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## OTOW knitters get creative and make masks for medical personnel at local hospitals

By Doug Kates

Under normal times, members of our own On Top of the World Knitting Club would have been busy making afghans, baby hats, robes and perhaps blankets.

But in April, there became a desire to help others by creating something not-so-artistic.

Face masks.

Every news source in the nation was reporting a need for medical masks. Not necessarily top-grade, factory-made, medically-approved face masks, but just simple masks in general to help medical personnel go about their business without spreading illness to healthy people around them.

A simple, cloth mask was like gold.

Well, guess what? At OTOW, we can make gold!

Anna Georgiadis, a resident, was spending a lot of time with her daughter outside of Clearwater. It just so happens, a next door neighbor was a hospital employee.

Anna discovered that local Girl Scouts had donated purple fabric to the hospital and she offered to spin that material into face masks.

Susan Milliken, direct of nursing at Morton Plant Hospital, dropped off the purple material at Anna's daughter's house.

The first face mask was shaped, crafted and sewn in 45 minutes and included an elastic strap to fit comfortably around a nurse's ears.

Over the first two days, 20 masks were made, Susan brought some of them to Countryside Hospital, and within minutes nurses were already wearing them.

You cannot tell from the picture above, but these nurses were smiling!

The masks were approved and distributed to other personnel at Countryside Hospital and Morton Plant Hospital.

OTOW residents Theresa Mayne and Cheryl Butcher joined in and made 300 masks by mid-April.

By the time late-April was here, many more knitters were participating and many more masks were being distributed.



Four nurses from Mease Countryside Hospital recently received face masks made by OTOW resident Anna Georgiadis. From left to right are Tiffany Isenhardt, Tammy Cook, Kursten Cantrell and Tracy Evans. You cannot tell from the picture, but behind those masks are smiles. (Photo provided by Mease Countryside Hospital)

"Since all activities at On Top of the World are suspended, I had to get creative," Anna said. "I saw there was a need for masks and called Mease Countryside for more information.

"It was like turning lemons into lemonade," she added.

As you read this in May, present-day times will dictate if there is still a need for more masks, not just for nurses, but children, OTOW residents and healthy people trying to stay healthy.

Anna even sent some to a medical facility in Louisiana.

OTOW resident Vicky Portsmouth decided to make a homemade mask for

her husband, Tom, and once finished decided "why just make one?"

"Through word-of-mouth, I learned several more people needed them," Vicky said. "Then a friend, who works for All Children's Hospital, told me the hospital was in dire need of simple masks for patients, vendors and non-clinical staff. Being grandparents, who have been lucky to be very involved in our grandchildren's lives, Tom and I knew it was a good way for us to help."

Dolly Foland is most famous at OTOW for leading the Snowbirds Club Line Dancers on Wednesday mornings. But with no line dancing taking place,



Above is a New Orleans Saints mask Cheryl Butcher made from a small football flag. Below is an American Flag mask that Dolly Foland made from one of Ed's ties.



Dolly turned in her dance steps for a sewing machine.

"Dolly has been sewing longer than she has been line dancing," said her husband, Ed.

Apparently, Dolly had quite the collection of fabric scraps lying around her OTOW home and she spent last month turning those scraps into more than 400 masks. Ed even helped.

"When Ed was younger, he liked to operate power equipment," Dolly said. "The only power equipment he operates now are vacuum cleaners and sewing machines."

Some of the masks went to health care workers in both Florida and Minnesota.

Anna pleads, if anyone has fabric they would like to donate, they can call her at 727-967-9444. There is also a demand for elastic binding, which can be purchased online. Anyone who wants to make a donation is welcome to help and a safe pickup will be arranged.

As for the Knitting Club, time will tell before things are back to normal. The club will get back to their regular Wednesday gatherings soon and for the first time is offering to teach other residents the basics of knitting.

More to follow.

Stay safe everyone.

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# ‘Everything you can imagine is real’

By Mary Slack Maynard

The Art Guild has elected officers for the 2020 – 2021 year.

The officers are: President Mary Maynard, First Vice President Connie McDonald, Second Vice President Gloria Agosto, Third Vice President Lucy Villegas, Recording Secretary Irene LeBel, Corresponding Secretary Sue Naylor, Treasurer John Fier and Member at Large Barbara Holland.

Elizabeth Shea, who teaches the art of paper quilling, was our guest at the March meeting. Unfortunately the meeting had to end early, so Elizabeth will be back next year to demonstrate this unique art form.

Martha Green Buford was selected Artist of the Month for March. When asked about her award-winning painting, Martha quoted Pablo Picasso: “Everything you can imagine is real.”

No truer words were said.

“Never in my wildest dreams did I think that I could not only imagine, but create something of beauty,” Martha said. “Two years ago I started taking art classes here at On Top of the World with Rosemarie Lugg. I had never painted before, but with Rosemarie’s guidance, and the support of the other students in the class, I entered the world of painting.

“Little did I know when I began that I would become lost in this world of paint. It is now my passion.”

Martha calls her award-winning paint-



Art Guild

ing, “Intrigue.”

“The painting was a class project,” she said. “I call her Intrigue because of the way her hat shades her eyes. I hope she brings you joy, as she did me, when I painted her.”

Martha’s painting is showcased on the Art Guild page in the Box Office section of the On Top of the World Website, and will be on display in the East Activity Center when it reopens.

As I write this, we don’t know how much longer we need to maintain social distancing. For anyone who would like to use this time to learn an art technique, while having time on your hands, so to speak, I would suggest doing a google search for free art classes. There are many painting and sketching classes available right now.

At right is this month’s Artist of the Month painting by Martha Green Buford. It is entitled ‘Intrigue.’ Two years ago, Martha was not even a painter. This is what can happen if you join the Art Guild.



## Tampa Ballet Theatre show ‘Swan Lake’ postponed

Tampa Ballet Theatre has announced its May show “Swan Lake” has been postponed at the Central Park Performing Arts Center in Largo.

Many of you saw a preview to this show when Tampa Ballet Theatre performed here during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in March.

Lindsay Clark, from Tampa Ballet Theatre, said a new date has not been released yet. Watch OTOW News and Nancy’s Bulletin Board for updates.

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# Take some time in May to daydream about a fun trip to Savannah

By Janice Berman

Remember all the fun we have traveling together?

It will be back soon. Give it some time.

With that in mind, I want everyone to start looking forward to October. This is when the Travel Club hopes to be back on the road headed for Savannah, Ga.

Our club's fall trip has always been a huge success and this trip doesn't look any different.

I for one can't wait to visit the beautiful islands of Jekyll and St. Simons with my many wonderful friends from the club.

I know everyone needs a reason to smile, so here's the itinerary:

On day one we will leave On Top of the World at 8 a.m. There will be a movie on the bus, bus bingo and plenty of snacks.

We will have a leisurely dinner before hotel check in.

On day two we will take a guided trolley tour of Savannah and will see architectural marvels, beautiful oak-lined streets and lovely town squares.

We will see 18th century ballast stone



streets, Paula Dean's restaurant and the first African Baptist Church constituted in 1777.

On day three we will visit St. Simons Island with a guided tour. We will shop the specialty stores.

Then we will take a guided tour of Jekyll Island, including a stop at the Millionaire's Club.

In the evening, we will take in a show at the famous Savannah Theater.

On day four we will visit Beaufort, S.C., the queen of the Carolina Sea Islands. The history of this island dates back to the 1500s with striking mansions.

Later we will see St. Helena Island and visit one of the country's first schools for freed slaves. We will learn a Creole form



You could be walking down this sidewalk in October. All we have to do is clear the air, restart the Travel Club and book a trip to Savannah.

of English called "Gullah," then finish the day with dinner.

On day five, we will return to OTOW with a one-day bus trip.

Total cost for the trip is \$613, plus \$59 for insurance. A \$75 deposit is required.

We are hoping for a registration date of July 3. As time rolls along, we will know if this date will be possible.

For now, just daydream a little.

We need 46 people to make the trip possible.

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# Staying busy and engaged

During these difficult times, you may find it challenging to stay busy. I, too, have experienced the humdrum and boredom of solitude.

Oh, at first it was easy. I had a lot of spring cleaning projects to take my mind off of things. But lately, as I look around, my house had never been tidier.

Now, over the last few weekends, I have been finding it more of a challenge to keep myself busy. Let's face it, there is only so much decluttering, dusting and wiping a home needs.

Below are some really interesting ways in which you can occupy your body and mind to stay fit and engaged. This information, and much more exciting ways in which to stay engaged, are now available on the Box Office. Follow this link: [www.otowboxoffice.com](http://www.otowboxoffice.com) and scroll down to Nancy's Bulletin Board.

You may also read the latest On Top of the World news, as well as accessing previous editions, by visiting a link to the On Top of the World newspaper right below Nancy's Bulletin Board.

## The Florida Orchestra (TFO)

Every Thursday at 7 p.m., WSMR radio is broadcasting recordings of live concerts performed by The Florida Orchestra both from this current season and its archives.

Tune in to listen at Classical WSMR 89.1 or online. Recordings will be available to stream for a month following each broadcast.

TFO conductors and musicians also are working on ways to keep the music going for our community through videos and blog posts. Check the TFO Facebook page and blog regularly for some wonderful musician videos already posted with more to come.

## Clearwater Marine Aquarium

Clearwater Marine Aquarium's Education Station is designed for fun and engaging educational content and includes interactive activities, so please check it out at: [www.seewinter.org](http://www.seewinter.org).

I'm sure you will enjoy learning all about turtles. You'll feel just like you are at the aquarium.

Enjoy this website on your own and



share with your grandchildren.

## To Keep You Fit

Aerobic exercise classes with Cammy and Jessica have been added to OTOW-TV Channel 732 starting at 4 p.m.

You may also check out yoga and exercise offered on WEDU Channel 605- "Yoga for Everyone" with Nadia Narain at 6:30 a.m. and Body Electric with Margaret Richard for a high energy low impact work out at 7 a.m.

A morning walk or bicycle ride before it gets too hot also feels great. Practice social distancing, of course.

Master the Possibilities will be offering additional low-impact fitness that you can take anytime, see below:

## Master the Possibilities

Master the Possibilities will be free during the month of May and the pre-recorded classes may be viewed from the comfort of your home anytime upon registration.

To receive a link to a class, please register in the usual way by emailing [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com) or call 727-799-2734 with the title of the class, your name, street address, unit number, phone number and email address.

The May classes are as follows:

National Geographic Undercover Titanic, Walk this Way and Born to Move.

The following MTP Fitness on Demand Classes, with fitness trainers Cammy Dennis and Jessica Pinkowski, are also available:

- Stretch Fit - A workout intended to help improve flexibility. These stretching exercises will enhance range of movement and decrease stiffness.

- Strong and Steady - A low-impact cardio workout that highlights posture, balance and gait training. The exercise focuses on cardiovascular health and fall risk reduction.

- Walk Fit - A low impact aerobic workout based on easy-to-follow walking and marching patterns. Walk your way fit with simple movement suited for all fitness levels. The focus is on cardiovascular workout with emphasis on gait and balance training.

For more detail on each class, paste the link below in your browser or see page 19 for more information.

[bit.ly/ClearwaterDistanceLearningMay2020](http://bit.ly/ClearwaterDistanceLearningMay2020)

## Early Shopping for Seniors

Publix at Beckett Lake Sunset Point Road will be open to shoppers 65-plus on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7-8 a.m., or you can shop through Instacart to arrange for pick up or delivery.

Walmart at Coachman and US 19 will be open one hour early on Tuesdays for seniors 65-plus from 6-7 a.m. You may also shop Walmart online for pick up or delivery through Door Dash. See link below:

<https://grocery.walmart.com/>

## Did You Know

One-way traffic signs are used to inform motorists that traffic on a street or parking lot entrance is traveling in one direction only.

The one-way traffic sign is a regulatory sign and drivers encountering a one-way sign must travel in the direction that the sign indicates.

Drivers must not travel in the opposite direction of a one-way sign due to the risk of a head-on collision, as was the principal complaint in a recent letter received from a resident.

While a crisis was avoided, the reality is that the consequences can be very real.

Not following directional signs can be a dangerous decision that may not only impact the driver involved, but others as well, and the outcome could be life altering.

So, the next time you encounter a one-way sign, please follow the direction, for you as well as others in the community.

## Golf Courses

Golf course closures, while inconvenient to residents, has certainly given SCA crews a much needed opportunity to complete work that, if not finished now, would have certainly shut down the courses again at a later date.

They have been working to aerate both the 18 and the 9 hole courses and have completed work on the greens, tee boxes and the fairways.

Currently, crews are working on top-dressing and fertilizing, as well making drainage repairs to some problem areas at

several holes.

Work will also continue on the cart paths as well as plantings of wild flowers.

They will also be using this time to clean and disinfect the pro shop, restrooms and any other high touch surfaces.

## Important CSO Information

All facility closures remain in effect until further notice.

Upon reopening, the Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation will remain unchanged: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call goes to voice mail, it is because staff is working with someone else. Please be patient. Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours. Once the requested service matter is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the request immediately to determine if it is an emergency or non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and work scheduled. Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions or clarification of your request. It is not necessary to report service requests more than one time.

If you have any questions regarding your request and until the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line. That phone number is listed below.

As a reminder, window and door repair or replacement is exclusive to the unit and is the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

## Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981. Please call for general building matters in the common areas only. Please do not leave health-related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests.

## After-Hours Number

The OTOW after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115 for issues such as water intrusion into your unit.

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

For a life threatening emergency, please dial 911.

For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

# COVID 19

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# We are reminded things

It seemed like everything was going along well until around March 13 when COVID-19 took a big bite out of our collective reality.

No matter, the nation had a long lead-up to prepare. When it arrived, it arrived with a vengeance.

Speaking both as a Board member and as a community manager, the first responsibility is for the safety of residents, members of the Association and Management Company employees.

To that end, in conjunction with Sidney Colen & Associates, Ltd, the owner of all things recreation related and the Management Company, the very difficult decision to close all facilities was made.

This decision was based on CDC recommendations against gatherings of more than 10 people, as well as Governor Ron DeSantis' series of executive orders. It was also based on the judgment that early in the progress of the pandemic, decisive action would be necessary to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus within the On Top of the World community, which is why we were several weeks ahead of the Presidential and Gubernatorial orders.

The sad fact is that many residents within this high risk population may think this is all a joke, or worse, a political ploy. I've heard comments like "SARS killed more people." This strikes me as a cynical viewpoint in light of what we now know. For starters, the pandemic is still far from peaking in Florida as I pen this article in mid-April.

It really isn't about how many people die, tragic as that is, but how many people are infected and infecting others, and how many people are sickened to the point of needing hospitalizations to recover.

Need I mention that health care is horribly expensive in this country and a large majority of citizens lack health insurance.

Each of us is living the economic impact of shelter in place, boredom, lost productivity, and possibly even illness or hospitalization of someone near and dear.

It is all very real. The saddest part of this is being unable to attend the sick and dying because of necessary isolation.

Laugh this off if you wish. It's entirely at your risk if you travel to other golf courses that may not take the precautions taken here. It's entirely your choice if you risk bringing infection home to your family and neighbors. This is proving to be a time to think beyond any temporary inconvenience and act in such a manner that is responsible to the greater community.

I sincerely hope and pray you stay healthy and not bring illness into your home or those near you.

If there truly is any bright spot, I've never seen so many residents out walking and biking. You are really getting fit!

## Rumor Control

There is a great deal of scuttlebutt flying around the internet and especially Nextdoor. Regardless of what you read or hear, the most reliable information are the CDC website on COVID-19



(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/index.html>), the State of Florida Department of Health website (<https://floridahealthCOVID-19.gov/>); or the OTOWClearwaterInfo.com website for community-related matters.

The Management Company, as well as Sidney Colen & Associates, Ltd. have committed to keeping all employees working and being paid throughout this crisis. All maintenance employees fall within the description of "essential service providers" and are outside the shelter in place order the Governor recently issued. Both companies have committed to keeping people on the job and working. Should it be necessary for any worker to self-isolate, pay will continue throughout the period. After all, it is in everyone's interest to isolate if they feel ill.

The protocol the Management Company would follow on suspected cases is to have any employee isolate at home if they have any of the symptoms. If the symptoms were to worsen, to seek medical attention and get a test if possible. We also advise all workers in close contact with that person to isolate at home for 14 days.

Should we have a positive confirmation, the close contacts are advised of the positive and advise to isolate in place and to seek testing as well. Because of HIPPA requirements, no impacted employee names could be released. HIPPA requirements also applies to gossipy or curious neighbors making inquiries.

The Management Company has become very strict in enforcement. Even the sniffles will get an employee sent home (with pay of course). They cannot risk a wide-spread outbreak of any illness.

The Management Company has shifted its focus to include stepped up sanitization of all touch points like door knobs, stair railings and elevator touch controls at frequent intervals throughout the day. There has been no cutback in work, despite having to stagger work schedules to avoid congregation of employees at the shop area and to make allowance in two-earner families with children home and out of school.

## Steps Taken Protecting Residents

Closing the golf courses and pools has been controversial. The purpose was to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmis-

sion not just by people congregating too closely together, but also by touching pins, rakes and using restrooms (big risk).

When the decision was made to close the restrooms, the golf courses also needed to close. Now that we know asymptomatic people can spread the virus, this decision seems even more justified.

Management had considered stationing an attendant at each restroom facility and disinfecting after each use, however, this greatly increases the risk of infection for that employee, as well as for golfers should they crowd around waiting for a seat to open. The wiser decision was to suspend play through the duration of this pandemic protecting residents, guests and employees.

## Can We Get a Partial Credit of Our Community Service Fee?

Your community service fee is not credited or adjusted as a result of facility closings, which are beyond the Board's control. It is important to note, even though the buildings and facilities are closed, they still must operate. Landscape must be cared for and maintenance performed. Property taxes, insurance, utility expenses and preventative maintenance still continue despite the closure.

Staff has been working diligently on maintenance projects as well as thoroughly disinfecting tables, chairs, other touch surfaces, as well as disinfecting the air conditioning systems, so residents have reasonable assurance and confidence that the facilities will be safe for use when they are reopened.

If you have questions in this regard, please refer to your owner documents or Florida Statutes 718.116 (2).

Golf course staff has been performing regular maintenance as well as accelerating some forward looking maintenance projects that will allow the courses to operate with reduced scheduled maintenance interruptions later in the year.

There are many alternatives to sitting home. Walking and biking are only a few.

Master the Possibilities staff has worked out fitness on demand (FOD) videos for in home use. Download them at <http://www.masterthepossibilities.org>, and log in or create an account to get started. The FOD fitness videos are under Distance Learning section of the website.

There are many outdoor activities for individuals or partners while observing safe distancing.

Regarding a local strategy for reopening, county staff are working on putting a strategy together for consideration. It should mirror any reopening strategy for State and County.

As of this writing, the County will only move forward with a loosening of their restrictions should the Covid-19 case count show a sustainable reduction over 14 days, there is capacity to test everyone, and healthcare workers and first responders have enough protective equipment to treat everyone.

Of course, this, like everything else, is subject to change.

Finally the Governor would need to revoke or modify his safer at home executive order. If cases begin to increase after the county reopens, restrictions would be reinstated.

I also mention this in the context of planning for a staged reopening of some amenities where distancing is relatively easy. A significant problem is how management deals with high touch areas like restroom facilities. Staff needs to keep them sanitized regularly, but in doing so, are exposed to the risk of infection. How we are able to take reasonable steps to regularly disinfect these areas, while protecting staff, is a matter of ongoing discussion and planning.

Ending this topic on a good note... thank you to all in the community who have been making and distributing masks. Other initiatives underway are neighbors helping their elderly neighbors by delivering meals to their homes. Kindness does matter.

A big shout-out of thanks to all the many residents posting on Facebook, writing notes to staff members, and posting messages on bulletin boards thanking both management staff and the Board for their actions to keep residents safe in these difficult times. Your positivity is a great boost!

## Thank you all!

I came across a wise saying by an anonymous individual the other day, "Don't let the fear of the moment drive out the hope for a great tomorrow." These difficult times will pass. Hopefully, each of us will be here to enjoy it.

## Spectrum Cable Update

For the longest time, we had really poor returns on the ballots. I was beginning to wonder if the level of interest could be that low. Turns out the United State Post Office was holding back the prepaid return envelopes! They dropped several large boxes of letters on us on April 7.

We began this journey because many residents approached me after the last general meeting and asked about the Association offering a bulk cable and internet service through Spectrum. The Association went to work on hammering out a concept with Spectrum, had a well-attended workshop with residents to listen to concerns, and then drafted a letter and survey to determine the depth of interest among residents.

That survey finally went out in the mail on March 13 right when things really started blowing up with COVID-19. As you know, the world has significantly changed since then.

The COVID-19 crisis is now at the center of everyone's lives and the full impacts of this crisis cannot be measured at this time. In addition to concerns over health and safety, we recognize that many residents are struggling from the negative economic impacts (stock market collapse) of this crisis, and especially those who were relying on employment which has been disrupted, including layoffs.

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# can change in a hurry

As of April 22, the survey results are as follows: Option 1 (TV and Internet) is 2,122; Option 2 (Internet only) is 32; Option 3 (No Bulk Rate Agreement) is 968.

While the survey results so far support moving forward with the Spectrum proposal, we understand that those responding to the survey may have done so before the full impacts of the COVID-19 crisis became apparent.

We have been closely evaluating the many thoughtful comments from residents voicing their concerns as well. As you would expect, there are some residents who strongly support it, and some residents who oppose it, and some have been very unkind with their thoughts and letters.

Aside from the financial implications, generally, concerns over the contract term have been a recurring theme - presented as, "we are aging and don't know what the future holds for us financially." With this theme, others have asked that an option be provided to opt-out.

Due to the uncertainty of the pending COVID-19 crisis, and in light of concerns voiced by many residents, we are taking a pause and delaying the Spectrum proposal until the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis can be more fully measured on our community and the concerns voiced by residents can be further evaluated and addressed.

At this time, it's important for our community to work together to get through the ongoing COVID-19 challenges.

## On-Line Voting

Given the recent experience each of us is living, it is time for this association to adopt on-line voting. You will hear more from the Board on this in the future.

It is a complex process, but can greatly enhance the opportunity for resident participation in the required annual meeting and biennial election process.

## Upcoming Projects

You may wonder, why are maintenance employees still able to show up for work when there is a shelter in place order?

The answer is the maintenance employees are considered "essential" under the Homeland Security guidelines. It makes sense if you think about it. Maintenance employees are there to maintain facilities, to prevent deterioration, ensure safety and perform necessary work to ensure all capital equipment and facilities continue to operate optimally.

## Painting/Waterproofing

May is the month that we enjoy the last of the "drier" spring weather before tropical air builds in for the summer and fall months. This weather allows our painting contractor to keep working unimpeded on painting projects.

As we enter May, Buildings 22, 32 and 38 are next on the schedule for front façade coatings. As with each project, notices are posted in advance of the work advising building occupants. Please keep in mind that our 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 the start and completion dates for each project.

The installation of new unit address numbers will continue in May as this community improvement project follows the application of front façade coatings. As our 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.

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

The elevator division of the Management Company hopes to be able to start its next two elevator and cab modernization projects beginning in mid to late May, however, those dates are subject to delay taking into account the current state of affairs.

Notices will be posted as soon as a decision can be made about the start dates. Much depends on how long the shelter in place order lasts.

As in years past, the scope of work includes the remodel of the elevator's cab interior including new ceilings and LED lighting enhancements. The entire process is anticipated to take seven business days total so residents will need to plan accordingly while these upgrades are being undertaken.

The next railing improvement projects on the calendar for 2020 are for the balcony walkways and stairwells of Building 74. The elements have taken a toll on the baluster roofline elements at Buildings 44 and 45. As a result of this weathering, the balusters are at the end of their useful life and are also scheduled for replacement.

These project start dates were slated for late April, but may be delayed as the challenges presented by the coronavirus situation has made permitting with most municipalities a cumbersome process as offices are not physically open for permit submission. All requests are being handled electronically and only certain requests, of which life safety railing projects appear to be one, are being considered for approval.

As with all other community railing projects, a licensed contractor will affect the complete removal and replacement of the aluminum components in the second and third floor balcony walkways and center core and end stairwells. The improvements are estimated to be complete in 5-7 weeks from the start of the project. No-

tices will be posted in advance of the start date so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

Asphalt companies are another essential business continuing to operate. The On Top of the World community's improvements had been slated to begin on May 1, but will most likely be moved up into April as this article is being composed.

This year's work involves the repaving of the many of the properties thoroughfares and the contractor should be able to take advantage of reduced traffic flows in the community. This will also affect the time it take to deliver materials to the site as the stay-at-home order is affecting traffic most everywhere.

As with previous years, a handful of parking lots in the community are slated for maintenance, but those projects may be delayed until the Governor's order is lifted. Those particular projects require residents to temporarily relocate their vehicles for 48 hours while that work is performed.

As always, electronic RAVE messages will be sent out to building residents who are signed up for this voluntary notification service. If you're not on the list to receive these messages, now would be an opportune time to sign up.

Visit the [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) webpage for more information.

It's also 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 work has been completed to allow the new surface time to cure correctly. This curing time is crucial before it is driven upon. The time period that the lots are closed will also allow the contractor the opportunity to restripe the lot without obstructions as well as minimize tire scuffing on the new asphalt.

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

New life-safety lighting fixtures continue to be installed across sections of On Top of the World to compliment other lighting enhancements made in recent years. These new state-of-the-art units should provide for years of dependable service while providing the lighting needed should we experience an extended outage due to power interruption or other emergency.

Please keep in mind that emergency lighting only bridges a specific period of

time when there is a power outage so having a good, sound evacuation plan is your best defense at times like those.

## 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 types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work. These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating. The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme. The Management Company will post notices on affected building's bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work.

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

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

The Management Company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center. Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community. Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the Management Company.

Thanks for your advance cooperation.

# ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS

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OTOW News will need stories for June.  
If you know of a happy story, know of a heart-warming story, or know of a kind act by a resident in these times, please share your story with an OTOW News staff writer.



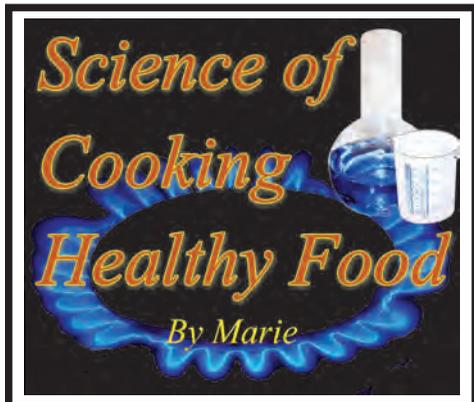
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## Ingredients

- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 2 sweet mini-peppers, chopped
- 1 cup mushrooms, sliced
- 5 oz. baby spinach
- 8 oz. light cream cheese, garlic and herb flavored
- 1 cup marinated artichokes, chopped
- 1/4 cup pitted Greek Kalamata black olives, halved
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp. lemon-pepper seasoning
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 Haas avocado
- 1/4 cup pumpkin seeds

## Instructions

1. Sauté onion, peppers, mushrooms in olive oil for about 3-4 minutes.
2. Add spinach and cook with lid for about 2 minutes until wilted.
3. Remove from heat and stir in cream cheese.
4. Add drained artichokes, Parmesan cheese, black olives and spices. Mix gently.
5. Prior to serving, arrange on plate with sliced avocado and pumpkin seeds.

Serves 4.  
Contains about 6 grams of fiber per serving.

## Links

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# Artichoke and Spinach Casserole

## Artichoke and Spinach Casserole

This Mediterranean dish is an attractive treat. Feature it for guests at a spring luncheon. You can make it a day ahead of time so you can focus on your guests.  
(Just wait to peel the avocado until the day they arrive.)  
The main ingredients each have strong nutritional value as well

as fiber: artichoke, avocado, spinach and pumpkin seeds.  
For most people — especially those who want to take advantage of fiber's heart-protective properties — it's best to get fiber from foods.  
Supplements cannot compensate for poor eating habits.

## Health Value

Fiber is more important than people realize.  
Soluble fiber easily dissolves in water and is broken down into a gel-like substance in the colon.  
Insoluble fiber does not dissolve in water and is left intact as food moves through the gastrointestinal tract.  
Insoluble fiber is virtually indigestible, but it promotes intestinal health by bulking up stool and stimulating regular bowel movements.  
Many fiber-rich foods have both soluble and insoluble fiber.  
Wouldn't it be nice if there was one simple rule to help you lose weight?  
"Eat more fiber!"  
Eating more fiber is excellent weight loss advice. Fiber contributes to suppressing hunger up to 10 hours after consumption. Fiber-rich foods pass through to the end of the digestive system, registering in your mind that you are full.

This can meaningfully reduce calories ingested at your next meal.  
Fiber also helps to lower blood pressure and control insulin levels.  
Soluble fiber helps lower cholesterol levels, reduces the risk of heart disease and regulates blood sugar levels, plus promotes a healthy gut microbiome.  
Insoluble fiber is helpful for constipation and diverticulitis.  
Most people eat around half of the recommended fiber per day (15 to 17 grams). Minimum recommended level is 25 grams for women and 38 grams for men.  
Only 3 percent of people consume this level.  
More than half of Americans think steak is a significant source of fiber. Wrong. There is no fiber in meat, dairy or eggs.  
The fiber superstars are whole grains, legumes and root vegetables.

## How do you get more fiber in your diet?

Here are some strategies to increase fiber in your diet:

- high-fiber cereal, such as steel-cut oats.
- nuts, seeds and fruit.
- berries and seeds.
- pre-soak lentils overnight; drain and add to salads.
- more whole foods and fewer processed foods.

Beware of misleading marketing tactics. Consumers should check the label rather than the marketing on front of the package. Choose whole-grain foods with at least 1 gram of fiber for every 10 grams of carbohydrate.

Just because bread is labeled "multi-grain" or "12 grain" does not mean it is a fiber-rich. When buying bread, choose one with "whole grains" as the first ingredient.

A few important tips when increasing fiber:

- Do so gradually to give your gastrointestinal tract time to adapt.
- Increase water intake as you increase fiber.
- If you have any digestive problems, such as chronic constipation, check with your physician before dramatically increasing fiber.

## Top Foods with High Fiber, Soluble Fiber or Insoluble Fiber

Oats	Flaxseed	Wheat bran	Beans	Lentils
Black beans	Barley	Wheat germ	Turnips	Legumes
Chia	Brussels sprouts	Oat bran	Green peas	Berries

Whole grains, especially barley, quinoa, sorghum, millet, amaranth, oatmeal and rye.

# Five reasons you can tell we live in a great community

By Dave Beaven

Safe communities don't just come into being spontaneously. They are more than roads and buildings. They are a result of the actions of the people who live in them.

Here are five indicators that matter.

1. People are involved in activities with their neighbors. They have a chance to get together and interact regularly with others in the community. These local ties become important as people get to know each other and help each other out.

2. Thriving businesses surround it. Active businesses close by a community are a tribute to a safe atmosphere. People feel safe and comfortable patronizing the businesses which results in success for the merchants. All benefit in this.

3. People walking about the community is a sign that residents feel safe and secure in their neighborhood.

4. A Neighborhood Watch group signals that the community values safe streets and are willing to put in the effort to maintain that status.

5. There is good information exchange in the community. Whether by a community Website or a local paper, a common information source is a big help in identifying emerging issues and rallying residents to solve problems.

Here at On Top of the World, I feel that we can say that our community meets all of these conditions.

Our Neighborhood Watch group is committed to keeping it that way. To find out more about our group, visit our Webpage at: [area-watch2020.blogspot.com](http://area-watch2020.blogspot.com).



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



In mid-April, members of the Neighborhood Watch group organized a fund-raiser to buy dinners for doctors and nurses on the front lines at Mease Countryside Hospital. Money collected went to Fireside Pizza, which distributed 200 meals in one week.



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# Press Association meets online to make sure residents still get a quality May newspaper



On April 2, the Press Association was supposed to be gobbling up pizza and celebrating the first ever event under the new pavilion.

Instead, we found ourselves smiling at each other on Zoom.

The Press Association monthly meeting in April turned out to be an online conference with 23 happy faces.

We discussed a strategy for publishing a May newspaper, talked about how to safely interview people for stories, and we shared ideas for coming up with positive stories despite current events.

The meeting took place on Zoom and for most of us, it was the first time using such a platform. There were a few conflicts, but overall it was very productive.

Represented were clubs, groups and building writers. Some people weren't even in Florida or the United States.

Everyone wanted to make sure we had a May newspaper that everyone at On Top of the World could hold in their hands.

The Press Association will conduct



Members of the Press Association gather online for its scheduled monthly meeting in April. There were 23 people who contributed to planning this May newspaper. (Screen shot by Terri Mikszenas)

its May meeting the exact same way. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7 on Zoom. Staff should start to sign in at 1:20 p.m. - please do not sign in any earlier.

The meeting will come to order at 1:30 p.m. and will end promptly at 2 p.m.

If you did not make it to the first Zoom meeting, please attend the second one.

Everyone on staff should receive an email blast the first week of May with an invitation to join. If you do not receive the email blast, please write to the newsroom and an invitation will be sent to you.

This meeting is open to sports writers, too.

There is no regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 4, but the Press Association has rescheduled its pizza party un-

der the pavilion for 1:30 p.m. If current health concerns clear up in June, it will be refreshing to get together as a group again.

The Press Association wants to fill the June newspaper with positive stories. If you come across an individual, or group of individuals, who have made others smile, please let a staff writer know.

Please stay safe.

## New vice president and secretary are needed

# Press Association elections May 7 online

The Press Association will hold online elections for the 2020-21 season.

Voting will take place on the Press Association Website listed below from midnight until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, only.

<http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com/clearwater/news.php>

Anyone who wants to vote must register with the newsroom before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5. Send an email to [otow.newsroom@gmail.com](mailto:otow.newsroom@gmail.com) and request a registration number to enter the voting booth. If you do not have a registration number, you will not be allowed to vote.

Anyone who contributed to at least one newspaper between May 16, 2019, and April 15, 2020, is eligible to vote.

Currently, only President Yvonne Courtney is seeking re-election. The Press Association needs a new vice president and a new secretary. Penni Telleck stepped down as vice president in April and Patrick Ellingham would like to pass on his responsibilities to someone new. He will stay on until someone new takes over.

If you are a member of the Press Association and would like to run for a board position, please send Doug Kates an email no later than Tuesday, May 5 at 5 p.m. Please include your name, building number, condo number and board position you desire. Your name will be added to the voting booth list. If you win an elected position, you will be required to attend Press Association monthly meetings on a regular basis. Each term is one season.

Voting is anonymous. No one will know who you selected. You only get to enter the voting booth one time.

# Blackout resumes when WAC reopens

By Tom Jamrozy

The great times and laughs playing Blackout will resume when the West Activity Center reopens.

At the same time, look for Blackout

lessons to resume when the East Activity Center reopens, too.

The Blackout information table will be available Thursdays from 8:15-10:15 a.m. when the EAC is back to normal.

This is when you will see me offering lessons to anyone who wants to learn this easy, inexpensive card game.

When games do resume, they will take place on Thursdays through November.

Practice games start at 6 p.m. and the real games begin at 6:30 p.m.

Come meet old friends and make new friends. It will be great to see each other again.

# Good Neighbors hopes we will be reunited Oct. 11

By Jim Bjorgo

Good Neighbors Association had a very busy spring season planned, but instead we are self-isolating, six feet apart from each other and enjoying pure boredom.

Good news. Better times are ahead for all of us at On Top of the World.

Good Neighbors Association is looking forward to getting back to normal – whenever normal becomes a part of our lives again.

As soon as we are given the green light, we will resume our activities and reactivate our plans for the balance of the year.

We are hoping Get Acquainted Coffee will be our first event to get restored and then our fall events will follow.

Our planned schedule includes a Fall Social on Oct. 11 featuring the Florida Suncoast Orchestra singing barbershop-style music.

We are scheduled to host a fall clothing drive and food drive on Oct. 23 and Oct. 24.

The annual Fall Festival is set for Saturday, Nov. 7, and Good Neighbors plans on having its renowned food court.

Plus, our fall flea market and craft show is scheduled to return on Saturday, Nov. 14.



Our world, as we know it, has changed tremendously and will probably never be quite the same again. Only time will tell when we will be able to shake hands again, hug a friend or meet in a crowd. Whatever happens, we still live in a fantastic community and we all have something to be proud about.

Stay well. Stay safe. For now, keep your distance.

We'll be together soon.

## Do you know about the Vote By Mail postcard campaign?

By Donna Lukas

Do you know the best thing about a crisis situation? It makes the majority of us nicer, kinder and more thoughtful of others.

In a snow emergency, there is always someone to help push your car out of a snowbank. In a personal crisis, you discover that acquaintances become friends.

We are currently having a great opportunity to look for silver linings. In my building, an offering of spare paper towels or toilet paper to others in need was posted on the building bulletin board.

A friend from miles away told me the “building singing” at On Top of the World was a sweet thing. Another friend celebrated Easter by participating in the making and delivering of a holiday meal to other friends.

April primary voting lessons from Wisconsin have shown us the value of being registered to Vote By Mail. VBM ballots are sent to your home and can be returned by mail or dropped off at the Supervisor Of Elections office. Our next election is scheduled for August.

Are you looking for an opportunity to do some Democratic work in your spare



### Democratic Club

time at home?

Many of our club members are participating in a VBM postcard campaign. Call Donna at 727-460-4123 to learn how you can help.

The May 2 Truth and Justice Dinner has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date. Watch for announcements by email or on our club page on the otowboxoffice.com website.

Our club meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month. When the OTOW activity centers reopen, we will return to regular meetings from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Largo Room of the East Activity Center.

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- (4) For emergency service, call 799-1115 from 6-9 p.m. weekdays and noon-9 p.m. on weekends. A \$35 payment (by check) will be required

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**Pet of the Month**

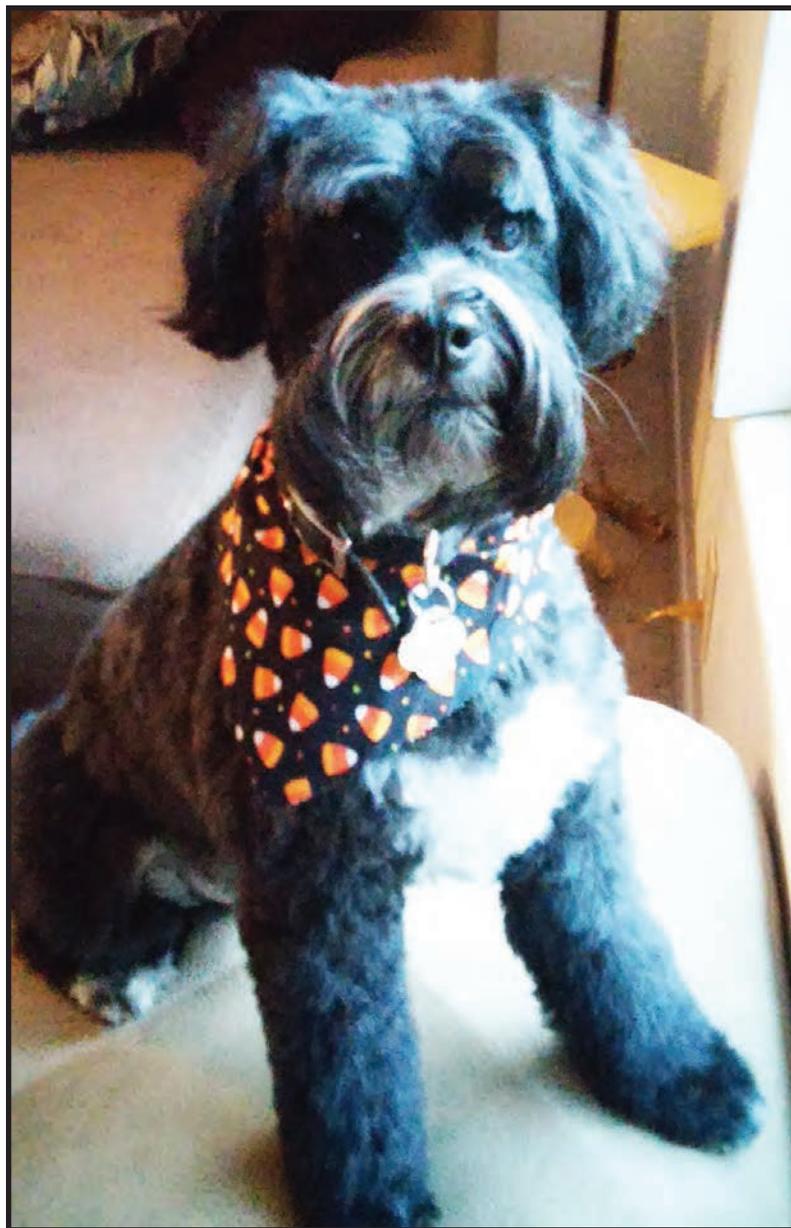


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My mommy, Nancy Rizzitano of the Brittany Farmhouse building (54) says I'm a Cocker-schnoodle!  
Halloween is my favorite holiday. I get to wear my Halloween scarf to wish everyone a Happy Halloween!  
I always wear a scarf and have a variety to match the different holidays and seasons!  
My Mommy got me when I was 8 weeks old. She loves me so much that she calls me her "little boy!"  
I have learned many tricks and love to perform them when we have company.  
My mommy gives me a treat after I am done!  
I love meeting people and other dogs – I only bark every time I hear the doorbell.  
I sleep with Mommy and sit next to her when we watch TV. When we go in the car, I jump into my car seat for the ride.  
Maybe you can see us at the dog park or walking along the golf course at the end of World Parkway Boulevard. Another thing I like is playing with my toys, I have so many ... I am spoiled!

Each month, OTOW News and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming 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 at the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age of pet. 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 the same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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# Can someone teach me how to premanently repair injured dog toys?



Dogs can be your best friend.

And at times like these, they can be your positive guidance when so many things around you appear to be negative.

So in a time of isolation, I looked at my puppy, Logan, and gazed deep into his never-does-anything-wrong eyes, and then looked past his big ears, wet nose and waggly tail into the true heart of his soul.

What did I see?

Honestly. I saw a troublemaker.

In my house, Logan can appear to be a saint at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. You would think he was the most perfect dog in the world.

But if breakfast is late, or dinner is behind schedule, or if an afternoon baseball game is on TV and is extending into "his time," Logan can get pretty irritated.

It's his house. He wants to eat on time.

Another reminder that Logan has a split personality is the row of stuffed toys lining my kitchen cupboard. There are two bears, a cow, a squirrel and a chipmunk. There is a pheasant, an alligator, a turtle and an abominable snowman. There is also a Mr. Bill toy, actually two Mr. Bill toys, which are supposed to yell "Oh Noooooo!" every time you push their bellies.

But Logan has made sure none of his toys speak again.

Which is why ALL of Logan's toys are now sitting on top of my kitchen cupboard. In one way or another, Logan has altered the appearance of each toy since the day each one of them was brought home brand new.

The Mr. Bills no longer say "Oh Noooooo!"

The pheasant has a hole in its neck.

The cow is missing its tail.

The squirrel has stomach issues.

The snowman has stuffing come out his ... ummm .... a place where a snowman is not supposed to have stuffing coming out.

All the toys, once a circus of entertainment, are now just sitting there waiting for rescue or a trash can.

I am embarrassed to admit, some of the toys have been waiting for a very long time.

But how can you just throw away a cow?

You can't.



My puppy, Logan, has been spoiled with some very nice toys over the years. Problem is, Logan is no angel. All the toys above need surgery and now is the perfect time to spend a weekend making repairs.

So now is the time to do something about it.

Away from work, I am practicing safe isolation. No sports, no movie theaters, no taverns, no restaurants.

Just myself, my brother and my 3 year old Yellow Lab, who says he wants to reconcile with all his toys.

He promises to behave better the second time around.

I, honestly, do not have an issue with bringing his toys back to life and giving the puppy a second chance to behave.

What I do have is an issue with sewing companies that make really thin thread.

I have surgically repaired the cow twice already, but each time "the puppy" takes less than a day to put the cow back on the cupboard shelf.

The abominable snowman has also been sewed and given a second chance at Logan's wrath, but with the threads I use, the snowman would have a better chance of survival in a desert.

So, while everyone is practicing safe social distancing at home, I would like to ask this question. Will someone out there please take the time to write to me (otow.newsroom@gmail.com) and explain how to sew a cow, a squirrel or a snowman so that a "sweet, innocent" puppy cannot disgrace my sewing skills anymore.

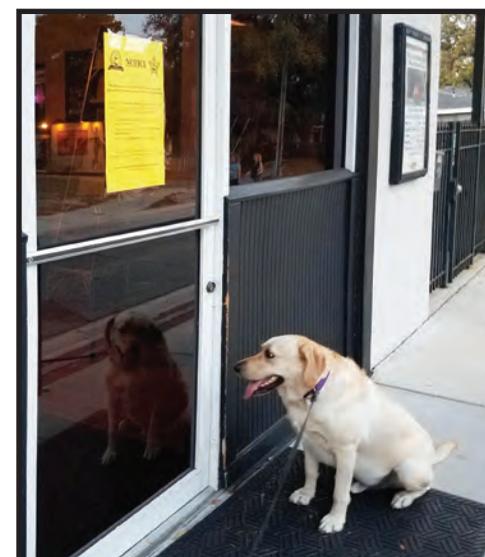
Isn't there anything out there thicker than normal thread?

Isn't there a needle in the world with an eye bigger than 1/1,000,000th of an inch?

Isn't there a way to permanently fuse a throat, a stomach or a tail in just five stitches?

I would like to know.

And Logan is willing to challenge your knowledge.



Logan sits at the door of the 8th Avenue Pub in Safety Harbor - his favorite pub - and doesn't understand why he is not allowed inside. You cannot teach a dog why bars are closed during a crisis.

while basketball and hockey playoffs take some time off.

I am so looking forward to out-smarting Logan and watching him play for days with his refurbished toys.

I may even be able to trick him into thinking he got new toys.

Thank you.

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## Don't feel socially isolated

# Technology offers simple ways you can connect with others

By Joe Wisinski

This month's Computer Club story is different than most that I write.

On Top of the World's newspaper editor, Doug Kates, asked me to write about a topic that's relevant to our present situation.

Doug asked for ways you can socialize on your computer and for simple ways to communicate via video.

To put it simply, here are some "solutions for people who are in deep isolation in their condos."

There are too many options to list them all, but here are some, broken down into two categories — socializing and video calling. The basic versions of these apps are all free.

First, socializing online:

- On [facebook.com/games/instantgames](https://www.facebook.com/games/instantgames) you'll see scores of familiar games. You can invite your Facebook friends to play with you or play against an opponent Facebook matches with you. A Facebook account is required.

- [jigsawpuzzles.io](https://www.jigsawpuzzles.io) is a virtual jigsaw puzzle. Go to the Website and choose a puzzle. You can watch while others complete the puzzle or use your mouse to help by dragging pieces to their proper places. You can also invite friends to join in.

- At [lichess.org](https://lichess.org) you can play chess against a computer or with a random opponent.

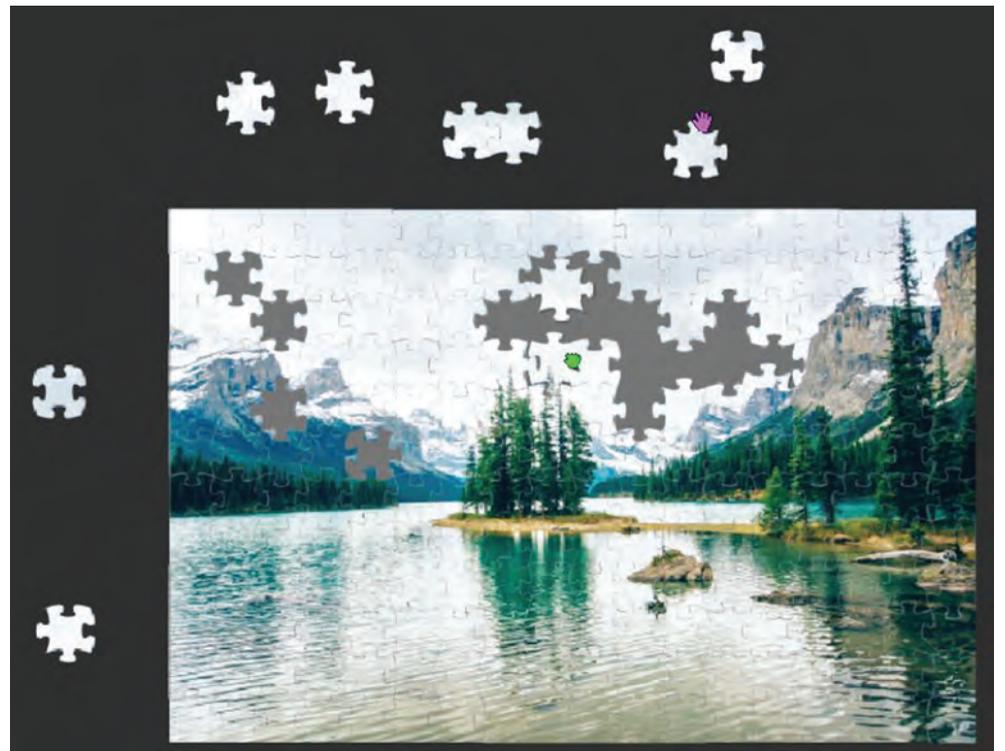
Now here are three video calling options. You'll obviously need a camera on your computer to make video calls, but most laptops have one.

- Skype is the oldest, and perhaps best known, video calling service. It's pre-installed on Windows 10 computers and can also be installed on Android or Apple devices. You can even make calls with one person on a phone and one on a computer.

- Facetime works only on Apple devices, including iPhones, iPads and Apple computers. It's already on your Apple device. There's nothing to download or install. Like Skype, callers can be on different types of devices.

- Zoom is a video conferencing app. Many schools and businesses use it for remote meetings. The Website is [zoom.us](https://zoom.us). Zoom's basic plan limits users to a 40-minute meeting if there are three or more participants.

These are only a few of hundreds of socializing options. Run a Google search for more, but be aware that shady sites exist. If you're not certain if a site is legitimate, Google "site name reviews" to see what other users have said.



Not only can you do a jigsaw puzzle on the Internet, but you can do a jigsaw puzzle together with other people no matter where they are in the world. On [jigsawpuzzles.io](https://www.jigsawpuzzles.io) you can do one with family, friends or complete strangers. The green and purple hand above represent two people working on this puzzle.

### About the Computer Club

During normal times, the Computer Club would meet every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center. Visitors are welcome. Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask questions.

In addition to the Saturday meetings, club members are available to help any OTOW resident with technology-related questions or issues. The help sessions take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The services are free and Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance. Anyone seeking help is requested to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. so we have adequate time to address your issue.

I will let you know when the Computer Club is back in business.

For more information about the computer club, go to [www.otowcc.com](https://www.otowcc.com).

# Armed Forces Day celebration canceled for May 13, but 2019 event will air on OTOW-TV

By Will Peterson

On behalf of the On Top of the World Veterans Group, Pam Rosenblatt and I wish everyone in our community well.

It is with much regret we have decided to cancel the 2020 Armed Forces Day Celebration originally scheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 13. Safety is our first priority and we don't want to risk anyone's health in a large gathering at this time.

However, as an alternative, we are asking everyone who would have attended this event, to please sit back in the safety of your own living room and enjoy the 2019 Armed Forces Day Celebration on OTOW-TV Channel 732. Last year's event will air at both 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the same day our 2020 event would have taken place.

Everyone who gets Spectrum TV gets OTOW-TV. Use

your TV remote to tap 732. Do not use your up and down channel buttons. The show will begin within 15 minutes of its schedule time.

I promise you, the OTOW Veterans Group is already looking forward to bringing this live event back in 2021 and it will be the best darn Armed Forces Day Celebration ever.

As far as the remaining 2020 year is concerned, the Veterans Group has not done any scheduling at this time. We can only sit back and hope for things to get better soon.

We hope to be back in the East Activity Center in the near future and seeing all of you healthy and walking around again. We miss all your wonderful smiles out having a special time inside our community.

Stay well and thank you for your service.



# Don't fall victim to someone trying to sell you a cure for any illness - listen to the experts

Scam Alert: Unfortunately, various scams are circulating junk about a cure or a vaccine for the coronavirus.

As of the writing of this column, there is no cure and there is no vaccine.

There may be some vaccines in the test stage, but we must wait to see how effective they are and whether they have any adverse effects.

When there is a real vaccine, you will hear or read all about it on the news.

Suggestion: Before you take any steps (such as holding your breath for 10 seconds, which is fake news), try Googling the matter.

Note: I received a letter, which is really "old school." The writer wanted to know why I and my partner, Rachel Wagoner, include scam alerts in our columns.

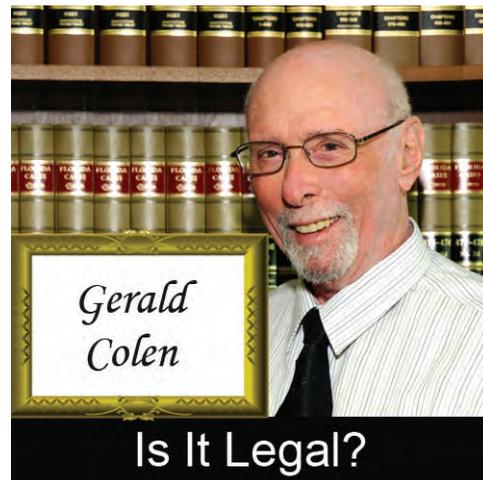
The writer said that by now, everyone knows about scams running around.

My answer: I want to continue to send these alerts because someone may not know about them. Plus, it never hurts to state and re-state scam alerts.

Scam Alert: The certified copy of deed scam is alive and well. Scammers send letters that appear to come from either the State of Florida or various counties where you might have just purchased a home or other real estate.

Now. Pay attention. NO ONE EVER needs a certified copy of a deed.

If you close a real estate transaction and later on get a letter about needing a certified copy of your deed, or even just a copy of it, and you are asked to send money to get it - it's a scam.



Q. I know you won't print this in your column, but here it is anyway. I wonder if you disdain living trusts because you plan on getting the probate of an estate.

A. I've had many, many similar comments about my "disdain for living trusts." I certainly do not disdain them. I guess the idea is that by using wills, I get the probate of an estate.

I believe I've answered these kinds of questions often since I've written this column, but maybe not. So, your email hits the spot, so to speak.

(1) I do NOT favor probate proceedings. I believe probate should be avoided except sometimes in special needs circumstances, where it is advisable for solid estate planning purposes, to use a will which, however, could result in probate proceedings.

(2) There are very effective ways to avoid probate without using a trust. For example, establishing payable on death accounts for banking accounts and broker-

age and financial planning accounts. Further, pension-style funds, such as IRAs, 401-Ks and qualified pension plans can and should have beneficiaries listed on those accounts. If so, they avoid probate, without the need for a trust.

It's also the same for annuities and life insurance.

(3) If clients come to me and explain that the assets they have are going equally to children or other relatives, I propose a couple of options.

I can suggest a living trust.

In that circumstance, the clients have to have the trust documents prepared. Usually, this means the clients have to sign the trust, plus a memorandum (summary) of the trust, plus wills, plus durable powers of attorney, plus advance directives.

That's not all.

Then, they need to contact their banks, financial planners, brokerage firms and have their accounts retitled into their names as Trustees of the Trust.

Well, what about those annuities, life insurance policies, IRAs, 401-Ks?

So long as there's named beneficiaries, these are NOT probate assets.

So, to have the beneficiaries changed to the trust, seems to me to be a waste of time because those assets are probate-avoidance mechanism by themselves.

The second option I propose is to suggest that clients have payable-on-death beneficiaries listed on those assets.

Once that is done, there will not be a probate for those assets.

For many folks, the simplest approach is best and is the one that avoids probate just exactly the same as if they had a trust, but it costs very significantly less.

Is that always the case?

No. But often, having a will, when the clients' assets are in payable on death mode, is just what's needed.

Look. You should not base your estate plan on what your neighbor or friend does, or on what you are told at some seminar.

You need to sit down with your attorney and discuss your specific needs with her or him.

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## The sensitive joker who loved to roast

Anyone going to a Don Rickles concert, and sitting in the front row, was sure to be a target of his sharp comedy.

The audience was always the brunt of his jokes.

He said his liking for the late Jack E. Leonard and Milton Berle helped him decide the course his routines would take.

Don was not an official member of the "Rat Pack" but could be considered as an honorary member. He appeared many times with them on TV and in Las Vegas.

While appearing in a night club in Miami, Don spotted Frank Sinatra in the audi-

ence and began aiming his comedy at him. Frank was so impressed, he invited Don to come with him to Las Vegas and be on his shows there.

It wasn't long before Don became a superstar on his own, appearing nightly at the Golden Nugget in downtown Vegas.

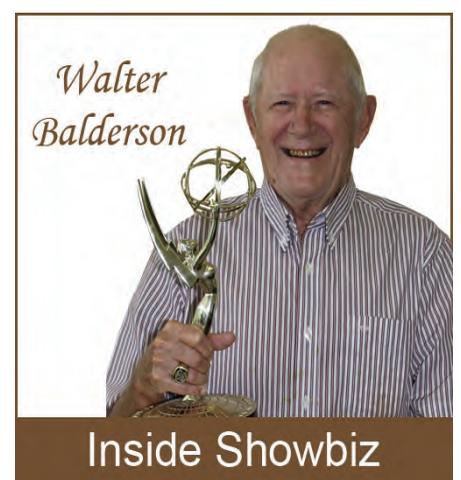
Bob Newhart said Don was known as "The Merchant of Venom," but actually he was the kindest, caring and most sensitive human I have ever known.

Don appeared on all the Dean Martin roast shows and was once the recipient of the honor.

Recently, George Noory, on his all-night show, had a medium as a guest that claimed he had made contact with Don on the other side. The medium, on one occasion, asked Don if he had met God. Don said, he had not seen God, but his presence was always around.

On another medium session, Don said Sammy Davis Jr. was there to greet him when he crossed over.

Don was born in Queens, N.Y., on May 8, 1926. He died on April 6, 2017, in Los Angeles. His estimated worth was more than \$30 million.



## Dave Combs gets third ace

Congratulations go out to Dave Combs for his third career hole-in-one.

Before the On Top of the World golf courses closed, Dave aced the Par 4, fifth hole on the 18-hole course. His shot was witnessed by Ed Hanson, Paul McMinn and Steve Caffey.

Check out the new online version of  
Nancy's Bulletin Board with  
daily updates - [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)

# Communication is key to staying social and finding things to do is key to staying active

It's certainly a new day as we live our lives under COVID-19 and the Stay-At-Home order.

Thankfully, we have continued to communicate on the phone (727-799-2734), have exchanged emails at [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com) and have traded information online at our new interactive Nancy's Bulletin Board.

Our conversations have never been more meaningful and, as always, you inspire me!

The online Bulletin Board, by the way, is located on the Box Office at [www.otowboxoffice.com](http://www.otowboxoffice.com) and it's updated daily. It includes helpful resources along with news and contributions from you.

Scroll to the bottom of the Bulletin Board page to leave me a comment (50 word maximum). If you have a longer message to share, please email me at [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com).

As always, our community steps up on every level during a crisis. This includes everything from following up on mandates to helping one another out.

I've learned you are working with hospitals to make face masks; participating in fundraising to provide meals for hospital workers; singing together but at a safe distance; and staying in touch with each other through social media, including our new online Bulletin Board.

By the way, have you noticed, the tele-



Events & Activities

phone is back by popular demand!

As always, you have found ways to stay active walking, biking and taking advantage of the additional aerobic exercise classes that are on OTOW-TV Channel 732 at 4 p.m.

Did you know that Master the Possibilities (MTP) classes are FREE through May, including low impact fitness classes with Cammy and Jessica that you can take any time from home.

Please see more information on the next page.

To register for any MTP class, you will need to email [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com) or call 727-799-2734 with your name, street address, unit number, telephone number

and class title(s).

If you want to take all of the classes, just communicate "all classes." I'll submit your registration(s) and you will receive link(s) in an email.

Some people may be struggling with loneliness and isolation. Please know that you are not alone and there are resources that can help you at no charge during this difficult time.

Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services are offering free one-on-one remote counseling until otherwise safe to meet in person.

This is free in-home counseling for anyone who may be experiencing anxiety, depression, substance use or other mental health struggles.

To get the ball rolling, you will need to complete a counseling referral form.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Meghan M. Harrigan LMHC - CRC at [Meghan.Harrigan@GCJFCS.org](mailto:Meghan.Harrigan@GCJFCS.org). You can write to her at 14041 Icot Blvd, Clearwater, FL. 33760. Her direct phone line is 727-479-1803 and her fax number is 727-450-7271. It is a confidential line that goes directly to an email and your application will not be sitting on a fax machine.

Sometimes talking is the cure.

Please visit Nancy's Bulletin Board to share good and helpful news which, hopefully, brings us a little closer during a time

when we must be physically apart.

## Message from Pinellas County Consumer Protection

Investigator/Outreach Coordinator Anna Marie Millet contacted me to warn residents of the latest scams during the COVID-19 crisis.

Thieves may try to steal stimulus checks and personal financial information. Residents are urged to remain vigilant for the following types of consumer fraud

- Anyone selling fake testing kits, treatments or cures for COVID-19.
- Websites seeking donations for illegitimate or nonexistent COVID-19 charities.
- Phishing emails from entities posing as the CDC or WHO, which may contain malware.
- Robo calls offering medical supplies with no intent to deliver.
- Websites claiming to provide stimulus funds when consumers input their bank information.
- Fraudulent medical billing for procedures related to COVID-19.
- Hoarding or price-gouging of necessary supplies.

For more information about local scams visit [www.pinellascounty.org/consumer](http://www.pinellascounty.org/consumer).

## Would OTOW residents support a farmers market?

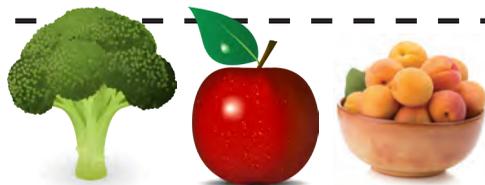
Here is a healthy living proposal for our Clearwater community: How about local, organic, fruits and vegetables, and other products, sold right on site at On Top of the World?

Over the past couple of years, OTOW has been tossing around the idea of bringing in a farmer's market. If the price was right, would you buy organic products right here in our community?

Would you purchase farm-to-table, quality, heat-and-eat meals at the Good Karma Café?

What about an occasional outdoor farmer's market?

Please take a moment to complete the survey below and submit to the Community Service Office or Activity Office by Sept. 1. Stay tuned for a follow up report in my September 2020 newspaper column.



### Farmers Market Survey

Answers to these questions will help OTOW assess the level of interest for a farmer's market as well as the products and services you may desire.

1. Have you ever shopped at a farmers market before?  
 Yes  No

2. How often would you shop there?  
 Weekly  Once a month  
 Occasionally  Seldom  
 Not interested in a farmers market at this time.

3. What products should be available for purchase at our farmers market?  
 Fresh, local vegetables  Fresh, local fruits  
 Eggs  Cheese  Maple syrup  
 Imported Olive Oils & Vinegars  
 Fresh cut flowers  Fresh herbs  
 Meats  Crafts  Homemade baked goods  
 Homemade jams, jellies and other local foods  
 Ethnic foods, specify: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What type of additional services offered?  
 Lunch or snack vendors  Arts & Crafts Vendors  
 Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Would you want to hear live music?  Yes  No

6. What days of the week would be the most convenient for you to shop at a farmers market?  
 Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  
 Thursday  Friday  Saturday  Sunday

7. What is the most convenient time of the day for you to shop at a farmers market?  
 Mornings  Afternoons  
 Mornings and afternoons

8. Where would you want the Farmers Market to be held on the property?  
 Held inside and protected from the elements  
 Held outside?

9. How would you like to be informed about the farmers market once it is established?  
 Newspaper  Television  
 OTOW Clearwater Website  
 Box Office Website  
 Doesn't matter  
 Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Would you like the Good Karma Café to sell some organic products and farm-to-table type heat and eat meals?

11. Do you have any suggestions that you would like to offer to the planning of a new farmers market? (use a blank piece of paper and attach to this survey with a paperclip)

Information About You (Optional):  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your cooperation. The information you have provided will help OTOW to determine the level of support for a future farmers market and also help us to develop a farmer's market best suited to the community's interests.

Please mail or deliver the completed survey to the Community Service Office or Activity Office, Attention Nancy Rogers, no later than September 1, 2020.

# Master the Possibilities

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**National Geographic Video-  
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Dr. Robert Ballard

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Esther Gokhale

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**Fitness on Demand:  
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Joan Vernikos

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**Course Fee: Free**

**Register Today!**

**Video links and passwords will be on your order receipt.**  
To register- email [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com) or call (727) 799-2734

**Give your Name, Class Title(s), Street Address, Unit #, Phone #, and Email Address**

Residents who register for classes will receive a confirmation letter and link to the class from MTP. All you have to do is click on the link and hit play. With the prerecorded MTP Fitness classes, there will be one additional step. Anyone who registers will receive a password in an email. You can retype the password by hand, but it will be a long password. You also have the preferred option to cut and paste the provided password and then hit play. If you have difficulty with cutting and pasting, Nancy Rogers will be happy to walk you through it. You can call her at 727-799-2734.

# Lambda Club board is a diverse group but gets the job done

By Bruce Lovett

Lambda, like most other clubs that contribute to the On Top of the World newspaper, has had to curtail their activities due to the current world situation.

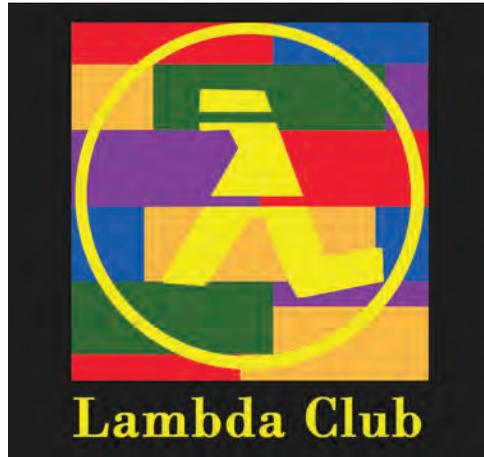
But by no means has that prevented the club from having fun.

Stealing a page from the press club, we had our first Zoom meeting in April. Close to 15 people, as well as a number of pets, attended and as we work out the kinks, we know the numbers will grow.

Subgroups have also emerged ranging from a writer's group to virtual cocktail parties.

Four of our members even watched the season finale of a T.V. show in real time so they could use the phone to conference call on speaker to discuss the ongoing developments during the commercials.

With little to report, this seems like a good time to introduce the Lambda board to our loyal readers. In reality our board has changed very little since the club's in-



ception more than 10 years ago - probably because all of our board members continually run unopposed. There really isn't anything to oppose.

We have two socials a month - one a pot luck and the other an activity night.

We do brunch most Sundays and our weekly blog accepts suggestions for any additional activities.

All members, as well as their neigh-

bors and guests, participate as they wish.

Dave Beaven is our beloved founder, president and CEO. And as if that wasn't enough, he wears countless other hats with a closet full of assorted headgear to prove it.

He comes with a social work background, which explains his ability to deal with a bunch of eccentrics.

Our newest board member is Jack Kilgen, our vice president. He is also Dave's vice president in life, so basically his job is to assist him or Dave would probably drive him nuts.

Jack comes with professional nursing experience and continually ensures our president's health so he doesn't have to take over.

And while the president may wear a ton of different hats, no one wears a sweater like Jack. He has one for every occasion and then some.

Bill Raymond, our treasurer, comes with a degree in accounting which makes him the perfect man for the job. His main

job entails making sure Dave has enough cash to buy decorations, stock the bar and buy holiday meats.

Bill is best known for both his wine contributions and his ability to whine. Both of which he does generously.

Last but not least is Gordon Collier, our secretary. Gordon was born with a hearing impairment and worked for the government for most of his professional life. Thus he does everything at his own speed and only hears what he wants to hear - invaluable traits in a secretary.

Well that's the board in a nutshell. They may be a little cracked but they are a great bunch of guys.

Should you have any questions about Lambda, a club that services OTOW's LGBT community and their friends and neighbors, visit our Web page://lambda-clearwater.blogspot.com, contact us by email at:lambda@gmail.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566. We are also on Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

## Italian-American Club hopes to resume in September

By Maryann Fontaine

The Snowbirds quickly flew up north and things got really quiet around here.

The Italian-American Club will not hold any activities in the East Activity Center until the start of our new season.

We have scheduled an Ice Cream Social for Oct. 14 from 6-8 p.m. Cost will be \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers.

On Nov. 20 our club will host Italian Pasta Night from 5-8 p.m.. Cost will be \$15 for members and \$18 for nonmembers.

Looking far down the road, here is what we have planned.

On Dec. 12 the Italian-American Club will host a Christmas luncheon at noon at Alfano's restaurant. This event is \$25 and is for members only.

On Jan. 20, 2021, there will be an Italian Dinner Dance from 5-8 p.m. The menu will include chicken marsala, eggplant parmigiana, meat lasagna, pasta and broccoli, vegetable medley, tossed salad and mini cheesecake. Cost will be \$18 for members and \$22 for nonmembers. Music will be provided by Denise.

On Feb. 5, 2021, our club will take a road trip to Tampa Bay Downs. Be there by 11 a.m. for the lunch buffet. Everyone will get a racing program and we will have clubhouse seating. Cost is \$25 for members only.

On Feb. 10 we will celebrate Chinese New Year with a dinner from 5-8 p.m. It's the year of the ox, but our dinner will be

### Italian American Club



something tastier. Stay tuned. Cost will be \$12 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

And on March 10, the Italian-American Club hopes to hold a picnic at the East Activity Center pavilion from 1-4 p.m. Food will be provided. Cost will be \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers.

This is my last article for the Italian-American Club. Please hold onto it as there may not be another article until next season begins.

I have really enjoyed writing for our club, but it is time for someone else to take over.

Italian-American Club ticket sales should resume in September, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. I will be at the information table, so please stop by and say hello, buy tickets and ask questions.

As the song goes, see you in September.

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# New officers ready when golf returns to Tuesday mornings

By Gloria Sayer

I would like to introduce the 2020-2021 officers for the Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association.

Sheila Meneilly, incoming president, is well on her way recruiting volunteers to chair committees and special events. The new president and her officers, Vice President Karen Beaver, Secretary Suellen Dowe and Treasurer Gwen Wyer are destined to have a busy year with all the golf and social events planned for 2020-2021.

The officers will take on their official roles June 1.

When we are actively playing golf, we have a very full calendar and it makes for a very enjoyable and fun time. I would like to invite any female resident, who is interested in joining our league, to please call our new membership chairperson. Her phone number is posted on the bulletin board at the golf course and posted on your building bulletin board.

Another way to join is to come to the golf course green house on Tuesday mornings, October through May, fill out a membership form, pay your \$35 dues and show your updated owner's activity card.

We welcome you and I know you will enjoy your time with all our members.

We are very fortunate to have a great group of women who enjoy the game of golf, socialization and respect for each

## Ladies 18 Golf

other. We golf every Tuesday, ladies golf league day, weather permitting.

Just to mention a few of our activities that might encourage you to join us:

- Oct. 6 our winter golf season is scheduled to begin.

- Nov. 10 we have shotgun golf scheduled, a general meeting and lunch.

- Dec. 2 is scheduled to be our league Christmas party at the Clearwater Country Club.

- Feb. 9, 2021, is scheduled to be the annual Jack & Jill Golf Tournament.

- Feb. 10, 2021, is scheduled to be a general meeting and brunch.

- March 2 and 9, 2021, is scheduled to be our club championship and handicap tournament, a two-day event with lunch.

- March 24, 2021, is scheduled to be our spring luncheon.

- April 13, 2021, is scheduled to be our Snowbird goodbye luncheon and general meeting.

- May 18, 2021, is scheduled to be our final league day of the 2020-21 season.

Of course, Tuesday is always ladies golf day. Our entire schedule is posted on golf course bulletin board and posted on



These are the new officers for the Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association. From left to right are Treasurer Gwen Wyer, Vice President Karen Beaver, President Sheila Meneilly and Secretary Suellen Dowe.

our OTOW Ladies 18-Hole Golf Website.

Once a month we have a fun game with a social hour immediately after and we offer golf clinics as well with a professional instructor.

Just for your information, being your president for the 2019-2020 season, it was a pleasure to work with such a marvelous

group of women. It takes many hands to have a successful year. As I look back, I can count 30-plus women who helped make this year a success. It truly does take a village! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Good Luck to our new officers. I have all the confidence in the world in you all.

# OTOW softball season ends with drama and post-season awards

By Bob Rittner

In our league, everyone plays the hero at some point.

## 2nd Time Sports 16 West Siders 13

Ahead 13-9, 2nd Time Sports appeared to have a comfortable lead.

Then, in the bottom of the eighth inning, Bob Rittner sliced a ball just inside the right field line and scampered home with a three-run homer for what seemed an insurmountable seven-run lead.

But the West Siders made it close.

A furious rally started with singles from Roger Martel, Bob Dembinski, Tara Gunning and Rick Champ. Bill Lepping capped the rally with a double and four runs were in.

2nd Time Sports' lead was dwindled to 16-13 when Don Marsden ended the game with a fine, defensive, running catch.

It turned out to be the last game of



A team photo was taken after the last game of the season.

the season.

In March, On Top of the World softball had our annual end-of-the-season party at Alfano's. After dinner we had some presentations.

The first presentation was to our senior players, those 80 and older. Dick Le-Tourneau presented them with pins and included a plaque with their names on

it. The plaque will hang in the 2nd Time Sports store. As players reach 80, their names will be added.

Phil Goodwin then did his annual presentation of "fun" awards to various players highlighting their peccadillos.

Laughter reigned.

Finally, Bob Rittner and Guy Bertuzzi presented our annual "Bertuzzi-Caputo

Spirit of the Game" award to Joe Maley, whose name was added to the plaque, also displayed in 2nd Time Sports.

The award honors players who have a fierce, competitive side to their game, but at the same time show respect and admiration for each other.

We represent a spectrum of abilities, but value everyone equally.

We closed with team Jeopardy, organized so everyone participates.

Our new season will begin in October 2020.

In the interim, for those suffering softball withdrawal, we play stickball on Friday mornings. We do not run bases, so if that is all that keeps you from joining softball, it should be no impediment to playing stickball.

For information about our league, call Lenny Segall (560-2620) or Bob Rittner (729-7970) or visit us on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com

# For first time in Canadian Club history, executive committee elected over the Internet



*Canadian Club*

By Connie Stanley

Hello to all our Canadian and American friends and members.

As promised in April, the Canadian Club is announcing its new slate of officers for the executive committee.

Amazingly, this committee was voted in over the Internet.

I have to say that electronic voting was a great tool during these uncertain times. We had to cancel our annual General Meeting on March 27, but we were still successful electing a new slate!

Of our many Past Presidents, I am so pleased to announce that Rollie Lapointe [2010-11] stepped forward as an interim vice president. Rollie is hoping someone will join and learn by his side so that you



Pictured above are newly-elected members of the 2020-21 Canadian Club Executive Committee. From left to right are President Connie Stanley, Interim Vice President Rollie Lapointe, Past President Ian Hunter, Registrar/Secretary Annmarie Haskell and Treasurer Ken Campbell.

can take over as president, from me, next season 2021-2022!

So, the board includes President Connie Stanley, Interim Vice President Rollie Lapointe, Past President Ian Hunter, Registrar/Secretary Annmarie Haskell and Treasurer Ken Campbell.

The club is sending out good vibes to everyone in hopes the start of your sum-

mer is healthy; happy and wonderful.

Special thanks and gratitude go out to all the volunteers who helped plan and arrange all of the events this past season!

Also hoping that we can all celebrate a Happy Canada Day and Fourth of July throughout our two beautiful countries.

Please email us your photos!

The Canadian Club is eagerly looking

forward to seeing everyone at Registration Night on Nov. 18 with Annmarie and her registration team at the East Activity Center at 6 p.m. Over the summer, please continue to follow us on our official Webpage (<https://www.otowcanadianclub.net/>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/otowcc/>) and the Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)).

## Eagle sightings



It wasn't hard to spot the eagle on the left. News Editor Doug Kates spotted this American icon when it stopped on his neighbor's rooftop in Safety Harbor while bringing home a fish dinner. After catching its breath, the eagle flew on to a nearby nest. Pictured above, Geri Jaeger spotted an eagle on the On Top of the World golf course. Maybe it was the same bird looking for another fish ... or a four-some. Bird watching can be a good hobby at this time.



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Residents enjoy themselves while practicing social distancing amid the nightly music of 'Mr. Fun.' In the past he has played for retirement homes and similar venues.

## 'Mr. Fun' appears nightly for your entertainment

By Elsie Paulan

Very special people live in the Granada Building, including Bill and Bella Houser. For the last month, they have entertained all of us with their music and fun from their back patio.

Each evening Bill plays on his Yamaha piano and sings while Bella might play the maracas while we clap and dance and sing along. It has been such a blessing for all of us during this stay-at-home period to have someone like Bill and Bella to provide joy and music and fun for us. Bill labels himself as "Mr. Fun," and that title certainly fits him.

Bill hails from Virginia originally. Bella is from Columbia, South America. They met in Denver in 1972 while attending an event with a young guru from India.

The knowledge they learned from that young man still holds with them today: joy and contentment. Each morning they are reminded of that and share it through their music with the rest of us.

They eventually moved to Clearwater. After several years in a house, they moved to On Top of the World in December of 2019 with their two dogs, Minnie the Moocher and Daisy Mae, who may be seen in the yard listening to the music along with the rest of us.

Bill played for retirement homes until recently, but continues to entertain all of us, thank goodness.

If we are still locked down, come and join us. We are at the corner of Florentine and Franciscan.



Bella and Bill Houser, known as 'Mr. Fun,' entertains the neighborhood nightly.

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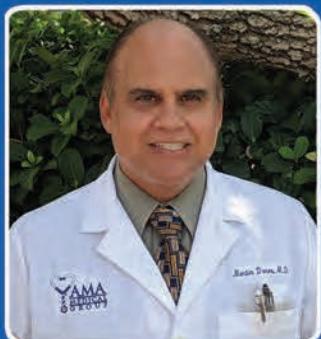
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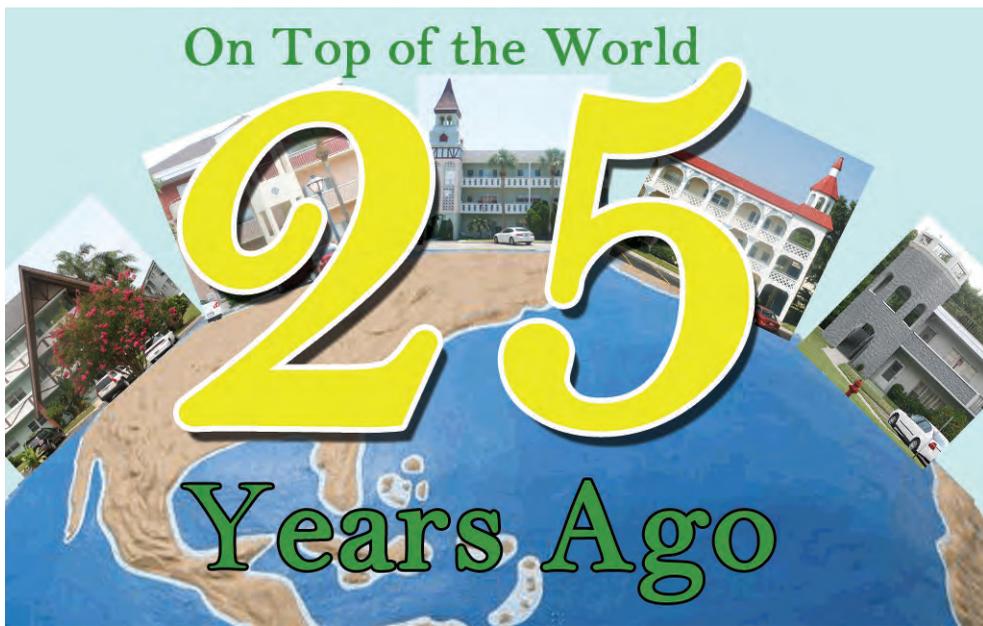


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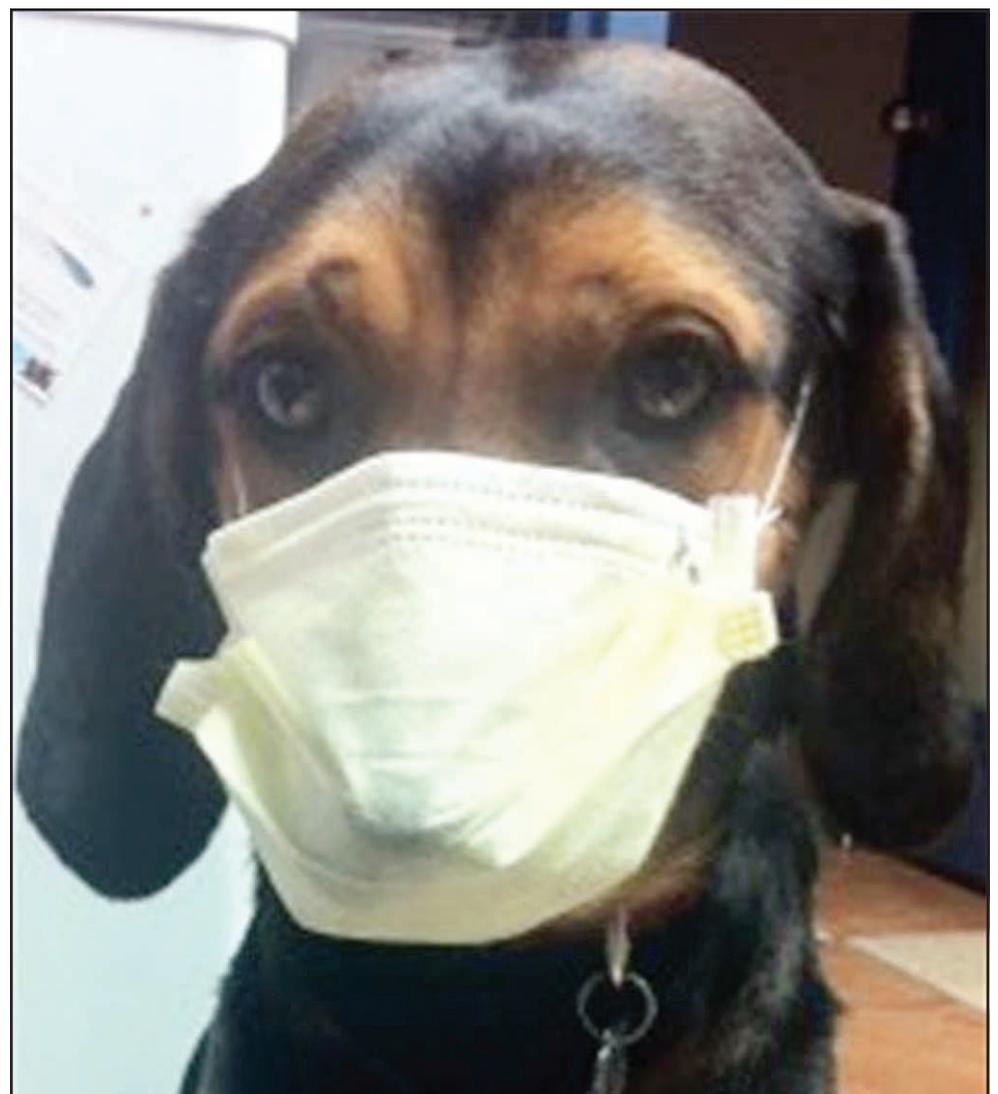
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**A look back at the OTOW News  
May, 1995**

- **Shriners Club:** Many Shriners living here during the winter months are now packing, getting ready to leave for the north. Want to take this opportunity to wish you a safe trip, and have a wonderful summer. Enjoy your grandchildren and your northern friends, and we will see you in the fall. The rest of us will be holding things together here and will be enjoying the May 2, 1995, Tuesday luncheon at Kally K's on route 580 (Dunedin's Main Street) at 11:30 A.M.
- **Jesters:** The annual installation dinner dance was held at the East Activity Club House on April 12, 1995, at 5 P.M. What a beautiful and delightful way to end our present year, after our successful show. It was hosted by our president, Al LaBrecque and his lovely wife, Marion. There were 165 members and guests in attendance. Installation of officers was made by Mr. Sidney Colen, done as eloquently as only he can do. We always enjoy his little stories and he certainly did not disappoint us this night.
- **Holes-In-One:** Nevin E. Fritch who has lived at the Siboney building for nine years had a hole-in-one on the 4th hole of the nine-hole golf course on April 12, 1995. It was witnessed by Charles Mittler and Jerry Grapolka. In the same month, Walter Hermann of the Roman Byzantine building had a hole-in-one on the 4th hole of the nine-hole golf course. It was witnessed by John Low, Larry Boyd and John Sicarli. Walter, who is 80 years young, has lived at OTOW for four years.
- **Tennis Club:** On April 3, about 64 Tennis Club members and guests, enjoyed a delicious dinner with all the trimmings at the Hilton Hotel on Clearwater Beach. Ann Talner, Fran Keegan and Katie Flattery should all be thanked for the great success of this affair. Tennis Club President Gene Salerni presented trophies to the men's and ladies' champions.
- **Melbourne Building:** There is a new reporter for Melbourne news. Since the building opened in 1979, there have been only two reporters, Mary Jane Gillespie and Esther Goldman. They have decided to retire to other pursuits. All of Melbourne thanks them for their years of faithful service. Now I'll try to carry on the tradition they started. Our building Captain, Rick Donnelly, takes his job seriously and is leading us, again, to an organized program.
- **Great Lakes Club:** The Great Lakes Club is a spin-off of the very successful Illinois Club, whose membership went far beyond that one state title several years ago. As suggested by its logo, the Great Lakes Club was originally conceived to represent those states whose shores touched the waters of the Great Lakes, namely, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, plus our neighboring country, Canada. Our current membership roster stands at 553.



'Chester Foy' stays safe during the pandemic.

(Photo by Lillian Foy)

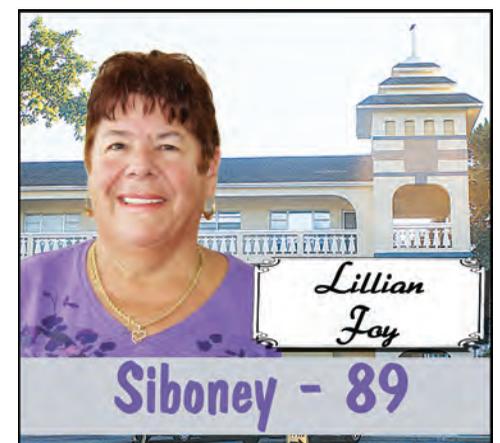
**Siboney residents help each other during lockdown**

The Siboney Building is holding its own, with residents staying inside their condos. Many neighbors are helping each other by taking them shopping or going shopping for the ones who are less fortunate.

A special thanks to Lyn Taecker for making some fabric masks and letting people know that she has them available for them.

Recently I heard from Cele Radeloff, who is now in New York living with her daughter. She had a cute story to tell me so I will share. A friend of hers put a map of the world on the refrigerator, called his wife in, gave her a dart, told her to throw it at the map and wherever it lands he would take her there for two weeks after the virus is over. She threw it, then said "Looks like I will be spending two weeks behind the refrigerator."

Many teachers are now working from home and teaching their own children during this pandemic. One teenage son had enough and asked his mother "How do I transfer to another school?"



Many neighborhoods in On Top Of the World are coming outside of their buildings and standing six feet apart and singing "God Bless America" every night at 8 p.m.

At this time we are not sure when our next building meeting will be, but as soon as things are back to normal we will post events on the bulletin board.

Please stay safe. Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers.

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# Featured Villa Riviera couples: one from each side

This month we will be spotlighting two different couples from the Villa Riviera Building. One is from the even side, the other from the odd.

First up is Fran Barker and Carl Christianson. They have lived in the building for six years. For the first four and a half they lived on the third floor before moving to a ground level unit so both their older dogs could have closer access to the outdoors.

Fran truly lives up to her historic namesake: Ma Barker. She is strong-willed, fiercely independent and lets nothing stand in the way of taking care of her family. Fortunately for us, her biological children live up north and she has made the residents of Villa Riviera her adopted family.

She is the driving force behind our monthly birthday celebrations, holding them outside her corner unit in good weather and organizing the core during bad. She and her other half set up chairs, hang decorations and even supplied a heater for our Christmas party.

And if that wasn't enough, whenever something unusual hits, Fran puts her nimble fingers to her sewing machine and gets to work. During the coyote scare last year many of the dogs in our building could be seen sporting original Fran designs that had sharp studs set in the collar



or sweater.

Currently, she is making facial masks from old t-shirts in response to the current situation.

When Carl is not helping his better half, the former cinema owner/projectionist/film historian can be seen sitting outside enjoying a good cigar. Of course he will be wearing an original stylish smoking bib!

Moving from old-time residents to new, we have Linda Pregonzer and Joe Salzano. They bought their unit at the end of Snowbird season in April of 2019. They got some renovations started before returning north.

During the summer they decided



Villa Riviera featured residents Linda Pregonzer and Joe Salzano show off their snazzy new Slingshot three-wheel vehicle.

to sell their New York residence and in September came down here and made this their permanent home. Linda says, "We are very happy to be here in OTOW. Great neighbors and plenty of dogs for my Marley to befriend."

Aside from interior renos, Linda

and Joe have improved the outside of our building as well. Not only have they had their front patio redone and put out a couple of very stylish planters, they have spruced up our parking lot with a sharp-looking new car. Their Slingshot really adds a touch of class to the joint.

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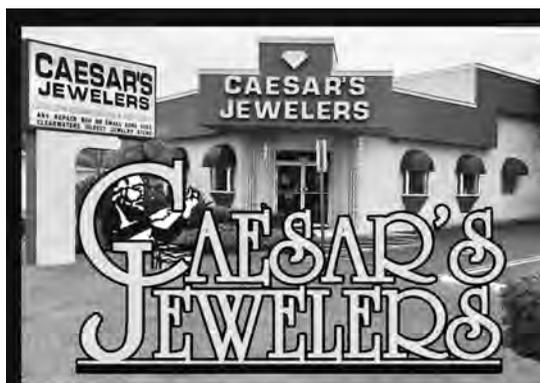
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# You can still line dance at 90

By Hope Tera

Do you ever feel the urge to kick back and binge watch Netflix?

I'm betting that thought has never occurred to Ron Huber, a fellow On Top of the World resident and an avid line dancer.

Ron is involved in many activities, both onsite and off. So it might surprise you to learn that on March 12, Ron celebrated his 90th birthday.

Yes, you read that correctly.

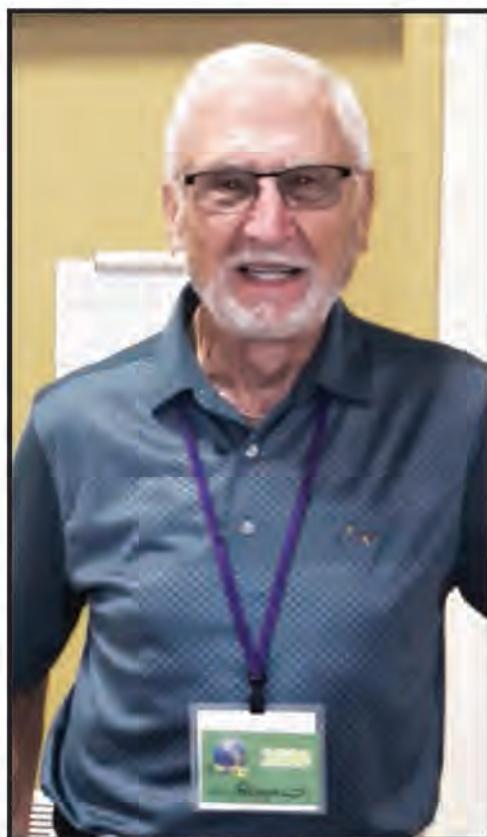
OTOW line dancers couldn't wait to celebrate Ron's birthday. During line dancing on Tuesday, March 10, Margaret Letourneau welcomed Ron onstage, where he led the group in doing the Bikers Shuffle dance. It was a hoot.

I tracked Ron down, in search of his secret to a long and healthy life. Here is what he told me.

Ron has packed a lot of life into his 90 years. He spent his childhood near Schenectady, NY. There, he and his wife raised two sons and a daughter. After he retired, he and his wife spent about five years traveling cross-country. They chose to settle down at OTOW, after being Snowbirds in Palm Harbor for several years.

What I first noticed about Ron is his positive attitude. I don't think I've ever seen him without a smile. He's always up for a good time and gladly lends a hand.

When asked how he got into line dancing, Ron explained that he started with Ed and Dolly Foland's Snowbirds Line Dancing Club in 2010. He got hooked quickly, and even marched/danced in the St. Pat-



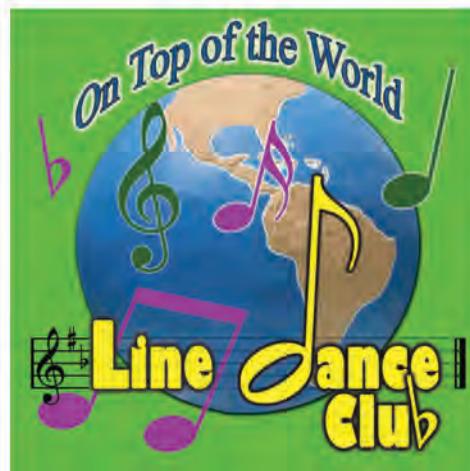
Ron Huber

rick's Day Parade that year.

He said line dancing gives him a good workout, he enjoys socializing with the other line dancers, and he has a great time on the dance floor.

In 2019, Ron also joined the OTOW Line Dancing Club.

When his wife passed away in 2013,



Ron chose to stay active. In addition to line dancing, Ron is passionate about golf, bowls on a league in Dunedin, plays pickleball (won a trophy in a recent tournament), enjoys billiards and ballroom dancing, and can often be spotted at the gym and the pool.

Physical fitness is a priority for Ron, as well as staying close with family.

In addition to his three children, Ron has two granddaughters. His children, grandchildren and friends had planned to come here to visit in April. They were all set to spend a fun week together at a house he rented in Orlando, but life had other plans.

I asked Ron what remains on his bucket list.

After thinking for a moment, he mentioned skydiving. But he was quick to share that he has already done a type of

indoor skydiving (iFly), twice.

Here's to a great decade ahead. We'll check in on you again for your 100th celebration.

Looking to become more active and discover a new passion? We hope that you will consider joining the OTOW Line Dance Club.

We will help you keep your mind and body alert and active. We are very fortunate here at OTOW to have a number of talented and devoted line dance instructors, who provide many opportunities to learn how to line dance.

For you early risers, when life returns to normal, basic instruction will begin to take place again on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7 a.m. in the East Activity Center Exercise Room. In addition, we have recently introduced an EZ Beginner Line Dance Class on Tuesdays at noon in the EAC auditorium.

On Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m., you are welcome to join our regular line dancing sessions, which usually last about two hours. We focus the first hour on more basic dances, the second hour we try more challenging dances.

We encourage you to stay as short or as long as you'd like.

If you are a bit shy or uncertain if line dancing is for you, our club has posted dance-at-home videos on OTOW-TV, channel 732. Why not give them a try, and then decide if you'd like to join us. The videos are on five days a week at about 11 a.m.

## Home sweet safe-at-home

Shelter at home. What an opportunity! Clean out drawers and closets. Catch up on reading. Sit out in the sun. Call people you have on your 'meaning to do' list. The possibilities are endless.

I'm so much more relaxed now that I'm not dashing around to keep this or that appointment, meeting, or activity. Now that we're not eating out several nights a week, I've resurrected my old recipe box and am amazed at all of the dishes I once produced.

My husband, Marshall, spends his days playing guitar, writing, and catching up on reading books which have been languishing on the shelf. He loves putting his chair out on the walkway and soaking up the rays.

Cheryl Butcher is gardening again, which gives her much pleasure. She's also deep cleaning and rearranging the furniture. In addition, Cheryl is sewing masks for local hospitals and could use quarter- or eighth-inch elastic. Please see her if you have any old elastic from the waistband days.

Bill Gipperich is doing the cooking these days on his outdoor grill. Steak kabobs, mmm!

I found an unused coloring book



from when that was the thing, and busy myself filling in the lines. I'm also entertaining the neighborhood on the piano, reading a lot, playing games on my iPad, and catching up with friends and relatives on the phone.

In other news, Joyce Day celebrated her 86th birthday last month, and Marshall Greenman turned 85 on April 10. Congrats to both!

Donna Weaver, our Canadian neighbor, made it home safely on March 23. Eva Politanski continues to work at Mease Countryside Hospital. Let's keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

In closing, let's all try to keep safe and healthy

## Sights to see from the Granada building

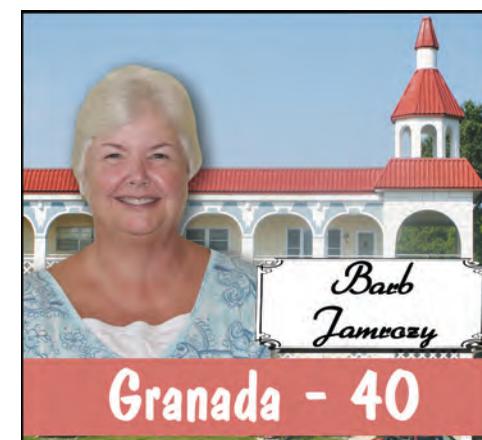
I've been taking walks most days, seeing what is going on around our building. We have music from back patios, puzzle making, reading, coloring and relaxing.

Some of the days I have seen a visitor that makes quite a bit of noise but does not pay to live here. It's about 12-14 inches tall, red head, and likes to make holes in our trees. Yes, it's "Woody the Woodpecker!" I remember cartoons about him from when I was a little girl. I even remember some of the song.

Beautiful bird, however, the damage that is done to our trees is sad to see. The song says, 'he pecks a few holes in the trees to see if the Redwood is really red.'

Palm trees are his trees of choice around here, although his current home is not in the trees, but in a utility pole along the nine-hole golf course. He made a large hole that he can fit into.

I've also seen armadillos walking on



our sidewalks along the parking lot and then go into a burrow under the patio of one of the units here.

I am enjoying relaxing on the patios and just watching what is around me. Lots of butterflies, birds, squirrels, lizards and of course, our resident woodpecker. Take time to see what's around you – you may be surprised.



# Some Easter traditions live on, even for 66 years

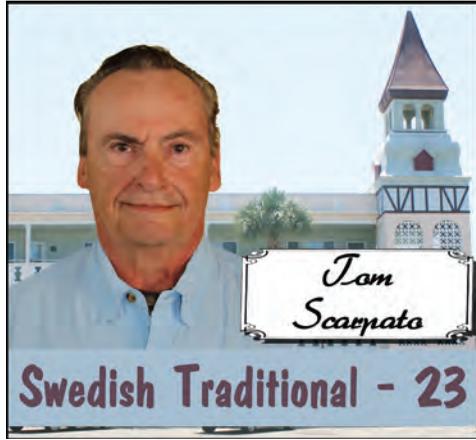
What a month it has been. My wife has been busy cleaning out my desk and our closets. She is anxiously looking forward to the end of the pandemic so she can go to the Salvation Army thrift store to find treasures others have cleansed themselves of. Oh, happy days ahead!

Our building accepted Charles Whitaker's challenge of supporting our country by singing God Bless America at 8 p.m. nightly until the pandemic is over.

While our building residents were singing, cars stopped on the side of the road, walkers stopped and neighbors from other buildings joined us. At times I accompanied with my guitar or harmonica. Several other buildings also sang to show their patriotism. Channel 8 recently did a short segment on our community during their 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. broadcasts.

On Easter Sunday, Dave Gabbard, a friend of neighbor Joni Raycroft, shared with us the inspiring words of the Resurrection, which reminded all of us of much needed hope, love and grace, especially during these times. Thanks, Joni.

Some traditions of this season never



seem to die. Jenny Uniectis wore her Easter bonnet out on the walkway on Easter morning. Jenny has been wearing it every Easter for the past 66 years! The bonnet is as beautiful today as it was when her mother bought it for her way back in 1954. Jenny was featured in a 1974 newspaper article about her and the bonnet, including a glamorous photo of her!

Remember social distancing, obeying speed limit signs, and using turn signals are all meant to keep us safe and healthy.

Swedish Traditional resident Jenny Uniectis models her Easter bonnet, the same one she has been wearing at Easter for 66 years. (Photo by Chris Scarpato)

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# Englander residents find a variety of ways to keep busy

I've got a song in my head and can't seem to let it go. It's one of the things that seems to be driving me crazy lately. Here are the words: "Getting to know you. Getting to know all about you. Getting to like you. Getting to hope you like me."

It's been a month or two so far of washing hands, using sanitizer, wearing stylish and not so stylish face masks and reuniting with the inside of our homes and housemates. I used to say I didn't have the time to clean my own home, now I realize that wasn't the real reason after all.

In my last column I wrote that our Englander family loved events that bring us closer together. This was not what I was thinking about when I wrote those words; but we are resilient, and here are some things that have kept us occupied.

Cecile Springer has upped her routine of walking her dog, Teddy. I actually heard Teddy tell her to go it alone this time or take a break and work on another word game on her phone.

Chickie Brophy is anxiously awaiting to see and hold her newest great granddaughter, born a couple months ago, and joining a three-year old sibling. While waiting, she's given up jig-saw puzzles and has now become an avid reader.

If you happen to need something



to keep yourself busy, let me remind you that it is spring cleaning time. We did such a great job cleaning up the storage areas last year, so why not take this time to tidy up your storage areas, mark each item with your name and condo number and remove all paints, furniture and of course any flammable materials.

We are fortunate to have a music director in our building. While churches are closed in the state, George Algozzina has been creating music videos to be used for online church services. Next door neighbor Sharon Noel has been assisting and is now considering a new career as cinematographer. I've seen her work and it is quite good.

We have also joined the many residents here in the On Top of the



Residents enjoy nightly singing near the Englander building. (Photos by Terri Mikszenas)

World community who sing each night in support of our amazing first responders and health care professionals. Our Swedish and Switzerland Way intersection and large cul-de-sac create the perfect area for social distancing. George Algozzina set up an outside speaker and accompanies us with his singing and organ music.

All are welcome, so why not join your fellow neighbors at 8 p.m. each night as we sing "God Bless America" for hope, love and joyful living.



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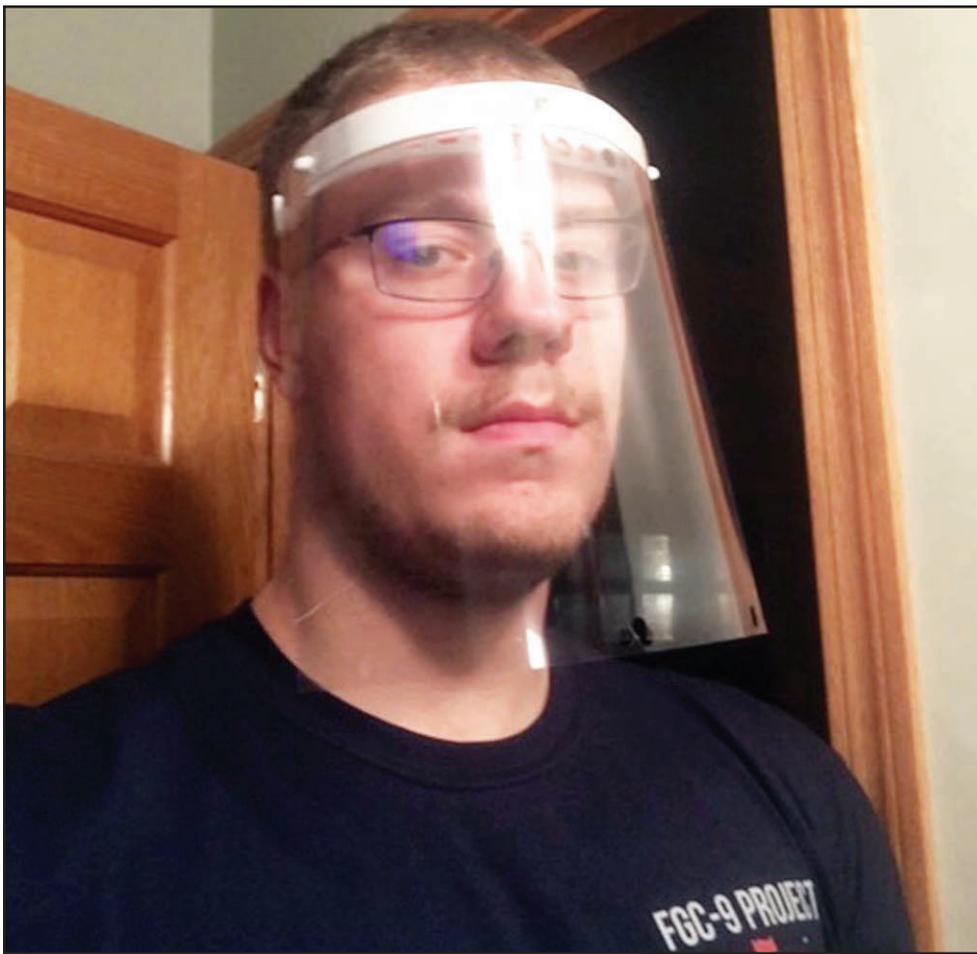
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Flanagan Waldherr, grandson of Ted and Jan Soltys, 3D-prints face shields for health workers.

## Grandson of OTOW couple 3D-prints face shields

French Renaissance I Building Snowbirds Ted and Jan Soltys of Elmhurst, Ill., are proud of the efforts of their grandson, Flanagan Waldherr, during the Covid-19 crisis that we are now in.

Flanagan, a junior physics major at Amherst University in Massachusetts, bought a 3D printer and, since April, has been making face shields for personnel in need of them.

The first recipient was his cousin Grace, a first year nurse in Denver, then her fellow nurses, followed by a pharmacist friend of his mom's, her associates, and anyone else in need. It takes him more than five hours to make each mask, in between



his online classes. A big thank you and shout out to Flanagan!

## Looking to restart building luncheons in the fall

Aloha from the Polynesian Building and welcome to spring!

Actually, it feels like summer has accelerated this year. April and May are usually so lovely, with gentle breezes and low humidity and yet, here we are in the upper 80's and low 90's. The humidity is guaranteed to make your hair temperamental so early in the season!

It had been so delightful earlier this year having our building residents get together at various restaurants and chew the fat, so to speak. Several of the old guard attended regularly. Lots of folks who moved here just in the past few years were also in attendance.

We plan on continuing the trend of dining out monthly with the residents having chosen places by a vote, beginning again in the autumn.

The Friday afternoon meet and greets around the flag pole on the Brazilia side are still taking place and will probably wind up once the heat gets to blast furnace level. Just remember



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to minimize group size and to practice social distancing.

Our Polynesian Building is looking lovely with the seasonal decorations on rotation. The bulletin board is festooned with garland and the doors and mail boxes have some lovely things attached. It sure puts a smile on my face as it does many of my neighbors. Thanks for stepping up to handle this, Antoinette!

Until next time, Mahalo, and be well one and all.

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# Three kinds of salmon and all are available here in Florida

On Top of the World residents live in a seaside area and we have a huge variety of seafood to choose from for our meals.

Shellfish and fish of all kinds are readily available. But one of my favorite seafoods is salmon.

There are three kinds of salmon:

- Wild, alias Pacific, is deep pink in color. Some species are Chinook, Sockeye, Pink, Chum and Coho. It has a firm texture and is very meaty and is available in the late spring to early fall.

- Farmed, alias Atlantic, is raised on farms primarily in Norway, Scotland, Chile and Canada. It is naturally gray, but dyed pale pink. Its taste is soft and buttery, available year-round.

- Scottish Wild, alias Scottish, comes from wild seas and rivers in Scotland. It is rich pink with a white fat compound called Astaxanthin. The texture is meaty and full of natural oil.

All of the above salmons can be purchased at Jansen's Fish Market on Douglas Avenue in Dunedin (across from the new Nature's Patch Grocery). Yes, Jansen's remains open now.

One of my favorite hobbies is to first research and then visit meat and fish markets in this area. Jansen's is my very favorite seafood stop. It was highly recommended by a friend, and now that is my go-to place for seafood. It looks like just a garage, but they have a great variety and the workers are very knowledgeable and friendly.

My wife, Cheryl, and I prefer the Scottish wild salmon, which I cook to 120 degrees in order to retain moisture. I always cook farmed salmon to 125 degrees, at which point its flesh is firm and silky. But wild varieties taste dry at this temperature.

I always grill salmon outside when I cook it at home, but you can also bake it. Spread a salmon filet

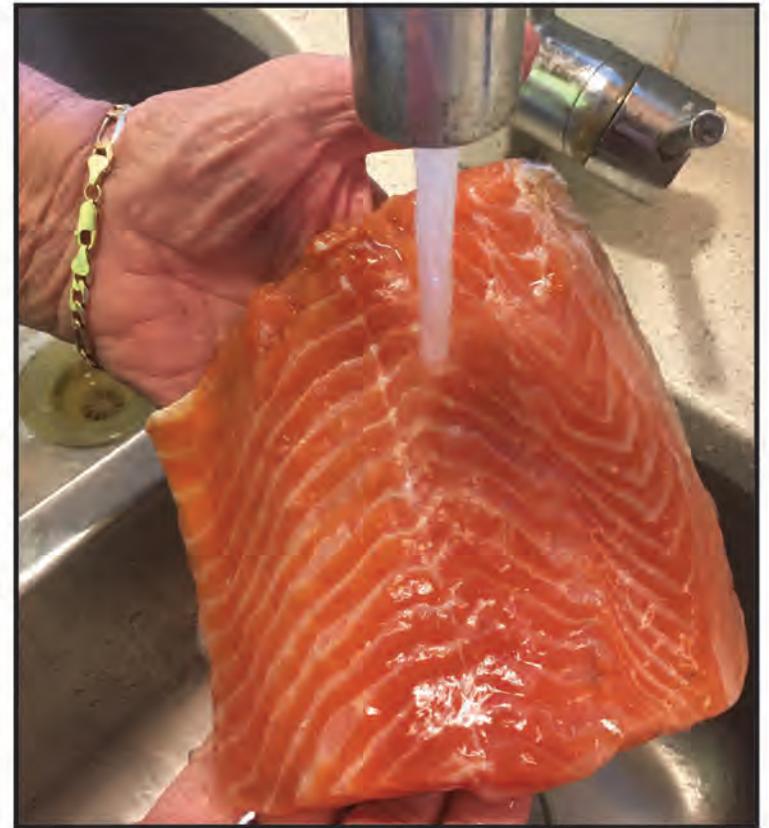


with dijon mustard, broil for approximately 10 minutes, pull it out of the oven, top it with crushed potato chips, and return to the oven for 15-30 seconds to crisp the chips.

That is an easy, delicious and unexpected dish for a dinner party. Salmon is a red meat and, like beef, can be cooked to medium. Try it that way instead of well done. You'll see the difference in moisture and taste.

I particularly enjoy Gravlax (cured salmon) layered on a bagel with a smear of cream cheese and a slice of red onion. I make gravlax at home. It is a fairly simple process, but it requires patience since it takes four days for the salmon to cure. And my favorite breakfast is eggs, gravlax and onion all scrambled together.

Last year my wife and I visited Ireland and Scotland and had the opportunity to sample the fresh salmon available there. To this day I remember the breakfast I had at a wonderful hotel we stayed at in Killarney, the Loch Lein House, overlooking Lough Leane. The owner personally presented me with a beautiful plate of scrambled eggs and onions wrapped in slices of smoked salmon. I'd go back there again just for that meal.



Who can resist the pink color of fresh salmon.

The Butcher Block is back, but this time around, Tom Butcher is going to share with you stories reflecting his own travels around the world. We're not going to share mouth-watering recipes with you, but try to motivate you into discovering your own new world of exotic foods as well as homeland cooking techniques and secrets from abroad.



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# 89-year-old belts powerful solo versions of patriotic songs

Barbara Rice

Robert Reis has spent a lifetime inspiring and motivating many people, in many ways, in many places.

Some of us first met Bob when we came together for nightly singing of "God Bless America" at the Viennese Building during quarantine days. Making the way up the street was not easy for the 89 year-old, but his voice was beautifully strong. Each heartfelt word resonated on Ecuadorian Way. He added inspiration to an already emotional tribute.

Others have shared his friendship for many years. A deep thinker, Bob brought friends together for thought-provoking conversation when he retired to On Top of the World. He started the Philosophy Club around 1995. Not long after, he also started the Bible Study group.

Topics were sometimes controversial. He had a gavel he did not use. He recalls just one very heated discussion. Two fellows almost settled it with fists. "I was across the room and in between them in a split second," Bob mused.

Yes, Bob Reis is a United States Marine Corps veteran. Duties took him to the Korean War. A land mine explosion sent him to the hospital and tragically

claimed the lives of other servicemen.

Orphaned at a young age, Bob was nurtured and educated by the Catholic Church. He graduated from Iona College, where he also taught classes. The motivator prepared monks for their commitment.

Bob became a Brother in the Catholic Church. Always thinking, he pondered some policy changes. His persuasive proposals, some making their way to the Pope, were successful. Franciscan Sisters recognized him for creating flexibility in the number of years required to serve. In later years, Bob was the first Catholic Co-member to be granted a lifetime covenant.

Inspirational writing pinnacled during his career as an executive with Gibson Greeting Cards in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bob worked hand in hand with a dear coworker and friend, Helen Steiner Rice, known to many in the literary world as "America's beloved inspirational poet laureate." Expressive poems graced artistic cards. A Helen Steiner Rice card was special to receive and often got tucked away in a keepsake box.

The two masters of thoughtful words worked together to publish many inspirational books of verse authored by Rice. Nearly seven million copies have



Members of Bob Reis' family lend a helping hand as he prepares to sing "God Bless America" during the nightly group singing at the Viennese Villa Building. Left: Robert Hall, middle: Robert Reis, right: Joshua Owens.

been sold. Bob's personal collection consists of first printings with Rice's personal inscriptions penned to him. His

mementos include letters and poems she wrote to him, authored as beautifully as her publications.

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# Neighbors keep their distance while singing along nightly

A new tradition has begun here at the Villa. Every evening at 8 p.m. we stand outside and sing patriotic songs. Residents of our sister building, Americana number 24, have joined in.

Following the singing, Americana plays "Proud to be an American." We are getting quite the following. Even seen on WFLA-TV. Everyone seems to be following safety guidelines. It's marvelous On Top of the World is such a lovely place to walk or ride a bike and enjoy the out of doors.

April sure fooled us. Maybe May will bring flowers with good fortune for everyone.

Eric and Jan Catinchi have moved to Miami to be with Jan's mother. We shall miss them and their darling granddaughter who occasionally visited. Have yet to meet the new neighbors.

Sue Cheetham has a new kitty, Tara, a lovely tiger, formerly of Punta Gorda. She seems to love her new home here at the Viennese Villa.

We had house guests from Maine for a short while They enjoyed their vacation, however they left a little early. Was fun seeing them, if only briefly.

OTOW is catching. Family members visited us a few years ago, loved OTOW and recently bought a place here. They are looking forward to spending winters



away from New Hampshire. They are a lovely couple and will be a welcome addition to their neighborhood on Australia Way West.

Our sidewalks here at the Villa were recently power-washed. Looks grand, as does our building.

Since none of us are doing much driving, it maybe a good time to have the chariots' oil changed, or a general going-over.

Kudos go out to Chris Tuttle, who is a Publix hero, as they are called. They keep us well stocked with needed supplies.

Neighbors helping neighbors at OTOW — it truly is an outstanding place to be. Thank you again to management



The balconies and parking lot of the Viennese Villa building was the scene as residents and guests wave flags and applaud the singing of patriotic songs, an event repeated for a number of evenings. (Photo by Barbara Rice)

and all the employees for keeping our lives as pleasant as possible in these strange times.

A big "thank you" to the newspaper staff which is doing a herculean task getting our paper out with limited help.

Donations were taken at the Americana Building to fund restaurant

meals for first responders. Most of us at the Villa drove by and donated. Was quite the scene. Very thoughtful.

That's about it for this month. Anniversary and birthday greetings to all celebrants. Any news fit to print, send to fresca@maine.rr.com. Be safe.

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## Entertainment Committee will remain inactive through August but hopes to have some canceled events back in 2021

By Marvin Flam

As the Coronavirus emergency and the closure of the East Activity Center continues, the On Top of the World Entertainment Committee has canceled all its shows, dances and Sunday Meet-and-Greets scheduled through Aug. 31.

The Entertainment Committee is carefully monitoring the situation. As soon as it is feasible and safe to proceed with events, and the East Activity Center is reopened, the OTOW Entertainment Committee will advise you regarding the rest of the 2020 schedule.

The Entertainment Committee wishes to assure all who have purchased tickets to canceled events, including season ticket holders, that you will be able to apply that cost to tickets for future events or request and receive a refund.

You will be required to submit the purchased ticket for the canceled event. Further instructions to follow.

Giving refunds will be available as

soon as the Entertainment Committee is able to resume its scheduled activities and events.

From the very beginning 50 years ago, the Entertainment Committee has brought professional entertainment to OTOW's East Activity Center Auditorium at a reasonable cost for OTOW residents only.

The entertainers have performed in other venues throughout Florida, on cruise ships, and in entertainment centers like Las Vegas, Branson and Atlantic City.

We expect to resume doing this when the emergency is over.

For your enjoyment during this time of social distancing, and until this Coronavirus emergency has passed, please note the following:

Please check out the new interactive "Nancy's Bulletin Board" on the OTOW Box Office Website ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)). It's been up since April.

Nancy updates it regularly and it's full

of community resources and helpful tips.

Please also visit [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) for important health updates and how the virus is effecting our community.

The sold out "Elvis Tribute Show," which was presented by the Entertainment Committee back on Jan. 30, is currently being featured on OTOW-TV, channel 732 at 8 p.m. on May 1, June 1, July 1 and Aug. 1.

In other words, we are going to start out each new month on a positive note and this we will give everyone something to look forward to.

This is an opportunity to see this wonderful show again or catch it if you missed it!

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When this Coronavirus emergency has passed and it is safe once again to resume the great activities available here at

OTOW, the Entertainment Committee will resume its remaining 2020 schedule.

The Entertainment Committee is also booking events for the 2021 entertainment schedule, which will include bringing back some of the canceled shows and dances from this year, along with new and exciting ones.

When we resume activity, tickets will be on sale from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays in the EAC auditorium. For information call (727) 449-9243 or email: [entcom2014@gmail.com](mailto:entcom2014@gmail.com).

You can view scheduling information on OTOW-TV channel 732.

Information is also on bulletin boards in the East Activity Center, the West Activity Center and on your building's bulletin board.

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# Shelter in place still allows for some fun

The migratory song birds have flown the coop, but we still have the puddling of ducks, the party of jays, the colony of ibis and our covey of Snowbirds.

Due you know what we have not said “bye-bye birdie” to all of them as some have had to delay their departure which is sad for them but very glad for us.

Many of our friends are still here. Even though all activities are at a standstill, chatting with a neighbor on a front patio is the norm for now, making for better friendships, and we all are getting better acquainted these days.

Walking, doing puzzles, reading and just waving down the hallway is a common occurrence. Being outdoors has been the best sheltering in place and taking a walk around the complex has added benefits.

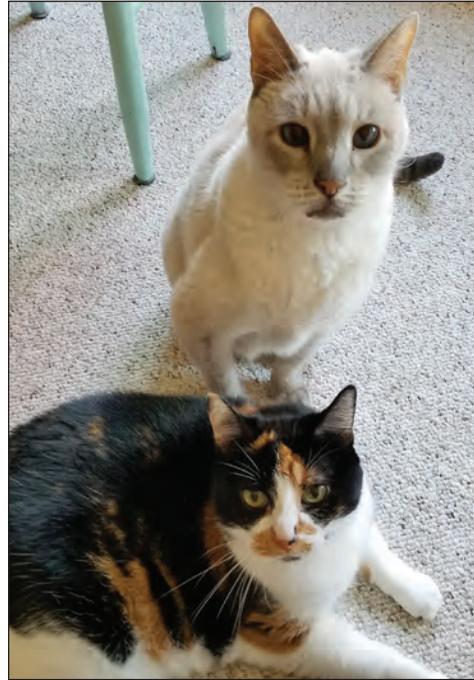
“Mr. Fun” entertains us from his rear patio some evenings. What a great way to while away the time with music and dancing in the grass. See page 25 for a story on him.



Needless to say, our March parties came to a screeching halt and thus no parties have been planned for the duration.

We are looking forward to next fall when things have gotten back to normal (whatever normal is).

Take care of yourself, smile and wave to a neighbor. Using the phone or emailing are ways to check up on each other and to let our families know we are fine.



Charlie and Midge find it ‘purr-fectly’ fine to stay at home, but they say social distancing is for the birds.

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# OTOW Change of Address Form

Please return completed form to: Management Enterprises, Inc, PO Box 771029, Ocala, FL, 34477-1029  
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Signature of Owner Requesting Change

Date



If you wish to make any other changes to your association records, such as email address or phone number changes, please feel free to enter that information on this form below:

*(This headline is not a misprint)*

## Theater Workshop spring show will take place in December

By Laurie Fischer

Theater Workshop is very excited to announce that our postponed spring show, "50 Golden Years" will be performed at the East Activity Center auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.

Anyone who has already purchased tickets will be able to use their original tickets. For others, tickets will go on sale Mondays and Thursdays starting in November.

We are very excited to celebrate our 50th anniversary with you!

The Board of Directors is in the process of choosing a musical and directing team for March 2021. Further details will follow in the On Top of the World newspaper. Stay tuned!

If you are interested in performing in next year's show, please join the Theater Workshop Club and get ready for another exciting year.

Memberships for Theater Workshop will be available starting in September on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30



### Theater Workshop

a.m. at the East Activity Center information table.

Auditions for next year's show will be in early December with rehearsals set to begin on Monday Jan. 4. Rehearsals will be held every Monday and Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m. The show will run from Friday, March 12 to Sunday, March 14, 2021.

Have a safe summer!

## Jesters 2021 show will feature music from the 1960s and 1970s

By Evelyn Flam

The new Jesters board is now in place and ready to help make this year's 42nd anniversary musical variety show full of the fun and excitement that represents the best of Jesters' shows.

The board members are President Marvin Flam, Vice President Mike Woods, Treasurer Lillian Foy, Assistant Treasurer Lyn Taecker, Secretary Mary Lou Wall; Assistant Secretary David Berman, Past President Susan McMullan and the show's director and writer team Pat Sprouse and Evelyn Flam.

The show is titled, "BAM!" and will present a variety of Baby Boomer-age music from the 1960s and 1970s. It's scheduled to be performed the second weekend in February 2021.

We're already receiving suggestions of updated songs for older Boomers to use. Here are a few: Olivia Newton John's "Let's Get A Physical," Herman's Hermits' "Mrs. Brown, You Got A Lovely Walker," Marvin Gaye's "Ain't No Burrito Mild Enough," The Bee Gee's "How Can You Mend A Broken Hip" and Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Olde."

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### Jesters

for residents who want to have fun being a part of our musical variety show, whether on stage as actors, comics, dancers, musicians and singers, or behind the scenes working with costumes, props, set designers or movers.

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# At Rila Renaissance, 'the eagle has landed'

To the residents of Rila Renaissance and others of our generation, the phrase "the eagle has landed" immediately takes us back to the 1960's and NASA's Apollo space missions and the first man stepping on the moon. However, on the waning afternoon of March 27, that phrase took on a new meaning.

That afternoon, several people were out walking dogs and a couple of people having conversations while social distancing by the nine-hole golf course. Suddenly, a bald eagle swooped in and landed on a telephone pole on the Finlandia side of the course. I was out on the walkway in front of my unit getting some fresh air and missed the experience because of trees in my sight line.

Jim and Marianne Shery told me about the sighting and our building captain, Gerri Jaeger, captured a photo of the sight of the eagle posed regally atop the pole (see page 22).

When I lived in the Charlotte area of



North Carolina, the state was building a bypass around the city and found that in the more rural areas the excavating of the land disturbed the rodent population. So the state brought in several varieties of falcons to naturally get the rodent population under control.

To accommodate the falcons' needs for aeries, the state and contractor

constructed platforms atop the power poles being installed along the interstates route. Soon, those of us traveling along the interstate could see nesting materials and the falcons on their high perches.

That got me wondering if there were any live cams of eagle nests in Florida.

Guess what: there are. I decided to visit my search engine and typed in "Florida live eagle cam." The results brought up several live cams. One, right now available, shows a pair of fluffy new chicks in the nest. While I was watching, one of the parent eagles swooped in and began feeding the chicks.

I now click in every day to watch for a while and see how the chicks are doing. If you want something interesting new to do every day I can certainly encourage you to visit this site, or perhaps some of the other zoo or wild animal cams that are now available. A little searching on the internet can provide hours of fun for you and your family.

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2. Local owners may also obtain applications for their tenants from either the Community Service Office or the On Top of the World Real Estate Office receptionist.

3. And lastly, a written request must include building number, apartment number and address of the apartment. Requests must also include a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope for return mail. Mail to the address listed below.

Mail or drop off all applications to:  
On Top of the World Activity Card Department  
2069 World Parkway Blvd E  
Clearwater, FL 33763



updated June 2018

## Temporary Cancellation of Bible Study Club Meetings

The club usually meets Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. Due to current national and local health safety concerns and the need for social distancing, these meetings will be cancelled until further notice.

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. For more information, call either Bob Reis, (727) 772-3119 or Woodie Tully, (727) 399-1773.

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## AAA DRIVER'S SAFETY COURSE CANCELLED FOR MAY

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[www.otowboxoffice.com](http://www.otowboxoffice.com)



## Brittany Farmhouse building

(Submitted by Ute Scheibe) If there would be a competition for who has the best, the prettiest messaging board, I'm sure Brittany Farmhouse would win. One of our residents, Jane McIntyre, volunteers to decorate the board with talent and creativity for each month, season and special holidays. Everybody enjoys her works of art. To show our appreciation, it's time to give her some nice flowers and a gift card to compensate for the material she purchases out of her own pocket. We hope Jane doesn't get tired of doing this fantastic job for all of us.

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# New booklet will help beginners learn how to line dance

By Ed Foland

The Snowbirds Club is in recess until mid-October as many residents have migrated back north.

Exciting travel and entertainment plans are well under way and will resume next October when we start our 12th year.

For now, Ed Foland, with help from his wife, Dolly, has been developing a course to teach the basic steps of line dancing to first time dancers. He calls it "Ed's Twelve Step Program" for dancers who claim to have two left feet.

Pat Martel is a graduate of Ed's class and she volunteered to take information taught in the classes and prepare a booklet to hand out in class. The information will also be sent to other dancers and instructors upon request.

Pat says, "I had never line danced before I came here, and everything I learned I have learned from Ed and Dolly."

Pat now enjoys dancing with Dolly and the Snowbirds Club as well as the OTOW Line Dance Club.

The booklet is entitled "Learn to Line Dance" and it is not for the dancers in Dolly's Snowbirds line dance classes. It is for the people that would like to be in her classes, but have not learned the basics of line dancing. The booklet covers the basics and only the basics.

Ed has gotten a lot of positive feedback on his class, but is quick to point out that its success is due to the efforts of a lot of volunteers.

In the beginning, three club officers



- Jan Springer, Dale Stackhouse and Jan Soltys - brought their non-line dancing husbands to Ed's class.

The wives continue as teaching assistants in Ed's class and the husbands continue to come to classes even though they graduated three years ago.

The dances are fun, a good form of exercise and help with balance issues.

Debbie Mayo and Sue Pall are the early rising volunteers who show up at the East Activity Center around 7:30 a.m. to assist with preparing for the class and to welcome new dancers.

Once classes start, they assist with teaching.

Ed's 90-minute class is broken down into three 30-minute classes.

The first half hour class starts at 8 a.m. and the focus is on 12 basic steps of line dancing. The steps are taught by their name and are the only steps used in the dances in the second and third half hour segments.

The second half hour starts at 8:30



Pictured above are Snowbirds Club line dance instructors and assistants (left to right) Debbie Mayo, Ed Foland, Jan Soltys, Sue Pall, Leila Walker, Margaret LeTourneau, Dolly Foland, Dick Stackhouse, Dale Stackhouse, Jan Springer and Hope Tera. (Photo by Doug Springer)

a.m. to practice easy dances choreographed by Ed. They do not contain any turns.

Dick Stackhouse is the DJ for the classes. Jan Springer is well known in the line dance community as Ms Hulu Hands. She starts the class by leading the dancers as they practice their foot work. The dancers who have learned their foot work then learn to move their hands and do sign language as they dance.

Dale Stackhouse and Jan Soltys join Debbie and Sue on the front row to assist in leading the actual dances.

The third and final half an hour starts at 9 a.m. and is for practicing dances with turns that use only steps learned in the first half hour.

Many of the beginners say they are

coming to class to learn the Electric Slide. It is the most popular line dance at parties and wedding receptions. It has been replaced by Hula Hands as the most popular dance at Snowbirds Club line dance parties.

This last half hour is well attended as it is also the warmup for Dolly's two hours of classes where she teaches popular fun line dances to the experienced dancers.

You can also learn to line dance in the comfort of your own home by watching line dance class videos on OTOW-TV channel 732 at 1 a.m. The new booklet will make it easier to learn to line dance from home.

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## Help protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

Within the past few years, On Top of the World residents featured in this newspaper have been contacted by phone claiming that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers.

However, the phone calls were a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork over large sums of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere — not just at On Top of the World.

If you get a call claiming that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information. Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious and you think it may be a scam, call the police.

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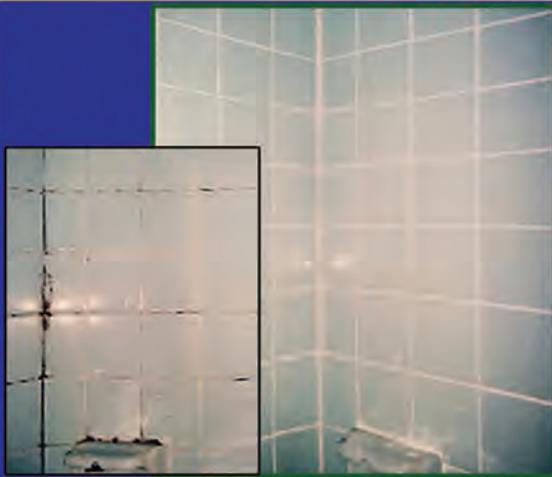
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