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## Italian-American Club ends spring season with ice cream, fruit and a chocolate-layered cake

### Italian American Club



By Will Peterson

The Italian-American Club is happy to say that our spring events were very well attended and we had 67 new members participate in the enjoyment of food, entertainment and socializing.

On April 13, an Ice Cream Social took place in the East Activity Center and it was the last event for our season.

There was a lot of ice cream with fruit and chocolate toppings, and there was a decadent chocolate layer cake.

It was truly an afternoon delight!

Martha Gonnellas gave a season-ending farewell speech and thanked everyone for supporting the Italian-American Club at a time when everyone was trying to get back to normal routines.

We can honestly say our members enjoyed our club activities for the winter season and left with a sweet taste in their mouths.

We are pleased to let you know we already have plans prepared for the next fall/winter season.

It's sad to take a break in May, but we are excited for October to return.

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, from noon to 3 p.m., the Italian-American Club will host our Fall Picnic at the Pavilion. We will be serving sub sandwiches, salads, cookies, soda and coffee. Bring your own beverage if you choose. The cost will be \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members.

On Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 5-8 p.m., we will host our Pasta Dinner/Dance in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Dinner will be catered by Mama Felice, who will be serving ziti marinara, meatballs,



Above, Martha Gonnellas and Renee Ingrassia serve ice cream to customers Patsy Erkenbrack and Marie Orlando. Below, Dorothy PaPorta makes a special delivery. (Photos by Howard Wolff)

sausage and peppers, salad and pastry. Coffee and water will be provided, but you can also bring your own beverage. There will be a disc jockey and the cost is \$23 for members and \$26 for non-members.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. -2 p.m., we will host our Christmas Luncheon at the Countryside Country Club.

There will be a choice of three entrees including Mediterranean chicken, citrus Rosemary salmon or braised beef and short ribs, plus salad, ice cream and coffee.

The cost will be \$38. Due to limited seating, it will be members only, so you will need to purchase your tickets as early as possible.

Remember, the Italian-American Club is open to anyone who lives at On Top of the World. Our only requirement is that you must have a valid Activity Card.

You can find us every Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Volunteers to help at our table are always welcome.





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The 2021-22 On Top of the World Chorus performed several patriotic songs during its spring concert in April.

## Chorus returns after two years with a patriotic dedication to America

By Sylvia Rieder

With the stage decorated in red, white and blue stars, the On Top of the World Chorus returned with a live show in April - the club's first concert in two years.

Appropriately, the annual spring concert was a tribute to America - exactly what the show was supposed to be about in the spring of 2020, but was canceled because of the pandemic.

After two years off, chorus members were glad to be singing again and the audience was proud to sing along.

We thank everyone who attended and showed their support. We love singing music about America and hope you did too.

The concert was a repertoire of fabulous music the chorus sang with pride. Joining chorus was Freemont Ogle, a retired pianist who taught choral music for 46 years in several high schools.

Today, he keeps busy as an accompanist for several local groups, including us.

During practices leading up to the concert, we all had to behave like his former high school students. We were also dedicated to our "homework."

In case you missed the 2022 chorus spring concert, you will get another



### Chorus

chance Memorial Day weekend. From Friday, May 27, through Monday, May 30, the show will air again on OTOW-TV channel 732 at 7 p.m.

In the comfort of your own condo, you will get to sing along to such songs as "God Bless America," "America the Beautiful," "This Land I Love," "Stars and Stripes Forever" and many more.

And for a bonus, TV fans will enjoy a piece put together by the 2020 Jesters, which featured Director Pat Sprouse reciting a dedication to our beautiful country. Many people did not get to see Pat's dedication, but OTOW Chorus has given special permission to rebroadcast it as the second to last performance in the spring concert video.

Then, when Pat's segment is finished, the TV version takes you right into the chorus concert's grand finale - the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Please sing along while you watch your television sets!

If you get Spectrum cable, you get OTOW-TV. Use your remote to tap 732. Do not use the up and down arrows.

After the OTOW Chorus' spring concert, members enjoyed a celebration dinner at Duff's Buffet.

New officers were announced as follows:

Marilyn Zystra, president; Sylvia Rieder, vice president and reporter; Kelly Lewis, treasurer; Pat Martel, secretary; Barbara Mooney, member at large; Dana Garlick, publications; Faith Beebe, librarian and historian; and Remo Melucci, stage manager.

OTOW Chorus members were also proud to march in the 2022 Irish Club parade back in March.

After a summer break, our chorus will reconvene at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20, to begin preparations for the annual holiday concert.

There were only two male singers in the spring concert. Chorus would like to



Piano player Freemont Ogle and soloist Chris Norris prepare for the spring concert back in April.

at least double this number for the holiday concert. We desperately need men who can sing and read music.

We could also use some more ladies. No auditions are required.

Don't be shy. Come and join us and have some fun. We have a great group of music lovers.

**2022 Chorus Spring Concert, May 27-30, 7 pm, OTOW-TV Channel 732**

# TV, Internet and phone deal will modernize

## Cable and Internet Update

A special Board meeting was held on April 7 dedicated to the issue of selecting a cable and internet provider for the community.

The Board unanimously voted to enter into an agreement with Summit Broadband for both cable TV services and high-speed internet, delivered via high-tech fiber directly to each condo.

We believe strongly that this decision is in the best interests of those in this community as it provides the best services available at the best pricing available. This is an important step towards modernizing our community and improving the quality of life for all of our residents.

For background, after fruitless negotiations with Spectrum over both price and terms of a bulk agreement, the cable working group determined that the proposed Spectrum form of contract was very problematic for the Association. The Board then sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to a number of respected communications consultants to provide search and negotiation services to the Board in order to find the best provider for our community.

Chasen Gill of PropRevs was identified as the best of the best and was engaged by the Board, working with the Board to draft specifications for bulk services and seeking proposals from qualified vendors.

It became evident that the two largest and most experienced companies were Spectrum and Summit Broadband.

Chasen took over negotiations with both on behalf of the Board.

Spectrum negotiated on the fiber exclusively, and then came back with a proposal for "enhanced broadband."

On further examination, this turned out not to be fiber at all, but the same old aged coaxial cable currently in place but with an enhanced communication software.

The committee rejected that as not meeting the bid specification.

Spectrum then came back with a modified proposal that shifted an unacceptable amount of financial risk related to the cost of a fiber overbuild to the Association. This would put the Association and every unit owner at significant financial risk.

It was at this point that the committee recommended working exclusively with Summit on a fiber solution. Their proposal was very straight forward and helps propel the Association forward with light speed fiber services and a top of line programming offering.

The April 7 meeting was well attended by more than 350 residents. Many questions were submitted by residents in advance of the meeting. This was very useful as it helped Summit frame their presentation and allowed all questions to be addressed, if not individually, then by content of the question.

It is not surprising that any change, especially one as impactful as this, draws some skepticism.

Also addressed was Summit's proposed work plan and schedule to have the



Chairman

maximum number of condos connected by November of 2022.

It is worthwhile noting that Summit has its own inhouse contractors to execute the installation. I believe this provides the Association with a more direct path to the timely completion of the installation phase of work.

While this process took much longer than any of us initially expected, I firmly believe – and your entire Board agrees – that the agreement we have reached is in the best interest of all of our residents and the community as a whole.

We are excited for work to begin!

Finally, during the April 7 Board meeting, the question was asked what is the Board going to do with the "door fee" the cable vendor will pay to the community?

Before answering, I launched into a critique of what didn't happen in the recent State legislative session. Notably, the absence of the passage of legislation dealing with the structural integrity of condominiums in Florida.

There was no distance between the State House and Senate over the need for a dedicated reserve established by each condominium community specifically to address the required structural inspections and any necessary repair work needed to be made (if any) during the structural inspections.

Long story short, the legislature failed to pass legislation because neither House nor Senate could agree on the requirement for each condominium to fund said structural reserve.

The House wanted condominium Boards to impose a mandatory assessment against all owners while the Senate took a more nuanced approach of allowing the Board of a condominium to obtain a bank letter of credit to cover the needed reserve (and by extension, any repair work).

This topic will be revisited in the 2023 Legislative Session, but it is a very good bet that a requirement for condominiums to have a mandatory Structural Reserve Account that cannot be waived like the reserve for paving, painting and roofing can will be adopted into law.

So, on the question of what to do with the "door fee" of approximately \$1.9 million, Board member Guy Woolbright proposed that the payment be funded into a Structural Reserve Account

to be established by the Board. This is a reasonable and responsible proposal that funds the new reserve without any special assessments to residents.

I want to especially thank the consultant on this project, Chasen Gill, for his guidance through the search and selection process to locate the best fit provider for this community.

Very special mention goes to two of your Board members, Chuck McAllister and Guy Woolbright, for their work in narrowing the selection. Their wisdom and patience helped drive the process along to a successful conclusion

## Upcoming Projects

With the arrival of the month of May, historically speaking, comes the last month that drier air remains in place before the summer humidity takes over.

If that holds true again in 2022, the painting contractor will be focusing much of their efforts on rear waterproofing projects.

The structures slated for mid-April through the end of May involve the rear facades of Buildings 86, 87, 85, 82 and 76.

After that point, the contractor will switch back to front façade projects for the summer season.

As with each project, notices are posted in advance of the work advising building occupants. Please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or property. Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect 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 the painting contractor moves throughout the property, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors.

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect.

Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner.

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

## Construction, Roofing and Large scope projects

The next railing improvement project on the calendar for 2022 will start at Building 87 in May.

As with all other community railing projects, a licensed contractor will effect the complete removal and replacement of

the aluminum components in the end and center core stairwells of this structure.

The improvements are estimated to be complete in 3-5 weeks from the start of the project.

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

As with all other improvements, please exercise caution in the areas where this work is taking place.

The roofing improvement schedule for 2022 has been a tough one to predict with all of the supply chain issues plaguing that industry (as you've no doubt noticed in many industries). Preparing for the worst, the projects at Buildings 58 and 55 were both started and completed in late March and early April.

As I put together this month's work update article, we have a commitment that Building 46 will see the contractor arriving and installing a new roofing system. It is still entirely possible that the remaining project at Building 53 may also be started before June, though we are awaiting word that this will in fact be the case.

Management keeps a very good check on all the many buildings in this community and their condition, as well as the distinctive architectural elements on the buildings. As it turns out, some decorative elements are at the end of their functional life. The people who built some of these elements are no longer on this world and finding crafts people capable of building the exact replica are few and far between. Creating an exact replacement or replica may be incredibly costly to fabricate in the same materials or newer structural class of plastics. In such cases, the decision is to remove anything lacking structural integrity and keep as much of the sound structure in place to preserve some architectural uniqueness.

I mention this because Building 26 is one of those buildings that has very complex tower elements that have held up really well through numerous summer storms, tropical storms and even a few hurricanes over the last 45 years, but can no longer be saved or rebuilt.

The very labor-intensive process of removing the end-stairwell ornamental tower features began in April and should be completed in May, as further work may need to be performed to dry-in and weatherproof the top of the tower structure properly.

Bulletins will be posted advising of any future work dates. This particular work requires the use of aerial lift equipment and may require the temporary relocation of resident vehicles to allow for a safe and unobstructed work area. For the safety of all, please avoid active work areas.

## Inspection Services Division

The Management Company would like the community to know that it has resumed enforcement efforts regarding walkway floor mats in second and third floor balcony walkways.

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# community and improve quality of life

Being that these are common areas and fall under life-safety code, as well as community standards, residents are being asked to remove their mats and relocate them to the inside of their units if they wish to keep them.

Many of these mats are not rated for exterior use are beyond their useful life, and some units have multiple mats stacked upon one another which can cause walking hazards for others including first responders moving through these areas.

The mats also present a challenge when it comes to walkway maintenance and the new floor coatings that have been applied throughout the community.

If you receive a door hangar or friendly visit from a compliance representative, please kindly remove your door mat from the common area. Any door mats left after notification and the 7-day response window will be removed and disposed of. Your cooperation in keeping this a safe community for all is highly appreciated.

The Management Company is also reaching out to unit owners who have overplanted, or planted invasive or unapproved plantings, at the front and rear of their units to let them know that they are out of compliance with community standards.

Many plantings, such as areca palms or thorny plantings, are not neighbor nor maintenance friendly and may exceed height limitations for the area (please see your Associations rules; community standards for alterations or additions to the common area; 5 – Modification standards; M – landscape, for more details).

Units that are out of compliance will receive notification of the matter shortly before landscaping crews arrive to correct the issue.

Dependent on the conditions, residents may incur a fee if this is a repeat issue or plantings were installed that were originally denied via modification request.

Please understand that these controls are in place to keep the community aesthetically pleasing and safe for all.

As a reminder, residents are required to seek association approval for any alteration to the common area. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

## Recurring Reminders for All Community Residents

Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to the second and third floor walk-

ing 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 buildings' bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work.

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

The 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 at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community.

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

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

The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by

the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

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

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the Management Company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community. The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

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

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

The Management Company would

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

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most recurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

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

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice. Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hangar. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

## Correction

A correction regarding "Heroes Among Us" in the April 2022 edition of OTOW News. Mention goes to both Jan Jankowski, who first started CPR, and to Diane Bigelow, who got the AED device from its mount before Richard Pilego joined the effort and began his assistance.



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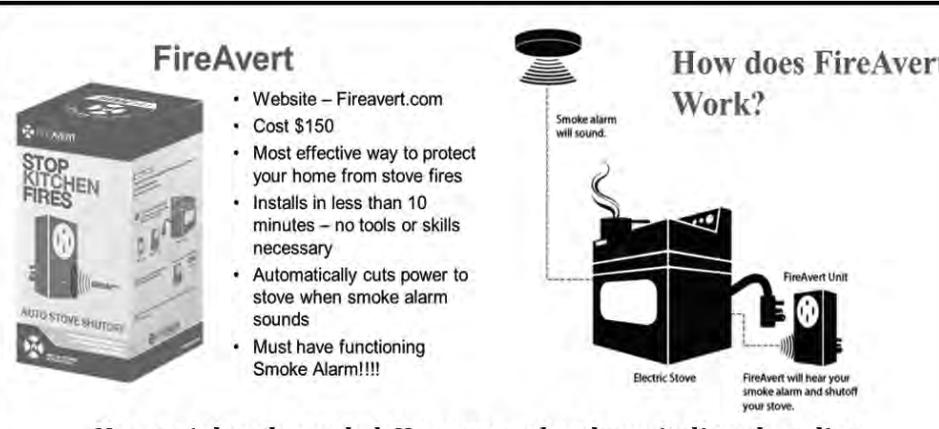
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Roxie just celebrated her third birthday in March. She is a Miniature Goldendoodle that lives full-time in Building 42 at On Top of the World. Her owners are Joan Walton and Tim Carr. Roxie loves everyone she sees and loves all the attention she can get from her neighbors. From her favorite window, she loves watching all the walkers, bike riders and workers here at OTOW. Like any of us, however, she doesn't like getting wet when she goes outside in the rain!



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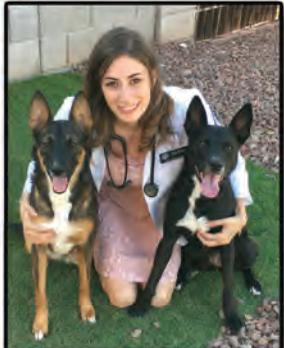
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East Activity Center Ground Floor



East Activity Center First Floor



East Activity Center Second Floor



West Activity Center

**East and West Activity Centers Room Maps**

**EAC Pavilion Park Grill Map**



Pavilion Park

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# Press Association presents Dave Hart with crystal globe as a thank you for 15 years to OTOW News



Dave Hart accepted a position at On Top of the World News 15 years ago as a temporary employee.

He had so much fun, he didn't step down until last December.

The On Top of the World Press Association thanked Dave for his 15 years of service during the annual Appreciation Dinner for the newspaper staff last month at Philippe Park.

After starting out as a temp, Dave was promoted to permanent part-time. When Editor Doug Kates came on the scene in 2008, Dave was given the title of assistant editor. His duties included creating the third section of the newspaper each month (the Buildings section), handling all the financial records, including advertising check deposits, and keeping track of which advertisers were going into each edition of the newspaper.

Dave could have retired at any time, but said he enjoyed the people he worked with on the Press Association staff and he took great pride in helping to publish a first-class newspaper each month.

Doug, Dave and the press staff went on to build 160 newspapers together.

But finally, at the end of 2021, Dave wanted to spend more time traveling and visiting grandchildren. He finally stepped down to relax.

Fran Fairfield, from the Press Association, raised her arm at a monthly meeting earlier this year and said "we have to do something for Dave."

A collection was started and the club purchased a crystal globe that was presented to Dave at the dinner last month. The engraving on the globe stated "Dave Hart, 15 Years, OTOW News."

A round of applause followed.

The annual Appreciation Dinner takes place once a year for newspaper staff members who contribute to at least three newspapers and attend at least three staff meetings.

At the April event, 30 staffers were invited.

The Press Association holds eight monthly meetings each year. Each is about one hour long. All anyone has to do to qualify for the dinner is attend three of those eight meetings, which actually adds up to three hours per year.

"Our Press Association meetings are



just as important as writing stories for the newspaper," Doug said. "At the meetings, we plan future newspapers, we discuss new ideas and I can help residents become better writers."

Currently, staff meetings are 1:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. Staffers are going to be asked to take a survey to see if this is the best time to meet.

Doug is hoping 50 people will qualify for the Appreciation Dinner next year, but to reach this goal, more staffers have to attend at least three meetings.

At this latest Appreciation Dinner in April, staff chef Tom Butcher provided a treat for everyone. For three hours he slow-cooked stuffed pork on two Philippe Park grills.

Doug handed Tom a bag full of vegetables and he magically grilled the assortment into a delicious side dish.



At left, Dave Hart receives a momento from the Press Association for 15 years of service to OTOW News. It is a crystal globe with the OTOW News logo engraved.

Above, our own chef, Tom Butcher, prepares stuffed pork on one of the grills at Philippe Park. Below is his vegetable creation and the food line it created.

(Photos by Mary Lou Wall  
Tom Butcher  
and Doug Kates)

President Yvonne Courtney provided salad, dessert and tablewear. Secretary Rose Pietrogallo paid for the Philippe shelter as a gift to the Press Association.

The next Press Association meeting, and first of the new season, will take place 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5, in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room. All active staffers are invited and this will count as one meeting toward your 2023 Appreciation Dinner requirement.

At the meeting, Doug will notify the staff if the current board plans on running for office and if anyone else has requested to run for an elected position. Currently, Yvonne is president, Rose is secretary and Edwina Schick is vice president.

Anyone who wants to run for one of these positions must send an email to Doug by May 4. If an election is needed, it will take place on the Press Association website and results will be announced in June.



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# Knitting Group is mask free again and a very happy bunch

By Cheryl Butcher

What a wonderful thing!

After two years of isolation, we finally gathered for an On Top of the World Craft Fair.

The Knitting Club was thrilled to be able to participate and we thank the Good Neighbors Association for organizing it.

Our Knitting Club was very pleased with the turnout and we were able to sell a good number of our handmade articles and add to our treasury.

Thanks to everyone who also stopped by just to admire the workmanship and give their best.

As you can see from the photo, we are also pleased to see that our membership is recovering from the pandemic. Several of our members, who stopped coming because they did not like to wear masks, have now returned. They are prolific knitters and crocheters so we are happy to have them



**Knitting**

back in the fold.

And we lost our beloved Pauline Segall to an assisted living home, but she has not stopped creating her beautiful granny square afghans, which her daughter brings to a meeting.

Don't forget to check out the Knitting and Crochet instructional videos available on the OTOW Box Office. Go to [www.otowboxoffice.com](http://www.otowboxoffice.com), click on the yellow ball of yarn, and open the videos. We'd love to hear your comments, too.

If you have an interest in knitting or crocheting, we would love to have you join us



There is one obvious thing missing from the picture above - masks! Members of the Knitting Group are back in without wearing masks again and as a result the number of knitters and crocheters is increasing. We are a happy group again and you are welcome to join us.

in the Crystal Beach Room on Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m.

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates un-

der the auspices of the Good Neighbors Association.

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# Celebrating 50+ Years ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

## The ultimate '60s experience returns on May 12

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Well, well, well, what can I say ... other than the Entertainment Committee had another sold out show.

"The Beach Boys Show" featuring the Shindigs sold out on April 21. The concert featured songs such as "Help Me Rhonda," "California Girls" and many more, which brought back a lot of memories for all of us.

The evening was full of laughter and many of us were singing along to all those favorite songs from our youth, which wasn't that long ago, right!

The Over the Edge Band performed for us at our April Showers Dance. This was the first time this band performed here at On Top of the World.

Our annual Spring Bonnet Contest was very exciting and there were many beautiful, creative thoughts put into these hats.

Winners of the contest will be announced in the June newspaper and possibly a photo of those winners.

Now it is time for everyone to pull out your tie-dye shirts, dresses or whatever!

Our next show is on Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. featuring '60s music from Yesterdayze.

This is Rock 'n Roll for the soul!

The music is from the decade that had a big impact on our society. It remains in play today, from radio to television advertising, and, unlike other modern music trends, it never goes away.

Sixties music has certainly had a lasting influence on all of us – the musicians who lived it and loved it ... and still do.

Yesterdayze will take you on a magic carpet ride through some of the greatest music you've ever heard.

Be sure to purchase your tickets ahead of time as our shows have been selling out.

Our dance this month will be on May 14 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Our theme will be "Sweetheart Dance" featuring the Boomer Band.

This group performs around the area and many of our residents follow them. So



bring your sweetheart for a fun evening of dancing, meet your neighbors or make new friends.

Dances and show tickets are reasonable and at a fraction of the cost charged elsewhere for the same entertainment.

Shows are \$20 and dances are \$10.

Our shows and dances are reserved table seating - bring your own beverages.

Remember we will try to accommodate your party, so get your friends together and reserve your table(s).

The Entertainment Committee has reduced the number of Sunday Meet and Greets due to scheduling conflicts. Our next

Sunday Meet and Greet will be on June 26 at 2 p.m.

There will be horse racing again in June since it was a success in March. We plan to change a few things to make it a little more interesting, so save your money and get ready to place your bets on your favorite horse and jockey.

New Year's Eve dance tickets are on sale now so get your friends together to reserve your table. The earlier you purchase your tickets the better chance you have of selecting the table you want.

This is our biggest dance of the year and we are always sold out. Cost of tickets is

\$30 per person.

Don't forget to stop by the Entertainment Committee information table on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10:30 a.m. to purchase your show and dance tickets.

We have pamphlets that list all our shows and dances that will help you plan ahead.

Remember you can purchase several show or dance tickets in advance. You don't need to purchase one at a time or wait for the month of the event.

On behalf of the OTOW Entertainment Committee, "Happy Mother's Day."

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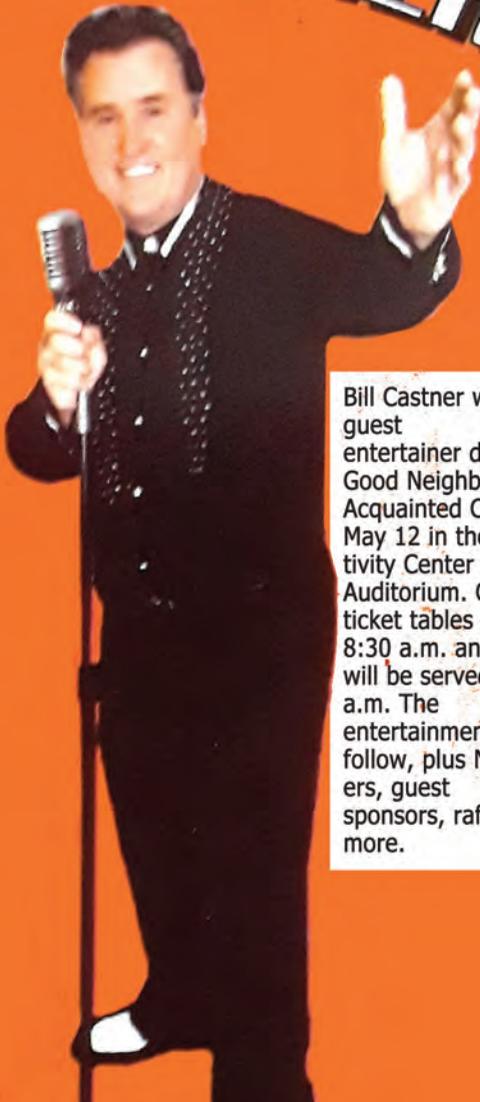
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# Honor Flight, Armed Forces Recognition Day taking place in May for OTOW veterans

By Pamela Rosenblatt

The month of May brings our community both a veterans Honor Flight and the Armed Forces Recognition Day Celebration.

Remarkably, our community has three of our very own veterans attending Honor Flight on May 10 to visit Washington, D.C., and the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials.

The return flight will arrive at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport about 8 p.m.

This is a very special conclusion to an amazingly emotional day. Our goal is to have a group of our residents, family and friends present for this trip home as we do for every flight home.

Being present for a return flight is a patriotic thrill everyone should experience at least once. If you wish to be included in welcoming a veteran home, please email [otowveteransgroup@gmail.com](mailto:otowveteransgroup@gmail.com) for information.

Any veteran can attend an Honor Flight. For additional information contact our group or Honor Flight of West Coast Florida at [www.honorflight.org](http://www.honorflight.org).

Details of this latest flight will be featured in our June article.

Our second event for the month is our annual Armed Forces Recognition Day. All of our U.S. Military branches will be recognized.



The community Veterans Group is hosting 'Coffee with a Veteran' throughout the year. The picture above was from April. The next one is 2 p.m., Aug. 3, in the East Activity Center Kitchen. Please join us.

We will have a small informal ceremony 1:30 p.m., Friday, May 20, at the Pavilion. Members of our Veterans Group will

present the flag which recognizes their branch of service. Afterward we will end the ceremony with a weiner roast with all



the fixings. Space is limited. Registration is required. The deadline for registering is May 12. You can return the form below to our information table or the newspaper office during business hours.

Our Veterans Group information table has begun its summer hours. We will be present at the East Activity Center on Thursdays only during the month of May.

There will be no information table during June and July.

Our regular Monday and Thursday schedule will resume in August.

We are always available to assist our veterans through our email, which is [otowveteransgroup@gmail.com](mailto:otowveteransgroup@gmail.com).



## OTOW Veterans Group Armed Forces Recognition Day Registration Form



This event will take place on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 1:30 p.m., at the Pavilion. Our On Top of the World Veterans Group will hold a special barbecue and tribute for community residents who served their country honorably - whether it was for the USA or our Allied Forces. Each honoree will be recognized individually. Please register in advance using this form, which can be dropped off at our group table any Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m., or you can drop off forms at the newspaper office during regular business hours. Forms must be submitted by Thursday, May 12. Family members and caregivers are encouraged to attend this event with all veterans.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Years Served: From 19 to 20 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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# OTOW Community Activities Calendar - May 2022

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Jerry Colen Seminar: Ways To Avoid Probate Without A Trust, 10-11:30am Wednesday, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Farmers Market: Wednesday, May 11, and Wednesday, May 25, both from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., East Activity Center Main Parking Lot  
 Food Truck Night: Wednesday, May 18, from 3-7 p.m., East Activity Center North Parking Lot

## CLUB AND GROUP EVENTS

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10am, Monday through Friday, East Activity Center Swimming Pool  
 Art Guild Painting Pals: 1-4pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Art Guild Board Meeting: 3-5 pm, Thursday, May 5, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Art Guild Friendship Painters: 1-4pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Baby Boomers Group: Board Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm, Wednesday May 4, Pavilion (Rain: Largo Room)  
 Baby Boomers Group: Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm, Thursday, May 19, Pavilion (Rain: Largo Room)  
 Billiards (8 Ball): 6:30-10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Billiards (Scotch Doubles): 6:30-10pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Billiards (9 Ball): 1-3 pm, Fridays.  
 Caring & Sharing Group: 9am-12pm, Tuesday, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
 Ceramics: 10am-12pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
 Computer Club: Meeting, 8:30-10am, Wednesdays and Saturdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Club Ticket Sales: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Democratic Club: Meeting, 2-3:30pm, Thursday, May 12, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Entertainment Committee Meet and Greet: 2-4 pm, Sunday, May 15, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Entertainment Committee Board Meeting: 10am-12pm, Monday, May 2, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Get Acquainted Coffee: 9-11am, Thursday, May 12, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Good Karma Book Club: 10am-12pm, Thursday, May 19, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Good Neighbors Association: Volunteer Luncheon, 9am-1pm, Tuesday, May 3  
 Good Neighbors Association: Meeting, 10am-12pm, Wednesday, May 4, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 High Vibe Tribe: 7-9pm, Thursday, May 12, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Italian Classes: 10:30-12pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Jesters: Board Meeting, 6:30-9:30 pm, Wednesday, May 11, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Lambda Club: Social, 7-10pm, Friday, May 13, Pavilion  
 Line Dance Club: 1-3 pm, Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 am, Saturdays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Line Dance Club Practice: 7-8am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Moving and Grooving Line Dancing: Level 1 (easy) 9am-10pm, Tuesdays, 1-2 pm Fridays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Moving and Grooving Line Dancing: Level 2 (beginners/advanced) 10pm-11:30, Tuesdays, 1-2pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance: 1-2 pm Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm Tuesdays, 12-1pm Wednesdays, 9-10am Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 am Saturdays, EAC Exercise Room  
 New York/New Jersey Club: Coney Island Night, 2-6pm, Tuesday, May 3, Pavilion  
 Philosophy Club: 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Pickleball: 5-9am, Monday through Friday, 9am-12pm, Sundays  
 Ping Pong: 10am-1pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Pray for America: Meeting, 10am-12pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Press Association: Meeting, 1:30-3pm, Thursday, May 5, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Republican Club: Meeting, 7-9pm, Tuesday, May 10, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Social Dance: 1-3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Texas Card Game Club: 3-10pm, Friday, May 20, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Theater Workshop: Board Meeting, 10-11am, Wednesday, May 4, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 TOPS: 9:30-11am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Travel Club: Picnic. 12-2pm, Wednesday, May 25, Pavilion  
 Travel Club: Meeting, 2-4 pm, Friday, May 6, East Activity Center Oldsmar Room  
 Veterans Group: Armed Forces Day Celebration, 2-4:30pm, Friday, May 20, Pavilion  
 World Quilters: 8am-2pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Writers Ink: 12:30-2:30pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room



## CARDS AND GAMES

Blackout: 6:30-9:30pm, Thursdays, Canadian Club Blackout Card Game, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Contract Bridge: 1-4pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Cribbage: 10am-12pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Double Deck Pinochle: 1-3:30pm, Sundays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Duplicate Bridge (Beginners): 9am-12pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Duplicate Bridge: 11:30am-4pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Duplicate Bridge: 11-3pm, Wednesdays and Saturdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
 Ladies Bunco: 6:30-10pm, Tuesday, May 10, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Mahjongg: 1-4pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room  
 Mexican Train Card Game (Dominos): 1-5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Alonzo's Group): 5-8 pm, Mondays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Bob's Group): 6-9:30 pm, Tuesdays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Tom's Group): 5-9 pm, Wednesdays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Carol's Group): 6-9 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Barry's Group): 6:30-9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Rummikub: 12:30-2pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Samba/Hand And Foot Canasta: 6-9 pm, Thursdays and Fridays, East Activity Center Ozona Room

## EXERCISES

Bonesavers: 9-10am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11:15am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Ladies Exercise: 8-9 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Slimnastics: 9-10am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Tai Chi Chair: 10:45-11:30am, Mondays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Tai Chi Flow 108: 3:15-4:15pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room.  
 Tai Chi Qigong: 3:15-4pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Zumba: 9-10am, Tuesdays and Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Zumba Gold: 10-11am, Saturdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room

## BUILDING EVENTS

Villa Riviera Building: Dinner, 3-9pm, Saturday, May 21, Pavilion  
 Mandalay Building: Luncheon, 1-4pm, Saturday, May 28, Pavilion  
 Gables Building: Cookout. 3-5pm, Monday, May 30, Pavilion

## FACILITIES

### Library

Open 10am-12pm, Mondays and 1-3pm, Wednesdays

### Woodshop

9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, Fixers and Fiddlers Members Only

### Fitness Center Hours

7am-9pm, Monday through Saturday  
 9am-8pm Sundays  
 (closed 12:30-2:30 Mondays and Thursdays)

# If you receive a phone call that your computer has a virus or you owe back taxes - most likely a scam

Scam Alert: According to Microsoft, one of the biggest, if not THE biggest consumer scam is the tech-support scam.

Apparently, something like 3.3 million folks have been scammed out of some \$1.5 billion in total.

The scam works like this. The victim gets an unsolicited phone call from the scammer who claims to be with Microsoft or Windows or some tech support group.

The victim is told that viruses have been detected on your computer and you must immediately call up or log onto a certain website and follow its directions.

It will look VERY real, but in reality, some form of malware will be installed onto your computer.

If you get this kind of call, the ONLY thing for you to do is hang up at once.

Microsoft never makes unsolicited calls. Nor must you click on unsolicited emails from Microsoft or click on or open "pop-up ads."

Scam Alert: We've all had the "silent call" where your phone rings and after you say "hello" there's no response.

Trust me. It's just another robocall.

Your best thing to do is make sure you contact your landline carrier and request caller ID be put on your phone.

And of course, as most of us already know, do not answer any call if you don't recognize the number.

And if you answer your phone because you think you recognize the number, but it turns out to be some form of solicitation, just hang up!



Scam Alert: You all know this fact. Tax time is also IRS imposter time.

If it isn't already, it certainly will be the number one reported fraud now that taxes are being paid.

It is getting much more sophisticated.

Someone calls and claims to be from the IRS. (HANG UP!). They threaten to send you to jail because you owe back taxes or didn't pay enough.

Don't talk. Just hang up!

Maybe they say you have a refund coming but they need some information, such as a bank account number.

Did I mention - just HANG UP?

Q. My cousin lives in (a foreign country) and is no longer a citizen of the U.S. We are very close having grown up in the same town and attended many family

functions together. I have no children and want to make her the executor of my estate and also on my power of attorney and my living will. My neighbor told me that my cousin cannot be any of these because she does not live in the U.S. True or false?

A. I'll pass on a "true" or "false" answer. I can tell you, though, that if your cousin is a blood relation of yours — say, the daughter or son of an aunt or uncle by blood of yours, then he or she can, indeed qualify for all those positions.

Exception: A convicted felon cannot qualify, nor can someone mentally incapacitated.

Best thing for you to do is check with the attorney who will prepare your estate planning documents.

Q. How do I look up an attorney to see about him?

A. You could always Google his name and city and state. Example: "John Doe, attorney, Omaha, Nebraska." See what pops up. Or go to the state bar association in that state. In Florida, it's www.floridabar.org.

Q. Is the Federal Trade Commission a truly reputable organization or just another government agency that claims to help out consumers but really doesn't?

A. I should certainly say it is a reputable organization. I once worked for it! It provides an almost unending list of valuable services to the public and its website is chocked full of good information on

consumer fraud. I get a lot of my scam alerts from its website. Take a look at www.ftc.gov.

Q. My significant other and I are both in our early 70s. We want to be married in a religious sense. We will swear our love everlasting. A friend will marry us. The State of Florida won't be involved. Are we truly married or not?

A. You are truly married in YOUR eyes. Whether you are truly married in the eyes of the State of Florida is problematic.

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# VOICE Experience returns in June

## VOICE Experience

After three years, I am very pleased to announce the return of VOICE Experience.

Yes, the Florida VOICE Project will perform a live, free concert at On Top of the World on Thursday, June 2, at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

The Florida VOICE Project is a special program that offers quality training to singers of all ages with legendary opera singers Sherill Milnes and Maria Zouves at the helm.

As part of their community outreach, the VOICE Experience Foundation has reached thousands of people who may never have entered a theater for an operatic performance.

Maria loves to bring her troupe of singers to On Top of the World because we are a theatre-loving community.

As always, let's show up and be the audience these amazing young singers deserve.

I look forward to seeing you on June 2 at 10:30 a.m. Seating is first come, first served.

## 2022 Fall Festival & Expo

Our largest event of the year is back on the calendar for Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m..

Sign-ups will be taking place soon for the 2022 Fall Festival & Expo.

I am pleased to announce SCA will be offering up to 15 complimentary tables to OTOW clubs on a first-come, first-served basis. The tables will be located outdoors among the arts & crafts and food truck vendors.

This is a great opportunity to meet new residents to increase your club memberships, sell arts & crafts and souvenirs, sell tickets for upcoming event or just have some fun!

In exchange for a complimentary table, we only ask that your club participate in a table-decorating contest based on one of two categories: (1) The theme of your club or (2) a Fall Festival theme. The winners will receive a prize.

To reserve a table, please email [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com) or call me at 799-2734.

The next step is to pick up, complete and drop off a Fall Festival & Expo Exhibitor Form from the Community Service Office. The deadline to submit that form will be Friday, July 1.

## The Month of May Celebrating Sacrifice

For me, and I hope you too, the month of May is full of holidays that evoke feelings of gratitude and appreciation.

Mother's Day takes place on the second Sunday in May (May 8, 2022). We celebrate the one who labored to bring us into this world and/or provided us care and nurturing.

It's a day set aside to honor moms everywhere - be they biological moms, adoptive moms, stepmoms, or mother figures in your life.



National Armed Forces Day takes place on the third Saturday in May (May 21, 2022). It's a special day for people all over the world to come together and thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

First conceived by President Harry S. Truman, the holiday was established in 1949.

On Friday, May 20, our OTOW Veterans Group will be hosting its own annual "Armed Forces Recognition Day" celebration and ceremony. The event will take place at the Pavilion from 2-4 pm. Please see page 14 for more information.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30 and is a day of remembrance for those American service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice and died in service to our country.

A federal holiday, the observance occurs every year on the last Monday in May. However, in the past, from 1868 to 1971, the occasion was named "Decoration Day" and observed on May 30.

As we enjoy our lives in peace, love and freedom, let us remember with gratitude those who made that all possible.

## Farmers Market & Food Truck Night

The following is the May schedule for our monthly Farmers Markets and Food Truck Night.

There will be two Farmers Markets this month: Wednesday, May 11, and Wednesday, May 25, both from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Food Truck Night will be Wednesday, May 18, from 3-7 p.m.

## Ways to Avoid Probate Without a Trust

Back by popular demand, Gerald Colen will present "Ways to Avoid Probate Without a Trust" in the East Activity Center Largo Room on Wednesday, May 18, at 10 a.m.

Many of us are concerned with the administration of our estate through probate proceedings in court. Over many years, we've been taught that we should seek to avoid probate by using a trust. A trust, we are told, is the simplest and easiest way to avoid probate. But is that true?

Attorneys Jerry Colen, Rachel Waggoner and John Beck believe there are bet-



Above is one of the singers from VOICE Experience during a concert here at On Top of the World in 2019.

ter and much less expensive ways to avoid probate without a trust and without having to spend the money a trust can cost.

Jerry, Rachel and John will be with us to discuss the simple ways and strategies all of us can use to avoid probate and to make things simple for our loved ones.

Registration is required to attend this free lecture, but it's simple. Please email Nancy at [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com) or call 799-2734 with your name, building and unit number. That's it!

## One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be back at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot (near Lawn Bowls) on Thursday, May 12 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Residents can register to donate blood at Nancy's Bulletin Board on our official website [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) or by visiting the Community Service Office.

You can also just show up that day.

In thanks, you will receive two gifts - a T-Shirt and a \$20 e-gift card.

See more details at Nancy's Bulletin Board.

A special thanks to the residents who participated last month. The honor roll is as follows:

Airianne Kopa, Ava Ciolli, Charles Fuhr, Donald Bridges, Frank Kopa, Joan Johnston, Karen Beaver, Lillian Epstein, Melany Mathis, Paul Flynn, Samuel Weiker, Thomas Fagan, Delmar Dorris, Donna Dimeo, Gordon Gratias, John Drewiega, Karon Brown, Maureen McMahon, Patrick Tuppert, Pierre Rouillier and Sharon Gratias.

Thank you so much for saving lives! We had 15 successful procedures resulting in touching 45 lives!

## Activity Office

The Activity Office operates Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 3 p.m.

Reservations are processed Monday through Thursday. In other words, it is not possible to make a reservation for the upcoming weekend on a Friday. Please keep this in mind in planning your events or activities.

To make a reservation, please call or email me at [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com). To start the reservation process, please include the date and room that you would like to reserve. I will reply or call you back in a timely manner.

Once we establish an available date and location then you will complete an online Facility Request Form.

If you would like to meet to discuss an idea for a club or any matter related to events and activities, please email or call me to make an appointment.

## Activity Card Renewal

Activity Card renewal takes place at the Community Service Office located at the East Activity Center. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - noon, and 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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

Activity Cards will not be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

In addition, for renewal, you will need \$3 and your expiring/expired card. If you do not have your card, you will need to bring \$25 for purchasing and processing of a new card.

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. Any noncompliance matters will be directed to the On Top of the World Association.

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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## Travel Club announces trip to Great Smokey Mountains this fall

By Janice Berman

The On Top of the World Travel Club annual October trip destination was revealed at our April meeting.

We are going on a Pigeon Forge and Great Smoky Mountains Show Trip, courtesy of Diamond Tours.

The tour allows time to explore the Great Smoky Mountain area as well as Gatlinburg.

More information is available at our club information table. Our tour guide is Terri Mikszenas.

Our March day trip was a success. Forty-one members traveled to St Petersburg Pier and enjoyed the newly improved tourist destination. We walked, rode the tram, ate and took in the sites and sounds offered by this great location.

I must say, I was a little disappointed in the Bending Arc. I was expecting something more spectacular, however, it was impressive the way it changed colors and contours as you viewed it from different angles.

The upcoming Travel Club cookout has filled up. On May 25 we will enjoy a menu of hamburgers, hotdogs, side salads, chips and cookies. We plan to have water available. You are encouraged to bring the beverage of your choice. Come to mix and mingle. Event is from noon to 2 p.m. Donations accepted.

We are currently offering three day-trips.

April was a trip to Tarpon Springs for



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an Odyssey Cruise and shopping experience.

In June we are traveling to Sarasota to spend a day at The Ringling. Here we will divide our time between the art museum, The Circus Museum and The Bayfront Gardens.

A July trip is planned for a much-requested return to The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art.

The Travel Club Board, along with club volunteers, are planning future trips that will be advertised soon. Stay up-to-date with events by stopping by our club information table in the auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Stay informed by taking home a current events flyer. Help us advertise by posting flyers on your building bulletin board.

The next Travel Club meeting is May 6 at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

Join our Facebook page to share your photos and enjoy those taken by others.

We are going places and we have room for you on the bus!



Residents stopped by the Pier Teaki restaurant in St. Petersburg and rested in this one-of-a-kind lounge chair.

### Ways to Avoid Probate Without a Trust

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East Activity Center Largo Room



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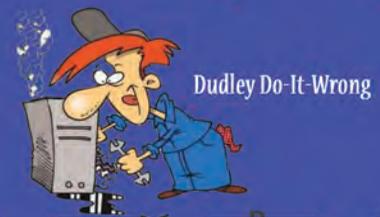
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# In addition to line dancing and a great cardio workout, now you can sing with the Moving 'n Grooving Club



By Hope Tera

Our Moving 'n Grooving Club encompasses much more than line dancing and we are always on the lookout for various talents and interests of our members.

That's how we started The Star Shine Singers group.

Several members mentioned their joy of singing. So we put some feelers out. Turns out, not only does our club attract dancers, but singers, too.

It all came together beautifully. And now our parties have an added treat, in addition to dancing.

We have some beautiful performances of songs that match our parties' themes.

Unfortunately, our club officers can't carry a tune. But folks stepped up. Chris Norris and Sheila Bonomo volunteered to lead the Star Shine Singers group, which made its debut at our Halloween Party on Oct. 29 singing "You've Got a Friend in Me."

But the group exploded on the music scene at our Christmas Party singing "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Their songs are a beautiful compliment to all of the dancing taking place.

As Chris shared, regarding our Spring Fling celebration, "We had such a good time singing together that our joy was infectious. The audience reminisced and joined us in singing two classic tunes ... 'Here Comes the Sun' (who doesn't love The Beatles?) and the upbeat 'Walking on



The Star Shine Singers harmonize during a recent practice.

Sunshine' (Oh yeah!)."

Joe Willis set the festive tone with his roar and the singers even incorporated props, putting on sunglasses to enhance the mood.

You might not guess that a triangle can make a big difference in a performance, but check out Debbie Mayo. She comes to each party, equipped with not one, not two, but three triangles ... which she plays beautifully to enhance the music. She also ensures the timing is spot-on.

While there are more women than men in the group, that is starting to change as more men join in the fun.

As Howard Wolff explained, "I love to sing and dance. Music is in my heart."

The off-peak season is an ideal time for year-round residents to explore a bit and try out something new. And we've got a few suggestions ...

How about trying some line dancing classes with Margaret LeTourneau? She caters to all levels and a great time is guaranteed.

If you are interested in giving your

## LINE DANCING SCHEDULE EAC Auditorium

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9:00-10:00 am Level 1 - Easy 1 Wall  
10:00 - 11:30 am Levels 2/3 - Beginner/Advanced Beginner

### Fridays

1:00 - 2:00 pm Level 1 - Easy 1 Wall  
2:00 - 3:30 pm Levels 2/3 - Beginner/Advanced Beginner

## CARDIO DANCE SCHEDULE Exercise Room

Mondays 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Wednesdays 12:00 - 1:00 pm  
Saturdays 9:00 am - 10:00 pm  
Saturdays 10:30 - 11:30 pm Cardio Dance Lite

heart a good workout, you can try a Cardio Dance class with Hope Tera.

Looking for a gentler workout? Then a Cardio Dance Light class might fit the

bill. The class schedule for 2022 is listed above. There have been a couple of revisions made.

# Republican Club wants to try some new ideas for 2022-23 season

By Tony Santarsieri

As the new president of the Ronald Reagan Republican Club, I experienced my first full meeting in office during the April meeting.

It is nice to be a part of a group that believes in the same values that I have, including limited government, fiscal responsibility and individual freedom.

Audrey Henson, owner of a construction and excavation company, and founder of College to Congress in District 13, was our special guest speaker on April 12. She recently participated in a debate with four other candidates which can be seen on YouTube.

As you may know already, our club invites Republican candidates to speak at our meetings. We ask their goals if they are elected. These interviews are informa-



tive, engaging and educational. A question and answer period always follows.

Jim Bjorgo is taking on a special project for our May meeting. He is inviting three to four candidates to speak in a different type of format.

In the near future, we also plan on having a speaker connected with the Grand Old Party.

Our new board starts the 2022-23 year with new ideas, including a volunteer appreciation dinner, a special social event, a barbeque and a Christmas party.

Jim is even considering a chili cook-off similar to the one he started with the Good Neighbors Association.

We would like your input on other ideas.

Republicans living at OTOW are invited to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, May 10. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m.

Our club also has an information table on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Stop by to get our latest news.



Audrey Henson spoke at the Republican Club meeting in April.

# Several ways to get help from the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30-10 a.m., in-person at both the West Activity Center Learning Lab and using the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

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, the club offers assistance to any On Top of the World resident with basic technology-related questions or issues. Help is available in the Learning Lab on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10. Knowledgeable Computer Club volunteers offer basic computer, tablet and smart phone program assistance and app help. The services are free to all OTOW residents with a valid Activity Card. Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance.

If residents have in-home computers that require service in their condos, the Computer Club does not offer an in-home



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repair service; although, the Computer Club can offer guidance and assistance in locating service providers who can address other-than-basic service needs or in-home computer issues.

Computer service-related questions can be sent to the Computer Club at

• *Beginning Users*  
• *Intermediate Users*  
• *Advanced Users*  
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For more information about the Computer Club, email us at [otowcc@gmail.com](mailto:otowcc@gmail.com), visit our website at [www.otowcc.com](http://www.otowcc.com) or click our link in the

OTOW Box Office, [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com). You can also find us at our information table, 8:30-10 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center auditorium. Look for our new banner which looks like the poster above.

## In our world, you create your own colorful butterflies

By Elsie Paulan

What could be more relaxing than sitting in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room, looking out over the swimming pool and coloring beautiful pictures?

You should consider joining our group.

Yes. There is a group at On Top of the World called The Coloring Book Group.

We color with crayons, gel pens, felt tip pens, colored pencils, or anything that you can use.

We color in simple books, challenging books and everything in between.

We meet once a week on Wednesdays from noon until 3 p.m. in the Crystal Beach Room.

Did I mention air conditioning?

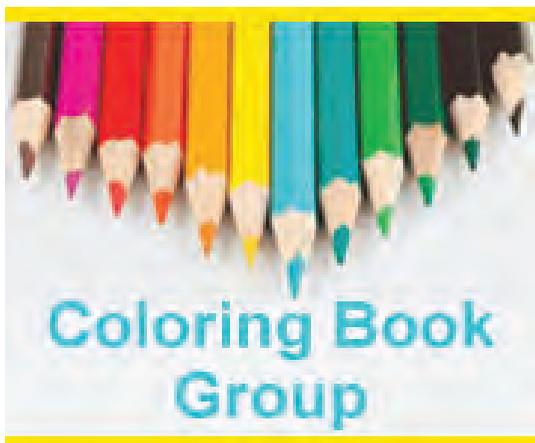
We have no rules, no dues, no officers.

We come and go as the mood strikes us. We have fun and talk a lot.

Coloring and talking is not all we do. We laugh a lot, too.

We have extra supplies, so if you just want to give us a try, we have tools to share.

If you want to find your own supplies, many local hobby stores have books, crayons, pencils, etc. No talent is required. Come join the fun.



**Coloring Book Group**



The On Top of the World Irish Club has announced its new officers for the 2022-23 season. They are, left to right, President Tom O’Riordan, Secretary Rose Mulhall, Treasurer Martin Ford and Vice President Colman Weir.

## Irish Club elects officers

By Barbara Rice

Irish Club members gathered at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor for their annual picnic on April 4.

Games, horse races and delicious picnic foods were enjoyed.

New club officers were installed. They are President Tom O’Riordan, Vice President Colman Weir, Treasurer Martin Ford and Secretary Rose Mulhall.

Members agreed to sponsor a Byrne Brothers holiday show in the East Activity Center in December.

It was also announced by the club that with the help of modern technology, the family of Mike Cooper was able to watch our 2022 Irish Club Parade from their homes in Ireland.

An OTOW-TV video of the parade was put on YouTube for a brief period of



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time and Mike’s family said they watched it and appreciated the tribute our community made for Mike.

**Next Blood Drive, Thursday, May 12, 10 am - 3 pm**

# What do astrology, tarot cards, meditation and sound-healing all have in common? Come to our next meeting and find out

By Laurie LeClaire

Since our first meeting in January, I have met many who ask, "what is your new group all about?"

Our vision is to inspire all on their path of self-discovery and self-exploration.

We offer presentations and events intended to inspire the spirit, mind and heart.

Our speakers and presenters invite us to explore that which is beyond the five senses, such as astrology, palmistry, alternative health, essential oils, numerology, past life regression, tarot card readings, angelic invitations and shamanic journeying, dream interpretation, akashic record exploration, and meditation and sound healing techniques.

There are more than 68 subcategories under the heading of Metaphysics.

We have had three meetings on a



once-monthly basis. We voted in February to have it twice monthly, however, members are in agreement that we should

keep it once a month until the Snowbirds return.

We have introduced topics and asked which ones are most interesting.

Mark Blair has been instrumental in sharing his decades of knowledge and energy. He has shared insights as well as shown us tools he has used like the harp, tuning forks, drums and bells.

Many have indicated a desire to pursue energy work for healing.

During our second meeting, several of us shared personal phenomenon stories such as self-healing through meditation, near-death experiences, Angelic encounters and more.

In March, we invited a member of Unity Church to conduct breath work and gong meditation.

In April we invited Jeremy McDDonald, a best selling author, quantum healer,

mindset mastery coach and teacher to do some energy work and healing.

With 25 years of coaching, healing and mentoring experience, Jeremy has helped many of his clients change the inner story they are playing in their head to find peace, achieve their goals and live an abundant life.

He is the creator of the Spirit Heart Cruise and the author of the book "Peace Be Still."

On May 12, 7-9 p.m., in the Clearwater Room, Wes Luckhardt will be presenting a discussion of "The Nature of Consciousness." We have other members willing to bring their lifetime experiences of healing to share in future meetings as well. All are welcome. Just bring an open heart, open mind and loving spirit.

For questions you may contact Laurie LeClaire at otowooowoo@gmail.com or

## Pickleball group schedules cruise for January 2023

Get ready, set, for another pickleball cruise! Our second annual pickleball cruise is scheduled for Jan. 7, 2023.

This will be a fun seven-day cruise leaving from Tam-

pa and it is open to all On Top of the World residents. A bus will transport residents from OTOW to and from the port.

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# Forty-five talented residents participate in first Talent Night

By Steve Palys

The first Talent Night of 2022 was a great success with more than 45 people attending.

It was a lot of fun.

We had a four-piece band, called The Happy Strummers, starting off the event.

Also performing was a magician, poetry readers, storytellers and wonderful singers.

We had a great time being out and meeting new people. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment and are anxious to come again.

This new event will be happening again at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10.

We have room for people who like to tell jokes, so if you are a comedian, you are welcome.

If you enjoy dancing, the stage is all yours. Dance solo, duet or as a group.



Every performer gets 7 minutes on stage.

There is no judging and there are no prizes. This is just for fun.

For more information, contact Steve Palys at florida202017@gmail.com.



The Happy Strummers led off the first Talent Night.

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# We learn to appreciate editors

By Lori Gottshall

Last month this column talked about the types of writing that the club reviews.

This month's focus is on what it means to "review" a piece of writing as we use the term in the Writer's Ink club.

During the formal portion of the meeting, the "reviews" are meant to provide editing functions. Basically, it is the editor's job to identify errors and points of weakness - not to take over the ideas or voice of the author.

To do this, an editor must have a keen eye for details, consistency and word intention. Good editing makes a piece of writing technically good. It does not change the thought content of the piece.

The most obvious errors an editor needs to look for are spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Less obvious errors are multiple spellings of the same word, i.e., color and colour.

Another example of the editor's work is fixing the unintentional use of a regional colloquialism. Skilled editing can make subtle adjustments to phraseology that can take an ordinary piece of writing and make it shine.

In these areas, editors must be brutally honest, or they do a disservice to the author.

Editors are unsung heroes and I want



## Writer's Ink

to take this opportunity to give a shout out to the editor of this column. I am always grateful when the newspaper comes out and I see the finished product.

Lastly, because we are a social club, we reserve the right (and we do delight), in discussing the philosophy, politics or emotional tug of pieces in our after-meeting coffee klatch. That's when we take off our editor hats, stop reviewing and talk about the way we feel about the ideas presented.

We meet 1 p.m. every Thursday in the Dunedin Room.

# Theater Workshop makes plans to become a full-year club



## Theater Workshop

By Maxine Sutcliffe

It's happening!

In past years, On Top of the World Theater Workshop has sprung into action with winter rehearsals only to shut down again in the spring after a traditional show.

Things are going to change.

OTOW Theater Workshop is going to become a 12-month club.

The new OTOW Theater Workshop leadership team is excited to have started the club's new fiscal year.

A kickoff installation dinner was attended by almost 40 members and guests at the Olive Garden.

The installation "ceremony" was led by the head of nominating committee, Keith Elder and outlined the "responsibilities" of each board position.

Your new leadership team is comprised of Maxine Sutcliffe, Keith Elder, Ron Steele, Lori Gerstein, Roger Nicoll and Lillian Foy. This group is proud to continue the club's 52 year legacy, but is also looking to its future.

The leadership team is promoting social interactions - not just confining activities to a once-per-year rehearsal and show schedule.

The common theme bonding us is "things theatrical" in its many shapes and



Introducing your Theater Workshop leadership team for the 2022-23 season. From left to right are Maxine Sutcliffe, Keith Elder, Roger Nicoll, Ron Steele and Lillian Foy. Missing was Lori Gerstein. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

forms. The goal is to have a great and fun time and oh - of course - put on a tremendous show!

The club's fiscal year is May 1-April 30. We are an annual, not a seasonal, club, and hence, new and renewed membership is effective starting May 1.

Please note, there will be a change in time and venue for our May meeting. We will now be meeting at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 4 in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Starting in September, we will revert to the first Wednesday of the month for evening meetings in the WAC Belleair Room.

The OTOW community is a tremendous source of talent and skills - our club would like to reach out to you.

Can you sing?

Can you dance?

Maybe you are a comedian?

Theater Workshop has seen a variety of talent over the past 50 years, including

classical ballet dancers, roller skaters, stage caricature artists, baton twirlers, people on stilts, bagpipers, harmonica players, readers/recitals - anything (tasteful) that "makes 'em laugh."

You name it, we've seen it, and we want to see again - please join us.

The way forward is not just confined to acting or helping the performance of the show.

We are inviting new and existing members to get involved in many ways - to help with ideas/planning for the next 12 months.

For example, we want ideas for social activities, group theatrical trips, and more interactive, fun general meetings.

We want snacks at our meetings and educational presentations.

Our 53rd annual show will be held March 10-12, 2023. We extend an open invitation to all OTOW community residents - not just current members.

Do you have an idea for our next

show?

Would you like to direct a show?

It is not necessary to provide great detail, but please submit in writing by June 19 a brief description or concept of your proposed theme.

Email your idea to Maxine Sutcliffe at maxjust43@yahoo.com or call/leave message/text with Keith Elder at (813) 731-4530.

The board will review all proposals and reach out if necessary, so please include your contact details.

Decisions/notifications will be in early July, allowing summer for development and planning.

We are also seeking an experienced piano/keyboard accompanist - a compensated position. Please contact lgcounselor@gmail.com if interested.

Be a part of the oldest club at OTOW as we develop our newer plans - we'd love to hear from you.

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See calendar on page 16 for Ruth's classes.  
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## Do you have an idea for the Jesters 2023 show?

By Evelyn Flam

The Jesters motto has always been "Jest for Fun," and even though our Snowbirds are already headed north and people think everything here at On Top of the World has quieted down, we are actually getting ready for our next fun-filled show.

First is our annual Appreciation Dinner at which time we thank our cast and crew for making this year's show successful.

Then we will install the Jesters' new board for the new season, headed by Robyn Kumar.

Robyn and the Creative Team will be happy to accept your ideas about what you would like to see for next year's show theme.

As we've said before, it's always exciting to see fun become contagious.

So, if you have ideas for next year, or have the talent to perform in the show or help behind the scenes, don't be shy. Let us know.

Our policy is still to get everyone involved both on stage and behind the scenes.

To join The Jesters, or if you missed this year's show and still want to see it, come to the East Activity Center Auditorium on a Monday or Thursday morning, between 8:30-10:30 a.m. You can join our club right there, and/or order your DVD of our 2022 show. If you can't stop by, just call Lillian Foy at 609-489-1400, or email her at [Ironlill@yahoo.com](mailto:Ironlill@yahoo.com) to either join or order your copy of our show.



## Jesters



Meet the line dancers who attend the 7 a.m. Line Dance Club class. In the front row, from left to right, are Norma Bastidas, Sherry Ivey, Madeleine Fontaine, Annisa Dickey, Leila Walker and Ute Scheibe. In the second row are Mary Becker, Chris Norris, Nancy Reid, Carol McAllister, George Kelbatyrov, Karen Beaver, Howard Wolff, Dolly Newcome, Vonnice Oto and Pat Van Hise.

## Learn line dancing at 7 a.m.

The On Top of the World Line Dance Club offers a practice class from 7 to 8 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the East Activity Center Exercise Room.

The purpose of this instructional time is to practice and learn the dances that will be on the Tuesday and Saturday programs for that week and to introduce new dances.

The OTOW Line Dance Club offers regular classes on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC Auditorium.

From 1-2 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Saturdays, an Advanced Beginner session is offered.

From 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays, an Improver session is offered for more experienced line dancers.

The same program is offered each week to give line dancers additional time to learn the dances.

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# New Canadian Club Executive Board announces fun activities for 2022-23 season



Pictured above is the 2022-23 Canadian Club Executive Committee. From left to right are Lydia Côté (ticket sales coordinator), Susan Cober (registrar), Laurie Fischer (past president 2018-2019), Annmarie Haskell (secretary), Ken Campbell (treasurer), Connie Stanley (president) and Joe Iacobaccio (vice president).  
(Photo courtesy of Rowland Hetrick)

By Connie Stanley

The new Canadian Club Executive Committee has already met and is ready to kick-off events for the 2022-23 season!

Blackout runs year-round at On Top of the World and Tom Jamrozy, coordinator, is available to train new people at 5:50 p.m. each Thursday in the West Activity Center Belleair Room followed by practice games 6-6:30 p.m. and regular games from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Bring your own beverage of choice.

On Nov. 16 come out to the East Activity Center Auditorium at 5 p.m. and join our fun club.

Members will enjoy: Three dinner dances, social games (Blackout weekly year-round), a lawn bowl doubles tourna-

ment, a Golf Fun Day, a Blue Jays spring training outing, A Day at the Races at Tampa Bay Downs, happy hours (including cabarets and karaoke) and more!

Membership registration is only \$5 and all you need to bring is a valid OTOW Activity Card.

Lydia Côté will be selling tickets to our Christmas dinner dance, which will be on Dec. 5. The cost for members is \$35 and guests is \$40.

Also, sign up that night for the Golf Fun Day, A Day at the Races and various

other events.

Your membership gives you access to many fun events and activities!

You can also enjoy a free wine and cheese social on Registration Night and we will host another wine and cheese social at our Annual General Meeting.

Finally, none of the fun can exist without volunteers! On Registration Night, please sign up as a volunteer with our Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Cornett Small. The success and viability of any organization is dependent on the number of volun-

teers who are available to do various tasks in support of the activities of that group.

The Canadian Club has benefitted by all those who have volunteered in the past and the volunteers have benefitted through the new friendships that they have made. We continually need to add new people to the volunteer list.

As they say, "Many hands make light work!"

Happy Victoria Day weekend May 23 and have a safe and enjoyable summer wherever you are!

## Blackout sends Snowbirds off with a card party



The Belleair Room is filled with residents playing Blackout on a Thursday night.

By Tom Jamrozy

As we continue to play Blackout year round, we want to thank all of our friends from the north for playing with us and we look forward to your return in the fall.

Blackout had a well-attended "going

away snack party" for part-time members. Thank you to the Canadian Club for providing water, soda, wine, cheese, crackers and fruit, as well as all the members who brought in many desserts and snacks. We snacked while playing a four-round session of Blackout.

We are still looking for new players. I

will continue to offer training on Thursday evenings starting at 5:50 p.m., with practice games until 6:30 p.m.

Our regular play takes place from 6:30-9 p.m.

Blackout is an easy-to-learn game and an inexpensive way to spend an evening. Bring \$1.25 in change for the five sessions.

We are a patient group so please don't be afraid to join us and have fun. We are all about having a good time with lots of laughs.

Hope to see you Thursdays in the West Activity Center for an evening of fun and laughs.

## Barry's Poker holds two spring tournaments

Barry's Poker Club has held two tournaments this spring - one in March and one in April.

In the March event, membership was up to 45 people. Sixteen of them participated in the first tournament which took three hours. At the end of a very competitive, very friendly challenge, Tom King was the winner. Sec-

ond place went to Barry Levene, Bob Gecas third, Bob Westbom fourth and Bob Ellis fifth.

The second tournament was won by Debbie Hall, followed by Harry Davis, Gene Amature, Ann King, Tom King and Mike Marsh. All received prizes.

Regular play will continue through the summer on

Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Ozona Room. Tournaments will return in October.

New members are always welcome. Just bring your valid activity card and some loose change (dimes and quarters).

# Lambda's Western Party resembled an Oscar party in Hollywood

## Up next, Cindo de Mayo

By Bruce Lovett

What do the Academy Awards of 2022 and On Top of the World's Lambda Club have in common?

Well, aside from the obvious - incredibly good-looking people milling around having a great time ...

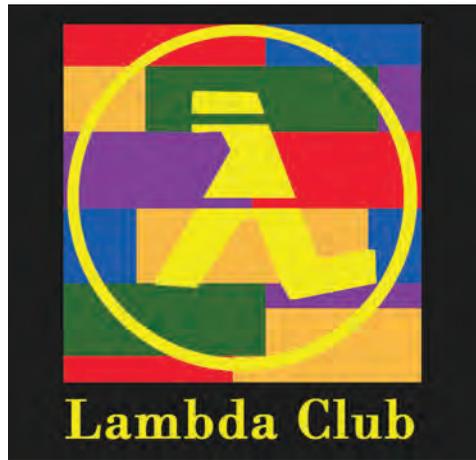
Actually, there are no other notable similarities.

Lambda may not have had a slap that was heard around the world, like the one Will Smith gave Chris Rock when the latter made a comment about his wife, but we did share a common theme.

The critically acclaimed film, "The Power of the Dog" and Lambda's April social both had western themes.

And both got great reviews.

Dave Beaven, our president and social director, took home a fistful of compliments (and very few leftovers) from the Lambda cowboy bash.



Actually, with all the food and drink, from country-style franks and beans to orange blossom punch, the whole affair looked more like an Oscar party than the awards show itself.

April was also a time for reflection and celebration as Lambda members were

once again able to celebrate Easter Dinner together. The Easter bunny supplied the hams and those attending supplied memorable sides and desserts.

We moved from the Irish Jig in March to the two-step in April. Now Lambda celebrates Cinco de Mayo on Friday the 13 in May.

Our party will be at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Pavilion. Bring something with a Mexican flair to share on the potluck buffet. Wear your sombreros and be ready to party like it's the fifth on the 13th.

Lambda is a club that serves the LGBT population at OTOW as well as their neighbors and friends.

Should you wish further information about the club, go to our Web page [HTTP://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com).

You can also check us out at OTOW Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)) or call Dave at (727) 410-7566.



Hollywood had its Oscar party. Lambda had its Western Social. For both events, guests wore their best, including Cuddles.

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# Club member updates Democratic group on redistricting ahead of 2022 election season

By Joanne Cordes

The On Top of the World Democratic Club has a new slate of officers in place and we are ready to move onward.

The new team consists of Ruthann Richwine, president; Don Ladner, vice president; Joanne Cordes, secretary; Glenda Greenman, treasurer; and Ed Shivers, parliamentarian.

Our membership roster is the largest it has been in many years and we are looking forward to many activities in 2022, especially since this is a mid-term election year.

This past meeting in April, club member Don Ladner gave a presentation on Florida's redistricting challenges and a lively discussion followed.

Because the outcome of the 2020 Census added a new congressional district for Florida, the current map with 27 districts can't be used again.

That new 28th district must be drawn in.

The last day for candidates to qualify to run for Congress is June 17 and the general election primary is Aug. 23. So that leaves only two months for campaigning by candidates and decision making by voters no matter who draws a final, legal map.

Don explained that the Florida Legislature's current decision to allow Gov-



**Democratic Club**

ernor DeSantis to draw the districts is a highly unusual move. The legislature is set to convene April 19-21 for a special session on redistricting. Fair and legal is the key goal.

During our April meeting, Ruthann distributed premade packets of petitions for local Democratic candidates. Valid petitions allow candidates a place on the ballot in lieu of paying a qualifying fee which may range from \$1781 to \$11,526.

Candidate petitions included Caprice Edmund, Pinellas County School Board District 7 – non-partisan; Eric Lynn, U.S. House, District 13; and Kimberly Walker, U.S. House, District 12.

Each of these three candidates has been a speaker at our meetings.

Our April meeting in the outdoor Pa-



**Don Ladner talks to club members about redistricting in the state of Florida.**

vilion was the perfect setting for enjoying our community and each other's company. We will continue with our regular meeting time of 2 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, but will be moving to a different location.

We hope you will join us for refreshments, fun and political conversation within our club on May 12 in the Learning Lab at the West Activity Center.

Please check our club announcements

on [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com) for information on activities for the many election campaigns this year.

Or visit our information table at the East Activity Center's Auditorium on Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

You can also visit our Meta/Facebook page at On Top of the World Democratic Club Clearwater to learn about local political events or add commentary to current events.

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# Baby Boomers enjoy beautiful, peaceful day at Bok Towers Gardens

By Donna Gagnon

Inspired by his grandmother, Edward Bok created a legacy that has enriched the lives of millions of visitors.

Grandma said make the world a bit better or more beautiful because you live in it.

Edward created Bok Tower Gardens in 1929 and it sits atop the highest point in Florida standing at 324 feet above sea level.

This is a place I love to visit often and on this particular day the Baby Boomers followed the fragrance of orange blossoms onto the property.

Here's what Boomers had to say about our excursion.

Eileen Yetman said this was "a little slice of heaven in Central Florida."

Bruce Cowan, one of the organizers of this adventure, enjoyed learning about the 90-year history of the Tower and came away with this:

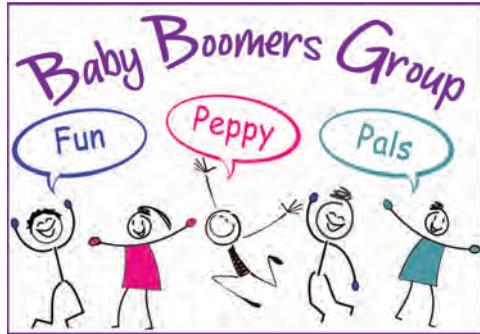
"The spectacular view over the valley in front of the tower showed me why Bok bought the land, invested his money and built the tower and gardens."

Dianne Dvorak said she enjoyed the live carillon concert.

"The serene and lovely setting of gorgeous ponds and walking trails in blooming gardens made it extra special!"

The carillon singing tower captured our interest as we experienced a live concert. For some, they had never heard of a carillon until this day.

I asked Valerie Martin what she thought



about the day and this is what she said.

"Not only were the vistas beautiful, but it was great reconnecting with Boomer buddies we had not seen in a while and new Boomers in this great setting."

Join us next time.

The Baby Boomers group is an association of friends. There are no age restrictions. Being a Baby Boomer is not an age. It's a state of mind.

There are no dues, no officers and no formal rules. All one needs is a valid OTOW Activity Card.

Boomers seek out experiences to keep them active and enjoying life.

Boomers can be found bird-watching, bowling, strolling botanical gardens, dancing, festival-attending, jamming, movie-going, learning, theater-going, socializing, sunset-watching, wine-tasting and much more.

Please join us if you would like to get involved.



Members of the Baby Boomers Group visit Bok Tower Gardens

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of each month at the Pavilion (weather permitting) or the Largo Room in the East Activity Center.

After the 5:30 meeting, there is usually an

assortment of socializing activities which can include going to dinner at a local restaurant or watching a sunset at Clearwater Beach.

Of course, there is also just hanging out. Everyone is welcome.



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# Outdoor ‘Art in the Park’ class to debut this summer for OTOW residents

By Sue Naylor

The Art Guild wrapped up its season on Friday, April 8, with a short meeting and a farewell pizza party.

Even though this marked the conclusion of art classes and presenters, we have an exciting new event being offered throughout the summer by Kacee Clarkson, a new member and retired art teacher.

Kacee is brimming with new ideas and recently sent me the following information for her outdoor venture called “Art in the Park.”

The class, for Art Guild members only, will take you to a Pinellas County Park for sketching, drawing or painting nature scenes. The summer dates are the last Friday of the month from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

These are the dates: May 27, June 24, July 29 and Aug. 26.

For more information, contact Kacee at (502) 644-4187.

The Guild is also looking for anyone interested in teaching an art class in the fall. These might include, but are not limited to, instruction in oil, watercolor, sketch-



ing, drawing, photography, pen and ink, mandala designs, or even the ancient Japanese art of painting with fish known as Gyotaku.

Contact Irene LeBel if you would like to volunteer to teach at imeems@comcast.net.

Rosemarie Lugg’s acrylics class was so popular this year that members have decided to meet every Wednesday and Thursday throughout the summer to continue increasing their prowess as painters.

They are planning on meeting with the Painting Pals group on Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. and on Thursdays as the Friendship Painters from 1-4. Both sessions would be in the Largo

Room. There will be no formal instruction but they are hoping people will help each other.

On April 6, a group of Art Guild members, headed by Paula Manieri, visited the Dunedin Fine Art Center where they were given an exclusive tour of the facility by the assistant curator, Nathan Beard.

The participants marveled at the state-of-the-art facility and the number of different courses offered, such as working in clay, digital arts, jewelry, fiber arts as well as drawing and painting in all possible media.

The center’s main thrust is to display works by local artists.

Of particular note was an exhibition called “Sunflowers for Ukraine.” Local artists donate and display sunflower paintings in the center and are sold for \$10. Money from sales are donated to the refugees of this war.

Watch for the Art Guild’s big book sale and an exciting idea for a fundraiser, both coming next fall and keep on painting, drawing, sketching and marveling at your progress.



Local artists display sunflower paintings at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. Funds raised from the display are going to help refugees in Ukraine.

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## Got out of the summer heat with a concert, show or indoor sporting event

May is here and summer is quickly approaching. As the weather gets even warmer, our local entertainment is heating up!

“The Band’s Visit” takes to the Straz Center stage from May 4-8. This musical is based on the 2007 Israeli film of the same name. At the 72nd Tony Awards in 2019, it was nominated for 11 awards and won 10!

“The Band’s Visit” is one of only four musicals in Broadway history to win the “Big Six” Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Book, Best Score, Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Director.

Tampa Bay Orchestra presents Brahms’ Magnificent First at Ferguson Hall at the Straz Center on the afternoon of May 8. The Tampa Bay Orchestra, under the direction of Mark Sforzini, consists of more than 80 musicians and has been described as “one of Tampa Bay’s hidden jewels.” This is the season finale, featuring the magnificent Brahms First Symphony and Four Scottish Dances by Malcolm Arnold.

Appearing at the Mahaffey Theater on Friday, May 13, Wanda Sykes will be performing after co-hosting one of the most controversial Academy Award shows ever.

She is an American stand-up comedian, actress and writer who was first recognized for her work as a writer on The Chris Rock Show for which she won a Primetime Emmy Award in 1999.

In 2004, Entertainment Weekly named Wanda as one of the 25 funniest people in America.

The Florida Orchestra performs Mozart’s Requiem with the Master Chorale of Tampa Bay on Saturday, May 14, at the Mahaffey Theater. As a note of interest, one hour prior to the concert you can hear “behind the scenes” stories about the composer and their music straight from the conductor and guest soloists.

“Pretty Woman” (the Musical) has a run at the Straz Center from May 17-22. It is based on the 1990 movie of the same name and centers around a free-spirited Hollywood prostitute who is hired by a wealthy business man to be his escort for several business and social functions.

The musical follows their developing relationship over the course of her week-long stay with him.

Another comedian, Rob Schneider will be making a one night stop at the Capitol Theater in Clearwater on May 20. He is an American actor, comedian and screenwriter. He was a veteran of “Saturday Night Live” and has starred in several films including “Deuce Bigalow.”

Alex Cuba appears at the Straz Center on Monday, May 23. He is a Cuban-Canadian singer-songwriter who sings in Spanish and English. He has won two Juno Awards for World Music Album of the Year in 2006 and 2008.

On Tuesday, May 24, and Wednesday, May 25, “Jersey Boys” will be performed at Ruth Eckerd Hall. This musical is presented in a documentary-style format which dramatizes the formation, success and eventual break up for the 1960s rock and roll group, The Four Seasons.

The musical is structured as four “seasons” with each being narrated by a different member of the band who gives his own perspective on its history and music.

If you are a fan of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, this show is sure to take you on a trip down memory lane.

Shen Yun appears at the Mahaffey Theater from May 25-29. This United States non-profit performing arts and entertainment company is actually composed of seven different companies with a total of 480 performers. They have performed in front of millions and have toured more than 130

cities across Europe, North America, Oceania and Asia.

George Benson performs at Ruth Eckerd Hall on May 27. He is an American guitarist, singer and songwriter.

A former child prodigy, he first came to prominence in the 1960s. Over the years, alternating between jazz, pop, R&B and scat, he has been honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

On June 1, Ruth Eckerd Hall hosts the 13th year of the highly successful, hit-filled summer package, The Happy Together Tour, as different groups perform their biggest hits of the 1960s and 1970s.

The show includes The Turtles, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, The Buckingham, The Vogues and The Cowsills.

Francis Wilson Playhouse will host “The Producers” from May 5-22. Winner of 12 Tony Awards, “The Producers” is a comedy about a producer who needed to create the worst show ever. The plot centers around Adolf Hitler and the Nazis.

On the sports front in May, during the first week of the month, the Tampa Lightning begin what we hope will be a long and successful playoff run at Amalie Arena leading to a three-peat Stanley Cup win.

The Tampa Bay Rays will host four baseball series at Tropicana Field in St Petersburg: Toronto Blue Jays (May 13-15), Detroit Tigers (May 16-18), Florida Marlins (May 24-25) and New York Yankees (May 26-29).

The Tampa Bay Rowdies (soccer) will take on Phoenix May 15 and Tulsa on June 1 at Al Lang Stadium in St. Petersburg.

Have fun in May and see you in June.

## Newcomer wins in first Texas Card Game Tournament



By Joe DeChiaro

The Texas Card Game Club hosted its monthly tournament on Friday, March 18, and eight members showed up.

There were two new members who signed up to play, which brought total membership to 32.

Everyone made the final table and we played until there was a winner.

The newest member, Roger Perry, finally won the tournament over Bill Whipps. Each player begins with a total of 12,000 chips. The blinds increase every



Roger Perry, left, and Bill Whipps meet in the finals of April’s Texas Card Game Tournament.

15 minutes. If a player loses his/her chips within the first hour, he/she can rebuy for another 12000 chips.

The first break is after level three ends.

During this break, a player can add on a total of 6000 chips for half the buy-in

amount.

After the break is over, the blinds continue to increase every 15 minutes with the big blind also adding a big blind ante to the pot.

We usually play for 3-4 hours until the final 3 or 4 decide to split the prize pool or

a winner is crowned.

The next two tournaments will be Friday, May 13, and Friday, June 17, at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Joe DeChiaro at joegdechiaro@yahoo.com. You can also just show up at 5 p.m. on any tournament night.

# Snowbirds Club brought back line dancing for the winter season and shoots for bigger events this fall

By Dale Stackhouse

By the time you are reading this article, a major event will be taking place for members of the Snowbirds Club ... the annual migration many of us take to our northern homes.

Last year, of course, things were very different.

A great many Snowbirds did not make it south, and those who did, discovered that our usual activities had been put on suspension.

There were no trips, no shows or restaurant events, and most important of all, no in-person line dancing.

Some of us joined with Ed and Dolly Foland from our homes, for their Zoom line dancing class (which was wonderful), and gave us a chance not only for a little exercise, but to see the faces of friends we were missing.

However, there is no substitute for the real thing, and so it was with great excitement that in the fall of 2021, we made the first advances back towards life as we once knew it ... but with baby steps.

Caution and safety were very much on our minds.

Classes were kept small, to allow for social distancing and room capacity guidelines.



Our members were comfortable with our request that they be vaccinated and abide by the masking rules already in place at On Top of the World.

Gone were the great line dance parties, of course, but some sacrifices must be made.

Since we had few expenses, annual dues were waived.

Of course, just as we were easing back into our happy world of line dancing, things happened that were beyond our control. Instructor Dolly Foland required knee surgery, which obviously meant her normal dancing days were temporarily halted. But her years of good teaching paid off, allowing one of her students, with the help of other volunteers, to step



The Snowbirds Club took baby steps this year in bringing back line dancing. Next year you may see scenes like this again at local dinner theater parties.

in and see that classes could continue in the meantime.

However, Dolly has been greatly missed, so it was with much delight that we welcomed her return during our last two weeks of classes, to lead us in several

dances before we all had to say farewell.

We wish all our Snowbird and Sunbird friends a safe, happy and healthy summer, and look forward to seeing you on the dance floor once again in October.

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The High Vibrational Tribe has had its first two meetings and the club is growing.

Our invited guest speaker in March will be instructing us on breath work and sound meditation with the gong. So members are encouraged to bring a mat to rest on if desired.

See you 7 p.m., Thursday, March 10 in the East Activity Center Kitchen.

Metaphysics is the study of the ultimate cause in the universe. Metaphysics includes all religions, but transcends them all. Basically metaphysics is religion without dogma.

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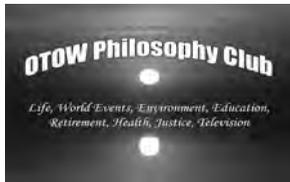
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## Philosophy Club is back

The On Top of the World Philosophy Club is meeting again. The group will get together from 10-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Join us for interesting and lively conversations. Each week is a different subject. You may come just to listen. You may volunteer to present a topic, but we do not discuss religion or politics. Please be respectful of different values. Coffee, water and tea are available. Everyone must wear a mask.



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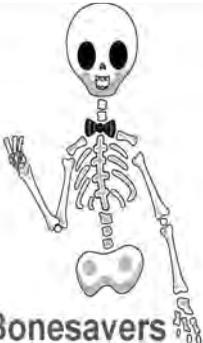
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### Saturdays

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### Crystal Beach Room



## Bonesavers

The Bonesavers exercise group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights, a towel and a chair.

If you want to try it out, just come over and borrow the weights we already have available.

Men and women are both welcome.

## Duplicate Bridge is back!

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# SPORTS

## Tennis wraps up season with awards and luncheon



Trophy winners from the recent tennis tournaments are Brett Reed, John McIntyre, Bruce McMaster, Joe DeChiaro and Helen Grose.

The On Top of the World Tennis Club held its awards luncheon on Saturday, April 2, at the Pavilion to honor all the winners of the February tournaments.

The luncheon began at 11 a.m. with a social hour, which included sandwiches, side dishes of pasta salad with spinach, a shrimp platter, grilled salmon cooked by Karen French, and chips, cookies and water.

The meeting began with an invocation from Vice President Bruce McMaster.

Then Karen presented the minutes from the last board meeting.

Bruce informed the membership of the date of the club business meeting which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

President Joe DeChiaro gave a recap of the tournaments and thanked everyone for participating.

Finally, the tournament director, Sammy Fahmy gave out awards to all the winners, which included new overgrips, hats, visors and trophies.

The tennis club will continue to meet every morning, Monday through Saturday from 7:30-11 a.m. and Sundays at 4:30 p.m. through the summer months. New members are always welcome. Just show up to play any morning during the week.



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## Multiple holes-in-one look easy on the OTOW courses

By Barney Hanrahan

Many players have holes-in-one at On Top of the World.

When we begin to play golf, we start with the highest ambition and hope to exceed our best game. Generally, most of us are lucky to achieve a par-plus game.

In my last report I noted one of our golfers had achieved that enviable goal of multiple holes-in-one scores and I wondered how many other golfers reached that level.

After a little checking, we found several golfers have had one or more holes-in-one on the OTOW courses.

A list of those achieving that level that we were able to confirm is as follows:

Mike Crittendon, 10, Phil Smerz, 7, Lester Whynot, 6, Jay Schwallie, 3, Ken Neild, 3, Jack Gow, 3, Joey Dowe, 1, Bill Higgins, 3, Jim Anzalone, 3, David Combs, 3, Tom Pettit, 2, Ed Hanson, 2, Ron Murray, 1, Nelson Sparks, 1, Les Kenneilly, 1, Nilson Sabadin, 1, Mike Walker, 1, Gary Sandine, 1 and Dave Cox, 1.

I am sure there are others, but this is as complete a list as I have to date. Anyone not listed above can let me know. Please note I only show the number of aces and not the specific holes.

Another remarkable feat that deserves attention are holes-in-one achieved by Mike Crittendon. His latest was a blazing shot on hole No. 10 which is 255 yards long with a right dog leg and trees blocking any view of the green. Mike shot over

## Bill Bernard, Ron Reeves, Mick Pearson and Sonny Morris win scramble

By Ken Smith

On Friday, March 28, 48 players, divided into 12 teams, participated in a Friday Mixed Golf League Scramble.

First place was the team of Bill Bernard, Ron Reeves, Mick Pearson and Sonny Morris with a score of 52.

Second place was the team of Scott Rogers, John Maloof, Paul Hanko and Sheryl Barbin with a score of 53.

Third place was the team of Harry Barbin, Ed Sixon, Dave Hoffman and CJ Messina with a score of 55.

Fourth place was the team of Ada Maloof, Jahn Lawson, Jim Keagy and Dave Mills with a score of 55.

All scores of 55 were match by cards to determine position.

Closest to the pin on hole No. 3 was Gary Sandine, on hole No. 5 was Bill Higgins, on hole No. 6 was Peyton Grogan, on hole No. 9 was Lisa Muchler, on hole No. 13 was Ron Reeves, on hole No. 15 was Harry Barbin, and on hole No. 16 was Mary Bernard.

Skins were recorded by Team Kreilach on hole No. 1 with an eagle, Team

## Men's Golf

the trees and landed on the green and the ball dropped into the hole.

This was a truly remarkable feat that may never be repeated. Impressive performance, Mike.

Now for the recent scores:

### March 23

#### Flight A

First Place was Bill Whipps, 60, and Tom Stephens, 60, followed by Jeff West, 64, Lester Whynot, 67, Stanley Doran, 62.

#### Flight B

First Place was Doug Silver, 61, and David Saccone, 61, followed by Jay Schwallie, 62, Roy Monteith, 63, Pete Gagnon, 63.

#### Flight C

First Place was Ken Schifferle, 59, followed by Bob Ellis, 60, Tom Sullivan, 60, Jack Gow, 61, Ron Nobile, 62.

#### Flight D

First Place was Darrel Collings, 62, followed by CJ Messina, 63, Les Meneilly, 66, Roger Hebel, 66, Patrick Mahoney, 66.

### March 30

#### Flight A

First Place was Dan Morey, 49, followed by Tom Stephens, 60, Lester Whynot, 63, Jeff West, 64, Bill Whipps, 64.

### Flight B

First Place was Roy Monteith, 62, Barry Pelham, 62, Jay Schwallie, 62 and Dick Pasco, 62, followed by David Saccone, 63.

### Flight C

First Place was Harold Cote, 57, followed by Les Beyer, 58, Ron Nobile, 59, Ronald Murray, 59, Bob Ellis, 62.

### Flight D

First Place was Patrick Mahoney, 58, followed by Roger Hebel, 59, Paul Seggelin, 61, Alex Miller, 62, CJ Messina, 63.

### April 6

#### Flight A

First Place was John Tayler, 62, followed by Stanley Doran, 63, Bill Haener, 64, Roy Monteith, 64, Mike Crittendon, 68.

#### Flight B

First Place was Rene Bergeron, 59 and Paul Farrell, 59, followed by Jerry Fugatt, 62, Bill Holland, 63, Mike Schuyler, 64.

#### Flight C

First Place was Martin Forde, 56, followed by Jim Mutschler, 61, Les Bayer, 62, James O'Neill, 63, Ken Schifferle, 63.

### Flight D

First Place was John Gill, 58, followed by Joseph Dowe, 60, Richard Zambron, 61, Joe Ventimiglia, 62, Chuck McAllister, 64.

### April 13

#### Flight A

First Place was Jim Anzalone, 61, followed by Roy Monteith, 62, Mike Crittendon, 62, Ed Sixon, 63, Bill Haener, 64

#### Flight B

First Place was Ken Neild, 59, followed by Jerry Fugatt, 62, Barry Pelham, 62, Dick Pasco, 63, Guy Bertuzzi, 64.

#### Flight C

First Place was Paul Seggelin, 61 and Harold Cote, 61, followed by Gerald Morrisette, 62, Les Beyer, 63, Ed Fox 64.

#### Flight D

First Place was C.J. Messina, 56, followed by Alex Miller, 58, Jack Drewiega, 60, Henry Rejman, 62, Richard Zambron, 64.

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# Even in their old age, OTOW softball players can use speed to make big plays

By Bob Rittner

**2nd Time Sports 8  
Stix 8  
Paradise Restaurant 3**

A two-out rally in the last inning clinched a tie for Stix and only Jim Kemp's brilliant catch of a searing liner kept them from victory.

Star of the game was Eddie Ramirez who made a Brooks Robinson-like grab of a low, foul liner. On another sizzling grounder he started a double play and later drove in the tying run with a drive to the right-centerfield fence - his third hit on a perfect day at the plate.

Joe Harrington reached over the fence to bring back a homer and Jack Wright reached high to pick off a rising liner and then doubled off a runner at first base.

**2nd Time Sports 11  
Paradise Restaurant 3  
Stix 1**

In the first inning, Paradise Restaurant scored three runs and the other two teams each scored one run.

The victors went on to score in all but one inning, capping the win with a mammoth over-the-fence grand slam by Bill

## Softball

Holland.

Reggie Phelan set down 11 of the last 12 batters he faced and Joe Maley also pitched four scoreless innings. Each inning was helped by excellent outfield play by Roger Hebel, who cut off a skimming grounder to hold a runner to a single and by Jack Wright and Ron Shields who caught high pop-ups.

**Paradise Restaurant 5  
Stix 5  
2nd Time Sports 3**

Aggressive base-running wins games.

Robert Bannick raced from second base to third base on a grounder to shortstop and on the next play scored on a short single.

George Morgan lashed a one-hopper to left field. A moment's hesitation allowed him to gain second base without a throw and he later scored on a short hit to the outfield.

Defense wins games.

Outfielders Ron Shields, Rick Champ, Joe Harrington, Roger Martel and George Morgan all saved runs with brilliant catches. Infielder Bob Studwell raced back for an

over-the-shoulder catch on the grass. Middle Infielder Tara Gunning made the perfect pivot to get a double play. Bob O'Donohue corralled a hot liner at third base.

Catcher Bill Lepping - with his back to the field - grabbed a pop fly directly behind his head.

**Paradise Restaurant 4  
Stix 4  
2nd Time Sports 3**

Led by Jim Tiano's two long hits, Paradise Restaurant forged a lead but was caught when Stix rallied for three runs on singles by Joe Harrington, Tara Gunning, Guy Bertuzzi, Frank Whitney and Dennis Kusalanka.

The catch of the game was a remarkable grab by Guy, the catcher, who settled under a high twisting foul and cradled it in his glove to the cheers of all three teams.

**2nd Time Sports 10  
Stix 5  
Paradise Restaurant 5**

A series of spectacular catches made this the Rick Champ game.

Ranging far to his left, he snagged a sinking knee-high liner. Later he raced from deep left field into foul territory to

back hand a ball at the fence. Another ball was rising over his head when he stretched for the catch, and on a one-hop liner he hustled the ball into the cutoff to keep the runner at first base.

**Paradise Restaurant 11  
2nd Time Sports 5  
Stix 2**

Fans scoring a baseball game number the positions, so to identify the specifics of each play, the scorer uses numbers to represent the course of the action.

Thus if the shortstop (No. 6) throws to the first baseman (No. 3) to get an out, the scoresheet would read 6-3.

In one of our games, the scoresheet read 3-6, which may happen should the first baseman throw to the shortstop covering second. But in this case, the out was made at first base.

With shortstop Ralph Scunziano, you can never be sure how far he will go to record an out. In this case, seeing Wayne Pall charging a short hit in front of first, he sped across the diamond to cover first and took Wayne's perfect feed for the out.

For information about our softball/stickball league, contact Bob Rittner (729-7970) or visit us on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com

**The On Top of the World 18-Hole Ladies Summer Golf League will start Tuesday, June 7, at 7:30 a.m.**

**See page 41 for details**

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# Spring luncheon was a very special way to end the 2021-22 18-hole golf season

## 18 Hole Ladies

By Gloria Sayer

Our 18-Hole Ladies Golf League Spring Luncheon was held on March 23 at the Dunedin Country Club and was absolutely wonderful.

The tables were festively decorated and the food was delicious, especially the champagne toast to all who graced us with their presence.

The crème de la crème was the chocolate cake! Who doesn't like chocolate? Right, ladies?

The Dunedin County Club went above and beyond to make our event successful and fun.

Chairwomen Mary Beth Devine, Arlene Hanson and Ursula Taylor outdid themselves. I personally think they should do it every year. You are very much appreciated.

We had several members donate baskets of goodies to be raffled off. Thank you to all who donated.

Verna Lundgren wrote up numbered golf related tags placed at each table setup and she donated a special handmade gift for the winner of the draw. Thank you Verna.

What a great group of ladies depicted in this picture taken at Dunedin Country Club.

The On Top of the World 18-Hole Ladies Summer Golf League will start Tuesday, June 7, at 7:30 a.m. The fee to play for the summer league is \$5. We will play 12 holes, 1-6 and 13-18.

Any player can join with or without a handicap as the handicap can be estab-



Ladies pose for a picture at their recent spring luncheon at the Dunedin Country Club.

lished during play.

We would like all players to arrive Tuesday mornings about 7:15.

Please call Sherry Ivy, chairwoman at 727-797-8354 if you wish to join this fun league. You must have an updated activity card to join.

I would like to share the net score winners of our Tuesday morning golf league and extend a congratulations to all the ladies for their great golf game.

### March 15

Flight A: Sharon Hackenmiller 59, Dorothy Graham 61, Joyce Majewski 63. Flight B: Carole Lacey 62, Billie Pineau 63, Terry Kuplen 64. Closest-to-the-pin No. 15 Donia Stadler.

### March 22

Flight A: Kim Norried 62, Dorothy Graham 64, Joy Walker 67, Gina Yoon 67, Mary Bernard 67. Flight B: Cindy Schell 63, Donna Smerz 65, Rosemary Sabatino 65, Terry Kuplen 66, Robin Goralczyk 66. Chip-In winner No. 7, Donna Osborne. Closest-to-the-pin No. 15 Kim Norried.

### March 29

Flight A: Mary Bernard 61, Kim Norried 62, Nancy Lo 63. Flight B: Yoan Yorkery 59, Cindy Schell 62, Terry Kuplen 63. Chip-In winners Mary Bernard No. 1, Donna Osborne No. 4, Joyce Majewski No. 6, Gina Yoon No. 10 and Joan Yorkery No. 16. Closest-to-the-pin No. 15 Dot Graham. The 50/50 winner for March was Ursula Taylor.

### April 5

Flight A: Joy Walker 58, Joyce Majewski 63, Mary Bernard 66. Flight B: Cindy Schell 65, Terry Kuplen 66, Joan Yorkery 66, Donna Osborne 67, Mary Beth Devine 67. Chip-In winners Song Kyong No. 3, Cindy Schell No. 16. Closest-to-the-pin No. 15 Joy Walker.

Our May chairwoman is Karen Beaver. Please call Karen at 717-468-3745 to sign up for golf or to cancel golf play. You must have an updated activity card to join. Come join us!

I wish all the ladies of the On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association a very Happy and Healthy May.

## Ballroom dance classes return

Ballroom dance classes will be returning to On Top of the World in June.

The instructor is Noland Shade, who teaches beginner dancing to help couples learn how to dance socially.

Dance lessons are taught at a slow pace so anyone can learn how to dance over time.

The first dance lesson will be The Waltz starting on June 6 at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room. Additional classes will take place every Monday afternoon.

No pre-registration is necessary. Simply show up and learn how to ballroom dance.





I love to cook.

I love cooking for different events around the area, such as dinner parties, an annual pig roast for our church, and our building's annual backyard cookout.

I just finished cooking for the On Top of the World Press Association Appreciation Luncheon at Philippe Park, where we served roasted stuffed pork loin with sausage wrapped in bacon, grilled mixed vegetables and roasted corn on the cob.

My wife, Cheryl, and I love to throw dinner parties. We think about the atmosphere and aesthetic we'd like for the evening. We figure out what we'll need for table decor and make a list.

We love to sit down and plan the menu along with the wines.

Everyone should have fun planning a menu. Keep in mind what ingredients are in season and what can be prepared a day before the party.

Think about how you'll want your dishes to look when served, and be sure to include any special tools, plates or garnishes you'll need to create them.

Also, don't forget the cocktails and appetizers before dinner and after-dinner.

One of the things I like to do is set the dinner table a couple of days in advance so every time I walk by it I get excited about the party.

Another fun thing I like to do is print out the menu and mail it to our guests a week in advance. That gets them excited about the party.

I also like to have fresh flowers on the table, have name tags on each plate setting, have a copy of the menu on one edge of the dinner table, and play soft background music.

One of the advantages of throwing a party here at On Top of the World is that we live less than five miles from five different grocery stores, and that's not counting the vegetable stands, fish markets and specialty food stores.

Let's not forget our own OTOW Farmers Market (great job, Nancy!).

Here in Florida, because of the weather, we have fresh vegetables year round and, living on the Gulf, we have an abundant and varied amount of fresh fish. So planning a dinner party is kinda easy.

A few guidelines in buying the ingredients: Meat and fish - 8 to 10 ounces per person; pasta - 4 to 6 ounces; vegetables - 6 to 8 ounces; dinner rolls - 2 per person; drinks - 1 to 2 glasses per person with dinner and 1 slice or cup per person for dessert.

Of course, serve fresh brewed coffee.

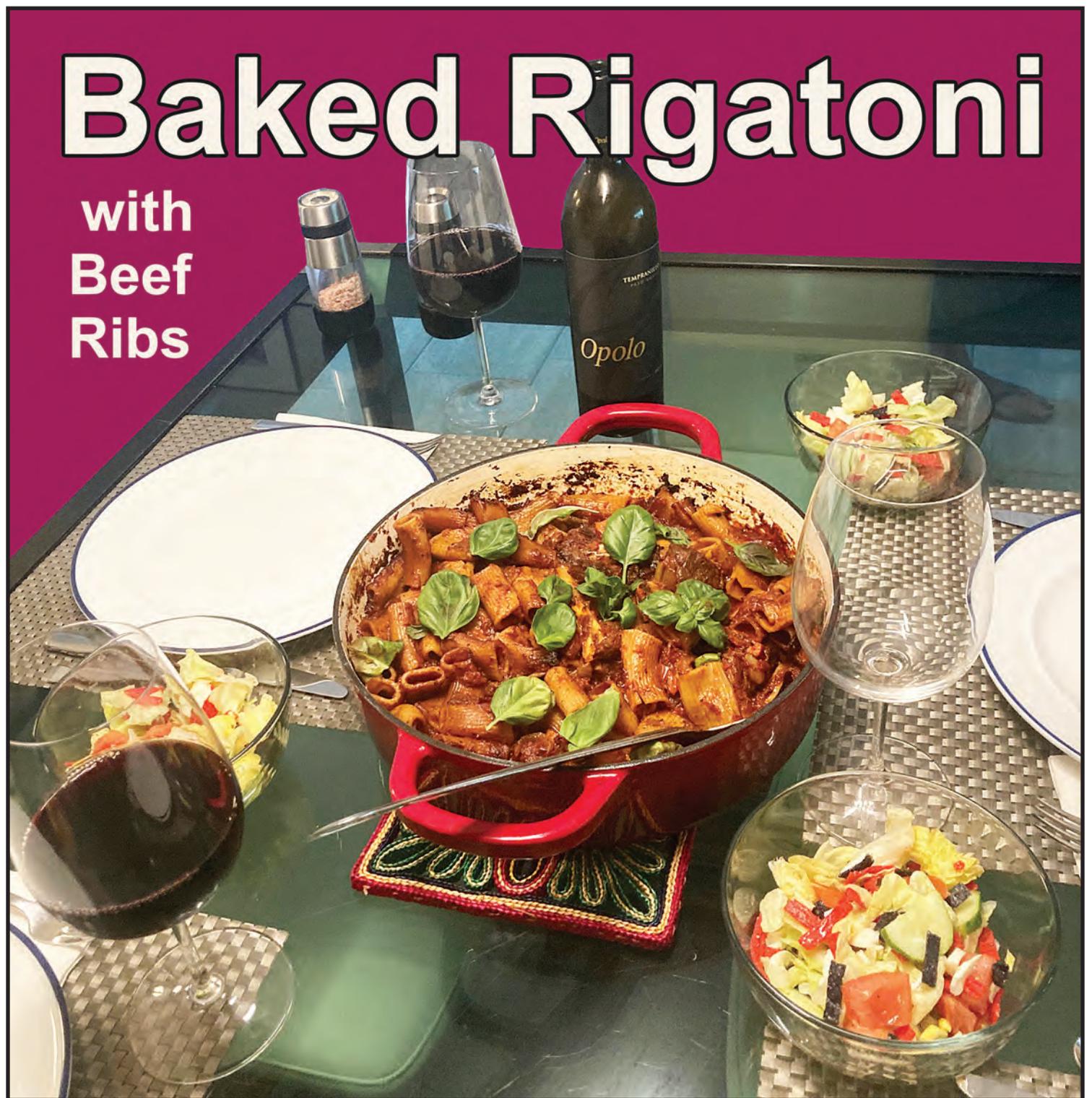
I like to have some take home containers so if there are any leftovers people can take it home and have it the next day to remember the party.

We sometimes like to do a theme party, say Asian or Italian.

Speaking of Asian food, I have found a lot of Asian grocery stores in our area

# Baked Rigatoni

## with Beef Ribs



with products you can't find in your normal grocery store. And for Italian, there is Mazzaro's Italian Market in St. Petersburg. I can spend all day there and have lunch, too. They have a great kitchen gourmet store next door where you can find all manner of cooking and kitchen items.

Finally, remember to make your party fun and enjoyable because I believe that the most civilized thing people can do is to sit down and break bread together.

Here is a recipe I recently concocted and served to some friends. Hope you like it.

### Baked Rigatoni with Beef Ribs Ingredients

4 tablespoons olive oil  
1 side of beef ribs, cut  
8 ounces rigatoni  
6 ounces tomato paste  
26 ounces crushed tomatoes  
2 cups diced carrots  
2 cups diced onions  
2 cups diced celery  
1 garlic clove, crushed  
5 teaspoons Italian seasoning  
4 tablespoons sugar  
salt & pepper to taste

1 cup of dry red wine  
Fresh Basil for garnish,  
chopped

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a Dutch oven add 2 tablespoons of olive oil over medium heat. Salt and pepper the beef ribs. Add the beef ribs to the pot and brown on both sides. Transfer the ribs to a plate.

Add the onions, celery, garlic, carrots and 2 tablespoons olive oil to the pot. Sauté for 15 minutes until the vegetables are soft.

Add the tomato paste and continue stirring for 5 minutes. Add the crushed tomatoes, sugar and red wine.

Place the rigatoni pasta in the pot. Return the beef ribs and any juices from the plate to the pot.

Bake for 1 1/2 hours. Before serving add the fresh basil leaves.

Here's another great dinner party entree.

### Cornish Hens A La Russe Ingredients

2 Cornish Hens  
2 teaspoons paprika

1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives

### Directions

Cut the Cornish hens lengthwise in half and press on the halves with your hands to flatten them. Make an incision about 1/2 inch deep at the junction of the thigh and drumsticks to help the birds cook more evenly.

Mix together the paprika, salt, cumin, and cayenne and spread onto the skin and inside the halved hens.

Heat the olive oil in a saucepan large enough to hold the 4 halves without overlapping. When the pan is hot, arrange the hen halves, skin side up, in the pan and cook over medium-high heat, uncovered, for about 8 minutes.

Turn the halves skin side down and place two foil-wrapped bricks (or a heavy skillet with a weight in it) on top to press down on the hens. Cook over medium-low heat for about 20 minutes, or until the hens' skin is crusty and dark brown and the hens are cooked through.

Serve with the natural juices and a sprinkling of the chives.

# Cool off with a poached pear and fruity wine



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Poached pears is a simple dessert which is elegant and served with a fruity wine.

It is meant to be slowly savored on a warm spring day. You will be pleased with its tender, yet firm, texture.

My dear chefs, you can customize the poaching liquid to suit your taste by adding various spices, slices of fresh ginger, vanilla beans, or fruit-flavored wine or brandy.

Just keep it relatively simple. Too many flavors can overwhelm the delicacy of the pear flavor.

If you prefer, add a scoop of vanilla yogurt, fresh raspberries or a wedge of spice cake.

The season for American-grown pears is December through March. They are available in May, however, when pears are imported from Chile.

## Ingredients

- 1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1/2 cup apple juice
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 4 large ripe Bosc pears
- 1/4 cup dried mixed berries

## Links

- (i) [bmj.com](http://bmj.com)
- (ii) [sciencedirect.com](http://sciencedirect.com)

## Disclaimer

This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.

## Directions

1. Peel pears carefully.
2. Cut pears in half lengthwise. Remove cores with a melon ball scoop. Keep stem for effect.
3. Slice off a very small portion on the bottom of each half so it sits solidly on a pan.
4. Place pears, cut side down, in 1 cup of water with 1 tablespoon of lemon juice.
5. In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, butter, flour, cinnamon and salt. Stir in nuts.
6. Combine apple juice and honey.
7. Drain pears and place in a 4-quart slow-cooker on low setting.
8. Fill empty core with nut mixture. Drizzle apple juice mix over pears.
9. Cook for 2-3 hours on low. Add dried berries to liquid in last minutes.
10. Remove pears gently, using a slotted spoon. Store the pears in their liquid in the refrigerator in a covered container. The pears improve in flavor after a day or so in the poaching liquid.
11. Remove the pears from the refrigerator a few hours prior to serving. Re-heat in liquid for 30 seconds microwave to serve.

## The Science

Poaching is a cooking method in which the food is gently cooked in liquid.

The interesting approach with this recipe is the use of the slow-cooker (as opposed to the stove-top or baking). It can be a challenge to maintain a low, steady temperature on the stove-top and oven.

These methods are much faster than the slow cooker, but....

Slow-cooking creates conditions and time for fruit fiber to soften and absorb maximum flavor from the syrup. Moisture evaporates up to the lid and rains back down to continuously moisten and flavor the pears. This effect is more difficult to achieve with the oven or stove-top.

Cut surfaces of some fruit, especially pears, discolor when exposed to air. To prevent this, plunge cut pears directly into water mixed with lemon juice until you are ready to place them in the slow cooker.

When cooking pears, choose the most crisp raw pears. The popular Bosc pear is the best option. Anjou pears are another top choice. These can withstand heat.

Choose pears without any bruising. If overripe, cooked pears will be too soft and soggy. If underripe, they won't poach well. To ripen, place the pears overnight on the counter in a brown bag with an apple.

## Health Value

Pears have high levels of antioxidants. A pear contains 6 grams of dietary fiber. While they (and other fruits) contain natural sugars, this is inversely associated with diabetes, especially among women. (i)

If you eat three fresh pears or apples a day, studies show it is possible to lose weight. This is because a pear is a low en-

ergy density food. For example, one with low calories per unit weight. (ii)

These foods are typically non-starchy plant foods with high fiber and high water content. So, you feel full at the end of the day by adding three pears a day, even if you are simultaneously reducing your food intake volume. A win-win!

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# BUILDING REPORTS



At left, Bavarian Chalet residents begin raising the American flag on their brand new flag pole. About 20 residents turned out for the ceremony. Below was the final resting place once the flag was lifted for the first time. The flag opened right up and was proud to be flowing in the afternoon breeze.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

## Bavarian Chalet celebrates new flag and new flag pole

There's only one thing more patriotic than raising the American flag ... raising the American Flag on a brand new flag pole.

On March 30, more than 20 residents from the Bavarian Chalet building attended a ceremony in February to welcome their new flag pole.

Residents sang patriotic songs, pledged to the flag and retreated to the center core for snacks and beverages after the ceremony.

The long-awaited project was completed on Ecuadorian Way. There were many who worked diligently to make the new flag pole happen and residents are grateful for the donations that supported this project.

Neighbors and friends joined around the new flag pole as a prayer was offered for our country. Veteran Ralph Center read a passage about the American flag, God Bless America was then sang by Betty Spoerl accompanied by veteran Bill Clark on the keyboard.

Mike O'Loughlin and Lou Young, both veterans, raised our new flag followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the entire group in attendance.

The program ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

Bill Clark entertained us all with patriotic music from the third floor of the building and cupcakes were served at the conclusion. As a reminder of this day, everyone was given a small American flag.

A big thank you goes to Madeline Fontaine and Norman Dionne who never gave up on the project .



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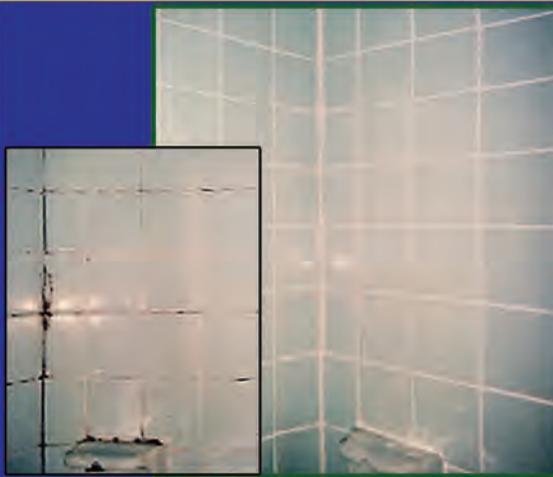
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Rila Renaissance residents enjoy an outdoor party behind the building. And yes, four-legged friends were invited, too.

## Birthday girl turns 80 and hosts her own party

By Glenda Greenman

It's the merry month of May.

The birds have migrated, the Snow-birds have flown and we transplanted Floridians are settling in for the long hot summer.

On March 26, Emerald Isle celebrated Judy Hetrick's 80th birthday. Judy hosted our building residents to coffee and cake and other treats in the second floor core.

You only turn 80 once and as some of us know, it's a big one. Congratulations again, Judy.

Also in March, we held a ladies luncheon at the Cheesecake Factory which was a big success. Just ask the ladies who were there.

Thank you to MaryAnn Nargi for the great picture.

April brought us "A Day at the Races" on April 17. See next month's column to find out the big winners.

Also in April, Happy Birthday to husband, Marshall, who is now a grand 86.

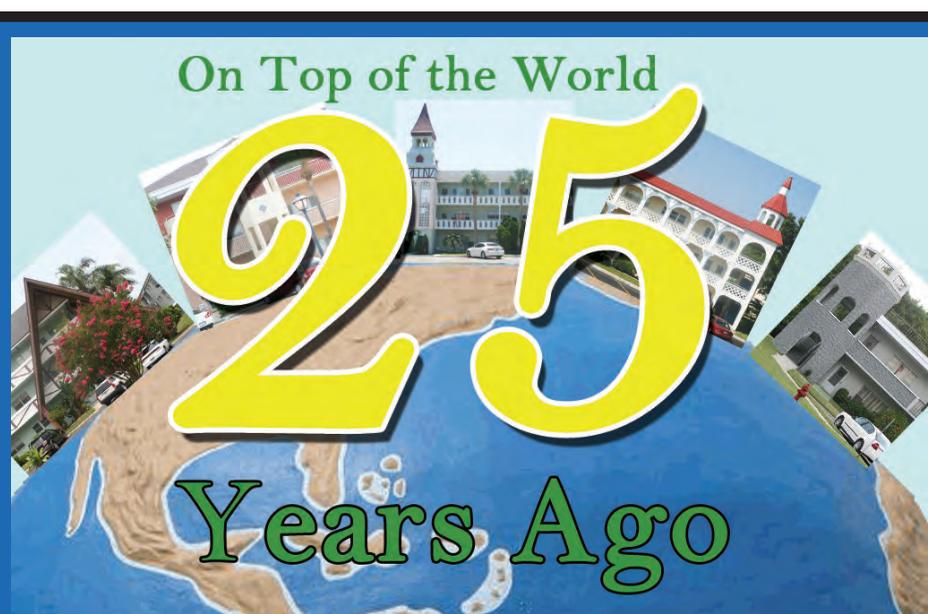
Please notify me if you'd like your announcements in the monthly news.



Just a few words about a most interesting neighbor, Sue Cohen.

Sue has lived here for eight years with Nina Spasoto. In her spare time she is a dog walker! It started with one dog and then word spread.

Sue walks about five puppies a week - not all at once. She exercises with them for about 30 minutes followed by some doggie play and a belly rub.



Compiled by Dave Hart  
May 1997

• Nancy's News by Nancy Davis, Activities Director: If the well-known rhyme, "April showers bring May flowers," is true, then we should have a lovely crop of blooms this spring. Trees, plants and shrubs are bursting with their new and glorious array of colors. It seems as if only a few days ago the huge tree in our front yard was merely barren sticks reaching up to the sky. But when I was walking to my car the other morning, I suddenly noticed that newly sprouted leaves covered the once barren branches. Birds were fluttering from one branch to another singing their melodious tunes. They, too, are participating in Mother Nature's plans.

• OTOW Press Association: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Colen attended the April, 1997, installation of officers with the present officers agreeing to take on a third term. Mr. Colen was pleased to do the honors of investing the staff for a third term: President Johnny Johnson; Vice President Katherine Amend; Secretary Irene Collin; and Treasurer Ray Flickinger. (Ray has been the Press Association's treasurer for the past 10 years.) The Press Association being Mr. Colen's pride and joy, he wished the team continued strength and success in the upcoming year.

• Ladies 18 Hole Golf: President Lucille Deardorff presided over the last general meeting on April 2, 1997, for the current season. After thanking the officers, board members and membership for their assistance, she turned the meeting over to the Tournament Chairman, Angela Corrente, for presentation of awards to the Championship Tournament winners. Angela congratulated Ingrid Jarmuzek for her overall winning score of 208 for the three weeks. Trophies for holes-in-one were presented to Mabel Rahn, Leona Detre and Betty McKay.

• Shalom Club: With the capable leadership of Elaine Stern and her officers, the Shalom Club will soon be completing another successful season of bringing pleasure and entertainment to its increased membership. On Sunday, May 25, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., you will be amazed with the varied talents of our own Shalom Club members who have volunteered to perform for us. May will be a month of celebration and remembrance. The Tampa Bay area will join with people around the world of all faiths, nationalities and political beliefs on Sunday, May 4, 1997, to recall the horrors represented by the Holocaust and its meaning for us today.

• American Colonial Building: On April 12, 1997, we had an indoor picnic and yard sale on the third floor of our building. The picnic was catered by Boston Market with a choice of entrees. The yard sale was a success as we made \$96.65. Alice Flandreau, with a group of 15, flew to Jordan, which is next to Israel, on March 12, 1997. From Petra, Jordan, they rode horseback for a half-mile and then walked a mile to view ruins from hundreds of years ago. They visited a kibbutz and stayed in Tiberius, Israel.

• Monaco Building: The building birdwatchers report the recent flyover of a bald eagle. Our butterfly lady reports a visit from a Tiger Butterfly. She also informed us that it is the state butterfly. The resident rabbit has been out and about with her most recent family addition. Bill and Eileen Thornton spent a long weekend visiting Naples, Venice and Sarasota. Now that most resident sun-seekers have returned to the north, Carl and Ann House have arrived from Ohio to catch the last of the season.

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# OTOW Neighborhood Watch Group invited to recognition breakfast

By Dave Beaven

Our On Top of the World Neighborhood Watch core group members recently attended a Community Service Awards Breakfast put on by the Pinellas County Sheriff's office.

It was to recognize the efforts of citizens in Pinellas County who were making a positive difference in county.

Awards were given out to attendees in various categories, including Crime Prevention (people who prevented a crime from taking place). These individuals called the Sheriff's office quickly before a crime could occur or kept the Sheriff's office aware of ongoing problem criminal activity in a neighborhood resulting in arrests.

An example was an award given to a woman who called in a report of a suspicious person casing a neighbor's house. This resulted in an arrest and an end to a string of burglaries that had been occurring in the area.

Another category was the Good Samaritan Award. This was for people who saved a life.

One award was given to a man who



assisted a woman who had collapsed and gave her cardiac resuscitation until the ambulance arrived.

Neighborhood Watch groups across the county were also recognized. There are 125 active Watch groups affiliated with the Sheriff's office. These organizations serve to make their communities stronger and safer.

A certificate was awarded to each group in appreciation of their efforts.

Our Watch group is grateful for the input and support that we get from the Sheriff and from our neighbors here at OTOW.

Here's to a continued safe and healthy



In the first row, left to right, are Joe Malfer and Denise Malfer. In the second row are Becky Balderson, Joan Gruber, Ann Haskell, Barbara Timmons, Lise Michaels and Ron Timmons. In the third row are David Beaven, Deputy Chuck Skipper and George Michaels.

2022 at OTOW.

Neighborhood Watch consists of a group of residents here who want to live in a peaceful and secure environment

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# Ellen Gilbert was a sports nut at a time when athletics were not available to women

The Valencia Building was once again treated to another outstanding pizza party - this one hosted by Tom and Linda Monson in April.

I never knew there were so many varieties of pizza. You really had it your way.

To top it off, there was delicious ice cream at the end of the party that added a special touch.

The attendance was huge and noisy.

The Italian music in the background added a nice flavor.

All in all, it was a great and fun time.

We all had a chance to meet some of our newer neighbors which is always the purpose of these gatherings.

Great job Tom and Linda.

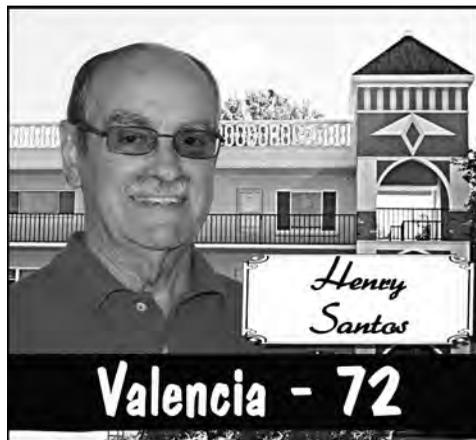
Just a reminder, check the building bulletin board for a notice announcing the upcoming building breakfast scheduled in May to be hosted by Pauline and Henry Santos. We hope every one comes and packs the restaurant.

Now let's meet your neighbor Ellen Gilbert.

Ellen was originally from Kalamazoo, Mich. She was a very active youngster excelling in fast-pitch softball, tennis, volleyball and ping pong.

Organized sports were not available for girls back then so most of her activities were involved with church groups.

You can bet, though, that when the



boys would play pick up games, she was always one of the first ones picked.

One of her early-paying jobs was as a scorekeeper for her city volleyball league.

Ellen and her husband moved to Florida in 1968 settling in the city of Seminole. They have a daughter and a son, and four grandchildren.

She taught physical education for the Pinellas County School System and coordinated supplies for the various schools in the county.

She and her husband started a company to repair flexible endoscopes and did this while the children grew.

One of her favorite activities was taking helicopter tours over Hawaii, the Grand Canyon, Alaska and Mt. St. Helen,



Ellen Gilbert

and she has the pictures to prove it.

One of her favorite memories was attending the Atlanta Olympics games. She volunteered with the Girl Scouts and had the responsibility of overseeing the readiness of all the various camps and was instrumental in converting one into a horse camp.

Ellen moved to the Valencia building in 2005 and still enjoys golfing and line dancing.

## Theater shows on OTOW-TV this summer

The Jesters show, "Something Funny Happened On Broadway" will air on OTOW-TV in August.

The Theater Workshop show, "2022: A Space Oddity" will air in September.

Exact dates will be announced over the summer.

Enjoy both shows for the first time, or over again, from the luxury of your own living room.

If you cannot wait that long, both clubs will be selling DVDs of their show in the East Activity Center auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays.

The DVDs are for residents only.

When the DVDs become available, ask for your own copy.

OTOW-TV is available to Spectrum cable customers. Do not use the up and down channel changer on your remote. Simply type 732.

It is a copyright violation to share any part of either video on the Internet, so please just enjoy the shows in your condo.

## April picnic at Philippe

# Siboney already looking for the perfect holiday dinner

Here at Siboney, our monthly meetings and core parties have been underway - finally.

At our last meeting, President Tom Tarka asked for a volunteer to take the position of vice president and Rowland Hetrick was happy to join the board.

Susan Rausch stepped down from the position after doing a wonderful job for many years.

Our annual picnic was held on April 28 at Philippe Park and as usual we had a fantastic time, delicious food and fun games were played.

Thanks goes out to the men who did the cooking.

Tom asked for volunteers to look for a place to have our holiday dinner and Joyce Hetrick and Lyn Taecker graciously accepted.

As you all know, most local restaurants book really fast for holiday parties.

Please be advised that I am now on the Sunshine Committee and I send out get well and sympathy cards, so please contact me if you know of anyone one sick or hospitalized so I can get a card sent to them from the building.

My phone is (609) 489-1400.



Also, if you are new to our building, please contact me so I can add your name to my next article. Please include where you previously lived.

Recently, as the reporter for Siboney, I was invited to an appreciation dinner for the Press Association at Philippe Park and it was great. Tom Butcher made a fabulous pork loin and sausage on the grill with sautéed vegetables.

We also had a tossed salad and, of course, cookies and brownies.

Happy Mother's Day to our building's mothers. Hope you all have a fantastic day.

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# French Renaissance I adds new officers



Welcome to our building management team, Betty Cassidy.

French Renaissance I residents are so pleased to welcome you into the secretarial position of French Renaissance I. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Betty has been at On Top of the World for one year, moving here from Delaware. She retired from being a quality manager for automotive and manufacturing.

Betty loves the weather, being retired, and living in our fabulous building with the spectacular golf course views.

She feels the community is inviting, warm and welcoming.

Betty feels that living in a condo is very freeing, coming from living in a house on three quarters of an acre up north. We all can relate to that feeling.

We greatly appreciate the continued



French Renaissance I residents get together for a potluck dinner in late March.

work of Dave Combs as building captain. Thank you, also, to Dana Garlick for being our secretary for many years.

It is wonderful to see our building work so well together.

We also want to thank Beverly Morey, who served for many years as our trea-

surer, and welcome Sherrie Markey as our new treasurer.

Stay tuned for information on our new treasurer.

We are very proud as a building that one of our newer residents, Faith Beebe, did a fantastic solo, performing "O, Amer-

ica!" with the OTOW Chorus.

We also have others in our building who sing in the chorus. We will fill you in on the others at a later date.

March 31 we all had a marvelous time having a building potluck dinner. The food and camaraderie were enjoyed by all.



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The bright red Coca-Cola signs were everywhere.

On the south wall was a collage of stars from James Dean to Dick Clark.

There was even a rustic can of Charles Chips that was our family favorite.

On the tables were Woolworth menus bragging a whopping 25 cents for a milk shake and 15 cents for a slice of apple pie.

There was music in the air from an old juke-box, a meticulously restored Wurlitzer that was as pretty to look at as it was to listen to.

The music was simple: find a girl, lose a girl, and try again with a fast car.

The three basics of Rock 'N Roll.

Roy Orbison was singing his heart out while Lesley Gore was still crying at her party.

It is funny how you could remember



the words from a song 60 years ago and you cannot remember your own Yahoo password.

The party was orchestrated by Lorraine Gendron, who not only took us back in time, but fed us as well.

A great time was had by all as it gave us a chance to relive our youth.

As we finished cleaning up, we found an old pair of Blue Suede Shoes in the corner that one of our guests must have left behind.

## The secret to staying young is getting your own mail everyday



The Melbourne Building has not posted an article since 2018 when our reporter Pat Stephens moved.

We were inspired by the February report from the Viking building noting its oldest resident. So, we decided to honor our oldest resident, Val Kastner.

I had the pleasure of chatting with Val during our building's annual St. Patrick's parade picnic. Val and her husband were the second couple to move into the Melbourne. She remembers going to her apartment prior to the building's completion and checking out the view from her window.

Val and her husband moved from the thumb of Michigan in 1978 to join a brother and sister who were already living at On Top of the World. She believes the initial HOA was about \$100 per month.

She enjoyed all the activities OTOW offered, including lectures, shows, parties,



Val Kastner

etc. and she learned to play golf after she moved here. She enjoyed, and still does, eating and socializing as a building at various restaurants and building functions. As a matter of fact, she was the first to sign-up for our April luncheon. Val was a long-time reporter for our building.

These days Val is very active in her church and attends Bible studies twice a week. She is very independent and often refuses offers from others to bring her mail to her. She prefers the exercise of getting her own mail saying, "it helps keep me young."

May we all follow Val's example of independence and love of life.



Lorraine Gendron discovers a restaurant with an actual juke box.

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# Former Villa Riviera residents host a party for their former building neighbors

For over a century, people have been flocking to the Riviera to bask in the sun and hobnob with the glitterati.

But in recent weeks it seems the people of Villa Riviera have been going off property to do their hobnobbing.

First up was a catered Greek affair at the new home of Tom and Nancy Huffman.

Tom and Nancy first bought a unit in Villa Riviera in February of 2020. Nancy was still working quite regularly in her native Columbia as a prosecutor. Tom, who was retired, threw himself into the social whirl of the building by ingratiating himself to all who lived here.

Nancy began spending more time in Florida and, as time passed, the couple decided they could use a larger home. So they decided to move to the west side and bought a unit on Americus in March of 2021.

Because of renovation plans and COVID-19 shortages, the place only became habitable in November last year.

So when construction and finishing touches were completed after Christmas, they opened their home to their old neighbors for a Greek feast.

A great time was had by all. And the



gracious hosts know that no matter where they live, they will always be honorary Villa Riviera residents.

Later that same month, even more residents, including Tom and Nancy, got together at Bascom's Chop House to officially celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Jack and Liz Sharpe.

A year ago their beautiful love story was featured in this very paper.

At the time, they had planned to renew their vows and hold a reception. Unfortunately, Liz's health forced them to cancel.



Tom and Nancy Huffman (in back at left), and Liz and Jack Sharpe (seated at right) both hosted recent social events.

Fortunately, there are two sure things in life you can count on: one is that Liz is a survivor and two is that Jack and Liz love to party. Not only did she make a miraculous recovery, she resumed her active social life as if she'd never taken a break.

She was there for Tom and Nancy's shindig at the at the start of the month and weeks later was standing by her be-

loved Jack's side to welcome guests to their sumptuous celebration of vows.

Congratulations and thanks to Tom, Nancy, Liz and Jack for their achievements and for sharing them.

Now it's time for the residents of Villa Riviera to get our act in gear and have people partying right here on sight just like they do in the south of France.

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Normally, OTOW News does not publish bird pictures. But when these sandhill cranes heard there would be peacocks and ducklings in this edition, they asked for a photo shoot, too. Seriously, these birds are protected. Please do not harass them, wave golf clubs at them or throw objects at them.

(OTOW News photo by Toni Young)

## While you are up north, the Sandhills are moving in

It's that time of year for our Snowbirds to leave our wonderful company and flee their homes for their Northern flocks.

But oddly, it seems when a Snowbird leaves, a sandhill crane shows up!

Meet our red-headed temporary spring residents - at least when a neighbor is not shooing them away with golf clubs or yard sticks.

They are Mr. and Ms. Sandhill Crane. They wander through at about 10 a.m. in the rear courtyard. They stroll over to see the pond and sometimes are seen strolling in the parking area.

They are very loud. They have long windpipes that will start out a deep low pitch and then harmoniously end into a lower rich sound.

They are a little bit louder than our neighborly Canadian Geese, but do not squawk as often.

Please do not feed them because if you do, they will become your newest best friend and peck at your door when you do not feel like socializing.

They have beautiful dancing skills, but I have yet to see them dance to the tune of our neighborly entertainer, Mr. Fun.

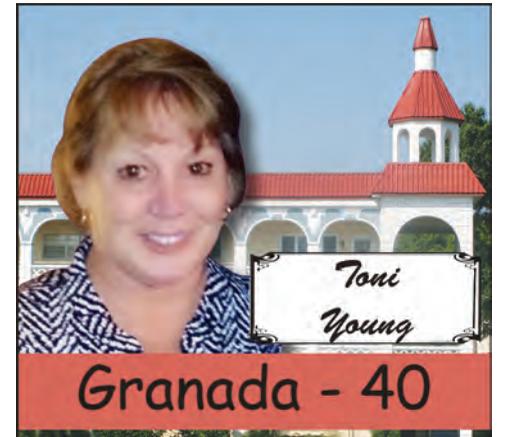
If you would like to see more of these friendly, beautiful neighbors please stop by but do not harm them. They will not hurt you or your animals.

A special thank you to everyone who took part in our monthly building luncheon on Monday, April 11.

We met at E&E Stakeout Grill. We had about 20 residents gather and share their stories.

We will be meeting again at noon on May 9, at PoFolks Restaurant, 2001 34th Street North in St. Petersburg.

Please join us at 8 p.m. on May 10 as many from our building will welcome home those on Honor Flight at Tampa International.



Tom Jamrozy will be returning home flying from Washington, DC. He was drafted at the age of 22 and served in the US Army. He was deployed to Vietnam and supported the Southwest Operations in Dong Bathin and Phan Thiet.

Thank you, Tom, for your service!

Please note that we do not have an official building captain. Linda Faust has agreed to step in and resume the responsibility as acting captain and your point of reference as there are times that newcomers or old-time residents might have questions. Her phone number is (563) 588-1379.

I, Toni, will assist her (770) 313-1450.

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If you have things in your space that belong to a previous resident, let us know and we will try to help solve the issue.

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Remember to send me a text or email with any "new" news!

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## Light a grill, add some food, and you have a social gathering at Swiss Alps Chalet



Thirty-two residents gathered on porches and by grills as Swiss Alps Chalet held a simple outdoor gathering in April.

Who knew a simple trip to Costco could evolve into such a great time? Building 12 celebrated our second party for 2022 with a cookout near the core.

From the set up of tables and chairs, to wheeling out not one, but two grills, anticipation hung heavy in the air.

The planners laid out cutlery and plates, and talked in hushed tones, "will they come?"

And sure enough, the residents of our building delivered. We counted 32 guests. Success!

Robert and Gary were our celebrity chefs, manning the grills. I think I saw them tossing spatulas back and forth between flipping burgers. The hotdogs and hamburgers made a steady stream to hungry plates.

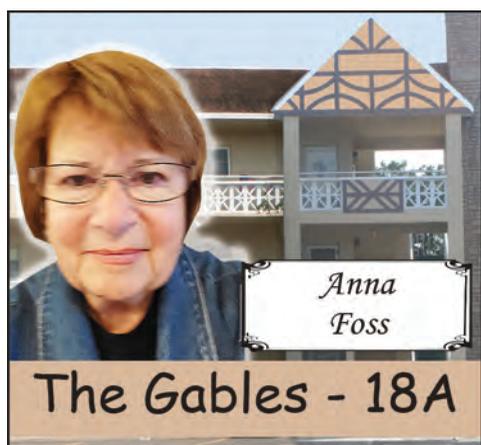
Special kudos to all the delicious homemade dishes. I'm inspired to revisit my kitchen for our next affair. I think I know where it is.

People spent the time chatting, eating, catching up and laughing. I even saw some dancing and singing. All the fun things On Top of the World makes so easy for us to do. The party lasted well into the afternoon with the diehards slowly drifting away.

Many thanks to all the residents who attended and helped make this such a fun party.



# Two dozen residents attend picnic at the Pavilion



Residents from The Gables building held a friendly picnic at the Pavilion in March.

It's always a good time when neighbors at The Gables get together.

On March 28, The Gables organized a building picnic. More than two dozen residents met at the Pavilion at On Top of the World to grill hamburgers and hot-dogs.

Everyone brought a drink and a dish to pass, which created an abundance of delicious side dishes and indulgent desserts. No complaints were noted!

Our bulletin board has gotten a much needed face lift and both the building storage rooms and bike room are being reorganized by residents.

Spring cleaning has seen improvements in both areas.

A big thank you to all who worked to improve the building common areas.

New neighbors have moved in or are in the process of settling in. No easy task as we all remember.

Two neighbors, Julie Bonser and Bri-

an Henricks, hail from Seaford, Va., and Culver, Ind. Brian, who is originally from Wisconsin and an Air Force veteran, describes his roots as "Midwest." He works as a crossing guard in Clearwater and is a Krispy Kreme devotee! Julie works with and advocates for adults with intellectual disabilities. She also volunteers her spare time with clients and spends hours at the

food pantry in St. Petersburg.

Camille Mendez is another new neighbor and brings a huge personality and sense of humor to our building.

She moved to Florida from Brooklyn, NY, more than 18 years ago and moved to OTOW in January of this year.

Camille is a building manger for an air conditioning company and enjoys com-

ing home to the quiet and serenity of our community. She loves the location, being close to shopping, restaurants, and her family. Seafood is her passion and she loves a good seafood boil.

If you have news to share, please contact me at, [afoss2310@gmail.com](mailto:afoss2310@gmail.com). Until next time, enjoy the blowing and drifting sunshine!



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# Building dues pay for American Gothic luncheon at the east side Pavilion



The grills were hot.  
The pavilion rocked.

Two chefs were slinging hot dogs and hamburgers.

Cheese anyone?

Forty-some American Gothic residents were treated to a free picnic, complements of our American Gothic budget.

The sky was clear with just enough sun to keep us warm, but not hot.

With Ann Messina taking the lead, C.J. Messina, Susan and Paul McBride, Maureen and Gary Smith, and Penni and Dennis Telleck planned our annual picnic with a special twist. This year we reserved the On Top of the World Pavilion.

But instead of neighbors bringing side dishes, all food was supplied.

It was delish.

At the end of our picnic, C.J., our building coordinator, chaired a meeting and residents decided to research the possibility of putting an American flag at the entrance to the odd-numbered units.

In other fun activities, one of our building residents, Pete Gagnon, is also one of the members of the OTOW Mixed Couples Bowling League.

I am proud to report that last month, Pete's team was playing for the championship. Pete stood up to bowl. He heard the song, "Top Gun" playing in his head. He picked up his bowling ball and with challenge in his eyes, he took aim. He threw a fast and accurate ball towards the pins.



Gary and Maureen Smith, Paul and Susan McBride, Dennis and Penni Telleck, and C.J. and Ann Messina enjoy the beautiful Pavilion on the east side.

Whammo!

Another strike for Pete.

Shirley Gagnon, his wife and a member of his team, served up consecutive high scoring frames.

This team was on a roll, bowling way above their average for the first time in years.

And they did it.

Their team was this year's champions. The first-place team consisted of Shirley and Pete Gagnon, and Jerrie and Brian

Lance.

Also recognized was Bob Ellis, a resident of American Gothic.

Recognition and prizes were awarded to these folks at the Olive Garden.

So, what's on our bulletin board this month? Please take a look at our Warholian decorated bulletin board complements of Maureen and Gary Smith. On it you will find the time and date of our popular "Ladies Only Brunch."

Monthly, the ladies' brunch buddies

carpool to a neighborhood restaurant to eat and chat.

What else is on the bulletin board?

You can find the date and time for our building's monthly "Dinner Out."

Sign up soon!

If you have not, please give Ann Messina \$15 for your building dues. We are trying to fund some building landscaping upgrades.

Spring is here!

Smile.

## Social means first-floor residents open their barbeque grills to second and third floor residents

The Bohemians started April off with their annual spring luncheon at Ozona Blue.

The date they chose happened to fall on a terribly windy, stormy day, but it didn't dampen spirits though as 38 residents still attended. They praised the restaurant for the last-minute change of venue from outside to in.

April was also our annual backyard barbecue. This event is a pot-luck dinner with a twist. Ground floor residents fire up their barbecues whereby attendees can bring their own meat to grill. This event

has always shown who the creative chefs are at each building.

Again, we had a spectacular turnout.

Girls' Day Out was in Tampa at the Museum of Science and Industry, also known as MOSI.

They viewed the many hands-on exhibits available, including one for building robots.

They also viewed a NASA artifact exhibition, had an opportunity to lie on a bed of nails and visit the planetarium.

They expended so much energy that they needed to refuel with lunch.

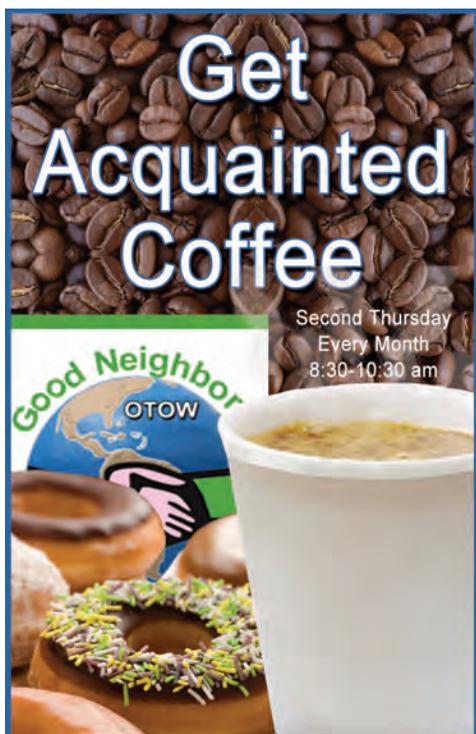
Company is always fun to entertain especially when it's your children. Kevin Knotts' son, Jordan, had the chance to escape the still cold weather in Indianapolis to enjoy our beautiful spring.

Kevin, acting as a tour guide, showed Jordan the sights from Tarpon Springs, Dunedin and the beautiful Clearwater beaches.

A special treat was a night out to enjoy our Florida Orchestra.

Building residents are reminded to continually check our bulletin board as there are occasionally changes made to





Get Acquainted Coffee in April featured the saxophone music of Peter Neumer.

Peter is now an On Top of the World resident and has also played recently at Food Truck Night.

Peter plays a variety of saxophone music, including ballads, jazz and your favorite tunes from any generation.

Some residents took advantage of his talents and turned the East Activity Center Auditorium into a dance floor.

This was the third live Good Neighbors Association event since the year started.

Club information tables opened up at 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and donuts at 9 a.m. and entertainment a short time later.

Two of the residents who took advantage of the dance floor were new residents Jerry and Elizabeth Esposito of New York.

First, Jerry and Elizabeth had their pictures taken for the new neighbors section below. Then they quickly found a place to slow dance.

Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee will return on Thursday, May 12, in the Auditorium. Entertainment will be provided by Bill Castner the king of 'swing, sing and dance.'

If you are looking to purchase tickets for any upcoming Entertainment Committee event, you can buy them at Get Acquainted Coffee.

Other clubs, such as the Veterans Group, New York-New Jersey Club, Italian-American Club, Democratic Club, Republican Club and Computer Club are all there with information tables to answer your questions. You can stop by the Theater Workshop table and Jesters tables and ask about joining next year's show.

See you on May 12. The coffee is complimentary.

*(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates and Charlie Wood)*

## Welcome to On Top of the World!



At the Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee in April, On Top of the World welcomed new residents to our community. At left is Michele Horvath from Illinois, at center are Jerry and Elizabeth Esposito from New York, and at right are Mitch and Linda Gerstenblith from New Jersey.

*(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)*

# Road trip required for first birthday party



The great-granddaughter of building resident Minnie Bucella.

Welcome May flowers.

It's been a busy month at the Villa with trips, cruises, house guests and our cocktail parties.

The adorable picture next to this article is Minnie Bucella's great-granddaughter.

Minnie went to New York to be with family and celebrate her great-granddaughter's first birthday.

Minnie put on her traveling boots again to go to Jacksonville and took a "fabulous" dinner cruise down the river.

We are glad Minnie has some fun, but happy to see her smiling face back at the Villa.

Speaking of cruises. Sheryl McKay had a marvelous time on a cruise around the Caribbean with friends. They especially enjoyed Mexico.

We are so fortunate to be so handy to the port of Tampa.

Our building cocktail party, as always, was well attended. It is always nice to catch up with neighbors. Everyone was delighted to have Mike Murphy looking so bright and chipper.

I was fortunate to have my son, Mike Leonard, help me kick off another ride around ole Sol. Mike, being a professional photographer, enjoys our sunsets. Mother Nature puts on some beautiful displays.



Speaking of photography, Randae Marie Tornetta is not only a gourmet chef, but a very accomplished photographer. I still say she should write a cookbook. She has a feature every month in this newspaper.

Well, boys and girls, that's about it for this month.

Please remember those who made our lives possible this Memorial Day.

Thank you to Steve Mazurek, who places flags around the Villa in honor of those who gave us so much.

Happy birthday and anniversary greetings to all for May.

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# In honor of Cinco de Mayo, our May building dinner will be Mexican



On April 3, 22 residents enjoyed the first Malaguena Monthly Dinner at Ford's Garage.

The restaurant's staff took good care of us and the prices were reasonable. Everyone had a good time and there was a lot of chatting and laughing.

Our monthly dinners are held on the first Tuesday of every month. The next dinner is on May 3 and will be at Casa Tina in downtown Dunedin in honor of the upcoming Cinco de Mayo.

This restaurant serves authentic and delicious Mexican dishes, including many that are gluten-free.

Sign-up sheets and menus are on both bulletin boards. If you like Mexican food, you won't want to miss this dinner!

Our residents have been doing fun and interesting things recently. For Gladys DeMichael's 80th birthday, her husband, Joe, planned a gathering at their church. To her surprise, when she arrived, her children had flown in for the celebration.

Daughter Kristina, from Massachusetts, son Mark, from Indiana and son Brett, from New Jersey were there. Needless to say, it was a celebration of a lifetime.

Ward and Pam Johansen spent two weeks on a faith-based tour with Indian Rocks Church tracing the steps of Paul and the life of Jesus. They toured the Vati-



Nearly a dozen residents visited Ford's Garage for dinner night in April.

can, Coliseum and Forum in Rome and in Athens, and the Acropolis and Corinth in Greece.

Highlights in Israel included Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Capernaum, and the Valley of Elah where David defeated Goliath.

They shared the amazing experience of visiting the Biblical sites and said it was more meaningful than they had even imagined.

On a less happy note, you may have noticed the large posters posted on each rubbish room door. The reason for those signs is to make sure everyone understands what should and should not be left

in the rubbish rooms. The north room had so many pieces of furniture piled in the back that took up much of the room. The recycling and trash barrels had to be pushed together towards the front and were difficult to access.

In the south rubbish room, there were pieces of wood with the nails sticking out.

Both situations posed a safety hazard to residents. Though it is common to leave something downstairs that you think someone else will use, most items end up sitting there for months.

OTOW does NOT remove these items, and the building ends up paying to have the items removed, which is what we

did in April.

The person or company doing the work for you is responsible for getting rid of floor tiles, pieces of lumber, shelving and other construction debris. Please be considerate of your neighbors and call one of the many local charities or junk removal companies to take the items you no longer want.

There are two such places advertising in this newspaper.

Later this year, probably next fall, we are planning a building meeting which we haven't had in years. One of the topics will be how to deal with the issue of discarded stuff.

## Rila Renaissance Pizza Party

By Gerri Jaeger

Residents from the Modernage Building held one last spring party before their Snowbird friends took off for cooler places up north.

This outdoor pizza party attracted many neighbors and there were many volunteers to help set up and clean up. Another great building pizza party. It was so nice to see everyone again.

To everyone leaving or already gone, be safe. We look forward to your return.

If anyone wants to take over the building reporter position this fall, please contact me. Let me know if you are interested.



# Waterford residents enjoy an April luncheon and are inviting their neighbors in May



There is a popular saying: "If you feed them they will come."

Neighbors from the Waterford building in the Paradise section of On Top of the World, take their dining experience very seriously and put that to the test every month.

In an effort to expose residents to a taste of many local restaurants, Elena Goletz and Linda Stinson, Waterford building event coordinators, have scheduled monthly luncheons since January.

Whenever possible, Elena and Linda make every effort to secure private dining rooms. Building residents have expressed their desire for a more personal dining experience in restaurants that can accommodate them with a private room.

Lunch and dinner attendance has varied from 10 to 25 participants.

On April 13, 10 Waterford residents had lunch at Clearwater Family Restaurant in a private dining room that permitted the group to enjoy lunch without the hustle and bustle of the restaurant's main dining room. The diners enjoyed meals from both the breakfast and lunch menus,



Residents from the Waterford building enjoy a private lunch at Clearwater Family Restaurant.

which surely pleased everyone's palate.

On occasion, Waterford diners have been treated to a surprise gift. In the past few months, floral arrangements, candy and lottery tickets have been given away.

Budget considerations have limited the number of prizes that can be awarded. In order to ensure fairness and impartiality in awarding gifts, winners have been selected by random drawings.

Beginning in May, dining experiences will also be open to all residents of the

Rio Riviera building, our neighbor. Posters and sign-up sheets will be placed on the bulletin boards of both Waterford and Rio Riviera. Building 94 and 95 residents are encouraged to check their bulletin boards and sign up for future lunches.

In extending the invitation to join the monthly lunches to Rio Riviera residents Waterford residents demonstrate their belief in the adage: "The more the merrier."

Extending the dining experience to all of Paradise is under consideration. There

are many strategic and organizational considerations that must be resolved before this expansion may be able to come to fruition.

Many thanks to Janice Sigmon, who graciously shared her artistic and technological talents by preparing the notices and sign up sheets every month.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Elena Goletz at [ecgoletz7@aol.com](mailto:ecgoletz7@aol.com).

## Colorful peacocks stop by OTOW

The Mandalay Building had some unusual visitors in April. A flock of peacocks decided to stop at On Top of the World for a social. Mating season is taking place until July. If the peacocks stay, the ladies could lay up to six eggs. Peacocks can be noisy and destructive, but there are only two things you can do if you have a peacock problem: (1) Deal with it (2) Pack up and move yourself. It is illegal to harm or harass peacocks.

(Photo by Irene Pappas)



# Classifieds

Any On Top of the World resident with a valid Activity Card can place one classified ad in OTOW News each month. You are limited to 20 words, which includes your phone number. You may not use OTOW News classifieds to sell vehicles, your condo, or anything valued at \$500 or more. You may not use this section to find a roommate, rent your condo and for dating services. Classifieds can be dropped off in the newsroom during business hours or placed in our drop box in the Crystal Beach Room. Classifieds cannot be submitted over the telephone.

### SOFA FOR SALE

Comfortable Thomasville sofa for sale. Cream colored with ferns, and small blue, red and yellow flowers. Asking \$150. Call Nancy at (678) 416-9575.

### HOME THEATER RECEIVER

For sale, Sony STR-DH590 5.1 Home Theater Receiver. 145 watts. Bluetooth. Manual with accessories. Asking \$125. JBL powered subwoofer. 120 watts. Asking \$50. For additional details call (727) 644-8524.

### COMPUTER FOR SALE

For sale, Dell Computer with 19 inch monitor, keyboard, CPU unit and camera. Asking \$150. Call or text (727) 686-5298.

### DINNERWARE

For sale, USA Direct 23 piece dinnerware set with creamer, sugar bowl and platter. Asking \$35. Black, 20-piece, set of dinner and lunch plates, cups, saucers and bowls. Asking \$25. Call (508) 394-7092.

### KAYAK FOR SALE

Sun Dolphin Kayak, blue in color, for sale. 9.5 feet long. Includes four paddles. In good condition. Asking \$150. Call (727) 365-6387.

### CRIBBAGE PLAYERS WANTED

A group of On Top of the World cribbage players is looking for experienced players for over the summer. Boards and cards provided. Fun, friendly. We meet Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon in the East Activity Center Ozona Room. Interested. Call (727) 215-4882.

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All applications for occupancy of a condo are available in the Community Service Office or on our Website!



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## Which application do you need?

Application for Approval of Owner	<p><b>If you...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are purchasing a condominium</li> <li>have inherited a condominium</li> <li>are being added to a deed of a condominium</li> </ul>
Application for Approval of Residency	<p><b>If you...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>plan to reside in a condominium in which you are NOT the owner (you are NOT listed on the deed)</li> </ul>
Direct Owner Application for Lease Approval	<p><b>If you...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>are leasing (renting) a condominium</li> </ul>

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OTOW NEWS

# WORD MIX

Unscramble the six words listed below. If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell the secret word of the month. If you cannot come up with the secret word, try changing one of the six words. There may be more than one word from the word mix.

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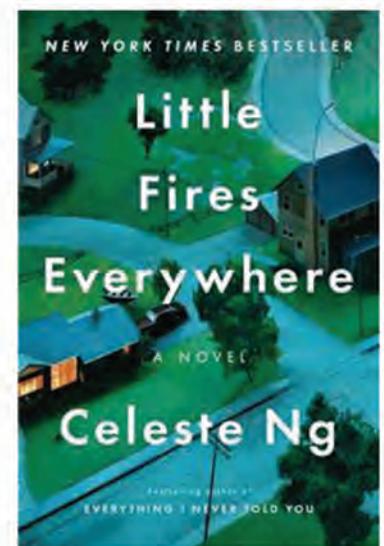
Last month's secret words: Sound, Enter, Center, Reader, Elegant, Timeout  
Secret word: Secret



## OTOW-TV Channel 732 Daily Schedule

- 8 AM and 12 Noon: Exercises with Jessica and Cammy from Ocala
- 9 AM: Do-it-at-home Slimnastics
- 11 AM: Do-it-at-home Line Dancing
- 1 PM & 6 PM (Mondays and Wednesdays): Hope's Cardio Workout
- 4 PM: Aerobics with Jessica and Cammy from Ocala
- 7 PM (Friday-Sunday): Shows from our Past

## Good Karma Book Club



10 a.m., Thursday, May 19  
"Little Fires Everywhere"  
By Celeste Ng

10 a.m., Thursday, June 16  
"A Man Called Ove"  
By Fredrik Backman

For more information, see our Webpage on the Box Office:  
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Need more information, write to [Jslantz1948@aol.com](mailto:Jslantz1948@aol.com) or call 727-754-3823

## Special Easter delivery



Next Easter, the Amazon, United Postal Service and Fedex trucks will be lined up all around the French Renaissance buildings at On Top of the World.

Word is getting out that holiday delivery drivers get special goodies.

This past Easter, more than 80 baskets of treats were created by Mike and Donna Mitrani of the French Renaissance building. Not only were the treats distributed to our favorite delivery drivers, but baskets also went to neighbors and friends, waiters and waitresses, children and grandchildren, and any-

one who came over to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

While Mike and Donna deliver the goodies, neighbors smile, laugh and take pictures. The festivity also takes place during Christmas and St. Patrick's Day.

# Chocolate peanut butter brittle was perfect highlight to building barbeque



The Modernage barbeque picnic in March was simply out of the ordinary and quite fabulous!

The grill was fired up with Joey and Denis flipping hamburgers and hot dogs. The sun shone on us the entire afternoon, which was rare since the beginning of the month.

We had 50 residents attend this picnic!

Tables and chairs were thoughtfully set up and the core of our building was lined with lovely dishes of home-made side dishes and desserts made by our generous residents, who by the way, are quite good cooks!



Ray Willis plays the pipes during a barbeque picnic at the Modernage Building.

One such dessert was a chocolate peanut butter brittle of sorts made by Lois Hoffman that tasted exactly like a Reese's peanut butter cup. She made sure to have copies of the recipe. Good thinking, because many were asking for it!

Denis O'Doherty entertained us with

the sweet sounds of his lovely voice singing an Irish lullaby. Many joined in after the first verse.

Then, as a great surprise to all, another surprise came walking through the core! Ray Willis, clad in his kilt, playing his bagpipe, joyfully joined our group and

played several tunes.

He even took a few requests from our group.

Many thanks to all who made this one of the most memorable events at the Modernage Building for the year thus far!

# New reporter watched our golf course get built



As a Clearwater native, I remember groves where our On Top of the World community is now.

Back then I lived nearby in a then-new development off Hercules Avenue.

In the late 1970s, my husband, Dave, worked on the OTOW golf course after moving to Florida from Chicago.

Neither of us ever expected to live here, but now that we are, I want to contribute to our community.

I am going to be the new building re-

porter for Old World Spanish.

Dave and I moved to OTOW from our home in Clearwater in 2017 with our two beagles, Myst and Meadow. We are very happy to have friendly, dog-loving neighbors.

Together, we enjoy traveling and the Tampa Bay Rays.

My husband's favorite hobbies are wine-making, gardening and reading. I enjoy reading, too, and visit the Safety Harbor and St. Petersburg College libraries often.

Also on my list of favorite things to do is studying the art of Bonsai and playing my lever harp.

Oh, and writing – letters, stories and now OTOW newspaper articles.

If you are from Old World Spanish and would like to share your family events, travels, pet stories or hobbies, just email me at oma80opa@gmail.com or catch me in our building's core.

We can chat over a coffee or cold beverage on my front porch.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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**Duke Energy (report power outages) ..... 1-800-228-8485**  
**Pinellas County Sheriff (Non-Emergency Line) ..... (727) 582-6200**  
**Pinellas County Consumer Hotline (Report Scams) ... (727) 464-6617**

### OTOW CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

*To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for permanent or temporary change of address. This form may be dropped off at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center or mailed to:  
 OTOW Condominium Association, Inc., Attn: CSO, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E., Clearwater, FL 33763*

Building Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This change is: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary; Effective \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Owner Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Don't forget to notify the United States Post Office of the change!**

**(Submit new form upon return)**

# If there was a social bar at Dorado, it would be called ‘The Porch’ or ‘Neighbors Circle Under the Trees’

When you live in a condo community, it is easy to get to know your neighbors and Dorado building residents recognize the positives of socializing with their neighbors.

Almost every afternoon, depending on the weather, a few neighbors gather in a couple places outside the Dorado building for a little social time in the late afternoon.

They bring their lawn chairs and some beverages of choice.

The neighbors on the World Parkway side meet at the Neighbors Circle under the Trees.

The Philippine Drive neighbors meet at the “The Porch.”

For either side, there is no set meeting time or special invite. Everyone is warmly welcomed.

Some residents stop in for five to 10 minutes, while others stay for an hour or two.

The Porch and Neighbors Circle Under the Trees are just good places for neighbors to meet, enjoy the Florida sunshine and enjoy good company.

If you are new to our building, either



location is an especially nice place to meet several neighbors at one time.

Getting to know your neighbor has many benefits such as watching out for your property when you are away.

Neighbors who know each other tend to respect each other more and live a more peaceful life.

One neighbor you really need to meet is Edna Mae Jordt, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday in May. Plans are being made for her celebration.

Edna Mae prefers a simple sit and chat



Socializing at the Neighbors Circle Under the Trees are, left to right, Dave Hunt, Nancy Deitemeyer, Ray Howard, Carl Meyer, Rosemary Meyer and Kim Hunt. (OTOW News photo by Edwina Schick)

with neighbors rather than a big party so we'll let you know what type of event to expect. Watch for more details through

email and notices on our bulletin board as plans are finalized for her celebration.



## DIABETIC?

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# April was pizza night out for New World French



New World French residents enjoyed pizza dinner at Queen's Pizza.

Birthday dinner for the building was held at Queen's Pizza in April.

There was plenty of good food.

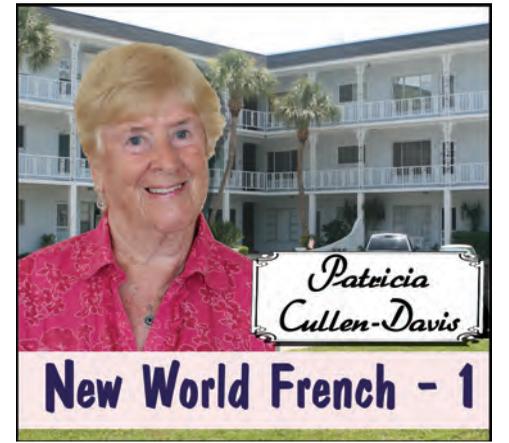
We have two people from the same family who live in New World French. They are both sitting up front in this picture.

They are Theresa on the left and Tony on the right. Next to Theresa is her husband, Bob.

Our building also hosted a "St. Patrick's Day" pot luck party attended by a lot of residents.

Ronald Huber celebrated a special birthday and brought some birthday cake that he had received from the Moving and Grooving Line Dance Group. It must have been a large cake as there was plenty left over to share with us, too.

As indicated in last month's newsletter, the bicycle room was cleared of un-



used ones and donated to Hospice who will work on them.

We now have a nice neat bicycle room that will hopefully accommodate all the bicycles.

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## Even though they are cute, cuddly, adorable and sweet ...



Please don't feed the ducks and ducklings at any of the ponds at On Top of the World. Some common snacks can be harmful.

## Southern Georgian residents alternate lunch and dinner get togethers

More than 20 Southern Georgian residents gathered at the Pavilion for our mid-month get together to feast on numerous potluck dishes.

We ate meatballs, sloppy joes, ham, salads, desserts and had food to spare!

Joe Iacobaccio played his accordion as people sang and others enjoyed the polka and other dances.

"I liked the potluck. It was a great idea," said Nadine Nielsen, who is new to this building. "You got to meet your neighbors."

Marietta Perez, who is staying with her mother-in-law, agreed that she liked the potluck dinner and liked the accordion music.

The potluck evening Pavilion party grew out of the Lunch Bunch, which has been gradually growing since January 2021.

Interested people meet in the core and carpool to the restaurant lunch scheduled for the third Thursday of the month.

Since many residents work or have other activities to participate midday, Lunch Bunch voted to alternate lunches and dinners monthly; therefore everyone who wanted to could participate.

In addition, every Monday night at 7 p.m., building residents get together under the flagpole on Canadian Way to encourage more neighborly meetings.

If you have a story, please email me at kesfoto64@gmail.com.



Joe Iacobaccio played the accordion, while Diane McKenzie, Barbara Austin, Betsy Johnson and other residents enjoyed the music.

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