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## Press Association celebrates great season

In April of last year, the Press Association celebrated a terrific 2014-15 season.

But as soon as the new season started on May 1, 2015, each writer, photographer, board member, editor and proofreader was asked to make the new season even better.

At the 2015-16 Appreciation Luncheon on April 7, editor Doug Kates broke the good news to an audience of about 40 members.

"Yes, we did even better," he said.

"From 2014 to 2015, we published 12 quality newspapers. From 2015-16, we published even better newspapers."

For the prior season, On Top of the World News printed 837 stories. This past season, there were 898 stories, an increase of 61 stories.

Last season the newspaper published 864 pages. This season the press printed 924 pages, an increase of 60 pages.

And last season, advertisers purchased 882 ads. This past season, advertisers bought 956 ads, an increase of 74 ads.

"Over the past year, our club, group and building writers have been able to produce a wide variety of great quality articles," Doug said. "Not only do the residents enjoy these original stories, but the increase in advertising shows local businesses see the quality as well."

This success carried over into the Appreciation Luncheon. The real honorees were those who not only contributed to at least three newspapers, but also attended at least three meetings. Those individuals were treated to lunch.



Press Association members line up for lunch at the April 7 Appreciation Luncheon catered by The Stuffed Mushroom. Special guests contributed to at least three newspapers and attended at least three meetings over the past 12 months. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

For the second year in a row, The Stuffed Mushroom of Safety Harbor catered the event. Lunch was Chicken Marsala and Beef Burgundy with sides of vegetables, potatoes and rolls.

Several press members brought desserts.

The Press Association used its own orange tablecloths, purchased by staff members last year. The color matches the banner on the front page of the newspaper.

The Easter bunny was also still in town and dropped off 40 colorful eggs. In 10 of the eggs were lucky \$2 bills. Ten press members went home with new lucky charms.

Overall, more than 110 people contributed to the OTOW newspaper over the past 12 months. In past years this number has been in the 130s, but Doug said there was less turnover this season. More reporters continued to write for another season rather

than step down or hand the job off to someone else.

This is another reason the quality of the newspaper got better.

The next Press Association meeting will be Thursday, May 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. This will be the first meeting of a new season. President Yvonne Courtney, Vice President Jackie Doolley and Secretary Arlene Bergen will be sworn in to serve another term.



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## Suncoast Orchestra delights residents

It's not often an entire orchestra visits On Top of the World, but in early April, the East Activity Center auditorium was turned into a concert hall, and those who attended really enjoyed.

The Suncoast Symphony Orchestra brought their cellos, violins, bassoons, trombones, trumpets and clarinets.

Their music took us on a journey to the underworld. Brought us back in time to "Grease."

The musicians performed a tribute to Henry Mancini and overwhelmed us with "Phantom of the Opera."

And that was just the first half of their show.

The Suncoast Symphony Orchestra is currently under the direction of Dr. Theodore DeCorso.

The orchestra's first concert was in 1984 when a group of musicians gathered to provide music for our community.

Since that first show, the orchestra has performed in various Florida cities, including Clearwater, Dunedin, St. Petersburg and Palm Harbor.

This is the orchestra's 32nd season and On Top of the World was privileged to play host to a wonderful event.

Temporary risers were put in place to accommodate all members of the group and the Entertainment Committee took the time to add beautiful purple backdrops to enhance the background.

Unfortunately, only approximately 150 residents attended. It was a wonderful concert on a Wednesday night attended by very few. But the orchestra may return this winter. It is recommended you don't miss the next show.



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# Speed limit enforcement begins on June 1

In the next few months, new community-wide street signage will be installed.

This project will include new sign posts, street identifiers, speed limit and stop signs.

In an effort to improve safety for all residents, beginning June 1, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will begin community-wide traffic enforcement. This includes traffic ticketing for offenders.

Please make sure you adhere to all traffic signs posted while traveling through the community. Advise your friends and visitors as well.

The posted speed limit in the community is 20 miles per hour. Drivers exceeding the speed limit will be ticketed.

## Tree Replacement

Due to an infestation of pine bark beetles, the pine trees located at the West Belcher entrance had to be removed, thus delaying the landscape enhancements in that area.

Pinellas County Habitat requires a 3 to 1 tree replacement after tree removal. New plantings have been ordered and we anticipate tree replacement to commence within the next two months.

Please be aware of equipment and personnel that will be working in close proximity of the West Belcher guard booth, West Belcher entrance, and West Activity Center parking lot.

Additionally, we anticipate updates to the Belcher Road guard booths to commence in late summer.

## Bus Service

The OTOW bus service is a well-used amenity for the community. As a reminder, all bus riders (owners/approved tenants) must possess a valid Recreation Card and show it upon request.

To participate in a scheduled bus run, you must call and make a reservation for pick up. The phone number is 727-799-3417 option No. 7. Please leave your name, building number, unit number, phone number and trip request on the recording.

Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance with reservations confirmed on a first come/first serve basis.

The passenger capacity on the bus is 13 passengers. The bus service does not allow walk-ons for outgoing trips. Bus etiquette requires that you remain seated and that you do not cause any distractions or disruptions to this service or the bus driver. Your safety is our first concern and distractions caused by individuals to the bus driver may result in the loss of bus service privileges. Please refer to the OTOW Bus Service schedule and rules in the On Top of the World newspaper.



## Summerize

### CHECKLIST OF THINGS TO DO BEFORE LEAVING ON AN EXTENDED TRIP

- Leave your contact number with at least two trusted neighbors or friends.
- Update the Association with emergency contact information.
- Have the interior of the condo checked at least once a week by a trusted neighbor or friend, or arrange for an inspection service.
- Check in regularly with a trusted neighbor or friend while you are gone.
- Arrange for a water meter turn off if you are going away for an extended term.
- Turn off the electricity to the hot water heater.
- Make sure the 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 condensation from flooding your home and anyone unit beneath you. Air filters require monthly attention and can be changed by the owner.
- Leave the thermostat set at 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.
- Make sure your home owner's insurance policy is current and covers both damage from wind, water and mold. In most cases, this is now an added rider on the policy.

If the air conditioning system is not properly maintained by an owner, mold and mildew may result and become a serious problem for the owner. Improperly vented dryers may also be a source of both heat and moisture in your home. Water leaks in the home may also be a source of moisture.

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.

Mold growth is secondary to the presence of high humidity levels or saturation by water. Mold 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.

I recently heard from a gentleman who believes that placing pans of cat litter around the apartment will absorb moisture (humidity) from the atmosphere. Clay based cat litter is good for absorbing liquids, but that is about it. Silica-based cat litter may have some capacity to absorb humidity to a limited degree, but based on everything I've read, it needs to be changed every two weeks. Your best bet is to still set the AC at 78 F and have the apartment checked weekly during your absence.

Use common sense and have a great summer!

## OTOW TRIVIA

The correct speed limit on World Parkway Boulevard is what?

- (A) 20 miles per hour (B) 35 miles per hour  
(C) 45 miles per hour (D) 65 miles per hour

When driving up to a stop sign, you must what?

- (A) Stop (B) Automatically drive through without stopping  
(C) Drive through if no one is watching  
(D) Pretend you didn't notice the sign

Answers  
1. A 2. A



# Storm season is approaching, is your

The On Top of the World Association annual meeting will be held in the East Activity Center auditorium, 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East, Clearwater, Fl., 33763, beginning at 10 a.m., on Friday, June 10, 2016.

A Board of Administration Meeting of the Association will follow immediately after adjournment of the annual meeting.

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

The Association fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

There are many components to consider: insurance coverage on buildings, including wind storm damage, paving projects, ongoing railing replacement, the code compliance challenge of adding a smoke detector in older buildings (pre-code), and replacing aging water mains.

The point is this: it promises to be an interesting and challenging year as your Board considers long-term capital projects and day-to-day operations.

## 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 alternatives 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 PROJECTS

### Painting/Waterproofing

The fronts of Building 90 and 82 are both scheduled for new coatings in



May. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

### Paving, Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

Paving improvements will continue into the month of May.

As in years past, the vendor may be working in multiple areas on any given day, so it's important that residents keep an eye on their bulletin boards and car windshields for the latest paving updates.

Parking areas will be cordoned off for a minimum of 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 period that the lots are closed will also allow the contractor the opportunity to restripe the lot without obstructions, as well as minimize tire scuffing on the new asphalt.

If your vehicle has an oil leak, please address it with your mechanic before paving! Oil leaks destroy the new asphalt. Please 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 is available on roadways and in visitor spots at surrounding buildings for those residents displaced during the work.

Keep in mind that 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.

### Elevators

The elevators in Buildings 40 and Building 43 are both scheduled for equipment improvements in the month of May.

These improvements will require that the elevator be out of service for an estimated seven days while the equipment replacements take place.

Residents of these buildings should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for exact start dates and progress updates. This will be an active work zone while the improvements take place, and while areas will be cordoned off for everyone's safety, we ask that you please watch your step and be aware of activity in these areas.

### Railings

New walkway railing improvements are currently in the bidding phase for a late May/early June start date.

The exact location of these projects is being determined as this article goes to print. Please keep an eye on your building's bulletin boards as the management company will post updates as they become available.

### Water softeners

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents: The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit.

A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the community service office in the East Activity Center. Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community.

Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company. Thanks for your advance cooperation.

### Inspections Services Division

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

This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hangar brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

In keeping with association rules,

these items will be removed without notice. Residents are kindly asked to seek association approval before affixing anything to the common element in the future.

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the next improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If, for some reason, you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor. We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the management company works toward the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community.

The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but has the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper. The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

### Building Walkway Repairs

Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to the second 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.

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# awning approved for harsh weather

Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work. These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative.

As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

Walkway coating 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.

## General Notices

Over the years, some owners have added plantings around water meters and HVAC condensate drains.

These modifications were done without proper review or modification authorization by your Association and the plantings are now a source of problems.

As a result, 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, as well as the Association's ability to keep the condensate lines draining properly.

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

Inspection efforts continue to be focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside walkways and stairwells of buildings. These obstructions present a hazard to the ability to exit the building in an emergency. They are not allowed by order of the Fire Marshall and it falls to your Association to enforce this. The management company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills, be it propane, charcoal, or electric, are not

permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

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.

## Prevent Unwanted Surprises

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.

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# OTOW Association

## General Meeting

### 10 a.m., Friday, June 10

### East Activity Center auditorium





The Florida Licensing On Wheels Bus (FLOW) will be here May 31.

## Does your club want to be a part of the Senior Expo?

# East pool closed for maintenance May 11-13

The East Activity Center swimming pool will be closed for annual routine maintenance starting on Wednesday, May 11 and will reopen on Friday, May 13.

The time for reopening will be based on completion of maintenance.

If you have aquatic classes scheduled for any of the above listed days, please see Nancy in the Community Service Office to reschedule your class. The West Activity Center pool will remain open.

### AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held in the East Activity Center Starlite Room on Thursday, May 26, and Friday, May 27 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The cost is \$15 and registration forms can be found on page 60 of this On Top of the World newspaper.

### F.L.O.W Bus

The Florida Licensing on Wheels Bus or F.L.O.W bus provides a convenient method to renew a driver license, obtain a replacement driver license, change a name or address on a driver license, get an identification card, renew a vehicle registration and purchase a specialty license plate.

The F.L.O.W. bus is scheduled to be in the community on Tuesday, May 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center North parking lot.



### 2016 Senior Expo

This year's Senior Expo promises a variety of vendors, food, music and fun!

Mark your calendar to attend Saturday, Nov. 5. It starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m.

We are asking that any club having an interest in participating should see Nancy Rogers in the Community Service Office to reserve your table as soon as possible as space is limited.

If you have already done so, we appreciate it and will contact you with your table assignment as soon as it is available.

Additional expo information will be provided at a later date and posted in the newspaper, Activity Centers and building center cores.

### Important Phone Numbers to Remember

The OTOW emergency after-

hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number in the event of a building emergency, such as water intrusion into your unit. For a life threatening emergency please dial 911.

The OTOW number to submit service requests over the phone is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a work order, such as general building issues in the common area only. Please do not leave emergency information on this line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to your request.

For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

### Handicap Lift

A handicap lift has been installed at the East Activity Center swimming pool and is ready for use.

It is available to residents/their guests and approved tenants with a valid recreation card, who have a need for assistance.

It is not recommended for "general recreational use" as it is designed to provide assistance to those individuals with a disability and/or who are in need of the assistance.

It has a maximum weight capacity of 300 pounds and has laminated instructions in the event that you have questions regarding its use and opera-

tion.

### Recreation Cards

When renewing your recreation card, or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring a government issued ID, such as driver license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and property address.

You must bring your valid recreation card with you when using 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 a reminder, the resident needs to remain with their guests while they enjoy the facilities. All noncompliance issues will be immediately directed to the On Top of the World Association to address.

### SCA Staff

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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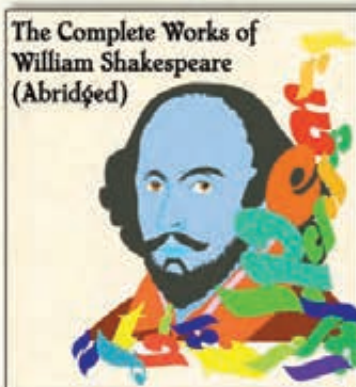
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# New lift chair will give residents easier access to East Activity Center swimming pool

In early April, a new chair lift was installed at the East Activity Center to help residents get in and out of the pool.

The lift is electronic and can be operated by an individual or assistant.

The seat height on deck is adjustable for a simple entry. A control device will allow individuals to position themselves over the water and slowly lower themselves into the pool where the depth is 3-4 feet.

A strap around the waist is recommended for safety.

The lift is available to residents, their guests and approved tenants with a valid recreation card. The lift is to be used by people who have a need for it. There is a 300 pound maximum weight limit.

The lift is not recommended for general recreation use, as it is designed to provide assistance to those individuals with a disability and/or are in need of the assistance.

It is absolutely not a toy for anyone to play on.

The controlling device is attached to the chair and is waterproof. Laminated directions are attached to the chair. Should anyone need help, read the directions or ask an SCA employee for directions.

The chair goes up and down, left and right. It does not lie flat on the bottom of the pool, but does slowly reach a depth for convenient exiting.

Swimmers will use the chair at their own risk and should remain at the shallow end of the pool.

All swimmers should use caution when the lift is in the water or if someone is attempting to enter the pool or exit the pool using the lift.



Dawn Shanely from The Pool Works demonstrates how a new lift chair will assist residents who need help getting into the East Activity Center swimming pool.

In case inclement weather is approaching, everyone who needed to use the device to get into the pool

should plan ahead so everyone can get out prior to bad weather arriving.

The chair is available for use dur-

ing normal pool hours. At this time, only the EAC pool is equipped with such device.

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# New York-New Jersey Club sets Memorial Tribute service here on May 25



The On Top of the World New York-New Jersey Club is making it convenient for residents to honor our service men and women this Memorial Day season.

The club will be hosting a Memorial Tribute at 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 25 in the East Activity Center auditorium.

"Last year's Memorial Tribute was an emotional event for our veterans who attended," said Jim Smyth.

"Our WW II veterans shared their stories with me and I passed them on at the tribute."

The same program will take place this month. Jim is asking every veteran at OTOW to submit a small bio of their time in the service.

OTOW is home to World War II veterans, as well as veterans from the Vietnamese and Korean wars.

Every branch of the armed forces is represented in our community.

"As a former Marine, who served four tours in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, it is my honor to be alongside those who served this great country," Jim said.

The program will begin with a moment of silence, playing of "Taps" on trumpet, "Amazing Grace" on a bagpipe and a group singing of "God Bless America."

Every veteran in attendance will then be asked to stand and identify themselves by branch, years and honors.

If you are a veteran, and have not yet registered with the New York-New Jersey Club, please see a representative on Mondays or Thursday, 8:30-10 a.m., in the EAC auditorium. Or contact Jim at 324-9789. Please share which division you served with and any awards or honors you received.

Following the Memorial Tribute, there will be refreshments and desserts.

Memorial Day is officially Monday, May 30, and many services will take place throughout the county.

But remember, you don't wish someone a happy Memorial Day. On Memorial Day you remember the sacrifices our veterans have made.



A May 25 tribute to community service men and women will include Jim Bevan on trumpet and Nick Campbell on pipes.



OTOW in MAY

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Wednesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

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Wednesdays, 9 am, Starlite

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Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

SAMBA

Thursdays, 6 pm, Kitchen

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room

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Thursdays, 6 pm, East Gym

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Salute To Veterans  
6 pm EAC Auditorium

SUNDAY

MONDAY

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Bingo  
6:00 PM - Auditorium

Ent Committee Board Meeting  
10:00 AM - Veranda

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Ent Committee Sunday In The Park  
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## May 2016 Calendar

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# Chorus took a more modern route in music selection for spring concert

The busy season at On Top of the World unofficially ended in early April with the Chorus performing its spring concert, on two days, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

In preparation for this event, Director Beth Kendall received a request. She was asked to sing modern music instead of tunes from the "old days."

The Chorus board got together, decided to do a tribute to great composers, but focused on American composers from modern times.

Who did they select?

If you attended one of the two shows, you heard music from The Carpenters, Marvin Hamlisch, John Denver, Henry Mancini, Barry Manilow and more.

Song favorites included "Top of the World" by The Carpenters, "Song Sung Blue" by Neil Diamond, "Moon River" by Henry Mancini and "That's What Friends Are For" by Burt Bacharach.

A few years ago, the Chorus started a singalong section, where the crowd was able to sing with Chorus members. It turned out to be so successful, the new tradition has continued and words to each song are printed right in the program.

This year, the spring singalong con-



Nearly 30 singers, and one bullfrog, came together to entertain us during the OTOW Chorus Spring Concert in April. New this year were overhead lights that turned the backdrop curtain different shades of color. Think the photo is beautiful? Make sure you attend the next concert in December.

sisted of such songs as "Jeremiah Was A Bullfrog," "I Did It My Way" and "Hello Dolly."

And yes, there was a bullfrog leading the entire group, for one particular tune.

The concert concluded with Lee Greenwood's "God Bless The USA." Standing and singing along was not re-

quired, but as the music played and the Chorus sang proudly, everyone in the auditorium stood and joined in song.

Up next for the Chorus will be an end-of-the-season dinner and election of officers. Then the group will take some time off. Rehearsals will begin again in October in anticipation of the annual hol-

iday concert in December. Continue reading your OTOW newspaper and watching OTOW-TV for details.

The 2016 spring concert will also be featured on OTOW-TV on select Friday nights during the summer and fall. Watch OTOW-TV for exact scheduling information.

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## Something new to OTOW News!

# OTOW resident Tom Butcher will share his cooking talents and knowledge with you each month



On Top of the World News would like to introduce you to resident Tom Butcher, who each month will make your mouth water.

Tom is starting a new feature this month entitled "The Butcher Block" with easy recipes for one or two people.

Tom will be sharing some of his favorite and simple dishes for you to try at home. And unlike past recipe columns in this newspaper, each recipe Tom features is one he's already cooked up and will be easy for you to make yourself.

Plus, Tom will submit a photo of what the finished product is supposed to look like.

You can compare. Did your finished product look like Tom's?

Tom will provide you with ingredients and simple cooking instructions. He may even supply you with a suggestion for the perfect beverage to go along with each dish.

Tom is originally from the St. Louis area and is a self-taught cook. He gradually became interested in good food and wine over the years and started experimenting with his cooking at home for family and friends.

During a break in his Information Technology career,

Tom decided to open a gourmet food and wine store in a St. Louis suburb. It contained a deli with catering.

A year into that venture, he was asked to cook for a tea room slated to open nearby. It was open only for lunch, and Tom prepared the soups, in addition to his own store responsibilities. When these ventures ended, Tom went back to his IT career, but continued his interest in cooking, even taking a cooking class in Florence, Italy, during a vacation there.

Tom expanded his interests to include barbecuing. He and his wife are now Master Certified BBQ Judges with the Kansas City Barbeque Society and travel to judge at competitions.

Now, grilling has become his favorite thing to do and future recipes may contain new ideas if you are fortunate enough to have an indoor or outdoor grill.

Tom also enjoys visiting local meat and seafood markets in search of ingredients to try in new dishes. He will share his discoveries with you.

This month Tom opens with a recipe for broiled salmon with Dijon mustard. All his recipes will be designed for one or two people.

Hope you enjoy our new monthly feature in your own OTOW News community newspaper.

## Broiled Salmon with Dijon Mustard

### Ingredients

2 (6 to 8-ounce, up to 3/4 inches thick) salmon fillets  
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
Nonstick cooking spray  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1 Handful of potato chips crumbled (for each fillet)  
6 Lemon wedges

### Directions

Preheat the broiler. Line a heavy rimmed baking sheet with foil. Spray the foil with nonstick spray. Arrange the salmon fillets on the baking sheet and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Broil for 2 minutes. Spoon the Dijon mustard over the fillets. Continue broiling until the fillets are just cooked through and golden brown, about 8-10 minutes. Pull out of the broiler and sprinkle the potato chips on each fillet, return to the broiler for 10 to 15 seconds. Transfer the fillets to plates and serve with lemon wedges.

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# Looking for a non-family beneficiary? Consider a worthwhile charity

**Q.** I am an 84-year-old widow. I live alone and have one child, a son, who I have not seen nor heard from in more than six years. I do not even know if he is alive.

I have no other close family, other than a brother-in-law who lives about 1,000 miles from me, and some cousins that I haven't had contact with in more years than I can remember.

I don't really want to leave anything to my brother-in-law because he will just leave it to his children and they don't bother with me.

I do not know who to name as a beneficiary of my Will. I do not know who can take care of me if I become ill and need a nursing home.

What do you suggest for me?

**A.** I cannot help you with naming any beneficiaries. You have to think that through.

But there are many worthwhile charities that need assistance. Please do some research on charities, at least to find out if they are reputable and if the funds you give them will actually be used for charitable purposes rather than for salaries and fancy homes for its officers.

As for naming a Personal Representative of your Will and someone to take care of you, I would urge you to sit down with an estate planning and elder law attorney who understands care-giving and who handles such matters as you have described.

You certainly do have options for



whom to name as the Personal Representative of your Will and agent under your durable power of attorney. Consider your attorney, if you feel that he or she does that kind of work.

You should also speak with your local bank or with your brokerage firm about your finances.

I can tell you that you are not alone in this matter. Many folks have a similar problem, but there are solutions that should put your mind at ease.

**SCAM ALERT:** A client of mine recently informed me that she received a phone call from the F.B.I. She said she immediately hung up without saying anything to the caller.

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That's what she should have done and that's what you should do if you get a call from the F.B.I., IRS or anyone claiming you missed jury duty.

If anyone demands you give them a credit card or debit card number, don't talk. Just hang up.

**SCAM ALERT:** A client told me she received a phone call from someone claiming to be her grandson and he needed her to send money right away. My client laughed and told the caller to call his parents. My client said she knew it was a scam and she hung up the phone. She did the right thing.

**Q.** We moved here from (a Northern State). Our wills were prepared in that state by our long-time attorney, who we fully and completely trust.

He thinks we do not need to redo our Wills, but we went to a seminar where the speaker said anyone who moves here from out of state should have a trust and should also have a Will, both of which should be drawn up by Florida attorneys.

Do you agree?

**A.** First and foremost, please keep in mind that your long-time attorney, who you trust, knows more about your personal situation than I do.

Having said that, I must add, however, that to my way of thinking, it makes sense to have a Will, durable power of attorney and advance directive with health surrogate powers drawn in the state where you are a resident and by an attorney who actively practices law in that State.

I'm not much of a fan of trusts and I don't know if the same view would apply to a living trust — you might be fine with a trust prepared by

an attorney in a state other than Florida, although you ought to have it reviewed by a Florida attorney.

I have a "sense" about me that a Will and the other documents I've mentioned should be drawn in Florida, by an attorney who is licensed to practice law in this state.

**Q.** Can I cut my husband out of my Will?

**A.** Yeah, but if you really feel that way, then it might be wise to cut him out of your life. Um....I mean by divorce.

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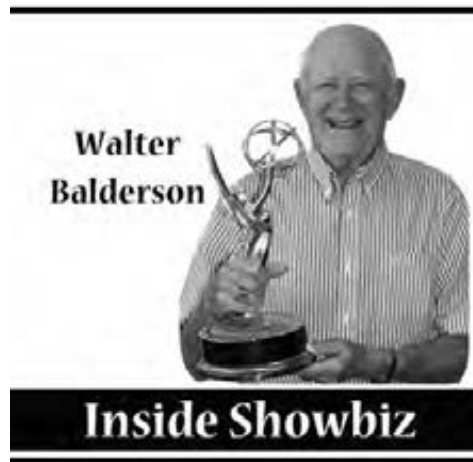
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Martha received many awards, but the one she really cherished the most was when the Marine Corps bestowed upon her the name, “Colonel Maggie”



and made her one of their own.

Martha was born Margy Reed in Butte, Montana. Her parents were

vaudeville performers and she began performing with them at the age of 10. Before joining the USO, she appeared in films with Bing Crosby, W.C. Fields, Jimmy Durante, Bob Hope and Joe E. Brown.

On Nov. 2, 1993, Martha was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton for her service to her country. The inscription read, “The American people honor Martha Raye, a woman who tirelessly used her gifts to benefit the lives of her fellow Americans.”

Her final years were plagued by ill health. She suffered from Alzheimer’s disease and had lost both legs in 1993

from poor circulation.

Special consideration was given to her to be buried in the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., but, on her request, she was buried in a military cemetery at Fort Bragg, N.C., with full honors.

Martha is the only civilian buried at Fort Bragg and receives recognition every Veterans Day, along with the other soldiers.

Martha Raye died on Oct. 19, 1994 at the age of 78.

She has two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame - one for her motion pictures and another for tv.

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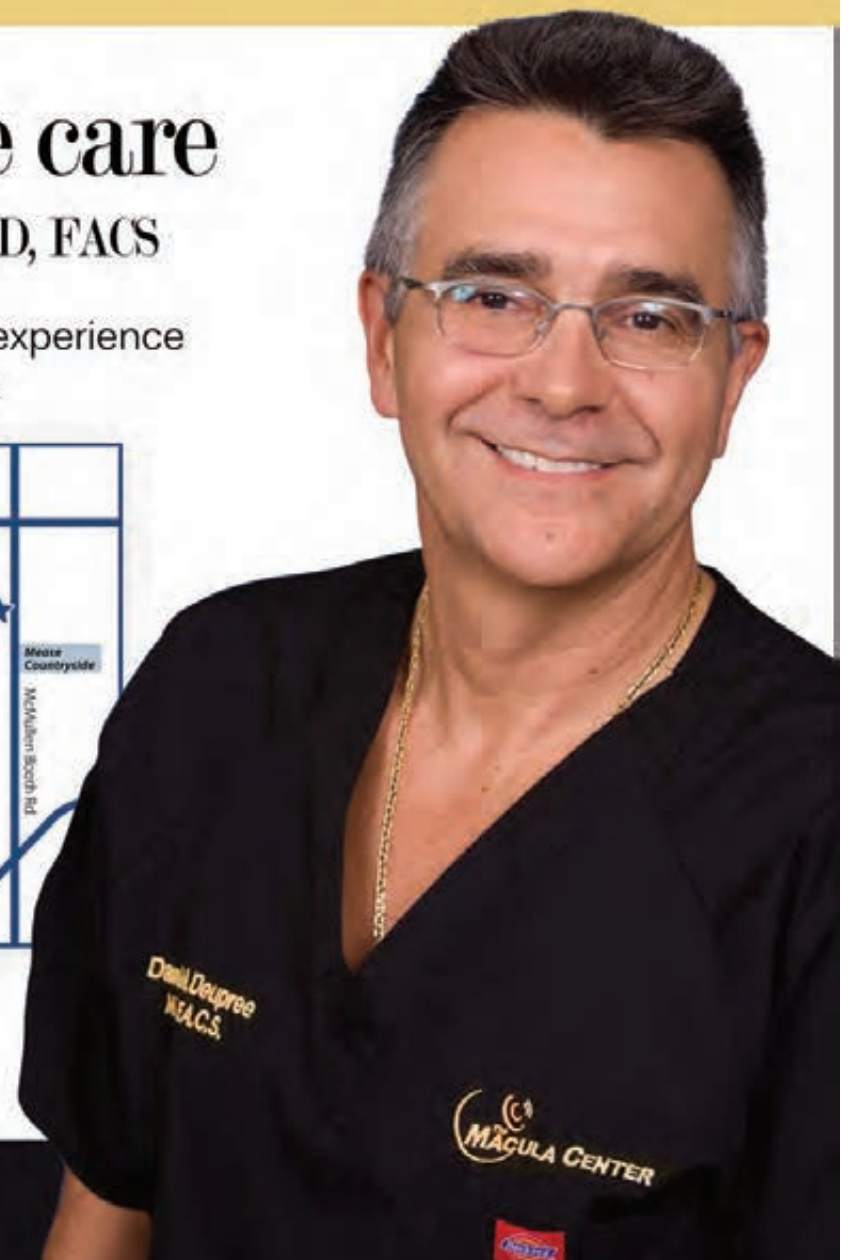
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Pictured above and below are singers from the Athenian Academy Charter School who performed at Good Neighbors' Get Acquainted Coffee on April 14. The children sang in different languages and had special props for different songs.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)



By Jim Bjorgo



## Good Neighbors in search of individuals who can help club spread the news

Your Good Neighbors Association wishes to thank everyone who helped out at our Easter Sunrise Service in the East Activity Center.

We especially thank The Salvation Army with their band and chorus, our Good Neighbors volunteers, the Entertainment Committee which purchased flowers, Coffee Corner for donating coffee and On Top of the World staff for setting up the auditorium.

Approximately 300 people attended the service, which made for a joyous occasion.

We will do it again next year. Join us and bring a friend.

On April 16, Good Neighbors conducted its first combined Flea Market and Craft Show. News and photos from the show will be included in the June edition of this newspaper.

In an effort to expand and improve

our club's services to you, Good Neighbors Association is looking to form a publicity committee to aid in getting news and event information out to the community on a more timely basis.

If you have a background in this area, we would love to have you stop by our Good Neighbors table outside the Gift Shoppe on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10 a.m. in the EAC auditorium. We will discuss the

situation with you.

No single way of communicating information seems to reach everyone, so we must use all avenues available to us. We could use your help. Please step forward if you can.

A reminder, whether you are an owner, a renter, full-time or Snowbird, you are a member of the Good Neighbors Association. No sign-ups are necessary, but we do need volunteers.



OTOW-TV now has Jesters and Theater Workshop shows dating back to the 1980s.

Watch channels 96 and 732 this Friday at about 8 pm to see which show is featured this week.





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This month's highlighted events include:

- Cocktail of the Month with Chef John - Earl Grey Spritzer - on Wednesday, May 4 at 2 pm
- Alzheimer's Education Workshop - Focusing on the Brain - on Monday, May 9, at 5:30 pm
- Chef John's Cooking Demonstration featuring Homemade Crumpets - Wed., May 11 - 2 pm
- Brookdale Celebrates - "My Fair Lady" Friends & Family Dinner Party - on Thu., May 26 at 5 pm

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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## *Quilters will be active in May and June*



### Procrastinating Quilters

By Pauline Mallory

In April, Brenda Grampsas, an AQS certified appraiser, joined the Procrastinating Quilters guild.

Brenda lectured us about the importance of labeling your quilts and suggestions on how to do this. In addition, Brenda brought a trunk show of her quilt collection to share. She was available for quilt appraisals before and after the meeting.

Verbal appraisals are \$20 and written appraisals are \$45. If you are considering insuring your quilts, appraisals are a must. Please contact Lynda Weingart (727-418-3180) if you would like to schedule an appraisal with Brenda so that she can make arrangements.

The May 19 meeting is our Spring Party and fundraiser. Cathy Starman and her party gals are working hard to deliver another spectacular and fun event. We will be having the Flower Pot fundraiser again since it was such a hit last year.

Are you working on your flower pot to donate? You will be able to buy chances to win a flower pot – walk down the garden path!

Please bring a hot dish to share as this is a dinner meeting. Party begins at 6:30 p.m.

The June 16 meeting will be presented by Marcia Hicks from Checkers Distributors. See the latest tools fresh from Quilt Market.



Two of our quilters show of a final product as inspiration to others in the Procrastinating Quilters class. With a little practice, even you can make something this beautiful.

There is no meeting in July, but please visit Country Quilts and Bears Quilt Shop on Drew Street for their annual July 22-23 sale.

Looking ahead to August, our meeting is on a Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. This is our annual Sit and Sew. Bring any project you want to sew on, or help us with our philanthropic project. We make hearts made of cotton fabric, flannel or fleece. These are given out to moms who are

discharged from hospitals, but the babies have to stay longer.

The moms put the fabric hearts next to their skin so their scent is on the heart. The hearts are placed in the bassinet with the babies to encourage bonding. The pattern can be found here:

[http://www.cbsd.org/cms/lib010/PA01916442/Centricity/Domain/2119/Developmental\\_Heart\\_patternfinal2.pdf](http://www.cbsd.org/cms/lib010/PA01916442/Centricity/Domain/2119/Developmental_Heart_patternfinal2.pdf)

The Procrastinating Quilters guild meets every third Thursday at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center.

Membership is open to all quilters from novice to experienced. Please join us to broaden your quilting horizons and/or to share your expertise.

Contact Jeanette Walsh at 727-210-7954 or Pauline Mallory at 727-365-3759 if you have questions or require further information.



# Nearly 80 percent of all buildings now have a coordinator or volunteer

The Building Coordinator Project at On Top of the World is a volunteer, resident-led project for all 91 buildings.

On April 18, more than 70 people attended the project's third meeting.

Residents learned the project encourages owners, or Association-approved renters, to work together as a neighborhood.

Valerie Martin, one of the coordinators from the Valencia Building, heads up the project as a volunteer. She explained that the project is intended to promote an exchange of helpful information between building volunteers.

For the building coordinators, captains, presidents or volunteers who provide their email addresses, Valerie



sends useful information about the On Top of the World community and the greater community. She also sends

templates for signage and resident information.

At this well-attended April meeting, residents shared successful building activities and ways to set up communication to residents.

Current coordinators also shared strategies for working together as neighbors on such common spaces as trash rooms, laundry areas, walkways, parking lots and storage spaces.

Some strategies work in some buildings and other strategies are effective in other buildings.

An annual Building Coordinator Project Workshop will take place in November. Announcements will be in the OTOW newspaper and through email. You can also read the latest news on the Box Office. Click the Building

Coordinators link.

Sharon Licata and Dessa Barabba, from On Top of the World, also attended the April meeting. Several volunteers had questions and Sharon clarified specific procedures.

Of the 91 buildings at On Top of the World, the following buildings still need a coordinator or volunteer: 3, 5, 19, 33, 34, 42, 43, 45, 47, 59, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 77, 81, 87, 91, 92.

If you are the current Building Coordinator, or if you are interested in the Building Coordinator role for one of the buildings listed above, please contact Nancy at the Community Service Office and give her your name, email address or phone number, and building number.

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# Saying goodbye to Snowbirds is just another reason to have a party

By Ron Clement

As some of our Boomers heard at a Four Seasons tribute show, "There ain't no good in our good-byin'..."

But wait, we have been having a great time saying goodbye to our Boomerangers, also known as our Baby Boomer Snowbirds.

Our April meeting was followed by a pot luck love fest. The Sunrise room was packed with Boomers saying farewell to our friends heading north for the summer. There were no tears there.

Poblano Mexican Grill & Bar hardly had enough room for all the Boomers who showed up after the seasonal finale of Monday Boomer



Best Ball Golf. The laughs and conversation rivaled the volume of the live band. There were no complaints from the locals though, because as always, the Boomers added to an atmosphere

of fun and celebration.

Bar Louie had to add an additional long table to the Boomers' Tuesday reservation to accommodate all those who showed up to say goodbye to each other.

Contrary to the norm, Baby Boomers love long goodbyes, as we continued saying them throughout the month of April.

Once the last Boomeranger leaves for the summer, On Top of the World might become a quieter place, but no less paradise.

Those of us left behind will greet the summer with the same enthusiasm.

We will find a cooler part of the day to golf.

We will take advantage of the air conditioning at Countryside Mall to continue mall walking or catch a movie.

We will still take our movie ticket down to Bar Louie's and share a free appetizer and dollar burgers. It just won't be as loud and raucous without our Boomeranger friends.

So, farewell Boomerangers, and as another old song says, "see you in September" or when the summer's through.

Baby Boomer Club meetings in May will be Wednesday, May 4, 5:30 p.m., at the East Activity Center, Starlite Room, and Thursday, May 19, 5:30 p.m., at the West Activity Center, Sunrise Room.

## Next meeting in November

## Family History wraps up an educational season

By Anne B. Watkins

Our first Genealogy Assistance Day turned out just as we had hoped, with several new people coming to discover the fun of researching their family history.

We had three people manning the computers, and in our two-hour class period, they were able to help two couples and three individuals to find relatives they never knew existed.

It's a real pleasure to see the look of delight on people's faces when you show them some part of their family tree that they didn't even know existed.

It was another good year for the Family History Group. We had talks by Don Leamy about his family and talks from Anne Watkins about her Mayflower ancestor.

Gerald Colen spoke on the Civil War. Shirley Perry clued us in on DNA. Then there was Genealogy Assistance Day.

We think this was about our 16th season, as nobody remembers for certain the year we began. It was about 2000 when Helen Baumgardner got the idea for an Interest Group of the Computer Club, and that is the way we have continued.

Helen and husband, Bob, moved from On Top of the World, so Dan



## Family History

Hooper took up the challenge for a number of years. When he decided it was time for a change, Anne B. Watkins took over, and that was almost 10 years ago.

It's now time again for some fresh ideas, so Shirley Perry will become the director when our new season begins Nov. 14 of this year.

If you want to have the fun of discovery, come join us next season when we will be doing more of the same, that is, finding out who we are by searching for our ancestors.

Look for our next article to announce the Family History Group meeting time in your November issue of the On Top of the World News, and come see us at our table at the community's Senior Expo on Nov. 5.

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# Plan now - make sure your new or veteran reporter is at the annual Writers Workshop



The annual Press Association Writers Workshop is still seven months away, but please take note of this important date.

The workshop will be Thursday, Nov. 3 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room at an evening time to be announced later.

The workshop is the only time each year when people who write for this newspaper get to learn the basics of journalism-style writing.

Writers learn what correct grammar - as if they were back in third grade.

Writers learn the difference between journalism-style and novel-writing style.

Writers are made aware of their bad habits and writing errors.

And most of all, writers learn



At a previous Writers Workshop, editor Doug Kates explained that newspaper writers do not use symbols to replace words, and do not use more than one exclamation point at the end of sentences. The example shown was an example of poor journalism.

about this newspaper's policies - what we do and what we don't do.

This may sound simple, but there are many buildings, clubs, groups and sports, whose writer does not attend this meeting.

At this time, the Press Association would like your group to make sure your writer is present. So much basic information is shared, it is worth at-

tending to make your newspaper stories better for the upcoming season.

This year's meeting will be mandatory. If your group wants a story in the December newspaper, your writer will have to get credit for the workshop.

Writers will have two options: Attend the meeting and get credit, or take the simple online course corresponding to this meeting, and get credit.

The online version will be available on the Press Association Website in November.

If your group is keeping the same writer from last season, then simply ask that writer to attend the workshop as a refresher.

If your group will have a new reporter for next season, please encourage the new writer to attend and learn our ways.

If your group has never had a writer, but plan on adding one, then the best place to start is with this workshop.

Journalism is a special style of writing. Journalists use short sentences, small paragraphs and stick with factual information, not opinions or guesses.

Journalists follow basic English-writing guidelines, the same guidelines we were all taught in elementary school.

To learn more, please make sure your writer is represented at the workshop in November. We are telling you now, so you have plenty of time to make arrangements.

And if you are curious, we keep our stories to 300 words in the winter season and 400 words during the summer. This story is exactly 400 words long.

## Have you questioned the facts in a recent political ad? Bring the ad to our next meeting

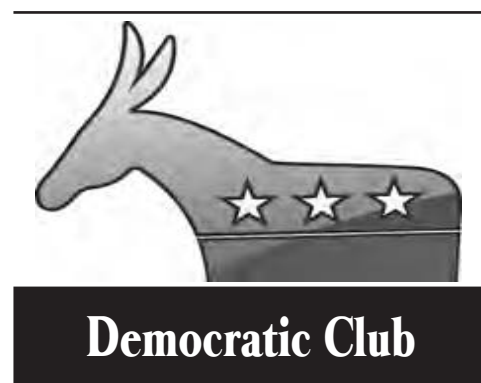
By Donna Lukas

How often have you been irritated to read or hear facts in a political campaign statement which you know are not true?

At the next Democratic Club meeting on May 12, our scheduled topic of discussion will be a pet peeve made by one of our own members: incorrect factual information in political campaigns.

The Democratic Club is asking you to bring one of your least favorite political ads or political statements to our next meeting. Also, bring in any facts you find which may question the accuracy of any statements made.

A representative from PolitiFact will be our guest speaker. Together, we will go over your findings. It should make for interesting discussions and



we can use PolitiFact's research to educate us.

The meeting will be at 2 p.m., in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Thanks to all of you who came to our April meeting to hear guest speaker County Commissioner Janet Long.

From the informative handouts, the entertaining stories, and the

knowledgeable answers to our questions, Janet gave us a lot to think about in terms of what is going on with our county government.

Did you know, since the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners changed to a Democratic majority, the approval rating of county projects has greatly improved?

A recent county-wide citizen survey earned the Board an approval rating of 91 percent compared to a previous rating of 63 percent.

The current motto is "We are doing things for you."

County Commissioners are elected to four-year terms of office. Janet, along with commissioners Charlie Justice and Ken Welch, will be up for reelection this year. We need to do our part to ensure that they are re-elected

so the Board can keep doing its good work.

If you are going to be away on summer vacation, be sure to order an absentee ballot for the Aug. 30 primary election.

Florida is a closed primary state. The last date to register to vote or change your party affiliation for the primary is Aug. 1.

If you are interested in participating in voter registration activities, please contact Donna Lukas at 460-4123.

Have you seen the new pictures on our OTOW Box Office Website? Why not log on to [www.OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://www.OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com) and check us out? Click on the club pages link and then click on the Democratic donkey.



# Line dancers fill playlist with favorite songs for last afternoon before Snowbirds leave



By Antoinette d'Oronzio

The usual program of dances at the On Top of the World Line Dance Club was up-ended at our regular session on April 12.

The reason for this change, we were saying goodbye to the Snowbirds among us.

Instead of our regular list of songs for the day, we played and danced to those pieces that are the favorites in our entire repertoire. Songs included some old easy dances like "Chilly Cha Cha" and "Don't Fence Me In" as well as some newer and more challenging ones like "I'm Going to Love You," "Wake Me Up and Stay" and "Happy in Love."

A number of dancers, affectionately known as "the line dancing cowgirls," led the group in a new song, "Happy Trails." Sung by Roy Rogers and Dale Evans (remember them?),



Pictured above are the Line Dance Cowgirls. From left to right are Mary Becker, Lilia Bensonoff, Ellen Gilbert, Lynn Anzelone and Sheila Bonomo.

the song was particularly appropriate for the occasion: "Happy trails to you until we meet again..."

We danced to the song using choreography created by our own president, John Koning, who also created original steps for "Where'm I Gonna Live When I Get Home?" by Billy-Ray Cyrus.

To the casual observer, the set-up for the Tuesday and Saturday sessions of line dancing seem effortless. But a lot of thought and planning goes into the structure of each day's program.

We have about 100 songs and

dances in our repertoire. There are seven lists of programs, each one with 12-14 dances, which are rotated through the weeks. The odd number of programs is deliberate, so that, since we meet twice a week, Program 1 is played on a Saturday one time and the next time it comes up in rotation, it is played on a Tuesday.

The mix of dances is fine-tuned as needed. Each program has some newer and older dances, some slow and fast ones, and some easy and some more challenging choreography.

Step sheets for the dances are

available at the Line Dance Club Website, [sites.google.com/site/otowline-dancing](http://sites.google.com/site/otowline-dancing).

You can also visit our club page on the Box Office Website.

Line Dance At Home videos are on OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732 at about 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesday, Thursdays and Friday. You can dance in the privacy of your own home.

We meet and dance at the East Activity Center on Saturdays starting at 8:30 a.m. and on Tuesdays starting at 1 p.m. For more information, call Mary Becker at (727) 253-4874.



## Coloring Book Club

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## New Coloring Book Club begins in June

Coming to On Top of the World, starting on June 2, will be a new Coloring Book Club.

We will meet in the air conditioned East Activity Center Art Room, so there is no reason to stay in your condo all summer.

The club will meet on Thursdays, from 1-3 p.m.

Bring your coloring books, pencils,

crayons, magic markers or whatever tools you prefer.

Need a coloring book? Nearby Barnes and Nobles has a great selection.

Summer can be long and hot. This club gives you something to do for fun without working up a sweat.

The goal is to have fun, socialize, help each other and get better.

Believe it or not, coloring books are no longer just for children. It is a growing rage for people who want to have fun.

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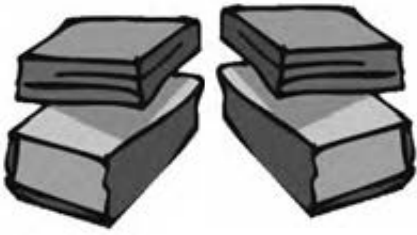
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# New books in OTOW library include legal, mystery and drama plots



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## Library News

By Katy Gerritt

As we head into May, it's time to think about beach or pool reading.

What do we want to read to relax in the hot months of summer?

We have several good choices on the new books shelf:

"A Few of the Girls" by the late Maeve Binchy, is a collection of short stories with her usual interesting characters. It is set in Dublin.

James Grippano offers the 12th book in the Jack Swyteck series, another excellent legal thriller.

In "A Girls Guide to Moving On" Debbie Macomber tells the story of a woman and her daughter-in-law who help each other to leave troubled marriages.

James Patterson and Mark Sullivan have collaborated on the latest in the series, "Private Paris." A former CIA agent, Jack Morgan, is in Paris on vacation and is called upon to help find the granddaughter of a client.

"Cometh the Hour," No. 6 in the Clifton Chronicles, has many twists and turns for Harry and Emma Clifton and Giles Barrington and Lady Virginia.

Joy Fielding has a new thriller out about a child abduction leading to the breakdown of a family. Then a similar crime many years later seems to have a connection.

Danielle Steel writes a story of old photos from post World War II Europe that are found in a safe deposit

box along with a collection of very valuable jewelry. But who is the woman who owned them and what became of her?

Harlan Coben's new thriller tests what is real and what is not. Can Maya trust what she saw on the nanny cam?

We also expect more new titles in May.

Plus, there are plenty of books to purchase and take on the road.

And don't miss our "free" shelf, with a selection of titles and subjects for those with varied interests.

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# Getting to Know You

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feature  
about the people  
in your  
On Top  
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community

by  
John Koning



Barbara Hogan shows the infectious smile that won her a game show appearance

## Barbara Hogan's amazing prime-time game show winning streak 52 years ago

By John Koning

In 1964, On Top of the World resident Barbara Hogan, her husband and two friends were enjoying a weekend in Manhattan, NY.

They got audience tickets for the game show "Say When," hosted by Art James. During the show, a simple twist of fate launched Barbara on a winning streak of legendary proportion.

But now, as they say in show business, let's get to know contestant No. 1.

Barbara Hogan was born in Providence, RI. She met, fell in love with and married her neighborhood sweetheart Jack.

Together they raised seven children, all of whom still live very close to where they grew up. Barbara Hogan counts herself a very lucky woman.

Back in Manhattan, before an afternoon taping of "Say When," Barbara and another contestant were called out of the audience to play a warm-up version of the game. Their job was to guess the value of a showcased item. When Barbara nailed the price down to the penny, a few eyebrows did a hiccup in the producer's booth.

Barbara was asked if she would audition for the show. This was done to ensure that prospective contestants were capable of playing the game and to ensure that Barbara's guess wasn't just a flash in the pan.

The producers were also looking for entertaining contestants. Barbara was a shoo-in.

The next day, Jack went home alone to mind

their kids and Barbara stayed on ... and on ... in Manhattan.

On her first day, Barbara won a new car! She was very excited, but had no one to share the news with, so she sat on a bench in Rockefeller Center and basked in the euphoria.

While she was there, an 80 year-old man sidled up beside her on the bench and propositioned her. So much for good luck!

On day two, Barbara won another car! Could this all be a dream? No it wasn't. It was a pattern that would continue for five full days.

Art James took Barbara aside to tell her that she was one of his favorite contestants. Barbara describes her game show demeanor a little more succinctly, "I was a nut case!"

When all was said and done, Barbara walked away with two cars, a fur coat, a man's gold watch, a dining room set, a bedroom set, a washing machine, a sewing machine, a stereo console TV, a 7-foot long hutch, 50 cases of Gerber baby food, 30 cases of frozen veal cutlets and 20 cases of Spam.

Oh yes, she also won a week-long trip to Palm Springs, complete with a rental car, and the necklace she won on her very first guess during the warm up.

Cha-ching!

During her time in Manhattan, Barbara was a quasi celebrity in nearby Hurley's Bar where they aired "Say When" nightly. Back home in Rhode Island, Barbara's pediatrician put the show on the hospital TV so his patients could cheer Barbara on.

While she was shopping at a local grocery store, a child raced up to Barbara and asked, "Are you the lady from on TV?"

Upon her return home, every day was like Christmas for about a week. There was a steady stream of delivery vehicles traveling to and from her home. Gerber Baby Foods spared Barbara the agony of dispersing 50 cases of baby food and handed her a check for their value instead. Barbara rented a freezer to keep the veal cutlets frozen until they could consume it or give it away.

Of course, Uncle Sam was there at the front of the line with his hand out. Barbara was forced to sell one of the new cars to pay New York State and federal taxes. Jack drove the other sports car into the ground.

The gold watch still adorns the wrist of her son and Barbara's daughter took the bedroom set when she down-sized. The sewing machine came along with Barbara to her Australia Way condo as a practical reminder of her amazing streak.

Barbara is not winning cars these days, but she still considers herself a very lucky woman. She can boast seven children, 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, all of whom bring joy to her life and to the lives of others.

Winning doesn't necessarily mean avoiding tragedy. Barbara has faced her share. Winning means getting back up after being knocked down. In that way and others, Barbara Hogan is an OTOW gold medal winner!



# We are already creating our 2017 show - who wants to be a part of it?



By Sue Calinski

Believe it or not, The Jesters are already in the planning stages for our 2017 show!

The wheels of progress are turning, churning out another fun-filled show for you!

Also, while we are on hiatus, The Jesters have installed the new executive board for our coming year.

A lovely dinner was held at the East Activity Center auditorium on April 12, at which time the new officers were installed.

Being a Jester is an amazing journey of self-exploration and reaching new levels that you may never have thought possible.

It's also a wonderful way to make lasting friendships with others who have similar interests.

If you are a Snowbird, you might want to check us out before you fly back north. Or, if you are reading this newspaper online from your northern home, consider us for the fall.

We can certainly find a part for you when you return!

Our monthly meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month and are held in the EAC auditorium at 7 p.m.

Jesters also have a table in the



Pictured above is The Jesters new board. From left to right are Lee Catalfomo, president; Tony Baker, first vice president; Joe DiTolvo, second vice president; Vicky Portsmouth, secretary; JoAnn Merrick, assistant secretary; Lillian Foy, treasurer and Pat Catalfomo, assistant treasurer.

EAC on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m.. We would love to see you there, answer any questions, and get you signed up as a Jester!

We are always in need of people to work behind the scenes, as well as those on stage.

If you enjoy doing such things as

gathering or creating props and scenery, coordinating costumes, and a wide array of other activities necessary to put on a great show, then we want you!

The Jesters welcome newcomers and do our best to make this the most enjoyable experience ever!

The cost to join is still only \$5 for

the year, providing you with a lot of fun, entertainment and friendships.

2017 may seem a long way off right now, but it will be here before you know it! The Jesters are ready for the challenge to make this our best show yet!

## 2017 show will take place in Chicago during the 1920s

By Lilli Scheifen

At the Theater Workshop meeting on April 6, members were elected to the 2016-17 board.

Our new board is as follows: President Will Peterson, Vice President Brad Day, Treasurer Stu Gerstein, Assistant Treasurer Roger Nicoll, Secretary Lori Gerstein, Assistant Secretary Rose Fox and Past President Tony Scheifen.

As no others were nominated or volunteered to serve, this will be our new Board for the upcoming season.

Thank you to the past year's board and our best wishes to our newly elect-



**Theater Workshop**

ed representatives.

Once again, we thank you for your support of our show "Las Vegas - The Sands of Time."

We had a blast presenting it, and from all accounts, the audiences felt the same.

Will Peterson will not reprise his role as director/producer in the upcoming show. Our talented and long-time Theater Workshop members, Will and Mary Sundbald, will take over the reins. We are sure that in their capable hands we will have another hit show.

Although the show is in its infancy, the brief outline is as follows: The title will be "The Hideaway" and the location is to be Chicagoland in the Roaring '20s during the height of the prohibition era. Sounds like fun, fun, fun,

but "That's all for now, Folks."

Stay tuned.

The next meeting will be our annual installation dinner and the date is Wednesday, May 4. We will meet in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room at 5 p.m. Mama Felice will present us with her sumptuous array of Italian cuisine and your diets may go the way of the buffalo nickel (at least for the evening).

Only the Board of Directors will meet in September and the next regular meeting will be the first Wednesday in October.

Have a fabulous summer.





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# You may want to bring a good luck charm to our Friday the Thirteenth social party

By Dave Beaven

Do you feel lucky?

Well, you'll be tested at our monthly club social this month.

On Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m., we will be getting together in the Art Room.

Yes, that is Friday the Thirteenth.

But we won't let that bother us.

As usual, our club boom box will be belting out great tunes to lift everybody's spirits. The bar will be serving Lucky Punch. One sip and you'll get lucky – one way or another.

As usual, our member chefs will bring in tasty treats for our monthly buffet. Don't miss it. Just don't forget your rabbit's foot.



## Lambda

Speaking of luck, there are some people who don't believe in it. Their idea is that you make your own good luck by hard work and vice versa. Except there are many people out there working very hard who never become particularly successful. Yet every now and again, Lady Luck taps an individual's shoulder and they become a rock

star or a lottery winner.

Good for them.

There is also the reverse, of course. Everything is going along fine when Lady Bad Luck taps us.

As for me, I will see that our club party has plenty of four leaf clovers, horseshoes and rainbows around the room. No sense taking any chances on Friday the Thirteenth!

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, game nights, etc.

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 official webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at: [lambdaclw@yahoo.com](mailto:lambdaclw@yahoo.com). Or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

You can also visit our club on the Box Office, OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com. Look for our link under Club Pages.

## Eighty attend picnic

By Pete Marchetti

Our annual picnic at Phillippe Park was attended by 80.

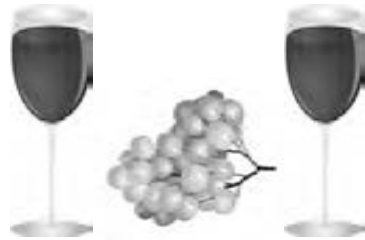
We had good food and games. Fun was had by all. This was our last event of the season.

The Italian American Club had a very successful year. We had about 75 new members join.

Starting in the fall, we will be selling tickets to shows at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Co-President Maryann Fountaine will be the contact person to purchase these tickets.

We will do nine events during the course of the season.

Hope everyone has a great summer. See you in the fall.



## Italian American

**Editor's Note:** Tickets for Ruth Eckerd Hall will not be publicized in OTOW News. Ruth Eckerd Hall does not pay for advertising. You will have to go to the Italian Club table for information.

## Hattitudes will attend lunch theater for May outing

By Charlyn Miller

Fifteen Red Hat Hattitudes met at Joe's Crab Shack on April 2.

The luncheon was hosted by Jeanne Grant. The theme was Easter and spring flowers.

There were three birthday celebrations. Each birthday girl was treated to free dessert, as is our custom.

We discussed future plans for horse races, dinner theatre and the Clearwater Orchestra.

Ginny Chilcote will be the hostess



## Rosy Hattitudes

for a May luncheon and has secured the Fletcher Luncheon Theatre.

We will meet and laugh and we always have fun.



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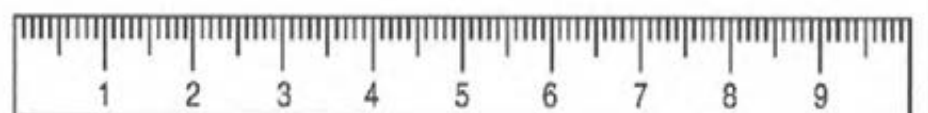
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# Exercise throughout the summer

So many of our Snowbird friends are heading North for the summer, but if you are staying here and are interested in staying fit, come join us at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday in the East Activity Center gym.

There are exercise, fitness and step classes for all levels. The music will get you moving. It's a fun way to start your day and meet other residents, who are

also interested in staying fit and active.

We work on building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weightlifting and cardio fitness.

Our workouts change daily to keep you motivated. Come check out the new routine given by Patti Branch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and Vonnie Oto on Tuesdays through May.

We also offer a co-ed Fun Fitness Workout.

With the Large Card Room in the EAC still under construction, Fun Fitness meets at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings in the EAC Yellow Room.

We have also added a co-ed step class on Fridays at 11 a.m. in the EAC gym. Come support Vonnie as she continues to keep you motivated for these classes as well.



## Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

Join us on any Tuesday. You don't have to be a member of our club to attend. You're welcome even if you just want to listen, Tuesdays 10-11:30 AM, East Activity Center Veranda. Any questions? Call Bob Reis at 798-2443.

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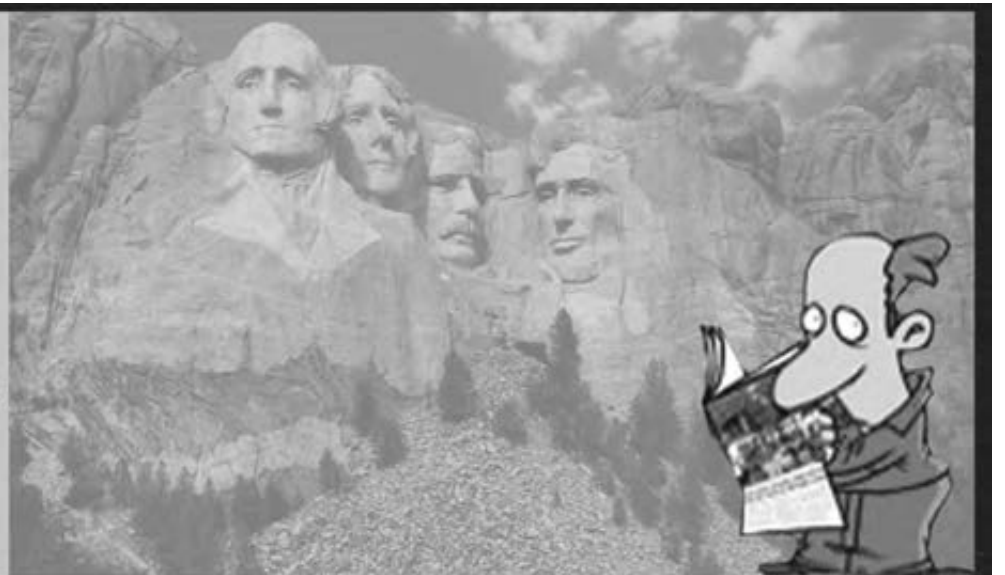
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Helen Duranti stands alongside a new shipment of yarn mailed to the On Top of the World club.

## ‘Thank You’ Dorothy from Massachusetts for another generous shipment of yarn

By Phyllis Butler

Many of our Snowbird friends have headed north to reunite with their summer knitting clubs.

Others will work from home and bring their finished projects back with them in the fall.

We wish everyone good luck with their projects.

The On Top of the World Knitting Club will continue to meet throughout the summer, although our numbers do diminish a bit.

We will meet every Wednesday morning from 9-11 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.



Last month we received a large shipment of yarn from our friend, Dorothy Gallagher, in Massachusetts.

She has been sending us yarn for about 20 years now and has been very helpful in keeping us going.

We have now learned that this will be our last shipment, since she is going into an assisted living facility and will no longer be able to collect the yarn for us.

We are extremely grateful to her for her help over the years and wish her the very best in her new home.

We also appreciate the local residents who have brought us yarn they can no longer use.

This yarn helps us make many more robes and shrugs that we could

not do otherwise.

We also receive financial aid through the Good Neighbors Association and through Coffee Corner, for which we are very thankful.

All of these help us to continue our goal of providing lap robes and shrugs to those who will benefit from them.

We both knit and crochet, and while we don't teach, we do help each other with problems and/or difficult patterns.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in our efforts and our fellowship.



## Men's Golf Awards

Pictured above are the top golfers from the OTOW Men's Golf Association. In front, left to right, are John Lovasz (D champion), Stan Doran (B runner-up) and Tony Esposito (D runner-up). In back are Bill Higgins (club champion), Marc Schell (B champion), Gary Sandine (A champion) and Don Rice (C champion). (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



# Canadian Club plans events for Sesquicentennial



By Rick McLauchlan

On March 27, the annual General Meeting of the On Top of the World Canadian Club was held and the 2016-17 Club Executive was elected.

This coming year's lineup is President Brenda McLauchlan, Immediate Past President Rick McLauchlan, First Vice President Charles St. Maurice, Second Vice President Gil Small, Secretary Lynn Lunt, Treasurer Ken Campbell and Registrar Frank Brown.

On July 1, 2017, Canada commemorates its Sesquicentennial, 150 years of Confederation. The OTOW Canadian Club intends to highlight this historic occasion throughout our 2016-17 slate of events. We invite everyone to celebrate with us.

On Nov. 5, the Canadian Club will participate in the OTOW Senior Expo. Club members will be present to explain our various activities and register new and returning members for the 2016-17 season.



Pictured above is the Canadian Club new Executive. From left to right are Past President Rick McLauchlan, First Vice President Charles St. Maurice, President Brenda McLauchlan, Second Vice President Gil Small, Secretary Lynn Lunt and Treasurer Ken Campbell. Absent is Registrar Frank Brown.

Remember that membership is open to anyone, Canadian or not, who is in possession of a valid OTOW Recreation Card. We are proud to say that about 35 percent of our members are not Canadians and this adds to our spirit, fun and congeniality.

While memberships will be available at the OTOW Seniors Expo, new and renewed memberships will mainly be available at the first official 2016-17 gathering of the club, which is Registration Night, scheduled for Friday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. in the East

Activity Center auditorium. This will be the first opportunity to sign up for our other activities such as A Day at the Races, Golf Tournament, Canadian Lawn Bowls Triples Tournament, Blues Jays Day and Marathon Bridge.

Also you will be advised of other Canadian Club activities, such as Social Games that start in December, our very popular Christmas Dinner/Dance scheduled for Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. in the auditorium and the acclaimed Happy Hour Cabarets held from January through March.

This summer, please be sure to stay in touch with your OTOW Canadian Club by following the OTOW newspaper online at [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com), where you click the Clearwater Website and download the newspaper. You can also visit our own official Website at [otowcanadianclub.com/index.htm](http://otowcanadianclub.com/index.htm), like us on our new Facebook page [www.facebook.com/otowcc](http://www.facebook.com/otowcc) or keep track of us on the Box Office.

Have a great and safe summer. See you in the fall.

## Got a question for the sheriff? See you May 17

By Marvin Lazernik

The Sheriff is coming!

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri is the keynote speaker for our May 17 meeting.

His Jurisdiction is over 608 square miles and covers a population of more than 928,000.

At present, one of the prime issues is the current open gun law that the legislation is debating in Florida. We will hear his viewpoints on this and other current issues.

At our April meeting, cards were passed out and members wrote down what questions and concerns they had to be addressed by Sheriff Gualtieri. All members will also be emailed and given the opportunity to email back their concerns so all members will also have the opportunity to have their voices heard.



April's keynote speaker was Ken Burke, CPA and Clerk of the Court. Members were amazed over the many hats Ken wears. From boat licensing to marriage licensing to custodian of all county funds,

Ken also maintains official records for the board of County Commissioners and at least a dozen more responsibilities.

There are approximately 500 employees that Ken is directly responsible for.

Ken answered any/all



Ken Burke answers questions during the Republican Club meeting in April.

questions by members on the various departments, as well as he stayed for photos with members.

He is running for re-election. He has held this title for the last 12 years.

Ken has been unopposed for this position the past few elections and last night we listened and learned why – his

work schedule calls for a seven-day work week, including holidays on many occasions!

Thank you for addressing our membership and we welcome your return visit.

Members had an excellent discussion on the state of the GOP and how it affects our state, county and local club. Members voiced their con-

cerns in a civil manner and we had several former legislators there to answer questions.

Many thanks to Ed Hooper for his knowledge, and just as important, being able to explain complicated rules and regulations in terms that all could understand.

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club meets every third Tuesday of the month in the East Activity Center Craft Room. Meeting start at 7 p.m. – doors open at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments are served.

For more information, visit our Box Office page on the Internet. Go to [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com) and click the Box Office link. Enter then look for the elephant under the "Clubs" link.

You can also find us on Facebook or you can call Susan at 727-239-7585 for more information.



# Second Paint & Sip sells out but more will take place this summer



## Art Guild

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 said goodbye to our Snowbirds, but we still have plenty of fun in the summer months for the 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.

We had our second Paint & Sip Night and it was another great success. We sold out very quickly! We plan on



Future famous artists work together on paintings during the second Paint & Sip held by the Art Guild. The event was sold out within days. Look for more Paint & Sips this summer.

having more in the near future, so if you're interested, call Penny Page at 648-4729 to get on the list.

Paint & Sip is a two hour event, from 7-9 p.m., in the Art Room. All supplies are provided and the cost is \$20. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine or your beverage of choice. Join us - you'll love it!

Our April meeting was the last one of the season. We held a short busi-

ness discussion and voted in our new board members, followed by a delicious pizza party, complete with wine and desserts. We also enjoyed a demonstration of Zen Doodle presented by JoAnn Ferro.

Zen Doodle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. It increases focus and creativity, provides artistic satisfaction, along with

an increased sense of personal well being.

Membership in the Art Guild is \$15 per year, which starts in November. Dues are used to pay presenters, expenses of the annual art show and refreshments at our meetings.

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

## On Top of the World annual meeting, Friday, June 10, 10 am

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Mimi

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It was love at first sight. I lucked out!

I not only have a forever home, I have two - one in Pittsburgh and one here in the Swedish Traditional Building at On Top of the World.

I like it better here because I can chase geckos and play at the dog park

every day with my friends.

My mom says I’m like a cat ‘cause I like to chase shadows, lights and lasers.

I think I am a Jack Russell and a Shih Tsu, but I’m not sure! What I do know is that my mom and I are “best friends!”

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 [boootss@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:boootss@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 entries, so if you’ve never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

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# Yes, it's true, Polar Bears love pizza!



## Polar Bear Club

Nearly 40 Polar Bear swimmers and their spouses descended upon Countryside Pizza to honor water aerobics instructor Elsie Jane Anderson as their season came to a close.

The Polar Bears swim weekdays, November through May, when it's at least 60 degrees outside.

It was a grand party filled with laughter, friendship and a lot of good food.

Summer classes, the Otter Club, start May 2.

Until next year, have a happy summer and we look forward to seeing all the bears back next fall.



Pictured above are 28 Polar Bears and spouses who got together to celebrate the end of the winter water aerobics season. The instructor is Elsie Jane Anderson, who is on the top row.

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## Travel Club

By Terri Mikszenas

Our upcoming trips to the Church of Scientology on June 21 and historic tour of St. Petersburg on May 4 are both sold out, but we have started a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Readers may recall last month that the Travel Club asked for new or used books to be donated to the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American History Museum. We plan on donating these books during our St. Petersburg tour.

We are so pleased to say we received more than 90 books with promises for more.

The museum's Bluebird Book Bus is in need of children's books. The concept is to encourage children to read or read more often.

Our club's two-year term for officers is coming to an end on Dec. 1. Our nominating committee, Shari Anthony, Mary Garrett, Gay Hunt and Fran Zaloski, will be seeking members to fill the positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Volunteers, who are interested in becoming a board member, should contact a member of the nominating committee.

What will you be doing this summer?

If you are heading north, please be sure we have your correct email address, so we can keep in touch with you during the summer and let you know



Overlooking the marina at Ozona Blue in Palm Harbor is, left to right, Eileen Nelson, Donna Mae Wilson, Ralph Wilson and Nick Nelson of the Travel Club. This was one of our recent monthly luncheons.

about upcoming trips and events. Our email is [TMIK2192@gmail.com](mailto:TMIK2192@gmail.com).

If you are going to spend the summer here in Florida, why not join us for our July 19 and 20 trip to Orlando to see the amazing Cirque du Soleil's international cast of acrobats, singers, trapeze artists, jugglers and clowns.

They are sure to mesmerize!

On the return trip, we will stop at the Morse Museum which houses the world's most comprehensive collection of jewelry, paintings, art glass, leaded-glass lamps and windows by

Louis Comfort Tiffany.

We are excited to tell you that our newest trip is taking us to San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 5-13, with Terri and Dick Mikszenas as your group leaders. The agenda is packed with exciting visits to include the Alamo, River Walk District tour and cruise, Lyndon B. Johnson Ranch, National Museum of the Pacific War and many others too numerous to mention in this column.

More details are available, including costs, at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings

from 8-10:30 am. We'll be on duty to answer any questions you may have, give you a list of upcoming trips or to sell you a ticket or two.

Come see, come listen, come join the club.

Join us during one of our monthly luncheons, but don't be shy! If you don't have a travel partner, let us know and we'll try to match you up!

Even if you are not a member of the club, you are welcome to join us at this month's meeting on Friday, May 6 at 2 p.m. in the EAC Starlite Room.

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## Learn to play Scopa

What is Scopa?

Scopa is an Italian card game which is like a board game.

Players use strategies to match cards in their hands with cards on the table.

The object is to make tricks and score points.

On Top of the World currently has a Scopa Club which meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-9 p.m., in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Crafts Room.

Currently, five tables are used and there are four people per table.

The club plays socially and there are fun tournaments. Beginners are welcome and you can be taught how to play.

For more information, contact Mario at 1-718-873-5304.



# Fixers Club accepting old tools which can be donated to charity



## Fixers Club

By Doug Erickson

The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers enjoy reaching out to our neighbors and to others.

We are continually making toys that are passed onto the Care and Share group for painting and distribution to various charity organizations.

Our work has reached thousands of young appreciative children.

This is also a good way to get started in wood working, if you have a desire to do so. You will be taught the basics, and you may also assist in the painting.

We also make repairs for On Top of the World residents on items brought into our shop. Because of insurance and licensing requirements, we cannot work in condos, nor allow non-members to work in the shop.

A recent charity we added is the "Tools for Missions" program. It was suggested and organized by resident Arnold Engelbert, pictured at right with the latest collection. These are tools donated by OTOW residents, which we add to our tool inventory as extras.

Hundreds of dollars worth of tools have gone to many countries, as



Arnold Engelbert shows off some old tools recently donated to the OTOW Fixers Club for distribution to a charity called "Tools for Missions."

well as to ministries in the Southern States. This is an on-going program, so if you are wondering what to do with those tools you no longer need, bring them to our shop and we will pass them on to those who need them.

Another Fixer member, Ben Farrell, started a charity to raise funds addressing the need of providing for

young people in our local area. This program raises money for food, as well as working with young people who benefit from the practical experience of doing wood work.

In April, the Fixers worked with him in an on-site program at the nearby "Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch" in Safety Harbor.

We would like to tell you more about our charitable work, but will show it to you in photo spreads in the summer editions of this newspaper. Seasonal residents may view the newspaper online by going to [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com), clicking the Clearwater link and downloading the current newspaper.

## *None of these are jokes ... just common sense*

I changed my car horn to police sirens. Now people get out of the way faster.

You can tell a lot about a woman's mood by what she has in her hands. If she is holding a butcher's knife, she's probably not in a good mood.

You know that tingly feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body.

I don't like to make plans for the day, because "premeditated" can get you in trouble in a courtroom.

Marge  
Mayer



## Internet Humor

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. Problem is, we haven't met yet.

I didn't get to the gym today. That makes five straight years.

I decided to call my toilet Jim instead of John. It just feels good to say I went to the Jim this morning.

Old age is coming at a bad time in my life.

When I was a child, nap time was a punishment. Today, nap time is heavenly.

My hair is not gray. Those are wisdom highlights.

If we were meant to do toe-touches in the morning, we would have been born with toes on our knees.

Why does the answering service state "press 1 for English" when I get transferred to someone I cannot understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself. I am seeking advice.

At my age, getting lucky means walking into a room and remembering what I went into the room to do.



# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

## *Trend of late is Entertainment Committee shows selling out or getting close to near-sellouts*

By Marvin Flam

The 2016 spring season started with a sold out Marlins Show and was followed by two more shows, which were only a few seats away from being sold out.

On April 7, Ken Brady and the Casinos performed here. It was their final appearance anywhere as a group.

Ken Brady will continue to perform as a duo with a keyboard player, but the Casinos wrapped up a career.

"I wanted to end the Casinos career, after 40-plus years on stage, with my friends at OTOW," Ken said.

The Casinos got a standing ovation from the audience at the end of a great and emotional show.

On April 13, the Suncoast Symphony performed in the East Activity Center auditorium in a special Entertainment Committee presentation for a Wednesday night.

The symphony included more

than 50 instruments under the leadership of Dr. Theodore DeCorso.

The show was called, "That's Entertainment: Through the Ages" and featured music from the 1600s, Grease, Henry Mancini, Phantom of the Opera, Satchmo and Star Trek.

See photos on page 39.

This performance was the result of our "Wishing Well" program!

If you have a wish for entertainment, fill out a Wishing Well request form and let us know what you would like to see and hear. We take member input seriously, and work year-round to make your wishes come true!

You may fill out a Wishing Well request at our information tables, 8:30-10 a.m., on Monday and Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center auditorium or fill out a digital Wishing Well form on the OTOW Box Office Website.

Go to [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com),

click "OTOW Club Pages" and look for the Entertainment Committee's page.

Year round, the Entertainment Committee is presenting shows, dances, and Sundays in the Park each month.

Our shows are on Thursday nights and our dances are on Saturday nights. Both feature tables with reserved seating, BYOB and snacks.

The Entertainment Committee provides great entertainment, decaffeinated coffee and ice.

Sundays In The Park are free to all residents. In addition to great entertainment, we provide lite snacks and a raffle drawing.

Summer ticket packages, (May thru August), and fall ticket packages, (September thru December) are now available.

Tickets are also available for the New Year's Eve Dance.

Ticket packages insure that you will have your current table and seat reserved for future shows and dances.

The summer season opens May 5 with "That 70's Show – a tribute to Divas, Disco and Dance!"

This fully costumed show features the music of ABBA, Donna Summer, Cher, Tina Turner, Barbara Streisand, Gladys Knight, the Bee Gees, and a few surprises!

All songs are supported by The Sequel Band, singers and dancers.

On May 7, the Bitter-Sweet duo will provide music for the "Luau Dance."

A free Sunday In The Park on May 8 will feature Ralph Rogers singing a variety of popular songs..

Follow us on your building's bulletin board and bulletin boards in the East and West Activity Centers.

We are also on OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732.

## Ken Brady & The Casinos, final show, at OTOW



Thursday, April 7, 2016



# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

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# Tennis season wraps up with feast and trophies

By Joe Spahalski


On Top of the World annual community tennis tournaments took place earlier this spring and trophies were recently passed out to our top players.

The annual tennis awards banquet took place in the Sunrise Room and started with keyboard music provided by Bill Clark. Refreshments were also served.

Dinner followed and was a feast.

The following tennis players received awards:

- Mens singles: Daniel Puopolo.
- Women's singles: Val Varnell.
- Mens Doubles Div. 1: Art Lambert and Harry Morrison.
- Mens Doubles Div. 2: Tom Pettit and Daniel Sherry.
- Women's Doubles: Jane Collins and Ann Haskell.
- Mixed Doubles
- First place - Ann Haskell and John McIntyre.
- Second place - Jane Collins and



Tennis

Bill Lepping.

Name plates were made for every winner and placed on our "perpetual plaque" located in the Sunrise Room. This perpetual plaque has the history of the club winners since 1989.


Tennis members would like to thank the following for coordinating our tournaments: Karen Phillips, Harry Morrison and Bill Lepping.

At the evening's conclusion, everyone went home and started practicing for the next tournament.



Pictured above are the men's doubles champions. In the middle is Bill Lepping, making the trophy presentation to Art Lambert and Harry Morrison.

# Final standings announced at banquet



Horseshoes

The On Top of the World Horseshoe Club started the 2016 season league play on Jan. 12.

The season started with 15 members on the roster.

For most of the season, 14 members pitched most all the games and a total of 44 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 shuffleboard courts. Some members continue to play all summer despite season league play ending on March 31.

The chart in this article shows the final standings based on winning percentage.

An awards banquet was held April 4 at Positanos Italiano restaurant. The banquet was attended by 22 members, wives and guests.

2016 Horseshoe League Season Final							
Player Name	Total Games	Total Points	Total Wins/Losses	Games Won Percentage	Season Ringers Percentage		Final Season Handicap
Roy Montieth	42	2463	41/1	98	599	36	49
Charlie Bosio	38	943	23/15	61	51	3	76
Phil Henne	34	1239	20/14	59	164	12	67
Gerald Smith	44	1554	23/21	52	214	12	68
Ray Lawrence	42	1692	17/19	47	297	21	58
Jim Manard	36	1284	15/21	42	117	8	68
Jim Collins	38	1351	15/23	40	162	11	68
Jim Wishmier	38	828	11/27	29	68	5	79
(Players with less than 29 games played.)							
Wade Candler	28	1032	13/15	46	155	14	67
Jim Rudderham	26	760	8/18	31	85	8	73
Jim Williams	24	604	9/15	38	39	4	76
Jerry Rice	10	247	1/9	10	14	4	76
Preston Asper	6	203	3/3	50	29	12	69
Bob Tabor	4	80	1/3	25	5	3	80

Scoring Stats by Gerald Smith





# Softball players visit their sponsor to get an inside look at equine therapy

By Bob Rittner

For the second consecutive year, the league had an outing to Quantum Leap Farm in Odessa to support its mission and to enjoy touring the farm, hearing about its work and eating delicious barbeque.

Founded by Dr. Edie Dopking in 2000, the farm has grown to 20 acres with a staff of 19 and more than 600 volunteers, while serving well over 1500 clients.

To quote its mission statement, "Quantum Leap Farm exists to help people of all ages and abilities to achieve therapeutic goals and overcome challenges through equine assisted therapies."

In other words, the trained staff of therapists use horses to help disabled children, veterans, wives of veterans and others to overcome the physical, emotional and mental problems they face.

It turns out that a horse's gait closely approximates that of humans, so riding exercises the same muscles that walking does.

There is also a strong emotional presence when interacting with horses, whether simply helping to groom them or sitting astride one that frees a person from a constricting wheelchair and allows them to see others by looking down rather than always having to look up.

The staff's dedication was obvious as they described children improving their attention span, a program to assist wives of disabled veterans learning to cope with such an unexpected challenge and other inspiring success stories, all linked to interaction with

## Softball

horses.

The Farm operates entirely from private donations and relies upon numerous volunteers, such as OTOW softball player Bob Fields, who does much of the carpentry and maintenance.

Anyone who loves horses, and would like to volunteer, is encouraged to contact the Farm. The Website, [quantumleapfarm.org](http://quantumleapfarm.org), provides contact information and further information about the work it does.

The OTOW softball league also played some exciting games.

### Quantum Leap Farm 15 Scott's Pharmacy 11

Shades of Tommy Agee and Ron Swoboda in the 1969 World Series!

With two on and two out in the top of the ninth inning, a batted ball was about to drop in front of the left fielder to score a run and bring the tying run to the plate. Out of nowhere, center fielder Gene Osmond streaked in, dove and stretched at full length, sprawling on the grass, caught the ball at ground level for the third out.

It was a thrilling moment in OTOW senior softball history.

Earlier, Dan Puopolo saved multiple runs by racing from left center to the left field line to catch a towering fly ball at the fence.

And then, from deep shortstop, Dan hustled across the pitcher's mound to catch a flare near the first

base line.

Dan, Gene and Lenny Segall all homered while Paul Fice had a perfect four-hit day for Scott's.

### Quantum Leap Farm 14 Scott's Pharmacy 11

After Scott's erased a six run lead, the Farm scored three runs in the bottom of the eighth, the rally sparked by Frank Brown's two-out single, followed by consecutive doubles by Guy Bertuzzi, Gene Osmond and Jim Kemp.

Pitcher Tony Caputo then squelched Scott's with a perfect inning, assisted by a leaping grab of a liner by Guy.

Scott's comeback was keyed by two-run homers by Dan Puopolo and Lenny Segall and two doubles by Paul Fice, as well as a sparkling Joe Maley catch of a hard liner.

### Quantum Leap Farm 15 Scott's Pharmacy 9

Propelled by Lenny Segall and Jim Kemp home runs, the Farm broke a 7-7 fifth inning tie to rout Scott's.

Greg Zimmer returned from a long hiatus with three solid hits and sterling outfield play, and Guy Bertuzzi continued his recent hot streak smoking line drives all over the field.

Scott's received the typical vacuum fielding from shortstop Paul Fice as well as four long hits by Allan Bendert and Trevor Dixon, two doubles by Glenn Ohl and three solid hits from Hugh Quirk.

Bill Edwards made a spectacular

backhand catch of a low liner in left field.

Highlight play of the game: Left Fielder Jim Kemp raced in to make a snow cone catch of a sinking liner at his shoe top.

### Quantum Leap Farm 16 Scott's Pharmacy 15

Scott's kept overcoming deficits all game, forging ahead in the top of the ninth, but the Farm scored three in the bottom of the inning to pull out the victory.

Paul Fice and Jim Kemp homered for the Farm, and Duane Anderson and Gene Osmond each had four hits.

Scott's was led by Hugh Quirk's four hits and a cycle from Lenny Segall.

### Quantum Leap Farm 21 Scott's Pharmacy 20

With two outs and the tying run attempting to score, catcher Jim Pollock snatched a one-hop throw to the plate to seal the victory.

In a seesaw game, the Farm jumped out to a six-run lead after three innings, only to fall behind by four runs after six.

Hitting stars for the Farm included Gene Osmond (two homers, three doubles), Dick LeTourneau (four hits including two doubles), Glenn Ohl (four hits) and Jim Kemp who homered among his three hits.

For Scott's, Lenny Segall (homer, three doubles), Bill Edwards and Allan Bendert (homers), while Jim Tiano was a perfect 4-for-4 with three doubles.

The water aerobics class will return to the East Activity Center swimming pool starting May 2. Exercises will take place Monday through Friday, from 9-10 a.m.

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## Don Dorris captures Match Play Tournament title as regular season starts to wind down

The season for the Thursday Golf League is winding down and we are sad to see our Snowbird friends head back to their home courses.

Thank you for playing and we look forward to greeting you next season.

Our Match Play Tournament has concluded and Don Dorris is this year's champion. A great number of tough matches were played and we thank everyone who participated. The remainder of the final four were Don Sorensen, Allan Teal and Paul Meyers.

Week 17 was an interesting tournament. We played with three clubs and a putter.

Bill Gambacurta proved he doesn't need all those clubs in his bag with his first place finish. There was a log jam of players vying for the next two places and tiebreakers were used.

Ron Parham took second and Bob Maynard was third. The low gross round went to Don Hunter. Skins

### Thursday Golf

were taken by Patti Cook, Tom Mc-Minn, Bob Maynard and Don Hahs.

Dutch Michael was the week 18 winner. Ron Parham placed second. Paul Meyers was third and carded the low gross round. Van Bradley took two skins. Dutch Michael, Paul Meyers and Bill Higgins had one each. Long drive winners were Lisa Muchler, Don Hunter and Doug Oleksy. Allan Teal made the closest to the pin shot.

Bill Higgins had the hot hand in week 19, taking first place, low gross and a skin. Bill Cook was second and Don Baker placed third. Skins were also taken by Fred Schick, Clyde Hershberger, Bill Cook and Bob Maynard. Long drives were recored by Lisa Muchler, Jack Huerter and Tom Ramstack.

Week 20 was a complete washout due to a morning thunderstorm.

Don Dorris returned to his winning ways and was week 21 champion. A number of players had good rounds and a tiebreaker were needed to decide the next positions. When the dust settled, Bill Cook took second place and Gary Sandine was third. Rick Muchler, Paul Meyers, Doug Oleksy, Clyde Hershberger, Don Baker and Don Dorris all collected one skin.

In honor of Masters Week, we held a Greens In Regulation competition. Bill Higgins had the most greens hit, followed by Don Leamy, Clyde Hershberger, John Maloof and Gary Sandine.

With a few weeks left in regular play, our race to a league championship is still led by Fred Schick with 39 points. Don Baker follows with 32. Paul Meyers is next with 31 points. Don Leamy has 30.

Next at 29 points are Don Dorris, Dutch Michael, Mike Marsh and Clyde Hershberger. Patti Cook, Steve Yauk and Ron Parham follow with 28 points. Time is short and some great play will be needed to catch Fred.

The Thursday League Champion is decided by consistent good play for the entire season, points are awarded each week -- our version of the FEDEX Cup.

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

Players must sign in between 10 and 10:30 a.m. and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up. If you show up, you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.



## Learn our special lingo and get ready to avoid the 'kitchen' next season

### Shuffleboard

By Dave Williams  
"Yellow out!"

And the game is afoot.

Yellow goes first, but also has "the hammer" in the last frame.

Neither player wants to wind up "in the kitchen."

That's a minus 10!

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Not familiar with the lingo?

Stop by the shuffleboard courts and you will quickly pick it up. Barb Lenzi can help.

Barb is one of the "pros" on the On Top of the World shuffleboard court. She frequently wins all three daily games to get an honorable mention.

Retiring after 37 years with the US Postal Service, Barb is spending her third

season here at OTOW. She and husband, Mike, avail themselves of many amenities. They lawn bowl together and are a fearless couple on those courts.

They also enjoy the dances, building parties and picnics, until it's time to summer in Media, Pa.

We will miss them and the whole crew as we take our summer break starting in May. Look for us back on the courts in early October!

Winners of all three daily games last month included Rick Helton, Paul Santacrocce, Barb Lenzi, Bob Rittner, Dan Iacovelli, Virginia Butler, Bob Kurdt, Deb Champ, Rick Champ, Jose Pereira, Marge Sivek, Maureen Doire, and Dave Williams.



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# Pat Eastman, Joan Yorkery receive championship honors at awards banquet

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association held its annual spring luncheon on March 30 at the Clearwater Country Club.

About 50 women enjoyed a delightful lunch of soup, sandwiches, salad, fruit, ice cream sundaes and cookies.

The tables were decorated with centerpieces made by the committee. The centerpieces had golf balls in the bottom and fresh flowers around the top, plus decorative marbles.

Programs were brightly colored scrolls tied with contrasting ribbons.

A poem was included along with "Floridian" cloth bookmarks made by the committee of April Glenn, Melva Cooper and Betty Gerkin.

Indiana girls sure know how to throw a par tee!

Ellen Fier was presented a lovely jacket, gift certificate and flowers. She said her year just flew by and wanted to thank all her fantastic volunteers. It truly does take a village to run a fantastic golf league.

Maureen Stewart announced tournament winners. Our 2016 handicap champ is Joan Yorkery, our club champ is Pat Eastman, the flight winners are: Flight A-Becky West and Terry Kuplen, Flight B-Joyce Majewski and Rosemary Sabatino, and Flight C-Billie Pineau and Gwen Lemke.

This was Joan's first big tournament win. Joan admitted she was not playing very well and was in a real



Pictured above are Club Champion Pat Eastman, left, and Handicap Champion Joan Yorkery holding their 2016 plaques.

## Ladies 18-Hole Golf

slump prior to the tournament. But on the Sunday before the tournament, she gave herself a pep talk and convinced herself she would play better.

When she birdied the 10th hole on the first day of the tournament, the slump was over.

Joan had the confidence she need-

ed to finish with a 90, net 63.

Joan played relaxed on the next day shooting a nice 89, net 62, winning the handicap tournament by one shot over Billie Pineau.

Joan started playing golf when she came to OTOW. She did take lessons at the Landings, but plays for the

fun of it and states she is not a serious golfer.

Pat Eastman shot a 66 on the first day and had a seven shot lead going into the final round. On Tuesday, Pat started her first nine with a birdie and added two more for a 2-under par 31 on the front nine. She finished the day with an even par 65, winning the championship with a 1-over par 131 two-day total. This is Pat's 10th OTOW club championship.

### Tuesday winners

March 29, Flight A-Pat Eastman, Dale McMinn, Gloria Sayer Flight B-Rosemary Sabatino, Carole Whynot Flight C-Billie Pineau, Joan Yorkery

March 22, Flight A-Pat Eastman, Gloria Sayer Flight B-Cindy Schell, Fran Zaloski Flight C-Joyce Monahan, Joan Yorkery

March 15, Flight A-Pat Eastman, Nancy Lo Flight B-Joyce Majewski. Fran Zaloski Flight C-NatSue Dawson, Billie Pineau, Joan Yorkery

There were some low rounds in March. Gloria Sayer, Joyce Majewski, Ursula Taylor and Fran Zaloski all had a 59 net. Nancy Lo and Joan Yorkery had 60 net. Joyce Monahan had a season low 84.

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Pictured above are recent winners in a Flight Tournament for the Nine-Hole Ladies Golf League. From left to right are Madeline Nawrocky, Marge Sivek, Wendy Colquhoun and Marge Jacobs. At right, are the winners from the Presidents Tournament. Theresa Gates is left and Vayna Cormier is right. In the middle is League President Pat Murray.



## Prizes distributed at nine-hole ladies luncheon

By Vayna Cormier

To close a wonderful season, the 9-hole Ladies Golf League all enjoyed lunch at Rumbas – in a very nice private room.

This year, the nice weather and the high number of participants, contributed to the distribution of a pretty good amount of money for weekly awards.

The winners of our February Flight Tournament took some by surprise! They were Madeline Nawrocky, Marge Sivek, Wendy Colquhoun and Marge Jacobs. Yes, you never know when it's going to be your turn. Just a couple of good games and you're on the way to win.

The President's Tournament rewarded two ladies. One with the low gross and one with the low net. They were Theresa Gates and Vayna Cormier. This was a great initiative from the board, and fair for all players.

Here are the Weekly Awards

### 9-Hole Ladies Golf

#### March 1

A flight: Vayna Cormier, Wendy Colquhoun, Ann Stewart.

B flight: Mary Ann O'Neil, Linda Graff, Nancy Schifferle.

C flight: Marge Sivek, Elaine McDonald, Carroll Harris.

D flight: Romy Brady, Marnie Carr, Ann Robinson, C.C. Shaughnessy, Sue Queary, Pat Paladino.

Birdies: Vayna Cormier on # 2 and 5.

#### March 8

A flight: Ginny Chilcote, Vayna Cormier.

B flight: Mary Ann O'Neil, Marge Jacobs, Gundi Kenny, Marge Olsen.

C flight: Elaine McDonald, Marge Sivek.

D flight: Pat Paladino, Ginny Tufano, Lorraine Davis, Sue Queary, Marnie Carr.

Birdies: Vayna Cormier on No. 9, Marge Olsen on No. 5, Ginny Chilcote on No. 2

#### March 15

A flight: Ginny Chilcote, Vayna Cormier, Ann Stewart.

B flight: Theresa Gates, Gundi Kenny.

C flight: Madeline Nawrocky, Marge Sivek.

D flight: Ann Robinson, Marnie Carr, Nancy Parlature, C.C. Shaughnessy, Ginny Tufano.

Birdies: Theresa Gates on No. 4, Carroll Harris on No. 9.

#### March 29

A flight: Vayna Cormier, Ginny Chilcote.

B flight: Karen Johnson, Nancy Schifferle, Mary Ann O'Neil, Marge

Olsen.

C flight: Pat Murray, Madeline Nawrocky.

D flight: Ginny Tufano, Ingrid Durhan, Ann Robinson, C.C. Shaughnessy, Lorraine Davis.

Birdies: Vayna Cormier on No. 2, Madeline Nawrocky on No. 5.

Thank you to the members of the Board and all the committed volunteers, without whom we wouldn't have a league. Wishing everyone and their families a great summer. See you all next fall.

To view our OTOW Box Office Website while you are away, go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click the Box Office link and "enter."

On the left side you will see a link for club pages. Click it. Then look for the 9-hole ladies page. We will post news and photos leading up to next season.

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# Que'Ts planning for 2016-17 season



## Que'T Billiards

By Reva Heyman

There was good membership participation when the Que'T Ladies Billiards group met on March 19 to discuss policy, elect new officers and organize for the coming year.

The group heard the treasurer's report and voted to keep the same dues for the coming year.

We have tried to take an annual picture of all our members and will take the 2016-17 picture during our meeting on April 13.

We voted that, to help our new members learn names, we should again try to wear name tags during the sessions. Similarly, for the orientation of new (and existing members), it was suggested that as a reminder, there should be a brief discussion of what constitutes courtesy and good sportsmanship, as we first discuss new business before we start playing.

We discussed whether or not to



At the tournament of the month for March, Ellen Frederick, left, took second place, Sue Arnold, center, took first place, and Rashanee Turner took third place

offer trophies to tournament winners and, though no conclusion was reached, Marge Lindsay offered to donate several trophies in her possession should we decide to do that.

Becky Balderson was elected to be the new president this coming year and our current president, Helen Crombie,

agreed to serve as new vice president.

A rousing hurrah and "thank you" is due to Helen for her excellent service this year.

Liz Asselta agreed to continue as treasurer. Claudia Carroll will serve as our new reporter. Donna Smerz will be our new secretary.

### Tournament Results for March

Sue Arnold won first place and Ellen Frederick came in second. However, there was a tie for third place, which necessitated a playoff game. Rashanee Turner won that game and is the third place winner.

# Spring means less traffic on golf course

All of our Snowbirds are evacuating the golf course. Members are leaving in droves. This is the time of the year when our seasonal golf buddies all head north and to what they think is fair weather.

I'm sure that when spring finally reaches them, the golf will be somewhat cooler and maybe a little less humid.

When this article reaches you, we will have transitioned to shotgun starts and we will be able to catch about an extra hour of rest.

Don't forget to check the scoreboard to find out which hole you will be starting on, so when you come to the window to check in, you will be

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able to accurately tell the person working at the check in window which hole you will be starting on.

Remember, check in at least 30 minutes before your tee time so we don't give your tee time away.

Thanks to President Elect Dave Combs and his crew, consisting of Mark Schell, Tony Esposito, Danny Morey and Bobby Ellis, for volunteering their time to painting benches on the golf course. They didn't get paid and they didn't have to do it as some

sort of punishment, but they did it because they want our golf course to be better and to serve our golfers.

Volunteers are always appreciated as our Association strives to benefit our golf course.

Thanks guys.

If you would like to read something special in this monthly article, please speak with me.

Remember to thank our golf course workers for doing such a good job. Everyone likes a compliment.

If you know a new resident who you think might enjoy joining our league, please bring them over and get them signed up. Wednesdays will be much better.

If you missed signing up the previous week because you were away and want to play on a Wednesday, show up early and get on the walk-on list. Just don't make a habit of it.

Thanks for reading this article.

And now, a spring joke:

A golfer, who was not playing well, told his caddie that he was so disgusted with his game that he was going to jump into the water hazard and drown himself.

His caddie said, "It's not going to work. I've seen you play. You can't keep your head down long enough to drown."





# Sorensen, Rodriguez capture titles

By Barb Sundberg

Many of us spend hours practicing those difficult shots for the Billiard Club's annual 8-ball tournament.

It was a privilege and honor for me to have qualified for this year's tournament.

Here are the top eight players from both the A and B Flights, who qualified on March 21 and 22 to play in the Billiard Club's annual 8-ball tournament:

A Flight: Tony Baker, Denny Balderson, Gene Baranowski, Joe Gora, Vinnie Martinez, Eddie Ramirez, Don Sorensen and Joe Wisinski.

B Flight: Ron Baltrunas, Bob Ellis, John Fier, Terry Forbes, Ray Quirion, Mario Rodriguez, Nick Sapienza and Barb Sundberg.

This very closely contested tournament was held on Monday, March 28.

In the A Flight, Don Sorensen was focused and had the confidence needed to take over the competition and capture first place. Joe Wisinski was not far behind claiming second place with Denny Balderson settling for third.

In the B Flight, Mario Rodriguez isn't a stranger to winning this tournament and he captured first place once again. Terry Forbes took second and Nick Sapienza settled for third.

The names of the two first place winners are engraved in the perpetual plaque, which is posted in the billiard room.

## 8-BALL

On Monday, April 4, in A Flight, there was a three-way tie for first, second and third places between Joe Doire, Joe Gora and Eddie Ramirez. No playoff was held.

On Tuesday, April 5, in B Flight, there was a tie for first and second places between Terry Forbes and Bill Robertson. No playoff was held. Also no playoff was held between Bob Ellis and Ray Quirion for third place.

On Monday, April 11, in A Flight, there was a three-way tie for first, second and third places between Denny Balderson, Joe Gora and Barb Sundberg. Joe couldn't be stopped, taking first place, Denny claimed second and Barb had to settle for third.



## Billiards

On Tuesday, April 12, Tony D'Amico walked away with first place. There was a tie between Maureen Doire and Joe Wisinski for second and third places, but no playoff was held.

## 9-BALL

On Tuesday afternoon, March 29, Joe Ventimiglia edged out the field to capture first place. Second place went to Tony D'Amico.

On April 5, Eddie Ramirez forged ahead to capture first place. Terry Forbes took second place.

On April 12, Bob Eads easily took first place. There was a playoff for second place between Ron Blaettner and Howard Wilson. Howard claimed second place.

## SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Thursday, March 31, the team of Henry Chapman and Bill Robertson walked away with first place.

There was a tie for second place between the teams of Vinnie Martinez and Joe Ventimiglia, and the team of Joe Gora and Nick Sapienza. No playoff was held.

On Thursday, April 7, the team of Joe Gora and Vinnie Martinez edged out the field to capture first place. After a playoff, the team of Bob Osborne and Nick Sapienza took second place and the team of Terry Forbes and Ed Ramirez settled for third.

On April 14, the team of Tony Baker and Terry Forbes couldn't be stopped. They easily took first place. The team of Vinnie Martinez and Eddie Ramirez took second place and the team of Phil Perez and Nick Sapienza settled for third.

With many of our Snowbird members heading north, the A & B Flights may start playing together Monday



Pictured above are the 16 players who qualified for the A Flight and B Flight championship tournaments in April. Kneeling, from left to right, are Vinnie Martinez, Eddie Ramirez, Barb Sundberg, Terry Forbes and Ron Baltrunas. In the second row are Tony Baker, Mario Rodriguez, Bob Ellis and Ray Quirion. In the back row are Denny Balderson, Don Sorensen, Joe Wisinski, Gene Baranowski, John Fier, Nick Sapienza and Joe Gora. Pictured below are the top finishers from the tournaments. Kneeling is Mario Rodriguez (first - B Flight). Standing are Joe Wisinski (second - A Flight), Don Sorensen (first - A Flight), Denny Balderson (third - A Flight), Terry Forbes (second - B Flight) and Nick Sapienza (third-B Flight).



evenings. A tentative start date could be May 2. Check the glass case in the pool room for this possible change. The date will be posted.

If this is the case, both A & B Flights will play 10-ball on Tuesday evenings, starting May 3. These tournaments start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

There are 9-ball tournaments Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 1 p.m.

Bring your recreation card, get in on the action and have some fun in these heavily competitive tournaments. We use the round-robin format, which does not favor any one player.



# New class 'Chronic Disease Self Management' starts in May and runs through June

By Kathleen Santosuosso

The Healthy Living Club cost-free course, A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls, continues to meet every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the East Activity Center Art Room.

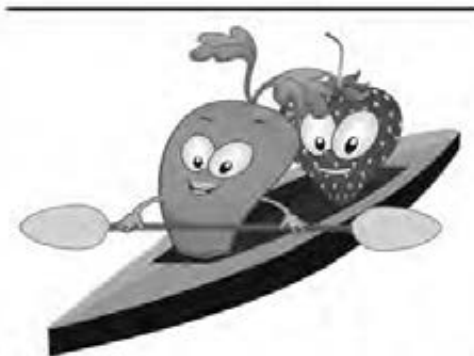
The final class is on May 18.

A new course, Chronic Disease Self-Management, begins on May 25 and will run until June 29 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Art Room.

This course was developed at Stanford University.

Attendees receive a complimentary copy of "A Time for Healing" relaxation CD and "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions," which is a book used in this class.

Individual participation is encour-



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aged. Come to the first class if you are interested.

Water Walking on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons came to a formal end in April. Those attending burned calories during the workouts.

Residents are still encouraged to

water walk on their own until Penni Telleck returns to lead us in November.

Slow Spokes biking will resume in October.

Healthy Living Club meetings will also resume in October. We will send out emails for specific events. If you are not on our mailing list, we will add your name if you go online to the Healthy Living Club page on the OTOW Box Office Website. Leave your name and email address in the "Comments" section.

The Healthy Living Club would like everyone to remain safe during evening hours.

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Remember, all exercise classes at On Top of the World are open to all residents. A listing of all exercise classes is in the OTOW newspaper calendar on pages 12-13.

Also, from the comfort of your home, you can join the Better Balance class on OTOW-TV every day at around noon and 7 a.m. The highly qualified instructors, Cammy and Jessica, from Ocala On Top of the World, teach exercise classes on balance and posture, two important areas for aging adults.

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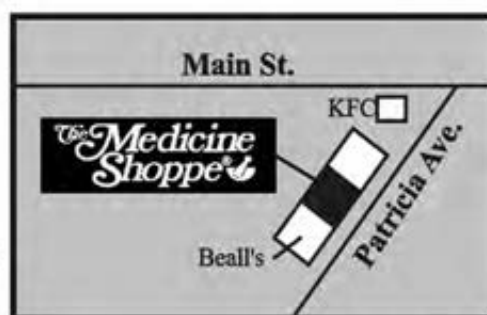
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# BUILDING REPORTS



Pictured at right are the original Rosies, as they pose in front of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. On Top of the World resident Blanche Mahrle is far right, standing. In the picture below, Blanche is arriving at the Detroit airport after her visit to Washington. Blanche was all smiles and ready to talk about her adventure.



## OTOW resident receives honorary tour of Washington

By Kathleen Santosuosso

On Top of the World resident Blanche Mahrle, and 30 other women, were recently treated to a day of honors and events in Washington, D.C.

They were an original group of Rosie the Riveters.

Between 1940 and 1945, because of World War II and the lack of men in the workforce, the female percentage of U.S. female workers increased from 27 percent to nearly 37 percent, and by 1945 nearly one out of every four married women worked outside their home. Many worked in munition factories.

Thus came the name, "Rosie the Riveter."

Blanche, and her original group of Rosies, flew from Detroit to Washington, then traveled with their guardians in four buses. Led by a police escort, the group went on a scheduled tour of the nation's capital during peak Cherry Blossom season.

The Rosies and their entourage stopped at the Capitol, Library of Congress, WWII Memorial, Women in Military Service Memorial (at the entrance to Arlington Memorial Cemetery), and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

From their bus, they saw the Pentagon, Lincoln Memorial, White House, Washington Memorial and Jefferson Memorial.

At the Library of Congress, the Rosies enjoyed a luncheon with politicians and dignitaries, including U.S. Representatives from Michigan Debbie Dingell and Candice Miller, who helped arranged the flight, luncheon and sight-seeing.

"Today we are not Republican or Democrat," Candice Miller said to Blanche, "We are Americans."

Talons Out Honor Flight partnered with the Ford Motor Company and the Yankee Air Museum to provide air transportation to the Rosies and their guardians for the day.

Blanche's daughter Mary McGrath accompanied her on the trip.

Jim Vella, President of the Ford Motor Company Fund, wrote "You played a large part in changing perceptions and expanding opportunities for women in the workforce, and inspired generations to come with your 'We Can Do It attitude.'"

This tribute applies to the original Rosies and all of the women who joined the workforce to serve our country and end the war.

When in Florida, Blanche is a resident of the Austrian Alpine Building.







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# Let's meet the new Mediterranean Building reporters

We are Stuart and Pamela Rosenblatt, the new reporters for the Mediterranean building. This will be the first time the Mediterranean building has had a reporter in a number of years.

We are from South Attleboro, Mass. Stu is a retiree of Verizon Communications. Pam is a fulltime Master Sergeant in the Rhode Island Air National Guard. Pam is currently completing her college degree at Johnson and Wales University.



We were married on Oct. 10, 2010 (10/10/10) by "Elvis" in Las Vegas, pink Cadillac and all (see photo).

We have a daughter who lives in San Diego, Calif. We are very active and travel extensively. Hawaii is our favorite destination and cruising is our favorite way to travel. We just love to have a good time and spread joy to those around us.

Choosing the right place to retire in Florida was a huge endeavor. What attracted us to On Top of the World was the community itself. The people, the activities, the location, and the weather were all important factors. Since purchasing, we have swum, walked, worked out, played pool, tennis,



Pamela and Stuart Rosenblatt's "Elvis" wedding in Las Vegas, 10/10/10.



Attendees at the first Mediterranean building meeting hosted by Pam Rosenblatt.

bingo and gone to a dance. We love it here at OTOW.

Stu will be bringing his entertainment, financial, computer and travel planning skills to OTOW.

Pam is the new Mediterranean building coordinator. She held her first building meeting March 26 and it was a great success. It was a potluck breakfast and everybody provided a wonderful assortment of delicious food. Attendance was great (see photo at top).

Everybody had great suggestions and positive attitudes.

We have already brought a list of building needs to the Community Service Office and they did not disappoint. All matters were either addressed within 48 hours or an action plan was established to address the matters in the near future.

We would like to thank Parkway Management and all their great, hardworking employees.

## Nice weather spurs many visits to OTOW residents

The April 1 Snowbird going-away core party was a big success.

The chicken, wine, side dishes and desserts were delicious. Thanks to Paul and Claire, Bill Jacobs, Gilbert Roy, Phil Meissner, and Debra and Rick Champ for doing the cafe-like set up.

I met Cindy and Mike Spahalski from Kansas. Mike is a 40-year Marine veteran. They have two daughters, one attending Kansas State U. and the other a mail carrier in Wichita.

Tom Wright's granddaughter was married April 30 at the Birchwood near the St. Pete pier. Tom and Angie visited Tom's sister in Jupiter, and then they all went to the wedding with the New York family members. Angie expects her third great-grandchild in September.

Vi Donato's granddaughter (the pharmacist) is expecting twin girls in June. The other granddaughter (the engineer like her father) is expecting her first child in September. Congratulations to Angie and Vi for becoming great-grandmoms! Vi had her son from Alaska visit for a week.

Betty McKay had the revolving door again with company in March. First, her daughter from Michigan visited, then a granddaughter and hubby from S. Carolina. Then another



daughter, this one from Indiana, arrived for a visit.

The late Al McKay's son and wife arrived and took Betty to a Tigers/Phillies game. They were happy the Detroit Tigers won! Betty's two sons visited at the end of April from Michigan.

Norma and Dick Knight celebrated Easter at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City with Norma's brother and wife from Maryland.

Our own Sue Little, lovely as ever, was one of the dancers in the Theater Workshop Show "Sands of Time."

At the end of April, Phil Meissner went to Pennsylvania to celebrate his brother's 90th birthday.

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

## COFFEE CORNER



Coffee and danish are served from 7 to 10 a.m. every weekday morning in the auditorium of the East Activity Center.

## BIBLE STUDY CLUB

By Bob Reis

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.



# Easter dinner proved the worth of our helpful volunteers

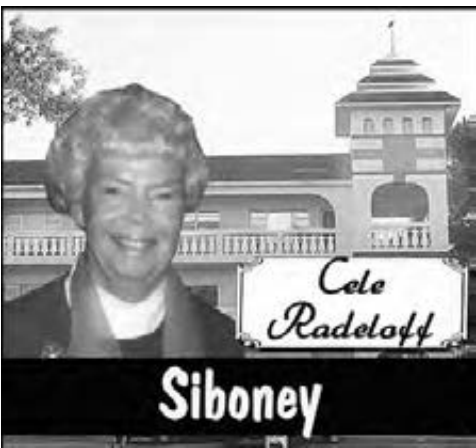
Our Easter Sunday dinner, held in the Sunrise Room, was a huge success, with 26 attending.

The Siboney Club provided the ham and turkey, cooked by Ralph and Mary Jane DeVoe.

The set-up committee consisted of Rita Tombari, Lillian Foy, Sue Rausch and Audrey Decker, with Rita purchasing all the paper goods. It's so nice when so many folks volunteer.

We played a little game that involves finishing the phrase "I am grateful for ..." Some of the responses were funny, such as "Social Security," "Quarters for the laundry room," "I'm glad my name is not in the obituaries today," etc. (We ruled out "family" as most everyone is grateful for their family.)

Then, as you can see in the photo, we enjoyed our Parade of Hats, to the tune of "In Your Easter Bonnet in the Easter Parade." Judges were Rita Tombari, Danny Gossiaux and Audrey Jones. The three lucky winners were Roxanne Heintz for "Most Beautiful," Lillian Foy for "Most Creative," and Cele Radeloff for "Funniest." (Cele's hat was courtesy of Betty and Tony Baker.)



Guests included Norman Jones, Danny and Carol Gossiaux, Ednamae Jordt and Gerri Wilhoite.

Our neighbors' food dishes were outstanding, with a sheet cake for dessert. Many thanks to everyone! "I'm grateful for..." my wonderful friends and neighbors!

The Siboney picnic was held in Philippe Park with more than 20 residents enjoying the outdoors, food and games.

Our recent core party had the fewest people ever. Everyone seemed to have someplace else to go. But the jokes by Ethyle Lee and Audrey Jones



"Parade of Hats" was the crowning acheivement of the Siboney Easter Sunday dinner.

were terrific and the soup and dump cake were delicious!

The beautiful core decorations were put up by Roxanne Heintz and Gerri Wilhoite. Many thanks!

We all enjoyed Rita Tombari and Lillian Foy in the recent Chorus show.

The recent dinner at Paradise Restaurant was enjoyed by the 46 residents in attendance.

This reporter attended the Press Association Appreciation Luncheon in the Veranda Room on April 7. Catering was by Stuffed Mushroom

in Safety Harbor. Nearly 40 were on hand to celebrate the newspaper's accomplishments over the past year.


Our last Siboney meeting of the winter season was held in April. We will resume in October.

See you next month.

Happy Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, to all.

Monday, May 30, is Memorial Day. Take time out to remember the many Armed Forces members who have given their lives for us over the years.

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



## OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course

**Class is 9-Noon, May 26 & 27 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room**

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Birthday Well-wishers: (Center seated) Neal Kunke, (L-R standing) Linda and Lee Siegal, Betsy Kunke, Marion Scott, Miriam McCarty (host) and Reva Heymann.

(Photo by Thom Garner)

## Happy get-togethers kick off a busy spring social season

Spring appears to be a season conducive to happy get-togethers.

Miriam McCarty hosted a birthday party for Neal Kunke. Marion Scott, Thom Garner, Lee and Linda Siegal, and myself joined in for birthday wishes, cards and delicious pie and ice cream along with interesting conversation and good fellowship (see photo at top).

Marion Scott is also hosting a birthday celebration (albeit a bit early). She is due to celebrate her 90th birthday in a few weeks, but they moved the happy occasion forward since her son (who is retired from his post as principal trombone in the Calgary Philharmonic and is now a professor at the University of Georgia) was able to get away and come now.

As a result, her daughters and son-in-law decided to make it a family reunion and also came. (They had had a similar family get together at Christmas time and had a great time.) Marion has another reason to celebrate: the recent birth of a second great-grandchild.

Alice Holstein is also happily hosting a reunion. Her daughter and son-in-law are staying with her. They enjoy wind surfing and took advantage of the opportunity to bring along their boards and wet suits and get in some beach time.

A building meeting was held March 20. Cookies and lemonade were provided and our new neighbors introduced themselves. Discussion included efforts to develop more interaction and community feeling.



Lewis Michaels was told by On Top of the World that his title is no longer building captain but is now building coordinator.

Work is proceeding to develop a telephone directory of residents.

Miriam McCarty said we need to encourage people to let others know if they need something and others will help.

We also need to develop a contingency list for who to call and who has a key to their neighbor's apartment in case of need.

There was a building lunch held April 10 at Country Pizza. There was good participation and delicious food. Among those present were Peyton Grogan, Fred Drew, Lee and Linda Siegal, Miriam McCarty, Jan Cox, Shirley and Judith Finesteirn, Al and Sandy Hamilton, Thelma Goodson, Tom Garner, Cathy and Kent Kaltenborn and myself. (If I forgot anybody, I apologize.) A good time was had by all.



### A look back at the OTOW News (May, 1991)

*By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz*

- The OTOW News editorial staff consisted of (or listed) 52 names of volunteers who worked on the paper. At the time, there were two issues per month, except for June through September. Back then, the newspaper office was located on Denmark Street. Today we have only nine proofreaders, three Press Association officers and Doug and Dave (as the only paid employees), plus many volunteers who write the stories that appear in the paper.
- The Square Dance Club will meet all summer long, meeting on Wednesday from 3–5 p.m. There is a modest charge for each session.
- The Married Women's Club held a fashion show of "Hand Painted Fashions." The clothes were modeled by club members. The club adjourned for the summer and will resume in September.
- The Singles Club meeting was attended by 191 members and 12 guests. Eight new members were welcomed in the club. The "Spring Style Show" was enjoyed by all. Eight members served as models.

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Something from the press luncheon to share with all



Who are these tiny little thieves who steal our hearts? They are our great-grandchildren.

The darling smiley-faced little boy shown in the photo is Dorothy Churchill's second great-grandchild, born Dec. 15. She will have an opportunity to meet and visit with the little guy later this year.

Those who attended the Press Association Appreciation Luncheon on April 7 asked for the recipe for



Dorothy Churchill's newest great-grandchild was born Dec. 15. Dorothy is looking forward to meeting him later this year.

the delicious brownies, (which are not on the Healthy Living diet!). Gee, I wondered why they tasted so good!

Press Association Luncheon Brownie Recipe

- 4 oz. unsweetened chocolate
- ½ cup milk
- ¾ cup butter
- 1 tsp. Vanilla
- 2 cups sugar
- 1-½ cup flour
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup coarsely-chopped pecans or walnuts

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Spray 9 x 13 pan with cooking spray.

Microwave chocolate and butter until butter is melted. Stir in sugar.

Mix eggs, milk and vanilla, then add to chocolate, butter, sugar mixture.

When well-blended, add flour, mix well. Stir in nuts.

Pour into prepared pan.

Bake 30-35 min. or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Sprinkle with powdered sugar and enjoy!

— An old family recipe courtesy of Barbara Sundberg

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## End of winter season means a mellow time for residents

Happy Mother's Day and welcome to one of the finest months of the year.

The weather is fantastic and the sun wants to shine all the time. The parking lots are starting to empty since the Snowbirds are heading north where the weather is getting nicer.

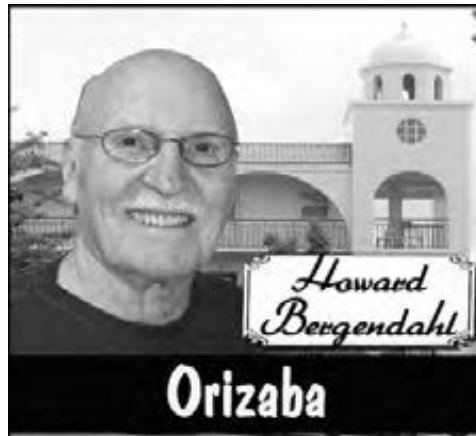
The traffic in Pinellas County will start to lighten up but not so much that you can notice. This is one county in the state that is crowded throughout the year and the beach is beautiful all through the year.

The April luncheon was hosted by Amy Odorisio at Johnnies and the outing was great with a good turnout and tasty food. Thank you, Amy!

Linda Ledesma will be hosting the May outing at Chedders, so be sure to watch the bulletin board and sign up early.

Happy Birthday to Tony Odorisio and all others born in May that haven't notified the writer of this column.

The breakfast group will start to lessen now that the summer months are upon us, but anyone available on a



Wednesday morning is welcome to meet with us in the main core at about 8:45 a.m. (see photo).

Please take time out to remember our fallen service men and women on Memorial Day.

Is it just me or does everyone get road rage pushing a cart through Walmart?

A fellow said to me that he was not short, just more down to earth than most people.

A traffic officer stopped me and said "You drinking?" I said, "You buying?" He took me to see the judge.



The Orizaba breakfast group will continue to meet during the summer months. Just show up in the core at 8:45 Wednesday mornings. (Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

## Resident's grandson picks up two medals



March and early April have been very busy months for the residents of the Espana.

First, we will say hello to our new residents, Patricia and Harold Schneider, who have moved into our building. They are known as Pat and Harry. Yes, Harry.

A year ago, they came to Clearwater from Queens, New York and rented an apartment in the Estates at Countryside. They then met people who lived at On Top of the World and decided that they wanted to live here. Harry is a retired bus driver and worked for a private company. Pat is a retired registered nurse and for 45 years worked at the North Shore Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y. We welcome you to the Espana!

Jackie and Jerry Dooley have returned from Bozeman, Mont. They spent five days there attending a National Gymnastic Tournament in which their 10-year-old grandson participated (see photo). He is from Anchorage, Alaska and performed in Level 6 of Gymnastic



Jackie Dooley's grandson (standing by the balloons at the right side) recently competed in a regional gymnastics competition in Montana. He won the two medals he is wearing in the Horizontal Bar and Still Rings events. (Photo by Jackie Dooley)

Regional Competition. He has been doing gymnastics for four years.

They were thrilled to witness him win two metals, one for the Horizontal Bar and the other for the Still Rings.

Jackie said that she and Jerry had never been to Montana and enjoyed not only the tournament but were thrilled that they also went to Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. They saw hundreds of buffalos grazing and roaming on the side of the highway and in the street. Jackie said the entire trip

was a fantastic experience.

I am sure you wondered about the car with Virginia plates that was here for a while and had two yellow canoes on the roof and two bicycles on the back. That car brought Carol Keough's daughter from Newport News, Va., and Carol's grandson from Richmond, Va. Carol said the visitors did many things while they were here, including a bicycle ride to Tarpon Springs. Her grandson has now graduated college and is in his first year of dental school.

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A few of the Granada residents who enjoyed a day at Tampa Bay Downs on March 19. They are shown here with jockey Ronnie Allen Jr., whose mother lives at OTOW. (Photo courtesy of SV Photography)

# Big turnout for a day of racing at Tampa Bay Downs

We had a great turnout for our March 19 day at Tampa Bay Downs. Tom Damrozy was our self-appointed “chairman of the board” for the races.

He collected money, chose horses, placed bets and had us all laughing. No — our horses didn't win — but we had lots of fun. We all enjoyed the food, and we are planning to return next year.

Barbara Humphreys informed us that if the building elevator is out of service for an extended period of time and we are unable to walk steps, if we need to leave the building for a non-emergency medical reason, we can call 911 and make an appointment for a chair lift.

We had our annual “Goodbye for the Season” picnic. The homemade food was delicious, the Publix fried chicken was tasty, and the friendly



company was the best. Thanks to everybody for their contributions.

The longer we live in the Granada Building, the more we realize what a wonderful family our residents have become.

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## Resident's daughter has new book out

Connie Valentin reports that her daughter, author Karen Valentin, has written another book. This one is "The Mother God Made Me to Be," available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

In this book, Karen writes about her journey as a wife, the heartbreak of divorce and the struggles of being a single mother. Connie says that the book even has a write-up in Publishers Weekly.

As well as other books, Karen has been writing for Guidepost's yearly devotional since 2005. Congratulations, Connie, we know how proud you must be.

As you know, April is the month for cleaning out your storage area. This is an ongoing project, and progress has been made, but we still have a ways to go. Please check your unit and make sure you are not holding on to items such as carpeting and wood furniture.

All Melbourne residents are encouraged to join in on our building lunches. Each month we go to a different restaurant in the area. If there is a restaurant you would like to try, just let our lunch coordinator, Carol Futej, know. Carol is always looking for suggestions on places to dine.

April's lunch was at Rumba's, and May's luncheon is scheduled for May 14 at the Oriental Super Buffet. Be sure to check our bulletin board and sign up; the more the merrier.

Memorial Day on May 30 is the day we remember all our service members who died in the line of duty.

Happy Mother's Day!



## Birthday trip to Sarasota was mini-vacation

Our resident count drops every day as our northern neighbors head for home. Some residents have grandchildren to help with the drive.

Even though the weather was inclement on Saturday the 9th, our building pot luck residents carried on in the second floor core. Fried chicken was our entrée and the residents brought the trimmings and desserts to share. Annette Carroll won the 50/50 drawing. The two door prizes were gift cards.

JoAnn planned two TGIF events to give our northerners a good send-off. Both were held on the front yard on Brazilia Drive.

Cecile Sangiamo's daughter decided to have two days off from work to take her mom on a mini-vacation to Sarasota to celebrate her 80th birthday visiting the John and Mable Ringling properties and venues (see photo).

First, they found a Classic Car Museum just across the boulevard from Ringling. Both mother and daughter had a special interest in vintage cars because during the growing-up years they owned a 1934 Ford Cabriolet convertible with a rumble seat.

Dinner time brought them to Marina Jack's where they sat at water's edge watching the boats. In the evening,



they were driven by the hotel van to downtown Sarasota where they heard music coming from a pub featuring a jazz quartet so they stopped to listen. The pianist there, they found, is from Tampa and does a weekly gig there.

On her birthday the next day, they were treated to a very special tour of John and Mable Ringling's private quarters at the top of the spectacular mansion. They were part of a group of only five led by the docent who had many tales to tell about the history of the home. At the top floor they were led into the game room with a ceiling painted in a circus theme with John and Mable as circus performers.

The last stop was one more flight



Cecile Sangiamo and her daughter at the hotel in Sarasota where they stayed during a trip to mark Cecile's 80th birthday.

up to the tower, with a view across Sarasota Bay and surrounding terrain.

They wound up their final evening on Longboat Key watching the lovely sunset across the bay.

I wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all the On Top of the World mothers. Until next month, you take care of you.

## Picnic raffle pumps up flagpole fund

The Azores Activity Club spring meeting was held in the third-floor core area, with pizza served prior to the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by our building captain, Katy Gerritt. The minutes of the fall meeting were read by Doris O'Meara. Peggie Longfellow gave the financial report. New business concerned getting the drain pipes cleaned and getting flagpoles for the building. The flagpoles became a community project.

On April 2, some 24 Azoreans went to the races. This year, due to weather, our group was moved inside the clubhouse. The buffet was unusually good and the results of the betting was only average. Gordon Fowlie reported that new owners were first-time attendees: Al Sakey, Ann Setkowitz and Jack and Kathy Ricci. Everyone had a great time.

Jean and Joe Spahalski received their certificates for crossing the Panama Canal. In addition to the crossing, the 14-day cruise visited five different Central American countries. Tours were taken in each country. The Acapulco tour was taken by a three-deck 85-foot catamaran. Jean was tempted to join the Acapulco cliff divers but they were reluctant to let her dive! They have already booked their next cruise to the Southern Caribbean. Cruising certainly seems to keep them young!



Marie Pirrello organized the Azorean ladies luncheon this month at the Safety Harbor Spa. The food and service were excellent and the chance to visit even better.

Gordon Fowlie polled the men for a good place to go and they elected to return to Molly Goodheads. Great food, great service and great camaraderie.

Ava Smith covered the recent Azores picnic and the Whackaballers Sunday golf league. Her interesting report follows:

On April 6, a balmy and gorgeous spring day, the annual outdoor picnic for the Azores building was held. It was hosted by Ava and Gerald Smith and Janet and Jim Williams.

A total of 35 residents were in attendance for this special afternoon of fellowship and marvelous food. Chicken was ordered for everyone,

and some fabulous cooks brought their favorite dishes to share.

This is one of the last social functions before the Snowbirds begin their summer migration.

After the meal, door prizes were drawn, which resulted in four lucky winners.

In addition to the door prizes, a 50/50 fundraiser raffle was also held, in which tickets were sold to help fund two new flagpoles for the building. The generosity was overwhelming and we had some very large donations to help us reach our goal to buy the flags and flagpoles. More than \$1,457 was raised. The winner of the raffle was Doris O'Meara, who graciously donated half her winnings back to the flagpole fund. Thanks for your generosity, Doris!

The Azores Whackaballers golf league was formed several years ago and has continued to be one of the favorite activities among the golfers of the Azores building. The League plays every Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m., playing the best ball. We have some very good golfers and then we definitely have some Whackaballers.

We encourage everyone in the building to join us by signing the golf attendance sheet posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. We want to stress the point that you don't have to be a great golfer to play with the Azores Whackaballers!





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# Visitors leave cold weather up North to enjoy OTOW

Well, April arrived, although not like I suspected it would.

I thought that with March coming in like a lamb that April would come in like a lion. It was more like March ended like a lion and April came in also like a lamb! We are having beautiful weather so far this year and hope everyone is enjoying it.

I hope you all take advantage of using the pool and other facilities that On Top of the World offers us.

Most of our winter people have gone home for the season but we still have a few stragglers who will be leaving soon. They will be missed by all.

It has been a busy few months for some of the residents. The Traficantes have had a few surprises in the past months with a surprise visit from their son and two grandsons (see photo at right). They also had a wonderful visit with their daughter and family for Luisa's birthday.

Irma Torres enjoyed her Easter holiday with her sister and family.



Her nephew, wife and godson came in from Michigan for the holiday.

They had a very active week. They went to a Detroit Tigers game in Lakeland, a visit to Downtown Disney and just relaxing at the pool. They then headed back to the snow in Michigan.

The Caseys also had another visit from Mary's daughter from Georgia. This time her husband, daughter and a friend were included. We had a great time celebrating her belated birthday.



Luisa Traficante's son and his family pose for a family photo during a recent visit.

Our building would like to throw out a special welcome to all our new residents in our building.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. Our next outing for the building will be held at Hamburger

Mary's, Friday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. Please check the bulletin board for further information and please make sure you sign the signup sheet when it is posted if you are attending.



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## Upcoming activities include backyard picnic, Dali Museum

Twenty-one Baghdad residents attended dinner at O'Keefe's Restaurant during the St. Patrick's Day Festival.

Denise Duca, the organizer of the dinner, said, "Everyone seemed to have a good time." And she encourages everyone to attend the monthly dinners. "The more the merrier." For those interested in upcoming dinners, check the lobby's bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.

Saturday, June 18th (rain date June 25th) is the date set for the Baghdad Building Backyard Picnic, open to all residents, both owners and renters.

The second organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m., on the first floor core. We would love to see every resident attend, and add their two cents. If you would like further information about the event, contact: Shirley Demers, Denise Duca, Terrie King or Howard McGuire.



There will be further information about this upcoming event coming shortly.

For those that are inclined to dine in St. Pete, and then visit the Salvador Dali Museum, contact Kathleen Clarkson. Prior to the museum trip, we may get together for coffee while discussing Surrealism — prepping ourselves for the museum trip. We are tentatively planning for Thursday,



Baghdad Building residents enjoy Irish fare at O'Keefe's Restaurant in Clearwater.

June 23. The museum entrance cost on that day is \$10.

And finally, if you own or can borrow a bike, or a pair of comfortable walking shoes, we are forming a bicycling and walking group. For more information, contact Kathleen Clarkson.

We may contact other buildings and see if they might be interested, as well.

The Baghdad Building has a number of summer events to offer our residents. So shake off your winter jackets, and dabble in a few events, it's a great way to meet your neighbors.

## A few Snowbirds have decided to stay for summer

Nancy Kennedy had visitors over Easter vacation. Her daughter, son-in-law and their children spent the week with her (see photo).

Easter Sunday was celebrated with brunch at the Beachcomber. Her birthday party was held at the Sand Pearl Hotel. In between the delicious dinners, they enjoyed a ride on the pirate ship along Clearwater Beach.

The wind was too high for parasailing, so wave running was substituted. And what would it be without a night out dining at the "Freaky," now called "Franky T's."

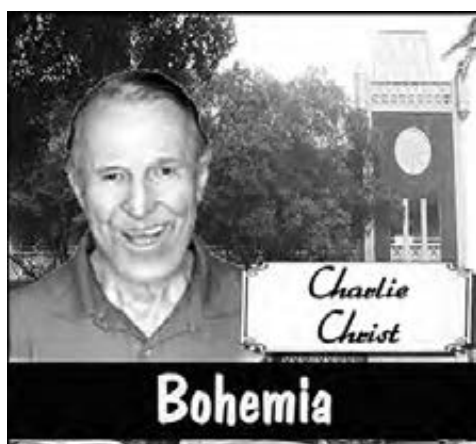
It was both a sad and happy occasion at Ozona Blues when all gathered to bid adieu to our Snowbirds. Some will be Snowbirds no longer because they bought in and decided to stay during the summer. That goes for Mike and Glenda Shinbarger who gave us a dining tip: Bar Louie's in Countryside Mall serves \$1 hamburgers and half-price appetizers on Tuesdays.

Likewise for Sam and Lena Pasqualina, who are in the process of moving to a ground floor location.

Lena's brother, Vince, reported that he's waiting for dock repairs before fishing again. Then there's a "might be staying" from Ted Bay.

The MacKenzies — Terry and Louise — enjoyed the company of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren from Nova Scotia for the past five weeks. Wow!

Tom Jurkowski's brother and sister-in-law from Stephens Point, Wis., visited Tom recently. They went fishing for sharks but the big one got away, so



Nancy Kennedy is shown here with her grandchildren, who visited recently.

Tom landed an 85-lb., 5-ft. barracuda.

Harold and Vi Ellison had a visit from their son and his wife and three grandchildren. While here, they enjoyed St. Pete Beach, dining at The Wharf, and going down Old Coachman to play basketball and ride bikes at the park.

## Golf/scramble barbeque draws record attendance

This past month was a busy one for our residents — we went to the races, hosted a golf scramble, and entertained visitors.

Twenty-two Mallorcans, along with some friends, went to Tampa Bay Downs to watch the ponies run. As is often the case, some of our chosen horses ran slower than we would have liked, but it didn't matter. We all seemed to have a good time, whether we went up to the window to claim our winnings, or watched others do it.

Our annual golf scramble/barbeque was held in our backyard. The event was hosted by the Kuplens and the Rudderhams. After a rousing game of golf, the players and non-players gathered in the backyard to eat and catch up with our neighbors. Four golfing teams put on a cheer commemorating their game, and these cheers were rated by three impartial judges. Prizes were awarded to the golfers for accomplishments on the course, and for the best cheer.

There were a record number of people, perhaps 33! Many thanks to the organizers of this enjoyable activity.

Helen Pawlikowski had a houseful last month! Helen's daughter, son-in-law, two grandsons with their wives, and Helen's adorable great-granddaughter visited her. Some of



her relatives stayed for only a couple of days, while others stayed for the whole week.

Since the group arrived when we were having delightful weather here and they left the Seneca Falls, N.Y., area in cold and snow, they were not in a hurry to return north!

Once again, our very good friends, Loretta and Pete Keys from Lowville, N.Y., spent a week with us. While they were here we went to the beach, to the movies, and to the stores. It is always a delight when they visit us!

Congratulations to Wendy Colquhoun! Wendy was recently awarded a lifetime member of the On Top of the World Lawn Bowls Club. She was presented with a very impressive plaque to honor her achievements. Good going, Wendy!

To those Snowbirds who will be going soon, we wish you a swift journey and a safe, healthy summer!





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# Easter was a colorful, fun time for Englander families

I hope you all enjoyed a blessed and Happy Easter this past month.

We had a nice surprise early Easter morning with three of the sweetest little girls posing in their Easter finery just outside our condo. They were giggling with excitement in anticipation of their Easter Day egg hunt.

Their great-grandmother, Joyce Metcalf, was bursting with pride as she watched the children hunt and find their candies and eggs. Joyce’s daughter and son assisted in the hunt, along with their own children who were all visiting for the holiday.

There *might* be roast lamb and red eggs on the table after midnight on May 1 as Nick and Mary Spinos celebrate Greek Orthodox Easter. Greek Easter follows the Julian calendar and so it is five weeks beyond the Christian Easter this year.

As a child, my family used to celebrate both Christian and Orthodox Easters in honor of my parents’ different religious backgrounds.

It was tradition to “crack the red eggs” against others to see who would



be the lucky champion for the year. With four brothers in the competition,



Top photo: On their way to Easter Sunday church service is Joyce Metcalf (center) surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At left: Three future fashionistas anticipating their Easter Egg hunt. Auntie made their adorable dresses, but where did they get those bunny shoes?

I never won... just saying! Happy Easter to all our fellow Greeks at On Top of the World.

We did such a great job cleaning up the storage areas last year; but it’s spring cleaning time again, so please tidy up your storage areas, mark each item with your name and condo number and remove all paints, furniture and of course

any flammable materials.

May is a month of transition. The weather is warming up in the north country, and many of our residents will soon be leaving for the summer months. Just a reminder to be sure your emergency information is up to date in our storage room.

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# Back in the day, there was the scent of orange blossoms

By Cele Radeloff &  
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Just how many current On Top of the World residents are second or third generation? More than you think, and this column will highlight a few of them each month.

## Jim Ponticelli

In 1972, 44 years ago, second-generation OTOW resident Jim Ponticelli's aunt and uncle, Raymond and Elizabeth Roethein, asked him to look at a new development in Clearwater. The couple had decided to retire and move from Chicago to a sunnier clime.

Jim drove from Pennsylvania to Florida, crossed Tampa Bay on the two-lane Courtney Campbell Causeway, and asked a policeman in downtown Clearwater, "Where's On Top of the World?" The policeman responded, "Out in the boondocks." He pointed Jim in the right direction, though Jim wondered why anyone would want to live there.

The only road into OTOW was at the Sunset Point entrance. As he drove toward Ecuadorian and passed the "Million Dollar Clubhouse," Jim smelled the sweet fragrance of orange blossoms. For many years, Jim recalled, orange blossoms were the main scent on World Parkway Blvd. and Belcher Rd.

But the spot where Modernage would be built was still a pile of dirt.



"I called my aunt and said nothing is here!"

Raymond and Elizabeth bought anyway. They paid in installments as each stage of the building and condo was completed. After they moved into their brand-new home, they joined a busload of new owners for a trip to Ocala to have lunch.

Raymond loved golfing at OTOW, while Elizabeth swam, played bridge, and enjoyed the dances.

Jim visited them in 1975, then moved to Clearwater in 1976. He worked for Pinellas County for 23 years and lived in a lovely, totally renovated house in Clearwater.

Last June, when the time came to relocate to a low-maintenance home, Jim and his partner, Richard Sanderson, chose OTOW. His first-floor condo in Flamenco is near the lake and offered choices for design and appliances as it



Tom and Mahaila Courtney, pictured at right, were the original owners of the Hawaiian Towers condo that was passed down three generations. Jim and Juanita Courtney, at left, were the second owners.

was being beautifully renovated. "Most of the people in my building are new, and everyone is friendly," Jim said. "They even brought us a chicken dinner from Fresh Market on moving day."

## The Courtney Family

It's hard to believe that Jim and Yvonne Courtney are the **third** generation living in Hawaiian Towers and that their children are looking forward to becoming the **fourth** generation!

Even the grandchildren love it and look forward to being the **fifth** generation to live there. That is quite remarkable!

It all started with Jim's grandparents, Tom and Mahaila Courtney, who purchased their desired Hawaiian Towers condo from blueprints before the building was even constructed. They were living in Ohio at the time, had five sons and Tom had just retired from Ohio Bell Telephone.

At On Top of the World, he absolutely loved our weather, living on the ground floor, and having the first parking spot.

After they returned to Ohio, the next generation took over, who happened to be Jim's parents, Jim and Juanita Courtney. They also lived in Ohio with their two children, Jim and his sister Judy.

They arrived here in the late 1980's, after his father retired from National Cash Register. Jim's father loved playing golf, and Juanita enjoyed bingo and playing golf on the nine-hole course.

After they passed, Jim and his sister Judy inherited the condo, with Jim later buying out his sister.

Today that same unit is occupied by the third generation, Jim and Yvonne Courtney, who were high school sweethearts in Ohio. They have been married 47 years and have three



Third-generation residents Yvonne and Jim Courtney still live in the original family unit.

children and 13 grandchildren, aged 3-14 years.

The grandchildren notice all the improvements here at OTOW when they visit and can't wait to be the fifth generation to reside here.

Jim and Yvonne owned the condo unit for three years before retiring here. Jim retired from General Motors and Yvonne from nursing. They have lived here about 20 years and love OTOW for its many activities and opportunities.

Jim had loved golf and Yvonne is an ardent gardener and currently serves as president of the OTOW Press Association. They both belong to the Hoosier Club and enjoy playing Euchre, a very fast card game. Reading and computers are also top interests.

Here is one more interesting item: Everyone in the family had their picture taken in front of the orange door to the unit, starting with Grandma and Grandpa back in the 80's. Let's hope this wonderful tradition continues through many more generations!

**If you are a second or third generation OTOW resident, call us at 727-470-2989 and we'll interview you for this column!**



Jim Ponticelli and his aunt in front of Raymond and Elizabeth Roethein's second OTOW condo in the Melbourne Building.



# A reporter's plea for autism awareness

Greetings to all from the Fujiwara Building!

To all of my neighbors: I want to share some information with you especially now that Mother's Day is upon us.

April 2 was Autism Awareness Day around the world. Everyone wore blue to bring about awareness to this developmental disorder.

If you are a mother, a grandmother, an aunt or father or uncle of a child diagnosed with this disorder, you know how challenging it is raising a child with autism can be.

It is hard enough to believe that in this day and age of technology that we cannot find services or a cure for this disorder. If you are blessed with healthy children and grandchildren, please be thankful and do what you can for those others who are less fortunate.

Right now, we are facing a lack of treatment and social skill centers



in our area and also nationwide. My grandson, who is turning 22 years old, has yet to find the right fit for treatment and services.

Unfortunately, my daughter has the daunting task of going from doctor to doctor only to find no resolution or solution for my grandson's future. I cannot tell you how frustrating and heartbreaking this challenge can be to

a parent and a grandparent.

While there are organizations such as Autism Speaks, this particular organization only addresses research but does nothing to provide services for children and adults diagnosed with this disorder.

For all of my neighbors who may have to face hard times in the future because of healthcare coverage we need to make a point of our rights with our presidential candidates that we as a people need better healthcare services for ourselves and our children.

All I can say is God Bless the parents and children of the world facing these challenges and I pray for a solution to this problem in our near future.

I wish to all of my neighbors at On Top of the World, and especially to those mothers and grandparents facing these difficult challenges every day, a very Happy Mother's Day.

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## 90th birthday party in 2015 leads to similar one this year

It is mind-boggling to realize that more than a year has passed since I sent in an entry to our newspaper.

That article was all about the celebration of Marilyn Week's 90th birthday.

A year later I was invited as were nearly 50 others to a similar party. This time it was to give best wishes to our kind, friendly and very pretty Judy Boley, who too, blew out the 90 candles on her cake (see photo).

We had gathered in the party room of Countryside Restaurant. The room was festooned with balloons, posters and pictures, all of which related to the birthday girl.

This party (plus relief from a few other issues) influenced me to once again to be your reporter for our building. We had so much fun at Judy's party the angels decided that we should have an evening get-together once a



month to wish happy birthday to those who were celebrating in that month.

In March, we went to Kally-K's to honor Agnes Curran, Ronnie Loomis, Diana Bendert, Rosemary Candogan, Ron Huber, Mary Ann Larson, and Joe DeWinter. Judy Bolen baked a cake for this occasion and angels Reta Carney and Gin Upton helped to serve it.

The month of April had only four celebrants, namely Nancy Hoyt, Marge Desmond, Radavon Stojanovic, and I. This took place at Molly Goodhead's. Radavon's wife, Branko, provided a most decadent chocolate cake. Once again, Reta and Gin helped with the serving.

As yet, I still don't have everyone's birthday listed. I hope to have this completed soon.

I would appreciate any news that you would feel that would be of interest to all of us.

We have several new residents to our building. We welcome all and hope all will participate in the activities we have in order to enhance the good life that we enjoy living here.

Be certain to check the bulletin boards for dates, times, places and important notices.



Judy Boley holds the lovely cake with which she was presented at her 90th birthday celebration. Some 50 guests were on hand for the festivities.

## Get out and about to enhance sociability

I had just returned from a brief trip to Publix after a full morning of exercising and "coffe-ing" at the Coffee Corner.

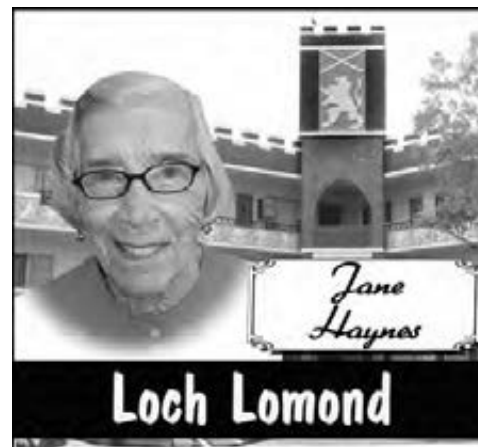
As I entered Publix, I spotted a long-time friend whom we had exercised with for several years and whose health had kept her away for months. And there she was, looking and feeling much better.

So we had a big hug and a warm reunion right there in the store. On Monday, I shared her good news with the many friends who are interested in her well-being.

A few minutes later, I heard my name from one of the fellows I used to see weekly in a class, so we had a short but good chit-chat and catch-up.

Shortly thereafter, another friend and I exchanged a few ideas before moving on and out.

All of this was an unexpected social interaction that is typical of almost any day, once you leave your



own apartment. And you don't need to get any more involved than you want to. Some days we desire lots of interaction; other days we just want time to ourselves to tend to our own needs and activities.

Warmer and more pleasant weather leads us to linger outside and indulge in some real exchange of ideas and thoughts.

During our summer season when almost everyone here in residence

has come to a brief recess, many of the activities at the two activity centers continue, especially poolside at the two pools.

That's a nice time to exchange information on the families being visited, new babies being born, pictures arriving via your devices, etc.

Weekly or monthly lunch plans continue, and a cool restaurant and tasty menu make for a relaxed social time without the usual rush.

The Building Coordinator project is making a big effort to tie together several planning coordination ideas and ways to implement these ideas into a cohesive, more effective over-all program. Progress has been made.

Our building is one of several still needing names of volunteers. Drop off your name, phone number and e-mail address at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center if you feel you can contribute your ideas. Please consider this.

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# Successful pizza party toasts couple

In March we had our building pizza party hosted by Tom and Linda Monson and what a great time it was.

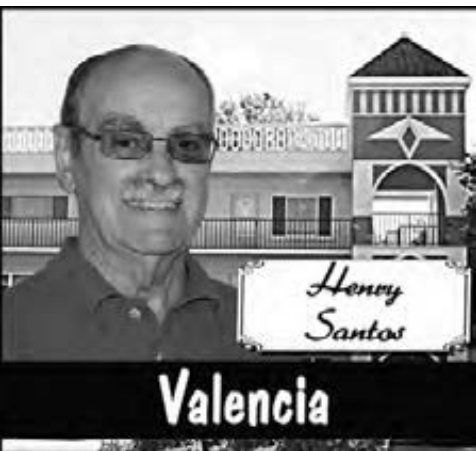
Picture a dimly lit core and Italian music in the background... who knew pizza could be so romantic? Nah, it was more of a raucous, noisy fun gathering event, Oh, and the ice cream and chocolate chip cookies was a nice touch. Nice job, Tom and Linda!

We also toasted Norm and Jeanne Smith who will be leaving us soon and going back north. We all wish you both good health and you will both be missed greatly.

The ladies group, the Dining Divas, had their luncheon at Country Boy Restaurant and though I was not there, I heard the crowd was huge and everybody had a fun time. The only rule is that there must never be a lull in the conversation and that at least half of the group must talk at the same time. Oh to be a fly on that wall...

The men's luncheon group, the ROMEO's (Retired Old Men Eating Out) went to Hooters and as the saying goes, "What happens at Hooters, stays at Hooters." Actually, nothing ever happens at Hooters. Nothing. And I've got the pictures to prove it!

Pauline and I had the pleasure of having our granddaughter and her boyfriend visit us from Ohio for 10 days.



Picture of my wife Pauline, center, with our granddaughter and her boyfriend taken while lunching at John's Pass.

Nothing like having family around for a while, we all had a great time.



Valencia's "Mystery Person" of the Month. See story for details and clues.

They really enjoyed this area, spending time in the little towns of Dunedin, Safety Harbor, and Tarpon Springs, lunching on the boardwalk at John's Pass (see photo at left) and especially the beaches.

They also thought On Top of the World is great and they are secretly trying to lie about their age in order to buy in here. Lots of luck with that!

Finally, "Who's is That Mystery Person?" (See photo.) The last one was a little trickier but still most got it right. Yes it was Claire Mock. Our new mystery person's first name is embedded in this anagram, "Mr Pith Froze Thinly."



## ATTENTION OWNERS WHO RENT OUT THEIR UNIT

CONDOMINIUM OWNERS WHO DIRECTLY RENT THEIR UNIT must request necessary forms for securing Condominium Association approval and Recreation Cards for their tenants.

Written requests must include building number, apartment number and address of the apartment.

Requests must also include a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope for return mail.

Mail requests to:

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# Adventurous Malaguena residents visit Iguazu Falls

Many of us look forward to traveling when we retire, but few of us are as adventurous as George and Katie Zeller.

Their bucket list quests have taken them to London, Paris, Berlin, Singapore, Bangkok, Rome and many other places during the 20 years of their retirement. The trip they took in February might be the most exotic and daring of all.

As George says, "After three failed tries because of various issues, we were finally able to complete our one remaining trip on our bucket list: Iguazu Falls.

The couple's 11-day trip started when they arrived in Brazil on Feb. 17. They visited Cataratas do Iguacu, Brazil and Puerto Iguazu, Argentina to see both sides of the famous Iguazu Falls in each country.

George recommends that if a person "...is in good walking shape, can walk a mile...has an optimistic attitude



does their homework they will have a good time. The research is the key; you must know what you are going to do before you get there..."

You can enter the Falls area from either the Brazil side or the Argentina side, which is where the falls are actually located. At the Argentina side, they walked three-quarters of a mile above the river on metal grates to get right next to Devil's Throat.

Iguazu Falls consists of 275

waterfalls or cataracts, and span an area 2.7 kilometers wide. They are nearly twice as tall as Niagara Falls and rivaled only by Zambia and Zimbabwe's Victoria Falls.

The size and magnificence of the Falls are a shock to the system. By any measure, Iguazu Falls is a monster. The tallest of these waterfalls, called the Devil's Throat, drops by more than 80 meters into a milky abyss that creates a permanent cloud of mist. The river that the water flows into, as well as the waterfalls, are both named Iguazu, which means "big water" in native Guarani Indian language.

The Zellers do their own research and book their own reservations, air, accommodations, cruises, and tours. It takes time to do the research, but it will save a lot of money. George relies on Tripadvisor.com for information on what to see, accommodations, and currency and travel requirements. All that is needed is a computer and a



George and Katie Zeller pose at a lookout point on their trip to Iguazu Falls.

connection to the Internet.

George and Katie spent three wonderful days at the Falls, and five days in Buenos Aires, which is often considered to be the "Paris of South America."

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# Featured resident reminisces of early W. Virginia life

Emerald Isle’s first annual post-New Year’s and pre-summer solstice event took place at Johnny’s Restaurant where approximately 25 residents enjoyed the delicious Italian cuisine.

In attendance were several members of our non-official bowling league: Joyce Donnelly, Cathy Faulkner, Glenda Marshall, and Liz Buckley, as well as this month’s honoree, Jane Mayfield (see photo at far right), who turned 90 in March.

On March 19, several Emerald Isle residents including Judy Hetrick, Marie Heestand and myself were invited to Jane’s natal day celebration at Bascom’s Chop House with members of Jane’s immediate family, including her two daughters.

A subsequent interview with Jane evoked memories of a by-gone era in West Virginia. Her mother was only 13 when she and her 20-year-old husband were married. Jane was the seventh of nine children, all of whom labored in the fields of their farm. Almost all the crops were used just to feed the family but the tomato crop was so bountiful that they sold much of it to a



local canning factory. In addition to picking tomatoes, everyone was expected to hoe and dig potatoes and cut wheat, which often meant grabbing an armful of snake lurking in the cut wheat as you scooped it up. Jane related that her mother was once bitten on the big toe by a copperhead. While her father went for a doctor, Jane’s older brothers treated the bite by dipping her foot in turpentine. It worked! One of Jane’s fondest memories of that era in West Virginia is her tiny grandmother smoking her corncob



Emerald Isle resident Jane Mayfield celebrated her 90th birthday in March.

pipe, very reminiscent of Elly May Clampett. She adds, “Life was tough back then but we were always fed and loved.” On her first day of high school, Jane’s father took her on horseback to the summit of Mt. Berkley, where she dismounted and went the rest of the way on foot. On nice days, they all had a six-mile round trip walk to

and from school. On snowy days, her father appeared on horseback for her. On many days the children were too busy on the farm or tending to younger siblings to go to school. As a result, Jane finished her GED certificate in Valley Spring, N.Y., where she had gone to live with a married sister. Jane later returned to West Virginia, married, had two daughters, and then, some years later, returned to New York where she continued her education in the medical profession. She worked first as a nurses’ aide, then an operating room technician, and, upon finishing college, a respiratory technician. She also worked to support her children as a single mother. Jane has five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, many of whom live in the Clearwater area. Jane has lived in Florida for over 30 years and is happy with her life in On Top of the World. Her neighbors keep tabs on her by looking out their windows at 10 a.m. to make sure Jane’s door is open, a signal that all is well. What a great place to live!

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## Surprise birthday party drew family from all over

Surprise parties are always fun, aren't they?

Many times the guest of honor has to pretend shock because someone had told him or her, but Eileen Hawk didn't have to act.

Her children pulled a real surprise for her 80th birthday. The actual birth date was March 18, and her children had asked friends and family to send cards. They complied, and she received 70 cards.

On March 12, her son invited her for dinner at his Tierra Verde home. When she arrived, her five children with their children, grandchildren, great-grands, and nieces, nephews (more than 30 in all) were waiting to wish her a very happy birthday.

They had come from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and North Carolina, all with gifts and big smiles. I'm sure Eileen had the biggest smile of all in a house full of love and laughs.

Her daughter had given the bakery a picture to put on the cake of Eileen as a child with her wheelbarrow. What a delightful surprise day it was.

Let's meet Shirley Perry. Shirley moved into our building almost a year ago, but I met her only recently. The members of the On Top of the World Genealogy club know her very



well, though, because studying her ancestry is her major passion.

In fact, the club named her director for next year, and her first major task will be to assemble their entry in the Senior Expo in November.

Michigan was home for Shirley where she worked in the business offices of the Sara Lee Corporation. But she never really enjoyed living there, claiming cold and snow were her enemies!

After her retirement, she moved to Nashville, Tenn., where a younger brother had a home. She enjoyed living in Nashville for 10 years.

Later, she decided to try us here in Clearwater at OTOW, and she liked us, so she stayed.

I'm convinced we're going to consider Shirley a definite asset in our building!



The recent Viennese Villa Snowbird farewell party drew many attendees, both full-time and part-time residents. (Photo by Fran Fairfield)

## Villa celebrates end of the season with a farewell bash

Most Snowbirds have taken flight for summer haunts as evidenced by empty parking lots and fewer lines at restaurants.

This season seems to have zipped by faster than most. Probably a sign of age....

Our building had a very active season. We greeted new people and bid others adieu.

Welcome to our newest neighbors, a delightful couple from Texas, Mary Wolf and Steve Moore, Mary being Building Captain Bill Carey's niece.

The farewell party for the Snowbirds was fun as are all our gatherings. Lots of laughter and good food was on hand (see photo, above).

We enjoyed a delightful cookout with pals at Philippe Park. What a jewel that place is. If you have not been there, do check it out. Covered gazebos, picnic tables and grills (bring your own charcoal) a fabulous view and most importantly — facilities.



The building's elevator hopefully is fully repaired as of this writing.

Memorial Day is May 30. A time for picnics, barbecues and the unofficial start to summer. Please stop and give thanks to our veterans and remember what Memorial Day really is about. Fly Old Glory high in their honor. Steve Mazurek will have Viennese Villa well represented, as will flagpole keeper Fred Schick. Thanks to both these guys.

Happy birthday and anniversary to all May celebrants!

Any news fit to print send along to fresca@maine.rr.com.

## Check out OTOW-TV Channels 96 and 732



# April turns out to be another busy month for Capistrano

Goodness, Capistrano residents can sure put together a scrumptious meal!

On March 24, we held our annual building picnic on our lawn along Philippine Drive (see photo at far right). Despite the weather forecast for rain, it turned out to be a pleasantly sunny afternoon with a mild temperature. Don Drake and Patti Jones graciously hosted the event and Don grilled hot dogs for everyone.

We had a very good turnout (of both people and delicious side dishes and desserts). After stuffing ourselves silly, a few of us hung around for a marshmallow roast, a treat some of us had not experienced since our girl scouts and boy scouts days.

On April 2, many of our building residents braved the stormy dismal weather to attend our building volunteers' Meet and Greet gathering. We held the event on the first floor in the core area of the building.

At the event, residents received a packet of information that is the same as the Hospitality Team plans on providing to new building residents. The packet



included a welcome letter, a description of the Building Coordinator's role, a Hospitality Team overview, and an updated listing of building residents' telephone numbers.

Also at the event, we also asked attendees to verify their emergency contact information and provide email addresses and cell phone numbers, which will be maintained by the Building Coordinator only (not distributed). About half of our building residents attended the Meet and Greet event. There were cupcakes and beverages, lots of conversation and we even played a fun little game.



Capistrano residents enjoy the building's annual picnic, held on March 24. The picnic's hosts, Patti Jones and Don Drake, can be seen at right. (Photo by Joan Baptist)

During the summer months, our building activities will depend on individually-organized efforts. For example, Bennie Gresham occasionally posts a notice on our bulletin board for people to sign up for a lunch outing. After obtaining the signup list, Bennie makes a reservation for us. Everyone is

free to organize a building event and is encouraged to do so.

We wish our building Snowbirds a healthy and happy summer as they scatter to their far-flung summer homes in Indiana, Illinois, New York, Newfoundland, Ontario, Toronto and elsewhere.

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### Wednesday Afternoon

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Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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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

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

## Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid recreation card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- If space allows, residents with current recreation cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.





A charter fishing trip was the highlight of a recent visit by Ray and Sue Claxton's son. Ray is seen here holding the fish. His son is to his right.

# Son samples many facets of Florida's 'good life' on visit

Ray and Sue Claxton enjoyed a busy visit recently with their son. He has many interests. He is an attorney and loves getting a break from work to explore the Clearwater area with his parents.

After running in marathons, he enjoys the treat of drinking craft beer. So he, along with his mom and dad, went to Abe's Place and Tap Grill in downtown Clearwater to sample their craft beer. The bar has an entire menu devoted to difference beer choices.

On another day, he and his dad played golf at Chi-Chi's golf course. Ray's son has two friends from high school that meet to reconnect while they are all in Florida at the same time.

The guys love to joke and reminisce about their teenage years. I bet the Claxtons have been enlightened with tales long ago thought buried and hidden from their folks.

A spring training Phillies game was also on their schedule.

The highlight of their trip was a chartered fishing excursion (see photo



at top). The boat set sail from Clearwater Beach. It was a long day with other folks who love to fish and enjoy being out on the water.

As you can tell by the picture, Ray is holding the fish and his son is on the right side of his father. They all had a very successful day and brought home dinner with their catch of the day.

The next big adventure will be when their daughter arrives for her equal time with mom and dad!

Till We Meet Again.

## OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number. Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. *If the submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.*

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. We cannot accept ads over the phone. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

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Men's right-hand golf clubs with cart, asking \$115. 248-535-4716

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