



# Clearwater race reunites father and son every Thanksgiving

By Thomas Brennan

Hi neighbors. How in the world R U?

Since this is November, our thoughts are of Thanksgiving, and I would like you to meet a friend of mine, Al Malter, who has been sharing a Thanksgiving tradition with his son, John, for more than 25 years here at On Top of the World.

John makes a few trips a year from Vermont to visit his dad, and once a year in particular, he visits for the annual Turkey Trot running race in Clearwater. This is a 5K, 1 mile and 10K run, or individuals can walk or jog. The event takes place Thanksgiving morning near Clearwater High School.

John has been competing in the Turkey Trot for the past 25 years and said he has seen the event grow dramatically. There are now thousands of men and women, boys and girls, who take part in the event, and not only is this a race, but it brings families together for the holiday.

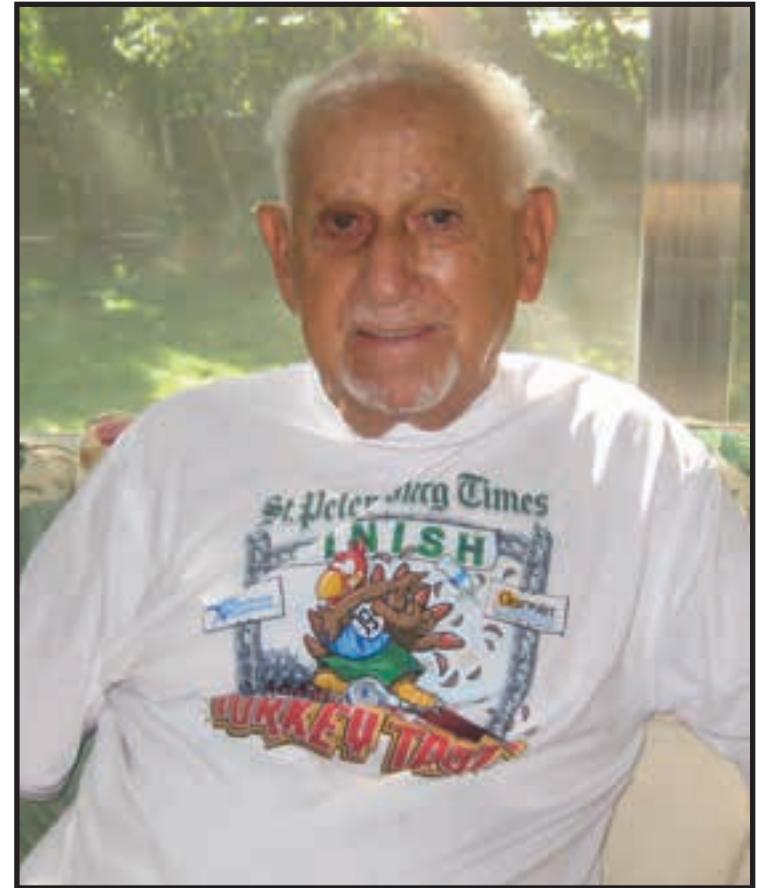
The perfect example is John designating this race as a time to visit his dad. Every year John also gets a new T-shirt from the race and after every event he gives the shirt to his dad.

This is a very special time for Al. Four years ago, he lost his wife, Lee, whom he met and married after his discharge from the Army.

Al is now a bachelor, who goes to the West Activity Center spa to exercise three mornings a week. He also cooks his own healthy meals.

I asked Al, "How does a young man of 94 feel?"

Al answered, "I'm as fit as a



John Malter, left, always gives his father, Al, his race T shirt after every event.

fiddle and ready to play."

But nothing is more special than when John comes to visit.

When Lee passed on, John asked his father, "what can I do for you now that mom is gone?"

Al answered, "Give me a call once a day so I can hear your voice."

As I sat in Al's condo, surrounded by artwork created by Lee, right on cue the phone rang. It was John.

The countdown has already started. When you read this, the Turkey Trot will only be a few days away.

## Cheer for our photographer!

If you go to the annual Turkey Trot race in Clearwater on Thanksgiving morning, look for On Top of the World News photographer Mary Lou Wall, who will be competing. If you see her, give her a cheer!

Also of note, OTOW News Editor Doug Kates, covered the annual Turkey Trot for five years when he was a sports writer for the St. Petersburg Times. At the time, the race was sponsored by the St. Petersburg Times. This year the event will be called the Tampa Times Turkey Trot as a result of the newspaper changing names.

In my previous articles, you learned that a 40-year-old man wants to wake up successful, a 50-year-old man wants to wake up rich, and a 60-year-old man wants to wake up contented. This month I will tell you a 70-year-old man wants to wake up healthy. To find out how an 80-year-old man wants to wake up, read my column next month.

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# Working to maintain a quality and cohesive community

We are five months into the 2012 fiscal year and it has been an “interesting” time.

The Board has undertaken some fairly substantial renovation projects, dealt with unusually heavy rainfall (over 61 inches since May!), and has been continuing rules enforcement.

It has been quite a year so far.

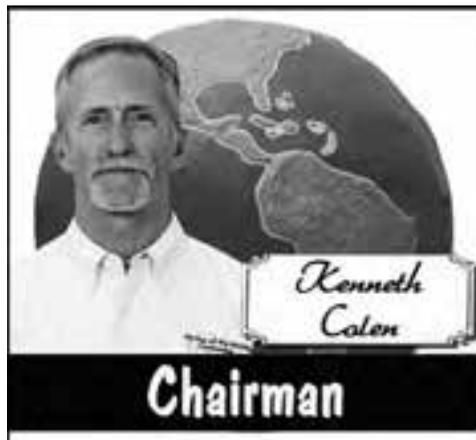
Then again, a wise man once told me, if you really want a fun time, go to the beach.

You have been solidly behind your Board in its attempt to enforce standards and ensure a well run and fiscally stable community for all residents. Without your support, the Board could not function.

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

Your Board of Administration is very much engaged in the community and committed to ensuring quality services for your benefit. I'd like to recognize the members of your Board and how they interact: Sharon Licata oversees rules enforcement and day-to-day matters; Philip Faranda and Corby Ratliff have been tremendous resources of practical information on building construction; Guy Woolbright is an ace at arguing with insurance brokers for quality and thorough coverage; Leslee Colen is very much a driver behind the positive aesthetics of the community and quality programming; and Gail Sanders monitors rules compliance with regard to renters in the community.

From my perspective, it is a privilege to be associated with this community and with its Board.



The Management Company personnel have worked especially hard to contain costs in the face of great uncertainty. Once again, your Board is beginning to forecast operational costs for the coming year. At this juncture, I cannot say how the budgets will be impacted, but we are challenged with rising costs, especially insurance, roofing and paving. We are considering all opportunities for savings that can be reasonably made without jeopardizing delivery of services.

By now you should have received the first notice of our Dec. 20 Annual Meeting to be held at the East Activity Center at 10 a.m. We hope to see many of you at the meeting.

## Community Update Work in Progress

Many of you may have noticed the work in the East Activity Center. The service department is getting an update. We hope to locate additional services into this area with the goal of providing a one-stop location for resident service needs. Please pardon our dust and stay tuned for future updates.

Please read Sharon Licata's article for a rundown of the smoke detector project. This is an extensive project that will require close coordination

with residents for it to be completed on time and on budget.

Waterproofing: Building 17 – waterproofing back elevation should be starting late November. Building 5 front elevation will be starting in November as well. All start dates are approximate and weather dependent.

## Association Annual Report

You should have received notice that the audited Annual Financial Report is now available. This report is produced within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year.

Because of recent changes in the law governing condominiums, the Association now budgets for and has an independent certified CPA perform an audit every year.

## Special Construction & Restoration

Small scale work and repairs will be ongoing throughout the community. Structural inspection and correction program (building inspections process across property to determine condition, make repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) are ongoing.

Parking lot stall number re-stenciling and water meter box number re-stenciling are ongoing. Reclaimed water expansion project – West side of property will be continuing from October through February.

Potable water pipe replacement was begun in October and will continue until completion in late February. This work will primarily involve directional boring underground. Disruptions should be minimal. The work is for the purpose of replacing aging water mains servicing areas south of Ecuadorian Lane.

Roofing: Large scale reroofs are current and no new projects are scheduled for the next 120 days, picking up again in January 2013.

Floor Tile Replacement: Building 37 (second floor replacements) are scheduled for a late November start, after Thanksgiving. Installation schedule may move slower than expected based upon condition of existing floor. The exact schedule is dependent on the weather. Notice will be posted in each building in advance of a firm start date.

Inspection Services: Awning inspections are ongoing for all buildings. Compliance enforcement for obstructions in the path of travel (escape in event of fire), particularly in the stairwell areas is ongoing.

## Final Thoughts

These are challenging times for our residents, as well as the rest of the nation. That said, despite challenging times, OTOW is an incredibly generous and charitable community. Many projects have been initiated and supported by our residents that benefit the Pinellas County community. There are numerous closer to home examples of kindness. For instance, the resident that prepares a meal for a sick neighbor, or helps the recently widowed, are examples of the caring mindset of so many residents. Yes, this is a caring and generous community.

It is always worthwhile to pause for a moment, take a step back, and consider all the positive events that are happening. Taking stock and being grateful for all you do have is a very positive thing to do. It can change your entire outlook.

Breathe, smile! I wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.



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- (4) For service after 3 PM call 799-1115.  
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## **SUMMARY RECAP**

### **2012 Florida proposed constitutional amendments**

There is no substitute for reading the entire language of each amendment. The Florida Division of Election website, <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/constitutional-amendments/2012-proposed.shtml> has the full text. For an in-depth review of the fiscal impact of amendments 2, 4, 9, 10, & 11 all dealing with property tax reductions, go to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research at <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/constitutional-amendments/index>. For a very well-reasoned overview of all the amendments, I also recommend checking out the Collins Center at <http://collinscenter.org/2012flamendments/home-2/>. If these amendments are successful, they will have a very real impact on your life. If you do not fully understand the amendment, the safest position may be to vote “no.”

#### **Amendment #1 Health Care Services**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage.

**COMMENT:** This amendment was placed on the ballot by the Florida legislature as a rebuke to President Obama over the Affordable Care Act. If passed, Federal law would preempt this amendment.

#### **Amendment #2 Veterans Disabled Due To Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount**

Expanding the availability of the property discount on the homesteads of veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury to include those who were not Florida residents when they entered the military and scheduling the amendment to take effect January 1, 2013.

**COMMENT:** This amendment has as its goal a worthy objective. The State Constitution currently allows an additional property tax exemption for combat wounded vets. This amendment change removed the condition that the vet was a Florida resident at the time of service.

The Revenue Estimating Committee estimates the following combined fiscal impact on both school and non-school taxes are as follows: -\$2.4 million in 2013-14; -\$4.9 million in 2014-15; and -\$6.2 in 2015-16. The recurring impacts of lost revenue are greater. The impact upon all voters is a total of \$135 million lost over three years, plus continuing losses. At some point that lost revenue will need to be made up in some way, shape or form by counties within this State.

#### **Amendment #3 State Government Revenue Limitation**

Replacing the existing state revenue limitation based on Florida personal income growth with a new state revenue limitation based on inflation and population changes.

**COMMENT:** This amendment would set a state revenue limit each year based on a formula that considers population growth and inflation instead of using the current method of calculating the revenue limit based on personal income.

Supporters say this amendment would make government more efficient. Critics say that during tough economic times, when tax revenues drop and there is a greater need for government services, this amendment would make it impossible for agencies to meet demand, even when there is available revenue. Further, it may threaten funding for critical government services like health care and education.

#### **Amendment #4 Property Tax Limitations; Property Value Decline; Reduction for Non-Homestead Assessment Increases; Delay of Scheduled Repeal**

Legislature may, by general law, provide the assessment of homestead and specified non-homestead property may not increase if the just value of that property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding Jan. 1, subject to any adjustment in the assessed value due to changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property which are assessed as provided for by general law.

**COMMENT:** The Collins Center describes this lengthy amendment as “Reduce the maximum annual increase in taxable value of non-homestead properties from 10 percent to 5 percent; provide an extra homestead exemption for first-time home buyers; allow lawmakers to prohibit assessment increases for properties with decreasing market values.”

The Revenue Estimating Committee estimates the following combined impacts to revenue of both non-school and school taxes from each of the four separate components of this proposed amendment: A reduction of -\$279.98 in 2013-14; -\$492.5 in 2014-15; and -\$564.98 in 2015-16. Over three years, that is a loss in tax revenues of -\$1,337,460 from the tax base at a time when local governments are struggling to provide basic services.

#### **Amendment #5 State Courts**

The State Constitution authorizes the Supreme Court to adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts. The constitution further provides that a rule of court may be repealed by a general law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

This proposed revision requires Senate confirmation of a justice of the Supreme Court before the appointee can take office. If the Senate votes not to confirm the appointment, the judicial nominating commission must reconvene and may not re-nominate any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the Senate.

**COMMENT:** This proposed constitutional revision injects the Legislature into the court system in a very fundamental way: it would allow the legislature to obtain power to overrule a Court rule with a majority vote.

An additional change would deal with how State justices are appointed. Under current law, the Governor appoints a justice of the Supreme Court from a list of nominees provided by a judicial nominating commission. That commission is composed of respected members of the Florida Bar and lay persons. Appointments by the Governor are not subject to confirmation. Judges stand for review through periodic elections.

To put this into perspective, “do we really want State Supreme Court Justices to be subject to the whims of the legislature?”

#### **Amendment #6 Prohibition on Public Funding of Abortions; Construction of Abortion Rights**

This proposed amendment provides that public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This prohibition does not apply to an expenditure required by federal law, a case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or a case of rape or incest. This proposed amendment provides that the State Constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution. With respect to abortion, this proposed amendment overrules court decisions which conclude that the right of privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the State Constitution is broader in scope than that of the United States Constitution.

**COMMENT:** At first blush, this amendment is couched in language which would appear to deal only with State funds being used for abortion. However, a serious examination of the language will reveal that its real purpose is to restrict a woman’s constitutional right to privacy thus raising a second, more disturbing question: whether to modify a provision in the state constitution that guarantees a right to privacy for every Floridian – would affect abortion law in the state.

The second question is more consequential. In 1980, Florida voters passed a constitutional amendment that says, in part: “Every natural person has the right to be let alone and free from governmental intrusion into the person’s private life...” The intent (of that amendment) was to limit government intrusion into the private lives of individuals.

(Source: Collins Center for Public Policy 2011© | Legal/Privacy 801 3rd St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701)

Passage of this amendment and restricting the current right to privacy we all enjoy could conceivably leave the door open for the State to interfere with other matters in the future, such as your ability to determine the end of life decisions that you may need to make for yourself or your loved ones.

#### **Amendment #8 Religious Freedom**

Would provide that no individual or entity may be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding or other support, except as required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and deleting the prohibition against using revenues from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

**COMMENT:** This amendment is couched in language that seems to protect religious freedoms. In fact, this amendment would fundamentally change church-state protections and religious freedom protections that are currently in the Florida Constitution. It would remove the longstanding ban on taxpayer funding of churches, synagogues, mosques and other religious institutions and replace it with completely opposite language prohibiting state or local governments from withholding money based on religious belief. (Orlando Sentinel April, 2012)

The idea of the State funding private institutions without the benefit of public oversight and accountability to the taxpayers is very problematic.

**Amendment #9  
Homestead Property Tax Exemption for  
Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran of First Responder**

Authorizes the Legislature to provide by general law ad valorem homestead property tax relief to the surviving spouse of a military veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty or to the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. The amendment authorizes the Legislature to totally exempt or partially exempt such surviving spouse's homestead property from ad valorem taxation. The amendment defines a first responder as a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic.

**COMMENT:** This amendment has as its goal a worthy objective. The amount of relief is unspecified and is ultimately up to the legislature to enact. However, the lost revenue to individual counties throughout the State of Florida may be profound.

The Revenue Estimating Committee estimates the following impacts: The conference adopted an indeterminate negative impact due to the need for adoption by the electorate and implementation by the Legislature. For (the implementing legislation) SB1058 and HB95, the conference adopted an indeterminate negative estimate. Should the electorate approve the proposal, the impact of SB1058/HB95 on school and non-school taxes would be a loss of \$1.2 million over the first three years.

**Amendment #10  
Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to: (1) Provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, school districts, and other local governments on tangible personal property if the assessed value of an owner's tangible personal property is greater than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000. This new exemption, if approved by the voters, will take effect on January 1, 2013, and apply to the 2013 tax roll and subsequent tax rolls. (2) Authorize a county or municipality for the purpose of its respective levy, and as provided by general law, to provide tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance. This is in addition to other statewide tangible personal property tax exemptions provided by the Constitution and this amendment.

**COMMENT:** This is another example of an amendment that if passed, would result in a dramatic loss of revenue to the individual counties in Florida.

The Revenue Estimating Committee estimates the following impacts: The conference adopted an indeterminate negative estimate, due to the need for the electorate to approve the measure, and for the Legislature to pass implementing legislation. Based on the 2011 millage rate of 17.67, ad valorem taxes on these assessments applicable to the 2013 tax roll are expected to amount to -\$20.2m, composed of \$11.4m in county taxes and \$8.8m in school taxes. The combined negative impact is a loss costing the counties over \$61million over three years.

**Amendment #11  
Additional Homestead Exemptions;  
Low-Income Seniors Who  
Maintain Long-Term Residency on Property;  
Equal to Assessed Value**

Would allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption equal to the assessed value of homestead property if the property has a just value less than \$250,000 to an owner who has maintained permanent residency on the property for not less than 25 years, who has attained age 65, and who has a low household income as defined by general law.

**COMMENT:** This is another example of an amendment that if passed, would result in a dramatic loss of revenue to the individual counties in Florida.

Recognizing this may appeal to many, it is fundamentally flawed because it creates a tax payer subsidy for seniors that may meet the requirements.

The Revenue Estimating Committee estimates the following impacts: The conference adopted an indeterminate negative impact. Should the electorate approve the proposal and all the individual jurisdictions pass the necessary ordinances, the potential cost is estimated to be \$27.8 million over three years.

**Amendment #12  
Appointment of Student Body President to the  
Board of Governors of the State University System**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to replace the president of the Florida Student Association with the chair of the council of state university student body presidents as the student member of the Board of Governors of the State University System and to require that the Board of Governors organize such council of state university student body presidents.

**COMMENT:** No cost estimate for implementation could be found on this one. However, requiring the Legislature to establish new systems will inevitably have a tax or funding impact.

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**NOTICE**

**Important bulletin for all residents  
of On Top of the World**

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

Residents should be aware that due to an extremely high failure rate, silicone sealants are no longer approved for use as a caulking and weatherproofing product within On Top of the World.

Failure of the silicone sealant bond has resulted in water intrusion into units. This has resulted in significant water damage and costly repairs. **WATER INTRUSION** is a serious issue that may damage belongings and lead to mold growth.

Protect yourself by asking your contractor in advance if they are using an **ACRYLIC URETHANE** or **POLY URETHANE** sealant recommended for use by your Association. Applying the proper sealant in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications may prevent water intrusion.

Detailed information is available at the East Activity Center Service Desk for your convenience. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

**We are working harder to make OTOW your  
wonderful place to live!**

# SHINE and Senior Expo - two big events in November

Please plan to attend the SHINE meeting on Nov. 6 for information and answers to your upcoming changes to Medicare and Medicaid.

They will meet in the downstairs large card room from 9-11:30 a.m. Representatives from SHINE will chair the meeting.

This is an important week for our Good Neighbors Association, as they have worked very hard in preparation for this year's Senior Expo on Nov. 3. Board members and volunteers are happy to invite all On Top of the World residents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be numerous local companies attending, as well as several non-profit organizations, and all will be offering important information regarding their services.

Plan on joining us at the East Activity Center auditorium for this fun and informative event. There will be drawings for gift cards throughout the event, as well as giveaways and good-



ies.

We will again offer Scrapbooking in the East Activity Center kitchen at 1:30 p.m., Nov. 7. There is no charge, so just bring your supplies, tool and pictures, and come join us.

Everyone has pictures that are just crying out to be put into books to be enjoyed by present and future generations. You can use your own creative ideas on your layouts and embel-

ishments, or if you need help for your project, we have sheets and books with hundreds of suggestions and we also help each other.

It's fun to see your finished books and truly start enjoying your photos.

If you need more information, just call me or stop by the office and pick up some informative sheets.

We also have some items we share with each other. We will meet on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the downstairs kitchen.

Call Nancy at 799-2734 for more information.

In December we will be putting up our OTOW Christmas tree in the lobby, so please remember the Foster Children of Pinellas County. Stop by and pick up a tag for one of these less fortunate children and purchase a gift for them.

More detailed information will be in the December paper.

## Learn about special phone equipment available

If you have difficulty using the telephone, due to any impairment, representatives from Florida Telecommunications Relay Inc., will be attending our Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in the East Activity Center auditorium on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Please attend and get information on phone equipment which may be available for you.

This program loans telephone equipment to permanent Florida residents who are hard of hearing, deaf, deaf/blind, or speech impaired.

These phones, and other equipment, are paid for by a surcharge on all land-line phones in Florida.

Come join us for our fun Get Acquainted Coffee on Dec. 9 at 9:45 am in the auditorium and speak with the representative from FTRI about signing up for and receiving the phone equipment and make your life a little easier.

Give me a call or stop by my office if you have any questions I might help you with or call Nancy Davis at 799-2734.

# The OTOW Newsroom will be closed Nov 26-30

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## Please review holiday decoration guidelines

# Some buildings getting new smoke detectors

Recent changes to the Fire Alarm Code require hard-wired smoke detectors to be installed in residential units.

The majority of units in the On Top of the World Condominium Community meet this requirement. Buildings 1-45, with exceptions in buildings 19, 33, 34, 36, 37 and 39, must be retrofitted.

As reviewed at the June 2012 General Meeting, as well as in the September Audit Report mailing, the installation of hard-wired smoke detectors in specific units will commence on Jan. 7, 2013. We have an anticipated completion date of Dec. 21, 2013.

In order to complete this project on time, the target goal is 10 unit installations per day. The project will begin with Building 1 and proceed in building number order until completion at Building 45.

Access to your unit must be provided for approximately two hours, with additional access provided at a later date for a follow-up inspection by Pinellas County Permitting Department. This inspection should be completed within 15 minutes.

The majority of the hard-wired installations will occur at the current location of your battery operated smoke detector in the bedroom hallways. The impact to the drywall in your unit should be minimal to none. Follow-up for any necessary repairs to the drywall will be scheduled by the



Management Company. Additional information, a project phone number, email address and instructions will be direct mailed to those unit owners impacted during the first week of November 2012.

### Tipping Employees

With the holidays fast approaching, we want to remind our residents that the Association does not support nor encourage tipping or gifting to individual employees.

We do, however, understand that many of you like to show your appreciation and thanks in this manner and we appreciate your generous donations last year.

If your particular building would like to continue the practice of holiday gifting, your Board recommends that you donate a gift or funds to the Clearwater OTOW Employee Gift Fund. The fund makes distributions of the gifts and funds to hourly employees

during the annual holiday luncheon. You may make these donations through Jean at the Service Department or by mail at On Top of the World, EGF, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E., Clearwater, FL. 33763. Make checks payable to Parkway Maintenance and Management. – EGF. Donations and gifting is purely discretionary.

### Holiday Decorations

This time of year kicks off our seasonal decorating, so as an easy reference I have attached the Holiday Safety Guidelines at the end of my column.

This year's Holiday Lights Contest, and subsequent prize, should assure a festive, holiday season in the community. Additional information is posted on the Association Website at [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com). Click on the "Service" icon and look for the service bulletin. Remember, all alterations and modifications require approval by the Association prior to work commencement.

I wish you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

### Holiday Lighting Safety Notice

- All outdoor lighting should be plugged into GFCI receptacles.
- Each Building is allowed one common area Christmas tree. Each tree may contain up to 300 lights. Please limit cords to two UL approved

cords.

- Extension cords should not cross ANY walkway in or around any building.

### DONT'S

- Please do not hang or wrap decorations or cords from building lights. This includes: Emergency lights, exit lights, center core lights, walkway lights, end stairwell lights and pole lights on all floors.

- Please do not hang or wrap decorations or cords from ANY building railings. This includes: All stairway and walkway railings. All wrapped decorations or cords will be removed without notice.

- Please do not place screw-in extenders with plugs in any building lights or tap into the building power at any controller or light.

- Please do not create penetrations into the common structure for the purpose of hanging holiday lighting.

- Please do not wrap garland around the poles at the end stairwells on any building.

### AS ALWAYS

- All electrical rooms, elevator rooms, telephone rooms and alarm rooms are restricted areas! These areas are not accessible to residents or the building maintenance worker, only by management

Please help make this a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

# Election Day is Nov. 6



Bette Byrnes, left, and Janet Downey were on hand to assist early voters in August. Volunteers will be on hand again Nov. 6 to assist you in the East Activity Center.

By Phil Woods

Every adult knows that exercising the right to vote is a responsibility. It is also a privilege that most Americans take for granted.

Our Constitution establishes our right to vote and our military stands ready to enforce that right.

On Nov. 6, we will go to the polls and elect individuals to local, state and federal positions. How we vote will determine our leadership. How you vote is your undeniable right.

Are you going to vote?

You decide.

*Editor's note: This article was shortened to avoid being an editorial.*

## Blood pressure screening set for Nov. 12

On Monday, Nov. 12, from 8:30-10:30 a.m., blood pressure testing will take place in the East Activity Center.

Special thanks go to our new nurses for volunteering to take blood pressures. They are Celine Klimowicz, Connie Giudise and Beverly Kennedy.

Thank you for being great volunteers. Remember, all are welcome.

# Breaking in the new tennis courts



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# Press Association members discuss guidelines for holiday lights contest

The Press Association held its third meeting of the season in October and a lot of time was spent discussing the second annual Holiday Lights Contest, which will be sponsored this year by the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, and Escot Bus Service.

Editor Doug Kates announced the top prize will be "A Day at the Spa" for up to 54 people from the winning building. He was thrilled to make the announcement, but pointed out the contest will only have one first-place prize. It was originally hoped to have two divisions, but the advertising trade quota was already reached in landing the spa and bus service as sponsors this year.

Next, the Press Association has to decide whether to keep the same rules as last year, or make adjustments.

It appears, like last year, that captains will still have to register their buildings ahead of time and Press Association members will continue to be the judges. However, some writers



## Press Association

questioned the fairness of the judging criteria.

Last year judging was based on holiday spirit, creativity, originality and building-wide participation. The last criteria appears to be the trouble one.

Last year, one side of a building was completely decorated, while little decorating was done on the other side. Residents and Press Association members questioned why the building lost points because the other side did not decorate.

The answer is simple – the purpose of the contest is to encourage residents from each building to work together as an entire unit to produce a

beautiful sight for the holiday.

There is no pressure to participate. There is no obligation to participate. If residents from a building don't want to decorate, or know ahead of time it won't be a building-wide effort, then simply, the building shouldn't register for the contest.

This contest is taking place to promote teamwork and help make the community a beautiful sight for the holiday. Residents who know they can work together as an entire unit are encouraged to enter the contest and pursue the top prize as a reward for their teamwork.

Buildings must be registered by a captain by 6 p.m., Nov. 20. Judging will take place Dec. 14-16. Last year's winner, Mallorca, will not be eligible.

All On Top of the World guidelines must be followed when decorating. This includes no decorations on lawns, railing tops, on stairs, or along hallway floors. All lights must be of the outdoor variety. Nothing can be

nailed or screwed into walls. One parking lot space can be designated for a holiday display.

Decorations must be completely removed when the holiday is over.

If you have questions about decoration guidelines, call Doug in the newsroom or visit the service desk to make an appointment with Rich Biggs, who will gladly visit your building and talk to your contest captain. Decorations, which do not follow OTOW guidelines, will be taken down by work crews – sometimes without warning.

In other Press Association news, Doug announced that individuals who do not belong to clubs, but charge to take part in an activity, will no longer receive free publicity in this newspaper. Anyone who charges for a class or a lesson or a seminar, will have to purchase an ad for publicity.

As of this edition, all activities on the newspaper Bulletin Board (page 42) are completely free to OTOW residents.

*To advertise in our December edition, checks must be received by Nov. 15\**

**\*The normal deadline for purchasing ads is the 15th of each month, but we are in our busy season and our color ad space will likely sell out way before the 15th. Black and white ad space could also sell out before the 15th.**

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# Counting votes may not matter when networks race each other to name the president

Not to play the role of spoiler, but don't be surprised if President Obama has an 89-58 lead after the first 17 state polls close on Election Day.

Electing a president is a very important time in our country, but, unfortunately, it will also turn into a media circus as the networks race each other to be the first to announce the winner of each state and overall for the presidency.

And because of this network race, there is also a good chance someone will announce (or predict) the 2013-2016 President before the polls even close in such western states as California and Hawaii.

It's unfortunate, but it could happen.

So, how can the networks make such bold predictions before votes are even counted?

Historically, people in specific states vote for a party, instead of a person, and because of this, the networks can predict results soon after the polls close in most states.

To some Americans, watching this type of TV election coverage will be dramatic. To others, it might leave them wondering if their vote was even counted before the networks announced a state result?

In Florida, New Hampshire, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia and North Carolina there has been no voting pattern between Democrat and Republican over the past three presidential elections, so the networks may take



their time before predicting results for each of these states.

In the remaining eastern states, most residents vote for their favorite party and this is where the television networks will act quickly to speed up their predictions.

Here is what you might see if you are watching the election night TV coverage.

By the time 7 p.m. rolls around in the Eastern Time Zone, polls will be closed in Vermont, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky.

Shortly after these polls close, the networks will most likely have declared Mitt Romney the leader with 53 Electoral Votes and President Obama trailing with 3 Electoral Votes. This is because South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky traditionally vote Republican. Vermont historically votes for a Democrat. The networks know this and probably won't wait for every vote to be count-

ed before giving Romney a 53-3 lead.

At 7:30 p.m., polls will close in West Virginia and the networks will quickly announce Romney's lead has grown to 58-3.

But Democrats shouldn't be too worried at this point. History tells us a change in the score is coming soon.

At 8 p.m., polls will close in Pennsylvania, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Michigan and the District of Columbia – all places that tend to vote Democrat. This means, shortly after 8 p.m., you can almost bet a friend or a neighbor, Obama will hold an 89-58 lead nearly a third of the way through election night.

But don't worry, like a basketball game, there is a chance a little drama will come later.

Polls will eventually close in our unpredictable states - Florida, Virginia and Indiana at 7 p.m. (Eastern), Ohio and North Carolina by 7:30 p.m. and New Hampshire at 8 p.m. The question is, how will the networks react to these polls closing? Will they wait for every vote to get counted?

At stake between Florida, Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina and New Hampshire are 90 electoral votes. I cannot tell you what the score will be after these vote totals are released, but I can tell you this. If history repeats, the only states with questionable outcomes the rest of the night will be Iowa, Colorado, New Mexico

and Nevada. Residents from all the other states tend to vote by party, and not person, and the networks could use this fact to continue to make quick predictions.

How quick? With only four states uncertain late into the night, the networks will quickly begin making their presidential predictions, and those predictions will most likely be announced before polls close in California (11 p.m. Eastern Time).

In fact, when the networks begin announcing the new president, residents in Hawaii will probably still be at work. Polls are open in Hawaii until 6 p.m., Hawaii Time, which is midnight Eastern Time, but because of the network rush to be first, few Hawaiians will see any reason to go out and vote after work. The networks will have already announced the winner.

But you don't have to tell Hawaiians this story. Less than 49 percent of Hawaiians voted in the 2008 election – probably because they already knew who won before they had a chance to vote.

We head into this Election Day with only 10 unpredictable states and a hoard of television networks which may use history, instead of vote counts, to name the next president. Maybe this is one reason why, in a nation of 170 million registered voters, 65 million did not vote in 2008.

Makes you want to think - if the new president is named before all the votes are tallied, does that still mean everyone's vote really counted?

## Is Broadway dying or just adjusting?

By Walter Balderson

When "Cats," the Broadway musical written by Andrew Lloyd Webber, closed at the Winter Garden Theatre in New York on Sept. 20, 2000, a century of great musicals ended.

During most of the Twentieth Century, Broadway was dominated by the "book" musical, beginning with Victor Herbert, Sigmund Romberg, George Gershwin and ending with Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Many of the popular songs of the day came out of these shows. Radio stations and jukeboxes around the country were playing the songs of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Frank Loesser, Lerner and Lowe, and most recently,



Walter Balderson

### Inside Showbiz

Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The enormous cost of writing and producing a musical for Broadway could run several million dollars and take two or more years from drawing board to opening night. The risk of a show to return a profit is extremely high.

Today's musical takes on an entirely different format. The producers

will take the music of a popular artist and write a story to tie the songs together. An example of this musical style is "Mama Mia," a most popular show, still running in New York and around the country.

"Mama Mia" is the music of Abba, the very popular Swedish group. An amusing and cute story was written, and the result is a most successful show.

Several shows that have come to Broadway using this format are "Movin' Out," the music of Billy Joel, and "Jersey Boys," probably the most popular show on Broadway now.

For years they have been saying Broadway is dying. Even though the format of the musical has changed, Broadway still attracts large audiences

from around the world.

People today, over the age of 30, will certainly be familiar with the songs that kept the Twentieth Century singing and dancing. Many of these shows are still playing around the country and are popular in Europe.

Millions still reminisce to the melodies from "South Pacific," "Camelot," "The King and I," "Kiss Me Kate," "My Fair Lady," "The Sound of Music," "Jesus Christ, Superstar," "State Fair," "Gigi" and "Oklahoma" just to name a few.

The theatre is not dying. The musicals are still great, but they will never again reach the legendary status they enjoyed throughout the Twentieth Century.

# Don't buy property from someone until you are sure they own the property

Q. Some time ago, my father gave a check for (a lot of money) to an apartment at (a condominium in Pinellas County). He didn't use a real estate agent and he didn't have an attorney. There was no written contract either. Now, the person to whom he gave the money is claiming that he won't close the sale without being paid even more money. What can he do?

A. What he can do and what he should have done in the first place are, of course, two very separate things.

The best thing that should have been done is to go through a real estate agent and also to have an attorney—or at least one of those and preferably both.

Failing that, and as quite lesser option, your father should have had a written contract signed by himself and the seller of the property; AND he should not have given the seller any money at all until there was absolute proof that the person who claimed to be the owner of the property actually did own it.

Right now, my guess is you'll discover that the guy who said he owned the apartment probably does not have the title to it. I don't really have enough facts to go beyond what I just said. I recommend that your father retain an attorney to look into the matter and take such legal action as the attorney says should be taken.

Q. I have a feeling you are not much in favor of living trusts for estate planning. Why is that?

A. Well, first of all, that is somewhat incorrect. I am definitely in favor of living trusts for folks who need them as an appropriate method of



estate planning for their specific situation. I draft a lot of them for my clients. It is not possible for me to set out all of the situations where I think a living trust is appropriate estate planning so I won't try. And anyway, the best person to advise someone on whether they do or do not need a living trust is that person's own attorney.

Let me add this: I do not think that everyone needs a living trust and I don't think that whether one needs a living trust is always related to the size of one's estate.

Some folks with large, but not federally taxable estates, may do quite well with a will, durable power of attorney, advance directive and then some payable on death accounts with a bank or brokerage firms.

Of course, where a federally taxable estate is concerned, a living trust is certainly a viable option for estate planning.

However, it doesn't follow that simply because an estate has federal estate tax issues that a living trust should be used, but there is great flexibility with a larger and federally taxable estate.

Q. I am having my living trust and also my pour-over will changed. I

wish to know whether it is necessary to keep the pages of the old documents or can I throw them away after I have signed the new ones.

A. Um....what does your attorney advise?

For those who do not have a living trust, a pour-over will is the type of will you need when you do have a trust.

Essentially, what a pour-over will does is to say that if you have anything in your own name that is not in trust, that asset is then to be put into the trust — it's poured over, so to speak.

Now to your question. If you amend your trust, but do not totally restate it, it is my opinion that you should keep the old pages. Again, check with your attorney, however, to see what he or she has to say. However, it seems to me that if you totally re-state your trust, so that the new one completely replaces the old one, then it's more or less up to you to decide whether to retain the old document or toss it.

Once again, though, you must check with your attorney to see what he or she says you should do.

With regard to the will, you can do a codicil to it, in which case it is my opinion that you should keep the old will and all its pages. If you do a new will, then as with a re-statement of a trust, it is not necessary to keep the old pages.

Q. Can a living trust be used by me to protect my assets from creditors or protect them in the event of my divorce?

A. Probably not. I doubt that a living trust provides very much asset protection in the event you get sued.

I also don't think it would make much of an impression on a judge in a divorce case. See the next question in this column.

Q. What's the best way to secure my assets in the event I should get a divorce?

A. One way is with a pre-nuptial agreement. A second way, although not as good by a long shot, especially where a divorce is contemplated, is with a post-nuptial agreement.

Best way?

Avoid getting divorced if at all possible.

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# If you're able to save some turkey, try turkey tetrazzini for a refresher



## Ingredients

- 12 oz spaghetti, linguini or other pasta
- 12 ounces mushrooms, sliced (about 4-5 cups)
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups of milk
- 1/4 cup cream
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup dry sherry (or vermouth or dry white wine)
- 3 cups coarsely chopped cooked turkey
- 1 cup peas
- 2/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan (divided in two)
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- Salt and Pepper
- Ground nutmeg (optional)
- 1/3 cup fine fresh bread crumbs (or panko)
- Freshly chopped parsley for garnish (optional)

Turkey Tetrazzini is one of those recipes I always think I will make with the leftover thanksgiving turkey.

Problem is, we really like to use the turkey for sandwiches, so guess what ... no turkey tetrazzini.

This year I am going to roast an extra large bird because I really want to make this recipe.

Happy Thanksgiving!

### METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 375° F. Heat 2 to 3 quarts of water for the pasta. Add 1 teaspoon of salt for each quart of water.

2. Cook the mushrooms in 3 Tbsp of the butter over medium heat, stirring, until all of the liquid the mushrooms give off has evaporated, 5-10 minutes. Set aside.

3. In a large, heavy saucepan, melt 1/4 cup of butter. Stir in the flour, and cook the mixture over low heat, stirring, for 3 minutes.

4. About now, put the pasta into the boiling water you've heated. Follow the package directions and cook until al dente. While the pasta is cooking continue on with the recipe.

5. Into the saucepan with the butter and flour, slowly whisk in the milk, cream, broth, and the sherry. Bring to a simmer and cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, for about 5 to 8 minutes.

6. When the pasta is ready, drain it. In a large bowl combine the pasta, the sauce, the mushrooms, the turkey, and the peas. Stir in 1/3 cup of the Parmesan and the 1 cup of Swiss cheese. Stir in the lemon juice. Add salt and pepper to taste. Note that if you have been using unsalted butter, and/or unsalt-

ed or low sodium stock, you will need to add more salt than you might expect. Just keep sprinkling it in until it is seasoned to your taste. Add a pinch of ground nutmeg if using, again to taste. Transfer the mixture to a buttered 3-quart casserole.

7. In a small bowl combine well the remaining 1/3 cup Parmesan and the bread crumbs. Sprinkle the mixture evenly over the tetrazzini, and dot the top with the remaining 1 tablespoon butter, cut into bits.

8. Bake the Tetrazzini in the middle rack of the oven for 30 to 40 minutes, or until it is bubbling and the top is golden.

Garnish individual servings with chopped parsley.

Yield: Serves 4 to 6.

Recipe adapted from Simply Recipes

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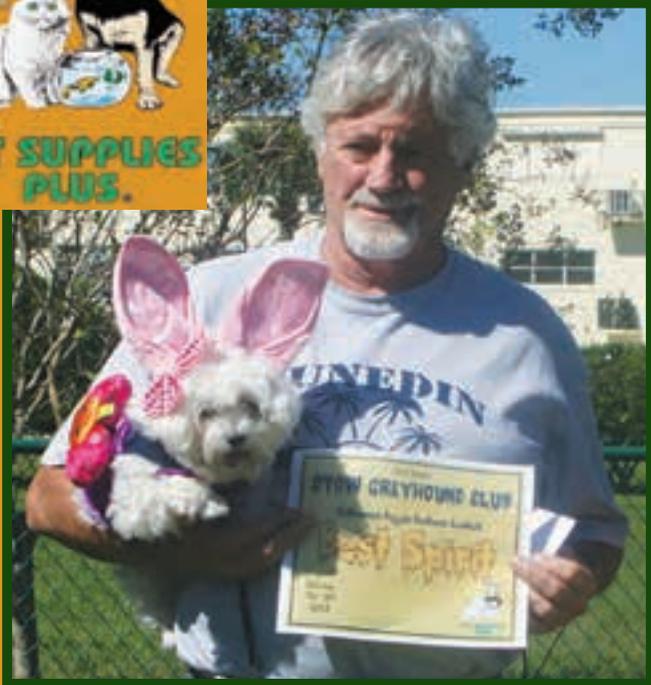
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# Pet Supplies Plus Doggy Halloween Costume Contest



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**Kori as a hotdog**



**Cassidy as a cheerleader**

The first annual OTOW/Pet Supplies Plus Doggy Halloween Costume Contest drew 16 entries on Oct. 20. The Greyhound Club supplied the judges. Pictured on this page were some of the contestants, including the four award winners.



**Tammi as a pumpkin**



# Clubs & Activities

## Seventy-one years later, OTOW vet receives recognition he deserved

By Cecile Sangiamo

When the Merchant Marine returned home from the war in 1945, they got off a train and there was no one to greet them.

But when On Top of the World resident Frank Grilz, 90, returned home from an Honor Flight visit to Washington D.C. this past September, there was a large crowd to greet him and other Merchant Marine veterans, who had to wait 70 years for proper recognition.

Upon arriving home, Frank and 74 other WWII veterans were greeted by a throng of well-wishers, including Representative Bill Young.

All the vets were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and gratitude heaped upon them as they returned to the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport from Washington that day.

One third of the vets at the Honor Flight were in wheelchairs. Others were using canes and walkers. Each vet was escorted by a guardian volunteer, who in many cases was a family member.

This was the seventh such mission to honor WWII Veterans for a job well done in service to our country.

Frank was bowled over by the reception which included signs, pictures, flags and balloons. Hardly a dry eye was seen at Mail Call when each vet was presented with a packet of dozens of letters expressing



Above, Frank Grilz poses in front of one of the many WWII Memorials in Washington D.C. At right is the teary reception Frank received upon arriving back home. Below, Frank talks about his war days with a current US serviceman.

thanks for their sacrifice, courage and service.

It was the end of a story that started 71 years ago.

Way back in December of 1941, six days after our country was attacked at Pearl Harbor, Frank, 19 at the time, had just graduated from Allegheny High School near Pittsburgh.

Frank passed up a chemistry scholarship from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to seek enlistment in the Army, but their quota was filled and it was the same story with the Navy and other services.

When Frank approached the Merchant Marine, they said, "glad to have you" and he was signed up.

This country boy, who had never been out of his Pittsburgh neighborhood, packed a bag and made his way alone by buses and trains to Staten Island, N.Y., at that time a lonely outpost of the big city.

Training was held off South Beach at Hoffman Island, but the only way over was by boat and he had missed the regular ferry. Ever resourceful, he found a local fisherman who took him out and thus began his career as a Merchant Marine.

Little did Frank know that the first boat he was



assigned to would be torpedoed in the Caribbean. Fortunately, all aboard survived.

For so many years, the United States Merchant Marine was not considered part of the military, even though they sailed through hostile waters, including torpedo alley, off the eastern U. S. coast.

A civilian auxiliary of the Navy, in times of war, the President could permanently seize any merchant marine vessel to commandeer it for temporary use with no compensation.

Although Frank served for many years, even returning to officer school to increase his rank to Ensign 2nd Class, there was no compensation forthcoming. Only in 1988 did President Ronald Reagan finally sign a bill into law granting veteran status to merchant mariners who served in WWII.

Bonnie Kelley, niece to her Uncle Frank, learned about the Honor Flights and got busy to make sure he would be included.

Bonnie would end up being his guardian escort on the trip to Washington D.C., which included a visit to the WWII Memorial, where the site brought back long-buried memories of buddies lost.

Frank visited many of the memorial sites in D.C. and even had the chance to meet many of today's military personnel.

It was the end of a bittersweet journey which started seven decades ago.

Finally, Frank received the fanfare and respect he deserved.

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# Welcome back party Nov. 7

By Walt Copeland  
President

The Pennsylvania Club welcomes all of our members, as well as new members.

We strive to be a congenial group and you don't have to be from Pennsylvania. We're open to all On Top of the World residents.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. We serve complimentary coffee and pastry. Future meetings will be Dec. 6, Jan. 3 and Feb. 7.

Future functions are as follows:

Nov. 7, Wednesday – Our Welcome Back Party will be held in the auditorium at 5 p.m. It will be a catered, complete turkey dinner followed by entertainment and dancing. We'll also have some door prizes. Cost is \$18.

Nov. 22, Thursday – Thanksgiv-



## Pennsylvania

ing will be celebrated at Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Theater, matinee show. Arrival time is 11 a.m. Cost is \$35. Tax and tip are included.

Dec. 2 and 3, Holly Jolly trip to St. Augustine to view the beautiful Christmas lights. There will be time for shopping. We'll be staying in a waterfront hotel and dining in the Columbia Restaurant.

Dec. 9, Sunday - Holiday party at the Island Way Grill. We'll enjoy their famous Champagne Brunch, all you can eat from noon 'til 3 p.m. There

will be gifts for each household, followed by fantastic entertainment.

Jan. 26, Saturday - Matinee Dog Races. Price will include buffet, admission, program and bus.

Feb. 1 will be our annual Ground Hog Day party. It will be on Friday, and we'll have a complete catered dinner in the auditorium with door prizes and entertainment.

Feb. 14, Thursday - Valentine's Day at the Ed Fletcher Dinner Theater for their buffet and comedy show.

Feb. 23, cruise for eight days and seven nights aboard Carnival's "Dream" out of Port Canaveral. Cabins start at \$639 per person/double occupancy. We'll visit the East Caribbean ports of Nassau in the Bahamas, St. Thomas and St. Martin, the French port. To preserve the low rates, please sign up with a deposit immediately. The balance is due Dec. 1. Thereaf-

ter the rates are subject to change. We're expecting a big turnout for a fun cruise.

March 26, Tuesday - our annual picnic will be at Philippe Park in the largest shelter No. 2 at noon. It will be catered and we'll enjoy fun and games, including free bingo with prizes.

Also in the works are trips to Las Vegas in the spring and San Antonio, Biloxi, Branson and two trips to Fort Myers for the Broadway Palms Dinner Theater for "Fiddler" and "Sound of Music." These may include side trips to the Immokalee Casino.

In addition, we're planning several one- and two-day trips. Be sure to stop at our table in the auditorium on Monday and Thursday between 8:30-10:30 a.m. and consider joining our very active club. We're open to all OTOW residents, not just Pennsylvanians. One year membership is just \$5.

## Come share your thoughts about the election results

The Oct. 25 meeting of the On Top of the World Democratic Club was attended by a second record-breaking number of residents in as many months.

In September it was due to the club's ability to attract renowned Dr. Lawrence Floriani from Doctors for America, who addressed our concerns as seniors over the healthcare reform sweeping our country.

Last month it was the presence, from the campaign trail, of OTOW's very own Ben Farrell, our homegrown candidate for Florida State Representative.

Or was it the catered food he brought from his family's famous Lenny's Restaurant?

Either way it was an event to remember.

Ben told us that the most repressive tax increase facing us as seniors at OTOW was the sales tax increase his opponent favors. Ben assured us that he would go to Tallahassee and fight to defeat any increase in the sales tax. In addition, he would lead the battle to



## Democratic Club

assure that we get every dollar from the federal government that we deserve in order to guarantee seniors at OTOW the best medical care available.

Our Nov. 29 club meeting could be the most exciting of the year. We will hold an open forum for all residents to give their opinions on the outcome of the Nov. 6 elections.

All candidates, winners and losers, will be invited to lead the event. Don't miss it!

It should be an eventful afternoon beginning at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

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# *'There Is A Way'*

## Hundreds of mazes tell story of a soldier's struggle to stay a warrior

By Doug Kates

What is a maze?

A maze is a game children play when they try to find their way from a designated starting point, around obstacles, and out an ending point.

For a small group of local residents, including some individuals from On Top of the World, this was once an acceptable description of a maze.

But in mid-October, this same group attended a private art show at the Menaul Fine Art Gallery in Clearwater, and their conceptions of mazes will never be the same.

US Army Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey Fischer is the son of OTOW residents Bob and Laura Evans. Bob is vice president of the Computer Club and Laura is well-known for her tennis articles and inspirational lectures in the East Activity Center.

Lt. Col. Fischer was one of the first U.S. soldiers sent to Iraq to begin rebuilding the Iraqi Army. Among the many medals awarded to him was the Bronze Star.

In a world where the Iraqis were just starting to recover, Lt. Col. Fischer suddenly found himself as an American soldier starting a new base and trying to build a trustworthy relationship with the Iraqi people.

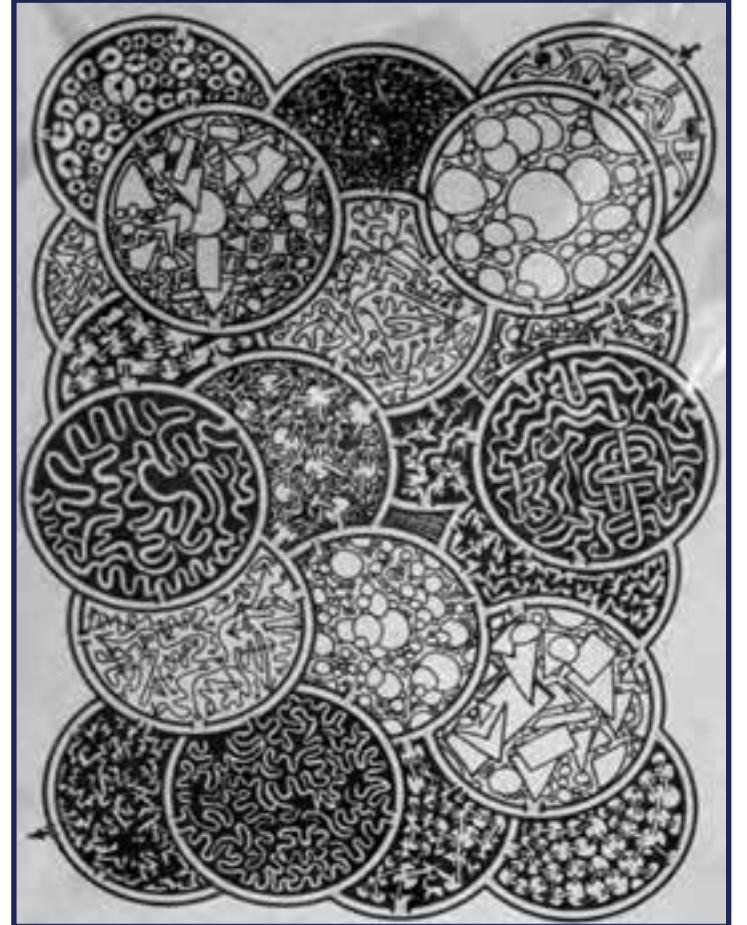
During this stressful period, Lt. Col. Fisher discovered mazes. With nothing more than ink pens and paper, he learned he could design mazes and use them to communicate with the Iraqis, especially the children.

What was not recognized at that time is that the mazes also reflect survival, hope and even humor in his journey.

Within a year, the base became operational, populated and even added a fire station. Finally, it was time for Lt. Col. Fischer to come home, but the mazes were put away and seldom shared. Not even the military could convince him to show the mazes.

Finally, last month, Lt. Col. Fischer gave his parents a binder with 30 mazes.

Laura and Bob were overwhelmed at seeing the mazes for the first time. Some of the them were in color, some in black and white; some happy, some angry; some celebrating life, some rebellious.



U.S. Army Lt. Col Jeffrey Fischer drew the mazes above while stationed in Iraq. Overall, he drew hundreds of mazes. Some reflected his fear as a soldier in a war zone. Some were used to communicate with the Iraqi people. At left, fire hoses and fire ladders reflect a joyous period when a new fire hall was built for the Iraqis. At right is one of the more artistic mazes in his collection.



**Lt. Col. Jeffrey Fischer**

All the mazes, except one, had a start and an exit.

Laura realized instantly that these mazes were no children's game

nor a puzzle you would find in a book.

She believed the mazes were art.

She believed the mazes told a story.

She believed the mazes showed the hidden, stressful side of a son turned warrior.

Laura took some of the mazes to local art galleries where the overall response was the same - the mazes were art and needed to be on display.

On Oct. 11, the Menaul Fine Art Gallery held a private show to receive feedback. Among the questions asked, "Were the mazes art? Should the mazes be available for the public to see? Or was the mother overreacting because her son created the mazes?"

Overwhelmingly, the entire crowd said the mazes were something special.

One person in the audience said there needs to be a book written about Lt. Col. Fischer's story. Another

person suggested a title, "There Is A Way" referring to a soldier's struggle to return home to a normal civilian life and at the same time mirror the task of trying to complete a complicated maze.

A representative from the Tampa Bay Veterans Alliance voted to include the mazes in a Veterans Art Show from Nov. 9-12 at the Menaul Fine Arts Gallery, 1750 N. Hercules St., Clearwater.

The mazes also will be on display noon-2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 11, prior to Sunday-In-The-Park in the East Activity Center auditorium, should anyone from On Top of the World want to see them as part of their Veterans Day plans. After a couple more local shows, Laura said she may allow the mazes to be displayed outside of Florida - maybe someday even reach Washington.

In the end, Bob and Laura hope their son's message will be told.

# More mazes

By Lt. Col. Jeffrey Fischer



On Top of the World was recently represented at an art show display at the Menaul Art Gallery in Clearwater. On top, second from left is Katarina Tepesh from the Baby Boomers group and next to her is Julie Hipp from the activities office. In the bottom row, far right, is Bob Charpentier from the Baby Boomers.

## Baby Boomers get together for barbeque, jazz concert

By Katarina Tepesh

Thanks to Patti Jones and Duck Drake for welcoming our Baby Boomers group to their beautiful, newly renovated home to enjoy barbeque with delicious hamburgers, steaks, hummus, salads and superb chocolate dessert made by Duck.

Special thanks to Joyce Monahan for sharing sausages brought from Chicago.

Much of conversations at the barbeque were questions to Duck, who is a contractor, how best to renovate our condos.

Our group also took advantage of an annual Free Museum Day on Sept. 29 by visiting the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art at St. Petersburg College.

Following our monthly meeting, our group attended a Clearwater Jazz Concert listening to Bonnie Raitt and other performers.

Several of us attended a presentation on patient protection and the Affordable Care Act Law.

On Oct. 11, Laura and Bob Evans, invited myself and Bob Charpentier to a private art opening at the Menaul Art Gallery in Clearwater. On display were several original maze exhibits produced by Laura's and Bob's son, Jeff, while he was on tour in Iraq. The story of how and why the mazes were conceived was fascinating and deeply personal as the family tries to figure out how best to use the mazes to show the public a sensitive side of the



**Baby Boomers**

American soldier in Iraq.

The purpose of our Baby Boomers group is for us OTOW owners to meet and socialize by attending cultural events and do group sports activities within the Tampa Bay area.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all volunteers group. All of us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events. In addition to meetings, we communicate via email, Facebook and Channels 96/720.

We have two monthly meetings: first Wednesday and third Thursday in each month. Therefore we are meeting on Nov. 7 and Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room followed by a Happy Hour at a nearby restaurant/bar such as Nauti Nancy, Varsity Club or Cody's.

For more information send an email to Katarina at [katarina2379@gmail.com](mailto:katarina2379@gmail.com)

Happy Thanksgiving!

# Line dancers make a TV commercial



## Line Dancing

By Julie Narancich

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, OTOW News Editor Doug Kates videotaped the line dancers in action for our local TV Channels 96/720.

We always have a great time dancing and appreciate Doug taking the time to share our line dancing with you. Tune in to see our commercial!

Line dancers will be in costume on Tuesday, Oct. 30 for our annual Halloween Party. Helen Crombie and Loni Bentley are planning the event with food and refreshments. Look for pictures in the next issue.

Four of our line dancers, Ellen Gilbert, Ednamea Jordt, Ann Gehrling and Cele Radeloff visited former line dancer Mary Schunk in her new home in Ellenton, Fl. They tell us Mary is doing well and enjoys being near family. She said she misses line dancing and sends her best to everyone.



Above is a scene from the Line Dancing TV commercial on OTOW-TV Channels 96/720.

Mary Becker will be collecting the annual membership fee of \$5 from our members. Please remember to present your On Top of the World identification card along with your money to Mary.

This is a great time to learn some of our dances if you are a new resident at On Top of the World, or if you

are a little hesitant about trying line dancing. We have great individual instruction and provide moral support, so please join us every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Beginner lessons start at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8:30 a.m. on Satur-

days for 30 minutes. The beginner lessons are extremely helpful. We welcome everyone and bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

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# Get your tickets now for Tampa Bay Opera on Dec. 12



## Theater Workshop

By Merle MacDonald

Extra, extra, read all about it!

Yes, it's true Tampa Bay Opera is coming to On Top of the World on Wednesday, Dec. 12, and will grace the East Activity Center auditorium stage at 7:30 p.m.

This spectacular event will be a fundraiser for Theater Workshop's March show.

Plan to get your tickets on Monday or Thursday mornings between 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium for an \$8 donation.

While purchasing your tickets, members can also make their reservations for a Christmas/Holiday Party. The party will be on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Mandalay Avenue, North Clearwa-



A scene from a Tampa Bay Opera performance.

ter Beach. The affair will begin with a cocktail hour at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will follow at 5:30. Please be prepared to make your choice of chicken, salmon or beef when purchasing your ticket. The cost will be \$15 per person - the same price for guests.

Rehearsals for the March show, "OTOW Theatrical Museum" have begun on an informal basis. Performers will be scheduled for their particular rehearsal time and are expected to

attend unless previously excused.

You will be notified of your time, if you have not already been told.

The Theater Workshop board will convene one hour prior to the general meeting, which is 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7, in the EAC auditorium. The board will meet at 6 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the general meeting and refreshments will be served.

# Thanksgiving potluck feast set

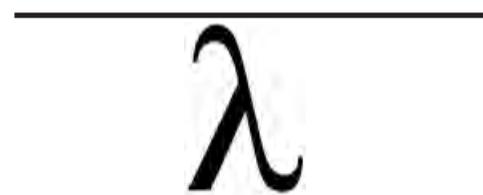
By Dave Beaven

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our neighbors and friends here in On Top of the World.

We are thankful for the great time that we had last month at our Halloween party. Members dressed up as ghouls and goblins and socialized before sitting down for a play, titled "Vampires, Werewolves and Love," performed by eight of our members. It was a haunting comedy. We didn't realize how talented our actors were, but the efforts of director/playwright Will Peterson insured success.

On Nov. 22, we will be having a Thanksgiving potluck feast. We did this last year and it turned out very well.

Of course, it's always fun to get a bunch of friends together to eat and drink. At our club meeting on Nov. 9, we will be collecting food donations



## Lambda

from our members and neighbors for the local food banks for the holiday. Feel free to bring by a donation and stay for a drink. We're a pretty sociable bunch.

Finally, to top November off, Lambda will be having movie night on the last Saturday.

Lambda is a social club for our gay and lesbian residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include cocktail parties, dine-

outs, game nights, and movie nights. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all our gay and lesbian residents in the OTOW community, but we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda meets monthly on the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crafts Room.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

You can contact us by e-mail at [lambdaclw@yahoo.com](mailto:lambdaclw@yahoo.com) or call Dave at 727-410-7566.



## Singles Club

# Make a food donation at this month's meeting

By Mary Widman

Our November meeting will be our annual food drive collection day.

Members and non-members are asked to bring in canned-food items, which will be donated to local distribution groups in time for the holidays.

The meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 3, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Our holiday luncheon will be Dec. 1 at the Beachcomber Restaurant.

Transportation will be by the Jolly Trolley. The price for paid members is \$10 and guests \$15. We will order from the menu. Tickets are sold every Monday and Thursday, 9-10:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center.

If you have any questions, please call Dorothy Carpenito, club president, at 796-4460.

If you know of any member who is ill, please call our Sunshine Lady, so we can send that person a note of good cheer from our members. Call Mary at 796-1184.

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## Always Educators

# Many ways volunteers can help at schools

By Jane Lee

The Always Educators group here at On Top of the World continues to work with Skycrest Elementary School.

Recently, a few of us met with teachers there and we asked for some specific ways that we might help in the classroom.

This is a list they came up with at this time:

1. Help students practice math facts.
2. Listen to students read independently.
3. Help with bulletin boards.
4. Work with small groups on projects.
5. Help chaperone field trips.

If you would like to make a difference in our community, join our group. We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m. at the West Activity Center Rainbow Room. To volunteer at a school, you have to fill out an application form and show your driver's license. It does not cost any money to help at our schools.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Box Tops for Education project.

# Your pet really wants a photo shoot with Santa



## Greyhound Club

By Bill Sharpsteen

Well it was a "greyt" Halloween with a successful pet costume contest sponsored by Pets Supplies Plus and judged by our own Greyhound Club members.

Check out all the pictures on page 16.

We also had a wonderful picnic at Philippe Park with 60 greyhounds and more than 100 people attending. We will repeat this again in the spring with a glorious catered meal. We ended with greyhounds rooing and it was special!

Now it is time to start thinking about Christmas - I held out as long as possible!

We always enjoy taking pictures of your pets for a beautiful holiday picture with Santa. We supply the professional photographers. Pictures will be taken 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 1, Dec. 2, Dec. 15 and Dec. 16 at Petsmart in the Largo Mall at the corners of Ulmerton Road and Seminole Boulevard. Cost is only \$10 and Petsmart gives us \$5 of each sale.

Some greyhound adopters sent pictures of their new adopted "babies." Check out [www.GoldCoast-Greyhounds.com](http://www.GoldCoast-Greyhounds.com) under the photo gallery for some poses after they are adopted. You will also be able to see some Santa Pet pictures there as well. We may even have a surprise visit by some cheerleaders!

Always remember, Greyhound Club members attend Third Friday in



## Callie and Santa

Safety Harbor every third Friday of the month. We set up at the intersection of Second Avenue and Main Street to show off the greyhounds for adoption. We also continue to visit several ALF's in the county each month to bring cheer to their residents with our "Gentle Giants!"

Please add our OTOW Greyhound Club meetings to your calendar. We meet the third Thursday of each

month. Our next meetings are Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March 21 and April 18 at 11 a.m.

Call Bill today at 727-797-7977 to help foster or babysit a greyhound for a day to a week, or adopt a greyhound, donate or volunteer with this group. You will be richly rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!

# Irish Club gladly welcomes new faces

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Our first club meeting was held on Friday, Oct. 12, at the East Activity Center. There were a few new faces that easily blended right in with returning club members.

After a short agenda, everyone

received a much appreciated seminar on financial planning presented by Richard Cummings, CEO of Cummings Insurance Inc. in Clearwater.

Following the presentation, club members were treated to pizza and dessert.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Danny Justice Show on Friday, Nov. 9. The show starts at 7 p.m. at the EAC.

Our annual Christmas Dinner Dance will take place on Friday, Dec. 14. The festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. at

the EAC.

You can purchase your tickets for both events each Monday and Thursday morning from 8:30 -10:30 a.m. in the EAC.

I hope you can attend these great events.

# We love unorganized family documents

By Anne B. Watkins

Summertime is for family reunions.

You may have had renewed contact with your relatives this summer, and if you listened real well, may have learned interesting new stories and found additional names for your family tree.

That's where your Family History Group, a special interest group of the Computer Club, can help.

We meet the second Monday of the month, November to May, with the purpose of researching and sharing our genealogical finds.

The group has been meeting for more than 10 years now, so some of us have expanded our horizons beyond On Top of the World to become members of various lineage societies, such as Daughters of the American



## Family History

Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, and Mayflower Society. However, there is always room for the person who is just getting started in genealogy.

At every two-hour meeting, we have a program and then a ques-

tion and answer time, when we help one another with genealogy problems. Our first meeting will be to set up our program: we usually have one outside speaker or a field trip during the year, while at the rest of the meetings, one member of the group volunteers to speak.

The atmosphere is very comfortable, sitting in a circle, so even the most timid need not fear.

We encourage creativity, and one member has even been inspired to give us video presentations.

So, if you have all those family documents sitting in a pile somewhere, and you think it's finally time to put them together for all posterity, give the Family History Group a try. We'll look forward to seeing you on Monday, Nov. 12, from 1-3 pm, in the East Activity Center classroom No. 1.



## Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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



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# All residents invited to share their artistic talents or learn a new skill

By Jean Doane,

Fall is here, and all the activities are in full swing.

It was a warm summer, but the Snowbirds might have been even hotter!

The Art Guild will have its first general meeting of the season on Friday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. We meet in the East Activity Center Art Room.

We would like to have new members and former members join the regulars and get reacquainted. We would also like to share new ideas.



## Art Guild

There will be refreshments.

The Art Guild wants to be supportive of On Top of the World residents who are interested in art and

want a place to express their talents. Art Guild wants to encourage everyone to try their hands in drawing or painting.

The Thursday afternoon drawing class will begin the first Thursday in November, which happens to be on Nov. 1. The class meets from 1-3 p.m. in the Art Room. John Fier will be the instructor for this class. There will be a charge of \$2 for any supplies John will furnish. So bring your own pads, pencils, charcoal, pastels, watercolors or oils and see what you can do.

On Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. there is the Painting Pals group. They have been meeting throughout the summer and welcome newcomers to work on individual projects. The lighting is good and the tables are big, so you can spread out. It is a great time to share expertise and work creatively on painting or drawing.

It's always more fun to share the time and share your creativity. There are both men and women in this group who are willing to share their expertise.



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# Residents who love the arts also love ushering at Ruth Eckerd Hall

By Diane Cavanaugh

When I first moved to Clearwater, one of my top goals was to attend a performance at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Fortunately, since that time, I have seen Michael McDonald and Bos Scaggs, Rigoletto, Itzhak Perlman and Pink Floyd Australia.

The best part of Ruth Eckerd Hall is that no matter what your taste, you can find the venue. You notice certain features of Ruth Eckerd Hall...the acoustics, the cleanliness, and more importantly, the many smiling and helpful ushers.

So when I was looking for a volunteer project, many On Top of the World residents said "try Ruth Eckerd."

Lepa Buck, who herself, has volunteered for eight years, got me the application, and this month I had the joy of ushering at the children's performance of "Super Scientific"... comparing magic to science. The students were totally enthralled!

Currently, approximately 40 OTOW residents are ushers and they are very enthusiastic.

I spoke with a few of the "well seasoned" ushers, and one of the new ones, about why they chose to take part.

Fritz Kocka has been an usher for 23 years. He worked for Honeywell Corporation as a clown named "Hugs." His love of entertainment and theatre led him to volunteer. He has been volunteering in Florida for 50 years.

"The best part of Ruth Eckerd is that you are always meeting new and interesting people," he said. "Every performance has a different audience, like a new pair of shoes."

Fritz recommends that you oc-



Mary Lou Wall and Fritz Kocka are two of 40 On Top of the World residents who usher at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

cupy your time, keeping yourself active, and staying involved. Based on his outlook, his advice has obviously worked!

Katarina Tepesh is a new volunteer at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Having been raised in Manhattan, which she describes as the "highest quality theatre and professional level," she wanted to be exposed to that type of performances again.

Katarina also explained that she has two goals in life - to care for her

physical and emotional health.

"Eating well and staying active is for the physical," she said. "The arts are for your emotional well being."

Many of you know Mary Lou Wall as the photographer for OTOW News. but in addition to fine photos, she has been an usher since 2005.

Mary Lou's love and interest in theater is what motivated her to volunteer. She has actually been volunteering at various theaters in the Clearwater area since 1998. As shown in her

performances in the Jesters and Theatre Workshop, dance is a big part of her life. Tap is her favorite. She started taking tap in 1999 and is currently part of the Ballroom Dance Class here at OTOW.

Mary Lou stated "I enjoy every show at Ruth Eckerd."

As for me, I am grateful that for my education in music and the arts, I can find a way to volunteer and "pay back" for all the enjoyment the arts have given my life.

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# February show will include a tribute to Dick Clark and your favorite American Bandstand memories

By John Kannaly

Well, we are finally in rehearsal mode this month. Our co-directors, Pat Cummisky and Tony Baker, are hard at work doing their jobs and putting the cast through its paces.

In our next show we will be featuring country and western, Broadway singing and dancing, popular music, and, of course, comedy and sketches.

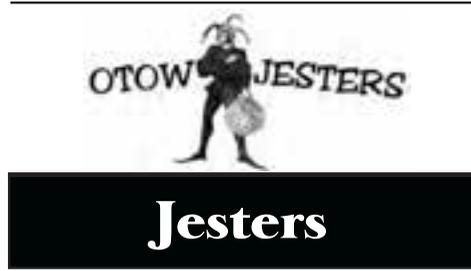
One surprise feature is a tribute to American Bandstand emcee Dick Clark. You don't want to miss this tribute.

Remember when you came home from school and couldn't wait to turn on the television set to watch American Bandstand?

We all would imitate how they danced, dressed, talked and chewed gum. Memories, memories.

If you are a country and western fan, we can relive the magic of Charley Pride, Patsy Cline, Minnie Pearl, George Jones and many more.

Watch as the cast recreates dances from the Broadway and movie ver-



sion of "Chicago." Listen to our singers perform popular music that will have you thinking, "Where was I when I last heard that?"

Does it sound pretty good?

Tickets go on sale Dec. 1 for \$5. Think of how many people you can make happy by buying them tickets for the holiday season or as birthday gifts.

Our show will be performed on Feb. 15, Feb. 16, and Feb. 17, 2013.

Please stop by and see us at our table in the East Activity Center auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. We will be very happy to see you.

Thank you, the "Jesters."



Berne and Bob Krause rehearse for the upcoming show. Bernee and Bob are a couple of bright and shining stars at the Jesters.

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# Senior Expo set for Nov. 3

Hi, Good Neighbors! I trust you are being a good neighbor.

Well, the big event this month is the Senior Expo on Saturday, Nov. 3. We have about 40 or so exhibitors as of this writing. We had to turn away several exhibitors as SCA has revised their policy on who can attend. Hopefully everything will go smoothly and everyone will enjoy the event.

Remember, Papa Johns is providing free pizza, and there will be several gift certificates raffled. Raffle tickets will be sold at \$1 each or six for \$5. You don't have to be present to win.

## Good Neighbors



### President Doris Paino

Take notice of the new blinds in the art room. Good Neighbors raised money for them. Good Neighbors also paid for a new piano cover for the baby grand piano. The old one was in pretty bad

shape.

The nomination committee has named the following people to serve on the Board for 2013:

President – Doris Paino.

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Second Vice President – Mike Mikulski.

Third Vice President – Gene Paino.

Fourth Vice President – Nancy Davis.

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## Welcome back party set for delivery volunteers

By Carl and Betty Leiby

The On Top of the World Meals on Wheels group will gather at the Leiby's condo on Nov. 14 to welcome home our delivery Snowbirds and catch up on the latest news from the parent organization.

Our special guest will be Public Relations Manager Sandra Narron.

Sandra will also attend the upcoming Senior Health Fair on Saturday, Nov. 3, in the East Activity Center. She will show residents help is available through the Neighborly Care Network. Other staff members will be present to help answer your questions.

Everyone knows Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver hot meals, but more importantly, our volunteers provide a caring interest in the welfare of clients. Meals are delivered Mon-



### Meals On Wheels

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# Travel Club members to discuss highlights of summer trips at November meeting

By Pat Zorland and Roxie Maggio

Our October meeting was again very well attended.

Unfortunately, Audrey Jones had to cancel the trips that were planned for the next few months due to lack of interest.

However, we did have some club members who did take trips on their own.

Lynn Mandolesi and I took a nine-day Riverboat Cruise on the Blue Danube River in late September. Did you know, the Blue Danube is really not blue?

It is sometimes green and sometimes gray, depending on the depth of the river. But, I have to say, Blue Danube is much more of a romantic reference.

We spent time in Budapest and Esztergom in Hungary, Bratislava Slovakia. Then it was on to Austria (Vienna, Dunstein, Melk and Linz). We then went on to Passau and Munich in Germany and then returned home.

I hope to have a copy of my journal at the next meeting, which will

be on Friday, Nov. 2.

Mary Harker and a friend went on a trip to San Antonio in October and maybe we can have her give a talk about her trip, too.

The Travel Club will be discussing some exciting opportunities at our November and December meetings.

On Nov. 2, a representative from OMNI Tours will be telling us about reasonably-priced trips.

At our Dec. 7 meeting, we will have a holiday buffet with lasagna, chicken parmesan, meatballs, salad, garlic bread and a rum punch. We will also have a white elephant sale. Details will be explained in November.

Attend our meetings in November and December and see what we will be putting together for trips next year. New members do not have to pay a membership fee for November or December, but will be required to pay an annual \$5 membership fee in January. It will be like getting two months free.

If you need more information on our club, call Shirley at 474-5040 or Roxie at 726-4619.

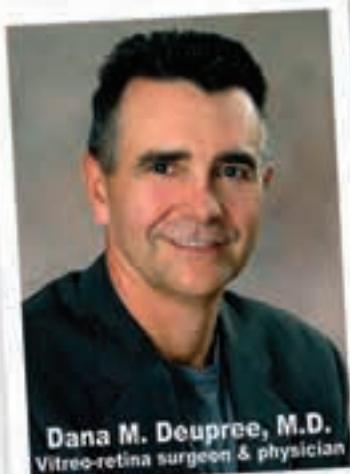


Travelers on the Blue Danube can expect to see such sights as this castle and town along the shores. (Photo by Pat Zorland)

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Using his art skills, John transformed the black and white photographic images into brilliant, colorful pieces of art.

His collection is currently hanging on the north side of the billiards room.

So now, if you're between shots, or having a tough day at the table, you can walk over and ask Willie, Jackie or Minnesota for some advice. They probably won't answer, but maybe the artwork will provide some incentive.



Art Guild member John Fier holds a painting of Minnesota Fats. Behind him are Willie Mosconi and Jackie Gleason. These pictures are currently on display in the West Activity Center billiards room.

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# Meet Alice and Bill - New Yorkers who belong to the Hoosier Club

By Nancy House

Alice and Bill Wilkie are from New York, but enjoy being active members of the On Top of the World Hoosier Club.

They have been full-time residents at OTOW for about seven years, but lived in New York until Bill retired after 33 years of working all over the state of New York as a steamfitter.

"For many years after Bill's retirement, we split our time between Florida and Virginia because we missed the grandkids," commented Alice. "We then moved to Clearwater, where we rented for six months at OTOW before purchasing a condo on the 15th green. Bill liked OTOW because he thought it looked like Disneyworld, but I loved the full schedule of activities."

"When we were in our mid-40s, I was a single mother raising four children and my mother lived with me,"



## Hoosier Club

Alice added. "After a hard day at the office, I enjoyed going out dancing with my girlfriends for the evening. Bill and I met at an Irish bar in downtown New York City. He would have been happy just sitting at a table talking to me after we had been introduced, but I had gone to the club to dance. Bill wasn't a dancer, but he faked it and has danced with me every day since to make me happy.

"What I tell him to this day at the OTOW dances is to just stand there and I'll dance around you!" added Alice.

Alice and Bill are a prime example of opposites attracting. They are so different from each other. Alice has a bubbly personality, loves to talk, and is an avid dancer. Bill is a gentleman, very quiet, and never seems to get excited or raise his voice. Bill just smiles at Alice, and one can feel how much he loves and appreciates her company and enthusiasm for living.

But they both like to be busy, love to travel, and are willing to go anywhere and share new experiences together. They have traveled across the United States twice visiting Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone, Napa Valley, and many other national landmarks as they stayed in campgrounds and hotels doing laundry along the way.

The first day of the month is an important day in their lives. Alice gets the OTOW newspaper and highlights all the activities for the month. They have joined several clubs, so they may

participate in trips, dinners, and activities. Bill goes out to purchase any tickets needed. Then they plan their schedule to coordinate with the different club events.

The Hoosier Club is honored that this couple has chosen to be members. They regularly attend every club meeting held the first Tuesday of each month from November to May, play euchre and board games with members on the third Wednesday of each month, go to all the planned events and activities, and get together with year-round Hoosiers during the summer if they are not on one of their many trips across the United States.

The Wilkies' don't need a reminder, but the next scheduled Hoosier Club meeting is on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center craft room. Come and get acquainted with Bill and Alice, our New York Hoosier Club members.

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## Holiday party will be a cruise

By Tom Mauro

Welcome back to our "Snowbirds."

Our first meeting on Sept. 26 was a sweet success. Ice cream sundaes were served by our hospitality members headed by Paula Weir, who, as always, did a super job. Thanks again Paula.

It was decided by a membership vote to have our holiday party on Friday, Nov. 30 aboard the Calypso Queen. The cruise will start at noon and continue on the intercostals waterway. We will all enjoy a tropical island buffet.

The cost of this lunch cruise is \$26 and also includes complimentary



## NY / NJ Club

beer, wine, rum, punch and soda and tips.

Tickets will be sold from 8:30-10:30 a.m. by Sue Fleming and Sally Shevlin on Monday and Thursday at the East Activity Center.

Our October meeting was held on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Details will appear in our next article.

**Deadline to register your building for the Holiday Lights Contest is 6 p.m., Nov. 20. Register in the newsroom.**

# I'm the same person - it's the rest of the world that's changing

Have you noticed that stairs are getting steeper?

Groceries are getting heavier, and everything is farther away.

Yesterday I walked to the corner and was surprised to discover how much longer our street had become.

Another thing - everyone drives so fast these days. You're risking life and limb if you happen to pull in front of them! Their brakes must wear out very fast the way I see them screech and swerve in my rear view mirror.

People are less considerate now,



Marge Mayer

## Marge's Humor

especially the young ones. They talk in whispers all the time. If you ask them to speak up, they keep repeating them-

selves with the same silent message until they're red in the face.

Do they think I am a lip reader?

I think they are much younger than I was at the same age. On the other hand, people my own age are so much older than I am.

I ran into an old friend the other day, and she aged so much that she didn't even recognize me.

Clothing manufacturers are less civilized these days. Why are they suddenly labeling size 10 or 12 dresses as 18 or 20?

The people who make bathroom scales are pulling the same prank. Do they actually think I believe the number on that dial? Ha! I would never let myself weigh that much. Who do they think they are fooling?

I'd like to call up someone in authority to report what is going on, but the telephone company is in on the conspiracy, too. They've printed the phone books in such small type that no one could ever find a number there.

All I can do is pass this warning: WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!

## October Photo Search Answers

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# Let Chorus get your holiday spirit started

By Dana Garlick

We're getting ready to help "Celebrate Our Holidays" with the folks at On Top of the World and we're hoping some new residents will join us at rehearsals.

Rehearsals for the upcoming winter concert are on Dec. 1 and Dec. 2, and we are so pleased to report that seven new people have joined so far.

Welcome to alto Lillian Santiago; sopranos Sandra Richarme, Dorothea Michael, Shirley Williams, and Kim Arling; and bass George Robb.

And a special welcome back to soprano Enid Goodman!

Rehearsals are Monday mornings at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center downstairs card room and Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the EAC auditorium.

Most of our songs will be inspired by the Christmas story and the activities that usually occur during this time of year.

According to Ron Clancy's Best Loved Christmas Carols, Christmas carols originally came from secular and pagan sources. The Greeks sang them in plays and the Romans used



## Chorus

them during their major Winter Solstice Festival. But it was the story of the Nativity that inspired the songs that make up Christmas's countless treasure of classic songs and carols.

Some of our favorite holiday tunes have nothing to do with the Christian holiday of Christmas. Some have to do with the traditions of being with friends and family and sharing time together.

The holidays wouldn't be complete without hearing about a jolly old elf in a red suit who drove eight very handsome reindeers all over the world. A favorite cowboy, Gene Autrey, made a ninth reindeer very popular. This year we will ask Will the Real Santa Please Stand Up?

We do indeed have a lot to look



Practice began in October for the OTOW Chorus holiday concert scheduled for Dec. 1 and Dec. 2. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

forward to this month: the feast of Thanksgiving and very shortly the beginning of our favorite winter holidays.

We hope you will join us on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. or Sunday Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the EAC auditorium every Monday

and Thursday from 9-11 a.m. during the whole month of November. Also your neighbors, who are in chorus, will have tickets if you need them. Tickets are still \$5 a person. We hope you will join us for this very special performance as we start to "Celebrate Our Holidays."

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# Join residents for our first ever community Thanksgiving dinner

As a nation, we pause to say "Thanks" in November for our many blessings.

Here at On Top of the World, we are recognizing that tradition this year with a community sponsored buffet dinner organized by the Entertainment Committee on Thanksgiving Day. The meal will be catered by Marguerite.

We hope you will join us as we gather together to enjoy an afternoon of good food, good company and good music by At Large.

Reserve a place at the table by Nov. 15 for you, your friends and family.

We begin our Thursday night



**Rich Hayes**

**Chairman**

shows this month with a performance by Cover to Cover on Nov. 8. Those of you who have seen Cover to Cover know they put on a dazzling show with singing and comedy and a range

of music that covers everything from the 50s to the 90s.

On Nov. 29, we are pleased to have Ken Brady back with us. Ken, as some of you may remember, did a terrific job when he performed here a couple of years ago, donating his time to our cancer fund-raiser. We are delighted to have him back, this time with The New Casinos, a group that is most closely associated with the hit, "Then You Can Tell Me Goodbye."

In addition to the shows, we have a Veteran's Day Dance on Saturday, Nov. 10, featuring the group, Caliente. We will once again have a program that honors those who have

served our country.

We also have our free Sunday-In-The-Park at the East Activity Center on Nov. 11. It starts at 2 p.m., and in addition to the entertainment provided by the Gerald Cummings Band, we'll have a brief annual meeting to elect our officers for 2013. We will offer both our popular 50-50 and light refreshments.

November is also the time to buy your money-saving season ticket packages for the 2013 line-up of shows and dances.

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## Welcome back for a new season on the moist, but snow-free, OTOW golf courses

By Pete Milner

It seems that just when you expect the weather to improve and the wet conditions on the golf course to dry up and become playable, the sky opens up and we have enough rain to end our chances of league play for another week.

We only had league play once in August and once in September. All I can say is, thank God it wasn't snow.

Right?

Our members continue to enjoy whatever part of the course is playable. To prove it, Bill Higgins aced the 149-yard 16th hole on Sunday, Sept. 23, as Bob Livingston, Jack Gow and

### Men's Golf

Scotty Im watched his ball go in the cup. Bill used his 8-iron to score a one and shot a very respectable 59 for the round. Congratulations to Bill on this feat - not an easy one to accomplish.

During our time of little play, I had the good fortune to travel to Plymouth, N.H., and play in the 19th annual Cedar Birch Classic golf tournament, which took place in the middle of the White Mountains.

My group played a preliminary round at the Lochmere Country Club in Tilton, N.H. This set us up for two days

of play at the Owl's Nest in Plymouth.

After playing in Florida for the year and traveling to New Hampshire where they "bump and run" with a 3 wood, the golf carts are gas powered to hold up to the alp-like course, AND a pretty girl in a golf cart brings liquid refreshments to you while on the course. You might give second thought if shoveling snow and scraping windshields is worth your while.

It was truly an honor for me, as the oldest player in the field, to play in the CBC for the 19th year in a row with 15 brothers, who have also been there for all of those 19 years.

We have the same opportunity

here at the On Top of the World Men's Golf Association. Enjoy every round!

At this time in our lives we should be enjoying the hours we spend on the golf course with our friends and fellow golfers. Whether we play well or not so well, the handshakes at the conclusion of the round should be more important than our score. If they aren't, they should be.

Please watch the scoreboard at the course for upcoming events and remember to be early enough to check in and sign up for the following week.

Don't be shut out! Remember to keep your head down. We will watch your ball.

## New golfers welcome to join Ladies 18-Hole League

By Terri Mikszenas

We got off to a slow start this season, but we are all looking forward to another busy year on the links as our Snowbirds return and our "winter" season gets started under the new leadership of president Dottie Meissner, vice president Sheila Meneilly, treasurer Sharon Hackenmiller and secretary Elaine Stretavski.

Last year, many new ladies joined the league and we hope the same will be true this year.

New members to the league are always welcome.

Dee Wisslead is this year's membership chairperson. She'll be happy to meet with you to explain the rules and regulations of our league and get

### Ladies 18-Hole

you started as a new member.

Members with established handicaps are required to pay dues to Sharon Hackenmiller before play, and are also reminded to bring their OTOW recreation card for their first play day of the season. Renters must obtain a coupon for play.

You won't want to miss buying a copy of the league's newly published cookbook, "Our Favorite Courses." It includes many secret recipes from our members and friends, including those delicious desserts that you have sampled after league events. The cookbooks are only \$10 each and would

make a great holiday gift.

Mark your calendars for our ever-popular Holiday Brunch on Dec. 5. All paid members are invited to attend, however, advance sign up is required. We will once again be collecting for the Caring & Sharing fund, hoping to top our \$650 donation collected in 2012.

Last year's unpaid award money may be picked up at the window on Tuesday mornings or by contacting Linda Rice.

As always, we ask that you read the bulletin board thoroughly and frequently for important and timely changes and activities. Contact numbers and names are posted on our league bulletin board at the golf course.

We are fortunate at OTOW that we don't have to call in for tee times for regular golf. Here's one call received at a local golf course:

Staff: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Do you have a dress code?

Staff: Yes, we do. We require soft spikes.

Caller: How about clothes?

Staff: Yes, you have to wear clothes.

Our league has the same rules: wear shirts with collars and/or sleeves, no short-shorts or halter-tops, shoes with soft spikes only; oh, and, keep your shirt on at all times!

Have a great season!

## Before you tee off, notice how everything is clean

The 2012-13 golf season is underway and it looks like we will have a very entertaining and competitive time on the golf course.

Thanks to Lester Whynot, our bulletin board has been repaired and looks great. Members can now review past tournament results and upcoming scheduled events anytime during the week throughout the golfing season.

### Ladies 9-Hole

During the month of September, several members conducted a general clean-up of our golf shack, which included newly painted interior walls. Our heart-felt thanks to Connie Saylor, Ellen Gilbert, Marge Jacobs, Nan-

cy Parlatore and Mary Ann O'Neil, for a job well done.

I hope you noticed how clean and bright the golf shack looked when you arrived to play golf. The nice folks from Corby Ratliff's golf course maintenance staff provided the elbow grease that resulted in a refinishing of the exterior of the building.

A special thanks to all those in-

involved, especially Phil Rhyne, who took his life in his hands on a ladder to clean the roof.

Don't forget the general meeting and welcome back party on Nov. 20, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room at 2:30 p.m.

Following the meeting, snacks and beverages will be served. Hope to see everyone there!



# OTOW billiards clubs hold first Guys and Dolls Tournament

By Gail DuCharme

The Billiards Room was tense with excitement as the team of Rashanee Turner and Mario Rodriguez, and the team of Hugo Orantes and Ellen Frederick competed last month for the first ever Guys & Dolls Pool Tournament.

Both teams were formidable opponents and the room cheered during the championship match, but only one team could win.

Rashanee and Mario captured the Scotch Doubles victory.

Ellen and Hugo emerged as the runner-up.

The Guys & Dolls Tournament was the wish of Frank English and Andy Suhar.

At the start, the room buzzed with excitement as spectators and participants wholeheartedly entered into the event.

There were five teams from the East Side and five teams from the



**Billiards**

West Side.

As teams were eliminated, the room became more absorbed in the tournament.

Hugo and Ellen were the winners of the West Side, but on the East Side there were several teams tied and a playoff had to take place.

Mario and Rashanee were one of the teams in the playoff. Other teams were Howard Wilson and Jane Turnbull, and Kay Mahoney and Tony

Baker.

In the playoffs, Mario and Rashanee defeated Howard and Jane, and advanced to face Kay and Tony.

Mario and Rashanee won again to capture the East Side Division. They then advanced to the final where they won the title.

This tournament was the first of its kind and preparations took nearly a month.

On Oct. 10, the men and ladies enjoyed food and camaraderie. The men supplied the food and beverages, and the ladies added to the main entree with delicious salads, vegetables and desserts.

After the meal, the men and ladies proceeded to the billiards room where the men and ladies drew a name for their Guys and Dolls partner. For the next week, partners got together and practiced in anticipation of the event.

On Oct. 13 and 14, volunteers

washed and polished the balls, cleaned the tables, and prepared the room in preparation for the tournament.

Thank you to the men and women who participated in this "dirty job." It is this kind of commitment to the game and to the continuing growth of the great sport of pool that makes all the involvement worthwhile.

On Oct. 16, Andy Suhar held a Tournament Rules Seminar. Becky Balderson reviewed Pool Etiquette. Andy Suhar reviewed the rules for the eight-ball format. Discussion and clarification of the rules ensued. The teams were also informed that Becky Balderson and Andy Suhar would be the official referees. Tony Esposito and Will Schafer would be the score keepers.

Congratulations to the winners and all the participants who made this first Guys & Dolls Tournament such a wonderful success.

**Watch for the  
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# Thinking about joining our Thursday mixed league - try it first - then sign up

The end of the wet, muddy season is in sight and the golf course should be in pristine condition for the arrival of the "Snowbirds."

Summer golf versus winter golf is as different as night and day.

As this article reaches everyone at On Top of the World, the Thursday Golf League will begin its third season. Our league is unique due to several factors: it is a mixed league, where men and women are encouraged to join. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format. There is no weekly sign up. If you show up, you play.

This season we plan on adding a variety of new competitions - a two-person alternate shot, a second four-

## Thursday Golf

person scramble, and hopefully a skills challenge.

If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

Our league continued to play unofficially each week over the summer, and with the abbreviated course, we set-up the scoring so it was interesting to say the least.

Week 40 champion was Dutch Michael, second place was John Maloof and third place was Bruce MacPherson. Skins were scarce. Dutch Michael, John Maloof, Bruce MacPherson and Don Leamy collected one each.

Week 41 came to an unusual conclusion. Kim Norried and Ron Parham tied for first place. After the match-of-cards tiebreaker, they were still tied and agreed to share first place (something not allowed during official league play). Bruce Macpherson took third place. Don Baker won two skins. Ada Culbertson and Paul Meyers took one skin each.

Don Baker was the Week 42 champion. Dutch Michael finished second and Pete Dominguez was third. Don "ATM" Baker collected three skins in addition to his win. Don Leamy, Paul Meyers, Ron Parham, Kim Norried and Bruce MacPherson all had one skin.

Week 43 was a shootout. Ken

Smith took first place, Pete Dominguez followed in second place and John Maloof was third. Paul Meyers and Bruce MacPherson had two skins each. Vick Ruggiero, Don Baker and Pete Dominguez collected one skin each.

The league is open to all OTOW residents. Anyone wishing to try the league, before joining, is welcome to do so. Play begins at 11 a.m. and sign-in starts at 10:30 a.m.

We play the course to a Par 67 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available.

For information call Paul at 727-474-2344 or email [blackdoggolf@aol.com](mailto:blackdoggolf@aol.com).

# Discover why lawn bowling is popular with seniors

By Bob Laplante

In the October article, it was mentioned that Lawn Bowling was popular in the time of Henry VIII in England.

With colonization, the sport spread throughout the world, wherever the British settled.

America was no exception, with a bowling green established in Williamsburg, Va., in 1632.

Even George Washington had a court at his residence in Mount Vernon since 1732. Many states have towns named "Bowling Green," which owe their name to the game.

However, with the advent of the American Revolution, lawn bowling fell into disfavor as it was seen as a "British" sport. Today, the American Lawn Bowling Association attests to

## Lawn Bowling

the game's popularity as an international sport enjoyed by people of all ages.

Due to its reliance on eye-hand coordination and strategy, rather than physical strength, it has become especially well-received by seniors who can enjoy the game for many years longer than most sports.

Congratulations to the newest member of the executive board: Jacques Breton, who commences his three-year term as director.

The position of vice president remains vacant at this time, as is a coordinator for organizing and running

of the Monday afternoon league.

There will be a general meeting on Thursday Nov. 15 in the Veranda Room. If members have any items that they wish to recommend for the agenda, please contact Bob Laplante.

Although daily bowling and training sessions commence at the beginning of November, the full season isn't underway until the club members get to participate in a "Fun Day" game and BBQ. Members are asked to sign up to play / eat for this club tradition.

Under the coordination of Tom Barrett, the club will be asking members to consider a new format for competition.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 12 at 1 p.m., there will be a mini-tournament for players wishing to test their skill against stronger teams of club mem-

bers. Each week, players may enter a team that is not bound by club rankings, thus emulating tournament play outside the club. As a mixed team, both male and female players make up each team, which plays two, six-end games. Teams can vary, as each week is an independent tournament.

For more information, players are asked to read the complete set of rules posted on the bulletin board and on our Website: [sites.google.com/site/ontopoftheworldlawnbowlsclub/home](http://sites.google.com/site/ontopoftheworldlawnbowlsclub/home).

New members are always welcome and training is provided so potential bowlers can determine if this is the game for them.

If interested in giving the game a try, there is a sign-up sheet on the club bulletin boards adjacent to the East Activity Center.



## Men's Billiards

# Jim Anzalone breaks up long winning streak

After three weeks a top the Monday night, 8-Ball, A Flight standings, Denny Balderson's streak finally came to an end.

On Oct. 1, Oct. 4 and Oct. 8, Denny defeated Hugo Orantes, Tony Baker and Hugo again to win three straight titles.

On Oct. 15, Jim Anzalone broke

the streak when he defeated Ted Eades in the final.

The only other champion for the last session was Hugo, who won the title on Sept. 27. Bart Gooch and Joe Ventimiglia tied for second place.

In the B Flight, Mario Rodriguez was the champion twice in four weeks. On Oct. 1, Mario was first, John Fier

second and Terry Wittman third. On Oct. 15, Mario was the champ, Joe Ventimiglia was second and Ray Diguilio was third.

In week two, Gene Baronowski was first, followed by John Fier and John Shearer.

In week three, John Shearer won the title.

# For a low membership fee you get to share a wood shop with other OTOW residents

By John Koning

“Knock, knock.”  
 “Who’s there?”  
 “Orange.”  
 “Orange, who?”  
 “Orange you glad we’re back?”

It’s a conversation that will be carried out many times around the Fixer’s wood shop over the next few months, as the northern fixers and fumlbers make their way back to the warmth and sunshine of On Top of the World.

For the year-round fixers, this is a bitter sweet time of year. On one hand, they will be forced to relinquish the relative quiet of the summer shop for the winter buzz. On the other hand, they and their northern friends will reacquaint themselves over coffee with stories of adventure and bravado, while enjoying cooler shop temperatures.

I can still remember the day, a few years ago, when I was introduced to Doug Erickson, who was club president at the time. He showed me around, explained the club’s mission and made me aware of the \$25 annual membership fee. I paid immediately because I was sure the man had made a serious mistake or lost his mind completely.

Once the money had changed



## Fixers Club

hands, I asked Doug’s permission and shot a bunch of pictures of the facilities. I hurried home and drafted an email to the folks back in Canada detailing my newest discovery. The subject line of my email read, “Photographic Proof That God Does Exist.”

The preceding two paragraphs are a true story. True also, is my confession that my first impression of past club president Doug Erickson was a major blunder. I have discovered over time that this man, the Fixers in general, and the Toy Shop super-elves are really a group that is fit to be admired and emulated.

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Earl Shettel, left, Ray Tabor, center, and Dick Collins trade tales in the Toy Shop.

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# Canadian Club season is loaded with activities, but first stop for members is Registration Night

By Rollie Lapointe

Canadian Club President Andy McEvoy and his hard-working team have unveiled an exciting agenda for the upcoming season.

The first important event will be registration night 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 15 in the East Activity Center. Cost to join the club remains at \$5.

Come out to meet the club's new executive board and the various club/activity leaders who will outline their individual plans.

Of course, it is also a chance to re-new acquaintances and meet and greet new friends.

The formal part of the meeting will be followed by complimentary cheese and cracker snacks, and a beverage social.

Come early to order or buy tickets and/or register for our various activities.

If you cannot attend this night, you may still register for the club on



Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center.

Tickets for our very popular Christmas Dance on Dec. 7 will be on sale for \$13 (members) and \$15 (guests). Coordinator Rene Careau promises a festive time for all. Admission includes a hot turkey/ham buffet with 'fixins,' a DJ for your dancing pleasure, a visit from Santa, and a few other surprises. This event continues our policy of "bring your own beverage."

Tickets for our formal Presi-

dent's Ball (Andy McEvoy) will also be sold. Admission is \$27 for members and \$29.00 for guests, which includes a hot meal, two bottles of wine for each table, and a DJ. Groups may select their table at this time.

Members may also register for the always sold out golf tournament superbly run by Cathy and Bruce Mills. Cost is \$8. The tournament will take place on Sunday, Feb. 17 commencing at 8 a.m. Rain date is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 24. Prizes and prestige are on the line in this team-oriented tournament.

Rick Carr will organize the annual Canadian Club Tampa Bay Downs trip. Tickets are \$20, which includes a luncheon buffet, a program and, of course, the chance to explain to everyone your system for choosing winning horses. Date for this event is Friday, Jan. 18 at 11 a.m.

Two activities will also have sign up opportunities on Registra-

tion Night. Tom McKee invites participants who wish to play Marathon Bridge to register with him; players host the weekly games.

Also, Tom has offered to organize a trip to Dunedin to see the Blue Jays play a spring training baseball game. This activity was dropped last year, but could be renewed this year with a greater show of interest. Again, there will be a sign up sheet to show your intentions with this outing.

For your information, the Thursday night Social Games (Jill and Rob Orchard) will begin Nov. 29 in the EAC large card room. Blackout and bridge games will be organized. Start saving your quarters now.

Obviously, a busy season lies ahead. A lot of work goes into organizing these activities and the success of these events lies with the many hands of volunteers. Please help out whenever you possibly can.

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# Sandy Sanborn begins duties as new general manager of the Snowbirds Club

By John Koning

The acronym GM stands for many things: General Motors, Google Mail, General Mills, Grand Marquis and Genetic Modification, to name just a few. For the Snowbirds Club it stands for Sandy Sanborn, our new general manager.

So, what does Sandy's appointment mean to the Snowbirds Club, and how will it affect your plans for fun activities?

The answer is plenty, and nothing.

It means plenty to the club to have a volunteer like Sandy shouldering the daunting task of running our busy club on top of her duties as treasurer.

It means nothing will change because she, like all the rest of our volunteers, will rely heavily on the cohesiveness of the organization for support and advice.

If you're a guy, you will be interested in the new men's dancing classes we have introduced. The class takes place from 8-9 a.m. every Thursday morning in the West Activity Center, just before our regular line dancing classes. It is an introductory class, directed by Doug Erickson, who teaches the basic fundamentals with lots of repetition to make you into a dancing machine.

And we all know what that means, don't we?

It means that you, and all the ladies who love to dance, will be well



Snowbirds Club Co-President Ed Foland welcomes Sandy Sanborn to her new position as club general manager. (OTOW News photo by John Koning)

up to speed when our Welcome Back Party gets underway at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 18 in the East Activity Center. We will stuff our bellies with delicious food and then we will work off all those calories to the music of "At

Large" with some serious shimmyin' and shakin'.

Throw in some line dancing and you have a recipe for an amazing evening!

Your Snowbirds Club has a wide

range of activities to keep you active this year. Go to [www.snowbirdsofotow.com](http://www.snowbirdsofotow.com) to learn more or stop by to see Sandy and the rest of our great volunteers every Monday and Thursday morning in the EAC.

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

## Beginners Tai Chi

Until further notice, all beginners Tai Chi classes are free - not just the first class.

Welcome home Snowbirds! Did you know practicing Tai Chi is like a snowbird - or any bird. Some of the movements are called "sparrows tail," "white crane" and "golden pheasant."

We also do movements called "tigers," "monkeys," "wild horses" and "snakes."

We practice the Yang style, which is 108 movements and the most popular form in the world.

The free beginners classes are Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center gym across from the library. For questions, call Ruth at 727-726-0336 or 727-709-0841.

## Slimnastics

What is slimnastics?

Walking, stretching and getting your blood flowing.

We do not do floor exercises.

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

Every class is free to On Top of the World residents.

## Free exercise class now comes with music

Ladies, start your day off having fun by staying fit and healthy. Come join us at 8 a.m. in the East Activity Center lower gym room.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, and we added music to our cardio workout. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups.

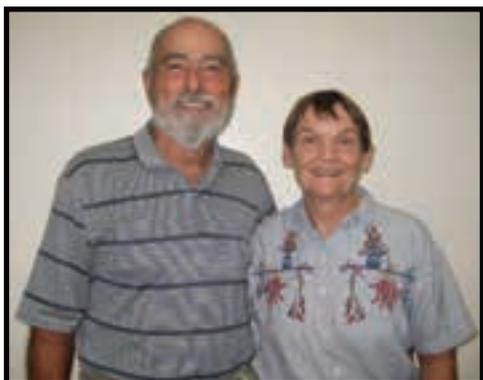
Also bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214, or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.



# Newcomers

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Hello On Top of the World. I'm Baxter!

I am a Bichon Poodle, born in Florida, but spent my first year and a half in Cape May, N.J., with my owners, Sue and Jerry Watlington.

In my childhood, I enjoyed playing in the snow, but in October 2011 I returned to Florida and became a permanent resident.

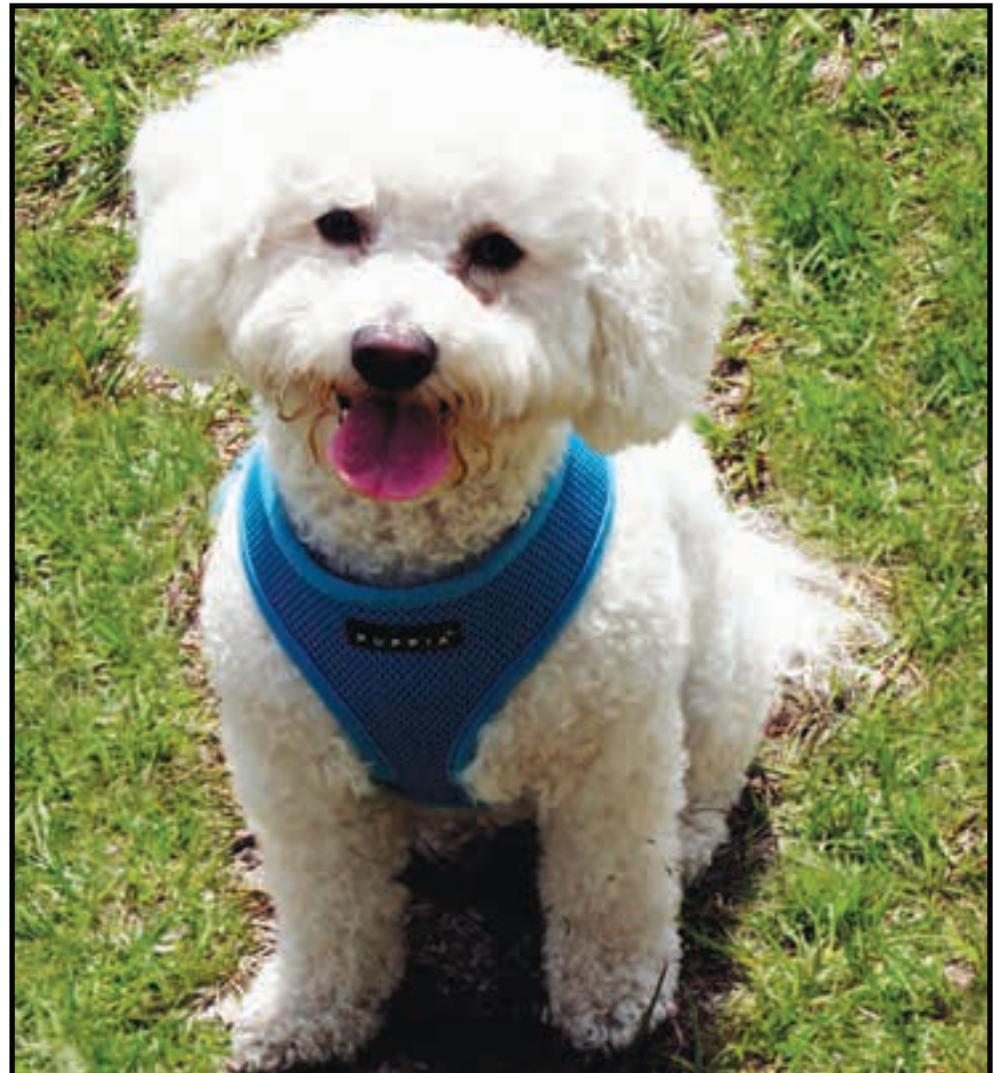
I don't miss the cold weather at all.

My home is the Siboney building, which has many two-legged and four-legged buddies. I greet every one of them with my wagging tail and lots of kisses.

I also enjoy standing up, and hopping on back legs. I take long walks at the lake and along side streets. I am especially thrilled the doggie park is open and I can get together with new and old friends.

When my mom and dad go out, I am very good. I rest and play with my toys until they come home. Then I get a treat for taking care of the home.

Then it's out the door for a walk and a chance to see friends again.



**Baxter**

# OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

*Find 10 Differences In The Two Photos Below (answers will appear in next month's newspaper)*





## Spending quality time in picturesque Michigan

Our building traveler, Dorothy Churchill, spent last month up in Michigan visiting her sons and their wives.

She was on the go each and every day, visiting many friends and old neighbors, as well as several dear friends from the On Top of the World community.

Dorothy enjoyed dinner with her grandsons and their new wives and another grandson who is a senior at the University of Michigan.

Dorothy's son (see photo) took her over the Mackinac Bridge to the Upper Peninsula at Munising, Mich., to the Pictured Rocks where they took a boat cruise, passing such points as East Channel Lighthouse (see photo), Miners Castle, Painted Coves, Indian Head, Grand Portal, and Chapel Rock. It was an incredible journey on Lake Superior.

In Mackinaw City, Dorothy and several friends toured the retired Coast Guard icebreaker *Mackinaw*. The next day they took a ferry to Mackinac Island, had lunch at the Grand Hotel, and then took a horse-drawn tour of the island.

Dorothy is fond of lighthouses and she was able to visit Leelanau State Park, situated in Michigan's



Northern Lower Peninsula and its Grand Traverse Lighthouse and Museum. The word "Leelanau" is the Native American word for "a land of delight", which is a precise description of the area.

It has been so dry up in Michigan that the trees have changed colors early. This is evidenced by the beautiful brilliant maple leaves (see photo).

Dorothy said she had a wonderful time visiting family and friends. She's glad to be back in sunny, warm Florida. There's no place like home!

Last month, Farrell Malandro celebrated her birthday on Oct. 1, Inge Greicha celebrated her birthday on Oct. 22 and Helmut Mader enjoyed his special day on Oct. 28. Happy birthday to all!



Fall colors appeared a bit early in Michigan this year due to a dryer than normal summer.

**Photos provided by  
Dorothy Churchill**



Dorothy and her son took several sightseeing excursions during Dorothy's Michigan trip.



Michigan's Upper Peninsula is the site of the East Channel Lighthouse, pictured here.

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## Second annual Labor Day Frisbee golf tournament crowns new champion

Labor Day was a picture-perfect day for the second annual Frisbee Golf Tournament.

The course was dry and challenging, but that did not stop Maria Denehan from taking the championship from last year's winners. She came in at 3 under par. Congratulations, Maria!

The tournament was followed by a traditional Labor Day fried chicken dinner, slaw, potato salad, rolls, and topped off with apple pie. With this great meal, even the tournament losers went home smiling!

Paula Schelling and Carol DeLisle did some interesting volunteer work during the recent Republican National Convention in Tampa. They performed as hostesses in a non-partisan group that promoted the Tampa Bay area by encouraging the delegates to want to return here after the convention.

This was done by greeting the guests, monitoring the busses for transportation, giving directions for shopping, dining facilities, transportation, and entertainment.

The Oklahoma Senators even invited them to all their cocktail parties. Carol was also impressed by the efficiency and manners of the security guards.

John and Marie Denehan reported on their most recent adventure, the Viking Cruise. They went in July, which was smart planning, since the stops were mostly in frigid arctic waters.



Accompanied with their longtime sailing companions, Linda and Ray Van Praag, they spent 35 nights and 36 days on the *Maasdam*, a Dutch liner that makes this voyage only once a year.

After a stop past Nova Scotia in Cornercreek, Canada, they stopped in Greenland and Iceland. Reykjavik, Iceland, is the location where president Reagan negotiated the Star Wars treaty with Russia.

They took the glacier truck tours out on the ice with winds of 45 mph, where special all-weather scuba suits were required in case someone toppled into the icy waters.

After a cold dunk in the ship's pool filled with chunks of ocean ice, they were awarded the Center of the Arctic Circle award at Grinsey, Greenland.

They learned that most of the early Vikings were put out to sea from



Jutta Lane's great-granddaughter all dressed up as Princess Ariel during a recent visit to Walt Disney World.

Norway when reaching the age of 23-27. They were the founders of Iceland, Greenland, and Nova Scotia.

A favorite memory of John's was the wonderful lobster dinner he enjoyed before leaving Boston — he ate the whole thing!

Mike and Jutta Lane's great-granddaughter from Germany stopped to visit after a trip to Disney World, where she dressed as Princess Ariel (see photo). She stayed two weeks with Jutta's daughter, who lives on St. Petersburg Beach.

## She'll have to bring her own pumpkin pie

Whenever I think of November, I think of Thanksgiving and the delightful trips made a century ago...

*Over the river and through the woods  
to Grandmother's house we go;  
The horse knows the way to carry the  
sleigh through the white and drifted snow.  
(Then the ending):  
Over the river and through the woods,  
now Grandmother's cap I spy;  
Hurrah for the fun, is the pudding  
done? Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!*

I'm looking forward to a short motorized trip (not nearly as scenic a route as that described above). I'm thankful that my sister and brother-in-law live in Trinity, Fla., and invite me to be with them. But they don't have pumpkin pie. Guess I will have to make my own with my mother's old recipe.

September was a good month for birthdays and I missed them. Francis Rice, Wanda Patrick and Susan Lake all turned "21" again.

Peaches Rice and Murphy Miles-Futej found each other as girl and



boy doggie friends. They are so cute together.

Al and Rose Wallace were excited to have granddaughter and family visit in October. We all miss those grandchildren, they are so special.

Alice Markus is looking forward to going to Arizona for her grandson's wedding and seeing the other grandchildren. She is looking into a place to rent near family.

Nine residents enjoyed an evening out at Cody's for a building get-together Sept. 29.

## Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

Our October dinner was to be at Johnny's Italian Restaurant. As my news deadline is before the notice even went up, I'll tell you about it next month.

I enjoyed my grand-nephew's wedding in Tellico Plains, Tenn. Even got to stay in the Telliqual Falls Cabins and experience them taking their vows in the beautiful outdoors.

Young people are so creative these days. I loved the opening to their invitation: "On this day we will marry the one we laugh with, live for, dream with and love." I pray they have a long life together.

Have a special Thanksgiving! Don't eat too much. I always avoid shopping on Black Friday.



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## Date set for holiday luncheon

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You will be able to order off of the menu and pay for your own entrée. The sign-up sheet will be posted in mid November. Save the date. Come out and meet your neighbors. Get the holiday spirit!

Welcome to another new neighbor, Shirley Miller. Shirley moved from the Fujiwara building to the condo next door to her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Bob Bonomo. Shirley doesn't let the grass grow under her feet!

When she retired, she went to school and earned her cosmetologist license. Recently she studied to become a Realtor and will be taking the exam for her license. She works in Debbie's office.

Her favorite companion is her dog, Cody. Shirley has seven children and three step-children. Three of her children reside in New Jersey and the rest live here in Florida. She has lived in Florida for 24 years and at On Top of the World for 11 years.

Shirley worked at the Health Department before she retired. She worked alongside Dolores Kopack, and they became lifelong friends. Dolores is like a member of Shirley's immediate family. We hope Shirley enjoys living in our building!

"Till we meet again..."

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# Meetings at 'secret beach' make reporter's day

*"One shoe can change your life..."*  
— Cinderella

The Warrens went traveling again and here is their trip report:

"We Warrens got the "wandering bug" again... This time, it took the form of driving to and from Michigan within a too-short couple of weeks where we visited with "the kids" including my (Elizabeth's) son and his lovely family, who had awaited our several-months' delayed arrival.

"We were blessed with (mostly) sunshine, but not so with temperatures that were a heck of a lot higher than mid-Florida in the middle of July!

"As we are wont to do, Malcolm and I celebrated the old: wonderful old memories of having lived there for many years, visiting old friends, old neighborhoods, old haunts and a few of "ye olde" restaurants and "the kids," who might (or not) be horrified if I called them "old."

"I know, I know — I sound just like a great-grandma, right? Well, I'm over-the-moon to be one, but it's all true anyway... and more!

"I met my new 3-month-old great-granddaughter, whom we'd only seen in pictures from the time she first arrived and, of course, I couldn't wait to see her in person and to hold her!

"But I think I should have worked-out (a lot) before that happened, because her lively, powerful and solid little 12-pound soul much prefers standing (yes, standing — at 3 months!)

"She's truly a precious and beautiful little girl and, along with my



son, daughter-in-law and the other kids, I had the time of my life! What amazing gifts these children are! As were (and are) their parents and their parents before them!

"Anyway, we enjoyed ourselves so much and left, reluctantly as usual, while (once again) vowing to get up there at least a couple times a year. May that always be so." (Thanks to the Warrens for that report.)

In news closer to home, this reporter went down to my "secret beach" yesterday to be with nature. What a surprise! After the big storm, this beach had eroded very badly, but today I saw tons of sand being spread around, plus the beach has been widened. Looks fabulous!

Wish I could tell you where the beach is located, but it is a sworn secret. "Twiggy" (my egret friend) showed up and gave me a good laugh. She was hanging out with a fisherman trying to get a bite and he did something amazing. The fisherman took a tiny

minnow and held it in his hand as the bird walked up and took it from him.

I stood there with my mouth open as I did not think egrets were all that tame. Well, she taught me a lesson and another to boot.

While the fisherman was in the water doing his thing, Twiggy would take a stroll past his belongings. He had a bucket of bait on shore and Twiggy thought she would get a free bite.

At first she just stuck her head in the bucket, but then realized she could not reach anything, so she flew up to the rim of the bucket.

I watched and then realized if she went a bit further she would fall into the bucket, so she flew down to the fisherman to get an easier bite.

That was my treat for the day and of course I did not have the camera with me.

Refresh your soul and go to the beach for the day. I went to the beach the last day of September (another missed opportunity to take a picture of Twiggy). She did treat me with her company. As I walked up the beach she walked beside me.

I was chatting to her and she seemed to understand me, I was chatting to her and she looked at me as if she understood everything I said.

Such a thrill this was, especially since I used to be terrified of birds. I have come a long way. Not much news from the building, but stay tuned...

Catch you next time.

## New reporter for Paradise

My name is Kathy and as of July, I have retired in Paradise!

I was born in Indiana and am the oldest of three daughters. My parents live in Paradise as well, and perhaps an article on my 91-year-old father will appear at a later date.

As the mother of three grown sons who have their own careers and families and live in three different states, my decision to move to Florida was not a difficult one to make.

Besides, Florida now becomes another place for them, their wives and children to come for a family vacation. I have five wonderful grandchildren.

So I packed up my things and traveled down here from Chicago. As I settle in to the schedule of retirement, I'm enjoying the warm weather, the activities of On Top of the World and my affiliation with my church, the Salvation Army.

Noticing there was no reporter from our building, I made an inquiry and decided to begin writing of the happenings of the Reserve area of OTOW.



Residents of these five buildings can be assured it is not my intent to intrude on your privacy; however there are probably many interesting people, events and much more we could share with the rest of our community.

Please contact me if there is something you would like to share. If you know of interesting or exciting events you or your building are doing (or planning on doing), let me know. My home phone is 330-6922. You may leave a short message and a phone number. Thank you for your news!

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**Daylight Savings Time ends**  
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# Michigan newlyweds have interesting backstory to cherish

Again I say, "Welcome back, Snowbirds!"

In early September, Vi Donata went to Michigan to attend her granddaughter's wedding. She was married in the Methodist Church in which her parents and grandparents were married. One hundred attended the reception.

There is an unusual story of how the bride and groom met. The bride, an electrical engineer like her father, went to a new job. In the parking lot, a young man was observing her (she is a very attractive blonde).

When she met her new boss, she discovered that the same young man she saw in the parking lot was to be her instructor. As time went on, he asked her out on a date, although that was taboo among employees.

In time, they became an item and eventually the boss learned of it. As a result, the instructor was fired. Vi's granddaughter got his job.



The future groom was soon hired at another firm (at which he was much happier). Shortly before the smitten couple was married, the groom received a substantial raise in salary. They married and lived happily ever after!

In the last two weeks of September, Norma and Dick Knight joined a nephew and his family from Leesburg, Va., and a niece and her

family from Seaside, N.C. They all stayed at the Best Western on Ocean Blvd. in Myrtle Beach. They got to see the N. and S. Carolinas and Virginia Shriners Parade. Eleven of the family went to the Liberty Steak House at Broadway.

They also visited Norma's girlfriend (whom she hadn't seen in 15 years) in Point Pleasant, S.C. They had lunch at the Isle of Palms and Norma met her friend's new husband.

In the middle of October, John and I drove to Ashville, N.C., for a visit with daughter Janet and her hubby. Then we drove to Woodbridge, Va., to visit with our son. We arrived home on Halloween night.

We welcome Regina (Jean) Gaines to our building. She bought Lil Jeffrey's apartment.

Originally a "Manhattanite," Jean met and married the late Al Gaines, who was serving in the Navy at the time. She quit her job at the office of

Bell Telephone Co., and they lived on Long Island for 20 years.

Al was a tool and die worker who also made molds for small appliances. They had four children, all married now. They moved to Dunedin with three children, since their oldest daughter was married and stayed on Long Island.

During their 35 years in Dunedin, Jean volunteered as a crossing guard at schools; she still volunteers every Tuesday in the cafeteria at Curtis Elementary School.

I met her friendly Cocker Spaniel, Maggie. I am sure we will be meeting Jean at our building activities.

Speaking of building activities, our Oct. 18 building meeting and pizza party in the Sunrise Room will be reported on in my December column.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

## Over 100 attend karaoke event at EAC auditorium

While we say goodbye to our summer, we welcome back our well-missed Snowbirds — let the fun begin!

Our Sunday "fun-day" karaoke event has moved to the auditorium of the East Activity Center. Over 110 people enjoyed karaoke with a huge projection screen (to display the words) and lots of food on our opening night a few weeks ago.

We had a karaoke contest with Alberta Conner winning first prize, singing "Stand By Your Man," followed by Bill Higgins winning second, and our own Louis Armstrong, Joe Malley, winning third.

Many of our Austrian Alpine neighbors attended and a few of them participated in the singing. Our new neighbor, Nancy Hall, rocked the night, singing "Harper Valley PTA."

We had many people dancing the "Boot-Scootin' Boogie," the "Cuban Shuffle" and the "Electric Slide."

Our next Sunday karaoke will be Nov. 4, so please come on out!



Our neighbor, Grace Hodek, celebrated a birthday weekend with her son, daughter-in-law and grandson. They spent Saturday roasting pork on the grill, then enjoyed Sunday dinner at Cody's — my favorite place.

Of course, there was a birthday cake and lots of cards from her friends and family.

Remember, please drop off your news at the mailbox in the lobby. We would love to hear from you!

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## Resident enjoys OTOW 'the second time around'

Have you heard the saying "new home, new baby?" Well, that's what's happened to Betty Sirianni. Well, almost.

Betty is the newest resident in our building. She has a long-term lease from Tony Longobardi, who moved to Brooksville. When Betty was moving in, she was awaiting her newest great-grandbabies. It all happened right on time.

Betty, who is originally from Kentucky, moved in, got all settled and then along came three new great-grandbabies: a great-grandson who lives in Wisconsin, and a set of twins — a boy and a girl who live in Indiana.

These new arrivals now add up to seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Betty also has two daughters who live locally and a son who lives in Indiana.

Betty is not a newcomer to On Top of the World. She and her late husband, Rudy, lived here in 2009 until moving to a private home in Clearwater.

Betty has decided she liked it well enough to return to OTOW



for the many activities, security and conveniences. She enjoys bingo, reading and keeping in touch with her family in person and on the computer. Welcome, Betty! May you enjoy your new home at the Englander.

OTOW's Parkway Management crew has been busy improving the looks of our building by replacing the damaged sidewalk in front of Carla Kimmel's condo; and with support from our building's treasury, Dick Mikszenas did a great job cleaning up the areas around the elevator.

Hope the Halloween goblins didn't get you, and that you all enjoy a very delicious and Happy Thanksgiving.

## Americana building has plethora of writer/reporters

Little by little the Snowbirds are returning to the land of sunshine and all the festivities that we folks in Americana celebrate together.

The monthly Monday lunches continued throughout the summer for the full-time residents. Ann Talner and Angie and George Georgiou acted as host and hostesses for these fun times.

Congratulations and best wishes are being sent to Ron and Judy Timmons on their recent marriage. Ain't love wonderful!

Americana residents are becoming quite the celebrities in the On Top of the World newspaper. Besides our regular columnists such as Walter Balderson (with tales of show business personalities he has known) and Marge Mayer with her humor column, Ann Talner was the featured mystery person in September, and Ken Jenner was pictured and interviewed in the Chorus column last May.

And then there's the picture of Denny Balderson when he was awarded "Most Improved Artist" by



the Art Guild in the October issue. We also saw the lovely photo of Helen Crombie along with Becky Balderson and other members of the Ladies Que-T Billiards Club.

Plans are still afoot for an early morning coffee get-together in November so we can catch up with each other's summer trips and visits. Other plans will be solidified for Americana's Christmas party at the Dunedin Golf Club. And, of course, the yearly business meeting of all residents is scheduled in January. Details will be reported in future columns.

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## THE WAY WE WERE

### A look back at the OTOW News

(Part 42: November, 1974)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- On Wednesday, Oct. 2, the commemoration of a new press room took place, and an open house was held in the new facility. Of course, the staff members were very grateful to Mr. Colen for these new headquarters.
- Home Federal Savings and Loan was offering CD's (insured up to \$20,000) for four years at a rate of 7½ percent.
- The friendliest ship of the high seas, the *Boheme*, still had some cabins left for the OTOW four-island week in the Caribbean. This is the "Merry Christmas" cruise and will travel to the Dominican Republic, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Haiti.
- Under the auspices of the Good Neighbor Association, a blood pressure program was inaugurated on Nov. 11 in the East Activity Center.
- A Thanksgiving dinner-dance was held Nov. 28. Tickets were only \$6. Everyone enjoyed a complete meal from salad to turkey to dessert. Music was by the Joe Saint Trio.

**See you next time!**

# Resident wins national environmental award

Our own Helmut Ziche, Founder of the International Institute for Bau-biologie and Ecology, Inc. (IBE) is being inducted into the National Environmental Hall of Fame!

The National Sustainability Association has named Helmut the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award winner for 2012. This award will be presented to Helmut at the 2012 IBE conference during their 25th anniversary celebration dinner on Oct. 13 in Chantilly, Va. Helmut, we are so proud of you!

I also learned that Helmut is an accomplished pen and ink artist with many fine pictures adorning the walls of their apartment. Prior to founding IBE, Helmut was a practicing architect designing hospitals, small scale industrial, hotels and housing.

His wife Susannah is also accomplished. One of her hobbies which she has enjoyed for many years is knitting — not the usual sweaters, but cuddly stuffed wild animals in bright unique colors, which have become favorites of nieces, nephews, and lucky friends.

In their front bedroom, which is really a combined workroom, I saw elephants, monkeys, giraffes, and other little cuties lined up in a row. These two people are a joy to know!

Mark your calendar now for our upcoming Christmas dinner which will be held at Sea Sea Riders in Dunedin on Saturday, Dec. 8. A sign-up sheet



will be posted in the lobby along with delectable choices that will tantalize your taste buds. We're hoping for a record crowd this year.

We're also starting to collect treasures from your closets, and things you don't use anymore for our annual "garage sale" to be held in December. Call either Charleen Donato or yours truly (me) so that we can store these items until the big day.

If you have a few hours to help decorate our building with lights for the holidays, a few extra hands would surely be appreciated. A date will be posted on the bulletin board to organize and start decorating. We have fun and would like to have you join us.

Hmmmm. What else is going on? I seem to have run out of things to talk about. Folks, you know my favorite saying: Keep a song on your lips and love in your heart.

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

*By Alma W. Hudson*

There is one thing for sure  
 My friends are "top of the line"  
 We can't get together much  
 But all is just fine.  
 When we do, we enjoy chats  
 We mostly live in the South  
 So we can talk by telephone  
 Or by word of mouth.  
 Any way you cut the mustard  
 Whether you're single or a pair  
 There's one thing for sure:  
 You always try to be fair.  
 I look forward to our meetings  
 Regardless of the season  
 We never seem to think  
 There has to be a reason.  
 I feel I am blessed  
 With your friendship sublime  
 And so very fortunate  
 You came in my time.  
 I love you all dearly  
 I'm sure God does, too  
 For no finer friends  
 Could be formed anew.  
 "Happy Thanksgiving"



## OUR CHOICE

*By Madeleine Wanda*

I'm bored with all the politics  
 It's a big expensive game.  
 When Election Day is over,  
 Everything remains the same.  
 We all have different opinions  
 That might be called "The Political Game."  
 Whoever our candidates are  
 And the opinions they express,  
 Whoever wins with the most votes  
 It's our votes the president we make.  
 And though our opinions previously differed,  
 We unite for our country's sake.  
 "United we stand; divided we fall"  
 That's what makes the United States  
 The best country of all.



## IT'S EVERYONE'S DREAM TO BE LOVED

*By Alma W. Hudson*

It's everyone's dream to be loved:  
 The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker  
 The girl with the dream-away stars in her eyes  
 The man who finds love in a happy surprise  
 The old and the young, the fat and the fair  
 All hoping that someday their love will be there.  
 To offer them kindness and happy days long  
 To offer them love in the lilt of a song  
 To bring them sweet dreams of days that might be  
 In their minds and their hearts and their souls all agree.  
 To picture their future as man and wife  
 To plan every moment to pattern their life  
 Ah, this the plan since the world first began  
 Of man and his mate, creating life, tempting fate.  
 Two hearts that will blend  
 And their love life extend  
 Through the years passing by  
 And we know they apply.  
 Might we give them a try?  
 Yes, I mean you and I, dearest one, look above  
 Yes, it's everyone's dream to find love.



### BLOOD PRESSURE PROGRAM

On Monday, Nov. 12, at 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., the testing for blood pressure will continue at the East Activity Center for the month of November.

Special thanks go to our new nurses for volunteering to take blood pressures. They are Celine Klimowicz, Connie Giudise and Beverly Kennedy. Thank you for being great volunteers. Remember, all are welcome.

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# Comings and goings keep residents busy

This is the time of year that our resident Snowbirds are returning, but last month many of our full time residents were packing warmer clothes so that they could go north to see the turning leaves and visit family and friends before it snows.

We now have a full house since everyone has returned.

Tony and Lilli Scheifen have returned from a week in Biloxi, Miss., and several weeks in Milwaukee, Wis. While in Biloxi, they not only tried their luck but they saw a show featuring Frank Sinatra, Jr.

Then off to Wisconsin, where they saw their children and friends. Lilli said the trip from Mississippi to Wisconsin was fantastic. Each day they watched how the country changed as they got farther and farther north. Wisconsin also had an early snow.

Jackie Dooley has returned from several weeks in Atlanta and Boston. Jerry doesn't enjoy traveling so he stayed home with Clyde.

Jackie's brother lives in Atlanta and they enjoyed all the Octoberfests before they flew to Boston and the area where they were raised and went to school.



Linda and Don Rice took their new motor home to Maryland to visit a daughter and then enjoyed the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.

Carol Keough decided to join some friends and visit Orlando for a week. She told me that it was great.

Many of those who stayed home had and are having visitors. Lill and Herb Cervinka are expecting their son Rick and his wife Donna from Wisconsin to arrive this week for a two-week visit. The Cervinka's are an interesting family. It is a case of their son and daughter marrying a brother and sister from another family. Now, you have to admit, that is unusual!

As you know, our building meetings are now being held at 1 p.m. in various restaurants. Please check the bulletin board for the date and place.

Now that Thanksgiving is coming this month, our area will have lots of strangers who don't know the roads, so please use your best driving skills. You paid for the turn signals on your car, so use them when you intend to turn. Don't wait until you begin to turn to activate them. Turn your signals on early so approaching drivers will know what you intend to do. No blinking signal tells the oncoming driver that you are coming straight ahead.

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Have a great Thanksgiving, and let's all be thankful that we have the ability to live in such a wonderful area!



## Dec. luncheon being planned

When the residents go out to eat together, it's a good time to meet those that you haven't yet met and also to get caught up on some recent news.

There were 19 enjoying our lunch at Kally K's recently. That day, we were able to celebrate the birthday of our friend, Virginia Place. Be sure to watch the bulletin board for our next time eating out. Gerry plans to have every other month a noon meal and the others later in the day. This gives us an opportunity to eat at the time we most enjoy.

Be sure to hold open the date of Dec. 6. There is a note pertaining to this on our bulletin board. Thanks to Marge Sivek for making all these arrangements. You can sign up later for lots of fun when she posts the sign-up sheet on the board.

If you haven't had your activity card punched, be sure to take two documents containing your name and On Top of the World address (driver's license, power bill, letter received). One of those must be a photo ID. Hours are 9 to 11:30 Monday morning at West Activity Center.

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## Let's welcome new residents as they get moved in

Welcome back, Snowbirds! The highways are packed with those who want to escape the snow and cold weather that is winter in the north.

The states of Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, New York and Delaware are among those losing residents to the great state of Florida, at least for the next few months.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Hopefully everyone has made their plans for the holiday and wherever possible time will be spent with family. Anyone on a diet gets special dispensation at this time of year!

Jackie Blair's granddaughter has been visiting and making the most of the sunshine and pool. She leaves here to attend a wedding in Orlando. I wonder if it could be Snow White and the Prince?

The Wednesday breakfast group has started to expand from the smaller summer group to a larger winter ensemble. During the summer months we have had two, three and four members but now we will be pushing double figures. (See photo).



The monthly luncheon has also grown in attendance and the variety of restaurants keeps growing. Anyone interested in hosting a luncheon please get in touch with me or Flo Gracia.

Check the bulletin board in the lobby for the latest activities. At the present time plans are being formulated for a welcome back get-together. Stay tuned.

A group of children were asked if it was better to be single or married. Anita, age 9, answered that it is better for girls to be single but not for boys. She said that boys need someone to



Wednesday breakfast group summer season members Andy, Bob, Jack and Ed.  
(Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

clean up after them. Is this chauvinistic or juvenile?

I have noticed quite a few moving vans in the complex, I hope that this is a sign that the real estate market is turning around. If new residents have moved in your area be sure to

make them feel welcome and let them know of the many activities available to them.

Happy birthday greetings go out to Catherine Segallis and to Nita Akers. Anniversary congratulations to Fay and Ray Howell.

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## Residents reveal Thanksgiving dinner favorites

Recently, I asked my neighbors at Casa Verde what foods they particularly liked at Thanksgiving.

Jo Settle said, "It's not the food, its family, love and thanks." I would have to add that it is also good friends who are always there for you.

Anyway, the food is what we are thinking about this month. Almost everyone named turkey as their favorite protein. Jan Jacobs likes traditional turkey since she is from Massachusetts. Shirley Morrison and Ruth Kahl like turkey and sweet potatoes.

Linda Carter likes turkey and stuffing. Those who did not like turkey were Dennis Babini who likes steak and Dottie Ott who likes venison on Thanksgiving.

Paul and Judy Zuckerman like turkey but they also like to have it with ribs. Some were even specific about the part of the turkey they liked. Ray Ott likes the turkey neck; and I thought they were something you used when you went crabbing!

The most unusual dish to me was offered by neighbor Winnie Stafford. She makes a scalloped oyster dish that sounded wonderful. I tried to find a recipe as close to the one that she told me about.



It is made with a pint of shucked oysters drained with the liquid reserved. You add ½ cup of breadcrumbs and 25 buttery round crackers, crumbled to a ½ cup of melted butter. Put a thin layer in the bottom of the casserole dish. Layer the oysters and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Mix 2 T of the reserved oyster liquid with 2 T of milk and pour over the oysters. Repeat the process ending with a cracker crumb mixture on the top. Bake in a 450-degree oven for 30 minutes.

Janet Mathews likes stuffing of any kind, as does Mary Lou Kelly. The favorite vegetables were green beans, especially those made by Ed Stefan.

Dottie likes glazed carrots. Andoni Lizardy likes stuffed grape leaves.

Jo Settle likes Senator Russell's sweet potatoes and Mary Petroff likes candied sweet potatoes. Dorothy Rose, Louise Smith, and Charlotte Fay like sweet potato casserole. Margie Meyers likes her sweet potatoes with brown sugar.

John Kannaly likes cranberry sauce or anything with cranberry in it. Pat Kiddoo likes fresh cranberry sauce. Mirza Cogan likes pumpkin and cranberry breads.

The favorite pie was pumpkin; Larry Kahl likes it with whipped cream, Louise Smith and Charlotte Fay like it with ice cream, and others like it plain. Our mail lady, Lynn, also got involved with our question and she likes pecan pie best.

Angela and Tony Limosani and Joanne Marick like the typical Thanksgiving dinner with all of the trimmings.

Betty Manard told me that her favorite is whatever the hostess is serving.

We wish everyone at On Top of the World a very Happy Thanksgiving and hope that you get to enjoy foods that mean the most to you!

# Building 'welcome home' and holiday parties on tap

The lower temperatures and the return of many of our Snowbirds are making for happier times here in our building.

Our gathering at happy hour has increased, and so there is more to talk and laugh about.

We have a new resident in our building. Let's all welcome Pat Holhiem. Hopefully she will join us in our activities.

Donna Cameron had the pleasure of her daughter, Sue, and spouse, Don, for a week. Much shopping and good eating took place. I understand that Sue had a very lucky day at the Hard Rock Casino, which didn't hurt her pleasure.

I.E. Davies and son John, didn't let any grass grow beneath their feet. Just a few weeks from being in New York visiting their daughter, they packed their bags to visit John's sister and husband. I.E. has a sister who also resides in Naples and so had visits with her.

Bob and Connie Saylor, along with former residents of New World French, Jim and Terry McHugh, cruised the Caribbean Sea. Incidentally, Connie



is to be lauded in an accomplishment that few of us ever attain. She had a "hole in one" when golfing with her daughter at one of the local courses.

Our monthly luncheon took place at Olive Garden. This gathering always takes place on the third Monday of the month, and we attend a different eating establishment each time.

A little "bird" told me that a welcome home party is in the planning stage.

Don't forget that our Christmas party at the Clearwater Country Club is scheduled for Dec. 9. As ever, I urge you to check the bulletin boards for newsworthy announcements.



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## Time to start thinking about Holiday Decoration contest

Hi, I'm back. I'll start with a blurb about my weekend. Did you ever see over 8,000 people (only women) in one place? Well, I did.

Fifty of us met at a five-star hotel, and then went to the Amway Center in Orlando. It was for Women of Faith celebrating what matters. Compelling stories, dynamic music and engaging speakers.

My only problem – it was cold for two days. Oh, well. I ended up at Universal Studios where I had never been (only to Disney), for dinner at Jimmy Buffets Margaritaville. It was a blast.

Back here at the building, happy birthday to John Scarpa (Wally's nephew), Chet LeVay and his mom, Joyce.

The Polar Bear exercise group started their new season Oct. 29, Monday through Friday. For more information, call Elsie Jane at 797-1168 or 415-6037. You won't find me (the turnip) till May inside the group. "A body in motion stays in motion."

It was a pleasant few days with my antique car friends, Pat and her daughter from New York. We shopped, shopped, shopped until they tired me out. Then we ate out and back home to rest.

I'm anxiously waiting for the return of our building Snowbirds and their news.

Remember: Start thinking about our building decorating contest.



Let's enter this year. We did win a similar contest many years ago (I think seventh place). You may be the winner of a spa gift. (Help out, you guys — you're needed.) It's been a long tradition. We'll have a new tree this year. There will be a notice soon.

We need a meeting to get started. Let's start getting together having a lunch meeting each month, a fun get-together. We could even have our meeting at a restaurant instead of in the core.

We need building reporters for other buildings. It's fun getting interviews with people and makes great reading. Any news you have to share with other buildings, call me. Makes for interesting reading most of the time.

Bee good to one another. God answers "knee mail." Great to see the fire-damaged condos close to completion.

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Valencia residents enjoy a recent luncheon at the Lucky Dill Deli.

## A sure sign of winter: rolling your clocks back

Get out your handkerchief — we are swiftly approaching the saddest day of the year.

No more late afternoon tennis, golf or bocci ball. No more fishing the lakes before dinner, no more crochet or knitting on the patio before snacks and drinks prior to watching the evening news on TV.

That's right — Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 4 and does not return until March. People in our age bracket do not like change, but we will have to adjust.

For the first time in the Valencia's monthly luncheons, both sexes picked the same restaurant, Lucky Dill Deli on U.S. 19. The men were seated on the left side of the restaurant and the ladies on the far right.

After lunch the men went over to the ladies table and had their picture taken, which is shown here at top. A good time was had by all.

Our potluck dinner was held Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the Sunrise Room. The main course was supplied



by the building. The desserts are to die for.

We all thank the good fairies for the Halloween decorations and treats found in the core.

Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin board for Nov. 14. We will enjoy each other's company at the Olive Garden.

Mama sez: Women are like police. They could have all the evidence in the world, but they still want a confession.

## Thanks to dog's persistence, missing cat is located

Our nice neighbor, Doris Prekopa, has a Maine Coon cat by the name of Frieda and a cute dog, Gizmo, who was "Pet of the Month" in a recent issue of our On Top of the World newspaper.

Well, sorry to say, Frieda ran outside while the door was open and was lost for almost two days. A notice was put on our board, but no one could locate her.

Doris' son, Allen, took Gizmo out for his nightly walk, but Gizmo would not return upstairs. Instead, he ran to the parked cars and found Frieda under one of the cars. What excitement! They were so happy to be reunited. Therefore, our "Hero of the Month" is Gizmo!

We're so happy to see Peg Dugan return. She spent three months in Indiana visiting friends and family, but the temperature rose to 105 degrees at times. It was hot! The highlight of her trip was the birth of her fourth great-grandson, born on October 11 (10-11-12). Isn't that date neat?

Our tennis enthusiast, Maureen Chitnis, was lucky enough to go to New York City for the final weekend of the U.S. Open Tennis Championships. She saw the two men's semi-final matches but on two different days.

Both matches were scheduled for Saturday afternoon. However, the second game was still in the first set when it was stopped. It was announced that the stadium had to be evacuated due to a tornado threat. En masse, everyone headed for the subway or train. They all returned on Sunday morning to see the second men's semi-final. The final was pushed to Monday.

Imagine — a tornado in New York City...

Did everyone see Baxter as "Pet of the Month" in this month's



issue? He's so cute and cuddly. He also performs tricks and belongs to Sue and Jerry Watlington. This is the second award of "Pet of the Month" for the Siboney building. Our aforementioned Gizmo was also a winner. Congratulations!

Eight ladies enjoyed lunch at Star's Restaurant on Main Street. Joining us was Connie Hill, Agnes Krepelka's daughter, who was visiting from Indiana. She's one of our favorites and so good on the computer.

Don't be alone on Thanksgiving. Sign up to enjoy dinner in the East Activity Center on Thursday, Nov. 22. Details are on the board and in this paper.

This reporter and three other line dancers visited Mary Schunk at her new home in Ellenton. She's a former line dancer and now has a beautiful home, including a pool, near her daughter and family. We all enjoyed our get-together and ate at The Oyster Bar. We must do this again.

Our next Siboney building meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. See you there.

Neighbors, check out the "odd" side of the building. The landscaping is beautiful!

Happy Thanksgiving.

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# Western trips resulted in great memories, rich photos

Hello to our neighbors at Rila Renaissance. Many of our neighbors are back from their summer vacations.

Our neighbors, Van Bradley and Leora Hamm, are happy to be back from Colorado. Van sent me beautiful pictures of Colorado. The picture printed here (top) shows magnificent color changes of the fall season in an area called The Beaver Flat Top in the northwest part of Colorado.

Our building captains, Gerri Jaeger and Richard Maxwell, had a great summer going across the country in their RV. They visited their families in addition to doing a lot of sightseeing. They enjoyed exploring this great country. Pictured here is the Wave. It is a very remote area about 50 miles east of Kanab, Utah.

Certain areas of Utah are managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Gerri and Richard had to put their name into a lottery of which only 10 people were given a permit to explore.

Gerri and Richard were fortunate to be picked. It was the most exciting and spectacular hike they had ever taken. After millions of years of water and wind erosion, the rocks actually look like a giant wave. After seven hours in 95-degree weather, they were very pleased to have survived the day!



Fall colors at Beaver Flat Top in Colorado. (Photo by Van Bradley and Leora Hamm.)

The October OTOW newspaper wrote about the Holiday Lighting contest. You can reread about it on page 10 of the October issue. We will be having a meeting with our building captain about the contest. Watch for a notice on the core bulletin boards.

It would be nice to have as many of our residents as possible to help decorate. Last year, we had a great turnout and had a lot of fun. If everyone just puts some safe electric candles in their windows, it would look great. You can put the lights in your windows on a timer.

We have many things coming up. Please check for information. Also, let me know if you have any news.

I wish all our neighbors and their families a wonderful Thanksgiving Day.



Exploring the Wave, near Kanab, Utah. (Photo by Richard Maxwell and Gerri Jaeger.)

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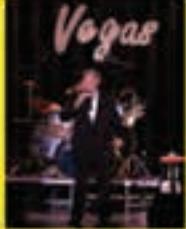
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## Resident gets permission to visit Cuba

On Oct. 18, 30 Azoreans gathered at 4 p.m. at the Bon Appetite Restaurant to kick off our fall "get-to-gathers." This one was organized by Marie Pirrello. Thank you!

The food, service and fellowship were all great. Our get-to-gathers make our building a community. Thanks again, Marie.

As you watch the bulletin board you will see that another outing is planned for November. Dolores Parham is organizing a pre-Thanksgiving luncheon on Nov. 11 at 2:30 p.m. at Marguerite's Cafe. We had a super time last year — plan to attend this one.

Our traveling diplomat, Dulce Boyce, has become a member of Road Scholar, an organization specializing in educational travel, and as such was granted a special license from the Department of Treasury in Washington D.C., to travel to Cuba.

After staying overnight in Miami, she was off to Havana and a warm welcome. Quickly they got into the swing of things with a tour of modern Havana. The next several days, they



toured Old Havana and the Guanabacoa region, with presentations on the Afro-Cuban religion and Hemingway. She also toured the Bay of Pigs before returning to Miami.

Dulce said it was a great tour with lots of people-to-people activities. I'm sure Dulce brought home another doll for her fantastic collection!

I met Elsie Colvin in the core the other day; she had a young man in tow. His name is Bob Colvin (from California) just out for a visit and to take care of some errands for Elsie. He even took the squeak out of her front door.

Now that is a real worthwhile visitor!

We have some new people in the building. On the Israeli side we have Frank DeSanto from Massachusetts. I understand he is a basketball referee.

The folks on the Mexican Way side are Ford and Katy Garrett, originally from Connecticut. Ford works for Disney (maybe we can slip a grandchild or two in for free). Let's make it a point to give all these folks a big welcome.

Breaking, last-minute news: Dolores and John Parham were blessed with the arrival of their ninth great-grandchild, a girl. Wow!

Two more dates to keep marked on your calendar: Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. is our fall business meeting in the Sunrise Room. Coffee and Cookies, plus a little business and planning.

Our Christmas Buffet is Dec. 16 at 12:30 at the Countryside Country Club. Please plan to attend the business meeting.

Whack-a-Ballers, I know you are out there — give me some news. I'm sure you can lie about a hole-in-one or at least an "almost."



## Couple moved here because of amenities

It's that time again to have fun and so much to choose. Cards, bingo, clubs, shows, pool, sports — it's all here at On Top of the World. Many things to do and many people to do them with, so get out and have some fun!

One of the newer couples in our building, Janet and Vick Ruggiero, are out there enjoying themselves.

The Ruggieros lived "all the way" in Tarpon Springs before coming to OTOW. They shared property with their children before moving here.

One of their reasons for locating here was for the golf and tennis. Especially since we have such a great golf course and new tennis courts, they picked the right place.

When they are not busy enjoying the outdoors, they keep busy with their two dogs and one cat. They are very happy they moved here and have made many friends.

The holiday season is beginning this month, so keep your eyes on the bulletin boards. Lots of good times going on, so don't miss them.

Remember to give special thanks for all we have this Thanksgiving.

## Building meeting and potluck is Nov. 9

We need to share our "news" with each other more often. Our building column is devoid of something interesting to read, and I am hard put to finding or writing your little bits and pieces of interest.

So please put on your best thinking cap about yourself, your history or plans for the near future, and contact me!

You can put on your calendar our fall building meeting date, Friday, Nov. 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Sunrise Room. Our chairman, Laurie Wookey, will head up the meeting. Roger says he will bring beverages to add to the usual good coffee. The rest of us will supply our potluck offerings and set up beginning at 5 p.m.

It will be good to greet the remaining Snowbirds who have yet to come back. Fred and Sally Hibbs have returned to their southeast wing home. Please sign up on the bulletin board and invite any newcomers to our neighborly residence to join us.

This is a new season for our Jesters and Theatre Workshop. Perhaps Roger Nicoll will tell us something about what is up their sleeves while they prepare the offerings for their season beginning in February.

We are glad to see Mary Lou Larson back in her lovely corner



apartment with views of our woods. She has been here for 30 years, she tells me. Her summer was spent in Connecticut as usual near her son, Tom, while her other son, Ted, lives in Arizona. She has given up her favorite hobby of quilting after making 30 or more of her beautiful creations.

Mike Mikulski and Terry are expecting twins in their daughter's family. There are plans afoot to visit among their growing progeny.

Their Wii bowling group continues in its popularity. Terry is also working on the Senior Expo coming up right away on Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Not to be outdone, they are heading up a cruise for 18 people in the Western Caribbean and will do their Christmas shopping on the islands along the way!

Hilda and Jim Hamilton recently spent 10 days in the Georgia mountains in their camper, they tell me.

Betty Cardarelli and her sister Gerry tell me by phone that she has done well after hip surgery and has moved to Emeritus, so near we can easily drop by to see her.

Marella Cassells recently enjoyed a rare week's visit with her son Dr. John Cassells and his wife Bonnie from Columbia, Mo. Their two children have gone into the service, with their son in the Army and their daughter in the Navy.

With the full fall season on football making the rounds of our favorite college and state teams' distracting husbands' and grandsons' attention, we can hardly watch our other TV preferences.

Hope you had a Happy Halloween and will have a really good Thanksgiving.

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# Reporter shares highlights of autumn New England trip

I'm checking in from East Burke, in the Northeast "kingdom" of Vermont, where I have been visiting with my good friend, Claire, since Sept. 10.

Bill, my husband, has been holding down the fort back at On Top of the World and taking care of Dejavu and Me-Too, our feline companions, while I've been away. We speak daily and I fill him in on the beauty around me.

As I write, it is 35 degrees and most of the simply spectacular fall leaves have made it to the ground. The colors have been mind blowing as they have turned from green to gold to red. Burke Mountain can be seen from my Claire's home and we think we spied a dusting of the "white stuff of winter" on the top yesterday morning.

All in all, the weather has been fantastic — cool enough for sweaters and light jackets, walks in the woods and, yes, fires in the woodstove.

We've not been lonely in the least. Reason number one is my friend's faithful companion, Ginger, the most adorable and sweetest cocker spaniel known to man. She redefines the word "companion."

A mutual friend of Claire's and mine was here when I arrived. The three of us had a great time for two weeks until the rest of the members of our book club, six women, arrived. That's when things got a little hectic but much fun as we all enjoyed this annual five-day event.

Lots of laughter, good food, wine and conversation. We talked about our



previous book choice, "The Good Earth" by Pearl Buck. This year has been designated for classic novels, and our next read is "Tale of Two Cities," by Charles Dickens.

We attended two fall festivals, one right here in East Burke and the other in another beautiful small Vermont town, Danville. At both there were many vendors offering wonderful handmade items ranging from furniture to food and everything in between.

Who can resist Vermont maple syrup, jams and jellies of every flavor imaginable? How about maple butter for your morning toast?

The book club ladies have returned to Florida and we are three again: Claire, Ginger and me.

A couple of nights ago we went to the Tamarack Grill on Burke Mountain for a live concert. Performing were two very talented gentlemen, Gordon Belsher on guitar (and possessing a wonderful voice) and Richard Wood, a world-famous violin player.

In this genre, his instrument is referred to as a "fiddle." They gave a fantastic display of talent and passion for their music which was folk music with a strong Celtic flavor. They live on St. Edwards Island and travel the world. The setting was informal and yes, there was dancing in the aisles!

Now as I write this, the car is packed to the max and we are ready to leave this beautiful place in the morning. We will travel to Burlington and take the ferry across Lake Champlain to New York State and head south.

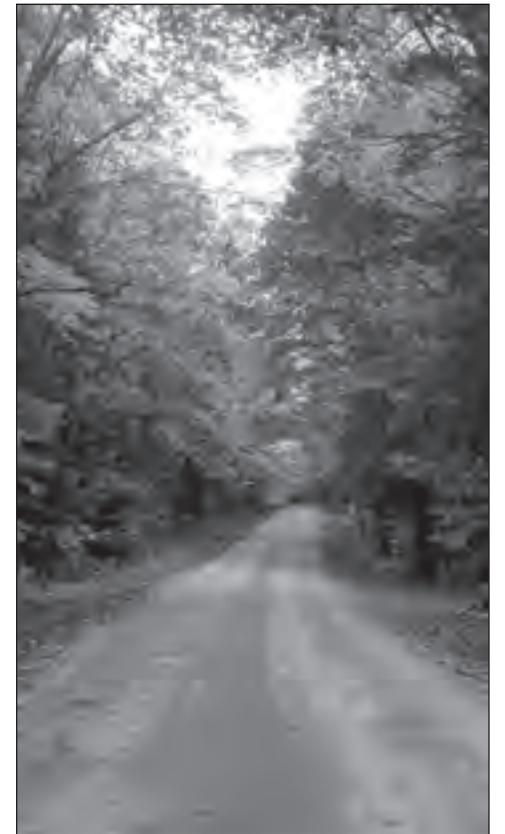
The planets aligned. Our road trip was met by perfect weather, great roads and a couple of stops along the way. One was in Alpharetta, Ga., where we visited Claire's goddaughter and her new baby, Ava. A lot of oohing and cooing went on as we enjoyed our visit with this beautiful baby girl.

Our next stop was Savannah, Ga. We enjoyed two nights and one day in this beautiful city. Included in our path was lunch at Paula Deen's restaurant, Lady & Sons.

After shopping until we nearly dropped, we stumbled across the best ice cream shop south of the Mason Dixon Line, Leopold's. We decided we deserved ice cream for dinner and dug right in.

Back at the hotel we soaked in the hot tub after swimming laps in the pool to take care of those extra calories.

Back in the car the next morning, we set our compass to Tampa Bay and sailed along, blissfully listening



Cool weather and falling leaves are a sure sign of autumn up North.

to the 11th and last CD of a book called "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed. This was a riveting account of her SOLO hike on the Pacific Coast Trail (PCT). It is beautifully written and contains poignant life lessons along with a few great laughs.

We arrived at OTOW a bit tired, but delighted with our many memories.

Ahhh, Life is good!



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NOVEMBER 1 – 30

1	Thurs	10:30 AM	Starlite	Pennsylvania Club Meeting
1	Thurs	7:00 PM	V	Press Association Meeting
2	Fri	7:00 PM	S	Casa Verde Building Meeting
2	Fri	9:00 AM	Starlite	AARP Driving Course
2	Fri	12:00 PM	V's	Good Neighbors Expo Meeting
2	Fri	2:00 PM	S	Travel Club Meeting
3	Sat	10:00 AM	A	Good Neighbors Senior Expo
3	Sat	6:00 PM	Starlite	Singles Club Meeting
4	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke
4	Sun	11:00 AM	A	Craft Fair
5	Mon	11:00 AM	Starlite	Snowbird Club Meeting
6	Tues	7:00 AM	Starlite & Sunrise Rooms	Presidential General Election
6	Tues	9:00 AM	C	SHINE Medicare/Medicaid Workshop
6	Tues	6:00 PM	CR & K	Hoosier Club Meeting
7	Wed	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
7	Wed	7:00 PM	CR & K	Theater Workshop Meeting
7	Wed	5:00 PM	A	Pennsylvania Club Welcome back Party
7	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Capistrano Building Meeting
8	Thurs	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee
8	Thurs	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: Cover to Cover
9	Fri	7:00 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club Meeting
9	Fri	1:00 PM	V's	FTRI Free Phones for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
9	Fri	7:00 PM	A	Irish Club Show: Danny Justice
9	Fri	1:00 PM	A1	Art Guild Meeting
9	Fri	5:00 PM	S	Saratoga Building Meeting
10	Sat	1:00 PM	CR & K	English Gothic Building Thanksgiving Dinner
10	Sat	6:00 PM	Sunrise	Rainbow Club Meeting
10	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
11	Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Sunday in the Park
12	Mon	2:00 PM	S	German Interest Group
12	Mon	8:30 AM	V's	Blood Pressure Screening
13	Tues	2:30 PM	V's	Ladies 9-Hole General Meeting
13	Tues	5:00 PM	S	American Gothic Building Meeting/Potluck
14	Wed	7:30 PM	A	Jester's Club General Meeting
15	Thurs	11:00 AM	V's	Greyhound Club Meeting
15	Thurs	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
15	Thurs	6:00 PM	A	Canadian Club Registration Night
15	Thurs	1:30 PM	CR	Lawn Bowl General Meeting
15	Thurs	7:00 PM	S	Azores Building Meeting
18	Sun	5:00 PM	A	Snowbird Club Welcome back Party
19	Mon	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear & Eye Screening
19	Mon	3:00 PM	S	Brahman Building Meeting
20	Tues	2:30 PM	V's	Ladies 9-Hole General Meeting
21	Wed	6:30 PM	CR & K	Hoosier Club Game Night
21	Wed	6:30 PM	A	Italian Club Meeting
22	Thurs	4:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Thanksgiving Dinner
22	Thurs	1:00 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club Thanksgiving Dinner
24	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Activity Night
25	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke
28	Wed	6:00 PM	A	NY/NJ Club Meeting
28	Wed	7:00 PM	S	Siboney Building Meeting
29	Thurs	2:00 PM	Starlite	Democrat Club Meeting
29	Thurs	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: Ken Brady & the New Casinos
30	Fri	6:00 PM	S	Tennis Club Annual Meeting: Women & Men

## CALENDAR KEY

- A ..... Auditorium
- B ..... Billiards Room (W)
- C ..... Card Room
- CR ..... Craft Room
- CL ..... Classroom
- K ..... Kitchen
- L ..... Lecture Room
- R ..... Rainbow Room (W)
- S ..... Sunrise Room (W)
- V ..... Veranda



**Daylight Savings Time ends  
Sunday, Nov. 4  
(Set clocks back one hour)**



**Election Day  
Tuesday, Nov. 6**



**Veterans Day  
Monday, Nov. 12**



**Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday, Nov. 22**

# DAILY CALENDAR

## MONDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 AM ..... Coffee Corner  
 7:30 ..... Women's Tennis  
 8:00 ..... Men's Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Ladies Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 8:30 ..... Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 10:00 ..... Chorus Rehearsal  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:30 ..... Duplicate Bridge  
 11:30 ..... Contract Bridge  
 1:30 ..... Shuffleboard  
 1:30 ..... Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)  
 2:30 ..... Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)  
 5:00 ..... Jim R's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Ron's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 6:30 ..... Texas Hold-em Poker  
 6:30 ..... Bingo

### West Activity Center

8:30 AM ..... Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Photo IDs  
 10:00 ..... Men's Exercise Class  
 12:30 PM ..Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)  
 12:30 ..... Mahjong  
 5:00 ..... Mahjong  
 6:30 ..... 8-Ball Tournament

## TUESDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 AM ..... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Men's Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Ladies Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Ladies 18-Hole Golf  
 9:00 ..... Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Horseshoes  
 9:00 ..... Caring & Sharing Group  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:30 ..... Ladies 9-Hole Golf  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 10:00 ..... Philosophy Club  
 10:30 ..... Ballroom Dance Class  
 11:00 ..... Yoga  
 12:00 ..... Library  
 12:00 PM ..... Ceramics  
 1:00 ..... Poker  
 1:00 ..... Canasta  
 1:00 ..... Line Dancing  
 3:00 ..... Jesters Rehearsal  
 5:30 ..... Dominos  
 6:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:00 ..... Bid Euchre (Begins 11/20)  
 6:30 ..... Bob B.'s Poker  
 6:30 ..... Tom's Poker  
 7:00 ..... Bible Study Club  
 7:00 ..... Chorus Rehearsal  
 7:00 . Canadian Club Mahjong (Begins 11/13)

### West Activity Center

8:00 AM .... West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning  
 8:30 ..... Exercise Class  
 1:00 PM ..... 9-Ball Tournament  
 2:00 ..... Chess Club  
 6:00 ..... Mahjong

## WEDNESDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 AM ..... Coffee Corner  
 7:30 ..... Women's Tennis  
 8:00 ..... Men's Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Sewing Class  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Zumba Gold  
 9:00 ..... Good Neighbors Veterans Project  
 9:00 ..... Good Neighbors Craft Workshop  
 9:00 ..... Veranda Consignment  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:00 ..... Tai Chi  
 10:00 ..... Cribbage  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:00 ..... Jazz Dance  
 11:30 ..... Tap Dance  
 11:30 ..... Duplicate Bridge  
 1:00 PM ..... 500 Card Game  
 1:00 ..... Double Deck Pinochle  
 1:00 ..... Painting Pals  
 1:30 ..... Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)  
 2:30 ..... Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)  
 5:30 ..... Lela's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Pete's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Sheila's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 6:00 ..... Baby Boomers Movie Night  
 6:30 ..... Texas Hold-em Poker

### West Activity Center

8:30 AM ..... Exercise Class  
 10:00 ..... Men's Exercise Class  
 1:00 PM ..... Mahjong  
 6:00 ..... Don's Poker  
 6:30 ..... Ladies Que't Billiards Club

## THURSDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 AM ..... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Men's Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Ladies Exercise Class  
 8:30 ..... Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales  
 9:00 ..... Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:30 ..... Oil Painting Class  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:00 ..... Yoga  
 12:00 PM ..... Bob B.'s Poker  
 12:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 12:30 ..... Euchre

12:30 ..... Writers's Ink  
 1:00 ..... Jesters Rehearsal  
 1:00 ..... Drawing Class  
 1:30 ..... Shuffleboard  
 5:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:00 ..... Ron's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Larry's Poker  
 6:30 ..... Canadian Club Game Night

### West Activity Center

8:00 AM .... West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning  
 8:00 Snowbird Line Dancing: Beginner Mens  
 8:30 ..... Exercise Class  
 9:00 ....Snowbird Line Dancing (Begins 10/18)  
 12:30 PM ..Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)  
 2:00 ..... Chess Club  
 6:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:30 ..... Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

## FRIDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 AM ..... Coffee Corner  
 7:30 ..... Women's Tennis  
 8:00 ..... Men's Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing  
 9:00 ..... Polar Bear Club  
 9:00 ..... Ceramics  
 9:00 ..... Pinochle  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:00 ..... Jesters Rehearsal  
 12:00 PM ..... Library  
 1:00 ..... Mahjong  
 1:00 . Duplicate Bridge Lessons (Begins 11/9)  
 5:30 ..... Lela's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Pete's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Larry's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 7:00 ..... Hand & Foot Canasta

### West Activity Center

8:30 AM ..... Exercise Class  
 10:00 ..... Men's Exercise Class  
 1:00 PM ..... Chess Club  
 6:00 ..... 5 & 10 Poker

## SATURDAY

### East Activity Center

8:00 ..... Men's Tennis Doubles  
 8:30 ..... Computer Club Meeting  
 8:30 ..... Line Dancing  
 11:30 ..... Duplicate Bridge  
 12:00 PM ..... Min's Poker  
 12:00 ..... Putting  
 1:00 ..... Casual Bridge

## SUNDAY

### East Activity Center

2:00 PM ..... Wii Bowling



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## Summer sees some long, lengthy trips

Welcome back vacationers and Snowbirds!

Evelyn Berg has returned to sunny Florida after a 12-week summer hiatus. Evelyn and her two daughters spent one week in July in Salt Lake City at the Mormon Family History Library doing research on their family genealogy.

The remaining time was spent between the two daughters' homes in Massachusetts and New York. She enjoyed immensely her four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren during this visit.

Her summer trip ended on a high note when additional family members arrived from California and Washington, DC. They celebrated Harvard's football win over San Diego. A Berg grandchild helped the win by catching two long passes. Congratulations to him!

Tabitha the cat and her owner, Pat Weir, continued travels once again this summer all over the United States. As you might recall Tabitha's picture in our newspaper, she is a well-seasoned traveler and companion.

First was a one-week visit to Pat's sister and brother-in-law in Naples, Fla. They visited the beach often and also saw the Botanical Gardens.



Both Tabitha and Pat flew from Ft. Meyers to Seattle, where they were met by Pat's daughter, son-in-law, and 7-year-old grandson. This was a three-month visit, and Tabitha settled in nicely with her cousins, Nomar the cat and Buddha the 80-lb. dog.

Pat's daughter and son-in-law are living in an older home built in the 1920s which had been refurbished and modernized. The house sits on an acre of land and is within walking distance to Budd Inlet on Puget Sound.

Pat's daughter and son-in-law have a garden of tomatoes, corn, carrots, beans and broccoli. There were also all kinds of flowers, along with blueberry and blackberry bushes.

Pat enjoyed the cooler summer weather and was able to get in a lot of gardening, which she has missed since moving to condo life.

There were also trips to Mt. Rainier, Long Beach on the Pacific Ocean and several trips to Seattle. After seeing the red and gold leaves of the coming autumn, Pat and Tabitha headed back to Ft. Myers to pick up their car and head back to On Top of the World.

Like Dorothy said in the Wizard of Oz, "There is no place like home!" (It doesn't get any better than that!) Welcome Home, Pat and Tabitha; we missed you!

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all — it's a good time to count our many blessings!

Please set aside on your calendar Tuesday, Dec. 4, for our building Christmas Party. All details and a sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

Did you know? A dryer sheet can freshen up your hair when it's full of smoke or when you haven't had time to wash it. Keep one tucked into your purse at all times, and rub on your hair when needed. As a bonus, it will help tame frizzy, dry hair.



## Thanksgiving potluck set for Nov. 10

Patricia Stuart spent five days in Santa Fe, N.M., with her daughter Jennifer to celebrate her daughter's 40th birthday. They stayed at a beautiful B&B in Chimayo, N.M. Highlights of the trip were going to Loretto Chapel and viewing the "Miracle Staircase," touring Georgia O'Keefe's home, and climbing the cliffs to the Indian Pueblos in Bandelier National Park.

I spent three days in Biloxi, Miss., enjoying the amenities at the Beau Rivage. The area is a wonderful place, and it was great watching the shrimp boats go out for the freshest catch. The casino was topnotch, and I think the Tampa Hard Rock has lost my business.

We welcome Diane and her brother Drew to our building and look forward to the return of the Snowbirds.

Don't forget our Thanksgiving potluck on Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. Scan your favorite fall recipes and bring a dish. This is always a great success.

Be wary of strangers lurking in the building cores. This occurred recently. Please be cautious.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.

## Community-spirited volunteer is always busy

Well November is here, Snowbirds are arriving, and we all are going to enjoy the Florida sunshine!

I guess with all the campaign ads on television, you can't help but know this is the month we elect the next President of the United States. Don't forget the local candidates, too.

I know you won't forget Thanksgiving and that succulent turkey meat with the mashed potatoes, gravy, the delicious dressing and the spicy pumpkin pie dessert. I'm hungry just writing about it.

Karen and I visited my son and his family a short while ago and while looking out the kitchen window we saw a flock of five hens and a big ole tom turkey strutting out of the woods. What a sight! I wish I had a picture.

Happy Thanksgiving! If you can share a little with those who are not so fortunate and perhaps make a family happy this Thanksgiving, please do.



This month a tip of the hat goes to second-floor Capistrano resident Jackie Kailimai.

Jackie is not new to the Capistrano news column; we mentioned her travels to Liberia where she spent time as a missionary helping the people in that country.

Jackie was born, raised and wed in Minnesota. Later she (along with her husband Bailey and three children)

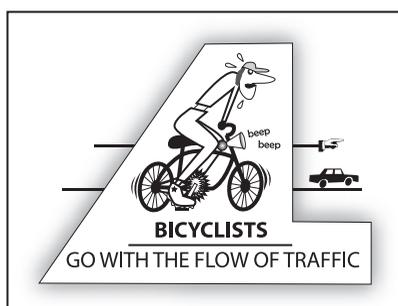
moved to work and live on her husband's grandfather's farm, also in Minnesota, where they raised cows, pigs, chickens and navy beans.

After the farm, the family moved to Detroit where Jackie was employed with the IRS and Bailey was a bail bondsman. There were now seven children: three boys and four girls.

Widowed at an early age, Jackie raised the children and today is the proud grandmother and great-grandmother of 24.

The ever-busy Jackie is a community-spirited volunteer. She delivers for Meals on Wheels in that bright blue convertible, serves on the board of Capistrano, and formerly served as president of the now defunct Great Lakes Club. On Election Day she will be working in one of the election booths serving as a poll watcher.

We'll have a report on the Capistrano board meeting next issue.



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# Local Oktoberfest loaded with tradition

The life-size Grim Reaper appeared in our lobby again this year as he always does in October. Don't tell me that he didn't startle you a little bit as you stepped off the elevator and headed for the garbage room.

My daughter and her friend and I had a great time at Oktoberfest at the German American Society on 66th Street in Pinellas Park. We met lots of friendly people, enjoyed schnitzel and leberkaes and apfelstrudel, and of course beer, and lots of familiar polkas and other oompa-pa numbers performed by a live band.

We enjoyed watching the folk dancing and engaging in conversation with new friends, all of this under a beautiful sky with perfect weather. We all said, "See you next year," as we left.

One of the women in the On Top of the World Computer Club told me that the Dunedin Library has



free movies for seniors on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. I still haven't made it over there, but it sounds like fun. Let me know and we'll get a bunch together for this.

Don't forget our veterans on Sunday, Nov. 11. We can all take a little time to remember them. For those fortunate ones who still have veterans in their lives, we need to show our appreciation for their service.

Also, remember the families who are trying to get by while their loved ones are serving in foreign lands.

Remember to vote on Tuesday the 6th, if you are so inclined. I promised to poke a little more fun at the politicians this month. So here goes:

"When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it."

— Clarence Darrow

"Politics: Poly ("many") plus tics ("blood-sucking parasites)."

— Larry Hardiman

And probably the most accurate of all, "Politics is supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first."

— Ronald Reagan

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!



## Reporter appreciates concern

On Top of the World may seem like a large and impersonal complex, but that is misleading.

I had an accident recently and, as a result, I got a demonstration of just how caring and warm-hearted our fellow residents are. I got cards, letters, and phone calls from fellow pool players, bridge players, dancers and neighbors. The warm feelings expressed brightened my day and all the concern and good wishes made me feel better. Many people asked if I needed any help (such as transportation). Thanks again!

Helen Mullan, who has lived at Mandalay a long time, found that one of our oldest residents was about to have a real milestone birthday and arranged to put up a card on the bulletin board so we could all wish him "Happy Birthday" as he reached the century mark. That was significant enough that I felt the larger community should be told about it. Happy Birthday, Ralph Baxter!

Helen also said she missed the building lunches that we used to have almost monthly, which we seemed to have overlooked now that no one person is organizing them.

How about it, Mandalay? If someone would like to restart that tradition, all it takes is to set up a suitable restaurant date and post a notice on the bulletin boards for people to sign up. If somebody starts it, I bet others would keep it going.

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Lee and Millie Gates (front row) were guests of honor at a farewell party given by Les and Penny Beyer (back row). Lee and Millie are moving to Rochester, N.Y.

## Now is a good time to think about home and fire safety

Les and Penny Beyer invited several longtime friends of Lee and Millie Gates for a farewell party. Lee and Millie will be relocating to Rochester, N.Y., just in time for the beautiful winter weather.

Conversation turned to all of the memories of the good old days of the past 18 years and how great retirement had been while residing at the Mandarin Building. The hospitality of the Beyers and the best wishes of their many friends will be a long lasting memory for Lee and Millie.

Recently returning Snowbirds noticed how nice the green lush grass looked compared to years past. How clean and well maintained the buildings were. Residents were pleased with the increased efforts of On Top of the World to maintain the appearance of the buildings and grounds.

The first business meeting of the season will be held in the Sunrise Room at the West Activities Center in early November. Food and entertainment will be provided. All residents, whether



owners or renters, are urged to take part in all building activities. New residents who moved in during the summer will be introduced and welcomed to the building.

Watch bulletin boards for date and time of the business meeting, ladies luncheon, and the holiday dinner.

It is time to check the batteries in your smoke detector and purchase a fire extinguisher for your kitchen if you do not have one.

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# Thoughts and memories of America's unique 'turkey day'

November is all about turkey. You're either buying it (unless you kill your own), defrosting it, stuffing it, cooking it, eating it, reheating it, reheating it, and never wanting to see another one at least until Christmas.

Thanksgiving dinner is a unique experience. It's like an orgy that's rated "G." The real tradition of Thanksgiving is the family reunion. Millions of people travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year, and discover (watching them reach for second and third helpings of everything), once a year is way too often.

Do you remember when everyone was coming to your home for the holiday, the joy and excitement of getting up at 5 o'clock in the morning just to stuff bread crumbs up a dead bird's butt? Good times!

Thanksgiving at my house was a unique experience. My wife's cooking was so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor. But my kids loved Thanksgiving dinner, all because we learned to draw a compromise between



the old and the new. We'd have a 22-lb. turkey, but we'd stuff it with Big Macs.

My wife was an exceptional woman, but cooking was not her strong suit. Reservations were. She was never quite sure when to take the turkey out of the oven. I told her the minute it looked like it had spent four weeks at Miami Beach, it was time to take it out.

The funny thing about Thanksgiving (or any huge meal), is that you spend days preparing it (shopping, prepping, stuffing, cooking, serving), and then it takes 20 minutes

to consume. Afterward, everybody sort of sits around in a food coma, and then it takes four hours to clean it up.

It's always fun when families and friends gather to celebrate a holiday. There's football, family jokes, too much food, reminiscing about yesterday, and once again discovering the true meaning of the day, giving thanks for all our blessings.

What we're thankful for has changed over the years. The Pilgrims were thankful they arrived on our shores alive to start a new life. George Washington asked us to give thanks for the founding of a nation, while Lincoln asked us to pray that a civil war would not destroy a nation.

When you sit down at the table this year, what are the blessings each one of you will be thankful for? Will it be the food on the table, good health, the blessings of family and friends?

Holidays such as Thanksgiving are opportunities for each of us to remember that time is a gift, and that our children, families, and friends are wonderfully precious.

Time, once a stream that flowed

lazily through our world (when we were younger), now seems like a river of crazy rapids moving so swiftly through the gorges of our lives, we can hardly catch our breath. And since time waits for no one, every moment on this planet is a blessing.

The wishbone is the third member of the great Euro-American lucky charm triumvirate, the other two being the horseshoe and the four-leaf clover. It is the custom to save this bone intact when carving the bird for dinner. The wishbone is then given to two people who pull it apart until it cracks and breaks, each one making a wish while doing so. The person who gets the "long half" of the wishbone will have his or her wish "come true."

Let us all enjoy the month of November, the Thanksgiving holiday, the anticipation of Black Friday, and watching "It's A Wonderful Life" for the 104th time, as Christmas impatiently waits on the horizon.

And may every one of you get the "long half" of the wishbone at your holiday celebration.

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Double Pinochle.....	Maxine Murray
Sept. 20	
6550 (1st Place).....	Eileen Brust
6500 (2nd Place).....	Bill Jacobson
Sept. 25	
5620 (1st Place).....	Lee Laskowski
5160 (2nd Place).....	Madelyn Thome
Sept. 27	
6140 (1st Place).....	Gwen Nolan
6060 (2nd Place).....	Bertie Lewis
Double Pinochle.....	Clayton Hancock, Gwen Nolan, Helen Gonzalez
Oct. 2	
5910 (1st Place).....	Jeanne Sanders
5730 (2nd Place).....	Ann Reed
Double Pinochle.....	Ann Reed
Oct. 4	
6550 (1st Place).....	Helen Gonzalez
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4.....	Joyce Engelbert
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1.....	Joyce Engelbert
2.....	Arnie Engelbert
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# Birds, birds and more birds is this column's theme

Hello November! Fall is going as fast as summer. We welcome back many more Snowbirds. This month, in honor of them, this article is dedicated to... birds!

Upon Minnie and Dom Bucella's arrival from their holiday, they found unexpected guests residing in their patio light (see photo). Seems like Mr. and Mrs. Dove selected Viennese Villa. Good choice as a place to set up housekeeping and start their family. Minnie relates the following:



"Mother and father took turns sitting on the eggs. It was quite an experience to see the father come and the mother leaves at the same time every day to look for food.

"Finally the big day came! They had two babies. They grew at such a rapid pace that soon the nest was becoming overcrowded. We watch them feed the babies and keep them safe.

"I witnessed one baby fly out of the nest on to the patio floor. Since the nest was too high off the ground, she was unable to return. However she got to the patio table then the tool shed and then was on her way.

"The second baby was very reluctant to leave her cozy home. We saw the mother trying to push her to leave. She finally succeeded by the end

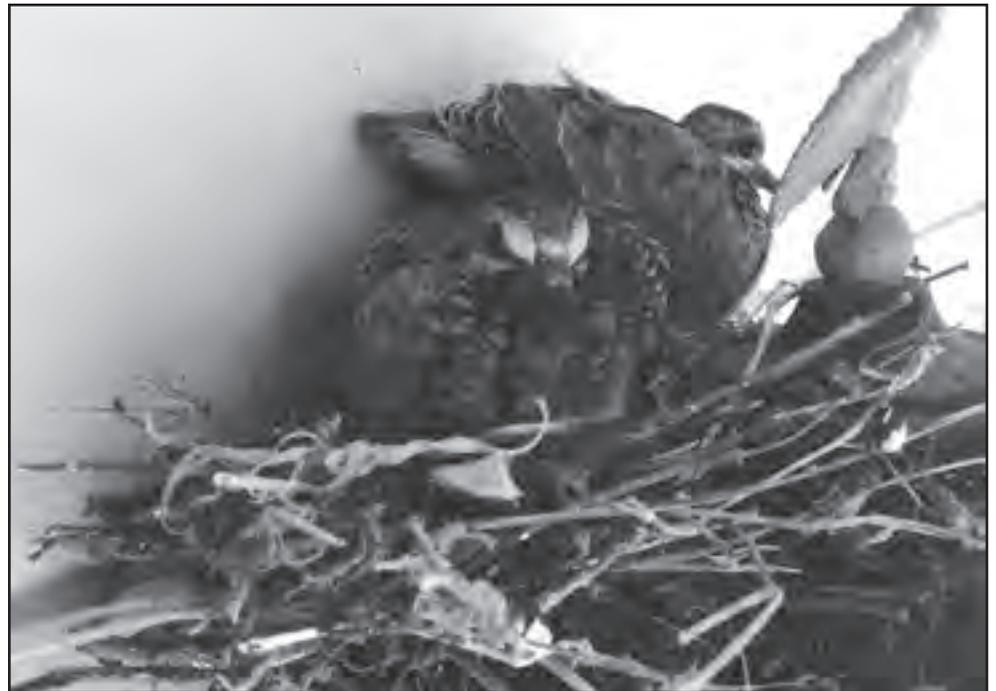
of the day. They are all gone now and believe it or not we miss them very much. Maybe they will return next year, I hope so!"

Keeping with the bird theme... The Seabird Sanctuary on Indian Rocks Beach is a most fascinating place to visit. They rehab injured birds and have quite the variety of guests.

If you are a camera buff this is the place for you to get some great pictures. I swear it seems like the birds pose...

Our son Mike took some wonderful images last season. Nice place to bring house guests. The sanctuary is run on donations so a dollar or two or three or more is greatly appreciated.

Again in the bird theme, November is Thanksgiving month.



Minnie and Dom Bucella discovered these doves upon their return from a trip.

And the guest of honor usually is Tom or Thomasine Turkey... the bird!

In days of old, the most popular phone number across America on that day was the Butterball Turkey Hot Line. Then came the cooking bag! I bless the inventor of the cooking bag. Bird in the bag until the leg about falls off... always tender and juicy.

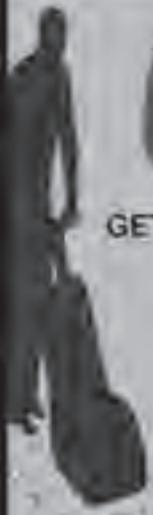
Today, many of us celebrate the day at restaurants, however liking leftovers and turkey sandwiches, I

have a bag "at the ready" for a bird. No Butterball Hot Line needed, thank you very much.

I want to thank Minnie Bucella for her wonderful story and the picture. I'm sure everyone enjoyed it.

Until next month... Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours and don't forget the cranberry!

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## Potluck and building meeting is Nov. 13

Summer doesn't want to let go and would you believe that Thanksgiving is only three weeks away!

Christmas decorations abound and I'm still wearing shorts and sandals. Guess I haven't gotten used to the fact that this is Florida.

Our Snowbirds have drifted back slowly this year, as if waiting for the hot weather to pass, and it is now time to start thinking about what to make for the Potluck Supper/Business Meeting scheduled for Tues., Nov. 13, in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center.

I think we decided at the last business meeting what we would serve as the entrée, but that was in March and, at my age, who can remember that far back? Please check the bulletin board for time, entrée and sign-up sheet. There will be a cocktail/social hour prior to dinner.

If the entrée turns out to be chicken, the sky's the limit as to what you can bring. Anything goes!



However, if it is lasagna, you will just have to be a bit more creative. Potato salad just somehow doesn't seem to go with lasagna. You'll have to get creative with salads and desserts.

Maybe you have gotten some ideas from our October lunch at the Country Pizza Italian Grill in Clearwater. The lunch buffet featured an interesting array of different items.

To skip even further forward, you have more decisions to make regarding

food. The sign-up sheet will be going up for the Holiday Party planned for Dec. 11 at Alfano's. There will be about five preset items to choose from. The cost will be around \$18.75 and no credit cards will be accepted.

You will need cash or check, so do be prepared and keep an eye on the bulletin board for time, cost and reservation deadline.

Continuing from last month's "What I did on my Summer Vacation," Eleanor and Milt Arnold's daughter and son-in-law, originally from Michigan and now from Chicago, spent a week in Clearwater. They played lots of golf and Eleanor's 17-year-old grandson beat his father for the first time.

Elaine Detlefsen attended her youngest son's wedding in Rhode Island, and Sonia Nable saw her grandson get married in New York.

Ruth and Bill Hickman celebrated their wedding anniversary with dinner and a show gifted to them by their daughter and son-in-law.

## Phil and Linda Woods: tireless workers

November, and time for Loch Lomond to update their calendars for building activities planned by the committee to keep us happy and busy for the coming months.

Our committee is led by Bill Davie and his wife Debbie, Phil Woods and Linda, Shirley Swift, Jim Jackson and Sheilah, and Tom McMinn and his wife, Dale, and many, many others. Dottie Liberti is our Good Neighbors rep.

Our fourth Tuesday "Lunch Bunch" continued even during the summer. Phil Woods posts an attractive notice on the bulletin board near the elevator about a week ahead of time. Phil and Linda solicit the choice of a restaurant and if it's a new one, even volunteer to try it out before recommending it to us.

As many of you have learned, there are many, many places for delicious lunches or dinners. And the social aspects are such an enjoyable way to become better acquainted with your neighbors.

Phil passed on the plans from the recent committee meeting. Please include the upcoming events in your activities and check the bulletin board for firm dates and details.

The October lunch was held at Villa Maria. Check for succeeding Tuesday lunches.

A core Welcome Back party was held, paid for from the building fund.

The Christmas party will be in the core, after decorations are up. Gifts will be given to residents of The Haven, as usual.



A holiday banquet will be held again at the Mystic Fish. We won't set the final date 'til we know when the Canadian Club dinner will be held because we have had a conflict before and wish to avoid that. But we want our Canadians, for sure.

Of course, Phil and Linda Woods are always available to help organize and implement. Here's more about these tireless workers:

Linda Glenn came to Florida with her parents who left Minnesota to open and operate a hotel on Madeira Beach.

Phil Woods was born in Sarasota, Fla., and joined the Air Force during the Vietnam War. In 1971, he was persuaded to go on a blind date in Seminole, and thus he and Linda met.

He went overseas soon after, but when he returned in 1972, he and Linda were married. Continued enlistments led to a wonderful 22-year career, after which they settled in Montgomery, Ala., where Phil's civilian job also lasted 22 years.

By this time, Linda's parents, Laverne and the late Ray Glenn, had retired from the hotel business and had chosen On Top of the World as their home. Linda and Phil found an apartment in the same building and though Ray is no longer with them, they are happily enjoying Florida.

And, of course, they have a very active dog, Hannah, who can be seen exercising one or the other (usually Phil) each day.

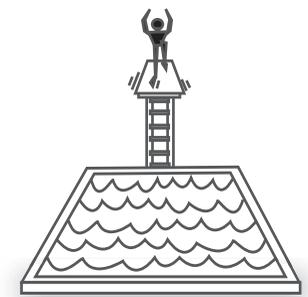
Many who stayed entertained family or friends or themselves, and traveled to visit new places. Shirley Swift again entertained her granddaughter and two wee great-granddaughters, one and a half years, and three months.

Liz Bohl and Johnny visited with Liz's daughter and son-in-law and two kindergarten-age grandsons as they vacationed in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Later they visited Liz's son and daughter-in-law and older grandchildren in Raleigh.

Jean and Cecil Mowery expected their son in Missouri to visit as he was sent to temporarily work in New Port Richey.

As Jean waited for him to get an airport rental and arrive here for a visit, she spotted him parking and started down the walkway, and then two female voices let out whoops of joy – her daughter-in-law had unexpectedly been able to make the visit. That was true in-law joy being expressed!

Keep in touch, share your activities.



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Adele Friedlander recently turned 90. She is shown here at her usual post — collecting tickets for various Entertainment Committee shows and events.

## Longtime OTOW volunteer is truly 'young at heart'

By Mike Kaplan

Adele Friedlander, one of On Top of the World's many valued volunteers, celebrated the 90th anniversary of her birth Oct. 2. She is one of the many residents who have lived a long time but who aren't old.

Adele volunteers as a ticket-taker for the Entertainment Committee at all its shows and dance events. She has served as a "Jester" for the annual Jesters' shows the past several years.

She also volunteers every Wednesday morning in the retail store of the Suncoast Hospice Foundation on Belcher Road; and she has volunteered to work in the OTOW Good Neighbors Gift Shoppe, and will work at its Senior Expo on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Her natal day was celebrated at the Palm Harbor home of her son and daughter-in-law with a dinner

prepared by one of her grandsons. However, the day continued to be celebrated the entire month.

Adele has a granddaughter living in Kansas who couldn't travel to Florida until toward the end of the month. So the granddaughter and her husband rented a large condominium at Indian Shores where the entire family could gather for a full week of celebration.

Adele's family is comprised of her son and daughter-in-law, daughter and son-in-law (who live in Ft. Lauderdale), three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Adele is a well-rounded individual with a keen sense of humor who enjoys bowling, doing crossword puzzles, Sudoku and other mind-challenging puzzles. She is, most of all, a person with a large, loving heart.

Many happy, healthy returns of the day, Adele!

### NEWSPAPER IS ON THE WEB

The *OTOW News* is on-line, and you can easily download and view the complete issue. First, go to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com). Then click on the "Community Information" link at the top of the page. Then scroll down and click on the newsboy picture or the accompanying text.

Be sure to send the link to your family and friends up North so they can keep up with all the happenings at On Top of the World

Don't forget to also use the same Web site for service requests and other items of interest to OTOW residents.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number (or four column lines). Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. *If the submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.*

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

### FOR SALE

Vacuum cleaner \$25; loads of books, 19 original Elvis albums, a few 45-rpm records, plates, other small items. 724-1282

Desktop computer, like new, with 19" monitor and Windows XP \$125; Brookstone AM-FM radio/CD, like new, perfect, amazing sound \$35. 480-9456

Visually impaired? Magnifier for sale that projects onto connected TV, table included \$400 OBO. 669-3831

Moving out, must sell: Brand new sapphire blue 3-wheel bike \$150; brown leather loveseat; Japanese black 2-piece dining hutch; other items. 422-2525

Exercise bike, Pro-Form XP70, backlit console, good shape, can deliver \$75. 724-0192

Men's golf clubs & bag, full set: tees, balls, gloves; men's golf shoes, almost new, size 9½. Make offer. 210-7690

Freezer, 19" x 23" x 33" \$75; HP 6300 printer \$35, both in good working order. 519-4495

Two London Fog raincoats, zip-out linings, beige, sizes 12 & 14 \$35 each. 791-7610

Mr. Coffee by Keurig, brews one cup, 4 months old \$45; "Sherpa" pet carrier, airline approved, used one time, 17" x 11", up to 15 lbs., \$45. 330-6584

Exercise equipment: sit-up bench, E-Z curl bar, weight bench with barbell, disks, sell all for \$85 or will separate. 712-0017

Samsung 27" Slimfit HDTV \$50; cane barrel-back chairs, mid-century, willow green upholstery, pair \$100; étagère, 6-shelf, cherry, 74"H x 28"W x 12"D \$75. 723-8416

Very good couch, floral \$49; HP computer only, fast, no accessories \$59. 669-1629

Christmas tree, 7 ft., with lights, 3 sections, excellent condition, new \$200, sell for \$50 OBO; Bag-boy golf cart \$29. 446-9797

Ladies velour skirts, size 6, blue & pink, brand new \$6 each; 53-piece stainless tableware set for eight \$35; silverplate tableware set for eight \$35; brand new golf umbrella \$15. 796-7890

Bose AM-FM radio/CD player, like new \$300. 725-4363

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