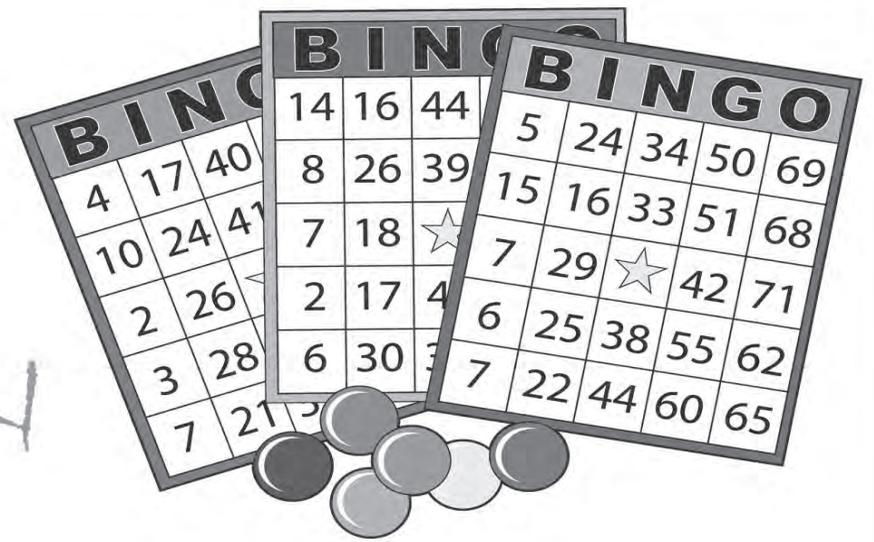
Seasonal residents, or those planning on being out of town during the months of April and May, need to be aware that vehicle relocation may take place in order for the contractor to pave. We suggest you leave a spare set of keys with a trusted resident in your building so we won't have to relocate or tow your vehicle if it has to be moved.

Residents may also wish to stop by the Community Service Office and complete an Information/Change Of Address Form noting who has the keys to your vehicle.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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Saturday, July 18

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Coffee will be served starting at 10 a.m. with bingo to follow at noon. Lunch will be provided. Tickets can be purchased any Monday evening during bingo, or Monday or Thursday morning in the EAC auditorium. Each resident is allowed to bring one guest, but everyone must be 18-or-older.

Take note, we will have bingo in July, but will be taking August off.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If you have not done so recently, please fill out this form and drop it off at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center. You never know when On Top of the World will have to contact someone in case you have an emergency or if there is an emergency at your condo and you are not in town. Help us get prepared.

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The record producer who changed music

Sam Phillips may not be a household name, but his creativity has touched every American in one way or another.

Sam rented a small place in Memphis in 1950 for \$150 a month and founded Sun Records. In a short period of time, Sun Records gained the reputation as the label that treated new artists with honesty and respect.

Sam wanted a diverse label that included gospel, blues, hillbilly, country, boogie and western swing. Thus, Sam records became the label for Elvis, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and BB King.

It is common for a new, small record company to sign and develop a



Walter
Balderson

Inside Showbiz

new talent and later sell the contract to a major record company. Sam sold Elvis' contract to RCA for \$35,000, an enormous amount at that time.

Jerry Lee Lewis was Sam's hot prospect until 1954 when Elvis walked in the door and suddenly things changed.

Before Elvis left for RCA, Sam released an album featuring Elvis, Jerry Lew Lewis, Johnny Cash and Carl Perkins. It sold millions and they became known as "The Million Dollar Quartet."

Rockabilly became the major evolution for Sun Records.

Until that time, drums were never used in a country music recording. Until Rockabilly took hold, drums had never been allowed at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

So, once again, Sam had broken new ground.

Sam was born in 1923, the youngest of eight children and was raised on a farm near Florence, Ala.

After dropping out of high school to help support his parents, he bought a mixer and tape recorder and began recording weddings and other events.

So at an early age, he learned how to deal with the public.

Sam died at the age of 80, but not before changing the face of popular music and breaking down black and white racial barriers in music.

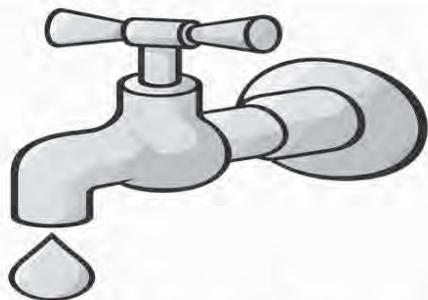
Even though you may not be a fan of Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins or Johnny Cash, their influence on popular music has been wide spread.

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Tennis Secretary Ann Haskell is not only a talented athlete, but she can also make great afghans. Pictured at right is a Tampa Bay Buccaneers afghan she made for a prize at this year's tennis banquet. Last year she made a Rays afghan. A list of tennis champions is in the story below.



Tennis Association celebrates tournament champions

By Harry Morrison

The On Top of the World Tennis Association held its annual awards night on Tuesday, March 31, at the Sunrise Room.

All the winners of our February tournament were recognized.

Dean Baker and Val Varnell won the Men's and Ladies' singles.

Dean Baker and Fred Hibbs, and Phyllis Tetzlaff and Jane Collins won the men's and ladies' doubles.

There was a three-way tie for first in team tennis and the following were

Tennis

recognized: Becky Balderson, David Dietrich, Art Lambert, Marilyn Lisbon, Woon Young Ryu, Joe Spalhalski, Phyllis Tetzlaff, Bill Lepping and Bill Clark.

The following individuals and companies donated generously to our awards banquet with gifts certificates and prizes: Ann/Barry Haskell, Wing House, Carrabba's Italian Grill, The Brown Boxer, Sunset Grill (on Sunset),

Pablano Mexican Grill, Country Pizza Inn (Countryside), Advantage Yours Tennis, Chop Sticks, Fresh Market, First Watch, Perkins Family Restaurant (Gulf to Bay) and Mellow Mushroom. Their support was greatly appreciated.

Ann Haskell has donated two Afghans over the past two years. She has spent hours crocheting these Afghans and has generously donated them to the OTOW Tennis Association.

Not only does she donate her skills, but she spends many hours on our behalf as our secretary. On be-

half of the tennis executive board, we thank you for all your hard work and dedication Ann.

By the time this article is read, many of our members will have headed north. We wish you all a safe voyage and we are looking forward to seeing you in the fall.

There are also members who are full-time residents. You will find these players playing tennis Monday to Saturday during the summer months at the East Activity Center at 8 a.m. You are welcome to join them at any time.

ACTIVITY REPORTS



Fixers can go online to learn, watch videos



Fixers Club

By Doug Erickson

Half of our Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers have headed back north taking along works of art they have made, and, as importantly, abilities they developed.

We now have an on-going system of staying in touch, training new members and enhancing our skills.

Through the summer months, we will be sending out newsletters with suggestions for do-it-at-home workshops and creating projects right in our On Top of the World workshop.

The communication and training system in place includes links to the Fixers Club Webpage on the OTOW Box Office site, plus newsletters, video training, and a shop instruction manual.

We encourage members to keep reading the OTOW newspaper online this summer to maintain contact. Remember to pick-up a flash drive to load the training videos into your computer.

As good as written communication is, there is nothing better than hands-on instructions. Last month, Ben Ferrell donated his time and demonstrated bowl turning to a group of appreciative Fixers.

Ben is a Fixers member and a director of "Empty Bowls Florida," an organization combining wood crafts with charitable work.

The bowls are sold and proceeds go towards helping those in need. Check our OTOW Website for more information.

Two years ago Jim Calamas suggested we invest in a midi lathe, which



From left to right are Ben Ferrell, Doug Erickson, Henry Santos, Jean-Guy Palchat and Jim Calamas.

(Photo by Lee Catalfomo)

has proved to be so popular that we replaced our larger lathe with another midi.

These machines are much quieter, safer, cleaner and easier to use. More than five hundred pens have been turned on them, and are very versatile as we learned from Ben.

Lee Catalfomo attended the workshop and had this to say. "Seeing a section of a Rosewood log harvested from a local tree converted into a beautiful bowl in a little over an hour was extremely interesting!

"It was clear during the demo that Ben has done this more than a few times, and seeing the work done in support of 'Empty Bowls of Florida' is the icing on the cake – or better yet –

the polish on the finished bowl!"

Ben also used camphor wood from a tree removed from the area of Highway 19 and Gulf to Bay. The aroma released from sawing and turning was overwhelming - think Vicks VapoRub.

He finished the bowls by applying coconut oil as the bowls slowly rotated.

Last year we started contributing to "Tools for Missions" with good results. Some of our surplus tools have gone to missionary projects in 20 or more countries and states. This on-going program combined with our support for "Empty Bowls" are community efforts we are pleased to be a part of and invite others to support.

Jim, our president, and Lee, our

president-elect, said, "Many very interesting projects have been taken on by more than a few Fixers since the start of the year. There is definite interest in pen-making and a few others have been busy at work wood carving and other projects.

"Support for various OTOW clubs has continued, as well for residents who bring us items to repair. Of course donations are always appreciated which just go back to support the club's operations and materials for toy making.

"The shop is being kept orderly and clean and we have had many visits from people getting ready to move into OTOW.

What a great place to live!"

Try Chinese brush painting this summer



By Judy Mills

Oh, the beautiful month of May!

The weather has been beautiful and we're looking forward to a lot more of it.

The season is officially over as we say "good bye" to our Snowbirds, but we still have plenty of fun coming up in the summer months for our sandbirds.

On Tuesdays, Wendy Colquhoun is teaching Chinese Brush Painting, which is a beautiful ancient Asian art. These classes are in the Art Room from 12:30-4:30 p.m. The cost of this program is \$5 for members. Please call her in advance so she brings enough supplies. Her number is 723-7504.

On Wednesdays, we continue to have Painting Pals/Open Workshop, which meets from 1-3 p.m. in the Art Room. All are invited and encouraged to join us with your current project.

New this summer, we will be having Open Studio on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. We will have a variety of things to do on that day, from drawing lessons to art-inspired day trips.



Penny Page, left, helps Audrey Lerigo get a proper sendoff from the Art Guild.

Our April meeting was the last of the season. We held a short business discussion, followed by a pizza party, complete with wine and desserts, and voted in our new Board members.

We also said good bye to one of

our members, Audrey Lerigo. She is moving to Port Richey and will be greatly missed. Best wishes, Audrey!

Membership in the Art Guild is \$15 a year, which starts in November. Dues are used to pay presenters, ex-

penses of the annual art show and refreshments at our meetings.

The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. Feel free to call me if you have any questions at 773-6788. Come join us!

Belcher Gate Work



Work continued into late April at the Belcher Road entrance to the east side of On Top of the World. A new black fence was added and the silver chain-linked fence will eventually be removed. Shrubs along Belcher Road were also removed to help increase visibility for both drivers and pedestrians.

(OTOW News artwork by Doug Kates)

Canadian Club already preparing for 2015-16 season



By Rick McLauchlan

On March 27, the Annual General Meeting of the On Top of the World Canadian Club was held and the 2015-16 Executive Board was elected.

This coming year's president is Rick McLauchlan, Immediate Past President Shirley Hunter, First Vice President Fidel Turbide, Second Vice President Charles St. Maurice, Secretary Lynn Lunt, Treasurer Brenda McLeod and Registrar Linda McKee.

The first gathering of the club in 2015-16 will be Registration Night tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Membership is open to anyone, Canadian or not, but you must be in possession of a valid OTOW Recreation Card.

In addition to joining or renewing their membership on that night, members will have the opportunity to learn



Pictured above is Past President Rene Careau (2014-15), First Vice President Fidel Turbide, President Rick McLauchlan, Past President Shirley Hunter (2015-16), Treasurer Brenda McLeod, Secretary Lynn Lunt and Registrar Linda McKee.

about our various planned activities for the coming year, as well as receive a copy of the 2015-16 Club budget.

As a new feature this year, a Canadian Club comment email address otowcc2016@gmail.com has been established for members to submit their comments or concerns.

We require you to include your name and telephone number in the email. This will allow the Executive Board to respond.

Plans are underway for a "Town

Hall" meeting tentatively set for Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016, in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. More information, including forms for submitting comments, will be made available at Registration Night.

Signed comment submissions will be considered by the Executive Board and discussed at the Town Hall meeting.

Our Christmas Dinner and Dance will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. in the auditorium. The cost of the traditional turkey/ham festive

meal and dance will be \$15 for members and \$17 for guests. The initial ticket selling day will be Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 8:15-10:30 a.m. in the EAC Starlite Room.

Remember, during the summer months you can follow our club news by going to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com. Click the Clearwater link and download the monthly newspaper to your desktop.

Have a great and safe summer; see you in the fall.

Jesters set board for 2015-16 season

By Lee Catalfomo

Installation of the new Jesters Board took place at the Countryside Country Club on April 8.

A dinner of braised short ribs and salmon was served with dancing entertainment provided by Louie Bravo.

All appeared to have a great time.

The newly elected board consists of: President Lee Catalfomo, First Vice President Tony Baker, Second Vice President Joe Ditolve, Treasurer Mike Kaplan, Assistant Treasurer Pat Catalfomo, Secretary Georgia Nolati and Assistant Secretary Adele Friedlander.

Lee Catalfomo's goals for the upcoming year include the production of another successful show for the enjoyment of the community, an increase in membership, and greater exposure of the Jesters to On Top of the World residents.

He also named the director for the 2016 show - Mike Albano.

The creative team for next year's show is now being formed and meetings will take place until early fall when the writing and design for the new



show should be complete.

Rehearsals will begin in either late September or early October 2015 - keep a watch out for the cast call!

Do you think you would like to be a Jester and participate in either supporting the show or performing in it?

We can use you, so why not come and meet us on Mondays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

We can answer your questions and help you decide what you would like to do. The Jesters build comradery amongst its members throughout the year, while producing and presenting its annual show. On top of that, we have a great time doing it.

Join us!



Pictured above is the Jesters new board for the 2015-16 season. From left to right are First Vice President Tony Baker, Assistant Treasurer Pat Catalfomo, President Lee Catalfomo, Peg Nowack, Treasurer Mike Kaplan, Secretary Georgia Nolati and Second Vice President Joe Ditolve.

(Photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Jesters name Mike Albano director for 2016 show

'Home Line Dancing Channel' comes to On Top of the World



Line Dancing

By John Koning

We have all heard of the Home Shopping Channel, available on your television set. It's the place where you can shop 'till you drop without even getting off the couch.

Never to be out-done, On Top of the World TV has just unveiled its Home Line Dancing Channel! It's line dancing brought right to the comfort of your living room!

That's right!

Thanks to the OTOW Line Dancing Association, you can now watch, learn and practice a variety of dances choreographed to great music in a variety of genres. The best part is that you never have to leave your home!

"There might be people in our community who want to line dance, but not in a crowd," said OTOW-TV Producer Doug Kates. "Some people might feel intimidated needing to learn a line dance technique. Well, with our shows, there is no problem. Just dance in your own living room where no one is watching."

"While you are free to just watch the dances from your couch or lounger, we have the funny feeling that, once your toes start tapping, you'll be up on your feet and moving right along with us!" said Director John Koning.

"That's the beauty of great music. It keeps our minds, spirits and bodies energized."

If you don't catch on to a dance right away, don't despair. The same dances and the same great music will magically appear on the same day, the same time and the same channel next week!

Tune in to OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732 on Mondays at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. to watch and participate.

Times may change in the future.



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Three more videos coming this fall.

Request an air time by visiting the newsroom.

Three new videos will be added this fall.

When tuning in to OTOW-TV, don't be alarmed if the dance video doesn't start right on the hour. Once

the regular rotation of notices and ads is complete, the line dancing will begin.

If your feet can't stop moving and you want to do more, come out and

join us in the East Activity Center auditorium on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. or Tuesdays at 1 p.m. We have beginner classes that will help you as you begin your new line dancing lifestyle.



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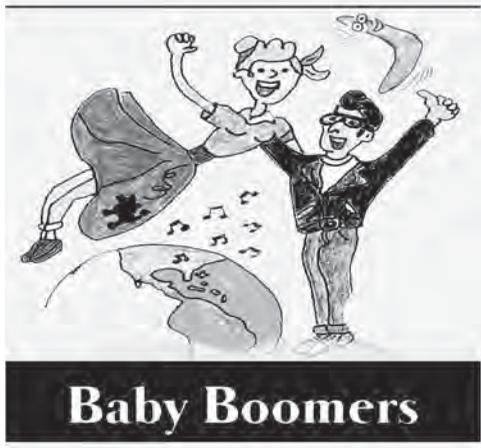
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'Boomerangers' may fly away, but always come back



Baby Boomers

By Ron Clement

We call our Snowbirds "Boomerangers" because they keep coming back to us.

In April they began to head north and we held our annual farewell party.

This year's theme was "Our Favorite Things" as we shared our favorite dishes and danced the night away.

Keeping with the theme, I asked the group to share some of their favorite Boomer memories.

Jeanette Walsh reviewed the weekly fun we enjoyed. "Golf on Mondays; Bar Louie dollar hamburgers on Tuesdays; meeting and socializing on Wednesdays and Thursdays; Blast Fridays; Cycling on Saturdays; and resting up on Sundays to start all over again tomorrow."

Mary Skaarer's best memory "was all the fun we shared on the cruise. Crowding out the main dining room every night until finally we wound up with our very own private dining



Boomers enjoy a farewell sunset on the Gulf of Mexico.

room. Oh what laughs we had."

Torrie McDonough remembered our tour of Heritage Park. "Wandering in the woodsy setting among historical homes of Florida pioneers made for an interesting and relaxing afternoon. Browsing through the grocery store you could imagine a scene from the Walton's TV show. After our tour we went out to dinner which is always a time filled with laughter and friendship."

Donna Lukas declared, "Alligators, monkeys and penguins, too! What a wonderful day we had at the Lowry Park Zoo."

We cruised, biked, kayaked, swam, danced, golfed, walked, dined, toured, pot-lucked, prayed, sang, drank, laughed and most of all shared our friendship together for the past season.

We will miss our Boomerangers for a few months, but maybe get a lit-

tle rest in their absence. We know they will return. They always do.

Those of us living "On Top of the World" will remain as active as always throughout the coming summer months. We may slow down just a bit and sit by the pool a little longer, but we're still Boomers.

Club meetings are the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, 5:30 p.m., at the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Morning exercise class for ladies

Hello Ladies! Come join us at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday in the East Activity Center gym. The music will get you moving, it's a fun way to start your day and meet other ladies interested in staying fit.

Our exercises include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weightlifting to improve muscle

tone, and cardio workouts to music.

Each day we work different muscle groups with a different routine so you won't get bored. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weightlifting classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We've added a cardio circuit workout with weights on Wednesday morning, as well. Bring a towel or mat

because we do floor exercises at the end of each class.

In addition to the above, come try our fun fitness workout on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. in the large card room right after the 8 a.m. class.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214.

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May 8: Theater Workshop 2015 (TV debut)

May 15: Chorus Spring Concert 2015

May 22: Jesters Show 2015

May 29: Theater Workshop 2015

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Line dancing has arrived on OTOW-TV,
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Currently, videos have been made for Monday (9 am & 6 pm)
and Wednesday (10:30 am & 7 pm).

This fall, three more will be made for the rest of the week.

Watch OTOW-TV for time schedule changes.

Red Hatters had so much fun at horse races, they are going back again

By Charlyn Miller

It was "Off To The Races" for 10 members of the "Rosy Hattitudes" in April.

We donned our prettiest red hats and met to go to the races.

Some of us had never been to Tampa Bay Downs. It was a delightful experience.

Most of us won at least one race and "Lucky Shirley" Crowder managed to win a Trifecta. This was her first time at the races and claimed she did not know how to bet!

Although it took time to get our meal (which was delicious), we were happy to be inside where it was cool.

A new Queen was given a delightful "Queens" apron that announced that she did not cook!

She also received a purple ring for Her Majesty!

We welcomed two new members into the Rosy Hattitudes.

I want to thank all who participated in the exciting adventure and we all agreed that we should do it again.

Our next meeting will be the first Saturday in May.

We girls "just want to have fun!"



Rosy Hattitudes



Ten Red Hatters had lunch at Tampa Bay Downs.

Irish Club thanks everyone who contributed to their parade

By Rose Mulhall

The Irish Club ended a very successful season with our annual picnic in Phillippe Park.

The weather was perfect, the food good, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Irish Club thanks and appreciates all the clubs who participated and contributed to the parade, and all the spectators who came out to cheer and applauded the marchers. It all added up to a



Irish Club

wonderful, spirited, community effort.

A big thank you to Mike Cooper and his committee for another

great parade, and also thanks to the On Top of the World staff for all their help.

Thanks to a great group who are always ready to help out.

The Irish Club had a very successful season and is looking forward to a variety of new entertainment for next season.

We wish all the Snowbirds safe travelling back home and look forward to seeing them in the fall.

Have a great summer!

Slimnastics

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

Walking, stretching, getting the blood pumping.

We meet in the East Activity Center gym.

Free social dancing

Social dancing every Thursday from 1-3 p.m in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. All OTOW residents are cordially invited. We meet to learn, practice and enjoy partner dancing. Classes are free.

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Italian American Club wraps up season with party

By Jerry Kaplano

Welcome to 2015 and thank you for another great season for the Italian American Club.

On April 3 we had our old fashion picnic with hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, potato salad and dessert. We had 89 people there and everybody had a great time.

On April 15 we had our pizza party and a general meeting.

We will be selling tickets in September for our ice cream social and other events in the East Activity Center.

Thanks to all the members who helped make the past year a success. Have a great summer.



Italian American

Watch the Snowbirds Club parade entry any time of the year



Snowbirds Club

By Ed Foland

As I walked the St. Patrick's Day parade route back in March, I couldn't help but notice all the heads turning and smiles appearing on spectator faces as the Snowbirds Club float approached.

I wondered what it was that made the Snowbirds Float such a crowd pleaser?

Was it the high-stepping baton twirler, who took her high school baton out of the closet one more time so she could dazzle the crowd?

Or was it our leprechaun on roller blades?

In addition to roller-blading, our leprechaun was making a movie. In one hand he held up a sign encouraging spectators to wave for the camera, while he filmed with a nearly invisible camcorder in his other hand.

The movie can be seen at www.snowbirdsofotow.com.

After logging on, there are only two clicks and you are watching the movie!



Snowbirds Club parade participants pose for the camera after the St. Patrick's parade in March.

(Photo by Doug Springer)

Click one is on the big blue multimedia button and click two is on the parade movie.

Thanks go out to OTOW News Editor Doug Kates for some parade footage.

This club reporter also contributed some street-level shots for the film.

Maybe the crowd favorite was At Large on our float playing live Irish

music. The two young women carrying the Snowbirds Club banner let the spectators know the music was coming from our float.

Following behind the float was what most spectators agreed was the big attraction. The high-energy line dancing team led by Dolly Foland and assisted by Pat Koning and Jan Springer. Their talent and enthusiasm

made the show look much easier than it was!

At the end of the parade, the Snowbirds Club threw a tailgate-style party for all of the residents responsible for making our Snowbirds Club entry the crowd pleaser that it was.

The Snowbirds Club is resting up for the summer. Our next members' meeting will be on Sept. 14.

Many league bowlers are heading north, but the courts will remain busy this summer

By Bob Laplante

Although the vast majority of lawn bowlers head back north during the month of April, a core continues to reside and play throughout the summer at On Top of the World.

Weather poses a problem with high heat, high humidity and of course unpredictable rain.

Many of those headed to more moderate climates get to play on grass, the original surface for lawn bowling.

Being a very old sport, the playing surface has evolved from a square to lanes. Now-a-days you can find grass, Har-tru (the OTOW surface clay like substance used on tennis courts as well as lawn bowl rinks), outdoor artificial turf, as well as indoor carpet.

At OTOW, we enjoy a very good quality of rink with a deeper than average amount of Har-tru, which provides a very good surface for consistent play.

Lawn Bowling

Regardless of surface or location, the game is played and enjoyed throughout the world.

The Lawn Bowls Club held its annual general meeting with John Williams elected as the president for the 2015-2016 year. This will be his second term as president as he also served in the 2007-2008 season.

Other new members to the executive board include Jill Orchard as treasurer and Bob Laplante as director-publicity.

The theme for the 2016 Past-Presidents Dinner Dance was announced as "A Night at the Oscars." In keeping with our popular fun themes that are open to the OTOW community, Vice President Barb Lenzi expects a great

turnout of sparkle and glam or homage to favorite movies. February can't come too soon.

President Barb Thomson reviewed the events of the past year which were a challenge to the club. Renovations caused the cancellation of play until January. The loss of storage sheds resulted in the inability to store equipment and supplies. We had to adjust, but with resilience and adaptability, the members continued to enjoy their favorite sport.

During the final two months of the season, 10 new members were added to our roster. This bodes well for the new year.

Each club requires the participation of its members to ensure that the club can offer a full range of activities. This month it is opportune to profile Jerry Cotton, who serves as director – grounds and property. This role includes overseeing all matters related to

keeping the rinks ready for play, ensuring that equipment and materials are available, and liaising with OTOW personnel who are responsible for the physical property owned or managed by the Condominium Association.

This past year has increased the demands due to the renovations that were carried out. Jerry is also the first line of contact for our groundskeeper, Dave Lindeman, who provides daily watering and surface leveling throughout the playing season.

In addition, periodically, crews of volunteers are required to remove spent Har-tru - the surface material does wear out and lose its clotting ability turning it into dust. Someone then has to level the surface again.

It's amazing to see the results that they attain!

Thanks Jerry! Your contribution to the club does not go unnoticed.

And to all, good bowling.

You have a chance to join the Travel Club for a visit to the Grand Ole Opry and Country Music Hall of Fame



Travel Club

By Terri Mikszenas

The spirits were with us on our club's recent day trip to the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp.

Travelers received private readings by certified mediums, and, oh my, the stories that were shared on the way home!

We also enjoyed a guided historic tour of the community and learned of the beliefs and practices of Spiritualism as a philosophy, science and religion.

Our April Lunch Bunch journey took us to Positano's Italian Restaurant in Palm Harbor, hosted by Norma Knight. It's a good way to meet potential roommates for overnight club trips, and car pooling is always available.

Why not join us for some good food and conversation?

Our club stays active, even after the Snowbirds have returned to their northern homes.

We are looking for more travelers to go to Nashville in July where we will enjoy a show at the Grand Ole Opry and at the Nashville Nightlife Theater.

This trip also includes The Country Music Hall of Fame, Grand Ole Opry Backstage Tour, guided tours of Nashville, Belle Meade Plantation and a ride on the Delta Flatboats inside the Opryland Hotel.

A minimum of 30 reservations must be made by May 13 or the trip



Residents with the Travel Club are on their way to meet spirits at the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp!

risks cancellation, so please come by soon to make your reservation.

If it's day trips you are interested in, there's still room on the May 28 trip to Bok Tower Gardens.

We also have opening for our June 9 trip to ride the glass-bottom boats in Silver Springs, which includes a visit to Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings' home in Cross Creek, where she wrote *The Yearling*.

Have you ever driven a boat down

a canal in England, house sat for a stranger in Hawaii, or joined the Peace Corp as a senior on assignment?

Well, Marilyn Whelan has!

We all enjoyed her presentation on the various off-beat travel ideas she has experienced and look forward to her soon-to-be-published book, "Cav-iar Living on Fish Stick Money."

This month, Audrey Jones will tell us how she only packed the limited 33 pounds in her suitcase for a three-

week trip to India.

Can't wait to hear that - must be magic!

Please join us in the East Activity Center's Starlite Room on the first Friday of each month. Meetings begin at 2 p.m. but most people arrive early with their checkbooks in hand to sign in and sign up for one of the many upcoming trips.

It's hard to make a comeback if you haven't been anywhere.

Republican Club returns to OTOW community

By Marvin Lazernik

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club (formerly known as the Ronald Reagan Republican Club of Pinellas County) has returned to its roots.

Our club meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month, starting May 19, at 7 p.m., in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

We hope to provide local Republicans with guest speakers, a chance

to enlighten club members on current events, and have a question and answer session.

We will also have "meet and greets" following all regular meetings.

Our club has recently elected a new board. Members are Marvin Lazernik, president; Bob Nebesky, vice president; Lilli Schiefen, secretary; and Mary Jane Lofton, treasurer.

We are looking for other volunteers to fill rewarding positions.

We cordially invite Republicans residing at OTOW to join us on May 19. You do not have to be a current club member.

Our guest speaker will be State Representative Chris Latvala.

We'll also invite residents who are unsure of their political party affiliation.



Season ends with history lesson on Revolutionary War

By Anne B. Watkins

Our club took a mini-field trip to the Palm Harbor Historical Museum on March 28 and it was much enjoyed by those in attendance.

We especially enjoyed the bluegrass concert that was taking place while we were there.

We'll be back as the free concerts are held the fourth Saturday of each month, November through April.

Our club attendance has grown substantially this year, highlighted in April when we completely filled the room for Dan Hooper's talk about "Revolutionary War Battles in Florida."

At the end of the Seven Years War in 1763, Spain ceded Florida to Great



Family History

Britain, but that was not the end of it.

The most southerly engagements of the American Revolution were fought in Florida, such as the battle at Thomas Creek outside of Cow Ford, now known as Jacksonville.

In 1777, the American Colonel John Baker, with 109 mounted Georgia Militia, advanced to Cow Ford, where they were ambushed by some 400 British Regulars, Tory Florida Rangers and Creek Indians.

The patriots were routed by the loyalist forces, with eight killed, nine wounded and 31 captured.

Fifteen of those captured were massacred by the Indians.

Fighting also took place in British West Florida, which encompassed territory all the way to the Mississippi, now the states of Alabama and Louisiana, as well as the Pensacola area.

There, the Spanish won decisive victories, with and against various belligerents, including American colo-

nials, the British, the French, German mercenaries known as Waldecks, and also native Americans.

The longest battle was the Siege of Pensacola, March to May, 1781.

The last naval battle was fought March 9, 1783, off Cape Canaveral, where American Captain Berry, with one ship, fought off three British ships - and won - not knowing the Peace Treaty had been ratified a few days earlier, on Feb. 3, 1783.

The war for independence was over!

Our season is now over, too, until Nov. 9, so here is hoping you will have family reunions during the summer and come back with renewed enthusiasm for exploring your family history.

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Chorus members get to listen to final song of the season

By Ilene Bargerstock

A beautiful and heartfelt gift was given to members of the On Top of the World Chorus at the conclusion of our season.

Cindy Cheung, who was new to Chorus this year, started rehearsals for our spring concert, but then realized she would be away for the performances.

Regardless, Cindy continued to attend every rehearsal just for the joy of it.

At our final Monday morning session, Cindy said she wanted to give us a gift of love from her heart. Then she handed accompanist, Betty Dethmers, a piece of music with lyrics in Chinese.

Betty rose to the occasion as Cindy sang a beautiful melody.

Although we did not understand the words, the message was clear. It seems love in any language translates itself.

After singing, Cindy suggested this might be her audition for a solo next

ON TOP OF THE WORLD CHORUS

season!

It was just another experience that makes being a Chorus member so special.

Our end-of-the-season dinner took place at the Sunset Grill restaurant. It was a happy, noisy, conversation-filled scene as members relived the fun and excitement of the spring concert.

Director Beth Kendall installed officers for 2015-2016 as follows: President MaryAnn Mercer; First Vice President Les Ermold; Second Vice President Bernadette Krause; Immediate Past President Julia Galpin

Contella; Treasurer Rita Tombari; Secretary Marilyn Zylstra; Stage Manager Rod Bargerstock; Publications Dana Garlick; Historian Eileen Bekofske; Librarian Keith Bekofske; Members-at-large CarolAnn Futej and Janice Wisinski.

The evening ended with the usual goodbye hugs, well wishes for the summer, and hopes of seeing each other again on Oct. 6 when rehearsals begin for our holiday concert.

Since the Chorus has no summer meetings or activities, this column will not appear again until September.

Meantime, please think about joining us. I'm sure this growing community has many singers. We will welcome you with open arms!

Look for details in the September edition of OTOW News and watch for our spring concert throughout the summer on OTOW-TV.

Whether you are staying or going north, have a safe and enjoyable summer!



Cindy Cheung sang a song to fellow Chorus members to end the season. The song was in Chinese.

Chorus Spring Concert from March will be on OTOW-TV, May 15 at about 8 p.m.

Tea parties are such fun

Gloria Mitchell's Paradise Reserve condo was the perfect setting for her sixth annual tea party which was held last month. Each guest enjoyed sipping hot tea from a beautiful tea cup and saucer, along with a delicious lunch followed by yummy key lime pie. This year's theme was to dress as your favorite sports team or sports activity. There were golfers, swimmers, bowlers, football players, baseball players, basketball players and hockey fans. Even a Seattle Seahawks' cheerleader. Next year's theme isn't out of the bag yet.



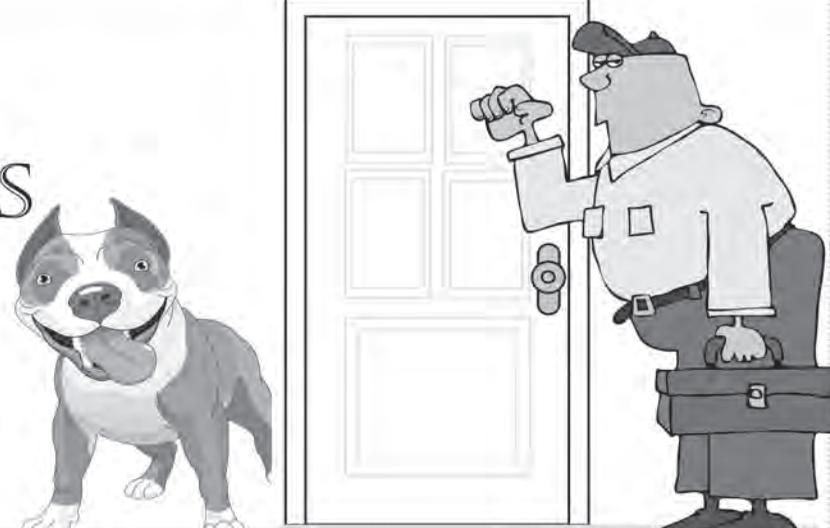
In the first row, left to right, are Betty Rizzo, Jan Jankowski and Shirley Bowers. In the second row are Esther Glowatsky, Betty McKay, Erna Mandl, Ingrid Durhan and Hilda Ochoa. In the back row are Chris Norris, Edie Ryczek, Carol Babini, Gloria Mitchell, Elsie Jane Anderson, Connie Stanley, Julie Narancich, Connie Giudice, Nina Wolinski and Glenda Greenman.





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Lambda Club stays active all summer and Mexican Cantina night will be proof

By Dave Beaven

Listen!

What do you hear?

Or rather not hear?

It's a little quieter, isn't it?

The pace is slowing down. Must be due to the exodus of our Snowbird residents.

They are fleeing our oncoming sultry summer for the milder climate up north.

This is a special time at On Top of the World. It's easier to get a tee time at the golf course or to reserve a room at the activity center.

In fact, a number of the clubs go on hiatus during the summer.

For those of us around this month, enjoy the change of pace. Take a walk around the grounds and say hi to your neighbors. You may not see them later on when summer really sets in and ev-



Lambda

everyone hunkers down in their condos with the air conditioner going.

The Lambda Club also loses some of our members to this northward migration. But we will soldier on, nevertheless.

This month, our club social is taking a southward turn, as in South of the Border. On Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m., we will be turning the Large Card Room into a Mexican cantina. There will be mariachi music playing to set

the mood. The bar will be serving a special punch called Tijuana Taxi - it will take you on a ride.

And as usual, our members will be supplying tasty treats to snack on. Dress code: tourist.

Later on in the month, Lambdians will be getting together outside our OTOW gates.

On Sunday, May 31 at 1:30 p.m., we will be having a picnic at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor. It will be in Shelter 5. This will be a coordinated potluck. RSVP to lambdacw@yahoo.com with what you're bringing. I will be keeping track of the developing menu on the club Webpage.

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include

monthly socials, dine-outs, and coffee klatches. 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 LGBT 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 fact.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage:

<http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com> or on the Box Office Website.

You can contact us by e-mail at lambdacw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.



One of the many items at our Gift Shoppe.

Gift Shoppe has items for Mother's Day

By Doria Paino

Hello Good Neighbors.

Everyone from the Gift Shoppe wants to wish all you mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

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Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click the Box Office link, click Enter and look for the Gift Shop entrance and click.

There are many pictures of crafts for sale and the site is updated every once in a while.

Doug Kates, the editor of the newspaper, has done a great job giving us a way to promote our little shop.

Good Neighbors stays active all summer

By Jim Bjorgo

It's that time of year again, when our Snowbirds begin leaving our sunny climate for who knows what?

We were happy to have them while they were here, and wish them safe travels to their northern homes.

Come back soon and bring a friend or two.

As summer approaches, things begin to slow down here at On Top of the World, but some things will still be the same.

Your Good Neighbors Association will still be here to help in every way we can.

We are also planning for a very active fall schedule.

Read this newspaper, watch OTOW-TV and check out our Box Office Webpage for more information about our fall clothing drive, the Senior Expo, Fall Flea Market and Craft Fair.

Representatives of your Good Neighbors Association will continue to have a presence at our table on Mon-

Good Neighbors Association



President Jim Bjorgo

day and Thursday mornings to help answer your questions and concerns.

Please stop by and say hello when you can.

Remember, The Good Neighbors Gift Shoppe will be open each day from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Stop in and peruse the fine crafts and gifts made by your neighbors.

And, the Coffee Corner will continue to be open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Please patronize these establishments.

Have a great month.

Get Acquainted Coffee Morning will continue all summer. Second Thursday of each month 9-11 a.m. in the EAC auditorium



Ralph Rogers

Singer will entertain on May 14

Ralph Rogers will provide the entertainment at Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, May 14 at 9 a.m.

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So, bring your dancing shoes and prepare to have fun.

Coffee and doughnuts will be available.

Planning for next show starts after summer

By Lilli Scheifen

Theater Workshop has concluded its 2014-2015 season and it was a success by all accounts.

This was Will Peterson's first directorial endeavor and our show was well received.

Our Election of Officers and Installation Dinner were held April 1 at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. The slate of new officers is as follows: Will Peterson, president; Brad Day, vice president; Will Sundblad, treasurer; Roger Nicholl, assistant treasurer; Mary Sundblad,



Theater Workshop

secretary; Lilli Scheifen, assistant secretary and Tony Scheifen, past president.

We were pleased to have Ken Colen officiate at the swearing in ceremony. Thanks to all and our wishes for a successful and productive year to come.

Shortly after Will Peterson was sworn in and took a deep breath, people began asking what the new show would be about.

Enthusiasm is appreciated and new ideas welcome, but this is not the 2016 Presidential race which lasts way too long and can drive us nuts!

We will all be clued in when the time comes. We will grease our wheels

when we are ready to go.

The summer season is approaching and news about our future plans are slim, to say the least. So, your humble correspondent will not publish any articles regarding Theater Workshop for a few months.

If anyone has pertinent news, contact Will Peterson and he may contribute in my absence.

Other than that, be well, keep healthy and happy, and see you later crocodile (that wasn't right, was it?).

I must need a vacation!

Veterans invited to join special celebration



NY / NJ Club

By Jane Lee

The next meeting of the New York-New Jersey Club will be held 6 p.m., on Wednesday, May 27, at the East Activity Center.

Everyone is invited to attend, especially veterans, as we celebrate the special men and women who served our country.

Special music will be played and refreshments will be served.

The June meeting will be a wine and cheese tasting party and there will be some special surprises and social games,

so buy your ticket for \$3 if you are a member or \$5 if you are not a member.

Tickets will be sold Monday and Thursday mornings at the EAC.

We are planning a Florida Winery Tour field trip and a visit to the Manatee Historical Village on May 11.

Another trip is planned for June 3 to see the comedy show "Church Basement Ladies."

Check with Terry Mikulski at 727-712-0597 to see if there are any tickets left for these events.

Terry also has a trip planned for Oct. 17 to Hunsader Farms in Manatee County for their Pumpkin Festival. Those heading north for the summer might like to purchase tickets before leaving town.

So, be sure to put these events on your calendar. We meet later in the month so it's easy to forget our meeting night.

If you would like to have someone call and remind you of the meetings a few days in advance, call Jane Lee at 727-266-4380.



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Getting to Know You

A monthly feature about the people in your
On Top of the World community

by John Koning



Cindy's love of the salt life began as a child.

Currently, Cindy is the Ladies 18-Hole Handicap Champion



Cindy Cheung's long and winding road to On Top of the World

To borrow a line from the legendary Beatles song, Cindy Cheung's journey to On Top of the World has been a "long and winding road."

The journey began in 1979, in war-torn South Vietnam. It took her to within an inch of her life and it culminated less than a year ago right here in our community.

Cindy is the youngest child of 15.

When she was young, her Chinese father moved his family to the coastal city of Nha Trang in south-central Vietnam. That's where Cindy developed her love of the salt life – the smell of the beach and the taste of swimming in salt water.

It was a happy childhood.

Then, as was the case for 2 million other Vietnamese "boat people," she became a refugee of war in early May of 1979 – an innocent victim of a brutal conflict and an oppressive regime.

Cindy, who was a teenager at the time, along with two of her siblings and 100 other refugees, were crammed into a dilapidated fishing vessel and sent off to sea. Their destination, if they made it, was a refugee camp in Hong Kong – a five-day trip across the turbulent South China Sea.

Their boat was stocked with enough food and water for two days at best.

In their path lay many dangers that had already claimed the lives of thousands of other boat people – perils like drowning, dehydration and the ever-present threat of pirate attacks.

For three long days and nights after the supplies ran out, Cindy and her fellow passengers prayed nonstop for salvation from the heavy seas, the numbing hunger and the debilitating thirst. Whatever they once held in their bellies was long surrendered to the angry waves that tossed the small craft mercilessly.

But Cindy and her siblings did make it to the mainland where she recovered and found work wherever she could, installing electronic components and producing printed circuit boards on an assembly line.

Her journey to freedom ended in October of 1979 in California as one of more than 800,000 refugees accepted by the United States during the Vietnamese exodus.

Cindy counts herself very fortunate, in part, thanks to her brother who traded his gold rings so that they would not suffer the fate of hundreds of thousands

of refugees who were held indefinitely in Hong Kong camps or returned home to face retribution.

In Los Angeles, Cindy dove headlong into academics. She wanted to be a medical doctor and had plenty of mental capacity.

She could already speak the Chinese dialect Chiu Chow, Cantonese, Mandarin, Thai, a bit of French, Spanish and Italian, but the English language proved to be tough adversary.

Cindy decided to go with her strengths in math and science and pursued engineering instead. She was accepted to UCLA but opted for UC Santa Barbara because of its proximity to the beach. She earned her degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering and that led to a job in Computer Aided Design (CAD) for a west coast company.

When the technology sector took a nose dive in 2006, Cindy found herself out of work. She scoured the Internet and found a job in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, that provided some nice perks and that coveted Ontario health care plan.

She spent the next seven years playing cheap Canadian golf in the summer and suffering through the numbing cold in the winter.

In 2013, Cindy found herself in Largo, Fla., caring for her Snowbird sister who was battling cancer. She was smitten by the salt life once again and started looking for real estate.

She was drawn to OTOW by the amenities and, of course, the free golf.

Someone gave her the Snowbirds map and she drove through the imposing gate and started exploring. You can probably guess the rest of the story but here's what you might not know.

Cindy is now living the OTOW dream and has immersed herself in the lifestyle. She is the 2015 Handicap Champion of the Ladies 18-Hole Golf.

She sings with the OTOW Chorus and she line dances with the Snowbirds Club and the OTOW Line Dance Club.

Cindy's enthusiasm is palpable as she exclaims, "I'm up for any challenge of a golf game, a song or a dance, to fulfill the best time of my life!"

To use the words of the Beatles once more, the long and winding road has led Cindy Cheung to our door.

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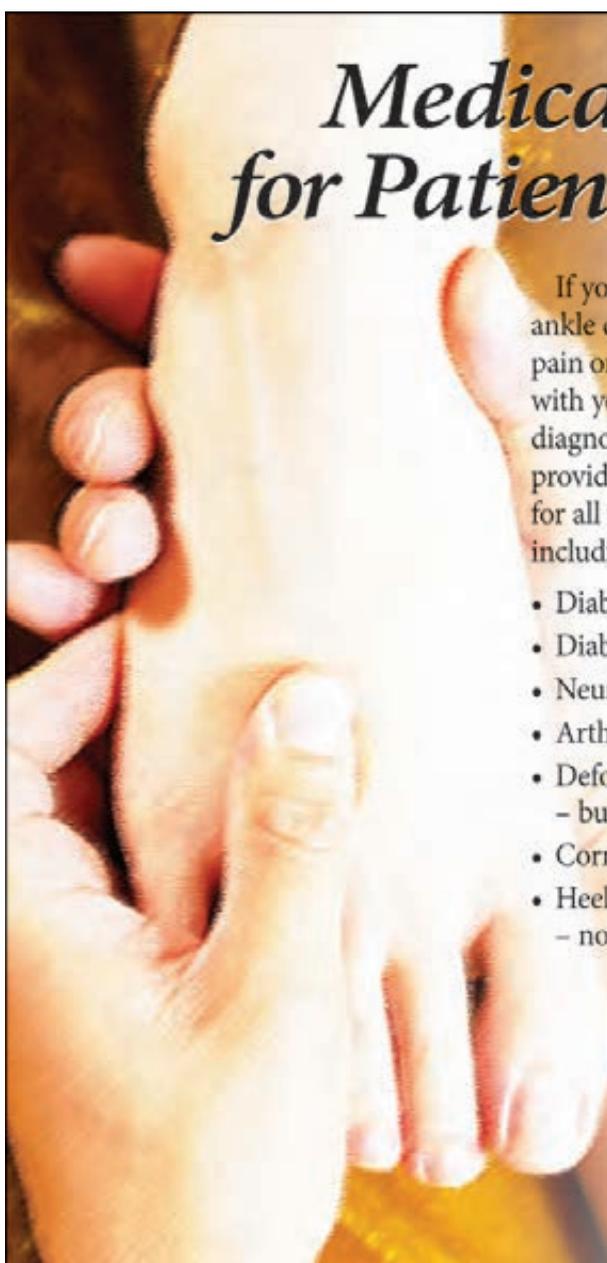
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When a ship leaves port, how much food is aboard?

Picture yourself calling the butcher and ordering 25,000 pounds of beef (steaks, prime rib, etc.), 5,000 pounds of lamb, 7,500 pounds of pork, 5,000 pounds of veal, 2,000 pounds of sausage, 12,000 pounds of chicken, 3,400 pounds of turkey, and 3,200 pounds of bacon.

Then ask the fish market to set aside 15,000 pounds of shrimp, 14,000 pounds of fish, 1,200 pounds of crab, and 5,000 pounds of lobster.

From the produce market, you'll be picking up 30,000 pounds of fresh vegetables, 16,000 pounds of potatoes, 25,000 pounds of fresh fruit, 6,000 watermelons, 4,000 gallons of milk, 3,000 quarts of cream, 1,200 gallons of ice cream, 10,000 dozen eggs, 6,000 pounds of sugar, 5,000 pounds of rice, 3,000 pounds of cereal, 5,000 pounds of coffee, 2,000 pounds of cookies, and 9,500 pizzas.

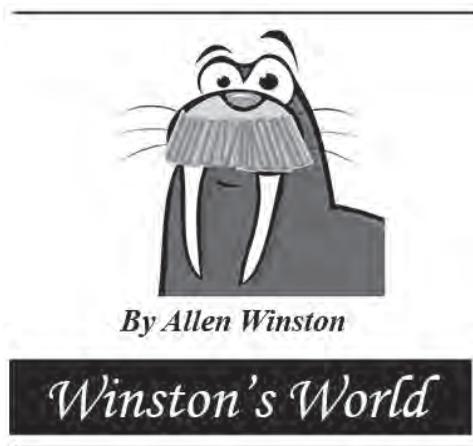
And of course, any liquor store would be thrilled to deliver 6,000 bottles of assorted wines, 3,500 bottles of additional assorted alcoholic beverages (Vodka, Bourbon, etc.), 11,000 bottles of beer, and 25,000 cans of soda.

Tell them you'll be by later with your U-Haul to pick it up!

Who needs all this stuff?

A cruise ship.

It takes huge quantities of provisions to feed the passengers on the av-



By Allen Winston

erage cruise ship.

The above statistics are examples of what's consumed during a week aboard the Celebrity cruise ship Constellation (1,950 passengers, 999 crew).

Those numbers would double on the 3,690-guest Carnival Magic (while 300 people work on the culinary side of the ship's operations, 14 kitchens are plowing through up to 17 to 18 tons of foodstuffs per day), and incredibly, almost triple on Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Seas (5,400 passengers, 2,384 crew).

Amazingly, you can have up to 14 meals a day on some of these floating mega-resorts.

Now imagine all the reward points, miles, or cash back, you'll enjoy from putting it all on your credit card.

Where Did They Go?

How many of these names do you recognize?

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Palisades Park, Nedick's; the Roadhouse Grill; E.J. Korvette; Horn & Hardart, Price Club; Kenny Rogers Roasters; Howard Johnson's; Perga-

ment; Kash n' Karry; Levitz Furniture; Thom McCann; Robert Hall; Laura Ashley; Polaroid cameras; SwissAir; RCA; Adelphia; Rheingold, Plymouth; Braniff International;

Continental Airlines; Frontier Air; Southeast Air; Transamerica; the Baltimore Colts; Whistle Pops; Turkish Taffy; Pom Poms candy; Sambo's Restaurants; Dolly Madison Ice Cream; Bon Bons; Lucky Strike cigarettes; the Boardwalk, Desert Inn, Aladdin, Castaways, Stardust, and Sahara hotels in Las Vegas.

In professional sports, the St. Louis Browns; the Washington Senators; the Boston Braves; the Montreal Expos; the Philadelphia Warriors; the Minneapolis Lakers; the Syracuse Nationals; the New Orleans Jazz; and the Los Angeles Rams.

From the world of print, let's add Look, Mademoiselle, McCall's, Mechanics Illustrated, Modern Screen, National Lampoon, and Newsweek, magazines.

How is any of this of interest to you?

Well, they're either out-of-business or have made major cutbacks.

The good news is, you're still here. Congratulations!

One final note: Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.

Second graders talk about their mothers

Editor's Note: The content below was edited to not show religious humor. The questions were given to a group of second graders. Their edited answers follow the questions.

Why do we have mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How are mother's made?

1. Dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. The same as me. Just used bigger parts

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. Mothers are made out of clouds

Marge Mayer



Internet Humor

and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.

2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did you get your mother and not someone else's mom?

1. We're related.
2. She likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your Mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mom eats alot.

2. She got too old to do anything else with him.

3. My grandma says that Mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.

2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.

3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home, & dads just go to work at work.

2. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

Guest speaker to discuss future of Obamacare

At our May 14 meeting, our club will be discussing the future of Obamacare.

Ron Baltrunas will be making the presentation and he will talk about what might lie ahead.

Following this presentation, questions, answers and opinions will be entertained by the attendees.

Please note, this meeting is at 2 p.m. back in our old customary place, the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

We have a new set of officers heading up the club these days: Donna Lukas is the chairperson, Jack Starr is

the treasurer, Jim Schelling is the parliamentarian, and Charlie Christ is the reporter.

We are still looking for people for club secretary and social chairperson.

Interested? Let us know.

Dues of \$12 for the year are being collected right now for 2015 expenses and to help get ready to support candidates for the upcoming 2016 election season.

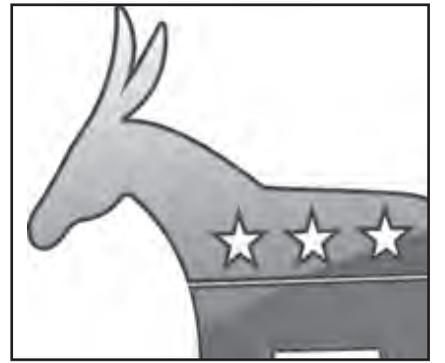
Members can pay their dues at the meeting, or they can send a check (made out to "OTOW Democratic Club") to P.O. Box 5592, Clearwater, FL, 33758.

Only paid members will be able to vote for whose campaigns we support later.

Democrats will be gathering in Philadelphia during the week of July 25 for the Democratic National Convention. The Florida presidential primary will be held March 15, 2016, making us here in Florida an important state primary for the first time in awhile.

Back in April, Donna Lukas and Charlie Christ represented our club at the local NAACP dinner. A report will follow in the June newspaper.

The campaigns approach and we are getting ready.



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Philosophy Club

Express your views

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.

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By Marvin Flam

We are living in interesting and exciting times characterized by the host of new ideas and new ways of doing things.

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Our goals have been to bring the best entertainment right to On Top of the World and create an environment to foster innovation and creativity for the residents' enjoyment and pleasure.

For 2015, there have already been several quality improvements and we are already planning more exciting and innovative changes to our summer and fall schedules to make the entertainment experience more enjoyable for all residents.

Do you have a new, creative idea for bringing more fun to our community?

Complete the Entertainment Committee Wishing Well form which you will find at the EC table in the East Activity Center, Monday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in May.

During June, July and August we will be there on Mondays and the second Thursday of the month only.

You can also send us your idea by visiting our page on the Box Office Website. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click the Box Office link, click the Clubs link and click the Entertainment Committee Link in the Gold Club box.

From there you will see a wishing well. Click the wishing well to get a simple form (photo at right). All you have to do is provide three lines of information and hit send.

It is that easy!

You may also email us at entcom2014@gmail.com.

If your suggestion is selected, not only will you win a prize, but you will also be able to participate in



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seeing it become reality and enhancing the entertainment experience for your friends and neighbors here at OTOW.

For those residents who have spring season show and/or dance tickets, remember to come in and renew in May if you wish to keep your same reserved seats for the fall show and dance season.

After June 1, your current reserved seats may be sold to others if it has not been renewed.

Come talk to us about our great ticket packages, especially if you are a new resident to OTOW. We will give you complimentary tickets to your first show or dance.

For groups of six or more, come to a show and/or a dance and we will

provide a group seating package with reserved seats and a discount.

Follow us on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732, and on the Box Office and bulletin boards, or call us at 727 797-1761. We look forward to personally greeting each of you at the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. and at all our events.

May is "Renew Your Season Tickets" Month

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JUNE 13 - SATURDAY - WESTERN ROUND-UP DANCE
 W/ MUSIC BY BITTER-SWEET
JUNE 14 - SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK - W/ LOUIS BRAVO





Pictured at left are the top finishers from the Men's Club Championship. From left to right, in the front row, are Tom McMinn, Edgar Belliveau, Bob McGrogan and Leo Kelly. In back are Dick Pasco, Bill Higgins and Don Sorensen.

Champs and runners-up honored at party

Winter is finally over until next year and our Snowbird friends are heading north to where they think the weather is going to be better.

The Men's Golf Association will be playing the first Wednesday in May, with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Please find your bullet proof vests and be ready to tee off for regular tournament play.

On May 20 we will be playing a "3 Clubs and a Putter" tournament with food, beer and soft drinks after play is completed.

Bonesavers

Bonesavers continues to meet all year round.

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises designed by Tuft University. Our exercises help prevent bone loss. We cannot grow new bones, but we can exercise to try to stop further loss.

Men and women are both welcome to attend our classes. We never do floor exercises and our classes are always free.

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

Men's Golf

In late April we held our annual Awards Banquet. Our various champions and runners-up were honored and each received awards.

The Club Champion was Bill Higgins and the Low Net Champion was Dave Pert.

Flight winners were Edgar Belliveau (A), Don Sorensen (B), Bob McGrogan (C) and Dave Pert (D). Flight

runners-up were Tom McMinn (A), Dick Pasco (B), Bill Robertson (C) and Leo Kelly (D).

A huge thank you to the ladies for giving up their time to come to our banquet to serve us our meal. We don't take you for granted, and do appreciate it very much. Most of us do have better manners when our women are around. Thanks for being there.

We had a new hole-in-one since our last article. Gary Sandine hit an ace on the 18th hole on March 19. Grant None, Tom McMinn and Bo Grad-

dock witnessed it. Great shot.

Don't forget to check out our Web site: www.OTOWMensGolf.com for the latest up-to-date information about your association. Why not check your tee time and the hole you are starting on so when you come to the window to check in you will have the correct info.

A reminder, as the weather begins to get hotter and more humid, be prepared. Stay hydrated and keep cool. Wear light colored jerseys, a cap and sunscreen.



Photo Search Answers

for April

In the April photo search, there are 10 differences between the left photo and right photo. Below is a list of the 10 differences in the right picture.

1. Left yellow pole is taller.
2. Left driver is black, not white.
3. Ladies dress in longer.
4. Logo on shirt is different.
5. Garbage can is missing.
6. Table base is different.
7. Squirrel on tree is added.
8. Belt is missing.
9. Driver is missing from golf bag.
10. Sweatband is moved on arm.

Fat Burning Workout!

Come join our fat-burning fun fitness workout every Tuesday, 9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

Men and women are both welcome.

Bring water and a towel.

Be prepared to have fun and burn a ton of calories.

We do not do floor exercises.

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SPORTS



Season saw more than 1,000 ringers



Horseshoes

The On Top of the World Horseshoe Club started its 2015 league play season on Jan. 6.

The season started with 14 members on the roster, however, some had conflicts or health issues and could not participate.

The season ended on March 31. Thirteen members pitched most all the games. A total of 42 league games were pitched.

League play is every Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Anyone interested in joining may come to the horseshoe pits behind the tennis and shuffle-

Full Season Players		Total Games	Total Points	Games Won/lost	Ringers
1.	Roy Montieth	38	2197	30/8	516
2.	Ray Lawrence	42	1815	28/14	318
3.	Jim Manard	32	1048	20/12	102
4.	Jim Collins	32	840	19/13	76
5.	Jim Rudderham	34	1179	19/15	56
6.	Gerald Smith	44	1360	21/23	48
7.	Wade Candler	30	1224	14/16	47
8.	Charlie Bosio	40	1045	14/26	35
9.	Jerry Rice	36	929	11/25	31
Part-Time Players					
1.	Jim Wishmier	24	447	4/20	33
2.	Preston Asper	14	471	4/10	60
3.	Dick Knight	10	339	6/4	42
4.	Jim Williams	4	112	2/2	11

(Stats by Gerald Smith)

board courts. Some members continue to play all summer after league play has ended.

The chart above shows the final

standings for each member participating.

Notes: Two-thirds of total games played are needed to be ranked in the

final scoring standings.

Two-thirds of 44 total games played, amounts to 29 games required to qualify for 2015 final standings.

Polar Bears party quirky-style



Representatives of the Polar Bear Club ended their season with a party and show at Hamburger Mary's in Clearwater. Above, club members are posing with cast members from the show. If anything you see in this picture looks confusing, ask a polar bear for details.



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At left, in the front row, are Flight C champion Linda Graff, Flight B champion Wendy Colquhoun and Flight A Ringer champion Vayna Cormier. In back is league president Marge Jacobs. Above is a group shot of our club at our post-season luncheon.

After all those birdies, golfers find time to party

By Vayna Cormier

While you're reading this, many of us are already at our summer homes, meaning North, with our families.

The end of our season was celebrated at Olive Garden in a private room reserved just for us to enjoy our time together with a delicious meal.

During the luncheon, Carol Kapor revealed the Flight Ringers winners for the season:

- Flight A: Vayna Cormier
- Flight B: Marge Jacob
- Flight C: Marge Sivek
- Flight D: Alice Wilson

Pat Murray congratulated the winners of the Flight Tournament.

- Flight A: Laypa Buck
- Flight B: Wendy Colquhoun
- Flight C: Linda Graff

Ladies 9-Golf

Flight D: Guntie Kenny

Marge Jacob presented the 2014-15 President's Champion plaque to Vayna Cormier.

Then Mary Ann O'Neil and Karen Johnson, the handicaps and birdies counters, had many envelopes to pass among us.

A 50/50 draw was won, not for the first time, by Ginny Tousignant made her the lucky person to join in a lottery ticket group. I'll remember that for next year Ginny!

I'm sure many of you know that this newspaper has set up a Box Office Website where you can visit the

"Women's 9-Hole League" Web page. On the site you can learn about upcoming events and see some photos. Here's how to go on it.

In your browser type:

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Go to Box Office - click to enter - click Visit a Club - look for Women's 9-Hole Golf League.

Send me an email if you have something you would like to share.

I will appreciate it and I'm very anxious to see how many people will visit the site each month.

Here are the weekly awards.

March 31

A flight-Jean Norris.

B flight-Connie Saylor, Theresa Gates.

C flight-Linda Graff, Marge Sivek.

D flight-Marnie Carr, Doris Reash, Hilda Platte, Karen Johnson, Ingrid Durhan, Verona Titus.

Birdies-Vayna Cormier, Marge Jacob, Marge Sivek on No. 2

April 7

A flight-Wendy Colquhoun, Vayna Cormier.

B flight-Theresa Gates, Dorothy Ryan, Connie Saylor, Anna Hyden.

C flight-Linda Graff, Mary Ann O'Neil, Doris Prekopa.

D flight-Karen Johnson, Maureen McGuire, Ann Robinson, Fran Pitman, Ce.Ce. Shaughnessy.

Like every spring, we say goodbye, thank you all for the great season of golf and hope to see you next fall.

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The ladies of the On Top of the World Tennis Association got together in mid-April to celebrate the end of the season with a luncheon. Looks like they worked up an appetite!



Eastman, Cheung crowned club champions

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association have crowned their 2015 champions.

The Club Champ is Pat Eastman, Handicap Champ is Cindy Cheung and the flight winners are: A Flight - (tie) Sherry Ivey and Maureen Stewart, B Flight - Gilda Gambacurta, C Flight - Gwen Lemke and D Flight - Joyce Monahan.

This is Cindy Cheung's first year in our league. She started playing golf in 2000 in California. The first three months she only practiced with one club a 7-iron. Her first time on a golf course she used two clubs the 7-iron and a putter.

After six months of practice, Cindy joined a country club and finally went out with a full set of clubs. She played two times a week but practiced daily at the driving range.

Cindy's work moved her around a lot and golf took a backseat. She hardly touched a club until 2009 when she joined a summer senior league in Ontario.

Cindy played three to four times a week.

She won a few putting contests and twice won a ladies long drive contest.

In March 2014, Cindy moved to OTOW where she concentrates on hitting the ball straight, getting exercise, breathing in the fresh air, and having a few laughs.

She played in the 2014 summer golf league then joined the Ladies 18-

Ladies 18-Golf

Hole Golf Association.

Her first big tournament was the two-day championship on March 9 and 10. Cindy shot her lowest round ever on March 10.

She said it was "pure luck" but it really was because of terrific putting.

Cindy feels lucky to have won the championship, but feels her real luck was to move to OTOW.

(See related story on page 36)

The 2015 club champ, Pat Eastman, had a slight lead after the first day.

On day two, Pat played with Carole Lacey, Sherry Ivey and Donna Smith. Carole Lacey put some pressure on Pat by beating her on the first nine. But Pat really concentrated on her game on the back nine and shot even par 32.

The foursome played some great golf. If they were playing a best ball tournament, they probably would have easily won posting a gross score of 59. This is Pat's ninth OTOW club championship.

Pat is also a member of Clearwater Golf Club, Hyannis Golf Club, and Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds.

Pat plays in the Massachusetts Women's State Tournaments and last year won the Townshend Cup. But her favorite memory of last summer was playing two days at Newport CC in a USGA event.



Pat Eastman and Cindy Cheung

In league play on St Patrick's Day, Linda McRice had the "luck of the Irish shot" with an eagle on the second hole. Linda chipped in from 70 yards. With a maiden name McGuire, Linda really is Irish.

Tuesday tournament winners:

March 10

A--Pat Eastman, Sherry Ivey, Maureen Stewart, Carole Lacey.
B--Cindy Cheung, Dale McMinn, Gloria Sayer.
C--Brenda McLeod, Gwen Lemke.
D--Joan Yorkery, Elaine Ellis.

March 17

A--Pat Eastman, Kim Norried.
B--Dale McMinn, Marie Lamothe.
C--Gwen Lemke, Betty McKay.
D--Boots Stanton, Joyce Monahan.

March 24

A--Pat Eastman, Maureen Stewart.
B--Christine Miller, Jill Orchard.
C--Cindy Schell, Gwen Lemke.
D--Boots Stanton, Gloria Hoffman.

March 31

A--Pat Eastman, Becky West.
B--Ada Bryant, Donna Smerz.
C--Fran Zaloski, Terri Mikszenas.
D--Marie Hebert, Sheila Meneilly.

OTOW holds first 'Open' golf tournament and plans call for moving it up next year

The first On Top of the World Open golf tournament is now in the record books.

Contestants were blessed with two days of beautiful weather and great course conditions.

This is the one tournament in which all OTOW residents can participate.

Tournament organizer, Clyde Hersberger noted that early reviews from the participants were very favorable.

On day one of the tournament, all

OTOW OPEN

golfers played from the white tees to a par 65. On day two, the blue tees were used and the course played to a par 67.

All play was conducted under USGA rules except where modified by local rules.

All players were assigned to a flight. Each flight was played at gross score. Handicaps were used only to

position players into flights.

As in all golf tournaments, some golfers struggled, others had their best rounds, and in a few cases, a little luck came into play.

Plans are already in the works for next year's tournament. Adjustments to tee selections and flights are under consideration.

One major change will be the timing. In order to include more players, the dates will be set in late January or early February.

The results for the first OTOW Open Tournament were:

A Flight: 1st place - Clyde Hersberger, 2nd place - Don Hunter, 3rd place - Paul Meyers.

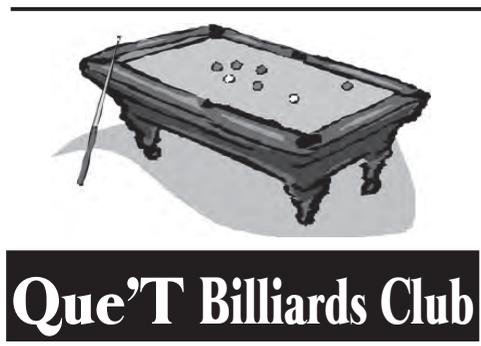
B Flight: 1st place - Rich Ziemicki, 2nd place - Tom McMinn, 3rd place - Don Hahs and Ron Parham.

C Flight: 1st place - Paul McMinn, 2nd place - Jahn Lawson, 3rd place - Dave Pittenger.

D Flight: 1st place - Vayna Cormier, 2nd place - Rodney Jones.



This summer, learn to play pool



Que'T Billiards Club

By Reva Heymann

Our club wants to actively encourage female residents who have never played pool (or who may have had a brief, beginning experience) to drop in and see if they might like to join a welcoming group.

You can learn the game for the first time or refresh the skills you have not used in a long time.

Most of us started playing pool with zero experience. We took advantage of an offer by the Men's Billiard Club to teach us skills and join a warm, supportive peer group.

While we play to win, we are non-intimidating and noncompetitive and



Judy Garvey, Reva Heymann, Liz Thompson, Elizabeth Asselta, Barbara Barnhart and Helen Crombie show the ladies like to smile as well as be competitive.

often share a lot of laughs.

Our opponents are as likely to make suggestions to improve our game as our partners.

In particular, we have a trio of male instructors who love to teach and who go out of their way to give individual instruction to anyone who needs it.

The club held our annual meeting

to select officers on March 18. We met prior to our regular Wednesday night pool practice in the West Activity Center Sunshine Room.

For the most part, our current board agreed to repeat for one more year. Our president, Helen Crombie, was re-elected. Our instructor, Denny Balderson, praised her highly for being very easy and pleasant to work with.

Barbara Barnhart was elected as vice president. Elizabeth Asselta will be treasurer again for the coming year. The secretary will be Liz Thompson. Reva Heymann will repeat as reporter for one more year. Katherine Mahoney, Judy Garvey and Maureen Doire will be the members at large.

After the meeting, we moved to the pool room for our usual Wednesday night matches. While we have been playing individual matches most of the time, this night we opted to play Scotch Doubles. In this game, partners are paired off to play against other partners.

We appear to be a well-matched group. Becky Balderson and Terry Drake tied for first place with the pair of Jasmine Rigas and Maureen Doire.

One member of our group, Margo Lindsay, competed in the Pinellas County Good Life Senior Games Eight Ball Tournament and won in her age group (80-84).

Our end of the month tournament for March was won by Ellen Frederick. Terry Drake was second and Helen Crombie was in third place.

Fred Schick wins Match Play Tournament

Thursday Golf

The Thursday Mix Golf League's 2015 Match Play Tournament is complete.

Numerous matches were played and most of them were very close.

The final four players consisted of Bo Craddock, Dan Hyden, Barry Levene and Fred Schick.

When the dust settled and all putts were holed out, Fred Schick edged out Bo Craddock for the win.

Fred stated that all the matches were very competitive and he relied on unadulterated luck, but we golfers know that luck will only get you so far. Shots must be made and putts must go in.

Congratulations Fred, and thank you to all participants.

Match play has concluded but weekly competitions continue. Week 16 saw three players all have great rounds and it took several tie-breakers to decide a winner. Phil Aubrey took first place honors. Garry Patrick was



Fred Schick

second and Dick Kronawetter placed third. Bill Higgins had the low gross score. Skins were won by Jim Cawley, Clyde Hershberger, Don Baker, Warren Levene, Bill Higgins, Phil Aubrey and Bruce MacPherson. Gary Sandine also had a skin, but he did it in fantastic style by recording a hole-in-one on the 18th hole!

Mike LaViolette took first place in week 17, his last competition before

heading north for the summer. Steve Roessner was second and Dave Pittenger placed third. Bruce MacPherson took low gross honors. Bill Higgins took two skins. Rich Ziembicki, John Maloof and Bruce MacPherson had one skin each. Gilda Gambacurta, Barry Levene and Gary Sandine were long drive winners. Clyde Hershberger was closest to the pin.

Barry Levene was week 18 champion. Don Sorensen placed second. Clyde Hershberger took third place and low gross honors. Phil Aubrey, Don Sorensen and Clyde Hershberger had hot hands and captured two skins apiece.

Week 19 saw Dennis Trauffer turn in one of his best rounds of the season and take first place. J.T. Norris placed second in a tie-breaker over Fred Schick, who was third. Clyde Hershberger had the low gross round. Bruce MacPherson took three skins. Rich Ziembicki, John Maloof, Dick Kronawetter and Clyde Hershberger had one skin each. Jim Cawley was the closest to the pin winner. Log drives were hit by Joyce Monahan, Don Hunter and Phil Aubrey

Don Hunter remains in the lead for the race to league champion with 34 points. Bruce MacPherson is in second place with 32 points. Steve Yauk and Clyde Hershberger are next with 31. Gary Sandine, Bill Gambacurta and Paul Meyers follow with 27 points. John Maloof, Fred Schick and Mike LaViolette have 25. Dennis Trauffer is next with 24 points. Garry Patrick has 23 points.

The league champion is the person who accumulates the most points over the course of the season. There are only a few weeks of competition left and this season's race is the closest ever.

The Thursday Golf League welcomes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Players must sign in by 10:30 a.m. and play begins between 10:30 and 11 a.m. every Thursday.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. 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.



SPORTS



Some hits went over the fence, others were stopped on great defensive plays

By Bob Rittner

With the off-season looming, each player has received his instructions about staying in shape and working on specific skills.

Cody's Roadhouse Grill 7

Scott's Pharmacy 15

Grounder to right side. John Schneider ranges far to his left, scoops the ball and tosses to first for the out.

Hard two hop grounder up the middle. Joe Farrell reacts to the bad bounce and races to second to force the runner.

Dying quail to left. Bill Edwards flashes in, backhanding the ball at grass level.

There are the keys to the game. It looks like a rout, but turned on critical defensive plays that stymied rallies.

Oh yes. Third inning. Bob Stoddard crushes two-run homer to center.

Fourth inning. Reload, Jim Kemp, repeat.

Sixth inning. Reload, Lenny Segall, repeat.

For Cody's, Guy Bertuzzi powered three two-baggers among his four hits while Allan Bendert and Tony Caputo homered.

Cody's 7, Scott's 9

Perhaps it was the presence of the camera, but players outdid themselves in the field.

Trevor Dixon covered all of right field racing to snatch a ball near the line. Later, Jim Kemp replayed Trevor's magic when he flashed into left center to snare a sinking liner.

Meanwhile Scott's fielders Don Marsden, Chris Ferrugia, Gary Burgett, Howard Huff and Joe Farrell helped pitcher Glenn Ohl put up six scoreless innings, repeatedly cutting off rallies with sparkling plays.

Cody's defense was solid as well, particularly Bill Edwards in left field and first baseman Hugh Quirk. And despite the frustration of being stymied by Scott's defense, Cody's did open the scoring on a three-run homer by Allan Bendert and later rallied for three runs in the ninth to make it close. But home runs by Don Marsden

Softball

and Chris Ferrugia were enough to clinch the victory.

Scott's 14, Cody's 15

Hugh Quirk stepped to the plate with Paul Fice on first base in a tie game in the bottom of the ninth and promptly cranked a double to the fence scoring Paul, whose speed had already created runs for Cody's.

In this close contest, Lenny Segall and Jim Kemp hit back-to-back home runs in the third inning for a short-lived Scott's lead, but a three-run eighth inning, highlighted by Allan Bendert's homer, returned the lead to Cody's.

Scott's tied the game in the top of the ninth setting up Hugh's heroics.

Trevor Dixon continued his amazing outfield play with a series of running catches.

Cody's 13, Scott's 3

John Schneider's spectacular catch and four-hit day were not enough to derail Cody's juggernaut.

Scott's did not score until the fifth inning, by which time Cody's had six runs. Lenny Segall's homer in the seventh and Jim Kemp's RBI single in the ninth completed Scott's scoring.

Meanwhile, Cody's got four hits from Bill Edwards and Bob Rittner and run scoring doubles from Bill Lepping, Paul Fice, Tony Caputo, Guy Bertuzzi and Frank Brown.

Scott's 12, Cody's 14

A three-run eighth inning, created by five consecutive hits from Bill Lepping, Bob Stoddard, Jim Pollock, Phil Kirch and Roger Hebler, broke the tie for Cody's.

Scott's got a home run from Chris Ferrugia and kept the game close, but could only score once in the ninth.

Cody's 14, Scott's 17

Sam Macaluso snagged a deep fly into center field and doubled a runner off second with a perfect peg to end

the game. Scott's had broken a tie in the bottom of the eighth, and Sam's defensive gem closed the deal.

Glenn Ohl and Don Marsden homered for Cody's as did Steve Brown for Scott's, while Guy Bertuzzi's and Frank Brown's four-hit days were equaled by Bob Stoddard, Bill Edwards and Steve.

Joe Farrell of Scott's drove in four runs with a double and two singles.

Scott's 14, Cody's 10

Bill Edwards reached over the fence to bring back a home run and then hit two over the fence himself to lead Scott's.

Lenny Segall also homered while Bill Lepping had two doubles among his four hits. Tony Caputo and Bob Fields also had four-hit days.

For Cody's, Don Marsden and Roger Hebler homered, while Guy

Bertuzzi had a perfect four-hit day.

Cody's 10, Scott's 18

Playing his last game of the season, Bill Edwards' star burned brightest as he went 4-for-4, made a series of spectacular outfield catches and used his blazing speed to score five runs, two as a pinch-runner.

Steve Brown almost stole Bill's spotlight, ending the game with a jaw-dropping catch of a Cody's line drive. He also hit three balls over the fence among his five hits, while Lenny Segall cleared the fence twice and went 4-for-4.

Cody's had highlight moments, including a running, stretching catch in the outfield by Roger Hebler and four hits from Tony Caputo.

But after a nip and tuck game through five innings, Scott's pulled away.



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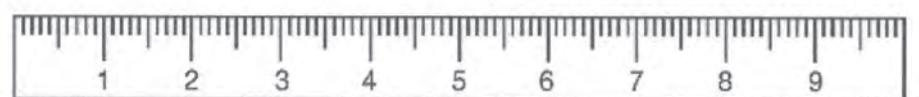
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Pictured above are the top finishers in a recent 8-ball tournament for season qualifiers. In the first row, left to right, are John Fier, Joe Ventimiglia, Nick Sapienza, Ed Ramirez, Tony Baker, Bob Ellis, Garry Patrick, Barb Sundberg and Mario Rodriguez. In back are Don Sorensen, Allen Pier, Ian Hunter, Charles McKague, Dave Williams, Dennis Balling and Gene Amature. (Photo by George Swiderski)

Dave Williams, Ian Hunter win 8-Ball titles

This is what so many of us have worked for all year. The annual men's 8-ball tournament was held on March 30.

Leading up to this tournament was a qualifying tournament on Monday March 23. On this night, eight shoot-

ers from A Flight qualified for the finals, including Tony Baker, Charles McKague, Allen Pier, Ed Ramirez, Mario Rodriguez, Don Sorensen, Joe Ventimiglia and Dave Williams.

On Tuesday, March 24, the following eight B Flight players qualified:

Gene Amature, Dennis Balling, Bob Ellis, John Fier, Ian Hunter, Garry Patrick, Nick Sapienza and Barb Sundberg.

During the March 30 finals, with qualifiers only, Dave Williams walked away with first place in the A Flight

with Allen Pier capturing second place and Joe Ventimiglia claiming third place.

In B Flight, Ian Hunter took first place honors. After a playoff, Bob Ellis captured second place and John Fier took third place.

Billiards Club elects officers for 2015-16 season

In March, the Billiard Club board for 2015-16 was elected and took over April 1.

Congratulations to President Joe Ventimiglia; Vice President Dennis Balling; Secretary Joe Wisinski and Treasurer Howard Wilson.

Members at Large are Joe Doire, Vinnie Martinez, Andy Suhar and Dave Williams.

A special thank you to Tony Esposito for taking over as President last year and finishing the year.

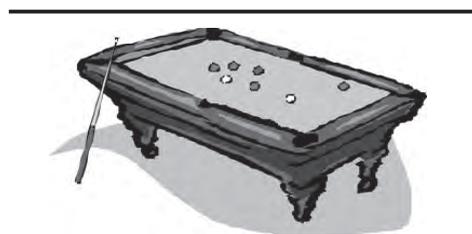
On Monday, March 16, in A Flight play, there was a two-way tie for first place between Denny Balderson and Dave Williams. No playoff was held.

On Tuesday, March 17, in B Flight, Herb Jordan took first place in the West side division. After a playoff between Dennis Balling, Ray Quirion and Nick Sapienza, Dennis took second and Ray finished third.

On the East side, Ian Hunter captured first place. After a playoff between Bill Robertson and Barb Sundberg, Bill took second and Barb had to settle for third.

On Tuesday, March 31, the A and B Flights held a tournament together.

In the West side division, Nick Sapienza captured first place, Joe Ventimiglia claimed second place and Tom



Billiards

King settled for third.

From the East side, Joe Doire walked away with first place. After a playoff between Barb Sundberg and Dave Williams, Dave took second and Barb had to settle for third again.

On Monday, April 6, in A Flight, Tony Baker captured first place, Herb Jordan claimed second and Bob Ellis took third place.

In B Flight, on April 7, Gene Baranowski walked away with first place, Don Sorensen captured second and Joe Ventimiglia settled for third.

On April 13 in A Flight, Denny Balderson captured first place winning 9 out of 10 games. Dave Williams claimed second place with eight wins out of 10 games and Joe Doire settled for third place winning 7 out of 10 games.

On April 14 in B Flight, Don So-

rensen captured the first place slot by winning 11 out of 12 games and Joe Ventimiglia claimed second place with 10 wins out of 12. No playoff was held for third place between Gene Baranowski and Vinnie Martinez.

On Tuesday, March 17, in 9-ball tournament play, Danny Kane ran away with first place with Joe Gora taking second place.

On March 24, once again, Danny Kane took first place honors with Don Sorensen claiming second place.

On Tuesday, March 31 there was a repeat performance with Danny Kane taking first place and Don Sorensen claiming second place.

On April 7, Joe Gora captured first place with Tony Baker taking second place. Tony was also the only player who made the 9 ball on a break.

One week later, on April 14, Tony Baker made the 9 ball on a break again, but this time he also took first place. Ed Ramirez claimed second place.

Thursday night, March 12, they played Scotch Doubles with the team of Ray Quirion and Dave Williams taking first place honors, the team of Dennis Balling and Joe Doire taking second, and the team of Nick Sapienza and Joe Wisinski settling for third.

On March 19, they played Scotch

Doubles with the team of Gene Amature and Dennis Balling capturing first place, Ian Hunter and Ed Ramirez claiming second place, and Joe Doire and Norm Theriault settling for third.

At the March 26 tournament, they played Scotch Doubles. The team of Tony Baker and Bob Ellis, and the team of Ian Hunter and Ed Ramirez scored eight wins each. No playoff was held for first and second places.

Barb Sundberg and Joe Ventimiglia took third place.

W stands for win, but it also stands for Williams and Wittman. On April 2, the team of Dave Williams and Terry Wittman pulled off a win in Scotch Doubles after a playoff with Joe Gora and John Shearer. Nick Sapienza and Barb Sundberg settled for third place.

On April 9, the team of Bob Ellis and Howard Wilson walked away with first place. After a playoff between the team of Joe Gora and Vinnie Martinez, and the team of Maureen Doire and Barb Sundberg, Maureen and Barb captured second place. Joe and Vinnie settled for third.

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My name is Bella.
 My mommy's name is Lori Nunziato from the Granada Building.
 I am a rescue baby about 5-6 years old. I almost died several years ago, but my mommy saved me by feeding me with an eye dropper for many days when I couldn't eat or drink.
 I have "post-dramatic stress." My mommy doesn't know what caused it since it happened before she adopted me, but she still hugs me when I get scared and she holds me tight to let me know I am safe.
 I am so happy to be living at On Top of the World. I love having many friends here who play with me.
 I love to have my hair brushed and I watch TV. I enjoy homemade treats my mommy makes for me, and I love to dance when I am happy.
 I do not like thunderstorms, but I have many places in my home to hide if one comes.
 Some of my buddies are Jax, Patrick and Ziggy. We have a lot of fun chasing each other around. Mommy always brings a basket with her, so when I get tired I can just sleep in it.
 Happy spring everyone!



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!

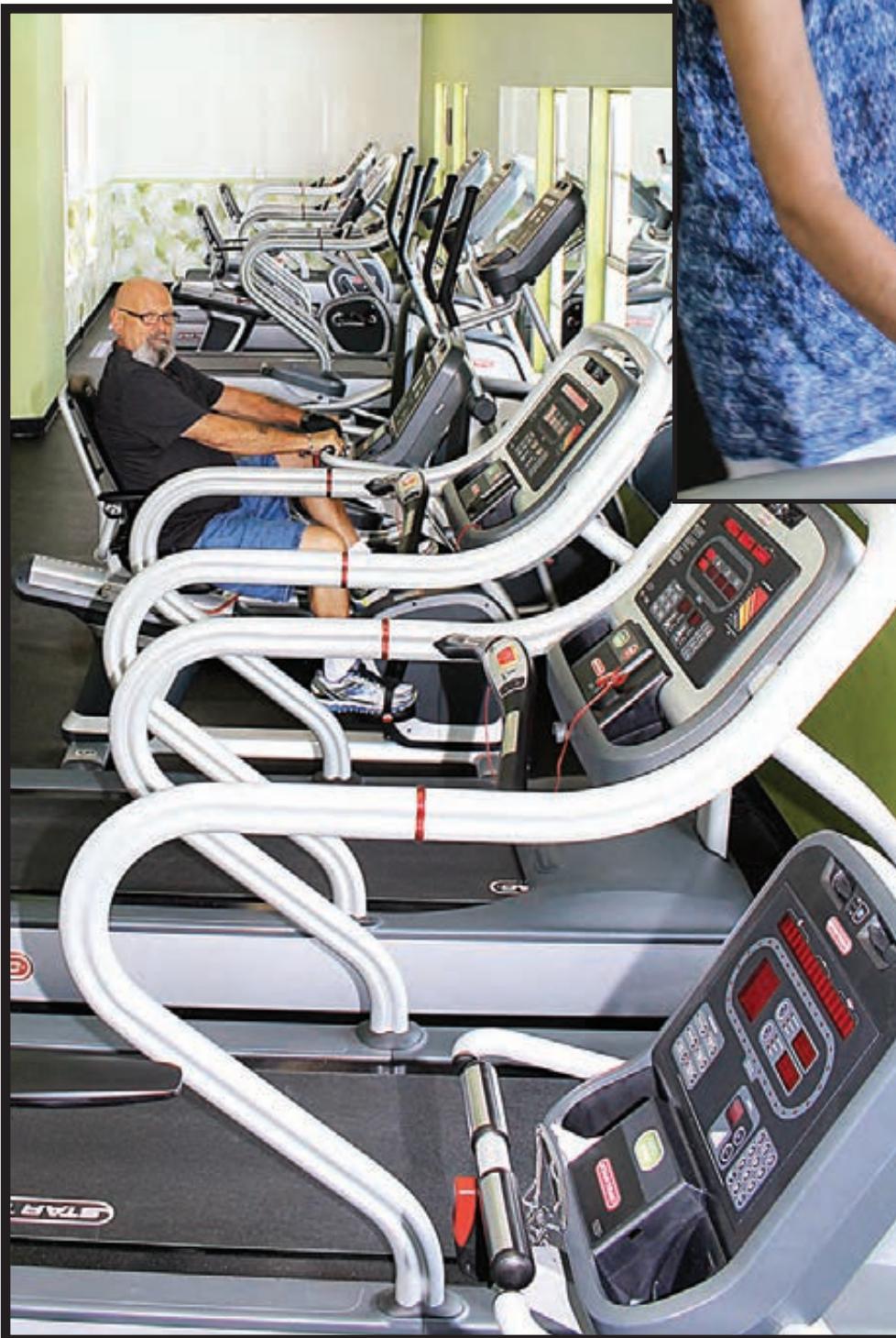
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BUILDING REPORTS



WAC gym gets new equipment



You no longer have an excuse not to get back in shape! The West Activity Center gym is back in business with new equipment and a different look.

“All previous equipment was removed from the gym,” said SCA Manager Dessa Barabba. “Thirteen pieces of new equipment were added.”

The new exercise machines include six treadmills, four bicycles and three ellipticals. Each device can be electronically adjusted to match your abilities. Gauges can keep track of time and simulated distance.

Behind the exercise machines are new weights and a new weight rack.

Previously, there was a multi-workout station in this room, but it has been removed because of its aging condition. It is not known at this time whether more equipment will be brought in.

“We are researching a possible replacement,” Dessa said.

Residents with a valid recreation card are permitted to use the exercise room, but management does ask individuals to limit their time on the machines to 30 minutes so other residents do not have to wait long for their own workouts.

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Grandson is double Emmy recipient

On September 20, 2014, David Bauer, grandson of Shirley Bauer of the Cordoba Building, was awarded two Emmy Awards from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. David was recognized for his work on a 12-part documentary series entitled "Philadelphia."

David was the senior editor on the documentary. His other projects include local sports footage and numerous foreign documentaries.

David is married and the father of a 16-month-old girl. He lives in the Philadelphia area and has been working as a film editor for nine years.



Cordoba

Shirley is very proud of David as she is of all of her grand- and great-grandchildren.



David Bauer holds the two television "Emmy" awards bestowed on him for his work on an acclaimed 12-part documentary series. David is the grandson of Cordoba building resident Shirley Bauer. (Photo provided by Shirley Bauer)



Yvonne Courtney

Hawaiian Towers

New residents have varied interests

Summer has begun, with so much sunshine and plenty to do.

Just name it, and get out and do it! We have a few new residents in our building who are getting out and "doing the do."

Joan Travis moved here from Tucson (she's originally from Chicago). Her brother has a resort on Clearwater Beach and she has a sister who lives at On Top of the World. She moved here to be close to family. She enjoys reading, knitting, and pool exercise.

Kevin McBride lived in Long Island from 1951 to 2011, then upstate until he moved here. At one time, he owned a total of nine bars in Nassau County. His brother-in-law introduced him to OTOW.

His interests include darts, billiards, and the swimming pool.

Next time you're out for a stroll, take a look at Wilma and Herman Dampier's front garden. It looks very nice. Gardening is something Wilma really enjoys.

So get out there and enjoy the summer!

Northern trip hampered by late snowfall

Our neighbors Robert (Bob) and Rita Waples recently went up North on a trip to Philadelphia.

They wanted to help Rita's sister Nancy and her husband Lee celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Before the trip, Bob and Rita dropped off their dog, Riley, in New Port Richey, so Bob's sister could watch him. They drove for two days and finally arrived in Philadelphia on a Saturday.

The surprise party was to be held the next day. Unfortunately, a late snowstorm forced them to postpone the party. Bob and Rita stayed two more weeks and they finally had the party. The party was a success and the happy couple was surprised. Even with all the changes everyone had a great time.



Rila Renaissance

Bob and Rita left the next day and arrived in Florida on a Monday. They went right to Bob's sister's house to pick up the dog. They were so happy to finally get home to sunny Florida.

We recently had a pizza and salad

get-together outside our building. As usual, we had a great turnout. We all said goodbye to our neighbor and friend Audrey Lerigo. Audrey will be moving to Port Richey very soon. We will miss you Audrey! The Art Guild will miss you as well as you them. When you get settled, we hope you come to visit us.

We hope all our neighbors and their families have a respectful Memorial Day and a great weekend celebration. Enjoy the rest of spring!

As I said in other columns, I love writing articles for our building, but I do need news. There is a note on our bulletin boards with my information and my phone number. You can also leave a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board in the core.

Featured residents always busy with activities

Residents of the English Tudor building were very blessed three years ago when new owners bought a unit in their building. This couple is the original "I can do that, what can I do to help, what do you need done" couple.

I'd like you to meet Bill and Gilda Gambacurta (see photo). Bill came to Canada from Italy when he was 7 years old and 17-year-old Gilda came to Canada from the Netherlands.

They have been married 37 years (and they look 37 years old) and raised three children who all have partners. They also have a 2-year-old granddaughter.

Bill is a retired high school teacher and Gilda is a registered nurse who retired as a clinical hospital manager.

Bill and Gilda originally came part time to Florida to spend a month per year. One day surfing the Internet three years ago they found an advertisement for On Top of the World as a 55-plus community with free golf.

Their hobbies are golf, biking, exercise groups, belonging to the Canadian Club and Baby Boomers.



Kay Tenuta

English Tudor

They also love to go out for dinner. On holidays they bring at least one family couple over to share the season.

During their time here they expose non-golfer Baby Boomers to the game of golf explaining the rules and encouraging them to have fun with the game.

Keeping busy in their down time, Bill is interested in computers, IT work and anything to do with electronics.

He also plays the piano every day for an hour. For Gilda it is gardening (her landscaped corner on the core is the prettiest I've seen), reading,



English Tudor featured residents Gilda and Bill Gambacurta, originally from Canada.

singing and taking any kind of self-improvement course.

In other news, JoAnn Dameron has been busy planning cocktail parties on the Brazilia side, both of which were a hit. She also planned and carried out a wonderful cook-out. She cooked two hams for the entrée, while attendees brought side dishes and desserts. No one went home hungry! Annett and Ken won the 50/50 drawing.

Be sure and read our bulletin board for all events.

Happy Mother's Day
from everyone at
OTOW News!



Mother's Day is
Sunday, May 10

Welcome new Capistrano reporter to OTOW News

Hello, I am Joan Baptist, your new Capistrano building news reporter!

Thank you so much for this opportunity. Also, thanks, Marvin Maziarz, for your time and dedication during your tenure as our Capistrano building reporter.

It was suggested that for my first article, I share a little bit about myself. While I was born in Amsterdam, N.Y., I have lived in the Tampa Bay Area since I was 2 years old. So, I am as close to a native Floridian as you can get without being born here.

I have had a number of careers. I was a medical assistant for an osteopathic physician for a few years and then a mortgage banker for 18 years. Then for a while, I closed insolvent savings and loan associations with the federal government. After that, I was a technical writer and manager for a number of years (my favorite career).

Finally I wrapped up my working years with project management. I have been retired since last September and, as seems to be typical, I have never been busier.

In 2005, I moved to On Top of the World and lived in the Curacao building. Last fall, I bought a unit in the Capistrano building, where my mom (Anne Girard), my dog (Alex) and I now



live. We absolutely love our new place and our new neighbors.

As my building's news reporter, my goal is to deliver current, interesting and upbeat stories. To do that, my dear Capistrano neighbors, I will definitely need your help.

Please let me know of news you want to share with your OTOW community. Milestone anniversaries and birthdays, births of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, interesting or exotic trips, group events, and personal accomplishments and achievements are all great topics for our monthly article.

To get your stories to me, just stop by my place or give me a call at 723-0191. I look forward to hearing from you!

Belated Easter party was still much fun for residents

We had a late Easter, but a real fun time, as 20 of us joined Paula and Paul Seggelin.

Why so much fun? Paula was dancing in costume with her maracas. Music and laughter could be heard all over. The end was special, especially when money was thrown at her.

Even Joe Ditolve (from the Jesters) joined singing with her. Good job, Joe!

Paula's friends, Millie Varuss and Kathy Grey, were on hand, too (they are from another On Top of the World building). They'll sure have some news for their building!

After it got quiet, Paul was telling us that OTOW reminded him of his much-missed homing pigeons when he saw them by his condo. At home in Massachusetts, he would watch the morning doves making their nests, then laying their eggs and feeding their young-un's, then they would leave the nest, which



Paul found interesting to follow. Keep looking Paul, they might pay you a visit!

Keep following your building bulletin board for future events. I'm working on an idea for the opening season of the OTOW "mermaids." I can't wait!

Remember no one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another. Be kind to one another and God Bless.

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OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



Class is 9-Noon, June 18 & 19 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room

(Please fill out one form per person. Completed forms must be dropped off at the OTOW newsroom by June 11.)

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You must bring a check for \$15 to the first class. Make check payable to AAA.



Mandalay residents enjoy lunch at the Oriental Buffet. To name just a few, residents in this photo included Linda and Lee Siegal, Miriam McCarty, Shirley Finestein, Anne Rost, and Tom and Sue Barrett.

Residents enjoy resumption of building luncheons

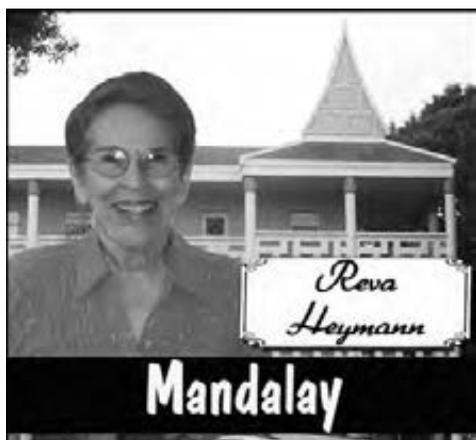
As we discussed in the April report, Mandalay residents were eager to resume regular building lunches and get-togethers, so there was a very positive response to the first one.

We met April 22 at the Oriental Buffet (see photo). We had a table long enough to take up one full aisle from the door to the back wall in their banquet room. Conversation was lively (although the distance involved kept them to the local area), but people moved around a lot (since it was an all-you-can-eat buffet) and had brief conversations as they went by to get seconds or desserts.

The mood was happy and people reported afterwards how much they enjoyed it.

Miriam McCarty just came back from a family trip with her daughter (who lives nearby in Palm Harbor). They drove to Valdosta where they met her grandson and his girlfriend.

The grandson left his car in Valdosta, Ga., and joined Miriam and her daughter. They drove to Cummings, Ga., and spent two days with her granddaughter (joined briefly by a grandson who drove over from Atlanta). Two little dogs (belonging to her daughter) added to the crew.



They then drove on to Maryville, Tenn., where still another granddaughter attends Maryville College. Her granddaughter could not come home because she is on the softball team and they had games scheduled.

They rented a suite and stayed two days visiting, sightseeing, watching softball games, eating out in restaurants and having a marvelous time.

Her granddaughter chose to attend a small college like Maryville because she wanted to play soccer and softball but, as a freshman, wound up sitting on the bench at a larger school. Instead, she made both teams and even earned some local recognition as a goalie for the soccer team.



A look back at the OTOW News (May, 1990)

By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz

- The OTOW Joy Group "Just Older Youth" entertained at various nursing homes and rehab centers in the area. The line dancers were a welcome addition. Evan Yearwood played the harmonica and Betty Kress accompanied him on piano. Laura and Nick del Vacchio were a big hit, and our "OTOW Toppers," (Millie Hopper, Joyce Beurkens and Cele Radeloff) danced to "New York, New York."
- In the Line Dancing column, Ilsa Sporbeck was complimented for creating a musical program that took the line dancers around the world through dance. They "visited" 21 countries, including Monte Carlo, Sweden, Switzerland, etc., with appropriate song titles, ending with "I Left My Heart in San Francisco."
- At the Shalom Club's meeting, there were 60 people present. Retiring as president was Wally Howard.
- The Great Lakes Club presented the "Helen and Billy Scott Show," a fun-filled musical variety program.
- Kay Gordon, president of the Married Women's Club, announced that in October lunch would be at the MacDill AFB Officer's Club.
- The Shrine Club of OTOW donated \$1,000 to the Crippled Children's Hospital. All Shriners, their ladies and widows of Shriners were invited to attend their meetings.

**OTOW After-Hours Emergency
Number: 799-1115**
(Water intrusion, elevator entrapment,
building alarm malfunctions, and
electrical problems)

COFFEE CORNER

Coffee and donuts are served from 7 to
10 a.m. every weekday morning in the
East Activity Center auditorium.



**Remember our
fallen heroes
on Memorial Day
Monday, May 25**

In observance of Memorial Day, here is the official site of the Society of The Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: <https://tombguard.org/>.
The Arlington Cemetery site can be found at www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/.

Long-time resident worked with 'Rosie the Riveter'

Recently, long-time Austrian Alpine resident Blanche Mahrle, dressed in denim and a red bandanna, recounted her experiences at Michigan's Willow Run B-24 Liberty bomber plant.

Blanche worked at the plant from 1942 to 1945. Built by the Ford Motor Company and financed by the U.S. Government, the plant employed 42,000 workers who constructed a B-24 Liberator plane every hour.

The bomber plant was in operation around the clock. The employees arrived by the busload, with buses running every 8 minutes, Blanche remembers.

At peak operation, the plant manufactured 8,700 B-24 planes — 18 planes a day. The plant was a huge operation, with a warehouse that covered 11 acres, a production facility with many on-loan presses from the Ford automobile plant, and a large assembly area. In all, the L-shaped plant was 2.5 million square feet. Test flights



were conducted on runways located on-site at Willow Run.

Blanche noted that in 1942, the country was coming out of the Depression, unemployment was 17 percent, and employees at the plant were glad to make \$1.15 an hour.

Although Blanche worked as a secretary at the plant, an original "Rosie the Riveter" also worked there, along

with thousands of other women. In fact, of the 6 million women who went to work during World War II, 3 million were employed by the busy defense industry.

Edsel and Henry Ford started planning the facility in April 1941. When Edsel Ford died unexpectedly in 1943 at age 49, Edsel's 25-year-old son Henry Ford II left the Navy to run the plant and the Ford Motor Company.

Blanche met her future husband, Clarence, at the Willow Run plant. He drove 40 miles each way to visit Blanche and convinced her to marry him. Gas was rationed, so Clarence found ways to secure gas stamps for his lengthy drives. Blanche and Clarence were happily married for 60 years.

There is an informative nine-minute YouTube presentation of Norman Rockwell's "Rosie the Riveter" at the Crystal Bridges Museum

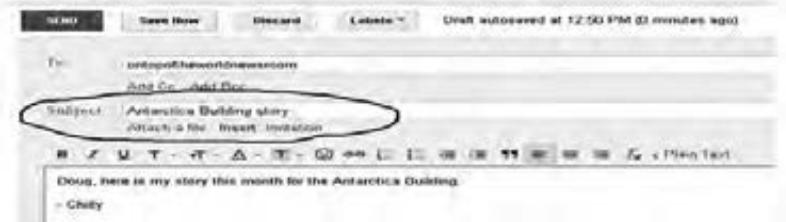


Featured resident Blanche Mahrle worked at Ford's huge Willow Run plant that turned out thousands of B-24 bombers during WWII.

of American Art in Arkansas. Just Google "youtube rosie the riveter crystal bridges museum" or something similar. Many results will appear for the video and the museum.

Attention OTOW News writers ...

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'No. 1' Rays fan rides to 90th birthday party in style

About a year and a half ago I decided to make a list of the New World French resident birthdays.

Most months there are three or four celebrants to acknowledge. To my great surprise, my list for March was 12, the most noteworthy of them being that of Miss Marilyn Weeks, who on March 25 celebrated her 90th birthday.

Miss Marilyn was born and raised in Royal Oak, Mich. Her only sibling, a brother, passed away at an early age. She was class valedictorian of her high school and received a degree in secretarial science from Hillsdale College.

She excelled in her work for the several places that she was employed, namely the Sheraton and Statler Hotels.

She and her parents moved to Clearwater 38 years ago, where she gained employment as social director at the Fort Harrison Hotel, which at that time was most notable.

She has lived for 23 years off and on at On Top of the World, of which the last 10 have been in our own New World French building.

She is an active member of the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church.



Her best friend and love of her life is her pedigreed Maltese, "Jag," who has kept her company every day for the past 15 years.

Under the efforts of Reta Carny, a grand party was arranged for Marilyn at Johnny's Restaurant. Gene Carney began the festivities with a presentation of a beautiful pink rose (pink is her favorite color).

Mike Caramara drove her to the eatery in his new Corvette (see photo). A crowd of 35 neighbors greeted her on her arrival at the restaurant, which was festooned with Tampa Bay Rays emblems and balloons.

Everyone who knows Marilyn knows that she is a "number one"



Marilyn Weeks prepares to board Mike Caramara's Corvette for a fancy ride to her birthday party. Marilyn turned 90 on March 25.

Tampa Bay Rays fan, starting when the team was known as the Devil Rays. I believe she could manage their game better than the ones in charge!

The theme of the gala was "Number 1 Fan." She received as gifts a small baseball rug, which now decorates her dining room table and of course has "#1 Fan" emblazoned on it and a Rays lightweight jacket on which Deborah Androvetta had embroidered "Weeks #1" and a party photo album.

Another gift was a bottle of her favorite spirits, Baileys Bristol Cream. A cake, decorated with the same inscription, was served by Reta and Gin Upton.

It indeed was a very happy affair. When asked what her favorite memory was, she responded, "I have been very blessed throughout my life, but this day will not be forgotten." She concluded with these words: "Building 1 is and will always be Number 1."

Family visitors in abundance for Easter

About 45 attended the "Goodbye Snowbirds" core party on March 26.

The chicken was delicious, and the side dishes and desserts were super. We have very good cooks in this building. Our thanks to our building captain, Paul Bruyere and wife Claire for hosting such a great sendoff party for our Snowbirds. Their note of "thank you, thank you, thank you" on the bulletin board the next morning showed their appreciation.

Angela Ries had three children and spouses visiting who stayed on Clearwater Beach. They loved eating at Villa Maria. On two afternoons at the Iguana Bar in the Holiday Inn, they enjoyed the entertainment of a wedding taking place and feeding the heron, "George."

We welcome Dot and Don Meyers from Kentucky. They are friends of the Pellerins. Don was taking a walk and saw me struggling with my "too many" food packages. He graciously volunteered to help me carry them to my condo. Thank you, Don, for being a true southern gentleman!

Many of us had family visitors for Easter. Vi Donato had her son visit from Alaska. He is the chief engineer of the company he works for.

Kathy and Paul Malessa had two



of their sons and one daughter over for Easter. One son, just out of the Army, has a B.A. and is working. The youngest son, just out of the Navy, is studying mathematics and computer science at USF.

The daughter works for the Humane Society. A third son, who couldn't make it, is just out of the Marines and lives in Texas with his wife and two children.

Our daughter, a CPA, visited us from Coppell, Texas, with her 13-year-old daughter. We had a reunion family dinner at the Villa Maria on Holy Saturday. On Easter Sunday, I was motivated to have a brunch for all the family and friends.

We had a few professional

musicians serenade us: my son on the guitar and my late sister-in-law's daughter, who played guitar and sang the Psalms so beautifully.

My daughter and granddaughter flew home to Texas that early Easter evening to be with her other three children and husband, an ER doctor who had to work that weekend.

The weekend before, their 16-year-old daughter, a junior at Coppell High School, did a triathlon. It seems to run in the family. Four years ago, when the family lived in Savannah, Ga., her parents came down to St. Petersburg to participate in the St. Anthony's Triathlon. Last year, her dad did one in Ohio with friends from Savannah.

After enjoying the Jesters Show in February, I was privileged to attend two other musicals in March. The first was the Clearwater Chorus at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Near the end of the show, my friend Dot's son played piano and sang a rendition of Cabaret that brought the house down. Some even said he stole the show!

The second show was the On Top of the World Chorus doing all the old Broadway show tunes. Wonderful music, beautiful voices, and great entertainment!

Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

OTOW language classes prepared couple for tour of Italy

In order to make sure they were ordering the right wine on their recent trip to Italy, Emerald Isle residents Joanne Sappio and Lance Goonan availed themselves of On Top of the World's Italian language classes.

As Snowbirds from New Jersey, they were able to participate in the classes during January, February, and March, of last year. While they didn't exactly become bilingual in that length of time, the classes gave them the assurance that their pronunciation of menu items and wines was accurate and intelligible.

This was very important to them because a large part of their research for their very comprehensive tour of Italy was devoted to the wines of each region they were going to visit.

Their Insight bus tour of Italy lasted more than two weeks and included Rome, Santa Margherita, Lake Maggiore, Venice, Florence, Sorrento, Pompeii, Amalfi, Positano, Capri, and Sicily (see photos).

Although there were many outstanding moments on this glorious



trip, both Joanne and Lance were most impressed by the ancient city of Pompeii with its advanced civilization. Pompeii was buried under 13 to 20 feet of ash and pumice by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Excavators have recovered many artifacts and have even been able to pump plaster into voids left by decayed bodies to show the exact positions of victims.

The wine was good too! In each region they sampled the major wines from their research, but also tried to include those from local

Joanne Sappio and Lance Goonan enjoy some fine wine in Sorrento (left) during their fall tour of Italy (map at right). (Photos courtesy of Joanne Sappio)

vineyards with each meal. They were never disappointed.

Of course, these delicious wines accompanied the unmatched Italian cuisine of each area. Lance's favorite meal was wild boar in Tuscany. Joanne liked everything, especially a handmade pasta they encountered called picci (pronounced peachy), which was essentially long, thick spaghetti.

After the tour ended, they struck out on their own, spending a week in a

villa in Tuscany where they had splendid views of the very picturesque town of Gimignano from their kitchen.

In order to continue their wine sampling and sight-seeing these intrepid tourists rented a car and drove around the Tuscany area.

A P.S. from me from the March paper: Before it was discovered that the earth was round, it was still round, even though people thought it was flat.

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

Summer meetings may be moved to the EAC

We had a wonderful turnout for our building pizza party in the second floor core.

After the goodies were finished, we had an informal business meeting regarding issues in our building.

The storage rooms and bike rooms will be cleaned out by volunteers. Signs will be posted and items will be discarded if your belongings are not labeled.

Another item: Call the sheriff if you see any suspicious activity. Any building concerns should be addressed in letter form to Sharon Licata.

Our new building treasurer is Linda Gooch. The building captain is Tom Brennan. I will be the recording secretary. Dolores Kopack collected the yearly dues. If you have not paid your 10 dollars, you may drop the money off to Dolores at your convenience.

Gwen Nolan organized the pizza



party and conducted the meeting. Gwen has been our building treasurer for the past four or five years and was ready to relinquish the responsibility. Thank you, Gwen, for all of your hard work!

It was suggested that future meetings be held in one of the rooms at the activity center. It would be easier to hear everyone and not have to worry about the summer heat and humidity.

Please check the bulletin board for announcements in our building. Stay informed!

"Till We Meet Again

To Keep Your Love

By Walter Laskowski

*If you live to be one hundred,
There's one thing I must confess
I'd like to live as long as you —*

Well, maybe one day less.

I could not live without your love

You're the key that fits my lock

You're the reason for my being You are my shield — my rock.

You are the one who sees me through

Who eases all my doubts

You are the one I love the most

That I could not live without.

I would not want to lose your love

However long it lasts

That's why I wish to keep your love

Until my life has passed.

On second thought, maybe only 90 years!

ATTENTION WEST-SIDE DRIVERS

- As you enter on World Parkway and approach Americus Boulevard, remember to come to a complete stop before making your turn. Do not pass a left-turning car on the right, inasmuch as that blocks the other driver's vision and could cause an accident.
- Remember to make a complete stop when you come to any stop sign within the OTOW community. The other cars and pedestrians around you are depending on it, even though you may not see them. A "rolling stop" places you and others at risk of an accident. Stop, look both ways, and look in front of you. Thanks for being a cautious and safe driver!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICE:
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Journey to India was world-class trip for these two

Englander resident BettyAnn Walker and Audrey Jones, world traveler, author and Siboney building resident, just returned from two and half weeks in India.

BettyAnn graciously provided the following account of their journey:

“We loved everything about our adventure from Mother Theresa’s mission in Kolkata to the Taj Mahal in Agra.

“The highlight of the trip was the seven-day cruise on the Hoogli River, a branch of the famous Ganges River. The sights along the river were unforgettable including mosques, temples and villages. We even saw a cremation procession ceremony and the actual cremation at the river’s edge.

“Our many excursions from the ship included visits to villages, markets, mosques and temples. Many of the children we met along the way were quite proficient in English, had lots of questions for us about the United States, and willingly posed for photos. Seeing their images



in our cameras excited them.

“Our guide provided a scavenger hunt, giving us a list of Hindi words and 20 rupees. Our mission was to locate certain items in the market, learn the cost and purchase as much as possible with our rupees.

“It was quite a challenge for us 12 travelers, but great fun!

“At the conclusion of the river cruise, we boarded a train to Kolkata and then a plane to New Delhi to see the Gandhi Museum and cremation site.



Left photo: BettyAnn Walker stands with the Taj Mahal in the background. The mausoleum is widely recognized as “the jewel of Muslim art in India” and remains as one of the world’s most celebrated structures and a symbol of India’s rich history. Right photo: Audrey Jones found the best way to tour Jaipur was on this bicycle rickshaw.



“After seeing India’s largest and oldest mosque, our tour continued to Jaipur, the city famous for its pink buildings, its Amber Fort and Hawa Mahal, the “Palace of Wind.” We even enjoyed riding around Jaipur on bicycle rickshaws, even though the ride shook every bone in our bodies.

“Of course, you cannot visit India without seeing the Taj Mahal in Agra. It was beautiful and breathtaking as

we’d anticipated. But it was even more exciting for Audrey, as India marked the 59th country that she has visited and seeing the Taj Mahal was officially checked-off as the last big ticket item on her bucket list of life-long travels!

“This was an exciting and educational trip and will probably be my favorite journey of all — that is, until I return to see the southern part of India!”

Spring break visitors were well-satisfied

Spring break is over for this year, but the memories live on, especially of the grandchildren who visited.

Bob and Bethyl Mayer’s granddaughter came to visit before leaving for China. She is a student at St. Michaels College in Vermont, but is spending this semester at Minzu University in Beijing, majoring in environmental studies.

When she got to China, one of the first trips she took was to Nanjing, where she was born. She was adopted by her mother when she was only 6 months old. She is finding China very interesting

She told Bob and Bethyl that people seem a little confused when they try to communicate with her and find she only knows a few words in their language. One thing she really enjoyed while she was here was the hot tub.

Jean Gitlin was all smiles telling



about her family that was coming, and especially the 9-month-old granddaughter who is now walking and talking.

Lois Linnett’s granddaughter was here in April to check on her grandfather Jack. Lois says they have a very close relationship. She brought her dog Jett, but didn’t want Lois to let Jack

know. It was to be a surprise. Doesn’t that tell you something about the fun those two must have?

If you want to really rate with your grandchildren, talk to Ray and Mary Grace Ritter. As an 8th grade graduation present, they would ask each grandchild to choose a state that they would like to visit. The child would read and learn about the state preparing for the trip. Then would come the cities, parks, hot air balloon rides, etc. when they traveled there.

Now all eight of them are grown and the Ritters spent a week in Asheville, N.C., last month at a grandchildren reunion. What a great relationship they have with their family!

Fran Rich and daughter Arlene will be making the trek to Juneau, Alaska, this summer. Arlene has been contacted to manage a store during tourist season there, and Mom plans to join her.

Fran says she would love to see any of us OTOW’ers, if we are planning a summer trip to Alaska. Just call...

Did you see Nancy or Dennis Maiorino while they were here? They come down every year for baseball spring training games. With their puppy, they come from cold New Jersey to bask in the stadiums and cheer the Phillies.

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Happy May Day, and a big welcome back to Joanne and Bob Wallend from their “Bucket List Trip,” a 17-day excursion to celebrate their 30 years of wedded bliss.

Starting out from Fort Lauderdale, they boarded the *Island Princess* for a sunny cruise across a calm ocean. The weather was magnificent.

They first arrived at Madeira (Funchal), Portugal, where they boarded a bus to tour the fishing village of Camara de Lobos, en route to Cabo Girao, the second highest sea cliff in the world.

From there they enjoyed a dramatic view of the coastline and city below. They toured Blandy Wine Lodge, which produces several varieties of fine Madeira wines.

On to Barcelona, Spain, with its incredible architecture, beaches, cathedrals and parks. The next day brought them to Naples, Italy, where



a bus brought them to Sorrento, one of the largest shopping districts on the Amalfi Coast. There they shopped on Corso Italia, Sorrento’s flower-lined main boulevard with its designer boutiques, local shops and cafes.

Of course, no trip to the area would be complete without a visit to Rome, where they enjoyed a day of touring the city, from the Trevi Fountain, past the Roman Forum’s

arches and temples to the ruins of the Coliseum and on to St. Peter’s Square and the Basilica.

Next was Venice where they took water taxis into the city, toured St. Mark’s Square, shopped and enjoyed pizza and wine at a sidewalk café.

While aboard the ship, they were never at a loss for activities, and the food and service was superb.

Bob especially enjoyed the “Crooner’s Lounge,” where past performers would stop by nightly to tickle the ivories or croon a tune from their past stardom.

Known on stage as both Bobby Wall and Bracey Everett, Bob recorded, among other songs, “Tennessee Tomcat” and “The Lover’s Curse,” which can still be heard on YouTube! Little did he know he’d be belting out those tunes almost 60 years later on a cruise ship over the Atlantic!



Bavarian Chalet residents Bob and Joanne Wallend pose aboard the liner *Island Princess* on their 30th-anniversary cruise to Europe.

Congratulations on your anniversary, Bob and Joanne!

The end of this month brings Memorial Day. We at Bavarian Chalet honor those who were lost in service to their country.

Best wishes for a Happy Mother’s Day to all of our moms out there!



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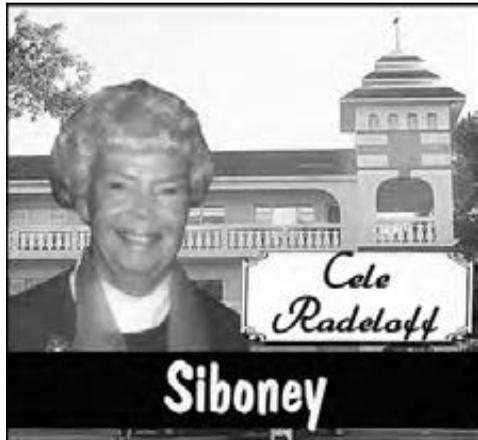
Our Siboney picnic was held at Philippe Park and the weather was perfect for this yearly get-together.

Food was delicious and the hot dogs were cooked to perfection by Ralph DeVoe and Ray Grills. We played several games with Lucy Grills winning the golf putting contest and Mary Jane DeVoe, the bean bag competition.

We had an interesting "Getting to know your neighbor" quiz, which everyone seemed to enjoy. Many thanks to all who brought a dish or shopped for supplies or set up or cleaned up or joined in the games. It's such a beautiful spot right on the water so next year – let's stay longer!

Audrey Jones, our globetrotter, recently returned from a 16-day Road Scholar trip to India that she took with BettyAnn Walker of the Englander building. Read all about it in the Englander column on page 62.

Lucy and Ray Grills had several family visitors from Michigan last month. First, her son and his wife arrived and just loved Clearwater Beach and St. Petersburg, with all of the activities available. Next came another son with his wife, along with their two sons, ages 11 and 13, all from Bay City. The boys really enjoyed themselves and kept Lucy and Ray busy.



Ethyle Lee's granddaughter visited along with her two daughters. They treated Ethyle to lunch at Red Lobster. Also visiting was Tiffany's mom. It was a delightful visit for all.

Our president, Skip Heller and wife, Pat, enjoyed having their daughter and husband visit them, along with two grandchildren, all from Virginia.

On the odd side of the Siboney, Sue and Jerry Watlington enjoyed their granddaughter's visit, along with two great-grandchildren. Next came their son from Roosevelt, N.J., and then good friends from Cape May, N.J., arrived to enjoy our beautiful weather. It was a busy month for Sue and Jerry.

Many thanks to Lillian and Michael Foy for decorating the core with Easter

baskets and colored eggs. It looked very festive!

Paula Ergang arranged the outing to Derby Lane. There were no big winners, but everyone certainly enjoyed the fine buffet there.

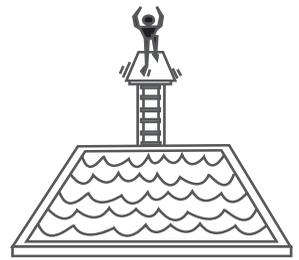
Everyone came home with a doggie box after having lunch at Johnny's recently. No small portions there. Thanks, Rita Tombari!

Incidentally, did you enjoy the Chorus concert? Well, they are having a fund-raising drive to keep the Chorus intact. Please send donations to Rita Tombari. Any amount will be appreciated. You are invited to join the Chorus. See their column on page 31 for all the latest news from the group.

My friend, Mary Allen and I attended the Cancer Celebration picnic at Philippe Park. As usual, we enjoyed the music, refreshments and seeing old friends. No more building meetings until the fall but monthly luncheons will continue. Thanks to Mary Jane and Jewel Goldstein for replacing our stolen cutlery.

Only six months until our 30th building anniversary.

Happy Memorial Day and Happy Mother's Day.



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At the track or at the picnic, a good time was had by all

At the end of March, a group of Azoreans went to the races at Tampa Bay Downs.

I reported on the event, but have just received a photo (seen at far right) of our horse and our jockey surrounded by a few Azoreans including Katy Ford (our building captain) and her sister, Gerritt Ford, and Carole and Chuck Kilgore. The rest of our group were at the winners' window, collecting!

We are in April, warm weather, Snowbirds exiting in mass, spring break, politicians campaigning, and tax time.

The absence of the Snowbirds has had a dramatic impact on our local traffic and restaurant wait times. The roads to and on the beaches are clogged every sunny day. Once on the beach and parked, it is delightful — thousands of beautiful young people relaxing and enjoying one of the great gifts God gave to Florida.

Politicians on the other hand will screw up our television for a year and a half as they spend gazillions of dollars on ads. Guess it is just one of those trials we endure to insure our great way of government.

Taxes deserve their own paragraph. Most of us are at an age where we don't expect refunds and are more interested in what new ways our tax bill will go



up. I was surprised, with all the talk of Earth-warming and environmental concerns, at the reduction in deductions for energy-saving devices.

By the way, I can't say enough for the work of the AARP volunteers that help us do our taxes. Thank you.

Several of our residents went on a cruise recently. I'm sure I will get detailed information about the trip later, maybe in time for next month.

One thing I did learn is to be certain you have your current passport with you when you board. Nothing else works anymore, not even a photocopy of the info page in the passport. Security is getting better, which is always a good thing.

On April 22, we gathered under our tree for our spring and last farewell



Azores residents enjoyed a fun day at Tampa Bay Downs recently watching their horse come in first. Jockey Dyn Panell (third from left) joined the group for this photo. Also visible is the Azores building name, shown on the scoreboard in the background.

Snowbird picnic. Jim and Janet Williams and Ava and Gerald Smith hosted the event. Lots of hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans and potato salad plus many chips and desserts. It's always great to get together one last time before all our Snowbirds depart. Safe trip guys, see you in the fall. Community is the central theme of all our activities.

Our Tuesday evening poker game is doing OK. We manage to gather up just enough to play each week. It is more about guys just being guys than winning or losing (believe that?).

Whack-a-ballers, where are you? Keep watching the bulletin board for the latest in building activities.

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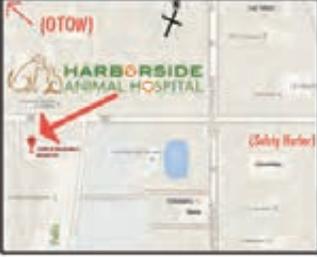


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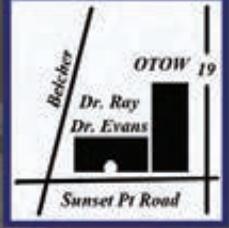
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Snowbird goodbyes are bittersweet times of parting

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Florida is our choice, and so many of us are pleased about being here. Just look at the happy smiles that were evident at the Snowbird party in the Sunrise room at the West Activity Center on March 30.

This is somewhat of an annual event to which all Dorado residents are invited, but Snowbirds are the reason for the party. We celebrate with our friends before heading back up North.

There are many Snowbirds at OTOW and they share something with each other that could be defined loosely as a “joie de vivre.”

We say we come to this community for the sun and the warm weather, but many of us do not worry about getting wet in the pool or sitting in the sun. We find the community becomes the main attraction.



Whether it is the Fixers club, the Chorus, the Lawn Bowls club, tennis, card playing, billiards or one of the many other activities available, there are so many activities to which one can subscribe any given day of the week.

Oh yes and the many parties that are celebrated within our community.

While I am on that subject – it is time to say a big “thank you” to Cheryl Milner for being the catalyst for our parties for Dorado residents. She made a decision last month and it was this: The monthly ladies luncheon will be now a Dorado residents’ luncheon. It was tried and has proven, after just one such event, that it will be continued.



Dorado’s Snowbird party was held March 30 to bid farewell to those heading up North. (Photos and montage by Don Jones)

Look for the residents’ luncheon notices on the bulletin board in the foyer of the building and sign up to participate in the new format.

Many of the Dorado residents will have departed, but the OTOW News is always on line at www.ontopoftheworldnews.com

then click on the center (orange) window and follow the instructions.

Keep informed while away. I look forward to participating in this vibrant community again in the autumn of the year. See you then.

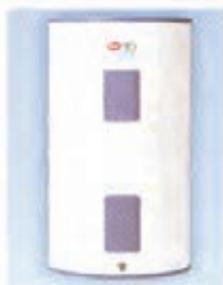
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Northern visitors find there is much to do here

A visit from a family up North is always a welcome pleasure.

Dorothy Churchill had such a visit with her grandson and his wife, while they were on spring break. Her grandson works for the State of Michigan and her granddaughter-in-law is a teacher. First they went to Universal Studios in Orlando to see Harry Potter, which they truly enjoyed.

After spending a few days in the Orlando area, they headed to On Top of the World to visit Dorothy, who took them to the Grillsmith Restaurant. Not only did they enjoy the meal, they had a good time spending time together. Dorothy was thrilled with their visit, especially since they promised to return.



We extend birthday wishes to John Schinn on May 8 and Jim Sundberg, who will turn the big "7-0" on May 10. Emily and Bob Anderson will celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary on May 30. Enjoy your special day John, Jim, Emily and Bob!



Loch Lomond residents are always up for a good party, such as this April "Spring Fling." (Photo by Sophia Kugeares)

Many leisure activities available to fill up summer

Once again our core became a colorful landscape with all kinds of spring and Easter bunnies, chickens, flowers and a daily renewal of chocolate eggs and jelly goodies in the big, big basket on the sofa.

And once again, Enid Goodman and Dottie Liberti were the decorators. Many thanks to them and to any others who might have added to the scenery.

Enid's friend Pat Dunn flew down for her annual visit – visiting the beaches, dining out, just plain talking about old times and being with family and friends – and Enid will reciprocate at a weather-appropriate time.

Another pleasant event was the "Good-bye, so long" to those who are returning to old homes, visiting family, or just adventuring forth on new travels.

Linda and Phil Woods, Sophia Kugeares, and Dottie Liberti turned the third floor core into a party venue, complete with delicious heavy snacks and sweets, punch and wine or coffee. We had a good-sized group who enjoyed a couple of hours of conversation before separating for a few months and exchanged many phone numbers. It's so great that many leave for a few



months – then we're so eager to see the returnees and hear wonderful tales of trips, family events, and share new pictures.

Linda and Phil Woods will continue to announce the last Monday Lunch Bunch venues for those of us who are in and out all summer. If you have a favorite place to suggest, let Phil know about it.

Many meetings do continue at the activity centers, and pool and indoor exercise classes continue on perhaps an abbreviated schedule.

Enjoy the warm outdoor activities, stay in touch at home or abroad, and stay safe!



Viennese Villa held its first golf tournament recently. The successful event drew 15 building residents. It is hoped the tournament will become an annual affair. (Photo by Bill Carey)

Successful golf tournament may become annual event

Elaine Power is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her great-granddaughter later this month when her granddaughter and family arrive for a visit and I have a hunch that cameras will click away!

Viennese Villa's first annual golf tournament was fun for the 15 residents who participated in the event. Congratulations to top scorers Jim Hilterbrant for men and Theresa Gates and Carroll Harris for the ladies (see photo at top).

The Polar Bear swimming season ends this month. Thank you, Elsie Jane Anderson, for keeping everyone in good shape again this year.

Happy Birthday to my better half on May 2 and to all others celebrating anniversaries and birthdays this month.

Please remember to thank a veteran, especially on Memorial Day, and be sure to fly Old Glory "high and proud."



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1	Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Starlite Room
4	Monday	10:30 AM	Entertainment Committee Board Meeting	Veranda
6	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Theater Workshop Board Meeting	Veranda
6	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Theater Workshop Meeting	Veranda
7	Thursday	1:30 PM	Press Association Meeting	Veranda
10	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee "Sunday In The Park"	Auditorium
14	Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
16	Saturday	5:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Starlite Room
18	Monday	9:30 AM	Health Screenings Free Eye & Ear Testing	Auditorium
19	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Republican Club Meeting	Crafts Room-Kitchen
25	Monday	12:00 PM	No. 82 Capistrano Meeting	Sunrise Room
27	Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Social	Auditorium
27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	No. 89 Siboney Meeting	Sunrise Room

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DANCING

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, EAC Auditorium (Jazz)
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 Wednesdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room (Ballroom)

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LANGUAGES

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 Thursdays, 8:30 a.m., Sunrise Room (Snowbirds)
 Saturday, 8:30 am, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

AQUA AEROBICS

Mon-Fri, 9 am, East Pool

CO-ED EXERCISE

Mon & Wed & Fri, 10 a.m., West Gym

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Mon & Wed & Sat, 1 pm, East Gym
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Mon-Fri, 9 am, East Gym

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Mon & Fri, 9 am, Large Card Room
 Wednesdays, 9:30 am, Auditorium



Traditional Games



BILLIARDS

Mondays, & Tuesdays, 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room
 Tuesdays & Fridays, 1 pm, 9-Ball, Billiards Room
 Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Que'T Ladies Billiards, Billiards Room
 Thursdays, 6 pm, Scotch Doubles, Billiards Room

CHESS CLUB

Tue & Thu, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room
 Sundays, 11:30 am, Yellow Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 9 am, Large Card Room

DOMINOS

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Small Classroom

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Mon & Wed & Sat, 11 am, Large Card Room
 Thursdays, 11 am, Large Card Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Mondays, 12:30 & Tuesdays, 1 pm, Small Classroom
 Thursdays, 6 pm, Veranda
 Fridays, 6:30 pm, Small Classroom

RUMMI

Wednesdays, 6 pm, Veranda

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Rainbow Room
 Mondays, 5 pm, Rainbow Room
 Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room
 Wednesdays, 1 pm, Rainbow Room
 Fridays, 1 pm, Rainbow Room

PING PONG

Mondays, 3:30 p.m., Large Card Room
 Fridays, 11 a.m., Large Card Room

PINOCHLE

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 Thursdays, 4 pm, Large Card Room
 Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Classroom
 Fri & Sun, 5:30 pm, Small Classroom
 Sundays, 12:30 pm, Large Card Room

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 Tuesdays, 6 pm, Poker Room (Tom)
 Wednesdays 6 pm, Rainbow Room (Don)
 Wed & Fri, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Carol)

New Modernage owners were former renters

We would like to welcome Earl and Alice Anderson to Modernage.

Earl is originally from Massachusetts and Alice is from Philadelphia. This fun-loving couple enjoyed a few years here at On Top of the World as renters during the winter months and decided it was time to take the plunge and buy a unit in our wonderful community.

They still maintain a home in New Jersey and enjoy vacations at the shore.

They have many friends here, also from the Massachusetts area, and take turns hosting cocktail parties and enjoying the warmer winters here.

They have many hobbies including golf, camping, reading, playing pool and Earl's newest hobby, playing the banjo.



The Andersons have been entertaining family members recently. They have two children, a son and a daughter, and four grandchildren, three grandsons and a granddaughter. They recently attended a family reunion dubbed "Anderson South" and had a wonderful time visiting with relatives.



These Brittany Farmhouse residents enjoyed a week-long Caribbean cruise in March. From left to right: Heinz and Ute Scheibe (our building reporter), and Beth Dentinne and Jerry Thomas are all ready for a formal dinner aboard ship.

Let's just call it a 'virgin' cruise to the Virgin Islands

Beth Dentinne and Jerry Thomas invited my husband Heinz Scheibe and me to join them on a cruise to the Eastern Caribbean.

It was our very first cruise, and began in Fort Lauderdale. We embarked March 21 in Port Everglades, going to Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos, San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the last stop took us to Half Moon Cay, Bahamas.

The week we spent on the *Westerdam* was like a dream. We were treated like celebrities. Outstanding meals every single day made it a culinary extravaganza. Arriving back March 28, at Fort Lauderdale, we found ourselves back in the "real world."

We know people who have cruised many times, but I think the first one is like your first kiss — you never forget it! Thank you so much, Beth and Jerry, for this unforgettable voyage (see photo).



We had our "first-Monday-of-the-month-brunch" April 6 at the Sunset Point Grill. Ten of our residents shared talks and good company while enjoying the food as well. We hope next time more people will join in. It's always good to come together once in a while.



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Act now to view night-blooming cereus before it is history

We have adjustments in the lifestyle of two of our neighbors.

They include an original resident who, after 22 years, has moved, and a Snowbird who decided to make the Espana their full-time home.

Lou Marchi sold his condo to Kenneth and Marguerite Hill. The Hills live in Indian Rocks Beach and intend to rent the condo on a yearly basis.

Who are our Snowbirds? Joe and Norma Basridas have been Espana Snowbirds for nine years. They spent their summers in Bergenfield, N.J., and their winters here. They have now sold their New Jersey home and can no longer be called Snowbirds.

They have three sons: two in New Jersey and one in the State of Washington. Joe was a Service Engineer in manufacturing. His Florida license plate states that he is a wounded veteran. Of course, knowing Joe, he wouldn't tell me that — I had to discover it myself.

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 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 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 long.

In the morning, you will see the spent flowers from the previous night and buds that are getting fat and ready to bloom that night. While you are there



For several nights each year, near the end of May, OTOW's own night-blooming cereus puts on a spectacular show.. (Photo courtesy of Jackie Dooley)

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 provided the photo, which she took last year.

This is the month that we remember the military personal who gave their life for our country's continued freedom.

Since the end of WWI, Memorial Day is also known as "Poppy Day." That's when ex-servicemen sell small, red, artificial poppies to help disabled veterans.

In 1869, (yes, 1869), May 30 was named a special day to honor the graves of our servicemen. In 1971, the last Monday in May was made a federal holiday. To me, at my age, May 30 is still Memorial Day. If you have a flag, this is an important day to display it.

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East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday Afternoon

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Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

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.
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 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.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

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Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

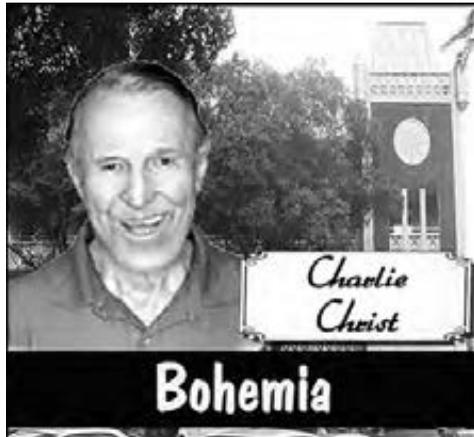
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East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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A potpourri of news and announcements from Bohemia

Patti Eastman and Ed Oulton attended the 2015 Valspar Championship Golf Championship at Innisbrook recently. Ed is shown in the accompanying photo in front of 6,600 cans of tuna depicting "Val," Valspar's chameleon mascot.



WWII. The brother went to Australia, while Al shipped out to the Pacific with the Navy Special Forces and was involved in four invasions.

Val was built by Construction, a charity whose mission is to feed and inspire the world one can at a time. At the conclusion of the tournament, Valspar donated the cans of tuna to Feeding America Tampa Bay.

Ray and Mary Connolly enjoyed a visit from their daughter and grandchildren. The highlight was a spectacular light display at the Busch Garden "Zoomimation" Show. The visit also included a trip to Legoland and days at Clearwater Beach. They all are looking forward to another visit.

Al Higgins showed me a photo of his brother, Leo, whose ship was torpedoed by a submarine in the Mediterranean Sea at the beginning of

Paula presented an update on the Walking Club. It's the fifth year and there are 10 walkers who belong. Seven are original members. Some walked on the first cruise for the Royal Caribbean Make-A-Wish Foundation. They have participated in the Multiple Sclerosis walk with The American Running



At a recent golf tournament at Innisbrook Resort, Ed Oulton poses in front of 6,600 cans of tuna depicting "Val," a sponsor's chameleon mascot. (Photo by Pat Eastman)

Club and walked in four Turkey Trots here in Clearwater.

During the summer, they walk in our malls and also later will do the Clearwater beaches. Membership is open to all. Contact Paula.

Paula reports that the Ozona Blue was the spot for a farewell luncheon, at which 41 participants showed up — a testimony to the friendliness of the folks in our building.

On April 3, Nancy Kennedy celebrated her birthday with 13 friends

at Cellos Charhouse in Safety Harbor. The party was arranged by her children using long distance from Chicago, where they all live.

About parties y'all: Check out our social calendar on the bulletin board. We're having our ever-popular Scavenger Hunt & Frisbee Golf where the Christ's will defend their title from last year. There are also new restaurants to try such as Poblano's Mexican and Salt Rock Grill.



Grecian Classic's yealy picnic offered a chance for neighbors to dine and mingle.

Building officers announced at annual G.C. meeting

Our annual meeting took place Feb. 19 at the East Activity Center in the Veranda Room.

All residents were notified and 28 of us showed up. This was Herb Jordan's last meeting as building chairperson. Sarah Lister stepped up to the plate as the building chairperson; Petra Gonzalez as secretary and building reporter; and Gabriele Baranowski as treasurer.



Helen Dunbar and Dick Pasco will continue to provide contact list and key list for Grecian Classic. They both did a great job updating the names of residents on the mailboxes and key list.

The building wing captains and assistants remain the same, providing the residents with the building meeting minutes and collecting building dues. It takes many volunteers to manage a building like ours.

We also had our building yearly picnic on March 21 (see photo above). All who attended brought a covered

dish to share, and our cooks Gene Baranowski and Herb Jordan did a great job with the grilling. Everyone ate and mingled with their neighbors. This is a yearly event and everyone at Grecian Classic is invited to attend.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer and let us remember our soldiers who died while serving in the country's armed forces on Memorial Day. Also, Happy Mother's Day to all moms!

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Annual Philippe Park picnic is set for Wednesday, May 20

Last month's article did not do justice to last month's pizza party.

Speaking of that party, Tom and Linda Monson did a great job. And the ladies did a wonderful job of supplying the finger foods. The final touch was the handing out of the Klondike bars — yum!

Our new neighbors, Steve and Peg Duvall, organized, to my knowledge, our first hot dog/hamburger cookout. The condiment and side dishes were supplied by the residents. Burgers and hot dogs were provided by Steve Duvall, Henry Santos and Phil Roth. Libations varied by choice.

Putting it mildly, the affair was a huge success. As usual, the ladies took



care of the finger foods. A good time was had by all.

Our annual Valencia Philippe Park picnic is scheduled for May 20 at 11:30 a.m. It will be held at Shelter no. 1 on Lake Tarpon. A \$5 donation



Valencia residents enjoy an outdoor bar-b-cue in April featuring hamburgers and hot dogs. (Photo by Valerie Martin)

is required. Make checks payable to Valencia Building. The meal will consist of Kentucky Fried Chicken and all the trimmings (beans, corn, biscuits and honey) plus condiments. Watermelon will be on hand, as usual.

Games of skill along with bingo will be available. No cost has been spared for prizes for the winners!

Check the bulletin board for more building activities to come.

Birthdays include that of 103-year-old 'building matriarch'

The past month visitors have been flowing into Florida and our building was right on the front line.

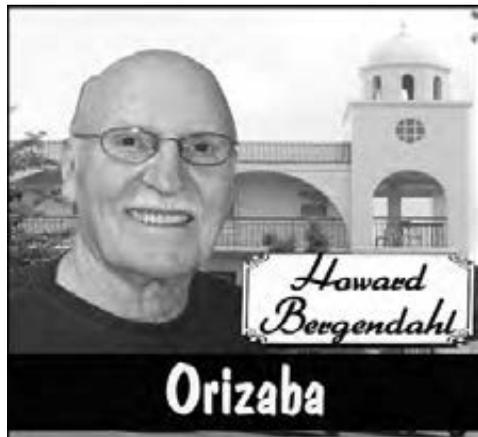
The McEvoy's have returned from a long cruise around South America, which Andy described as from the "Top of the World to the bottom of the world." (see photo at far right).

Following their cruise, Joan's sister visited with them as Andy demonstrated the wrong way to do the "stingray shuffle" at Clearwater Beach.

John Kokenyesi entertained his daughter and her family and spent much time at the beach. Jim and Lynn Anzalone were also fortunate enough to have their daughters visit.

Joe and Josie Gonzalez were with their children, and the Herman's had company for Passover.

We have been a little deficient in recognizing birthdays lately because someone removed the list from the bulletin board. We will try to make up



for it here. Birthday wishes go out to Flo Gracia, Jackie Blair, Bob Rittner, Jack Soll, Howie Bergendahl and Walt Sutkowi, who all had birthdays recently or are coming up.

The most memorable birthday, of course, is Fannie Battista who will turn 103 this month. Happy Birthday to the matriarch of the building!

If I have forgotten someone's birthday, please let me know.

The monthly luncheon was, as expected, well-attended at Applebee's and a good time was apparent, thanks to Helen Sutkowi. This month the luncheon will be held at Queen's Pizza so we can say farewell to the Snowbirds.

There have been some rumblings around about having a Chef of the Month club; two names have been brought forth — Jack Soll and Pam Wagner. I can attest to the prowess of both.

Welcome back to the baseball season, which brings forth the following story: A Rays fan, a Yankees fan and a Red Sox fan were climbing a mountain, each professing his love for the team. The Rays fan said "This is for the Rays" and jumps off the mountain. The Yankees fan, not to be outdone calls out loud and clear, "This is for the Yankees" and pushes the Red Sox fan off the mountain. Will it never end? Play ball!



Andy and Joan McEvoy are all ready for a formal dinner aboard their cruise ship, which recently took them around South America.

Granada holiday party already booked

Once again the Granadans have been very busy having fun.

We had our general meeting on April 8, followed by our annual "farewell for the season" picnic on the lawn behind Karen and Bill Johnson's condo. They were busy all day with the rest of the hospitality committee — first setting up, and then cleaning up. Our hat is off to all of them for a lovely day. Even the weather was perfect.

By the time this article appears we will also have had our social hour on April 15 and our monthly luncheon at Cheddar's on April 20. Future luncheons will be on the third Monday of each month.

We have even booked our annual holiday party at the Beachcomber



Restaurant for Dec. 11. Now that is what I call planning ahead!

Stan and I recently performed in a commercial for Vigo Importing Company which will appear on the Internet at the end of the year. It proved

to be a very enlightening experience for us. Although we do not speak Spanish, we were portraying grandparents of a young woman who was returning home after having served with the U.S. Army overseas.

As the gal portraying our daughter welcomed home our "granddaughter" in Spanish, I felt the tears welling up in my eyes at the emotionalism of the scene. The love of a mother for her child is spoken in a universal language.

It is that time of year again: time to say "so long for a while" as Snowbirds return home for the summer. We wish all good health and safe travel, and we look forward to reuniting in the fall.

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Long-time Melbourne reporter honored

Melbourne building residents gathered for a potluck meal on March 21. There were 27 in all, who feasted on pulled pork sandwiches, pasta dishes, salads, and desserts. Door prizes were won by Larry Hayhurst and Beth Crossen, a Sunset Grill \$10 gift certificate and St. Patrick's Day mug.

Former building reporter Val Kastner (see photo at far right) was honored for 20 years of dedicated service to the OTOW News and was surprised when she was presented with an engraved platinum pen and pencil set and begonia plant.

Although Val retired from our newspaper, her granddaughter has asked her to write her memoirs for her great-granddaughter. What a wonderful way to share family history! Val recently traveled to Connecticut to visit her beautiful 3-month-old great-granddaughter. Val says she sure wishes she lived closer.

Carol Futej enjoyed a visit with her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter.

Micki Cobb had a week's visit with her family. Her daughter and son, along with their spouses and grandson, arrived for an early celebration of Micki's birthday. Micki says this is the first time in many years that all of her family has visited at the same time.

Jay and Beth Crossen added a new member to their family, a part-Siamese kitten named Bella.



Liz Thompson works at the Florida Auto Exchange Stadium in Dunedin as a cashier in the stadium's concession during spring training for the minor league teams.

Interestingly, Sue Salmieri works at Bright House Stadium for the Philadelphia Phillies in the spring and the Clearwater Threshers in the summer.

Connie Valentin's daughter travelled to France for her friend's wedding, at which she sang.

Ruth LaHoy's cousin came for a week's visit from Evergreen, Ala.

Grace Rudman has been going through some treatments and looks forward to getting back to her normal active life. We all hope to see Grace back to her energetic self.

Linda Hamrell performed in a "staged reading" for Carrollwood Players in Tampa and in a short play for the residents of The Palms in Largo.



Val Kastner, Melbourne reporter for more than 20 years, is retiring from that function. She is shown here with some of her "parting gifts" at a recent building luncheon that honored her.

On April 11, nine Melbournites gathered for lunch at Chopsticks. Our next gathering is a breakfast/brunch on May 16 at 10:30 a.m. Location to be announced. Check the bulletin board for more information.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms! Deadline for June's issue is May 10. Place your news in the "black box" to the left of the bulletin board.

(OTOW News thanks Val Kastner for her many years of dedicated service to the residents of OTOW through her monthly building news report. We wish her much luck in her future endeavors.)

Need An Extra Newspaper ?

There are newspaper bins at both activity centers and at the newspaper office.

Resident waiting for her Mandarin 100th birthday bash

Florence Scourfield had been making plans to move closer to her daughter in Mobile, Ala., for a few years, but was not in any hurry to do so.

She wanted to experience the birthday party that the residents of the Mandarin building throw when a resident turns 100. She also knew she would probably have to give up driving and sell her car once she moved.

Florence never talked about her age and no one in the building knew how old she was, and no one dared to ask. In mid-March, she announced she was selling her condo and car and moving to Mobile. She admitted she would be 100 on Oct 15. A quick calculation and it was determined she would be 99 and a half on April 15.

Mandarin residents had a nice turnout of 20 for our group dinner at Rumba's on April 14. (just one day before Florence turned 99 and a half).



You can see from the picture at right that we have a mighty good looking group of residents!

Phyllis Marsteller's daughter flew in from Pennsylvania. Phyllis picked her up at the airport and they were almost late for dinner. They drove straight to Rumba's as there was no time for any stops. Phyllis's granddaughter (who is



Residents of the Mandarin building pose for a photo in front of Rumbas in Clearwater.

soon to be married) hosted three of her cousins, who also flew in from Pennsylvania. They no doubt enjoyed themselves at Clearwater Beach with the

white sand and the warm sun.

The Mandarin building wants to wish our favorite building inspector, Rich Biggs, a very happy retirement!

Happy Mother's Day from the staff and volunteers of the OTOW News!





Norman Ellis celebrated his 90th birthday at Kally-K's recently with family and friends. Norman is shown in the third row, 4th from the left, in the dark baseball cap

Birthday celebration for 90-year-old draws a crowd

"April showers bring May flowers," except in Florida, where the flowers seem to bloom before May!

I took time out to visit my daughter and her husband in Arizona. I was surprised that the temperature was about the same as here. The visit was great, but I was glad to return and rest up.

The ladies of our building enjoyed a luncheon at Johnny's. We do this every month. These are times of laughter, gossip and enjoying the best of Clearwater's restaurants.

Some of us traveled and some of us had family visitors. Dawn Rubio relayed to me that her sons took in a cruise on the *Starlite* and vowed they would do it again.

Norman Ellis's family celebrated his 90th birthday at Kally-Kay's with about 20 in attendance, including his three children, two of his grandchildren and his 92-year old



brother from Alabama (see group photo, above). Happy birthday, Norman!

Hopefully, all our moms can expect a call, flowers, cards or visits from our children this month. We are the keepers of the world.

A child's definition of house and home: "When you are outside it looks like a house, but when inside it looks like a home."

Happy Mother's Day.

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George Foreman electric grill, 18" diam., with stand \$25. 669-7656

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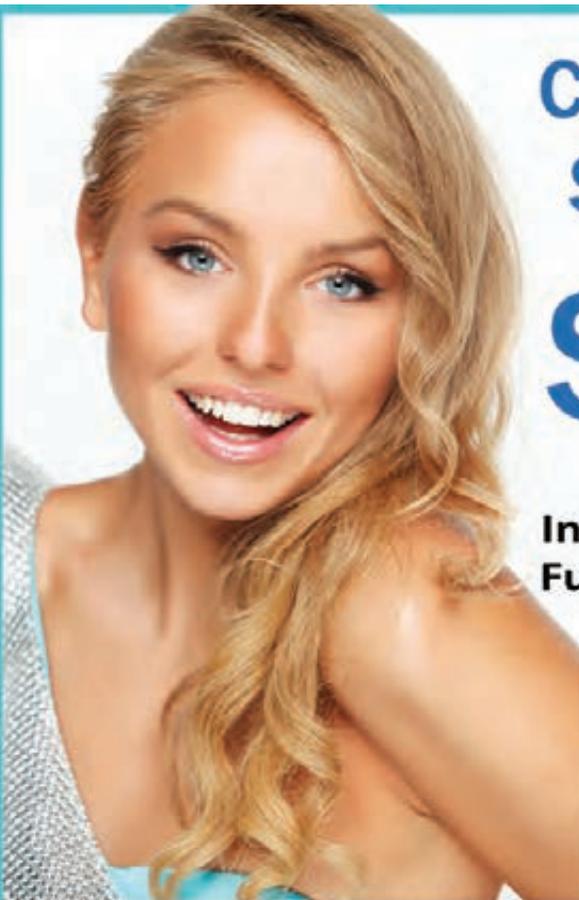


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