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Members of the Baby Boomers Club wrap up a tour of the Yuengling Brewery in Tampa.

Boomers cannot just exercise every day of the week - sometimes they have to sample beverages

By Penni Telleck

What's new with the Boomers?

Recently, a group of curious and thirsty Baby Boomers toured the Yuengling Brewery in Tampa.

Did you know Yuengling & Son is the oldest operating brewery in the United States? It was started in 1829 and is still American-owned. It is also one of the top craft beer brewers in the world.

The Tampa brewery, where the Boomers descended, produces 2.8 million barrels per year.

This day, the lucky Boomers were put to the test: They "piloted" Yuengling's newest beer, their Premium Pilsner! It was quite a challenge and some Boomers needed more than one sample to adequately judge the beer. They had to be sure!

And did I mention we like toga parties, too?

A recent meeting almost turned into a toga party! Our meeting leader came dressed in a toga, as if Julius Caesar himself had arrived. He was accompanied by his tattered blind soothsayer...also dressed in a toga.

Boomers were immediately reminded of ancient Roman history, or their college days, as our leader began this meeting say-



Baby Boomers Club members take a break while riding from On Top of the World to Safety Harbor.

ing, "Friends, Romans and Boomers, lend me your ears."

In other news, a group of Boomers kayaked down the beautiful Weeki Wachee River. Wildlife surrounded them as they paddled through the pristine water.

After a tiring day of kayaking, they relaxed and enjoyed supper at a local restaurant. It was a magical day!

Biking Boomers continue to enjoy Friday and Saturday bike adventures. They biked across the scenic Courtney Campbell Causeway, then back again, stopping to picnic at the half way point.

The sea and the sand and the sun were fantastic.

Friday mornings, you will often find biking Boomers drinking coffee in Safety

Harbor after biking from the East Activity Center.

Another recent fun event was a "Mystery Dinner." The Boomers were sent a cryptic email describing where and what time to meet for dinner, but not the name of the restaurant.

Hungry and adventurous, Boomers were soon on the hunt. Then, Valerie Martin, who planned the secret feast, led more than 40 Boomers to the mysterious restaurant. Everyone loved it.

Come to a meeting and maybe you, too, can help solve a mystery.

In other news, Baby Boomers volunteered at the SHAMC (Safety Harbor Arts and Music Center) music festival for a sixth year. Go Boomers! We make great volunteers.

The festival endured a bit of rain, but was fun and a great success. Boomers are looking forward to next year already.

Lately, the Boomers' wine tasters researched and sampled a selection of cool Sauvignon Blanc vintages. This crisp, clean-tasting wine is terrific when paired with fish or pasta and white sauce.

Want to come and have some fun with us? This month, the Baby Boomers will be meeting on May 2 and 17, at 5:30 p.m., in the East Activity Center Art Room.

Vietnam Commemorative Pin to be presented to On Top of the World veterans serving 1955-1975

In past years, the New York-New Jersey Club has honored On Top of the World veterans of World War II with a very special plaque.

This year, at the annual Memorial Tribute, there will be another special moment.

Bill Cona, from the Marine Corp league Honor Guard of Clearwater, will present all our veterans, who served from 1955-1975, with a Vietnam Commemorative Pin.

Along with the pin, veterans will receive a certificate signed by President Donald Trump.

This year, the New York-New Jersey Club is giving a special tribute to our veterans who served in both the Vietnam and Korean wars.

And like past years, time will be reserved to thank our World War II veterans.

The Memorial Tribute will take place at 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 11, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

All veterans, their spouses and families are invited to attend.

The evening will begin with an On Top of the World "thank you" to our local first responders, including the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department and Clearwater Fire and Rescue.

Karen Hector from OTOW Chorus will sing the National Anthem, Will Peterson will lead everyone in prayer and Bill Cona will present the flags of all five branches of the United States military, including Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

Veterans from each branch are asked to stand when their flag is presented.

During the next portion of the program, all OTOW veterans serving in the Vietnam War, Korean War and World War II will be introduced and they will be able to give their branch of service and years served.



Special armed forces recognition medals will be presented to all veterans in attendance.

If you are a veteran, or are representing a deceased veteran, and plan to take part in this portion of the tribute, it is very important you fill out the form below and return it to the newsroom by May 4.

After the presentation of the Vietnam Commemorative Pin, all remaining veterans in attendance will be given

time to introduce themselves, along with branch served and years served.

If a spouse wishes to recognize a veteran not with us today, they will get the same opportunity to be recognized at this time.

The tribute will also include a bagpipe/horn tribute presented by Nick Campbell, Ray Willis and Gibbs High School.



NY-NJ CLUB

Memorial Tribute Registration Form



New York - New Jersey Club

On Friday, May 11, 2018, at 5:30 p.m, in the EAC, the New York-New Jersey Club will hold a special tribute for On Top of the World residents who served their country during the **Korean War** era, **Vietnam War** era or during **World War II**.

If you were active duty during any of these periods, please fill out this form and drop it off at the On Top of the World newsroom in the East Activity Center, or confirm your service by emailing Jim Smyth at jsplimp@gmail.com. Deadline to register is May 4.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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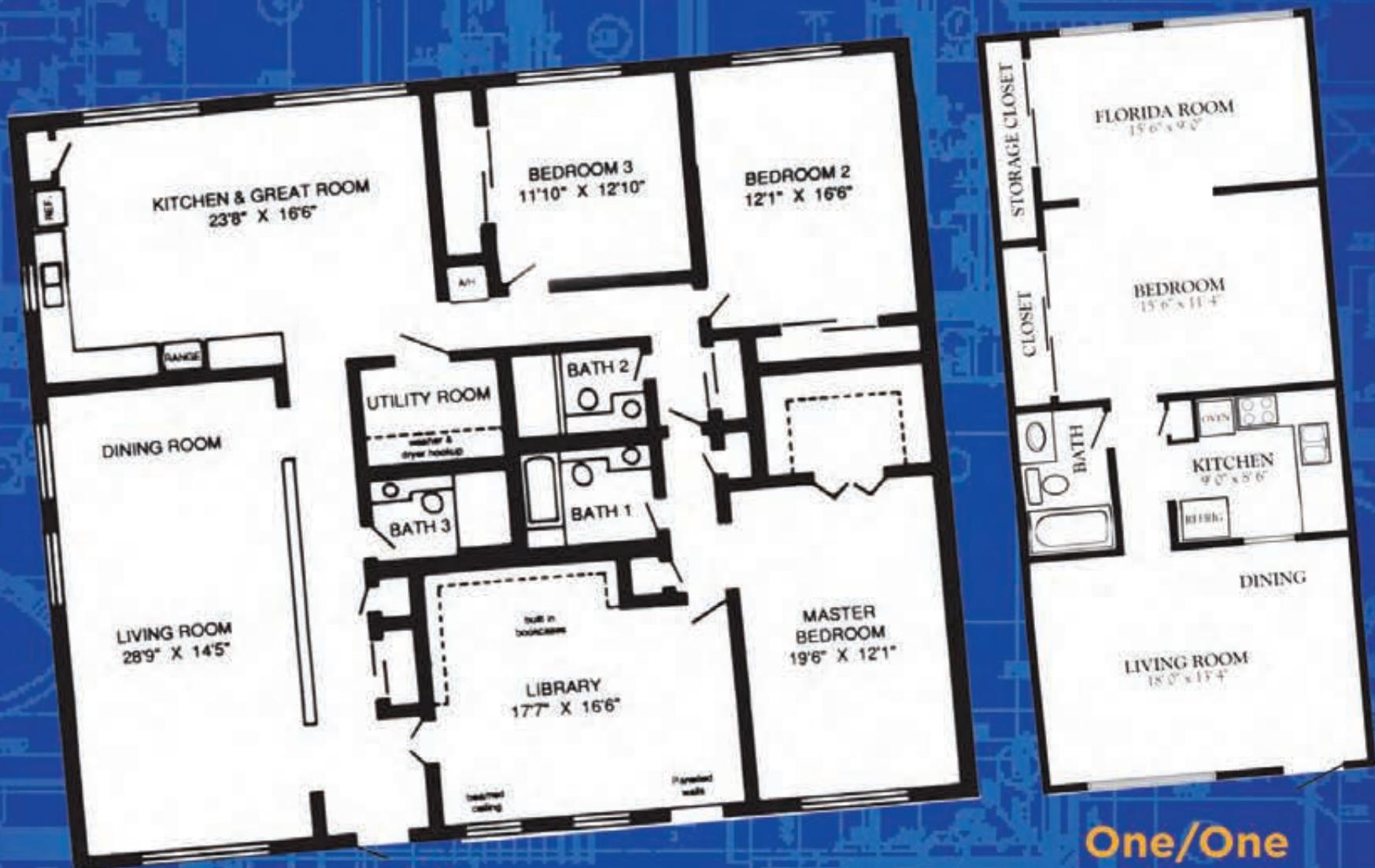
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Ready for a good history book?

By Katy Gerritt

In April, your On Top of the World library added 10 new books to its shelves, including historical fiction “Before We Were Yours” by Lisa Wingate.

In the 1930s, there was a network of illegal adoptions organized by Georgia Tann, a director of a Memphis adoptions agency. Poor children were kidnapped and sold to wealthy families across the country.

“We Were The Lucky Ones,” by Georgia Hunter, is based in Poland in 1939. This is the story of a Jewish family and their experiences trying to escape the Holocaust.

Jonathan Kellerman’s “Night Moves,” “A Death in Live Oak” by James Grippando and Lisa Gardner’s “Look For Me” are some new thrillers.

New novels include “The Women In the Castle” by Jessica Shattuck, “White Houses” by Amy Bloom, “Jefferson’s Daughters” by Catherine Kerrison, “The View From Rainshadow Bay” by Colleen Coble and “In the Midst of Winter” by Isabel Allende.

Many thanks to all who donate books to us. If they are new or part of a series, we add them to our shelves. If they are older or duplicates, we sell them to allow us to buy new books.

Our shelf of free books is for anyone to enjoy.



The Good Karma Book Club continues to meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Learning Center.

We will be reading a mystery for our May meeting entitled “A Morbid Taste for Bones” by Ellis Peters. Discussion of our monthly choice is at the first meeting,

then on the third Thursday we will devote time to sharing what members are reading now.

It’s a great opportunity to get reviews and suggestions to add to your own list of “must reads.”

In June we will read “The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society” by



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Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows.

If you are interested in joining us, just come to a meeting or stop by the library during open hours to get some information.

The library is open Mondays 10 a.m. till noon, and Wednesdays and Fridays 1-3 p.m.

We also keep a selection of used books the club has read for those who are interested in reading what we read.

Happy reading!

The Good Karma Book Club in June

Read
 “The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society”
 and come to our meeting at
 10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 7 to share your thoughts.

We will meet again at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 21 for an open discussion. All our meetings take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Then in July, be prepared to discuss
 “Memory Man” by David Baldacci.

Every resident should know about ‘spoofing’



Practical Preventative Condo Maintenance

From May through October, your air conditioning systems will be running full tilt. These systems don't operate by themselves without proper care and maintenance.

Maintenance includes changing the filters monthly and pouring vinegar into the main condensate pan to keep the main drain flowing without obstruction.

Also, be sure to check the outflow outside near the compressor. If you don't see the cleaning solution coming out, the drain line is blocked and needs immediate attention.

At least once a year, have your air conditioning serviced by a professional. They will clean the coils in both the air handler (in home) and the compressor (outside), as well as clean electrical connections, and make sure the motors are operating properly.

Scam Alert

What is “spoofing” and how does it work?

It has been reported that scammers are “spoofing” an On Top of the World phone number under the disguise of a home warranty company.

An OTOW phone number and the OTOW name may appear on your caller ID. You will know this is a fraudulent call if you are being told your home warranty has, or is about to, expire and you need to renew it or they may try to sell you a new warranty package.

This is a good opportunity to let you know that neither the On Top of the World Condominium Association nor the On Top of the World Real Estate of Pinellas, LLC., offers home warranties and is not cancelling any existing home warranty you may have.

According to the Federal Communications Commission Website, “Spoofing” occurs when a caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID display to disguise their identity.

Spoofing is often used as part of an attempt to trick someone into giving away valuable personal information so it can be used in fraudulent activity or sold illegally.

U.S. law and FCC rules prohibit most types of spoofing.

Caller ID lets consumers avoid unwanted phone calls by displaying caller names and phone numbers, but the caller ID feature is sometimes manipulated by spoofers who masquerade as representatives of banks, creditors, insurance companies or even the government.

On Top of the World is aware this “spoofing” is taking place and you should be aware of it, too.

If you currently have an existing home warranty and, for any reason question if it is still in force or if it is up for renewal, call the warranty company and ask them.

However, if you are the recipient of one of these calls, never volunteer any information, especially if you have not initiated the call or if you are not absolutely sure of the identity of the caller.

Pets

The Management Company is currently addressing “problem pets” and a large quantity of letters have been sent to pet owners.



Twenty-six Crape Myrtle trees have been added to Sunset Gardens, and for everyone who is staying for the summer, watch for the trees to bloom white flowers and add a colorful touch to the main entrance. The renovation project should be completed in May.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Complaints include owners who are not acting in a responsible way by allowing their pet to jump or act aggressive toward other animals or people.

Also, complaints regarding owners who are not leashing their pet or picking up their pets waste, and owners who are not properly disposing their pet's waste.

As a reminder, the rules regarding animals is as follows:

Animals

Animals brought into On Top of the World must be well behaved. Any breed or variety of dog, cat or other animal, deemed especially aggressive or offensive, and any threatening or disruptive animal, as determined by the Association in its sole and absolute discretion, may be excluded from On Top of the World.

While outside the unit, all animals must be kept on a leash, or other restraint, and must be accompanied at all times by the owner.

Animal feces must be picked up immediately and disposed of properly by the owner.

(Do not place feces in green recycling containers)

The application, interpretation and enforcement of this rule is subject to the Association's reasonable accommodation and modification policies and practices and applicable law.

Please be a responsible owner by leashing, controlling, and picking up after your pet.

Residents should report aggressive behavior to Pinellas County Animal Control immediately. All other pet-related matters should be addressed in writing and taken to the East Activity Center Community Service Office.

Activity Center Room Reservations

Sidney Colen & Associates, Ltd. (SCA) recreation and meeting facilities are for the exclusive use and enjoyment of the residents and approved tenants of On Top of the World Condominium Association, Inc. (Condo) only.

SCA has become aware that reservations for meetings and events have been misrepresented and rooms are being utilized by non-resident organizations, persons,

and for commercial or for-profit purposes.

This is not only against SCA policy, but drives up the operating costs for each activity center.

SCA is in the process of addressing this serious matter. Stricter policies will soon be put into place requiring residents to complete a Facility Reservation Agreement prior to any reservation being accepted and all non-compliance issues will be addressed in the form of various sanctions.

Important Phone Numbers

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

The OTOW phone number to submit a service request over the phone is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service ticket such as general building issues in the common areas only.

Once the need is identified, a ticket will be generated and then submitted to the appropriate department to be addressed.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions regarding your request, but generally, once the service ticket is generated, it will be addressed based on priority.

All tickets will then be addressed in the order in which they are received.

As a reminder, it is not necessary to report service requests more than one time. If you have any questions regarding your request, please stop into the Community Service Office for more information.

Service Request Line Reminders

Please do not leave emergency information on the service request 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.

On Top of the World condominium

Annual Meeting Around The Corner

The month of May is 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.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the East Activity Center at On Top of the World, 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East, Clearwater, Florida, 33763, beginning at 10 a.m., on Friday, June 8, 2018.

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

Recap of the last 11 months

This past year, your Board has received many positive comments on its attempt to enforce standards and ensure a well-run and fiscally stable community for all residents.

Without your support, the Board could not function.

The business of managing a community the size of a small city is very difficult. There are so many moving parts and pieces. The point of all the effort is to give you the type of community and quality living environment you deserve.

To that end, your current Board is composed of professionals who work very well together. Most of us own or rent within the OTOW community.

In all cases, Board members are deeply familiar with the community and its operations.

One thing I've always been concerned with is that your condominium Board should be exclusively focused on acting for the good of the community as a whole. Without a clear focus on operations and standards (and not community politics), your community would not be the good place it is. The members of the Board thank you for your past support and look forward to your continuing support.

Fiscal 2018 proved to be a very busy year. Aside from the unscheduled work thrust on us by Hurricane Irma, there was all the programmed tasks to accomplish.

Regularly scheduled work completed to date includes: Four buildings have new low-slope roofs as well as one mansard reroof. New gutter systems accompanied the four new roof installations as well as bringing the roofs up to the current wind code.

There have been two elevator equipment replacements.

Five buildings had their front elevations repainted, while 11 back elevations were waterproofed.



Paving improvements began April 25.

Your Board pays attention to and analyzes service requests. Sometimes patterns of problems evolve. These are analyzed, and steps taken to prevent further problems based on the outcome.

To that end, improperly caulked window replacements were identified as a source of interior leaks. HVAC units, that have not been serviced, are also a major source of leaks and water intrusion into adjoining units.

This problem is costly both for owners and for the Association.

Thinking about social media

We know that many residents are using Facebook, NextDoor, and other social media platforms.

While it's good people are connecting, it's unfortunate there is so much misinformation about the community circulating.

Coincidentally, on March 8, the New York Times published an article discussing why falsehood and misinformation spread so much faster than truth on the internet. The researchers used Twitter as their model (compact and concise), but their conclusions generally apply to all social media.

The researchers conclude that "...We found that false news was more novel than true news, which suggests that people were more likely to share novel information."

Try 70 times more likely to share false news!

The link to the research study is <http://www.sciencemag.org/about/science-licenses-journal-article-reuse>.

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing

May is usually the last month in which drier air prevails until it finally gives way to our summer rains and higher humidity values.

This annual recurrence means that the painting contractor will be transitioning to the improvement of front façade coatings and will continue throughout the summer months.

This year, the month of May will have the painting contractor setting up their equipment at Buildings 33, 34 and 42.

As always, notices will be posted in advance of the work. Please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or

property. Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

The installation of new unit address numbers continued thru April as this is another community improvement project that accompanies the application of front façade coatings.

As the painting contractor moves throughout the property, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors.

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect. Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner.

If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old unit numbers for a nominal fee. Please remember that for community standard reasons, all old unit numbers must be removed.

Construction, roofing and large scope projects

Paving improvements will continue in the month of May with the vendor working in multiple areas on any given day.

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.

This 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.

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

General Community Improvements

As of March 2018, the On Top of the World community has been retrofitted with new curbside trash totes throughout. This trash receptacle is not only more cosmetically appealing, but allows for more efficient servicing by maintenance

crews, has a larger capacity and better durability than the previous container, and has a permanently affixed can lid (much to the chagrin of our local crow and seagull population).

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents

- 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 repairs. Please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

- Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating. Please be aware of Caution and Wet Paint signs in and around these work areas.

Inspection Services Division

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

- 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.

- Residents are kindly asked to seek association approval before affixing anything to the common element in the future.

- All water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

- Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, 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.

- Inspection services representatives will be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2018/2019 improvement cycle.

- Color matching all external doors to the majority building color 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.

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Annual Meeting around the corner

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

- Unapproved decorative stones have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike. The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

- “Clamshell” awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. They present a wind-borne hazard. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

- 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 hinder the proper access and ability to maintain these meters in the future.

- Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations.

- Personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings will be removed. These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or do not comply with published community standards.

- Barbeque 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.

- If you receive notification that an item near your condo 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.

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

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

Preventing Unwanted 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.

Mold growth is secondary to the presence of high humidity levels or saturation by water and is evidenced by the appearance of a black, sooty substance on furniture or walls. If you suspect you have mold, it is best to contact the Community Service Office and arrange for a visual inspection. There is no charge for this service.

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

Rarely does mold or mildew present a health problem. Usually the main complaint is an odor and the unsightly nature of the matter. I mention this because the home repair industry is rife with scare tactics and scams, causing homeowners to spend thousands of dollars on matters that are generally easily resolved.

Use common sense and have a great summer!



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Be active during ‘Older Americans Month’

Did you know the month of May was proclaimed “Older Americans Month” by President John F. Kennedy in 1963?

Every May, the Administration on Aging leads our nation’s observance of this day with a theme. The 2018 theme, “Engage at Every Age,” emphasizes that you are never too old (or young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental and emotional well-being.

It also celebrates the many ways in which older adults make a difference in their communities, whether by sharing wisdom, sharing experience, or seeking mentorship from someone with more experience.

Those are just a few examples of what being engaged can mean.

At On Top of the World, we have many opportunities to engage here through a variety of social activities, clubs, events and learning opportunities.

We hope you will join in and “Engage at Every Age!”

Recycling

Last month, in recognition of “Earth Day,” the Community Service Office invited Jan Tracy from Pinellas County Solid Waste to present a seminar, “The Benefits of Recycling.”

She discussed the DOs and DONTs of recycling and what actually happens at a recycling facility. We plan to have her back to give this presentation again in the winter of 2019 when all our Snowbirds are here.

Sleep Seminar

The Community Service Office will be hosting a series of educational seminars, including “Getting a Good Night’s Sleep” to be held on Wednesday, May 16, in the East Activity Center Art Room from 10 a.m. to noon.

Please plan to attend this talk and gain powerful insights into this important topic.

Leslie Noland, Gulf Coast community educator, holds a Masters Degree in



Counseling Psychology, and she will explain why our sleeping habits change as we get older.

She will discuss bad sleeping habits and common causes for not getting a good night’s sleep.

Future seminar topics will include: “Aging Successfully,” “Depression: More than just the Blues,” “Medication Safety,” “Preventing Falls,” “Driving Well,” “Holiday Stress” and more.

Registration is suggested in the Community Service Office.

Consumer Protection Seminar

At least twice a year, the Community Service Office hosts a seminar with Pinellas County Consumer Protection to learn the latest in consumer fraud and scams.

Anna Marie Millet will be back to give us an update and share ways to keep you and your family safe.

The Community Service Office will provide raffle prizes and refreshments for the event to be held on Wednesday, May 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Registration is suggested. A registration form can be found at the bottom of this page and can be dropped off at the Community Service Office.

VOICEExperience

The Community Service Office is proud to present VOICEExperience on

Thursday, May 31, at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

VOICEExperience is a special program offering quality training to singers of all ages with legendary opera singers Sherill Milnes and Maria Zouves.

As part of their community outreach, the VOICEExperience Foundation has reached thousands of people who otherwise may have never walked into a theater for an operatic performance.

On Top of the World is most fortunate to be among the communities chosen for a performance and we hope to see all of you at the concert!

Activity Card Information

When renewing your activity card or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued photo ID, such as a driver’s license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and On Top of the World property address.

Also, for renewal, you will need \$3 and your expiring/expired card. If you do not have your card, you will need to bring \$25 for purchasing and processing of a new card. Please note that no cards will be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. All guests must be accompanied by a resident any time they plan to use an SCA facility, including the pool. The resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities. Any noncompliance matters are directed to the On Top of the World Association.

AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held on Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25 in the East Activity Center Starlite room from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$20 and registration forms can be found on page 59 of this newspaper.

This class is now limited to the first

30 people signed up. So don’t wait.

One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be here on Wednesday, May 9, and Thursday, May 31, parked at the East Activity Center’s North Parking Lot from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vision/Hearing/Blood Pressure

Free vision, hearing and blood pressure screenings are available here at On Top of the World the third Monday of the month from 9:30-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

As a reminder, the clinic will be posted in my monthly column, as well as on the OTOW television station and the Box Office. We have moved the clinic to a more visible location at the front right of the auditorium.

Fall Festival and Expo 2018

Once again, the Community Service Office will be offering On Top of the World Clubs a complimentary table outside at this year’s Fall Festival & Expo, Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to meet new residents to increase your membership, sell arts, crafts and souvenirs, or just come out to join in the fun!

Please stop by and see me at the Community Service Office to complete a registration form as tables will go fast!

OLLI

OLLI Summer Program begins on Friday, May 11. Please see the complete OLLI Summer Calendar and Registration information on next page.

CARES - Healthy Living Class

CARES classes are continuing at the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room.

Registration is the first day of the class. The class schedule is as follows:

- Chronic Disease Self-Management - 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Monday through May 14.

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SUMMER CLASSES

All classes in the West Activity Center Learning Lab

Springs: An Exploration of Florida's Water Treasures

Friday, May 11, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Instructor: Cathy Salustri

Why do springs matter? What's the difference between a spring and a lake, or vents? How many springs does Florida have? Travel writer Cathy Salustri takes you on a virtual tour to her favorite springs and explains how springs function, why we have so many in Florida, and why they are vital to our state.

Registration Number: 8040

Francis Wilson: A Life on Stage

Wednesday, May 16, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Instructor: Jason Fortner

A look at the life of Philadelphia-born actor Francis Wilson (1854-1935), who started as a young boy secretly playing in variety shows and worked his way up to top billing on Broadway. We'll discuss his shows, his personal life, his books and the creation of the Clearwater theatre in his name.

Registration Number: 8041

The Orange Blossom Special: How the Railroads Changed Florida

Tuesday, May 22, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. • Instructor: Nano Riley

Before Flagler and Plant brought trains to Florida, rail travel existed on a smaller scale. The Florida Railroad connected Cedar Key to Fernandina Beach in 1857. Rails reached Tampa in 1884 when Henry Plant built tracks from Sanford. By 1925, luxury trains, like the fabled, Orange Blossom Special, brought northeastern visitors to Miami and the Gulf coast, as in the movie "Some Like it Hot." Today, most travelers prefer air travel, but trains still linger prominently in Florida's formative history.

Registration Number: 8042

Henry Ford and his Magic Model T

Tuesday, June 12, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Instructor: Rick Kistner

The name "Henry Ford" is one of the most recognizable in American History. He was not educated, not a brilliant automotive engineer, nor was he the first American to build or sell cars. Ford was middle aged before he found the formula for success that made him the world's richest man in his day. Henry Ford excelled at vision and leadership and created a machine that literally revolutionized the entire world. Join us as we examine the life of this often controversial patriarch of American manufacturing.

Registration Number: 8043

The Most Outrageous Film Comedy: 'The Producers'

Tuesday, June 26, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Instructor: Walt Ulbricht

Released in 1968, the wildly satirical film "The Producers" marked Mel Brooks' directorial debut. It ranks in the top 12 best comedies selected by the American Film Institute. The class discussion will focus on the origins of this minor comic masterpiece, its skewering of social values and its growing legacy over the last 50 years.

Registration Number: 8044

Frida Kahlo

Tuesday, July 10, 10:30 a.m. - Noon • Instructor: Dedee Aleccia

One of Mexico's greatest artists, Kahlo began painting after being seriously injured in a traffic accident. Throughout her adult life, she suffered ongoing health issues, tolerated a marriage of volatility and infidelity with Diego Rivera, and connected her Mexican identity with the political ideals of the communist party. Her self-portraits reveal both her physical and emotional suffering and provide an intimate insight into the people and events that gave her the strength and impetus to face hardship.

Registration Number: 8045

The History of the Supreme Court

Tuesday, July 17, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. • Instructor: Rick Kistner

In 1789, George Washington signed the Judiciary Act created by Congress which established the Supreme Court of the United States. The Court grew in stature and power under the leadership of John Marshall, whose opinions were the basis for Constitutional Law and established the Court as a co-equal with the Legislative and Executive Branches of Government. Our session will examine the history of the Court and many of the controversial decisions that have shaped American life as we know it today.

Registration Number: 8046

The History of the Wizard of Oz

Tuesday, July 24, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. • Instructor: Richard Stefanik

Frank Baum wrote the first Wizard of Oz novel in 1900. He then wrote several more novels about Oz and produced theatrical stage productions before the making of the classic 1939 movie. This class will discuss the history of the Oz story along with the characters and actors involved in the movie.

Registration Number: 8047

(Two more classes coming in August)



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Fixers make new bookshelves for newspaper office



In the summer of 2017, a renovation project began at the East Activity Center, which included the newspaper office.

In April, the finishing touches were completed.

Members of the On Top of the World Fixers Club were asked to build two new bookshelves for the newspaper lobby - the first bookshelf to contain yearbooks of past newspaper editions, and the second bookshelf to contain 12 months of past newspapers.

The Fixers Club took on the challenge and needed about one month to produce exactly what was requested - custom made shelves.

In return, OTOW made a donation to the woodshop.

If anyone wants to research an event from On Top of the World's past, the information may be obtained in one of the yearbooks. Dates range from 1974 to 2013. Newspapers from 2014 through today are available at the Press Association Website. Visit the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click the newspaper link and scroll to the bottom where past issues are listed.



Jose Miranda and Lee Catalfomo put the finishing touches on two new bookshelves in the On Top of the World newspaper office. One shelf holds past newspaper yearbooks and the other holds 12 months of past newspapers. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Someone still makes toys you don't plug in



Pictured above are members of the Fixers Club who work out of the Toy Shop. Seated, from left to right, are Connie Danizen, Barbara Austin and Angela Patrick. Standing are Bob Patrick, Walter Lanham, Dottie Kilgor, Earl Shettel, Robyn Kumar, Jeanette Grant and Mary Pheasant.

By Henry Santos

A big part of the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club is our toy makers.

This is a group of members who volunteer their time to make small toys for various charities.

These toys require no batteries, do not plug into a wall and do not need complicated instructions. They are very basic, recognizable toys, that stimulate a child's imagination when they play with them.

The best kind of toys.

Earl Shettel, the grandfather of toy makers, has been doing this for 25 years.

Just think about that for a minute.

He has been volunteering about 20 hours a week in the toy shop for 25 years.

Now that's a lot of toys!

Others involved in the building of toys are Bob Patrick four years, Dottie Kilgore two years, and Walter Lanham one year.

While Earl is the "face" of the toy shop, Bob Patrick is the "Henry Ford" of the group. He does the new designing, initial layouts, plus sequence and method of assembly.

Toy Shop

They run a very efficient operation. Santa would be proud.

When the toys are finished, they are moved over to the painting group, which consists of six lady volunteers, who paint the toys and add individual characteristics to personalize them.

Jeanette Grant is the grandmother of the painting group. She has been doing this for 10-plus years.

Others in the group are Mary Pheasant five years, Connie Danizen three years, Barbara Austin one year, Angela Patrick one year and, finally, the newbie of the group, Robyn Kumar.

These toys go to various groups, including local Kiwanis clubs for their day-care centers, several women's shelters, the Shriner's organization, and several local hospitals.

These groups usually contact Jeanette with their needs and she kicks into action to fill the orders and arrange delivery or pick up.

May

Events must be approved by the Community Service Office before appearing on this calendar.

DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

M-Monday, T-Tuesday, W-Wednesday, H-Thursday, F-Friday, S-Saturday, U-Sunday

ART

Painting Workshop: Mondays, 9:30 am, Art Room
 Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 1 pm, Art Room
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room

CARD GAMES

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am, Small Card Room

BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:15 pm, Rainbow Room

BUNCO

Wed. May 16, 6 pm, Rainbow Room

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Computer Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Card Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Wednesdays, Saturdays, 11:30 am, Computer Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA

Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room (and Samba)

MAHJONGG

M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room
 Mondays, 4:45 pm, Rainbow Room
 Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Computer Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Computer Room

SAMBA

Mondays, Noon, Small Card Room
 Thursdays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

John: Mondays, 5 pm, Yellow Room
 Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Room
 Carol: Wednesdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Yellow Room
 Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:00 pm, Yellow Room
 Ron: Mondays, Thursday, 6 pm, Yellow Room
 Tom: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Yellow Room
 NY/NJ Club: W, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

CARES

(All in Kitchen/Craft Room)

Chronic Disease Self Management

Monday, May 7, May 14, 10 am

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

8-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
 9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room
 Doubles, Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
 QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Small Card Room

PING PONG

M,T,W,H,F 10 am, Sunrise Room

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAN

Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

EXERCISES

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,H,F 7:30 am, Yellow Room (Stretching)

M,T,W,H,F, 8 am, Exercise Room

SLIMNASTICS

M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, Exercise Room

TAI CHI

Beginners: M,W 3:15 Exercise Room
 Intermediate: Tuesdays 4:00 Exercise Room
 Intermediate: Thursdays 4:30 Exercise Room
 Advanced: M, W, 2 pm Exercise Room
 Chi Kung: T, H 3:15 pm Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Art Room

GROUPS

CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Kitchen/Craft Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Kitchen Craft Room

COMPUTER CLUB- All in Learning Lab

M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Gen. Assistance, T'shooting

Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations

Saturdays, 8:30 am, Windows 10, I-Pads and Tablets

FITNESS CENTER

Mondays-Saturdays 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays 9 am - 8 pm

LAPIDARY

Tuesdays, Thursdays 9 am - Noon, Jewelry Room

LAWN BOWLING

Mondays-Saturdays, 9:30-12, Open Bowling

LIBRARY

Mondays 10-12, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1-3

WOODSHOP

Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Wood Shop

East Activity Center Rooms

Auditorium, Veranda Room, Starlite Room,
 Art Room, Small Card Room,
 Yellow Room, Exercise Room,
 Computer Room, Kitchen/Craft Room.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

Consumer Protection Sem

10 am

Wednesday

May 9

EAC Auditorium

06

07

Ent. Committee & Club
8:30 AM - Auditorium

Bingo
6:00 PM - Auditorium

13

14

Ent. Committee & Club
8:30 AM - Auditorium

Bingo
6:00 PM - Auditorium

Ent. Committee. Board
10:30 AM - Veranda

German Interest Group
2:00 PM - Sunrise Room

20

21

Ent. Committee. Sunday In The Park
2:00 PM - Auditorium

Ent. Committee & Club
8:30 AM - Auditorium

Bingo
6:00 PM - Auditorium

Health Screenings Eye
Blood Pressure
9:30 AM - Auditorium

Republican Club Dinner
6:00 PM - Sunrise Room

27

28

Ent. Committee & Club
8:30 AM - Auditorium

Bingo
6:00 PM - Auditorium

DAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
inar	<p>01</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>Jesters Creative Team Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Good Neighbors Volunteers Meeting 10:00 AM - Learning Lab</p> <p>World Quilters Meeting 9:00 AM - Computer Room</p>	<p>02</p> <p>Knitting Group Crafts 9:00 AM - Veranda</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Coloring Book Club (West) Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Art Room</p>	<p>03</p> <p>Ent. Committee & Clubs Ticket Sales 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Good Karma Book Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Learning Lab</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:30 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Computer Room</p>	<p>04</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 2:00 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Good Neighbors Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room</p>	<p>05</p> <p>Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Small Card Room</p>	
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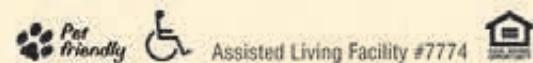
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May 10 Get Acquainted Coffee could be a floor show

When Ralph Rogers performs at On Top of the World, he tends to wander through the crowd while singing a tune. Expect a little more of this interaction on Thursday, May 10, when Ralph returns with his variety of tunes. Clubs and groups will be selling their tickets at 8:30 a.m., coffee and donuts will be served at 9 a.m., and Ralph will come on about 10 a.m. Come on out and enjoy the first Get Acquainted Coffee of the spring. There will be OTOW community announcements, raffles and a 50/50 drawing.



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Giardiniera

I love seeing the dazzling displays of pickled vegetables in gourmet stores.

Don't you?

These are hand-crafted artisan foods.

Only yesterday, it was a routine summer task for our grandmothers to pickle fresh garden vegetables in order to preserve them for the fall or winter.

Creative chefs -- like you, my dear ones -- yearn to be on the cutting edge.

So you will be delighted to learn that the old-fashioned pickled vegetables are among the top 20 foods likely to be on trendy restaurant menus in 2018.

This year will be all about gut health, which is why there will be a rise in pickled vegetables.

Pickled vegetables are typically served in an antipasto or salad. They are used in the muffuletta sandwich or on a sub. Use them as a tangy garnish to add excitement of a splash of color to the plate.

Italian chefs will recognize this month's featured recipe: Giardiniera (pronounced JAR-di-NAIR-ah).

This is an Italian word meaning "garden vegetables under vinegar."



Photo by Jack Armstrong

The pungent flavor of giardiniera contrasts nicely against the sweetness of the cheese pizza. It jazzes up the presentation of the dish.

Ingredients

- 4 cups paper-thin sliced mini-carrot
- 2 cups diced radishes
- 1 cup diced sweet onion
- 1/4 cup chopped black olives
- 2 tablespoon chopped fresh mint
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 cup corn kernels off
- 2 large corn-on-the-cob
- 1.5 cups white wine vinegar
- 1 cup cider vinegar (with "mother")
- 0.5 cup water
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons salt

1. In a large pot, place the first 6 ingredients.

2. Grill corn 6-10 minutes. Cut cobs in half and slice kernels from cob. Mix into the veggies.

Note: Grilling adds a little natural sweetness to the giardiniera. If you prefer to not grill, just cut the raw kernels from the cob.

3. Cover with water. Add 2 tablespoons salt and stir. Refrigerate overnight. My dear chefs, take a well-deserved rest. The next day.....

4. Thoroughly drain the chopped veggies.

5. In 6 pint canning jars, add boiling water to sterilize; place lids in hot water, too. Drain and dry.

6. Tightly pack veggies to the top in

Directions

jars, tapping them down to eliminate air pockets.

7. Combine vinegars with water and bring to a boil. Remove from heat to stir in sugar and salt.

Note: Some recipes call for more salt and sugar, but I prefer the lower levels, which are healthier.

8. Carefully pour the hot vinegars into each jar, covering the top of the vegetables. Close jars.

Note: Invert jars momentarily to eliminate minor air pockets. The veggies should be completely immersed in the vinegar.

9. Cool and refrigerate for three days to permit the vinegars to do their work.

Eat within three months.

Remove the veggies from their vinegary liquid before eating. Never heat the pickled vegetables as this would destroy much of the nutritional value.

10. Store the jars in the refrigerator where it is cool and dark.

Note: In glass jars, light exposure over time diminishes certain vitamins, such as A, D, E, K.

If you prefer, substitute another vegetable for those listed above. When pickling, choose fresh veggies with tough skins. Beets, onions, cucumbers, celery, cauliflower, carrots, peppers and zucchini are all great options. You do not want to end up with soggy vegetables.

Why pre-soak?

A lot of recipes do not do this, but it is a secret for a better outcome. An over-night water bath improves flavor and texture. You want crunchy veggies that stand up to the pickling liquid. It is the salt that ensures this texture. Pre-soaking also imparts more flavor because the veggies fully hydrate and absorb spices added to the water. What takes a long time is often worth waiting for. Isn't that how you think of yourself? Right!

The Science

Colors become enhanced with the soaking. Regarding color, distilled white vinegar and white wine vinegar are most popular because they won't affect the color of most vegetables. Cider vinegar offers a milder flavor, but causes the produce to darken.

Home pickling of vegetables is healthier than the commercial supermarket version that is usually made with pressure or heat.

These processes destroy bacteria and enzymes you want to preserve. At home, pickling promotes health in the following ways:

- Preserves the enzyme content of the veggies, which helps boost your immune system. Enzymes are catalysts that facilitate chemical processes in your body. You need enzymes to fight disease and digest food. Enzymes begin declining in your body in your 40s.

• Improves the digestibility of food in your stomach. Home pickling allows the ubiquitous and

beneficial lactobacilli present on the surface of all living things -- yes, even your own skin -- to proliferate. This helps with digesting food and absorbing nutrients. Malabsorption is an issue for some seniors. It also helps to boost your immune system.

- The biggest health benefit of pickling is that it increases healthy gut bacteria. You have more bacteria (most of which is in your gut) than you have cells in your body.

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Press Association celebrates the season

On Top of the World News Publisher Kenneth Colen said, if there was an award for monthly community newspapers, he was sure our newspaper would be one of the best.

At the annual Appreciation Luncheon in April, Ken thanked everyone for their hard work over the past 12 months.

The luncheon was catered by Clearwater Family Restaurant for editors, writers, photographers, board members, proofreaders and staff, who contributed to at least three newspapers and attended at least three monthly meetings.

Overall, 117 different individuals contributed to your community newspaper from May 2017-April 2018, and among them were 32 people who deserved the special recognition.

It's not just writing articles which makes OTOW News successful. It's attending meetings, providing leadership and setting a path for the future.

"We had 12 great months," said Editor Doug Kates. "We produced good-quality newspapers last summer when a lot of clubs took time off. We wrote positive stories following the September hurricane. We participated in our first Irish Club St. Patrick's Day parade.

"I don't know if we'll ever win an award, but our advertisers love us and we have plenty of them to support us, too."

As the newspaper staff prepares to begin the 2018-19 season, 10 new reporters have already joined the team in recent months.

There are two vacancies on the board, but there are hopes one or both positions will be filled at the May 3 meeting. Yvonne Courtney will remain as president, starting her 12th consecutive year.

Vice President Jackie Dooley is step-



Thirty members of the Press Association were honored in April when the newspaper staff held its end-of-the-season banquet. The luncheon was a 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to at least three newspapers and attended at least three meetings over the past 12 months. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



Press Association

ping down, as she hopes someone will step forward, who has more time to give to the newspaper. And the search begins to take over duties previously held by Secretary Arlene Bergen, who did so much to keep this group organized.



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Computer Club learns about Facebook privacy settings

By Joe Wisinski

Social media giant, Facebook, has been in the news because personal information from millions of users was harvested by another organization.

The information leak is a concern to On Top of the World Computer Club members, so club member Phyllis King recently taught a hands-on seminar that helped members change Facebook privacy settings.

"Remember, Facebook is a business," Phyllis said. "They use all the information you enter. But it's your information and you have to actively manage it."

Phyllis said all users should check to see what information Facebook has about them and check their privacy settings.

She also made these suggestions to help keep Facebook information private:

- Don't use your real birthday. Although you should use the correct date (otherwise people will be wishing you happy birthday on the wrong day), you should use a different birth year.

- Read the site's "fine print." Facebook does tell users how their data may be used, but most people don't read that information.

- Don't use a Facebook link to sign into other Websites. Although doing so is convenient, it enables Facebook to gather anything you enter on that other site.

Phyllis also suggested that you turn off as many Facebook features as you can,



because the less information you give, the more privacy you'll have.

About the Computer Club

Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

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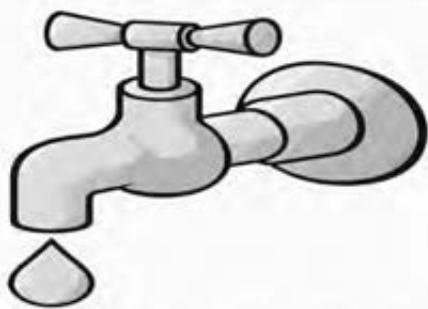
Club members may come to the Learning Lab from 8:30-10 a.m. Monday through Friday for free assistance with computer issues.

Additionally, Phyllis is available in the Learning Lab from 8:30-10 a.m. the first Friday of every month to teach more about Facebook, as well as the Kindle reader and the Android operating system.

For more information about the computer club, go to www.otowcc.com.



Phyllis King makes a point during a recent presentation about keeping information private on Facebook.



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Rachel's Don't: Don't be fooled by phone calls claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service, in which you are told that you've missed this or that, or that you owe any amount of money. Don't fall for the line, "you are going to be arrested."

Do not speak with these folks. Do not provide them with any personal information, including social security numbers or bank account numbers.

And don't ever think you can talk with a scammer and "lead them on" and then disconnect the phone. If your caller ID shows it's from the I.R.S., don't answer and if a message is left, delete it immediately.

Ladybird Deeds

From time to time, I, or my partner Jerry Colen are asked about something called a "Ladybird" deed.

I guess folks have been told they are a good way to avoid probate and they are very useful in transferring your homestead, where you reside, to your children.

They can be useful, but I've never met with a client who has received the complete story.

So, I am going to give it to you right now.

The correct term for a ladybird deed is "enhanced life estate deed."

Essentially, what happens when you sign one, is that you deed your property to say, a child or children, but you reserve a life estate to yourself.

This enables you to be entitled to live



in the property for so long as you live, and you can continue to receive the homestead exemption and the Save Our Homes cap benefit.

Then, in that same enhanced life estate deed, you reserve the right to sell, mortgage, lease or convey the property without the joinder in the deed, mortgage or lease by your child or children.

When you pass on, the property belongs to your child and there's no estate administration (probate).

It certainly seems simple doesn't it.

However, there's a catch.

Suppose you find that it is necessary to remove a child's name from the interest that was granted to him/her in the enhanced life estate deed.

There could be many reasons for this.

First, the child is going through a divorce and it's a bad idea for him/her to have any property—at least not until the divorce is over and maybe even afterwards.

Or, second, suppose your child needs to get on Medicaid, or suppose your child predeceases you and their estate will pass to someone that you absolutely do not want to receive your property.

Worst of all, suppose your child becomes incapacitated or passes away. Now his/her name is on your property.

To get a name off the deed, he/she has to sign it with you.

This is certainly different than if you sold it to, say a real purchaser, and where his/her signature was not needed.

Now, the signature of the child, who you need to remove from any form of ownership, is required.

This is not good for a number of reasons as I've just pointed out.

So, I feel that when it comes to your homestead, you should just leave it in your name alone.

Yes, there may be court proceedings at the time of your passing, but even so, you, and only you, will have full control of your homestead.

There's much more to be said in favor of, but also in opposition to, a ladybird deed and you should always discuss any changes to the title to your homestead with your attorney.

Here's something that causes me to take a deep breath. It's when a client comes to me and says she or he intends to be married and that there's no need for a prenuptial agreement because, after all, our client doesn't want his or her fiancé to think there's a lack of trust.

I'm not talking about trust.

I'm talking about being practical when getting into a second or subsequent marriage.

After all, perhaps, you have children from a prior marriage and so does your fiancé. Well, how do you protect your children if you don't have a prenuptial agreement?

Answer: You don't.

Finally, let me discuss another issue that makes me step back and hold my

breath.

It's when a child, usually a grandchild, wants to move in with you for whatever reason. The obvious concern that I have is what happens when it doesn't work out. Ninety percent of the time, issues do arise that have to do with who pays the expenses, including the maintenance of the property, food and electricity.

The best thing to do is just keep your apartment for yourself. The second thing to do is to say "no!"

Best wishes always: Rachel

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Kirk Cameron

'Growing Pains' star completely changed his life

Kirk Cameron's aspirations were to become a brain surgeon, but instead, he became a teenage idol and pin-up boy on the television sitcom, "Growing Pains."

For seven years, Kirk was America's new weekly TV idol for millions of teenagers across the country. He was an atheist until the age of 20 when he became a born-again Christian. He teamed up with evangelist, Ray Comfort, to run a new religious organization called, "Way of the Master."

Kirk married his on-screen sweetheart, Chelsea Noble, who was six years older.

Kirk was not close to members of

the cast, although he became close friends with Alan Thicke then, and still is today.

Kirk and Chelsea had six children – two of their own and four adopted. He said they loved them all so much that sometimes they didn't remember which ones were adopted.

"Growing Pains" ran from 1985-92, during which time Kirk went through his own growing pains from a teenager to a young man.

He was originally born in Panorama City, Calif., on Oct. 12, 1970. He began acting at a young age and found success as the teenage heart-throb, Mike Seaver.

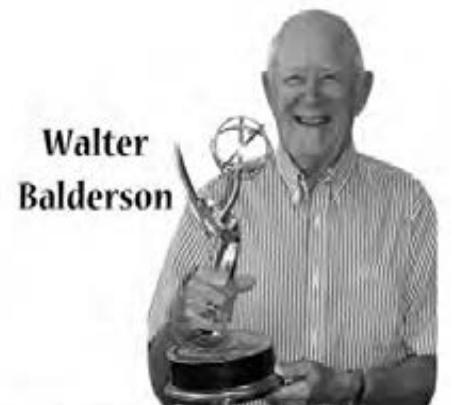
After converting to Christianity, Kirk

began to insist that storylines be edited to remove anything he thought was too adult or inappropriate for the show's largest audience – young people.

After the show was canceled, Kirk did not maintain contact with his former co-stars. He said it wasn't due to any animosity on his part toward former cast members, but an outgrowth of his desire to start a new life away from the entertainment industry.

Kirk is now 47 years old and his net worth is estimated at \$20 million.

Today, Kirk, Chelsea and family live in Angoura Hills, Calif.



Walter Balderson

Inside Showbiz



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Chorus members ended the season by having dinner together at Clearwater Family Restaurant.

When you join Chorus, you get adopted by a tight family

By Ilene Bargerstock

And, that's a wrap!

The last song has been sung. The music is filed away and On Top of the World Chorus is on hiatus until fall.

To top off the season, Chorus members and guests enjoyed dining together at the Clearwater Family Restaurant.

Initially, joining the Chorus is all about the music. But, in time, it becomes so much more.

Thirteen years ago I came into Chorus and my husband followed shortly thereafter. This does not seem so signifi-



Chorus

cant when compared to those who have sung for 20 and 30 plus years. This seems to speak volumes about the benefits of

belonging to the Chorus.

We are like a good family whose members sincerely care about each other. Friendships are forged that go well beyond rehearsals and performances.

I am so grateful to participate in this longstanding, traditional and fun-loving bunch of music-makers!

Long live the Chorus!

If this sounds good to you, please consider coming to our first fall rehearsal on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. We want to make you part of the family.

Stories regarding Chorus, written by member, Stan Swanson, will continue to appear in this paper throughout the summer months.

Please check them out.

Stan has some refreshing ideas and opportunities for singers.

To all of our On Top of the World residents who leave us for a time, have a safe and happy summer. Stay connected through OTOW News online and know that we will be waiting to welcome you back!



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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Philippe Park does not have a race track, but Italian-American Club made one



Italian-American Club

By Maryann Fontaine

As I write this article, I am thinking, some people are glad the season is coming to an end so they can head north to their families.

The Italian-American Club wishes them a safe trip back north and prays the snow will be gone by the time they get there.

The rest of us are sad as most events at the activity centers will come to an end.

Our club held its annual picnic at Philippe Park in March. It was a nice day and everyone enjoyed the food and friendships.

The day ended with our Day At The Races. Some went home winning almost every race. Some were jockeys for the first time and they enjoyed doing it.

In April, we ended the season with a pizza and salad dinner, and stand-up bingo.

We are planning next year's activities. For our Christmas brunch we will be returning to Safety Harbor Spa, the first Sunday in December. We will have limited seating so you may sign up before you head north.

We will be attending the "Celtic Thunder" show at Ruth Eckerd Hall in December.



A good time was had by all at Philippe Park for the Italian-American Club goodbye picnic. After filling up on hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage and peppers, and all the extras, club members and guests watched our own version of 'horse' races. Blue lines were taped to the sidewalk and volunteers became jockeys. It was too hot for real horses, so we used the next best thing.

The first show at Hudson Show Palace will be June 24 and the name of the show is "Ain't Retirement Grand." Flyers are available for you to browse at the East Activity Center. Please purchase tickets by May 24 as I have to finalize purchases by then. Tickets this year are \$55 per person, which includes buffet lunch, show, tax and tip. They have raised prices

for next season, but they put on a great show. I will be at the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. through May.

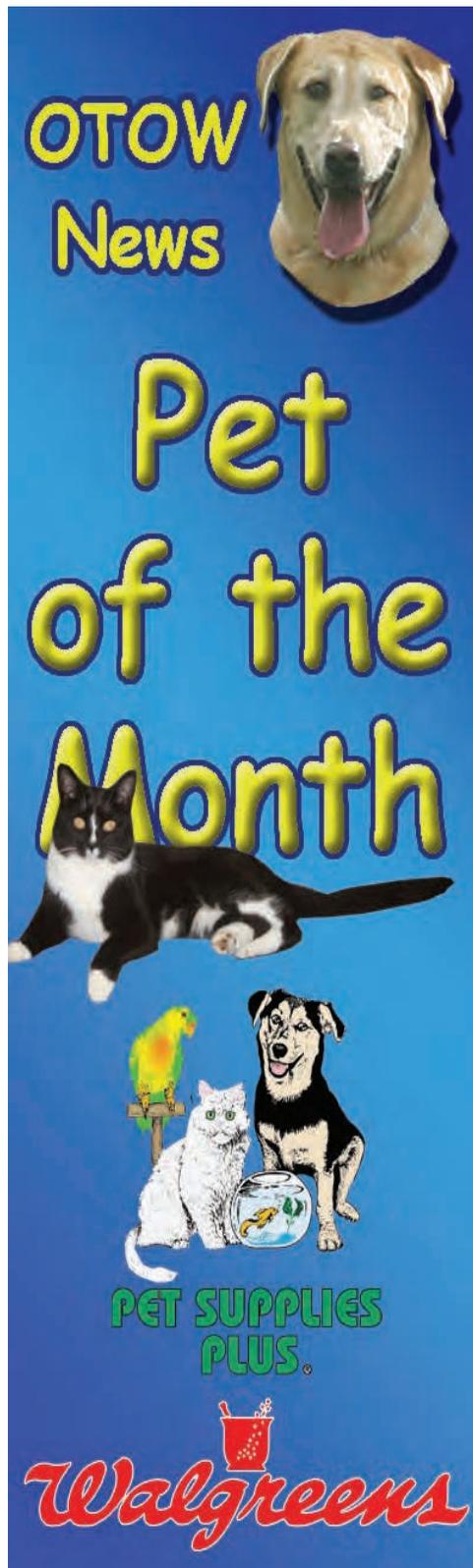
The Italian-American Club will be at the EAC all summer to sell tickets and give information on upcoming activities. Come see us as we would enjoy just talking to you.

Please note, in June, July and August clubs will only be selling tickets on Thursdays.

It is possible to receive emails from the Italian-American Club. If you would like to be on my list for the summer, please stop by the EAC and see me.

If you can't come to the EAC, you can email me at fontainemaryann@yahoo.com.

Please note, there will be no ticket sales in the East Activity Center on Mondays in June.



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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 otow.newsroom@gmail.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. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from same household can be one entry. The winner this month 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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Theater Workshop

By Richard Madison

Well, it's that time of the year when the sun rises high, the temperatures follow and all our good "Northerners" head home to avoid the brilliant heat lamp in the sky.

Theater Workshop, like many On Top of the World clubs, follows the age old tradition of closing down for the summer and giving the East Activity Center staff a well-earned rest so they can prepare for the coming fall.

We are the oldest Theater Club in OTOW and our tradition is theater. So a new production is being written for 2019.

The auditions are scheduled for Dec. 10. Rehearsals will be held for about 11 weeks and the production will show on March 8, 9, 10.

Auditions will be reannounced in this newspaper as we get closer to the date.

Auditions normally take only a few minutes and both the player and the director get to identify what is needed and work out the best way to achieve what the role requires.

This year, in October and November, we will be looking for more talent. That



Doesn't this look like fun? Join Theater Workshop next season and this could be you dressed in costume and performing in front of 500 people. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

means, if you have ever wondered what it would be like to stand on stage, and either perform, or work backstage, then this will be the opportunity to do so in a friendly and fully supported way.

We welcome all newcomers – no training required.

Theater Workshop is made up of very

supportive stage players, who willingly welcome newcomers into our type of art.

The stage will be filled with new songs, dances and acts that will entertain our OTOW audience.

As is normal in these circumstances, the show will be based on the great success of 2018. In case you missed it, watch

for our show this summer on OTOW-TV. Doug Kates created a fantastic video for our memories and maybe it will inspire you to join us.

We, at the Theater Workshop, wish everyone in our community a wonderful summer and we will see you all in fall.

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Jesters' 2019 show already in planning stage

By Sue Calinski

Our big news for this month is that we've begun working on The Jesters 2019 show!

We want to bring you the best entertainment we possibly can, so starting early is a key element in making sure that happens.

This year our director will be David Bucchiere and we are all excited to see where he takes us!

Speaking of David, he and John Hooker wrote the On Top of the World song from our last show. We have had many requests to print the lyrics to this parody of "Staying Alive." Unfortunately, we are unable to print the entire song here, but here are a few of my favorite lines:

"Well, you can tell by the way I use my walker...

I'm a go-go man and not a talker!

Karaoke loud and winters warm

I've had a Florida soul since I was born.

And now it's all right, I've got Medicare...

Livin' in the warm, salt air.

You don't need to understand,

Just come and join our happy band!"

In its entirety, this clever parody sums up our wonderful way of life here at On Top of the World! Thank you David and John for such a great song!



In April, the Jesters held their annual installation dinner to bring forward our new board of directors for the coming year. The new slate is as follows: President Lee Catalfomo; Vice President David Bucchiere; Second Vice President Sue Calinski; Secretary John Hooker; Assistant Secretary Susan Carlson; Treasurer Richard McMillan; and Assistant Treasurer Pat Catalfomo.

Congratulations to all of the board members for 2018 - 2019! We look forward to another successful year!

Don't forget that in September, the Jesters will hold their first annual membership meeting. At that time, you will be able to join us for another year of adven-



2017-18 Jesters President David Bucchiere, left, congratulates the top sales people for selling the most tickets to the 2018 Jesters Show back in February. From left to right are Phyllis Brooks, Sue Carlson and Richard McMillan.

tures, laughter and good friends. It's only \$5 to join, and you will definitely get your money's worth!

There are so many aspects to putting on a variety show that we can always use another pair of hands. Whether or not you want to be on stage, we have a spot for you.

More information will be available at the September meeting, so don't miss it!

In the meantime, we will be gathering ideas, begin some construction, and start planning for another fun-filled show to entertain all of our friends here at OTOW!

Watch for updates in future newspaper articles.



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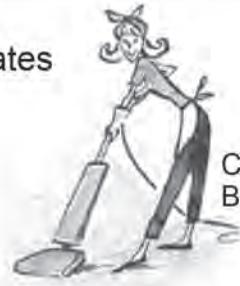
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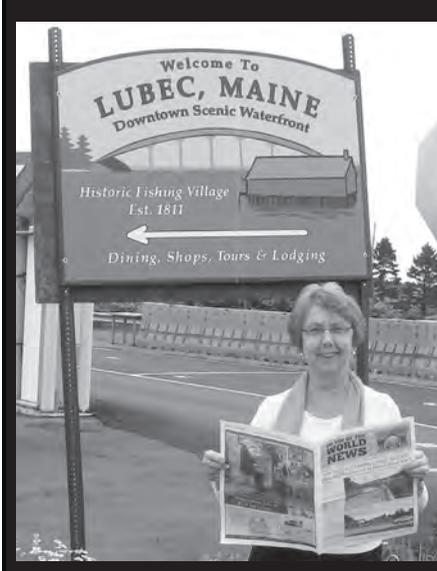
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Bill Cassner, left, not only sang for On Top of the World residents in April, he sang while Hula-Hooping on stage. While singing songs from the 1950s, the Hula-Hoop spun over his head, around his neck and, more traditionally, around his belly. Pictured above is Johnny M., who sang his favorite songs, including selections from Frank Sinatra. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

This was no ordinary Get Acquainted Coffee

Entertainers are used to performing at 10 o'clock at night, not 10 o'clock in the morning.

So, when On Top of the World opened its East Activity Center auditorium for an Atlantic City-style show on Thursday, April 12, it was very unusual for the performers to look out and see people in the crowd drinking coffee and eating donuts!

But they'll get used to it.

It's going to happen again.

Good Neighbors' Get Acquainted Coffee in April featured three prime time singers. The show was still free, but the entertainment was extraordinary. In fact, two weeks after our show, the same group was performing in Atlantic City.

The morning started out with Johnny M. singing Frank Sinatra hits.

Then Bill Cassner sang songs from the 1950s and even used a Hula-Hoop for a prop.

The morning concluded with Vince Fiore singing Elvis songs.

So, what was going on?

The Kapok Tree Dinner Theater in Clearwater is now bringing in Las Vegas- and Atlantic City-style entertainment, and the entertainment manager wanted a way to promote their shows to On Top of the World residents.

Nancy Rogers, from the Community Service Office, offered the option of giving a preview show on our own stage, but it had to take place on a Thursday morning and had to be free to residents.

Everyone involved said OK.

So, for the first time, residents got a private preview for an upcoming show at the Kapok Tree Dinner Theater.

How did the crowd like it?

Despite being 10 a.m., there was dancing in the aisles.

Vince told the crowd, that when he was a young boy, he always looked in a mirror and practiced impersonating Elvis. He asked his OTOW audience, "Do I sound like Elvis?" Everyone gave a big cheer!

OTOW clubs and groups sold tickets and passed out information starting at 8:30 a.m. Traditional coffee and donuts were served for free at 9 a.m., followed by morning announcements.

The show started promptly at 10 a.m. and lasted an hour.

The morning ended with raffles.

Nancy said a second Kapok Tree Dinner Theater preview will take place later this summer. She did not give an exact date, but was thrilled with the crowd's reaction to the first preview show and said a second one will definitely follow.

Kapok Tree is going to be offering a variety of entertainment all year and will let us know which entertainers we should expect on our stage next.



With 'Elvis' and 'Frank Sinatra' in the house, it was hard for these ladies to sit still. There was a whole lotta dancin' goin' on.



Which plastics go into a recycling bin and which plastics get thrown away

By Kathleen Santosuosso

Flexible plastic containers go in green recycle bins.

Plastic bottles, jars, tubs and jugs come in many different shapes and sizes. These containers are smaller and have a mark at the bottom with the recycling arrows and a number, 1-7.

These containers are also flexible and have some “give” if we try to bend them. The machines at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) recognize these smaller containers, then sorts and flattens them into large bales.

Plastic containers should be empty and dry for recycling. No food or residue should be left. Also, either leave on the screw top cap or put the cap in the black garbage bin. Any loose caps, either plastic or metal, are too small to be sorted and will clog the sorting machine.

Put all spray nozzles in the black garbage bin. Spray nozzles are a different type of plastic that are not recyclable. If you can't remove the spray nozzle, put the entire container in the black garbage bin.

Rigid plastic containers go in black garbage bins.

Some plastics are rigid, such as the plastic used for wastebaskets and large storage containers. These do not go in the green recycle bins because they cannot be sorted and flattened into bales.

Put your plastic wastebaskets, garbage bins, pipe, toys, window blinds, plates, cups, plastic silverware, Rubbermaid or Tupperware type containers, or straws in black garbage bins.

Put all hard, plastic materials, even if they have the recycle arrows and a number at the bottom, in the black bins.



Also, put your Styrofoam trays, cups and egg cartons, even if they're stamped with the recycling arrows and a No. 6, in the garbage. Styrofoam should never go in the green recycling bins. This includes Styrofoam packing materials.

Plastic hoses, of any type, and Christmas tree lights go in the garbage, too. These wrap around the recycling sorting equipment and can damage the machinery at the recycling plant.

Remember, everything you put in the black garbage bins is burned at the Pinellas County Waste-to-Energy plant where electricity for 45,000 homes is produced every day. Plus, after the garbage is burned, all of the metals from the ash are sold to a scrap metal dealer for recycling.

If you're not sure if something goes in the green recycle bin or the black garbage bin, put it in the black garbage bin. When in doubt, throw it out — in the black bin.

Our recycle pick-up of the green bins are every Monday and Thursday.

You can pick up the easy-to-



Can you recycle screwtop caps? If you reattach a cap to a plastic container, you can recycle the entire container and cap. But please don't toss just caps into a recycling container. If you cannot screw the cap to a container, simply throw the cap away. Rigid plastic containers, spray nozzles, attached spray nozzles or lids go in the black garbage bins.

follow handout “Recycle Today 2018” at the Good Karma Café and the On Top of the World Community Service Office at the East Activity Center. It's free!

Also, you can find out how to recycle or get rid of items when you go to the online A to Z Guide on Recycling and Disposal in Pinellas County at

pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/getridofit.

In three simple steps, you'll find where to call or get rid of just about everything.

Volunteer appreciation luncheon taking place May 4

By JoAnn Dameson

The Good Neighbors Association Easter Sunrise Service featuring The Salvation Army band and chorus was a great event.

Many thanks to those attending for their free will donations after the service. All monies collected were given to The Salvation Army for all they do in our community.

Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee on April 12 was wonderful - and a little different.

Everyone really enjoyed “Sounds of Legends” which was a terrific preview of upcoming performances at the Kapok Tree Dinner Theater.

We will gladly schedule them for another preview.

Our 50/50 winner at the coffee social was Maxine Kelly. She went home a lot richer. A Good Neighbors' gift card to the Sunset Grill was won by Al Burnham.

The next Get Acquainted Coffee will be Thursday, May 3, featuring Ralph Rogers.

Good Neighbors Association is now holding a volunteer meeting once a month.

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 1, 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room. Anyone who wants to learn about volunteer opportunities with our club should plan to attend. We have a need for many volunteers in a variety of ways.

Our next meeting is 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 5 in the Art Room.

A Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will take place on Fri-

day, May 4. Emails and phone calls will be made to those who are invited. The time and location were not available as of press time.

Good Neighbors is happy to welcome our newest board member, Tony Santasiere. We still have board positions open. If you would like to contribute to a club, which gives back to the community, please stop by our table 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in May.



Lambdans take food very seriously



Over the last two months, members of the Lambda Club have tasted such treats as ham, turkey, potatoes, carrots, fish, eggs, mac and cheese, coleslaw and strawberry cake to name a few. That doesn't even include what's on the menu for Mexican Night this month. Club members will be drinking Iguanas.

By Bruce Lovett

At Lambda, we take food seriously, very seriously.

There is no fooling around when it comes to soothing the palates of our 70-plus members.

So when April Fool's Day happened to fall on Easter Sunday, we were in a conundrum. Do we have a party or take a Sunday off?

Fortunately, March had five Sundays this year so we enjoyed brunch on four of them.

Anywhere from 15 to 40 Lambda members get together on Sundays for brunch. One of our brunches took place at the Clearwater Family Restaurant, a new advertiser to this newspaper, which also catered a fantastic lunch to the Press Association on April 6.

Secondly, the Lambda Club always celebrates the 'Big 3' family feast days: Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter because many of our members can't always be near loved ones on holidays due to age, distance or any number of reasons.

So, when our Easter celebration fell on April Fool's day, not to mention it being the second day of Passover, we had to forgo dining out for one Sunday because staying home and serving food took on an even more important role. We celebrated Easter with everyone in the Art Room.

The spread had to be seen to be believed. Appetizers, in addition our usual fantastic guacamole made by our Hispanic contingent, included Gefilte fish and Matzoh supplied by our New York faction, and of course there were numerous styles and colors of deviled eggs.

The main courses included ham, turkey, scalloped potatoes, mac and cheese, coleslaw, honey glazed carrots etc.

The list was impressive and, being Easter, the sweets table was overflowing. Its crowning achievement was a strawberry cake to die for.

Later in the month we had our regular monthly social, a Country Western-themed night, where the pot luck vittles were good enough to get y'all up line dancing.

Towards the end of the month we "Dined



Lambda Club

out for Life" at the Dunedin Smokehouse, a nationwide annual event where restaurants donate profits to various local AIDS charities.

For May, the theme of our monthly social is "Mexican Fiesta," so listen for the Mariachi music coming from the East Activity Center's Art room on Friday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

Step up to the bar for the cocktail of the night: The Blue Iguana.

Meet up with the friendly natives who will be grazing at the hors d'oeuvre table. They won't bite, but they do love to eat and chat.

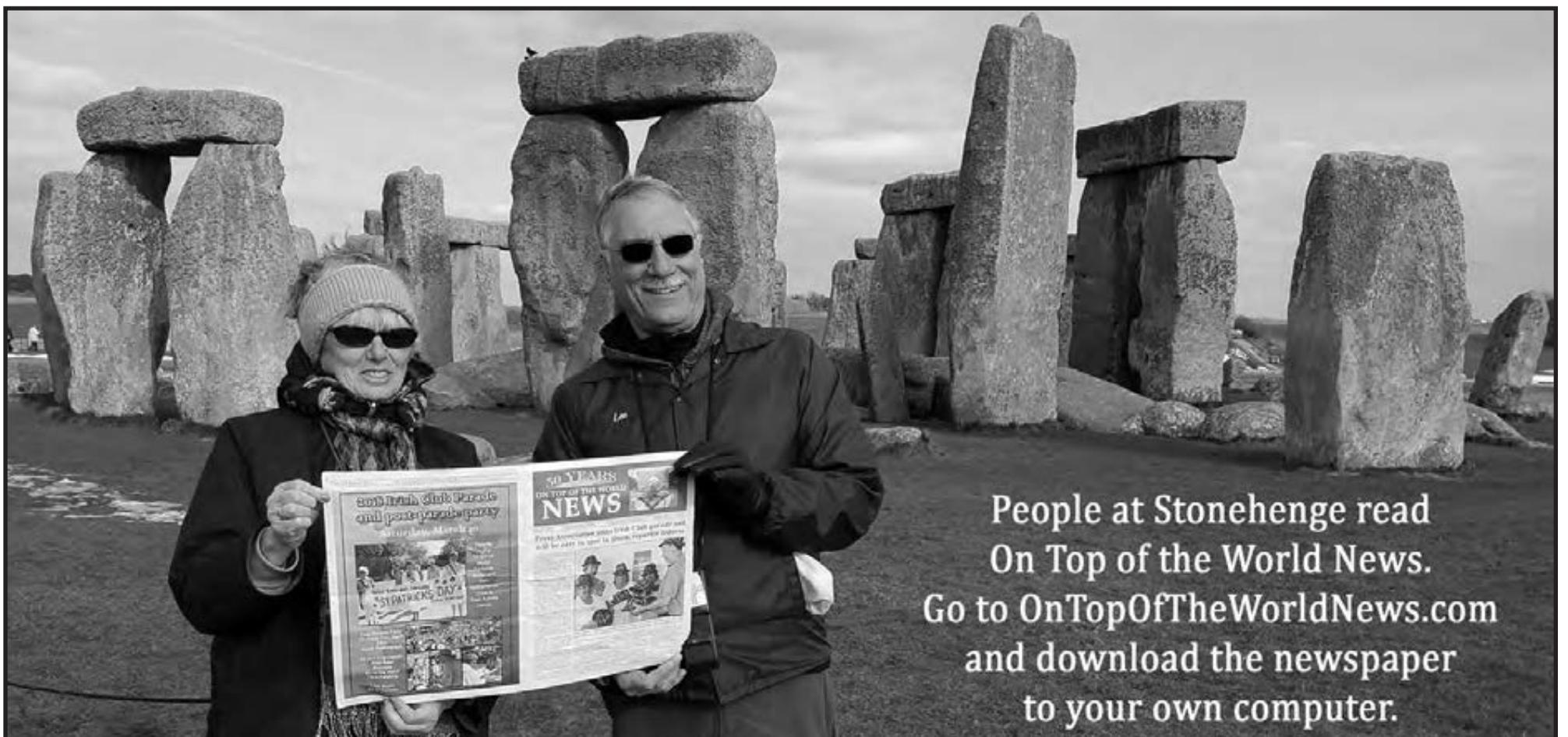
Later on, the buffet table will open for another chance to eat.

Do you see a pattern here?

In keeping with the theme, our member chefs have been encouraged to bring in Mexican-inspired dishes. Come check us out. Dress code: Tourist.

For more information about these and other events, visit our Webpage at <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. Email us at lambdacw@gmail.com or call Dave at (727)410-7566.

Lambda is a casual organization catering to our LGBTQ residents as well as their friends and neighbors in the OTOW community and welcomes all inquiries.



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Democrats learn how to listen first and then share political values

By Donna Lukas

Are you one of the people who likes to celebrate May Day?

Some celebrate with military tanks in parades, some dance around May poles with flowers in their hair, some of us gather with like-minded friends who like to talk politics.

If you are one of the latter, you should join us for discussions that take place during our club meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

In this important election year, the On Top of the World Democratic Club has had several candidates as guest speakers, who will be on this year's ballots.

In April we had a slight change of pace with guest speaker Brooke Errett, a community organizer and grassroots activist, who specializes in communication. Her presentation focused on learning how



Democratic Club

to listen in order to discover shared values that can bring people together for political action.

The communication techniques she discussed can be used in any type of endeavor and, if you would like to contact her for a different organization, she can

be reached at brooke.errett@gmail.com.

During the meeting we also discussed upcoming events, such as candidate forums and Democratic picnics, that were being held later in April.

The next election is to be held on Aug. 28.

The August election will be a primary for U.S. Congress, Florida Governor, and numerous other statewide offices. It will also be the final election for school board and judicial offices.

Mail ballots get sent out in July.

If you are registered to vote in Florida, but will be away on vacation, be sure to contact the supervisor of elections office (727-464-8683) to have a mail ballot sent to your temporary location. The post office will not forward mail ballots from your home address.

Our next club meeting is at our usual

time, the second Thursday of the month. We will be meeting on May 10 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

You can also pay your annual membership dues at any of our club meetings. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send a \$12 check payable to OTOW Democratic Club to our club treasurer Jack Starr. Mail your check to: 2341 Haitian Drive, Unit 17, Clearwater, FL, 33763.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club page on the Box Office at www.ontopoftheworldnews.com. Click to enter the Box Office, then click on "Club Pages" and then click on the "Democratic Donkey." You can also send us an email at this site.

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Above, Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gaultieri greets members of the On Top of the World Republican Club. At right, Dave Eggers was our guest speaker in April.



Pinellas County Sheriff tells Republican Club how state is reacting to school safety

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

In March, Republican Club President Don Dinello introduced our guest of honor, Sherriff Bob Gaultieri, and gave a brief history of his accomplishments.

Bob gave a presentation and his main topic was the recent school shooting in Parkland, Fl., and the ramifications of that incident.

The latest legislative session was devoted to this problem, he said, and the sheriff gave credit to Gov. Rick Scott and others for a productive meeting, which resulted in a 105-page bill that passed quickly on March 9 with little opposition.

The Sheriff spoke of the Baker Act, which does not take weapons away from people with mental problems.

Three areas of controversy still pending include raising the age for buying



guns from 18 to 21; creating a three-day waiting period for all gun purchases and outlawing bump stocks which transform guns into automatic weapons.

There are approximately 3,500 schools in Florida and it would be difficult to place a law officer in each school or to

have teachers armed, even if only qualified personnel were so armed.

The problems are enormous and solutions are difficult, to say the least. We were honored to have our wonderful police chief attend the meeting.

Tax Collector Charlie Thomas spoke briefly as time was short. We thank him for his appearance and hope he will return for a more lengthy discussion.

The new board was voted on. Bea Pacelli will be the new president, Mary Jane Lofton (treasurer) and Lilli Scheifen (secretary) will continue in their present positions, and we are happy to announce that Jim Bjorgo has accepted the position of vice president. Esta-Lee Schwartz will be the communications person.

An apology to Susan Salmieri, for not giving her credit for taking care of the re-

freshments for the past year.

In April, new President Bea Pacelli introduced our Speaker Dave Eggers who is running for Pinellas County Board of Commission for District 4.

He mentioned he is up against four Democrats and three Republicans. He believes in limited four-year terms.

Dave wants to see a nurse in each school. To find out more about his goals, go to Google and type his name or look for his Facebook page. He has a long agenda for what he wants to accomplish.

Our next meeting will be the second Tuesday this month, May 8. We will have a meet and greet with judicial candidates.

It should be an interesting evening. We will still meet at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Hope to see many of you there.

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Canadian Club names new executive board and begins planning for 2018-19 season



By Laurie Fischer

On Wednesday, March 28, the On Top of the World Canadian Club held its annual general meeting.

Several amendments to the constitution and bylaws were passed by membership to ensure future strength of the club.

The 2018-2019 Executive Board was elected as follows: President Laurie Fischer; Past President Charles St-Maurice; Vice President Ian Hunter; Treasurer Ken Campbell and Co-Registrars/Secretaries Don Jones and Susan Cober.

At the general meeting, Laurie gave greetings on behalf of the Executive Board encouraging those present to recruit new members to our active, exciting club.

Regardless of nationality, anyone can join our fun club.

Two key members of our club are Connie Stanley (Volunteer Coordinator) and Lydia Côté (Ticket Sales Coordinator). Please contact Connie or Lydia to assist you with our activity efforts in our 2018-2019 year!

Our annual Registration Night will take place at the East Activity Center from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30, followed by our traditional wine and cheese party.

Throughout the evening, sign up tables will be available for many of our 2018-2019 activities, including the Canadian Club Golf Tournament, A Day at the Races-Tampa Bay Downs and a Blue Jays



Pictured above are new officers for the Canadian Club. From left to right are Vice President Ian Hunter, President Laurie Fischer, Coregistrars/Secretaries Don Jones and Susan Cover, and Treasurer Ken Campbell.

spring training baseball game.

The first Canadian Club major event of the year, the Christmas Dinner/Dance, will be held on Tuesday, Dec.11, at the

East Activity Center auditorium.

Mark your calendars now to remember Registration Night and the holiday dinner dance.

For now, we wish everyone a very happy summer whether you are in Canada, another state or right here in Clearwater.



Irish Club new officers

Pictured at left are the new officers for the On Top of the World Irish Club. From left to right are Bill Mooney, Barb Lenzi, Rick Helton and Liz Buckley.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Snowbirds Line Dance season will resume in mid-October



By Ed Foland

It was in January of 2009 when Dolly Foland started the Snowbirds line dance class as part of the former Snowbirds Club.

The first class was in the West Activities Center and about a dozen line dancers showed up to see what Dolly had to offer.

The rest is history.

We now have more than 100 members and the classes are held in the East Activities Center auditorium.

Due to the Snowbirds migration north, classes have been suspended until Oct. 17.

A group of Snowbirds Club volunteers, led by line dancer Doug Erickson, wrote and published a booklet in December of 2012 called Learn to Line Dance. Three years ago, Ed Foland used the published information and developed a 12-step line dance program to teach people who claim to have two left feet how to line dance.

This season, Dolly's line dance classes started at 8 a.m. with the basic 12-step program taught by Ed and ends three and



A group of Snowbirds Line Dancers get together for some social time at Jack Willie's before migrating north for the summer.

a half hours later with improvement-level dances taught by Dolly.

Line dancers enjoy other social activities as well. The most popular are a three-line dance party with food and entertainment, and a dinner theater group which last season included two different theaters.

Our club enjoys good entertainment, lots of laughs and good food at a reasonable price.

The Snowbirds Line Dance Team provided award-winning entertainment to On Top of the World residents in March by dancing in the St Patrick's Day Parade. They danced and marched

to a variety of Irish music as spectators cheered them on.

Dolly's classes are not just about line dancing, they are about having fun.

Looking ahead to the next Snowbirds season, all of the activities mentioned will continue with the addition of a second Jolly Line Dance Cruise on Jan. 12, 2019.

Plan Ahead!

The 2018 Writers Workshop for all OTOW News staff will be Thursday, Nov. 8, in the evening, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. Experienced staff writers are encouraged to attend. If you have a new reporter covering your building or club this fall, he/she is highly encouraged to attend. The one-hour class will be taught by editor Doug Kates and will cover all the basic of writing good journalism-style stories.



2018 Press Association Writers Workshop

Ladies 18-Hole Golf League decides to not record scores for most disliked holes

By Pat Cassidy

Donna Osborn and her team, Karen Oshona, Debbie Figaski, Mary Beth Devine and Ursula Taylor, arranged a delightful spring luncheon for the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League.

Tournament awards were given out and Pat Cassidy installed the officers. They included Sherry Ivey, our new secretary, who previously was treasurer, vice president and president. Now she has completed the circuit.

Karen Oshona is our new treasurer and Gloria Sayer and Becky West have agreed to serve a second term, as president and vice president.

Becky thanked all the members who helped her during the past year. She has made it a team effort and needs all our support to make the league challenging, yet fun.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and members, there were many door prizes given out at the luncheon.

The guest speaker was Todd Six, the new superintendent of our golf course. Todd started his golf career at Sawgrass Country Club before moving to Amelia Island Plantation, where he worked for more than 18 years, eventually rising to the rank of Superintendent.

Todd moved to Clearwater in January 2018. He and his wife are settling in and buying a home.

Todd discussed his plans for improving the sprinkler and irrigation systems. He also has plans for improving the greens and leveling the cart path. He answered many questions from the audience, including signage and drop zones. He said he has an open door policy and welcomes our suggestions for improving play.



Picture above with luncheon door prizes are Donna Osborne, Karen Oshona, Ursula Taylor and Mary Beth Devine. (Photo by

Our last golf clinic was on April 11. Paul Sylvester did a review of getting out of sand traps, chipping and pitching.

A schedule for next year will be published in the fall.

The last day of league play will be May 22 with a shotgun start, followed by lunch. Sherry Ivey and Joy Ray are coordinating summer golf

Weekly Awards

March 20 was a game day. The event

was called "Trick or Treat."

Each player circled nine holes that they did not want their scores counted. The other nine holes were added less half their handicap for the score.

The full score is posted in the computer for handicap purposes, but there is no award list for the day.

In Flight A, Joyce Majewski was first with 28.5, followed by Gloria Sayer with 29. Ursula Taylor and Gina Yoon tied for third with 29.5.

In Flight B, Cindy Shell took first

18-Hole Ladies

place with 27.5. Linda Rice and NatSue Dawson tied for second place with 29.5, and Christine Miller and Debbie Figaski tied for third with 30.5.

In Flight C, Pat Dalziel won with a 22, Suellen Dowe had a 23 and Karen Oshona had a 27.

On March 27, the game of the day was "Alpha & Omega."

The first six holes and the last six holes were counted, and three quarters of the handicap was subtracted.

In Flight A, Kim Norried took first place with 40.5. Maureen Stewart and Ursula tied for second place with 41.5, and Becky West and Donna Smith tie for third with 42.

In Flight B, Christine Miller was first with 41.5, Katie Quelch was second with 42.5 and Billie Pineau was third with 43.

Flight C had Elaine Stretavski in first place with 40, Suellen Dowe and Betty Gerkin tied for second with 41, and Arleen Hanson in third with 42.

On April 3, results from Flight A were Marie Belliveau in first place with 60, followed by Katie Quelch with 62 and Gloria Sayer with 65.

Flight B winners were Verna Lundgren and Terry Kuplen with 59, followed by Karen Beaver with 60 and Kay Satterlee with 61.

Flight C winner was Joan Yorkery with 58, followed by Pat Dalziel with 60. Jane Hanley and Boots Stanton tied for third with 65.

Action on April 10 was rained out.

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In early April, her wish came true.

Just like opening a can of soup, Elsie Jean and Aqua Aerobics found themselves floating in a whole lot of noodles when Entertainment Committee President Kirk Safee opened three boxes of new noodles.

Blue ones. Orange ones. Red ones.

There are enough noodles now so members of the Aqua Aerobics exercise class can safely participate in morning exercises, and residents and guests can also use the noodles to stay afloat while enjoying the Florida sunshine.

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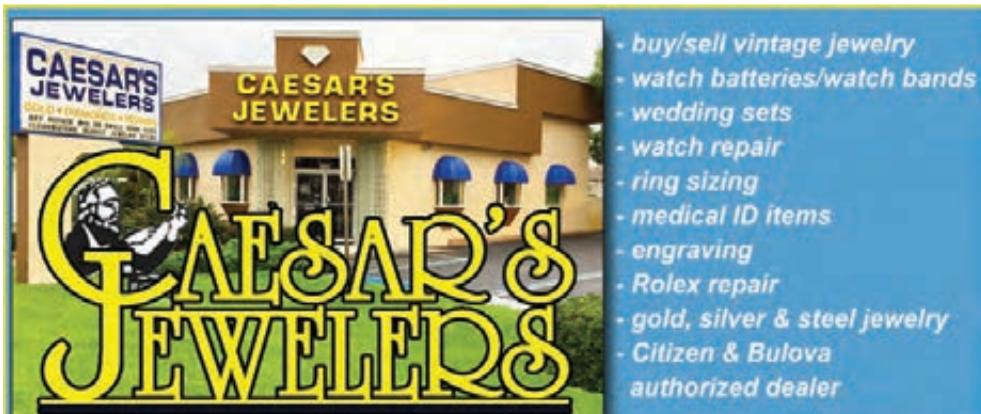
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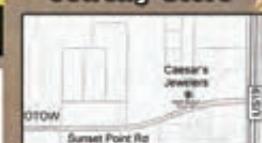
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Line Dance Club continues tradition of collecting food items for local pantries

By Christine Nason

On Top of the World Line Dancers continue to carry on a public service project initiated several years ago by members of the former Coffee Corner.

Line dancer Pat Van Hise saw the need for the project to continue and brought the idea to our Line Dance Club.

Each week, members donate non-perishable food items, which are delivered and donated to Helping Hands, an outreach program of Countryside Cares.

Countryside Cares can be referenced on the Web at countrysidecares.com.

Feel free to drop off any unwanted non-perishable food items during our line dance sessions on Tuesdays only between 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

While you're there, please consider joining us for some fun. You can watch us learning new line dances or, if you are an experienced dancer, please join us and share your skills.

Line Dance classes take place Monday through Friday at 7 a.m. in the EAC Exercise Room. Our major gatherings take place in the EAC auditorium Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

For additional information, contact Christine Nason at 727-366-0221.



Line Dance Club continues the tradition of collecting food items for local pantries. Pictured from left to right are Lynn Anzalone, Donald Michael, Leila Walker, Nancy Reid and Pat VanHise with a collection from April.



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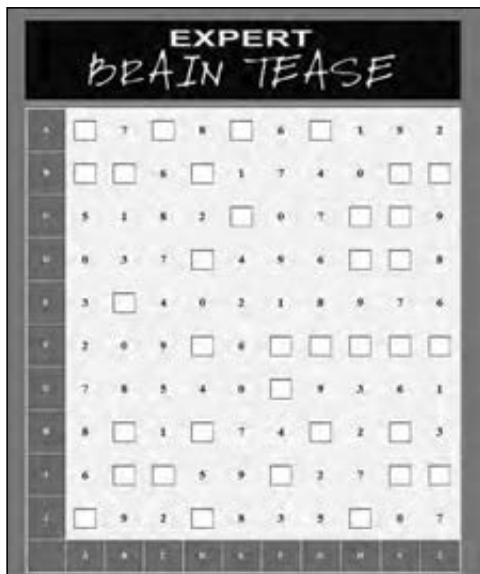
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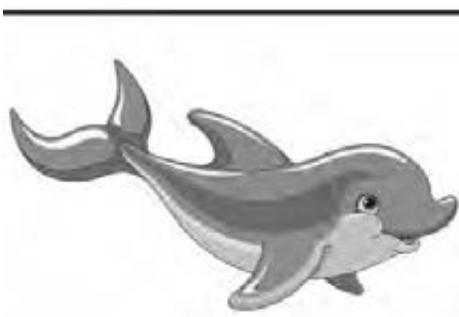
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Aqua Aerobics

Now that temperatures are warm again, Aqua Aerobics is meeting in the East Activity Center swimming pool every weekday morning for a workout.

If the temperature outside is over 62 degrees, come join us. We are active right through the summer.

On Thursday, April 5, the Water Aerobics celebrated birthdays for nine ladies: Charlotte Medley, Fran Fairfield, Diane Golden, Dulce Boyce, Joyce Goulet, Beba Fahmey, Edith Shields, Shelly Beall and Patty Foreman.

The celebration was held at Rumba Island Bar and Grill and a good time was had by one and all.

Elsie Jane Anderson, who is in charge of the winter water aerobics, always does an amazing job at orchestrating all of our birthday parties.

She is one in a million and she is truly cherished!

So, if your birthday is coming up, there's a second reason to join us for a swim in our pool.



Pictured above are some of the ladies who celebrated birthdays during a recent Aqua Aerobics party.



Left to right are Irene LeBel, Barbara Holland, Mary Maynard, Loretta Layne, Marilynne Kuestner, Rosemary Lugg, Sue Naylor and John Fier.

Art Guild elects new officers for next season

By Mary Slack Maynard

The Art Guild held its final meeting of the season with the election of officers taking place for next season, which begins in November.

The incoming officers are: President Rosemarie Lugg; First Vice President Loretta Layne; Second Vice President Marilynne Kuestner; Third Vice President

Irene Lebel; Recording Secretary Mary Maynard; Corresponding Secretary Sue Naylor; Co-Treasurers Wendy Colquhoun and John Fier; and Member-at-Large Barbara Holland.

The next Guild meeting is scheduled for Nov. 9.

At the conclusion of the meeting, all in attendance enjoyed a pizza and wine

lunch.

Most of the art classes have concluded until November, with the exception of a Chinese Paint Brush class, Painting Pals and a Painting Workshop.

Watch for articles over the summer about the classes that will be offered in the fall.

'Blackout' carries over to summer months

Residents, who enjoy playing Blackout, will be happy to learn this popular card game will be played right through the summer at On Top of the World. Blackout games were held by the Canadian Club during the winter months, but will continue over the summer as a new Blackout Club. Current players, and anyone who wants to learn how to play, should attend at 6:15 p.m., Thursdays, in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. For more information, contact Tom Jamroz at 727-400-4333.



Ladies Exercise group ends season with a dinner

By Leila Walker

Each morning at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, the Ladies Exercise Group meets in the East Activity Exercise Room for an hour of exercise and friendship.

As a reward for their commitment, and as a way to say goodbye to the Snowbird members, the ladies got together on March 23, spouses and guests included, for a potluck dinner.

Thanks to Joanne Wallend, Leila Walker and Madeleine Fontaine for organizing and setting up the event. Approximately 40 ladies and guests attended.

Each lady introduced herself and their guests and shared information about themselves and any favorite activities. We also discussed favorite restaurants in the area which we could attend as a group in the future.

Then everyone line danced.

Thanks to Ute Schreibe for providing the music and leading the dances.

We invite any ladies interested in staying fit to join us any weekday morning at 8 a.m. in the East Activity Center Exercise Room.

We continue our classes during the summer months. It is a year round activity!



The Ladies Exercise Group when they're not working up a sweat.



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Funny thoughts to ponder for May

A lady pushed her shopping cart, full of groceries, into the express lane at the checkout.

To the relief of others in line, the cashier said, "OK. So which 10 items are you buying?"

As the radiant bride and her father reached the altar, the bride handed something to her father, seen only by guests in the front row and the minister. All started laughing out loud.

After the ceremony, a guest in back of the church said to the bride, "What did you give your father to make everyone laugh?"

The bride said, "I gave him back his credit card."

Marge Mayer



Internet Humor

Why do politicians want to stay in politics?

Because they cannot stand the thought of living a normal life under laws set by politicians.

An elderly couple walks into a restaurant and uses their walkers to hobble up to the reservation desk.

"We would like a table," the husband said.

"Sorry sir," the employee said. "There are other people ahead of you for tables. The wait is about an hour."

"Listen Sonny," the husband said. "My wife and I are in our 90s. We don't know if we'll still be here in an hour."

The employee looked and responded, "I'll get you a table right away, sir."

Did you ever notice?
Women and cats always do as they please.

Men and dogs always sit around and do as they're told.

Four guys were sitting together in a bar.

One guy asked his three friends, "If you were in a coffin at a funeral home, what would you want people to say while they were looking at you?"

Artie said, "I would want someone to say I was a wonderful husband and a great family man."

Eugene said, "I would want someone to say I was a great teacher and a wonderful servant of God."

Then Al said, "I would want someone to say, 'Look. He's moving!'"

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Lunch Bunches all spring and summer

Don't let spring fly by without a little traveling

By Tom Jamrozy

Even though summer is approaching, the On Top of the World Travel Club has eight months of activities planned.

So come and join us for our monthly lunch bunches and trips.

Our next meeting will be 2 p.m., Friday, May 4, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. You can join the club, buy tickets for trips and meet new friends.

If you are reading this newspaper on May 1, everyone from the Travel Club is currently checking out marine life at the Florida Aquarium. While you read the newspaper, we are reading about sharks,



sea horses and penguins, and they are right in front of us.

On May 16, Travel Club Lunch Bunch is taking place at Ozona Blue. You can have a grilled cheese sandwich at home or

join us for a gourmet lunch at this unique restaurant with a swimming pool.

On June 13, we will take the Jolly Trolley to the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art and enjoy lunch at the New England Ale House Grille in Palm Harbor.

On June 20, Lunch Bunch takes us to Sea Sea Riders in Dunedin.

Some of our upcoming lunches will take place at the Roosterfish Grille, Rusty Bellies, Clear Sky on Cleveland, Tarpon Turtle, Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City and Bumpas.

We also have our holiday party at the Countryside Country Club coming up in December.

Travel Club is offering trips to St. Nicholas Greek Cathedral; the world's largest collection of Frank Lloyd Wright Architecture at Southern Florida College; a trolley/walking tour of Ybor City; an Odyssey Boat Ride; and a Plantation Boat Ride adventure on the Crystal River.

There is a waiting list for an upcoming Diamond Tour trip to New Orleans and our final trip for our current team of officers will be our January 2019 cruise to Jamaica, Bahamas and Labadee.

If you have an interest in travel or just getting together with friends for lunch, this may be the club for you.

Spring gives club time to become investigators

By Shirley Perry

Although our 2017-2018 season has come to an end, many of us in the Family History Group will use the upcoming break to continue our research.

This is a hobby that takes on a life of its own!

We take what we learn from others and apply it to our own research.

Our final meeting in April involved helping On Top of the World neighbors who wanted to start family trees, solve problems they couldn't get through themselves, or get advice on where to find records available on other sites or for other countries.

We found one person's father's U. S. citizenship application. The information gave the name of the ship that brought him to America. It also disclosed the paternal grandmother's maiden name, opening up a new avenue of research.

One of our members uploaded a visitor's Ancestry DNA results to GEDmatch.com. There he will be able to find matches from other testing sites. Now he can spend the summer learning to navigate GEDmatch and using new genealogy tools.

Our Snowbird members are heading back to cooler climates. Some will probably stop off enroute to visit courthouses,

libraries and cemeteries looking for new clues.

Some are expecting to visit new-found relatives.

We truly don't get bored with this. Finding one new ancestor means there are two new ones lurking in the background!

We have learned a lot from each other this year and look forward to the upcoming season in the fall.

Our first meeting of next season will be from 1-3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. We invite all OTOW residents to join us!

Hope everyone has a terrific summer!



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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



The Entertainment Committee held a special Easter Hat Parade in April. Residents dug out their favorite Easter bonnets and competed for prizes. Pictured at left is this year's winner, Karen Shinn, with a hat full of flowers. Escorting the winner was Mario Altieri. Other hat candidates are in line behind the winner. Prizes included bottles of wine and chocolate bunnies.

Also in April, the Entertainment Committee presented The Richie Hayes Show, a unique concert full of Irish music and entertainment. This is Richie covered top to bottom in clovers.

Where else can you have an Easter parade and Irish entertainment all in the same month?

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Entertainment continues all spring and all summer

By Marvin Flam

The Entertainment Committee presents shows, dances and a free Sunday-In-The-Park to On Top of the World residents year-round in the East Activity Center auditorium.

The entertainment features professional performers, who have appeared at both local venues and at a broad range of similar venues, such as Vegas, Branson and aboard cruise ships.

During the next several months, including this summer, the Entertainment Committee has scheduled a wide variety of exciting and fun entertainment for our residents.

The Entertainment Committee is your club for year-round entertainment. You are automatically a member of the Entertainment Committee if you have a current activity card.

The Entertainment Committee charges no dues. In return, all we ask is your support of the shows and dances we schedule.

Make sure you get your Entertainment Committee Membership Identification (ECMI) card. This will speed up the ticket-purchase process.

For every event, we have a limited number of seats available, which is determined by the Life Safety Code requirements we follow. The Entertainment Committee also has a designated safety team in attendance at each event to further insure that all guests will be safe and have an enjoyable experience.

When you're purchasing your reserved seat, please let us know if you have special needs, such as wheel chair, walkers, etc. It is Entertainment Committee policy to insure that all guests have a safe, secure and enjoyable experience.

Our shows and dances are Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB). We provide ice, coffee and fun! Check the dress code for each event. Shorts, for example, are not permitted at the dances.

Reserved seats for all remaining shows and dances this year, including New Years' Eve, are on sale right now at the East Activity Center auditorium on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in May. During June, July and through mid-August, we are there on Thursdays only.

Check the following sources for scheduling, ticket information and questions: Entertainment Committee event slides appear on OTOW-TV channels 98.1 or 732; on the OTOW Box Office, (www.OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com); and on all of the bulletin boards in the East Activity Center, West Activity Center and all resident buildings.

Call us direct at (727) 449-9243 or email us at: entcom2014@gmail.com.

The fun continues ... be part of it!





Harry Barbin and Deb Young win tournament where rules kept changing

Have you noticed the condition of our golf course lately?

Todd Six, our new golf course superintendent, and his staff, have been very busy making improvements.

The greens are looking better each week. The bunkers have all been redone with new sand. New women's tees were added and drop zones are now in place.

The hard work is greatly appreciated.

League play continues with large turnouts each week.

Barry Levene was the week 17 winner. Mike Dietterich was second and Paul Hanko placed third. Harry Barbin recorded the low gross round. Bill Gambacurta, Carl Charlton and Jim Gray all collected a skin. The long drivers were Pat Eastman, Carl Charlton, Don Hunter and Harry Barbin. Bill Goza was closest to the pin.

Our annual four-person scramble was held on week 18. The team of Nita Budlong, John Maloof, Rick Muchler and Paul Meyers took this year's title. Pat Eastman, Jim Gray and Doug Silver were second. The third place team was Steve Caffey, Paul Hanko, Joyce and Fran Majewski. The fourth place team was Don Hunter, Don Baker, Rich Ziembicki and Ken Smith.

Week 19 champion was Ken Smith. Tom Pettit was second and Verna Lundgren was third. Carl Charlton had the low gross round took one skin. Pat Eastman, Don Hunter, Angelo Santucci and Rick Muchler took one skin each. Pat Eastman, John Maloof, Jim Keagy and Ron Reeves had the longest drives. Don Hahs had the closest to the pin shot.

A four-person tiebreaker decided the winners in week 20. Don Hunter took

Thursday Golf

first place. JT Norris was second and Dan Hyden placed third. Bill Higgins had the low gross round and one skin. Jahn Lawson and Jim Keagy also collected a skin. Pat Eastman, Dan Hyden, Dennis Telleck and Rick Muchler had the long drives. Rick Muchler was closest to the pin.

A new event took place in week 21. Two-person teams played a 6-6-6 tournament. The format changed every six holes, which made it challenging and fun.

The team of Deb Young and Harry Barbin took first place. Gary Sandine and Doug Silver were second. Lisa and Rick Muchler placed third. Pat Eastman and Bill Higgins were fourth.

Skins were taken by the teams of John Adkins and Jim Stewart, David Rodgers and Mike Dietterich, Pat Eastman and Bill Higgins, Ron Reeves and Tom Pettit, and Deb Young and Harry Barbin.

The format was well received and we plan on playing it again.

With only five weeks remaining, the race for league champion is an interesting one. Fred Schick holds the lead with 44 points. Paul Meyers is in second with 37 points, Willie Roos follows with 33, Bruce MacPherson 32, Dan Hyden and Bill Higgins 31 and Harry Barbin 30.

Six players have 29 points. Verna Lundgren, Pat Eastman, Deb Young, Lynne Godfrey, Bill Gambacurta and Bill Cook.

The league plays for 26 weeks and the person who finishes with the most points is league champion.



Pictured above is the team winning team in a recent 6-6-6 Tournament. This is Harry Barbin and Deb Young. In this tournament format, the rules change every six holes.

(Photo by Pat Eastman)

The league welcomes new members at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league. You don't have to join to try us out. Just show up and you will be welcomed.

Players must sign in between 9:15 and 9:45 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.

We play the course using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the forward red tees where available.

For information call Paul at 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolff@aol.com.

'Thank you Frank' for 15 years on board

By David Cox

The Men's Golf Association would like to thank Frank Giarrizzi for his 15-plus years of service as a Board Member and for his dedication and service to our league.

Frank has recently retired from his Board Member position in which he held many positions over the past several years. As of April 12, David Cox was appointed secretary and was approved by board members. David will be the new club reporter.

As of Jan. 1, contractor Bright View was awarded the On Top of the World

golf course maintenance contract. Many improvements have been made on the golf courses today, thanks to Corby Radcliff, Todd Six, the maintenance staff and all crew workers.

Some of the improvements include replacing all sand bunkers with new and finer sand, lowering the height of cut on rough and fairways and replacing old

sprinklers with new ones on both courses.

As many golfers have noticed, the greens have been frequently aerified, fertilized and fungicided.

Lots of trimming, weed eating and some ornamental beautifications have been made and more are yet to come.

For the league tournaments the first two weeks of April, winners were as follows: Wednesday, April 4, A Flight, first place went to Steve Caffey and runner-up was Bill Haener.

In B Flight, first place went to Barry Pelham and runner-up was Bob Notbohn.

In C Flight, first place went to Les Meszaros and runner-up was Carl Rounds.

In D Flight, first place went to John Fier and runner-up was Rick Helton.

On Wednesday, April 11, the A Flight winner was Lester Whynot and runner-up was Rick Figaski.

In B Flight, the winner was Richard Folger and the runner-up was Jay Schwaylie.

In C Flight, the winner was Carl Rounds and the runner-up was Patrick Mahoney.

In the D Flight, the winner was John Fier and the runner-up was Rick Helton.

Men's Golf



Defensive gems highlight final month of softball season

By Bob Rittner

The On Top of the World softball season closed on April 10.

We offer thanks to Tony Caputo, who retired from play this year, and Guy Bertuzzi, who will continue to play but retired from the presidency.

As players and officers, they imbued our league with a spirit of fair play, good sportsmanship and fierce - but always friendly - competition that keeps their spirit alive in our midst.

Our new president is Lenny Segall, a leader and star on and off the field.

2nd Time Sports 11

Blue Jays 8

After taking a 3-0 lead in the first inning, the Blue Jays did not score again until the sixth inning by which time they were down 9-3. Only Gary Anderson's three-run homer in the ninth inning made the score seem close.

Star of the game, middle infielder Steve Garvin, gobbled up numerous balls, whizzing throws to first for outs and ended the game by hustling far to his left on a scorcher to toss out the last batter.

Blue Jays 7

2nd Time Sports 6

Guy Bertuzzi's RBI double in the eighth inning extended the Blue Jays lead to four, just enough margin to withstand 2nd Time Sports rally in the ninth inning.

Although the two teams combined for 43 hits, runs were scarce due to sparkling defense, which held runners and scotched rallies.

Paul Fice's gold glove at third base speared screaming liners and fielded nubburs to edge out runners with bullet throws to first base.

Applauds also to first baseman Wayne Pall because he is so consistently reliable,

Softball

scooping low throws and catching everything hit or thrown near him.

2nd Time Sports 8

Blue Jays 4

Defensive stars abounded.

Roving the outfield, Ray Woolsey made it difficult to land hits. He caught balls over the whole field.

Blue Jays rookie outfielder Roger Martel caught a deep fly and second baseman Allan Bendert snared a series of hard hit liners and one hoppers.

Jim Kemp threw a strike from the outfield grass to catcher Phil Goodwin to cut off a run.

RBI hits by Bob Ballentine, Rich Hillberry and Reggie Phelan capped a 2nd Time Sports' three-run second inning to break the game open and Ray and Guy Bertuzzi did the same to extend the lead in the fifth inning.

2nd Time Sports 9

Blue Jays 8

Guy Bertuzzi set an unbreakable record by recording three putouts in an inning at third base, two on hard grounders and one flashing in for a short popup. He shares the record with many people.

The winning run, in a three-run ninth inning rally, came on Roger Hebel's two-out single, which followed a long double by Phil Goodwin.

2nd Time Sports 11

Blue Jays 1

In the first inning, Ron Shields caught a fly ball, to deep center field, with an over-the-shoulder catch. That turned out to be the high point for the Blue Jays as after they took a 1-0 lead in the second inning and

failed to score, or even threaten, again.

On the other hand, game MVP Paul Fice made a brilliant shoe-top catch racing in from deep center and went 4-for-4 with a triple to spark 2nd Time Sports' offense.

2nd Time Sports 12

Blue Jays 5

Catcher Phil Goodwin set a league record by getting credited with four putouts at home. Two of the outs were on foul pop-ups, one out was on a professional stretch for a low throw, and the other out was a spectacular scoop of a short hop, saving his team at least two runs.

He was ably abetted by the consistent fielding of second baseman Bob Ballentine, who ranged far left and right to gobble up grounders and snag liners and pop-ups. The two stars also accumulated five hits while scoring and driving in three runs.

2nd Time Sports 14

Blue Jays 7

Inspired by Jim Tiano's example, middle infielder Phil Goodwin snared a hard grounder far to his right and lying prone, flipped to second for the out.

The difference in the game was the steady, sometimes spectacular, defense by Paul Fice and Phil, as well as second baseman Bob Ballentine, first baseman Henry Zussman, third baseman Rick Champ and shortstop Gary Anderson.

On offense, Henry drove in six runs with a perfect four-hit day, while Rick and Gary scored three runs each, also with four hits each.

2nd Time Sports 9

Blue Jays 5

It was a one-run game with two men on, two outs and a long, high fly ball to left. Bill Edwards hustled back, stretched up and snow coned the ball saving two

runs and the lead.

Bill then led off the next inning with a single and scored on consecutive hits by Rick Metzger, George Wich, Bob Davison and Bob Ballentine to help build a four-run lead.

A desperate ninth inning comeback failed when Bob Stoddard fielded a grounder near second and threw a strike to first for a double play to end the game.

2nd Time Sports 8

Blue Jays 4

Fittingly, the last out of the season was pitcher Reggie Phelan's spectacular catch of a screaming line drive to the mound.

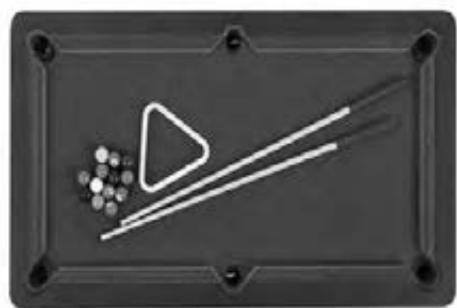
In a game and season marked by outstanding defense, this game had numerous heroes. Outfielder Alan Bendert raced in to grab a sinking liner at his knees, shortstop Lenny Segall bobbed but caught a popup behind the mound, infielders Gary Anderson and Guy Bertuzzi each speared hard grounders to get outs at first, and Phil Goodwin threw out a runner at first from center.

The hitting stars were Dick LeTourneau and Reggie for 2nd Time Sports, each with perfect three-hit days while Jim Tiano had a double among his three hits for the Blue Jays.

OTOW softball plays Tuesday and Thursday mornings in Safety Harbor from 8:00-9:30. The season lasts from October to April. Call Bob Rittner (729-7970) or Lenny Segall (727-560-2620) for information. We welcome new players regardless of skills or experience, and find ways to accommodate everyone so each feels she/he contributes to the overall health of the league.

Look for announcements about next season in upcoming newspapers this fall.

Denny Balderson, James Hudson win winter titles



Billiards

On Monday March 26, the Billiards Club held its annual Winter League Championship.

In the A Division, we had eight players and in the B Division we had seven players.



Pictured above are the competitors who took part in the Billiards Club Winter League Championship.

The format for this championship was round-robin.

In the A Division, Denny Balderson won first place by defeating the field. There was tie for second place between

Dave Williams and Eddie Ramirez. A playoff was took place and Dave defeated Eddie for second place. Eddie settled for third place.

In the B Division, there was a tie for

first place between James Hudson and John Stosch. The two players met in a playoff game. James defeated John for the win. John settled for second place and Joe Ventimiglia took third place.

SPORTS

Ladies golf league announces new officers

9-Hole Ladies

By Nancy Schifferle

The Nine-Hole Ladies Golf League held its annual spring luncheon and distribution of awards at the Flamestone American Grill in Oldsmar on April 12.

After a tasty lunch, President Carroll Harris stepped up to the microphone to begin her presentation of awards and the announcement of officers and chairladies for the upcoming golf year.

The new officers are President Carroll Harris, Vice President Gilda Gambacurta, Secretary Ginny Chilcote and Treasurer Linda Graff.

The committee chairladies are Karen Johnson for birdies, Marge Jacobs for ringers, Nancy Schifferle for newspaper reporter, Ann Stewart for social events, Wendy Colquhoun and Kim Sandine for weekly awards, Cici Shaughnessy and Gilda Gambacurta for the Little House, and Wendy Colquhoun and Kim Sandine for handicaps.

Nancy Parlatore will be in charge of 50/50s, Wendy Colquhoun and Carroll Harriss will be in charge of the directory, Marge Silver and Theresa Gates will be the starters, Patti Fleig will be in charge of the Irish Club parade. Kathy Ahrens will



Pictured above are members of the Nine-Hole Ladies Golf League at their spring luncheon in April.

do the Website and Nancy Schifferle will do decorations.

On Feb. 20 and 27, our league held a Presidents Tournament.

Flight winners were Shawn Welsch

with a 62 in Flight A, Patti Fleig with a 69 in Flight B, Anna Hyden with a 66 in Flight C and Carroll Harris with a 63 in Flight D.

Birdies were recorded by Annie Jar-

vis on No. 2, and No. 5, Marilyn Lisbon on No. 2, Pat Murray on No. 2, Theresa Gates on No. 5, Shawn Welsch on No. 5, Ann Stewart on No. 5, Ginny Chilcote on No. 8.

Lawn Bowl club names Bowlers of the Year

By Bob Laplante

It may seem to some people that the lawn bowling season has come to an end.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Although regular club play is greatly diminished at On Top of the World, competition is underway to select players who will represent the USA and compete in international play.

The week of April 16 saw play-downs to select Southeast District representatives. Hopefully, we will see an OTOW player advance to challenge other areas of the county for coveted positions.

For Snowbirds, who are returning north, summer months are the normal season for lawn bowling.

Canada, being a Commonwealth country, has maintained the sport throughout the country. Not only are there many competitive tournaments to challenge the best, but they also have a series of tournaments to select their international team members.

Ron Jones, a former OTOW resident and a life member of the OTOW Lawn

Lawn Bowl

Bowls Club, was admitted to the Sports Hall of Fame in Canada for his contribution to the National Team and the sport in general.

Year-round residents and bowlers from OTOW have to contend with weather and many fewer players over the summer, however the die-hard players continue to play on a reduced schedule.

Summer is an ideal time for non-players to give the game a try. Drop by when you see a member playing and ask if they will show you the basics of the game.

At the annual Lawn Bowling General Meeting, Jacques Breton was named Bowler of the Year from amongst the club players who are also members of the Bowls USA group and play in external tournaments.

Ray Allard was the Bowler of the Year recipient for members who play exclusively at OTOW.



Ray Allard takes a turn during recent lawn bowl play. Ray was named Bowler of the Year from members in the On Top of the World Lawn Bowling Club.

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BUILDING REPORTS



Resident recreates historic trail ride across state

Camping in pastures, crossing rivers, and following early wagon trails under stands of Blue Cypress trees, Austrian Alpine resident Virginia Donlon joined the week-long reenactment of a Florida cattle drive called the Florida Cracker Trail Ride.

That American combination of cowboys, horses, and cattle started in Florida. The Florida native scrub cow, now called the Florida Cracker Cow, has distant relatives that were brought to Florida by Ponce De Leon in 1521. Early Florida cowboys cracked their whips to drive the cows to market, hence the name Cracker Trail.

The yearly Florida Cracker Trail Ride across Florida follows the early trails and offers whip-cracking contests, dancing, cowboy poetry, storytellers, and some great country music. The route goes from Manatee Village Historical Park in Bradenton to Fort Pierce on the other side of the state.

All of the horses and their riders in Virginia's group of four people, three horses and one wagon were from Horse Power 4 Kids, a Tampa farm offering pony and train rides, and chances to interact with numerous rescue animals such as porcupines, llamas, camels, wolves, monkeys, and pot-bellied pigs.

Virginia volunteers at the farm two days a week. Armando Gort, who owns Horse Power 4 Kids, had the inspiration to join the Trail Ride.

Virginia rode with Armando in a wagon pulled by Stony, a black Clydesdale, who got stuck in a creek only once. Fifteen real cowboys had to wrench Stony and the wagon out of the muck.



Horses Ari and Annie and their riders started and finished the day alongside Virginia, Armando and Stony.

The Florida Cracker Trail Ride was not a walk in the park; 142 started the trek and 50 finished the ride. The youngest rider was 8 years old and the oldest was 84.

For Virginia and the three other travelers from Horse Power 4 Kids, their nights were spent in comfortable slumber in the horse trailer. Stony, Ari and Annie spent each night in the great outdoors.

"Every day on the trail began with breakfast at 6:15," Virginia recalled. "At 7 a.m., all the rigs and trailers had to travel to the camp for the next night. A bus then brought the drivers back to the previous camp."

All of the campsites were at ranches where two ranch hands would greet the group and take them to the campsite. There is so much undeveloped land in Florida that Virginia seldom saw a house.

By 8, everyone was saddled up and ready to start the day's ride.

"We stopped once in the morning and



Austrian Alpine resident Virginia Donlon takes her seat on the wagon while Armando Gort loads supplies. Stony is ready to head out on the trail.

once in the afternoon to water the horses, and for lunch." Virginia continued. "Supper was at 6:30 and was followed by nightly entertainment, including a whip-cracking contest that was won by a 13-year-old girl. We fell asleep at 10 and I slept well on my cot in the horse trailer."

For the entire week, there were no cell

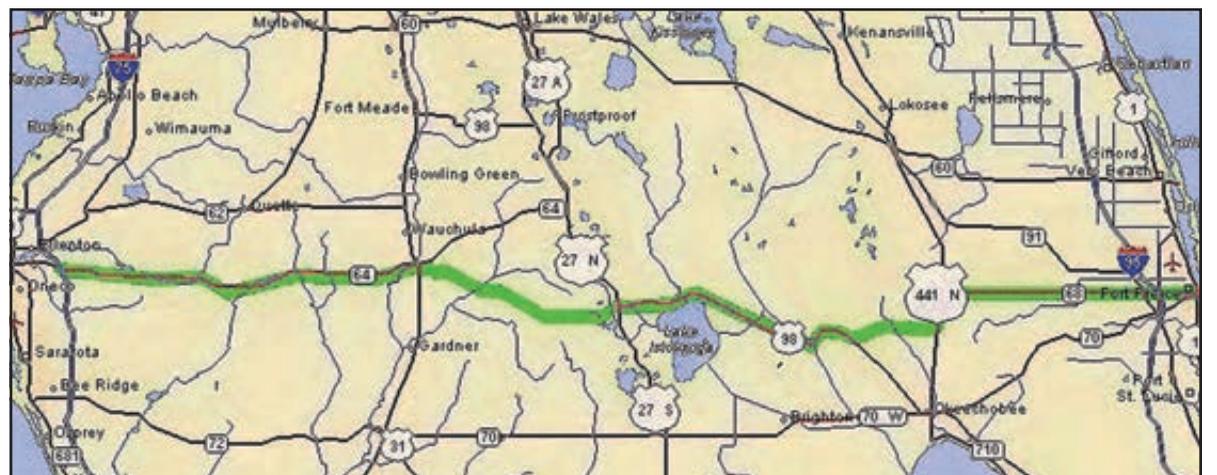
phones, no internet, no electricity — just nightly bonfires.

When the Florida Cracker Trail Ride reached its final destination at Fort Pierce, there was a parade with hundreds of people loudly cheering the riders.

Keeping history alive can be quite an accomplishment!



Ari and Annie wonder why those humans are sleeping in their horse trailer!



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Featured resident, former NYPD officer, now an author

This month, the American Gothic "Monthly Lunch Bunch" chowed down at Chopsticks Super Buffet.

The food served at Chopsticks is plentiful and delicious. Their menu includes authentic Japanese- and Chinese-style dishes many of us enjoy.

Our resident spotlight this month shines on C.J. Messina. C.J. is a retired New York City cop, and as you can imagine, he has some crazy stories to share! So, not only can you sit down and talk to Officer Messina, you can read all the surprising details in his book, "The Diary of P.O. Jones."

In his book, C.J. describes some of the situations he encountered doing his job. As a rookie cop, he first meets and comes face-to-face with malice and wickedness. Later, as an officer responding to the terrorist attacks on 9/11, he offers some challenging questions on the terrorists' motivations and actions.

After 9/11, he attended over 40 funerals for firemen and policemen. Once he'd served his duty for the New York Police Dept., he took a less-trodden path; he now works within the prison ministry.

Profits from C.J.'s book are donated to the prison ministry to purchase Bibles



for inmates; profits are also distributed to various NYPD widows and orphans foundations. If you want to know more, C.J.'s book can be purchased on Amazon. C.J. is quite the storyteller!

In other building news, be sure to check our bulletin board located in the core. There is current information about getting around town without a car and helpful guides at the Aging and Disability Center. Our bulletin board is also full of tips on what's happening in our neighborhood.

Also, a gentle reminder about recycling in our building:

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These two gentlemen sitting and chatting in the backyard of the American Gothic Building on a nice spring day are C. J. Messina and Paul McBride (wearing the cap). (Photo by Penni Telleck)

putting them in the recycle bins. Boxes that have not been broken down might be returned to whichever American Gothic resident deposited them.

Styrofoam packing and inserts go in the black garbage cans.

It's a beautiful day in our neighborhood. Keep smiling!



The annual Modernage cookout, held in March, was well-attended by hungry inhabitants.

Annual cookout brought together residents, food

March is certainly an unpredictable month when it comes to the weather, but we couldn't have had better weather for our annual cookout!

This is one event we all look forward to every year, probably as much as our holiday party! We had sunshine, cool breezes and lots of good company.

With two gas grills burning, hot dogs and hamburgers were cooked to perfection by two men who gave so generously of their time; they even ate their lunch while cooking! That's dedication, don't you think?

Neighbors brought homemade side dishes, one of which was a jelled salad you just can't turn down.

We have so many great cooks in our building, you will want second helpings, and one dessert just won't suffice. Have another



glass of wine, because the conversation has just begun!

We take this time to catch up, reminisce and share our thoughts for the future. After all, friends just want to have fun.

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**A look back at the OTOW News
May, 1993**

- **Singles Club:** About 160 members and guests gathered for good fellowship at the April 2, 1993, meeting of the Singles Club. President Muriel Landau called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Delicious refreshments were served. Jewel Aven has booked Bill Irle's dinner show "Right Bed, Wrong Husband" for May 15, 1993, and the Showboat Theater for June 12, 1993.
- **New England Club:** At this time of the year we expect our numbers to diminish as members begin to head north for the summer. We were pleased to find that has not happened yet. Thirty-seven enthusiastic New Englanders met recently for breakfast at Sunset Point Family Restaurant. Our major May, 1993, activity will be a buffet luncheon at Bill Irle's Dinner Theatre, followed by the play entitled "Right Bed, Wrong Husband." The charge is \$17, including tax and tip.
- **Valencia Building:** Salud amigos! April was one huge month for many of us, relatively speaking, that is. Bob and Jayne Catlin entertained their daughter from Charleston, S.C., along with Jayne's brother from Philadelphia. Bob's brother and his wife dropped in from Rockford, Ill. Jim and Helen Merritt were honored by a visit from their New York daughter and her husband along with their young'uns. Last but not east, the Merritts' son and his daughter visited from Columbus, Ohio.
- **Kiwanis Club:** The Kiwanis Club of On Top of the World has been delivering Meals on Wheels for over 15 years. At an average of 15 meals per day for a five-day week over a period of 15 years, this amounts to a staggering figure of 57,375 meals. For the year 1989-90, the OTOW Kiwanis Club was presented with the Florida District Award for outstanding community service to others.



Showing off their prizes are winners of the Easter egg drawing, part of a hot dog barbeque event held on March 31 at Swiss Alps Chalet.

New reporter will also serve as building coordinator

Residents of Swiss Alps Chalet, Building 12, gathered at a hot dog barbeque on Saturday, March 31. It was a great time enjoyed by all of the 35 inhabitants who attended.

Since we had not met as a group in a number of years, there were new residents, Snowbirds and longtime residents.

An Easter egg drawing was held and prizes were won by residents, as shown in the accompanying photo.

Jaye Lamoreux has agreed to be the new building coordinator and reporter. Many suggestions for future events will be considered, beginning with a dinner on Tuesday, May 22, at 5 p.m. at the Clearwater Family Restaurant, 1844 N. Highland Ave.



A sign-up sheet will be placed in the core. Please note if you can provide a ride or need a ride to the event.

Paradise residents enjoy a productive, busy month

The past month was busy, productive and eventful at Paradise..

We conducted our annual voluntary dues collection for the Rio Riviera Building. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Without your generous contributions we would not be able to make our building the friendliest and most active building at On Top of the World.

This month we kicked off our quarterly "Birthday Celebration." We celebrated birthdays for the months of January through April. The celebration was well-attended and a lot of fun. Everyone enjoyed the cake and ice cream.

There was also our monthly dinner club. This month we enjoyed fine food and company at the Olive Garden.

This month also featured our second wine, cheese and appetizer. We call it our "It's Five O'clock Somewhere Party."



Lastly, we attended a great lunch cruise on the Calypso Queen out of Clearwater Beach. It was a lovely day shared with good neighbors, delicious food, great drinks and wonderful views of the Gulf of Mexico.

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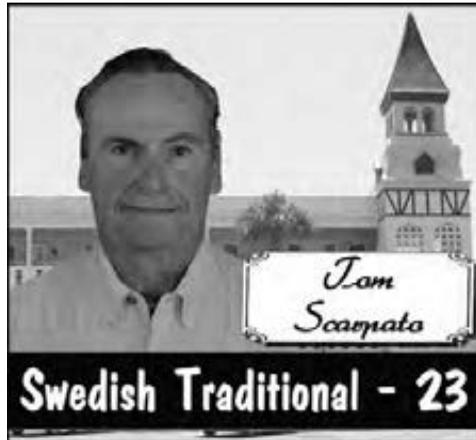
Summer is fast approaching at least here in Florida. First floor residents have rejuvenated their patios with colorful blooms and garden flags.

Thank you for spreading some spring cheer. The magnolia trees and lilies were beautiful this year. Remember to take time to enjoy nature around you.

As summer approaches, so does hurricane season. Our complexes are not in an evacuation zone, but still we need an emergency plan. Remember last year during Hurricane Irma when no water or electricity was to be had in some of the buildings? Start gathering supplies now in order to make the best of a potentially bad situation.

On March 19 our building family had an enjoyable lunch at the Acropol Inn restaurant. A good time was had by all.

Please review recycling guidelines posted on the wall and door of the trash room. Not all paper or cardboard is



recyclable. It must be clean and dry as not to ruin the other items in the green bin. Be polite and flatten cardboard boxes before placing them in the bin.

I have found out that large items that need to be disposed of may be dropped off at the Pinellas County Solid Waste Facility in St Petersburg for a small fee.

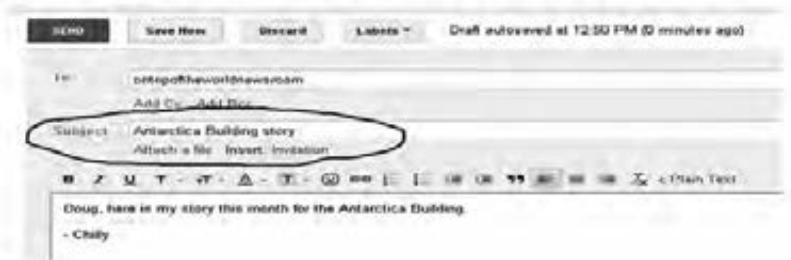
Until next time...



Swedish Traditional Building luncheon at Acropol Inn restaurant. (Photo by Joan Sopok)

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Contemporarians celebrate victorious storage room cleanup

Congratulations to the residents of the Contemporary Building — we completely and successfully cleaned out all five storage rooms in our building!

Lester Whynot and George Landis carted off seven truckloads of unwanted items. That's more than one truckload per storage room!

When I took up the long-empty volunteer position of building captain, there were those who said, "Don't try to clean up the storage rooms. People will never cooperate."

True, the storage rooms hadn't been truly cleaned out in years. Residents had come and gone, often leaving storage items behind.

Then there were those residents whose possessions had crept into neighboring spaces. There were even some who had storage items on every floor!

It took two months of planning to make the two-day event happen. We measured, divided, square-footed, and did all that stuff from high school algebra we thought we'd never use in real life. There were fist bumps and high-fives all around when we realized we had enough reasonable space for every unit in the building.

Special thanks go to Kevin Lewis of Parkway Maintenance and Inspection Services for advising us on what we could and could not store.

We started at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday,



April 12, "until done." Lester Whynot left for the landfill with the last load on Friday (the 13th!) very late in the afternoon. Whew!

We are thrilled at the response. Everyone worked together like a team (and we *are* a team): Team Contemporary! This is our home and we hope to keep our storage rooms clean and organized from now on.

We would like to thank the following Contemporary residents for their outstanding support and assistance. We especially thank those without whom we couldn't have done this — you know who you are, since you've asked not to be singled out. Every building has a number of residents who consistently go the extra mile.



Left: Lester Whynot on his way to transfer the last of many carts full of castoffs to his truck. Right: Carole Whynot and Patrick Bruno celebrate "victory" over the storage rooms. (Photos by Suzanne St. John)



Here are the names, in alphabetical order, of those who participated:

Patrick Bruno
Carol Caseber
Esther Connin
Rafael De La Paz
Lou Fazzone
Jim Fry
Nahed Guirgis
Jim Hudson
Judy Ishida
Joan Johnston
Yvonne Kerr
Bob Lorenzen

Jeff Martin
Paulette Nelson
Ken Nixon
Tom Osburn
Cindy Rice
Mert Roth
Antoinette Russell
Carol Trejbal
Lester & Carole Whynot
Denise Woolley

Thank you one and all for your enthusiasm and strong backs! We are forever grateful.

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Bible Study Club

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 Friday afternoons from 2–4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. 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.

Building meeting dwelt on trash, storage

About 40 residents attended a combined cookout and meeting. Co-Captain Howard Rochte addressed a few items. Put trash only in rubbish room, no building materials. On Top of the World collects and bills for removal of anything else.

Storage rooms are to be uncluttered and aisles easily accessible. Bike room also has issues to be addressed in the fall. Also discussed was a garage sale for next season.

Wing Captains distributed updated building directories with emergency information.

Co-Captain and treasurer Carroll Harris read the treasurer's report, which was accepted.

Mary Wolf and Steve Moore put on blue-ribbon performances at their last two dance competitions (see photo). Mary and Steve danced in the Spring Fling 2018 dance competition in Tampa on March 18 and Spring Showcase at Bayou Dance Studio in Pinellas Park. Each danced with their teaching professionals. They also danced as an amateur couple.

Mary won first in Standard and Steve won second. Steve won first in Latin and Mary was second. Mary also won Best Overall Bronze student. Remember the old saying, "Mary does it backwards in heels."

Rosalie Borselli recently visited her great-grandchildren in Jacksonville.



The new balcony railings are a welcome addition. They look very nice and provide a sturdy hand-hold for walkers if needed.

While speaking of good additions: A front-loading washer for those unable or having difficulty reaching in the top loaders would be nice. Would save water as well.

Our flag guy, Steve Mezurek, will have the Villa's flags flying for Memorial Day. Thank you, Steve. Please take time from the picnics and family gatherings to remember the meaning of the day and thank a vet.

Happy Birthday to my hubby and to all others celebrating this month.

Well that's about it for May. Enjoy wherever you may be.

Until next month any news fit to print, send to fresca@maine.rr.com.



Mary Wolf and Steve Moore at the Spring Fling 2018 dance competition in Tampa on March 18. Both did very well, winning several awards.

Residents donate bikes, help out at local aid organization

Last month's Valencia Building's project to clean up and organize the bike room was very successful, thanks to everyone's help and cooperation.

By the actions we took in the bike room, we were able to remove the bikes that were in the storage areas and created more room there. We also applaud all those who took the effort to tidy up their own storage units during our storage room clean-up campaign. Nice job, people.

There is now more room for the bikes and more space to easily move them around. Also as a result, there were five bikes donated to HEP, the "Homeless Empowerment Program." We received a very nice thank-you letter from Ashley Lowery, president and CEO of HEP, which I posted in the first floor bulletin.

HEP is a charitable organization servicing the greater Tampa community. The homeless and needy find help with food, housing, shelter, and medical requirements.

The organization boasts of an 89% success rate of residents who obtain individual housing upon discharge.



This is a great organization and they do outstanding things for our community.

By the way, several of our residents volunteer at HEP, including Gus Longo, who shared the accompanying photo of himself with Sandi Wilson and Donna DiMeo-Hahnan. They were serving food at the HEP kitchen on North Betty Lane in Clearwater.

For those interested in possibly volunteering at HEP, you can call Jessica James, Volunteer Coordinator for HEP,



Picture of volunteers at the Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP) include Sandi Wilson on the left, Gus Longo, center, and Donna DiMeo-Hahnan.

at 727-442-9041. They are always looking for good people.

In another building coordinated effort, we were able to secure new "lidded" trash barrels. These covered barrels help to keep down the garbage odor and also, when put out in the street for pick up, the lids discourage vermin and birds from

scattering trash along the street. This is certainly a big plus for Valencia Building.

All of the above would not have taken place without the guidance of our building coordinators Valerie Martin and Phil Roth. Both played a very important role in focusing all our efforts. Thank you Valerie and Phil!



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Note these dates for Granada activities



Due to bad weather, Granadans held their picnic in the building's second floor lobby. (Photo by Lee Seymore)

We had our season's end picnic on April 15 and it was well attended. The following day we had a luncheon at Carrabba's Grill. Obviously, we Granadans love to eat and socialize! We are listing below our planned activities for the approaching summer.

Cocktail Hour (4-5 p.m.) will be held on the Florentine Side on May 31, July 26 and Sept. 27, and on the Franciscan Side on June 28 and Aug. 30.

Luncheons (noon) will take place May 21 at Smokey Bones on Gulf to Bay; June 18 at Queens Pizza; July 15 at Cody's on

U.S. 19 and Enterprise; Aug. 20 at Rumba's; and Sept 17 at Joey's on U.S. 19.

My husband Stan and I went with some friends to tour the newly opened Clearwater Free Clinic, which is located on the corner of Court and Missouri Streets. It serves Clearwater residents who are uninsured but in need of health services. Many people incorrectly believe only unemployed individuals require these services. There are people whose employers do not provide health benefits and the individuals do not earn enough to pay for

their own coverage. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Stan and I went on a couple auditions for a television commercial and we were hired by Tampa Electric Co. (TECO). We will appear in scenario in which we are an elderly couple having difficulties with the thermostat which our daughter-in-law keeps changing. We had an enjoyable time and certainly had no difficulty portraying an elderly couple!

Until next time, stay cool and enjoy a healthy summer.



Some new residents are introduced

Thank you to Paul and Clair Bruyere for the nice going away party for the Snowbirds. There was a good turnout and everyone enjoyed themselves with good food, fun, fellowship, and laughter.

During the party, I met some new people and I would like to share a little bit about them with you.

The first couple is Don and Karen Eisenhardt. Help me welcome these Snowbirds from New Jersey. Don is a retired firefighter and Karen is an active Realtor and property manager. Karen plans to retire in November.

Don and Karen have been married 34 years. They have four children and six grandchildren. Don loves to fish and snow ski. They both love to go RV'ing and, of course, Karen is sweet on those grandkids.

The second new couple is David and Lynn Gaul. They are also Snowbirds. They have been married 44 years. They have two children, two grandchildren and one on the way.

David worked in supply chain for aerospace, and Lynn was a school teacher. They both are retired.

After retirement Lynn has enjoyed gardening and traveling. Dave loves to play golf, go boating, and swimming. But most of all Dave just loves to socialize.

Spring is in the air and with it comes the beautiful flowers and this gorgeous weather we have been experiencing. Have a fun and safe summer.

Recycling, trash issues are addressed

There is some information our building captain, Barbara Novak, would like to share this month.

After attending the building captain meeting, she posted some important facts on recycling on our trash room door. Key points are: recycling does not need to be sorted. Paper, cans and glass/plastic bottles, corrugated broken down boxes and cans should all be recycled in any green bin.

Some caveats: bottle tops, plastic bags and food soiled items should not be in the green bins. Our building is cleaned weekly. Please clean up after your dog if there is an accident in the elevator, core or walking areas. There is always a mop and bucket in the trash room for such an emergency.

Our trash room and entryway is not the place for used furnishings, rugs and any other eyesores. It is apparent that people do not know what to do with large refuse.

Our On Top of the World neighbors have researched other options for us. The Salvation Army will take all gently used items and they are right around the corner on the U.S. 19 frontage road near the Aldi store.

For those items that are saleable, the Consignment Furniture Gallery at 1111 Court Street in Clearwater will pick up items,



some free, some at a charge. Their number is 727-447-0926 for information.

If the items are junk, please call a junk man to pick up, they advertise on many corners. We hope this information will help all of us avoid a fine for inappropriate refuse removal from OTOW.

On another note, a quick reminder to please pay your annual building dues to Delores Kopack or Linda Gooch.

Barbara continues to gather information for the building directory. If you have not shared your information, please do so. This allows the building captain to reach you or your family in an emergency and for neighbors



Roman Byzantine resident Tene Raleigh and her twin sister Carla with Carla's husband, Jens, during a recent visit here.

to know each other by name.

Here is some family fun to report.

Tene Raleigh traveled to the Caribbean followed by a trip to the Netherlands for a family reunion. Tene has been enjoying her twin sister, Carla, and her husband, Jens Hafma, since March 18. Another sister from Switzerland met them to complete the festivities. It has been fun getting to know her family at the pool and while strolling the grounds.

We have new residents, Jim and Kathleen Hyer. Welcome to the On Top of the World community!

Until next month, love your neighbor and remember to curb your pet.

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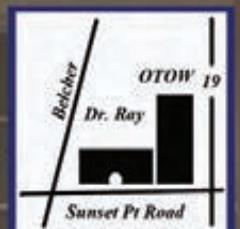
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New residents, visits and cruises highlight this report

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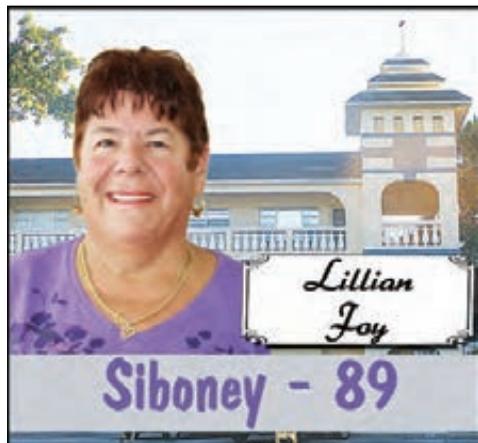
At our building's core party we had a great turnout, great food and fun.

We welcome new residents Roberta Ellberger from New York City, a retired nurse from Mount Sinai Hospital, and Mendy McKendry who's been a Floridian since 1973. We are glad you decided to come to the Siboney Building here at On Top of the World.

Weekly Game Day at Siboney began April 12. It will be held at 1 p.m. on the second floor every Thursday. Cards, Scrabble, etc. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and have fun too. Any questions, please call Audrey Decker (see building phone list).

Joe and Janis Farrell went on a fabulous Holland American southern Caribbean 14-day cruise. Key West, St. Lucia, San Juan, Aruba and a few more ports were visited. Janis said, "I think Joe and I were the youngest on the ship."

Francis Murphy's son, from Connecticut, came to visit. They went to South Beach in Miami to see



a basketball game, the L.A. Lakers vs. the Miami Heat.

After that, they went to a hockey game in Tampa. How exciting was that, but one more exciting sports event was baseball: the Yankees vs the Rays. Her son even caught a ball. Fran was sad to see him leave, but he left her a lovely thank-you note that warmed her heart.

Audrey Decker also had a visit from her sister and brother-in-law from Connecticut. Audrey kept them busy sightseeing and visiting local restaurants.

Our annual picnic was held on April 11 at Philippe Park. The weather



The annual Siboney picnic held at Philippe Park on April 11 was well-attended and enjoyed by all in spite of the cool, windy weather.

was very windy, but despite that, we all had a great time. President Bob Stone brought some new games for us to use. We sat outside in the sun where it was nice and warm and enjoyed the view of the lake.

We ate hot dogs and hamburgers and many delicious dishes of food and desserts.

Our next Siboney meeting will be in October. Have a great summer, everyone.

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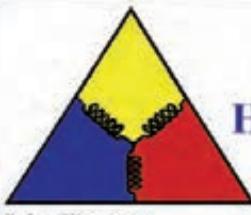
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Spring has sprung at Loch Lomond



Remember hearing “April showers bring May flowers” when you were a kid? Well, here we are.

Spring is everywhere in spite of recent erratic weather. It's lovely to drive along Belcher and enjoy bougainvillea cascading along fences from Largo to Tarpon.

I'm also heartened to see that the snowy hibiscus I planted about 15 years ago at the bottom of the Southeast Tower is still going strong, sending forth occasional blooms.

Of course, Audrey Hamilton never fails to cheer our little corner of Loch Lomond, as she lovingly tends her tidy groups of seasonal potted plants.

It was wonderful to hear sunny sounds of children as some of our residents hosted grandchildren on their spring breaks.

We spotted MaryAnn Sinnenberg beaming with joy during the brief visit of daughter Andrea and two of her sons from East Amherst, N.Y. (just outside of Buffalo), in early April. The boys enjoyed Clearwater Beach, and even took a speedboat sightseeing ride in the Gulf. They also visited a water park in Tampa. MaryAnn treated them to dinner at Molly Goodheads in Ozona and lunch at Sunset Grill. I hope they had a taste of Zukie's award-winning Key Lime pie!

Marie Mikuliza was scampering



Newly-installed dryer ductwork shown in Loch Lomond laundry room is safer and more efficient.

around after two of her grandchildren who were visiting from Atlanta. Picnics in the parks were the order of the days they were here – one day at Largo Park, another at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor and a couple of fun afternoons at the Long Center, right around the corner, were perfect.

Marie tells me she was glad for the chance to tote up some walking “step points.” Chilly temps in the Gulf and high winds dampened their day out on Honeymoon Island, but overall, their days were great.

Our Snowbird friends have all flitted away home by now, which reminds us to have our A/C units checked out and

prepped for the long hot summer.

By the way, have you checked out the brand spankin' new dryers in the laundry room? That elaborate duct work apparatus overhead might appear intimidating at first, but it's a great improvement over the potential fire hazard that existed prior. The renovation is much appreciated.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms and grandmoms in the building. Remember to call your Mom or send her a prayer.

Also, don't forget to get your flags out of storage and ready to display for Memorial Day. Would be nice to see Old Glory displayed in every unit. God Bless America!

Only two original owners still at Azores

The Azorian Card Fairy flew again showering well wishes on Bettie Warner as she left us for greener pastures in Alabama to live with her son and his family.

Bettie and her husband, John, were two of the first Azores residents shortly after it was built in the late seventies. The two remaining “originals” are Doris O'Meara, who moved in with her husband, Walter, and Maria Morgante, who became an owner with her husband at the same time.

Speaking of original residents, at the first Finger Food Friday gathering we learned of the actual construction of the Azores Building from second-generation owner Jerry Cather. His parents, Frank and Teeny Cather, bought their unit on a pre-construction promotion.

Jerry recalled Sidney Colen stopped by for cocktails with his parents once they had actually moved in. Jerry's sister, Pam Wilson, now lives in that unit while Jerry and his partner, Paul Bunker, reside nearby.

Be sure to attend Finger Food Fridays, the last Friday of each month, to hear other reminiscences from the past.



Marie and Tom Pirrello shared the visit of Tom's sister-in-law and her family over spring break. Coming from California they wanted to “do it all” and did, touring the Kennedy Space Center, visiting Winter at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and many trips to the beach and local eateries.

Celeste and Kelly Fitzgerald's son, Jeff, flew back from New York with his mom who was on a business trip to check on the progress of the total renovation of their unit.

The Azores' spring building meeting was held in the Sunshine Room with 35 residents in attendance. Building Captain Katy Gerritt, facilitated.

There was much to celebrate with the neat and orderly storage rooms (due to recent clean-outs), the improvements to the first floor core, the new dryer vent installation in the laundry room, new social activities and great resident participation.

Treasurer Peggie Longfellow announced we have a good balance in our activity and flag accounts and that 49 owners out of the 60 units have paid their annual dues. Meeting minutes were taken by Ann Setkowitz and are posted on the bulletin board.

These kids will certainly be making merry in the “merry month” of May: Pete Caffentzis on May 9; Janet Fornato, May 8; Marie Pirrello, May 10 and Cindy Forlini, May 29. Don't forget to wish them a very happy birthday.

Remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom on Memorial Day, May 28.

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Festive barbecue brightens up an otherwise 'blah' day

We brought our own sunshine to a cloudy April Sunday with a late afternoon pot luck hosted by Mac MacMillan, ably assisted by Mrs. MacMillan, Yvonne.

Mac treated us to his delicious pulled pork barbecue on his grill. To make the event even more festive, it was a pre-celebration of Gary and Laura Coney's birthdays. Joanne Dameron organized our outing and added a spiral-cut Easter ham among the variety of home cooked dishes.

Tables were set up under the trees on the grass beyond our building at the end of Brazilia Drive. Although it was not a surprise, we were even joined by ants, which were in a biting mood, but we didn't let that spoil the fun.

Ed Solivan won the 50-50 prize of \$33, but he generously turned it back to the building fund. The door prize of a \$20 dining gift card went to Rose Fiore who can take husband Lou to dinner at any one of four restaurants. Rose thinks they will probably pick Olive Garden.

We had two special guests. Our



neighbor, Chris Gibson, from the Alsace Lorraine Building came over, and a family member from out of state attended, Laurie Cavanaugh's daughter, Ariana Cavanaugh.

Joining the party were Alice Derkzen, Jim Komula, Mary Ellen Henry, Karen Ball, Lynne and Tom Kandl, Peg and Harry McDonough, Tina and Esmeralda McGill, Charlie Murphy, Dolores Messner, Virginia Jones, Dorothy Bianco and myself, Cecile Sangiamo.

We welcomed new residents



English Tudor residents make their way along the serving line during a recent pot luck.

Dee Dobbyn and Jim Dobbyn, who hail from Australia. They have also lived in North Carolina and are now calling Florida their permanent home.

Most of all we want to thank

Joanne Dameron, who organized the happy gathering.

We also want to wish Eloyd Baldwin, our former building coordinator, a happy 90th birthday. Good going, Eloyd!

New neighbors were swayed by OTOW being pet-friendly

All of us in the building would like to welcome our new neighbors, Clark and Sharon Adams, and their pooch, "Miss Charlie."

After doing some work in their unit, they have finally moved in, and are looking forward to joining into the activities of both the building and our community once they are settled.

Clark and Sharon are originally from the Arvada area near Denver, Colo. After banking brought them to Florida, they made several moves and are coming to us from St. Petersburg. Their grown children are now spread across the Southeast, and they decided to downsize into their retirement. Miss Charlie is a true family member, so besides the activities our community offers, a big part of their decision-making process was the fact that pets are welcomed here at On Top of the World.

I know that all of you will want to introduce yourselves to Clark, Sharon and a very friendly Miss Charlie and welcome them to our building.



Our ladies' luncheon in April was held at Johnny's Italian Restaurant on our usual day, the fourth Tuesday of the month.

In May we will be having a brunch get together at Third Watch. The sign-up sheets will be posted as usual in plenty of time to sign up.

Remember, we always welcome your visiting family and any friends that you would like to invite to join us.



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A potpourri of what's happening at Rural French

On April 12, residents of the Rural French Building met at Leo's Restaurant for a monthly meeting.

For those new residents, we welcome you and I would like to take a moment to introduce you to Ed and Rose Fox, our building co-coordinators.

Ed and Rose were born and raised in the Pittsburgh, Pa., area. After his plant closed, they moved to Dunedin, where Ed worked for nearly 30 years.

After Ed retired, they decided to return to Pennsylvania to be with family. When winter accommodations became scarce and expensive and the weather became intolerable, their hearts once again turned to Florida.

After 10 years, they moved back to Florida and selected On Top of the World to be their permanent residence.

"A decision we never regretted," Ed wrote. Ed and Rose have been here for two and a half years.

Rose enjoys reading and does volunteer work for her church and enjoys working with Ed as co-coordinator for Rural French. Ed enjoys golfing twice each week and enjoys working with Rose as co-coordinator.

If you happen to be on the even side of the building when Ed and Rose are out, be sure to stop and introduce yourself.

I had a great experience this month. All Saints Episcopal Church in Tarpon Springs held its annual British "High Tea"



for charity. As you walk into the main room, you see tables laid out with lovely white tablecloths. The tables are decorated with treat boxes in pastel colors, beautiful glass teapots with tea cozies, and elegant dishes. In the background, the Dunedin Dulcimers are playing.

The church ladies, dressed with little white aprons, greet you and bring out your first course, scones. You pour your British Black Blend Tea into your dainty tea cups and begin to eat.

After the scones, the waitresses bring out plates of sandwiches. I had my first cucumber sandwich, about which I had read in so many of my British mysteries.

After the sandwiches, the next course is a plate of delightful little pastries for dessert.

After dessert, door prizes are awarded



Inhabitants of the Rural French Building met recently at Leo's Restaurant for an enjoyable luncheon and building meeting.

and everyone is given a bag of elegantly decorated cookies to take home.

Dodie Alfred has agreed to help me create a history of our building to go along with the scrapbook.

If you have any stories to tell about our building's history or news or for the

newsletter, email me at jhokett@yahoo.com, text to 801-633-4662 or drop by my unit.

I know that there is a lot going on that I never hear about, so remember that I need your help to make this column represent all of our residents.

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Tuesday Midday

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East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)
Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Midday

Aldi (Sunset & Lawson)
Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)
Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Midday

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)
Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

Super Walmart
Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Midday

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

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- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
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An April luncheon at the East Activity Center was enjoyed by 15 Mandalay residents. (OTOW photo by Doug Kates)

Building luncheon at EAC attended by 15 residents

On April 23, residents of the Mandalay Building held a luncheon at the East Activity Center. There were 15 people in attendance and a good time was had by all.

The food fare was prepared at home and paid for with our building dues. We had two large salads, tuna and chicken salad sandwiches on crescent rolls, and brownies for dessert. We received many compliments and are all looking forward to getting together for our next outing. We truly missed having our social directors Linda and Lee Siegel, but due to special circumstances they were unable to attend.



Carrabba's was the spot for a building dinner April 5. Some 28 Brittany Farmhouse residents were on hand to enjoy good food and great company.

New BFH building directory has been printed, distributed

Thanks to Merelee Bernard (who collected the information) and Terry Ralston for printing our new updated directory. We also want to thank Terry Ralston for designing all the beautiful announcements for our social events. What a nice job!

A dinner was held at Carrabba's on April 5 to say goodbye to our neighbors who migrate to the North again. A group of 28 residents joined for this event. Now it gets a little quieter and a lot hotter until the house fills up again in the fall.

When BFH residents had their St. Patrick's Day pot luck lunch March 17, the weather was perfect. Everybody enjoyed being outside having fun, good



food and a nice talk with neighbors we don't see every day. Hope everybody has a great summer and safe trips for all who hit the road.

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Some facts about an American institution: Memorial Day

This is the month when we remember the military personnel who gave their lives for our country's continued freedom.

Since the end of WWI, Memorial Day has also been known as "Poppy Day." That's when ex-servicemen used to sell small, red, artificial poppies.

The profits from the sales helped disabled veterans. I remember the red poppies from my childhood when many people wore them on Memorial Day.

In 1868, May 30th was first observed to commemorate the sacrifices of the Civil War soldiers. It was then named a special day to honor the graves of our servicemen.

Do you remember on Memorial Day when the high school bands marched in parades to the local cemeteries where services were held?

In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, making the last Monday in May Memorial Day a federal holiday regardless if it was May 30th or not. To me, May 30th is still Memorial Day. If you have a flag, this is an important day, so display it.

It's the time of year when I usually remind you about the fantastic flowers that bloom on the plant running up the old oak tree by the pier. The tree has on it a plant called a Night Blooming Cereus and eleven



months a year the plant looks like an ugly vine running up the tree.

But wait until that 12th month! Near the end of May and the beginning of June, that ugly vine, which is actually a cactus, produces spectacular flowers. Each flower is about five inches wide. They bloom only once and there will be hundreds, night after night, blooming on the tree.

The flowers begin to open about 7:30 p.m. and bloom all night. In the morning, you will see the spent flowers from the previous night have fallen on the ground.

If you have never seen this flower, it is worth walking down to the pier, or at night, driving to the cul-de-sac to experience seeing it. Be sure to bring a light.



The Espana Building's famous Night-Blooming Cereus, which blooms only once a year. (Photo by Jackie Dooley)

Extra copies of the OTOW News are available in the East and West Activity Centers.

Basic Hurricane Preparation Tips

Know where to go. If you are ordered to evacuate, know the local hurricane evacuation route(s) to take and have a plan for where you can stay. Contact your local emergency management agency for more information.

Put together a disaster supply kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, and copies of your critical information if you need to evacuate.

If you are not in an area that is advised to evacuate, and you decide to stay in your home, plan for adequate supplies in case you lose power and water for several days and you are not able to leave due to flooding or blocked roads.

Make a family emergency communication plan. Many communities have text or email alerting systems for emergency notifications. To find out what alerts are available in your area, search the Internet with your town, city, or county name and the word "alerts."

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