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## Costume contest gets better & better

For 364 days a year, Ronnie is a loveable greyhound who lives at On Top of the World.

But for one day, this past Oct. 17, Ronnie was covered with spiders, a nasty crow, a tombstone and a sword-yielding skeleton you wouldn't want to mess with.

Ronnie was a "Grey-v-yard" for the annual OTOW Halloween Pet Costume Contest, sponsored by Pet Supplies Plus, Harbor-side Animal Hospital and Simon Williamson Photography.

Ronnie took first place for Best Overall Costume. His owner, Dave Williams of the Bavarian Chalet Building (25), also came in costume. He was Clark Kent/Superman.

This year's contest had 22 competitors, including Buckley and Flo, pictured on this page. For more photos, see page 9.

Harry, a Shitzu, came to the contest as a pumpkin patch, with pumpkins growing on his back. He took second place overall. Harry is owned by Virginia Donlon of Austrian Alpine (11).

The contest featured a golfer, a nun, a camel, a lady bug, a couple bees, some spiders, a unicorn, some ghosts, superheroes and more.

Johnny, a lady bug, took first place in Halloween Spirit. He is owned by Nancy Wikle of Southern Georgian (17).

Flo, the nun, took first place for Most Original Costume. Flo is owned by Anna Georgiadis of the Sir Lancelot Building (96).

"This contest has turned into a lot of fun," said OTOW News editor Doug Kates. "We are getting so many good quality costumes that next year we will have to go get more sponsors, so more pets go home with a prize."

Look for our video on OTOW-TV.



At left is Buckley, a Yorkie, who took second place in the most original costume category. Buckley was a golfer and his owner, Barbara Rice, was his caddy. They live in the Nagoya Building - No. 53.

Below is Flo, another Yorkie, who was a nun and took first place in the most original costume category. Flo is owned by Anna Georgiadis of the Sir Lancelot Building - No. 96.



(OTOW News photos by George Swiderski)

### TOP 10 OVERALL SCORES

#### Name, Costume, Bldg, Score

1. Ronnie, Greyvyard, 25 - 129
2. Harry, Pumpkin Patch, 11 - 120
3. Buckley, Golfer, 53 - 116
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(overall, there were 22 entries)



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# OTOW asking each building to have a coordinator

As I sit down to write this article, I am shocked when I realize I am writing my article for the November edition of On Top of the World News.

Time passes much too quickly these days.

We are fast approaching the holiday season with Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and the New Year in our sights. This time of year also kicks off our seasonal decorating, so as an easy reference, please see page 22.

Many projects were completed over the summer and early fall despite the record rainfall amount in this area. Many of the outdoor projects were delayed, including repairs to the tennis court and building repaints, as these items required days of low humidity in order for the applications to cure properly.

The upside to the humid weather was the opportunity to tackle more intensive interior renovations.

The East Activity Center received an interior coat of paint, renovations commenced in the Large Card Room,



the spa pool was renovated and the west side gym flooring and equipment were installed.

To our year-round residents, I want to thank you for your understanding and patience as schedules were revised to accommodate weather delays.

In late September, the Community Service Office and the Good Neighbors Association hosted a safety panel seminar. The turnout was great for this event; so much so that we have planned another safety panel for late January. The guest speakers were Anna Marie with the Pinellas County Justice

and Consumer Services Division, as well as the Deputy Charles Skipper from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

They provided a wealth of information and tips about identity theft and fraudulent activity occurring in the State of Florida. They also provided real case examples of fraudulent activity and provided tips on how to deal with robot-calls from solicitors and how to effectively dismiss and report door-to-door salespersons.

The date and time of the next meeting will be announced in the December edition of the OTOW newspaper, as well as posting in your building center cores.

## Registering Building Coordinators

The Association, in conjunction with several resident volunteers, is establishing a building coordinator list for each of the buildings in the community.

We would like to utilize building coordinators to help disseminate building specific information, to help com-

municate community-wide events and to act as conduits of information in the event of a community emergency.

Our experience reveals that building coordinators are an integral part of Association management.

According to our records, the following buildings are in need of building coordinators:

1-10,12,14,16,17,19-25,27,29-31,33-40,42,44-52,54,55,58-67,69-71,73,76-81,83,84,85,89,92-96 .

If you are the current building coordinator of one of the buildings listed above, or if you are interested in serving as a building coordinator for your building, please register at the Community Service Office by providing a name, and email address or phone number, as well as your building number. You will be contacted by Valerie or Kathleen (volunteer coordinators) once your information is received. We look forward to hearing from you!

On a final note, I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

# West Activity Center spa and gym upgrades

By Dessa Barabba

Renovations are almost complete at the West Activity Center spa, which was resurfaced, the coping replaced, and pavers and drains added.

The spa looks fantastic. The exterior entrance door will be replaced as well as a fresh coat of paint. Work is in progress so we appreciate your patience while we complete these upgrades.

The spa will remain open for use periodically throughout the remainder of the work. Signs will be posted if and when the

spa will be closed.

As a reminder, if you plan to use the spa, please wash off any lotions, oils, or sunscreens prior to entering. When these are not washed off, they will collect around the tile edges and leave an oily film.

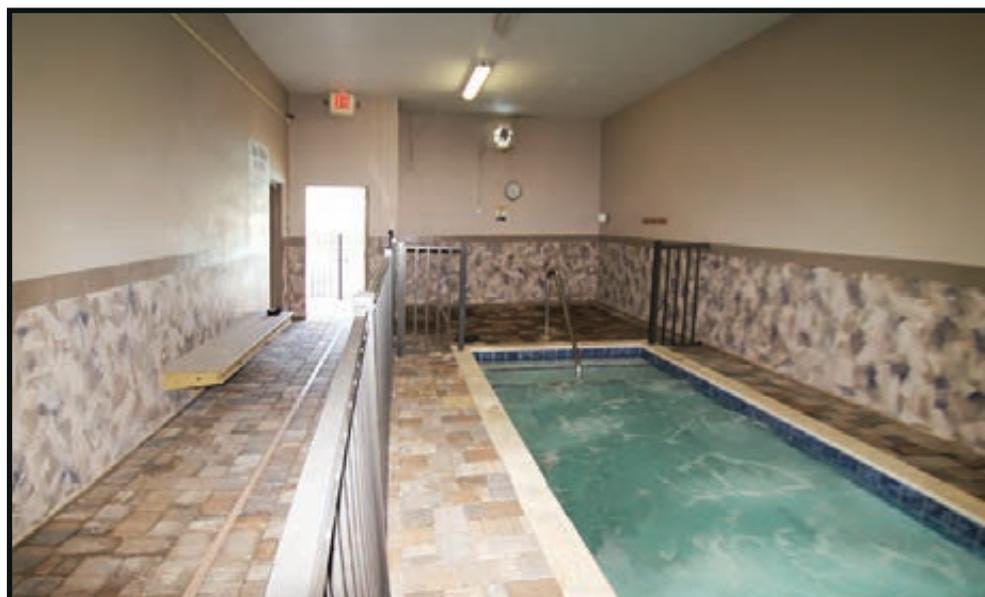
## West Activity Center Gym

In addition to treadmills, recumbent bicycles and elliptical cross trainers that were recently installed in the West Activity Center gym, we have added even more equipment.

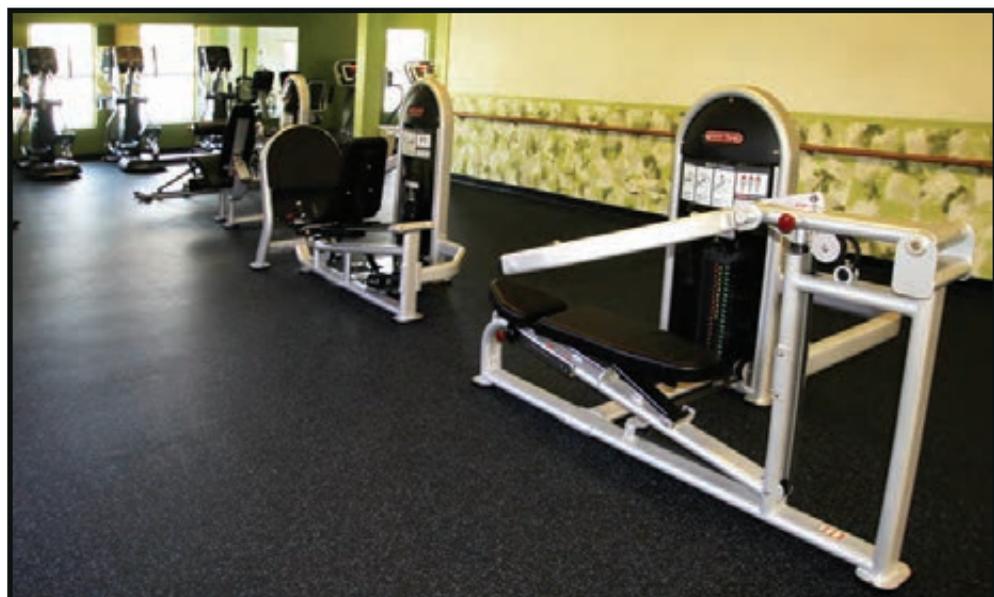
Additions include a new leg extension/leg curl machine, a leg press/calf raise machine, a new multi press, and a new vertical row/lateral pull down machine.

Please ask for assistance if you are unsure of how each operates. Also, please remember to wipe down any machine after use and adhere to all time limit restrictions.

With the new flooring upgrade, we are reminding residents to refrain from bringing in chairs to use as this can damage the new floor and void our warranty.



Spa work wrapping up



New gym equipment added



# This will be our best Senior Expo ever

Once again, it's time to mark your calendar for the 2015 Senior Expo hosted by the Community Service Office and Good Neighbors.

This year's event will be huge!

The Expo is set for Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parking will be available at the Denmark street parking lot and the SCA shuttle bus will transport residents to and from the West Activity Center, East Activity Center, and Denmark parking lot during the event. Parking will also be available in the South parking lot by World Parkway. Some parking will be available in the North lot but it is limited as most spaces will be reserved for vendor parking.

Giveaway bags will be available while supplies last. You can pick up your bag from a member of the Community Service Office when entering the event from the front lobby doors at the East Activity Center or at the Community Service Office table located outside by the vendor tables. Please remember bags are limited to one per person. All residents who receive a gift bag will also get their hand stamped for entry into the event.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the indoor lobby entrance and if you donate a non-expired canned good item for a local food pantry, you'll receive one additional raffle ticket. There are also two large raffles, brought to you by Good Neighbors, at 1:30 and 1:45. Entry for these raffles is at the Community Service Table. Tickets are \$1 each. For all raffles you must be present to win.

Voluntary pet and service animal registrations will also be available at the Community Service Office table. Registering your pet provides us important information and may assist in locating your lost pet. Also, by registering, you will be entered into a drawing for a Pets Supplies Plus gift certificate.

The Good Karma Café will be providing coffee and donut combos for \$1 and Good Neighbors will have hot dog, chip, and water combos for sale for \$2. Both will be located in the Art Room. Tables for sitting will be set up for your convenience inside the Art Room and at our vendor location outdoors.

Walgreens will be providing flu shots for those residents who need them. Medicare covers the cost of the immunization for many seniors. If the shot isn't covered under your plan Walgreens has advised that the cost will be \$31.99. They will provide waivers and



billing invoices available for residents the day of the event. All billing will be handled at the store level. Look for Walgreens tables in the Starlite Room and plan to get your flu shot that day. Additional information can be picked up at the Community Service Office closer to the event date.

Pinellas County's Operation Medicine Cabinet will be hosting a table again this year. Any resident who has expired or unused medications may drop them off at the appropriate vendor table during event hours. At their request, please safely remove medications from bottles and place in zip lock bags. Liquids should remain within their original containers and the caps secured with tape. Remember to remove labels from the bottles and destroy them. This is the best way to dispose of your unwanted medications!

One Blood will be onsite for this event, so please plan to make a blood donation. Also attending this year is Charlie Tulum's Dos Tacos Food Truck. A variety of food options will be available for purchase, such as chicken or fish tacos. Both vendors will be parked in the East Activity Center North parking lot along with our outside vendors. Additional information regarding One Blood can be picked up in the Community Service Office closer to the event date.

For more information watch for notices to be posted in each buildings center core as well as at each Activity Center.

## Up and Coming Events

We have a lot of things happening this month in our community but are always looking for input on new things to offer.

If you have an idea for an event or activity you would like to see available at On Top of the World, stop down at the Community Service Office and see Nancy. Let's work together to bring fun events and activities to our community for everyone to enjoy!

## Opera Tampa

Opera Tampa will be performing at Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday on Nov. 12. Please plan to attend this very popular performance.

## F.L.O.W Bus

The Florida Licensing on Wheels Bus (F.L.O.W.) is scheduled to be in the community on Friday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center North parking lot.

They provide a convenient method to renew a driver's license, obtain a replacement driver's license, change a name or address on a driver's license, get an identification card, renew a vehicle registration or purchase a specialty license plate.

They also offer the department's critical safety services, such as emergency contact information registration and safety campaigns by the Florida Highway Patrol. No written or driving tests are given from mobile units.

## AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held in the East Activity Center Starlite Room on Thursday, Nov. 19, and Friday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and a registration form can be found on page 54 of this newspaper.

## Good Karma Café

If you are interested in preordering from the menu, or if your club would like to cater an event, the Good Karma Café can assist you.

For more details, stop in at the café and see Amy or Destany. A list of menu items and order forms are available in the café or on the OTOW Box Office. To visit the Box Office, go to [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com), click the Box Office link, click "Enter" and look for the coffee cup link on the left side.

## Reminders

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

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

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

Smoking is prohibited 25 feet from the East and West Activity Centers. When smoking, please maintain this distance from all centers. SCA staff will be reminding residents when necessary. Remember to discard all extinguished cigarette butts in the proper receptacles. We ask for your cooperation in adhering to this request.

The East Activity Center pool area will be non-smoking. There is a designated smoking area located outside the pool gates at the north parking lot by the pond. For your convenience, benches will be placed there for seating. The West Activity Center pool will also be designated as non-smoking. We are currently in the process of establishing a smoking area.

## Recreation Card Reminders

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

You must bring your valid recreation card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request.

All guests must be accompanied by a resident anytime they plan to use SCA facilities, including the pool.

As a reminder, the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities. All noncompliance issues will be immediately directed to the On Top of the World Association to address.

While the SCA staff works diligently to maintain clean facilities, your assistance is also important. Please remember to utilize the showers prior to using the pools or spa. Suntan lotions, creams, sunscreens, and other topical lotions and sprays can upset the chemical balance in the pools and spa and cause the filtration systems and chemicals to work harder to maintain the water.

## SCA Staff

As always, I would also like to thank the SCA staff for their hard work and assistance in maintaining our beautiful facilities. We think they do a great job. If you think so, too, please write a note and drop it off at the Community Service Office.

# Maintaining a quality and

Some five months into the 2015 fiscal year and it has been a productive and challenging time.

The Board continues to engage in very substantial renovation projects, dealt with unusually heavy rainfall and rules enforcement.

It has been quite a year so far.

As your Board continues in its attempt to enforce standards and ensure a well run and fiscally stable community for all residents, we thank you for your ongoing support. 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 continues to be 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. Roof replacements are a certainty every year. Unfortunately, one of our very reliable roofing contractors will not be able to continue working here. The labor market is so hard right now, he has not been able to keep a stable crew capable of doing the mopped, bitumastic membrane roofs that has served so many OTOW building so well. This means one less contractor to bid competitively in the future.

The problem with finding and retaining good labor is all too familiar to your Board and to the management company. The labor market grew thin-



ner with the talk of higher wages at large employers, such as fast food and discount retail. The management company has had to pace the wage increases to assure retention of the very qualified and seasoned team that does work in this community. Hiring is still difficult. Your Board does not expect that outlook to change for the foreseeable future.

In an effort to limit impacts on the residents and the community service fees, the reality of this current labor market may well be reflected in adjusted task schedule priorities. That said, reducing the quality of service is the last thing your Board would want to have happen. Long story short, it is a very hard labor market now.

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 roofing, and paving.

We are considering all opportunities for savings that can be reasonably made without jeopardizing delivery of services.

## Association Annual Report and Census

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.

**Selling: Consider Disclosure.** I have been following a Pasco County case wherein a seller concealed and failed to disclose a material known defect in a property to a buyer.

In this case it was a sinkhole. Oops!

As reported by WFLA-TV on Sept. 28, U.S. District Judge James Whittemore wrote:

“Common sense recognizes that a seller who lies to a buyer about a defect in real property, which impairs the value of the property, has committed a fraudulent misrepresentation.”

This case is getting a lot of attention in the legal community because it is the first case of its kind – federal charges for lying on real estate disclosure forms. It could set precedent and could signal to other home sellers that they could also face federal charges for lying about a material defect.

I mention this now because the Management Company has been dealing with an individual whose condo has had water leaks in the shower pan and from a sink connection. This has saturated the kitchen and bath cabinets, as well as the wall board. There is a significant amount of mold growth in the condo.

The owner stated, “my handyman told me all I need to do is treat it [affected areas] with bleach and I can sell it.”

Well, NO. Not when the entire affected area of wall board is saturated and failing.

Were the seller to bleach and paint the mold-impacted areas and failed to disclose this at the time of listing, the seller may have been found to have committed a serious fraud against a buyer.

Bad news never gets better with time. Concealment is not worth the grief that may ensue.

## Community Update

**Painting/Waterproofing:** The front of Building 36 and the rear of Building 6 are scheduled to have new paint and waterproof coatings applied in November. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

**Railing Improvement Projects:** Building 49 is next on the schedule for the installation of new aluminum walkway and stairway hand railings.

Crews anticipated arrival in late October and continue working until the completion of the project in late November. As with the other railing projects, a licensed contractor will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails, so please exercise caution in the areas where these im-

provements are being made. The improvements are estimated to be complete in 5-7 weeks, depending on the scope and the size of the structure. Notices will be posted in advance of the work so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

**Construction, Roofing, and large scope projects:** As was stated in the July edition of OTOW News, Duke Energy will be upgrading numerous power transformers that provide power to the community before the end of the year.

Buildings 25 and 26 are scheduled to experience a power outage on Thursday, Nov. 12. Residents should expect the power interruption to last up to eight hours while the equipment change is affected.

Duke assures us that their crews will do everything to limit the amount of time the power flow is interrupted.

**Laundry Room:** A contractor hired to retrofit a number of building laundry rooms with new ventilation systems will begin a two-month long project beginning the first week of November, pending permitting from Pinellas County.

This work will require that laundry facilities in the affected buildings be unavailable for 3-5 days while the work is underway.

We ask that residents plan ahead for these closures. Notices will be posted to the affected buildings in advance, so please keep an eye on your building's bulletin board.

Buildings 12, 14, 16, 27, 36, 46, 47, 57 and 59 are the next structures scheduled to have new walkway lighting fixtures installed.

The project will begin in late-October and continue through the spring. Residents may see Parkway maintenance teams operating in the walkways as this project progresses. Please watch your step in and around this work if you encounter it.

**Inspection Services Division:** The Inspection Services team, in conjunction with the Parkway construction department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle.

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# cohesive condo community



Workers replace a roof during a project earlier this year.

The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules.

This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

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

**Stone removal:** Many first-floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the management company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stone throughout the community.

The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the propensity to become a trip hazard.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper.

The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

Recurring reminders for all com-

munity residents: Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to the second- and third-floor walking surfaces. Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work.

These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating.

The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

The management company will post notices on affected buildings bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work. Please be aware of "Caution" and "Wet Paint" signs in and around these work areas.

Awning inspections are in full swing now that autumn has arrived

to the area. The Inspection Services Division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community.

As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do.

If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing.

The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas.

Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times decorative rocks or landscaping is installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator.

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

A recent inspection by the Clearwater Fire Marshal's office confirmed the management company's commitment to the On Top of the World community.

In particular, the fire marshal's office has focused efforts in the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings that present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

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

While clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top of the World, these efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately.

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

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

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# 2015 Halloween Pet Costume Contest



Haven, a boxer, was Wonder Dog.

(photos by George Swiderski)



Sidney and Alice were trick-or-treaters dressed as ghosts. I think this is Sidney. They took second place in Halloween Spirit category.



This is Ronnie, a greyhound, who was dressed as a 'Greyvyard,' complete with skeleton, crow, tombstone and lots of spiders. Ronnie was this year's costume champion.



This is Harry, a Shitzu, who dressed as a pumpkin patch. Harry took second place for best costume.



This is Johnny, Mr. Lady Bug, who took first place in the Halloween Spirit category.



This is Abigail, a witch, and owner Royetta Runyon.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p>01</p>	<p>02</p> <p>Art Guild Board Meeting 2:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Snowbirds Club Ticket Sales 10:00 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Snowbirds Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Travel Club Meeting 1:30 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Board Meeting 12:00 PM - Veranda</p>	<p>03</p> <p>Hoosier Club Meeting 6:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Jesters Rehearsal 3:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Travel Club Board Meeting 1:00 PM - Rainbow Room</p>	<p>04</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Billiards Meeting 6:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Theater Workshop Board 6:30 PM - Veranda</p> <p>Theater Workshop Meeti 7:30 PM - Veranda</p>
<p>08</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Sunday In The Park 2:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Karaoke Singing 6:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>09</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Meeting 10:30 AM - Starlite Room</p> <p>German Interest Group Meeting 2:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Jesters Rehearsal 3:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Ladies 9 Hole Golf Meeting 1:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Healthy Living Meeting 7:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Jesters Board Meeting 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Jesters Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Chorus Meeting 11:00 AM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p> <p>No.82 Capistrano Dinner 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Chorus Board Meeting 11:00 AM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p> <p>Lawn Bowlers Meeting 11:30 AM - Veranda</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Canadian Club Ticket Sales 8:00 AM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Republican Club Meeting 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>No.43 American Gothic Party 3:00 PM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p> <p>Ladies 9 Hole Golf Meeting 1:30 PM - Veranda</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ladies 18 Hole Golf Meet 9:00 AM - Art Room</p> <p>Italian Club Dinner 5:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Italian Club Dinner 5:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Ladies 18 Hole Golf Meet 9:00 AM - Crafts Room-Ki</p> <p>No.71 Casa Verde Dinner 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Lawn Bowlers Board Me 1:00 PM - Veranda</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Snowbirds Club Social 5:30 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>No.89 Siboney Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Karaoke Singing 5:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>The East Activity Center Large Card Room will be closed on Dec 1st. Please contact the CSO office to find out where your event has been relocated. Please call the CSO office to reserve an alternate room. Looking ahead, your Dec 1st event will be held in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.</p>	

# 2015 Calendar

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>05</p> <p>Pennsylvania Club Meeting 10:30 AM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Show 7:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>No.79 Flamenco Meeting 4:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Press Association Writers Workshop 6:00 PM - Veranda</p>	<p>06</p> <p>Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Jesters Rehearsal 9:00 AM - Auditorium</p>	<p>07</p> <p>Entertainment Comm. Dance 6:00 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Procrastinating Quilters Crafts 9:00 AM - Crafts Room-Kitchen</p>
	<p>12</p> <p>Democratic Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Snowbirds Club Ticket Sales 9:00 AM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Jesters Rehearsal 1:00 PM - Starlite Room</p> <p>Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee 9:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>No.50 Azores Meeting 6:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Art Guild Meeting 1:00 PM - Art Room</p> <p>Jesters Rehearsal 9:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Irish Club Dance 6:30 PM - Auditorium</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 6:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Ladies QueT Billiards Social 7:00 PM - Art Room</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Good Neighbors Senior Expo 10:00 AM - Auditorium</p> <p>Theater Workshop Meeting 1:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> 
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	<p>26</p> <p>Lambda Club Dinner 5:00 PM - Auditorium</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Good Neighbors Crafts 10:00 AM - Auditorium</p>

closed indefinitely for renovations. If you had a function this month scheduled for the Large Card Room, please see Nancy in the room listed to. If you are in charge of an event which was supposed to take place in the Large Card Room this month, please see Nancy as November events may be relocated as well. Talk to Nancy to see if you should be reserving alternate rooms at this time.



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# British Invasion



On Oct. 22, there was a British invasion at the East Activity Center. First, the Beatles took center stage, followed by The Rolling Stones. Pictured above is “Mick Jagger” singing lead on “Brown Sugar.” On Top of the World residents filled the auditorium for this tribute show to both legendary groups. Best part is, the same group will be back at OTOW in October 2016. (Photo by Doug Kates)

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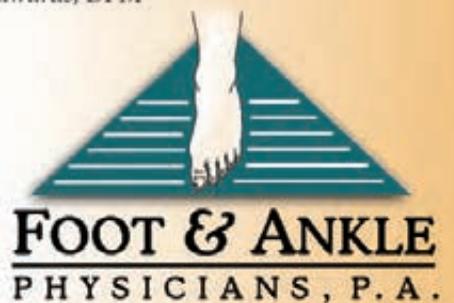
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## Yogi Berra

# Hall of Famer, founder of Yogi-isms

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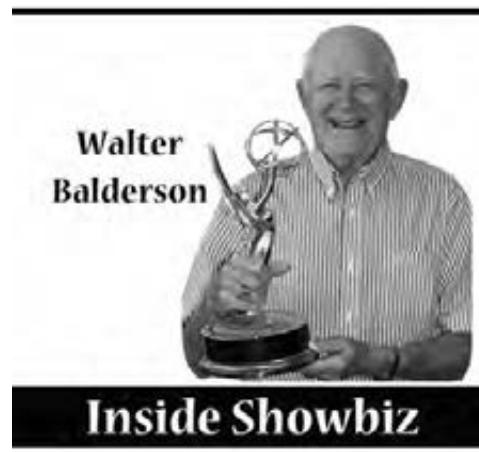
Sadly, it was all over for Yogi when he died of heart failure on Sept. 22 at his home in New Jersey.

A native of St. Louis, Yogi grew up with life-long friend, Joe Garagiola, and both became catchers in Major League Baseball.

Yogi signed with the New York Yankees in 1943 before going in to the Navy during World War II. After his discharge, he played 18 seasons in the American League – all but four with the Yankees.

As a player, coach or manager, Yogi appeared in 21 World Series games. He caught Don Larson’s perfect game in the 1956 World Series.

After his tenure with the Yankees, Yogi went across town to the New York Mets in 1965 as a coach and



remained with the team for the next decade. He became manager when Gil Hodges died of heart failure in 1972.

Yogi is famous for his yogi-isms. When questioned one day by a reporter about something he supposedly said, Yogi replied, “I really didn’t say everything I said.”

The most amazing thing about Yogi-isms is they all made sense to

him.

He once did a commercial with the Aflac insurance duck. In it, Yogi stated “If you get hurt and miss work, it won’t hurt to miss work. And they give you cash, which is just as good as money.”

Yogi was an outstanding human being and one of the most colorful characters you will ever meet.

I have sat in the studio with Joe and listened to him tell hilarious stories about Yogi. Back in the days, Yogi caught 17 doubleheader games and once caught a game that went 22 innings.

He was elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972. Yogi had a career batting average of .285, including 358 home runs.

So, when you are out driving around and come to that fork in the road, you can do as Yogi once said, “take it.”

### Famous Yogisms from the Yogi Berra Museum

“It’s deja vu all over again”

“I usually take a two hour nap from one to four”

“Never answer an anonymous letter”

“The future ain’t what it used to be”

“It gets late early out here”

“If the world were perfect, it wouldn’t be”

“If the people don’t want to come out to the ballpark, nobody’s going to stop them”

“Why buy good luggage, you only use it when you travel”

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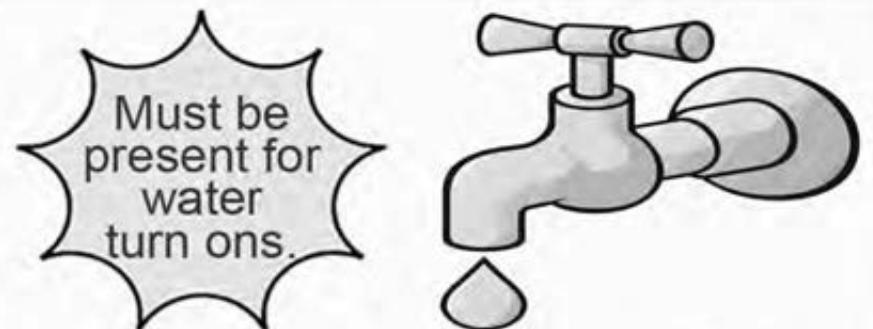
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# Anyone, any age, can inherit your condo, live there and pass it on later

Q. I really like your column. I suppose that some folks appreciate the scam alerts you put in it, but it seems to me that by now we seniors should all be aware that we are targeted for scams. Therefore, wouldn't it be better if you just added another question and answer?

A. I don't know about anyone else, but I really care about the folks whose paths I cross and whose paths cross mine. So, if I can warn at least one person, who might not otherwise know of a particular scam, I intend to keep doing it.

Thanks for the nice comment about my column.

Q. In September of this year, somebody asked a question about leaving an apartment to his child, who is not 55 yet. You answered: "Yes, you can." My question: Can the child, who is not 55, live in this apartment?

A. I did answer that, and I've answered it a few other times, but here goes again: To be very specific, if a person who is under age 55 (such as a child) inherits a unit within the On Top of the World communities of either Clearwater, Fl., or Ocala, Fl., that person can inherit the dwelling, can own the unit and can live in the unit the very same as if he/she were 55 or older.

I don't know how else to say this, but see the next question.



Q. I am way over 55. If I marry a woman who is way under 55, can she live with me and can I leave my apartment to her in my Will. When I pass on, can she inherit it, and when she does that, can she occupy the unit? Also, since I would leave it to her, can she do with it whatever she wants? Can she sell it or can she Will it to someone when she, herself, passes on?

A. (1). She can live with you. (2). You can leave your apartment to her in your Will. (3). When you pass on she can inherit it. (4). When she inherits it, she can occupy the unit.

In fact, if she is living with you, I rather assume that she's already occupying it.

If you leave it to her, she can do whatever she wants with it such as sell it or Will it to someone when she, herself, passes on.

I hope this answers your questions. Oh, by the way, congratulations!

Q. My CPA said that I should get some debt to offset some of my income. What do you say?

A. It is not a view to which I ascribe. However, I don't know anything about your financial affairs and therefore I say you should pay attention to your CPA, who surely knows more about you and about your financial affairs than I do.

Q. Your name came up at a seminar I attended with my wife awhile ago. The person making the comment was not any of the three speakers. I was told that you don't like trusts and you don't like annuities. I thought I'd give you a chance to respond.

A. I rarely, if ever, respond to comments made about me when I wasn't there to hear them.

Context is always important.

I will simply state that it is not trusts that I don't like. It's when they are marketed as being the best estate planning for everyone.

How can that be?

I firmly believe that the planning for one's estate purposes should be based on facts. Those facts should be directly related to the specific person for whom the estate planning is being accomplished.

So, to my way of thinking, for someone to indicate that everyone should have a Trust, makes no sense, and in my opinion, is inappropriate.

There are plenty of valid reasons why a Trust might be a significant estate planning method for someone. However, there are also plenty of significant reasons why a Trust is a silly estate planning method for folks.

As for annuities: my comment is pretty much the same. I wasn't there to hear the comments, nor was I there to know the context in which the comments were made. As I said, context is always important.

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The Press Association has reserved the inside patio at the Paradise Restaurant for its holiday luncheon in December.

# Press Association will travel to Paradise for holiday luncheon

You can leave your surfboards, water goggles and lotions behind, but bring an appetite as the Press Association is headed to Paradise for its holiday luncheon in December.

The board voted in October to hold its annual luncheon at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 3 at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor.

We will be renting their indoor patio for a couple of hours.

“In honoring our tradition, we chose a restaurant which is currently advertising in our newspaper,” said editor Doug Kates. “Members of the Press Association also wanted to go somewhere we haven’t been to yet as a group. So everything works out well.”

There were some concerns about parking, but Doug visited the restaurant on a Thursday afternoon in October and noticed there was plenty of street parking and the main lot was becoming empty as the noon lunchtime rush ended.

Anyone who has submitted at least one story from May 1-Nov. 15 is invited to join us. Lunch will cost \$15 per person and will include a meal, salad, coffee, water or soda, plus tax and tip. Adult beverages are extra.

Any writer, proofreader or photographer interested in attending, must prepay by Nov. 20. Stop by the newsroom with a check or cash. You may bring a guest for an additional \$15.



We are also asking you to preselect your lunch so everyone can eat at the same time. Choices include Grilled Chicken Breast, Chicken Kabobs, Eggplant Parmesan, Salmon (grilled or blackened), Taco Salad or Stir Fry in four varieties (steak, chicken, veggie or shrimp).

## Holiday Lights Contest

On Top of the World News has confirmed our Holiday Lights Contest will return this December and our sponsors are coming back for another year.

The Safety Harbor Resort and Spa will be donating a two-night stay and two breakfasts for the unit owners who receive the most votes.

The Sunset Grill will be donating certificates for the other first place division winner, plus second place in each division.

Anyone who owns a condo at

## Writer's Workshop Nov. 5

All On Top of the World News writers, present and future, are reminded the Press Association Writers Workshop is taking place promptly at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

Please arrive early. The class starts right at 6 p.m. We will have you out the door in time for the Entertainment Committee show at 7:30 p.m.

For this writers workshop, we are all going to teach a penguin how to write his first newspaper article. We are going to cover the basic journalism writing style, basic grammar rules and have a lot of fun doing it.

Please make sure your club, group or building reporter is at this class.

OTOW is eligible to enter the contest, except for last year's two winners.

The contest is divided into two categories: Ground-floor units and upper-floor units.

If you wish to enter, you must contact the newspaper editor to arrange a picture of your unit at night. Pictures will be taken starting Dec. 1 and ending Dec. 11, approximately 6-8 p.m. each evening. The phone number is 799-3216. Your decorations must be complete for your scheduled time and your lights must be left on until 8 p.m. There are no photo retakes.

If you enter the contest, you must follow all OTOW holiday lights guidelines, which include using outdoor lights only on the exterior portion of your unit, no decorations on hand railings, floors or steps, and no lawn decorations that interfere with maintenance crews or pedestrians.

A list of guidelines is available on page 22 and at the Community Service Office.

Units will be judged based on their outdoor displays and indoor lights available through windows.

All photos will be placed on the OTOW News Website, where voting will take place online Dec. 16-18. Anyone in the world is allowed to vote, but you may only vote once per computer.

Last year we had voters from more than 20 different states and even countries outside our continent.

Winners will be announced in the January newspaper, which will be distributed to residents on Dec. 31.

Winners will not be official until votes are tallied and the Inspection Services Department confirms all safety guidelines were followed.

Questions? Contact the newsroom.

# Let's add some color to autumn

By Judy Mills

Happy November everyone - let the Holiday Season begin!

Also, let the Art Guild season begin, starting with welcoming back our Snowbird friends. We have a lot in store for the upcoming months.

On Tuesdays, Wendy Colquhoun will be teaching Chinese Brush Painting, which is a beautiful ancient Asian art. These classes are in the Art Room from 12:30-4:30 p.m. The cost of this program is \$5 for members. Please call her in advance so she brings enough supplies. Her number is 727-723-7504.

On Wednesdays we continue to have Painting Pals/Open Workshop, which meets from 1-3 p.m. in the Art Room. All are invited and encouraged to join us with your current project.

On Thursdays, John Fier will continue giving his popular drawing lessons starting on Nov. 5 from 1-3 p.m. Classes are \$3. Please bring your own paper and pencils.

For all Art Guild members at On Top of the World, we always hold an annual art show towards the end of February, which gives our members the opportunity to show and sell their work. More details will be coming - but start assembling your collection now!

Membership dues are \$15/year which kicks off in the month of November.

The first meeting of the Art Guild will be held



on Friday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m. in the Art Room, which is on the second floor of the East Activity Center. New and old members are encouraged to share their ideas for future activities.

For this first month, bring a current project, completed or in progress, for the group to critique. Completed pieces are eligible for the monthly vote.

At our meetings we have a short business discussion and vote for artist of the month. The winning project will be displayed in the lobby of the EAC for one month.

The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. Come join us!

If your living room table looks like this, you should be a member of the Art Guild. If your living room table is empty or completely clean, you should still be a member of our club. A table full of paint brushes, paints and guide books

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# Holiday lighting safety notice

Parkway Management would like to remind residents of a few holiday safety rules

- All outdoor lighting should be plugged into GFCI receptacles. Add-on/temporary GFCI (ground-fault circuit interrupter) receptacle plugs are available at most home improvement stores. (see photo)
- Each building is allowed one common area Christmas tree. Each tree may contain up to 300 miniature lights or 600 reduced-wattage LED lights. Please limit power supply cords to one, 50-foot, UL approved cord.
- Extension cords should not cross any walkway in or around any building.
- If you are putting up a holiday sign-up sheet in your building core, please leave off the date of the event and don't list condo numbers for people attending. Let's avoid telling local burglars who will not be home.
- Please be considerate when using holiday decorations which make sounds - singing, talking or sound effects. Please turn them off at reasonable hours and please limit the amount of time they are playing.



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- 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 railing or pipe work. This includes all stairway and walkway railings, and emergency system pipe work. All wrapped decorations or cords will be removed without notice.
- Do not place screw extenders with plugs in any building lights or tap into the building power at any controller or light.
- Do not create penetrations into the common structure for the purpose of hanging holiday lighting. Self-adhering, temporary wall hooks are available at most home improvement and department stores.
- Do not wrap garland or decorations around the light poles at the end stairwells on any building. This affects the proper operation of the light.
- Never cover your condo unit numbers with holiday decorations. Your unit number must always be visible to emergency personnel. Don't make it difficult to find your location or a unit near you.

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.

**Good luck in the annual Holiday Lights Decoration Contest!** (see page 20 for details)

**Please direct any questions you may have to the Community Service Office.**

**Thank you and happy holidays from Parkway Maintenance and Management.**



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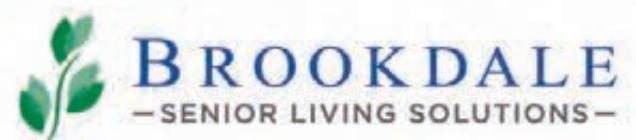
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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## Father runs and runs to bring attention to single-parent homes

By Penny Page

I sat across the table from a soft-spoken man who told me an amazing story.

Dr. Terry S. Hitchcock has done many things in his life, but what I found most interesting were his writing and his running.

In 2009, Indiewood Pictures, in association with Destiny Pictures in Hollywood, immortalized Terry's life story with an award winning, highly acclaimed, documentary called "My Run" narrated by Academy Award winner Billy Bob Thornton.

The film has been seen in dozens of countries.

"My Run" is based on Terry's book, "A Father's Odyssey," and a feature-length film is now in development called "Pushing Life."

The film is based on the true story of Terry's greatest challenges raising his three children alone after his wife died of breast cancer in her early 30s. In his books, he credits his wife as a woman of great warmth and strength.

Terry runs to draw attention to the challenges of being a single parent.

Many people have dubbed Terry "The real life Forrest Gump" since he ran a "mega-marathon" from St. Paul to Atlanta in 75 consecutive days -- more than 2,100 miles!

He did this to honor kids and single parents all over the country. He wanted to bring attention to what he calls every day heroes.

Terry wants residents in towns and cities to become aware that more than 24 million kids come home every day to a single parent household and face extraordinary obstacles and crushing heartbreaks.

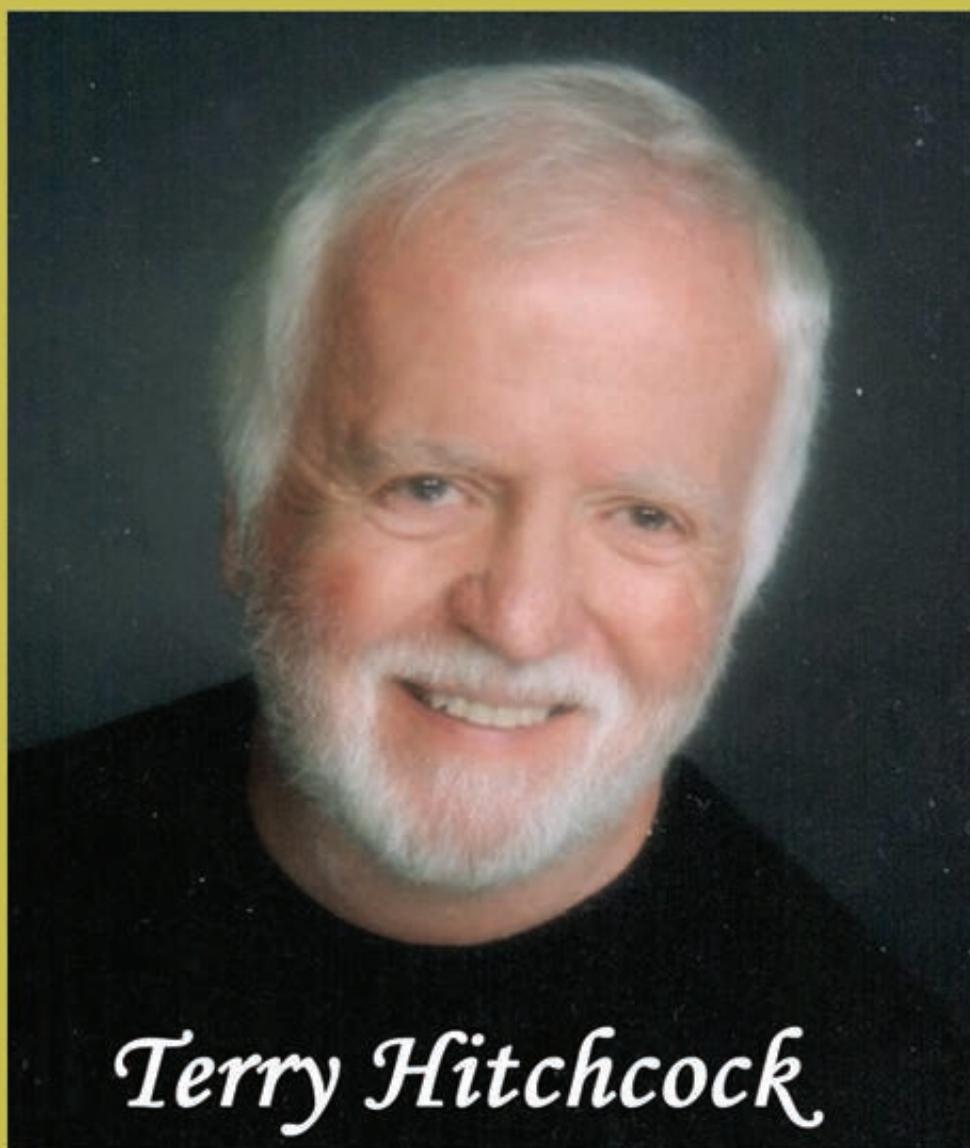
In 2014, Terry ran 600 miles across the dreaded Mohave Desert to honor our veterans. He proved that nothing is impossible. His story exemplifies the power of the human spirit over adversity.

Terry, who is an On Top of the World resident, is a highly sought after motivational speaker. His goal is to introduce his audience to a new way of thinking and he challenges us to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others.

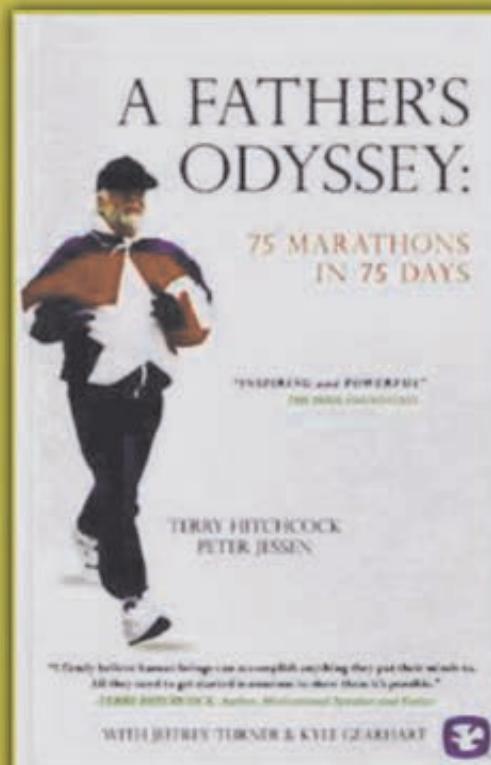
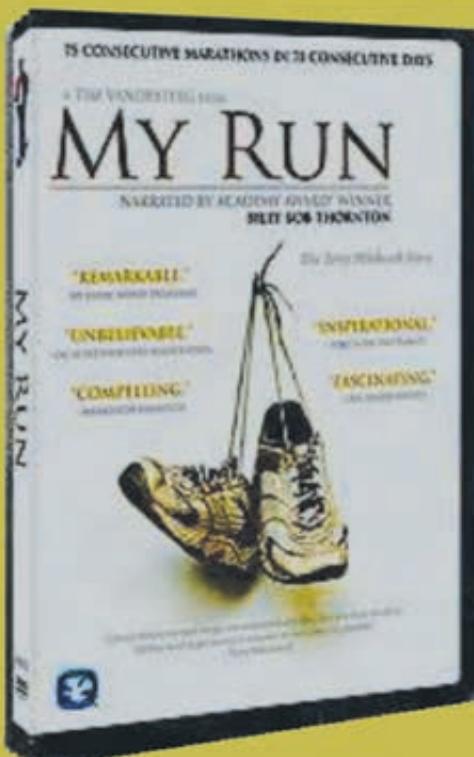
You can read much more about this interesting new neighbor of ours online at [www.terryhitchcock.com](http://www.terryhitchcock.com)

According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation 24.7 million children in the United States lived in single-family homes in 2013.

According to the US Census, this accounts for 28% of all children in this country



*Terry Hitchcock*



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  - » Seating available for dining

# ON TOP OF THE WORLD

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, STOP IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICE

# Republican Club has made great strides since reappearing at OTOW seven months ago

By Marvin Lazernick

Thanks to our many wonderful volunteers and excellent educational speakers, the Republican Club has averaged almost 50 members per meeting.

Our members have been given chances to speak their minds. It has been a wonderful seven months at On Top of the World as our club got back off the ground and has been moving forward.

Our first meeting was May 19. Since then, our many speakers have included First-term Representative Chris Latvala, Property Appraiser Pam Dubov, Public Defender Bob Dillenger, Congressman Gus Bilirakis, Congressman David Jolly and two candidates for property appraiser – Jim Frishe and Mike Twitty.

Thanks to the hard work of our advisor, Lee Hooper, we will continue



to have great speakers for the remainder of the year. Coming up this month is Pinellas County Commissioner Dave Eggers, and in December, State Attorney Bernie McCabe.

Every meeting we have several primary goals in mind - to improve and educate.

We have included changes to our meetings during these months. Among

some of them are a famous straw poll by Jim Bjorgo. Mary Jane Lofton has added a law enforcement custom license plate program, reaching out to the community to assist various charity programs.

The ladies from SHINE came last month to explain open enrollment, plus the changes in Medicare for 2016.

A 50/50 was organized by Sue Salmieri and is running excellently.

For notifying our members of important news, we use emails, updates on our Facebook page, and our club Web page on the On Top of the World Box Office site.

Members who do not have a computer are called by Nancy Haywood.

Maureen Bjorgo, Susan Lazernick, Phyllis Chandler and Shirley Moran are doing double duty as refreshment set up and door greeters.

Susan Salmieri is in charge of the

sign-in crew. Mary Harper and Bea Pacelli are the sign-in assistants.

Thank you go out to Wade Chandler, Ed Hooper, Tony Scheifen and Morton Ende, who set up and reset the room each meeting.

Lilli Scheifen is our able secretary and a letter writer without a peer.

Dan Moran is a great coffee maker.

An outstanding club needs not only great members, but also a lot of wonderful volunteers and we are blessed with both.

Did I mention, that this and other articles are written or edited by Esta-Lee Schwartz, for the OTOW newspaper?

With your continued support, we will continue to meet the third Tuesday of each month in the Craft Room, East Activity Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Hope everyone has a very Happy Thanksgiving.

## A new season means new research

By Anne B. Watkins

We are looking forward to another challenging year of "finding out what we are all about!"

That's what we do in the Family History Group. We research our ancestors.

Discovering our heritage explains a lot about us in the here and now, especially as we sometimes uncover unexpected results.

One thing for sure, we come to see the people in our past as human, just like us, with many of the same foibles and just as prone to make mistakes in their lives.

Our group has recently become interested in DNA, and some of us are now embarking upon comparing our results in public forums.

Again, you have to be open to the possible result. For instance, we know of one woman who found a half-sister she had never known existed. They made contact clear across the conti-



### Family History

nent and have now visited one another and become fast friends!

We can't promise that you will find a long lost relative, but we do guarantee you will have fun trying.

We meet the second Monday of the month from November to April. Bring any research you have already done, or even if you're just beginning. We'll take it from there.

Our next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 9 in the East Activity Center Computer Room from 1-3 p.m.

**2015 Halloween Pet Costume Contest Video**  
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### On Top of the World Computer Club

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**CLUB MEETINGS:** We hold computer classes, presentations and help solve computer-related problems. We meet every Saturday, 8:30-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.\*\*

**HELP SESSIONS:** Staffed by experts and OTOW residents - we help you with all your computer questions and problems. You can get one-on-one assistance with problems relating to computer software, hardware and applications. We help with Windows XP, Windows 7, 8, 8.1 and 10. There is free WiFi during help session hours. Sessions are Monday through Friday, 8:30-10 a.m., in the East Activity Center Computer Room.

**RECYCLING:** We will help residents recycle computers and printers for a small, modest fee. This service is for members only.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Our annual membership fee is \$20.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Find out what topics we will be talking about at future meetings. Go to: [www.otowcc.com](http://www.otowcc.com)

\*\* During renovations, we will meet in a different room

# Holiday concerts set for Dec. 12 and 13

## ON TOP OF THE WORLD CHORUS

By Ilene Bargerstock

Christmas has arrived!

The evidence was in the stores even before Halloween and Thanksgiving. I think I could even throw in Columbus Day and still be correct.

I must say, however, that I don't mind. Christmas trees, wreaths, bright lights, candles, reindeer, portly Santas, and even fake snowflakes - I love it all!

Which leads me to my most favorite part of Christmas -- all the music!

The On Top of the World Chorus is back in rehearsals again and excited to be preparing for another Holiday Concert titled "Home for Christmas."

We will be singing traditional songs that we all love, like "Silent Night," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "The Birthday of a King."

There are old standbys like "I'll



Welcome our new piano accompanist Winn Petrescue-McQueeney.

Be Home for Christmas" and "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town."

And, if you like a calypso beat, we've got you covered. Last, but not least, have you ever wondered what happened after the "Twelve Days of Christmas?" Well, come and hear. You might be surprised!

The Chorus always enjoys your participation in a fun sing-along. So, start tuning up.

And if any of you think you would like to sing the entire concert with us, it's not too late to come to rehearsals Monday mornings 10-11 in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Crafts Room and Tuesday evenings 7-9 in the EAC auditorium.

Betty Dethmers, our piano accompanist for nine years, has decided to follow a long-time dream. She will be singing with the 160-voice Master

Chorale of Tampa Bay. The Chorale performs with the Florida Orchestra at various venues around the area. While we will miss Betty, we wish her well and hope she finds great joy in her new venture!

We are pleased to welcome our new accompanist, Winn Petrescue-McQueeney!

Winn was born and raised in Canada. She now resides in Largo with her husband, their dog, Pippin, and a daughter, who is a college student and musician at Busch Gardens.

Winn has two other children and six grandchildren. Winn has taught piano since 1997 and has been a church pianist and choir accompanist. She is excited about working with the Chorus and says she believes it will be "good" for her. We believe it will be good for us as well!

"Home for Christmas" will be performed in the EAC auditorium Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m.

Mark your calendar now!

Tickets will be on sale soon at the EAC on Monday and Thursday mornings.



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# Getting closer to 500 hand-made scarves



## Knitting

By Phyllis Butler

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9 till 11 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

We are not a very large group, and during the summer, our numbers are even smaller.

However, this year we have taken on a project called "Scarves for Troops" and it is part of a larger project called "Operation Gratitude."

This is now November, and our final shipment will be made this month. We set our goal at 500 scarves, knowing it was probably impossible, but it was a target. With our Snowbirds returning to help us, we hope to meet this goal.



This is one of 500 labels, which will be attached to a hand-made scarf, and sent to our troops overseas. The scarves are being made by the OTOW Knitting Group.

During our meetings we have had many residents who have offered their help, and have had several who have

donated yarn to help meet our goal. Some have donated money to help pay the postage to send the boxes to Op-

eration Gratitude. We really thank you for all these donations.

Our Oct. 7 meeting was spent in sorting and counting scarves and attaching notes from us at On Top of the World Good Neighbors.

On Oct. 14, we packaged and mailed 295 scarves. We already have an additional 125 ready to be mailed. These will be boxed and mailed in boxes to our troops. Hopefully, some of the recipients will write or email us and tell us where they are stationed.

We want to give a big "Thank You" to Theresa Mayne and Song Brooks for packing the scarves and to Theresa for taking them to the post office.

Also, we would like to thank SCA employee Cindy for the help she gave us.

We operate under the auspices of Good Neighbors, and receive financial support from them, as well as from the Coffee Corner. We really appreciate their help.

We both knit and crochet, and, while we don't teach, we do help each other with problems and/or difficult patterns. If you knit or crochet we would love to have you join us.

We meet every Wednesday morning in the Veranda Room.



The East Activity Center auditorium was filled as residents and guests participated in a Bingo Marathon event for the third time this year. (Photo by Remo).

## Bingo marathon in October attracts 125 residents and guests

By Brad Day

Wow! We had a great time at our Bingo Marathon on Sunday, Oct. 18.

Everyone said they enjoyed themselves, even if they didn't win.

We offered nice snacks with coffee and donuts to start the day. Later we served a fried chicken dinner.

There was a raft of door prizes that took place during the meal.

Altogether, we had 125 happy souls for the afternoon. Thank you all so very much for coming to our event.

We are a small step closer to raising enough money for a new bingo machine.

We hope you keep attending our Monday

night bingo games, which starts at 6:15 p.m. We will be going right through till the end of November. We will close in December for the busy, hectic holiday season.

Hope to see you next Monday. Meanwhile enjoy the joyous fall weather.

Don't forget, we're still the cheapest bingo games in town and right in your neighbor hood.

## Morning exercises every weekday morning

Come join us at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday in the East Activity Center gym. The music will get you moving and it's a fun way to start your day and meet other ladies interested in staying fit.

Our exercises include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weight lifting to improve muscle tone and cardio workouts to music. Each day we work different muscle groups with a challenging routine so you won't get bored.

Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We've added a cardio circuit workout with weights on Wednesday morning, as well. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises at the end of each class.

The Association has purchased steps and risers, which are available in the EAC gym, for use by all On Top of the World residents. We have incorporated a step class Tuesday morning and added a co-ed step class every Friday at 11 a.m.. As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214.

## Bonesavers Classes

Bonesavers continues to meet all year round.

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises designed by Tuft University. Our exercises help prevent bone loss. We cannot grow new bones, but we can exercise to try to stop further loss.

Men and women are both welcome to attend our classes. We never do floor exercises and our classes are always free.

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

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- Electric/Hazardous Waste Removal

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## Fun fitness workout - come give it a try

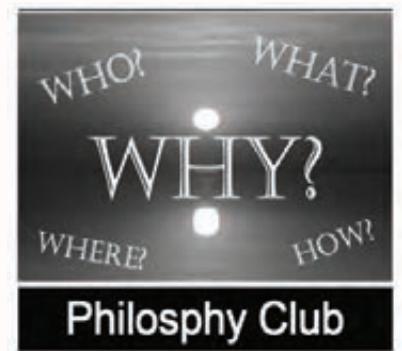
During November and December, we will meet 9 a.m., Tuesdays, in the EAC Yellow Room.

We will return to the Large Card Room when renovations are completed.

Men and women are welcome.

Bring water and a towel. Be prepared to challenge yourself, have fun and burn some calories.

We don't do floor exercises.



## Express your views

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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

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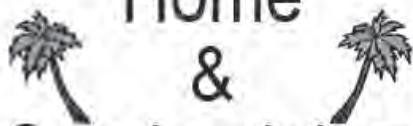
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# Travel Club crossing international borders in 2016 - join us in India, Dubai or Cuba



## Travel Club

By Terri Mikszenas

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If it's cruising your choosing, how about our eight-day cruise to Cuba from Montego Bay, Jamaica, in January. This is an amazing opportunity to cruise to Cuba before it opens to the world.

Our February five-day cruise



OTOW Travel Club members Dottie Meissner and Marilyn Whelan enjoyed an amazing walk with the lions in South Africa recently. These baby lion cubs stopped during their walk to enjoy a little play time.

(Photo by Dottie Meissner)

to Key West and Cozumel, Mexico, has also created a lot of excitement. There's still time to come aboard!

Did you know you can eliminate your seasonal allergies when the pollen is falling by taking a cruise? Just another reason to travel with our club!

If you haven't seen the USA yet,

you might prefer to join us in June of 2016 as we travel from Chicago to Montana by rail, and then by deluxe motor coach as you tour Salt Lake City, Utah, and also visit the national parks of Glacier, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons/Jackson Hole, Bryce, Zion and Grand Canyons.

Like to stay a little closer to home?

On Nov. 11, our travels will take us to the Armed Forces History Museum in Largo. On Dec. 7 we'll begin celebrating the holiday season with a dinner at the Island Way Grill.

Why not join us?

We have so much more planned but you'll have to stop by our East Activity Center sales table on Monday or Thursday mornings, 8-10:30 a.m., to get the details, join the club and/or buy a ticket or two.

You are also welcome to join us at the monthly meeting on the first Friday of the month in the EAC Starlite Room. Meetings begin at 2 p.m., but most people arrive early with their checkbooks in hand to sign in and sign up for one of the many upcoming trips.

Remember:

*Travel - as much as you can,  
as far as you can,  
as long as you can.  
Life's not meant to be lived in  
one place.*

## Make reservations for holiday party by Nov. 16

# Auditions for 'Vegas' continue on Nov. 14

By Lilli Scheifen

Theater Workshop held its first auditions for our "Las Vegas: The Sands of Time" production in the spring and President Will Peterson said we may have discovered some new stars!

The next auditions will take place Saturday, Nov. 14 from 1-3 p.m. in the West Activity Center.

So, polish your resumes, perfect your tryouts and give it your best shot.

Director Peterson is looking for comedians, singers, dancers and specialty acts, such as jugglers, magicians or any type of act you might see in Vegas.

Our rehearsals will begin in Janu-



## Theater Workshop

ary 2016, every Monday and Wednesday from noon - 4 p.m., so we have plenty of time to get our efforts ready for the show.

The show will be March 11-13.

You must be a member of Theater Workshop and an On Top of the World resident to participate.

The date for our club's annual Christmas party is Wednesday, Dec. 2 at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach. The setting is beautiful and there are many delicious menu options available. We would love to see all our club members attend. Past President Tony Scheifen would like to make all reservations confirmed by Monday, Nov. 16.

More information will be available at our November meeting. Please bring your OTOW Recreation Card

with you.

The Board of Directors will meet 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4, with a regular club meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

Please attend to get all pertinent information and give your input. A club is only as good as the involvement of its members.

Theater Workshop will also have a table every Monday and Thursday morning from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium.

Questions? Contact Will at 330-6772.

## Italian-American Club Welcome back party set for Nov. 18

By Jerry Kaplano

Everybody seemed to enjoy the ice cream social that we had in October.

We will be having our Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner, catered by A&N, on Nov. 18 in the East

Activity Center.

Tickets are \$7 for members, \$9 for non-members.

Our Christmas Party will be at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa. Details to be announced.

In January, we will be having hot roast beef sandwiches and entertainment.

For further information, check our booth at the East Activity Center auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays 8:30-10:30 a.m.

# Lambda to transform next party into an art cellar with a jazzy theme

If you're into the arts, our November social is for you.

That's on Friday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

The theme is "Jazz Cellar."

We will be making the scene with jazz music, art displays, poetry readings and cool food and drink. Sounds like a successful recipe to me. In fact, I have written up a quick little poem to share here:

Though winds blow cold  
We do not care.  
Our hearts are warm  
When our friends are there.

Shakespeare, I'm not, as you can see. If you can do better, come to the Jazz Cellar and show me.

As for the dress code, it's Bohemian. Black turtle neck, beret, beard/moustache, sandals strike me as appropriate. But do your own thing. That's the idea.

We encourage attendees to bring a piece of artwork to display. Doesn't have to be your own. Likewise, a poem to read - your own or someone else's. Just give credit where it is due.

Our bar will be serving the drink of the night, the Bongo-Bongo. That should give you courage for your reading.

And our member beatniks will be bringing in some delicious treats for nourishment. So make the scene,



In honor of Halloween month, Lambdians had a party where the men were supposed to wear women's clothing and the women were supposed to wear men's clothing. Above is Dave Beaven on the left (his hair was actually blue) and Jack Kilgen on the right.

Gene.

Our Drag Night party last month was quite successful. It certainly gave me an appreciation for the rigors of

doing makeup and hair. I hit a thrift store for my outfit. I took my clothes into the dressing room and tried 'em on to make sure they fit. The clerk was

**Lambda**

nice, though I did get sidelong looks from some of the other customers.

For a real drag queen experience, there's always Hamburger Mary's Restaurant.

Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc.

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

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: [lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com).

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

## Take a CD book with you on a long trip

## New Danielle Steele and James Patterson books arrive

By Katy Gerritt

With Thanksgiving on the way, we would like to send out a special thanks to the Good Neighbors Association for their generosity in helping us purchase many new books this year.

We can say all our members appreciate the new titles.

We have noticed our early Snowbirds arriving and are happy to welcome them back.

We continue to have sales on Fridays, with special prices on both paperback and hardcover books. We do love donations of books published in the past 10 years that are fiction. If we don't have the book on our shelves, we may add it there, and otherwise we sell

donated books to raise funds to purchase new books.

If we have duplicates, we donate those to the VA Hospitals. We can assure you, books don't go to waste.

We don't have non-fiction in our general circulation due to space constraints, so I would suggest one of the Pinellas County library branches would appreciate non-fiction donations.

New books recently added include "Silver Linings" by Debbie Macomber, "The Murderer's Daughter" by Jonathan Kellerman, "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain and "X" by Sue Grafton.

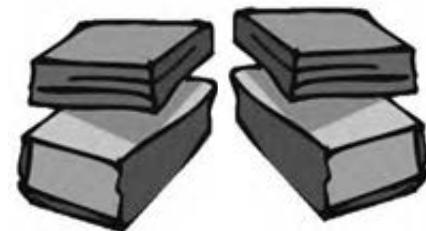
Also, "Undercover" by Danielle Steel, "The Girl in the Spiderweb" by

D. Lagercrantz, "Friction" by Sandra Brown, "Alert" by James Patterson and "The End Game" by Catherine Coulter.

Also, "Dance of the Bones" by J.A. Jance, "Devoted in Death" by J.D. Robb and "The Last Time That I Saw Her" by Karen Robards.

Look for these books on the first shelf on the left as you enter the library. New books have a yellow and red sticker on the binding, making them easy to locate.

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# New club will feature healthy exercises, events, cooking, nutrition and more



## Healthy Living Club

By Kathleen Santosuosso

At the Healthy Living Club's first meeting on Oct. 14, interested participants talked about existing and proposed courses and activities for the club.

There were excellent suggestions for having nutritionists as presenters, additional exercise programs, active group games, and healthy dining as a group.

On Top of the World residents who are interested in joining the Healthy Living Club, but were not able to attend the first meeting, may go to the OTOW Box Office Website to sign up and become a member. Please note that there is a password to sign up for one of our events. You may get the password at our next meeting, at our booth at the Senior Expo on Nov. 14 or by asking a current member.

The pilot course, Healthy Eating Every Day (HEED), continues through Dec. 1. We are learning about healthy options when shopping for food, nutritional information, and how to develop practical strategies for taking charge of personal goals.

Our instructor, Clark Perry, will coach participants toward improving eating and activity habits with per-



Pictured above, left to right, are Maureen Smith, Katarina Tepesh, Ute Scheibe, Kathy Ahrens, Val Martin, Barb Sundberg and Kathleen Santosuosso of the Healthy Living Club. They took a bike ride together in October.

sonally set goals. HEED is provided through Community Aging and Retirement Services (CARES) of Pinellas and Pasco Counties.

Additional free courses will start in January 2016 and will be open to On Top of the World residents with a current recreation card.

To learn about upcoming activities or to make suggestions for specific events, come to the second meeting on Nov. 11 from 7-7:30 p.m. in the Art Room in the East Activity Center.

The first new activity is Water Walking at the East Activity Center pool from 5-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and

Thursday. Water Walking begins on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Please sign up on the Healthy Living Site on Box Office (remember you need the password) or come to the first session and you will receive the password. It's time to burn 400 calories and have fun walking and talking!



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# Not too late for Snowbirds to join February show preparations



as to attend our monthly meetings and other activities.

The Jesters meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

If you are not the outgoing type and don't want to perform on stage, there are plenty of other opportunities for you to help us put on a successful show. There is a spot for everyone, and we would be happy to include you in our fold!

Do you know what the longest-running Broadway show is?

Can you name one song from that show?

We've got the answers for you when you come to one or more of our performances in February.

We hope to see everyone there!

By Sue Calinski

Welcome back to all of the Snowbirds!

Cool fall weather in the North has brought many of you back to sunny Florida already. This is the perfect time for you to join The Jesters, as we are still in the early stages of putting together our show for 2016.

When you become a Jester, you not only get a new circle of friends, but also the opportunity to be a part of our annual show.

Dancing was a big part of the show last year and there may be even more dancing when The Jesters take center stage in February.

This year we will be presenting "Broadway: A Night to Remember," which will showcase many beloved songs that have been featured on Broadway.

Tickets will be available at the East

Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings for a mere \$5 per ticket.

While buying your ticket, you may decide to join the Jesters for only \$5 for the year! This will entitle you to participate in the 2016 show, as well

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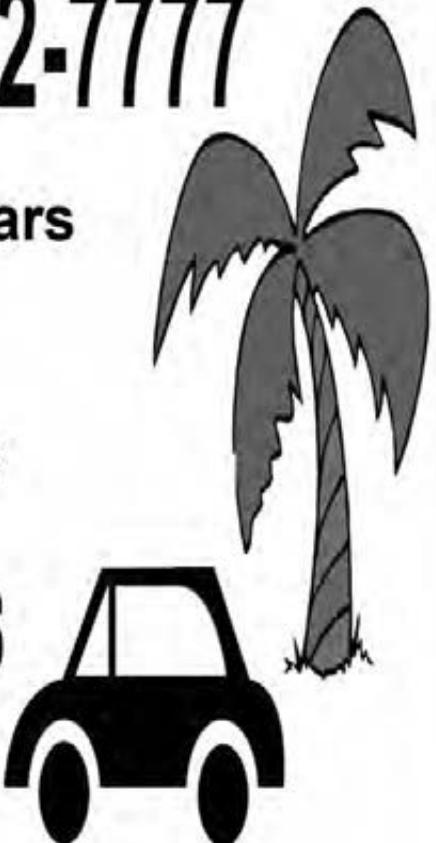
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# Senior Expo highlights extremely busy month for Good Neighbors

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President Jim Bjorgo

Ever hear the expression "like a Month of Sundays," usually said in exasperation over a busy time.

Well, the month of November, is shaping up to be a very, very, busy month of Sundays here at On Top of the World.

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. What more can be said about this day than to express our deep appreciation for commitment, courage, and personal sacrifice of all men and women who have worn the uniform of our armed forces and served this country with pride and conviction.

To those veteran's who have passed on and those who are still with us today, we thank you and salute you, God bless your service to our country.

Nov. 12 is Good Neighbors Thursday. We will be serving our usual



Shirley Costello, Roger Nichol and Ann Talner are stationed at the clothing table during the Good Neighbors Clothing Drive in October.

delicious donuts and Coffee Corner coffee.

Our schedule entertainment for that day will be Opera Tampa - young voices that have provided wonderful

entertainment in the past. You do not want to miss this performance.

In addition to the normal events of Good Neighbors Thursday, we will have a short program to honor all of our veterans here at OTOW. Since Veteran's Day was the day before, we felt it was right to extend our appreciation to our own men and women who are residents. We encourage all veterans to come this date, and if you have a friend that is a veteran, bring them along, too.

Nov. 14 is the OTOW Senior Expo, which will be held at the East Activity Center, both inside and outside.

This year's Expo is anticipated to have more than 50 vendors on premises. The vendors will be inside the main auditorium, the Starlite Room and the Art Room, as well as the North parking lot.

Good Neighbors will be selling our hot dog meal (dog, chips and water) in the Art Room for the fantastic price of \$2. What a value!

There will be a free shuttle bus to and from the Denmark Street parking lot, from the West Activity parking lot and the East Activity parking lot.

There will be raffles for gift certificates as well as two top prizes of \$100 and \$250.

Please see an Expo brochure for all detailed information.

Nov. 21 is the semi-annual Flea Market to be held in the EAC main auditorium from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. We encourage all residents to come out to this sale. You never know what you might find.

As usual, our \$2 hot dog meal will be available for all.

Tables for this event are on sale each Monday and Thursday morning from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Good Neighbors table outside the Gift Shoppe with the last day to purchase a table Thursday, Nov. 19. The table rental fee is \$10.

Nov. 28 is the annual Craft Fair to be held in the EAC main auditorium from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Please attend this event to see the fine crafts made by your neighbors and friends. Remember, Christmas is only 27 days from this event, so shop close to home.

Hot dog meals will be \$2.

Tables for this event are on sale each Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Good Neighbors table outside the Gift Shoppe with the last day to purchase a table Monday, Nov. 23. The table rental fee is \$5.

As you can see, this is a very busy month coming up, and we need more help to pull this off. Please, stop at the Good Neighbors table outside the Gift Shoppe on Monday or Thursday mornings and let us know when you would like to help. We will find a job for you.

And finally, we have openings coming up on the Good Neighbors Association Board that need to be filled. We plan on having elections on Dec. 10 to fill these vacancies.

We will also need a bookkeeper to work with the manager of the Gift Shoppe.

For either of the Board positions or the bookkeeper, the requirements are: you must be an owner/resident of OTOW; you must be a year-round resident; Bookkeeper position requires number aptitude; you will be subject to a background check; you must be bondable; willing to work hard and smile a lot. Please see Jim or Maureen Bjorgo at the Good Neighbors table outside the Gift Shoppe any Monday or Thursday morning. Last day to submit your name for consideration will be Nov. 30.

Be a Good Neighbor, get involved!

## Look for us at the 2015 OTOW Senior Expo



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# OTOW ladies head to Vinoy Park to help raise money for cancer research

More than 20 On Top of the World residents traveled together to St. Petersburg on Oct. 17 to take part in the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk.

The sun was just coming up as the ladies left OTOW and headed to Vinoy Park.

Together, they walked and made a donation to this worthwhile cause.

The group went with former OTOW resident, Julie Narancich, who lost her sister, Mary Jo, to breast cancer several years ago.

Julie was so thankful we all went with her to this fundraiser. She would like to thank all those who donated in support of this cause. All the proceeds go directly to breast cancer research.

In the photo at right, in the front row, left to right, are Maureen Smith, Taeko Tucker, Hilda Ochoa, Joan Sopotok, Connie Guidice and Maggie Wernert.

In the second row are Ute Scheibe and Barb Sundberg.

In the third row are Dulce Boyce, Julie Narancich, Katarina Tepesh, JR Dinello, Edie Ryczek, Rose Mulhall.

In the fourth row are Sharon Earles and Norma Bastidas,

On top are Mary Leahy, Kathleen Santosuosso, Margaret Forde, Gloria Mitchell, Anne Assalian, Mary Kennelly, Pat Fallon

We plan on doing this event again next year, so please join us. Watch for announcements in late summer 2016.




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# A Boomer's late summer road trip



By Ron Clement

"Out of sight, out of mind..." an old saying that is too often true when it comes to maintaining life long friendships.

I have met some wonderful people through participating in the On Top of the World Baby Boomers' Club. I hope they will be friendships for the rest of our lives.

"Live for today."

"Do it while you can..."

... another couple of expressions that ring especially true now that I am



Linda and Wayne Dubrawsky reconnect with Ron Clement in Orchard Park, N.Y., home of the Buffalo Bills.

retired.

So, with all this in mind, this past August I decided to hit the road and check in with some of our Snowbird Boomers in their northern habitat.

My first stop was West Virginia. I visited Torrie and Duane McDonough on their beautiful farm located atop the Blue Ridge Mountains. The cool

nights were a refreshing break from the Florida heat. The misty morning sunrise over the ridge was awesome. The elevation was over 3,000 feet.

I continued on to Pittsburgh. There Penni and Dennis Telleck shared their pride in the Steel City. They showed me the cultural legacy of Andrew Carnegie is still alive through many

libraries, museums, and of course the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University.

Farther north in Buffalo, I was treated to a boat ride on the Erie Canal, a visit to Millard Fillmore's house and dined on fine cuisine, including a stop at the tavern laying claim to the original Buffalo Wings. This visit was with Linda and Wayne Dubrawsky.

Buffalo was so nice, I went back for a second helping.

So inspired by the strength of these new friendships, I decided to reconnect with family in Cleveland and friends in Chesapeake, Va., I hadn't seen in 25 years.

After more than 5,000 miles, 15 states and much love, I can tell you this, with strong friendships and family ties, life can be just as colorful as October in Connecticut and just as warm as Clearwater in December.

The Boomers and I have since returned to OTOW and are reconnecting with others for another season of activities.

We meet on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, 5:30 p.m., at the East Activity Center, Starlite Room.

Editor's note: Everyone mentioned in this story is now back home at On Top of the World.

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# Dorothy Jones: A teacher's teacher

If you have doubts about the adage that teachers are born and not made, perhaps the story of On Top of the World resident Dorothy Jones will change your mind.

As strange as it may sound, Dorothy began her teaching career while she was still in kindergarten in rural Ontario.

Every day after school, she would rush home, not to play with dolls or skip rope, but to teach her 3-year-old brother everything she had learned at school that day.

If you are wondering about her effectiveness as a teacher, consider this. Two years later, on his very first day of school, Dorothy's brother was promptly moved ahead from kindergarten to grade one. On his second school day, he was moved ahead again, this time into his sister Dorothy's grade two class!

From that auspicious start, Dorothy never looked back.

She progressed quickly through elementary school, high school, teacher's college and then to the University of Western Ontario, where she met the man she would spend the rest of her life with. Maestro Don Jones was auditioning singers for a part in the musical "Iolanthe." Dorothy likes to say that she got both the part and the conductor that day. They have been happily married ever since.

After teaching for a few years, Dorothy stayed at home to raise the couple's two daughters, Beth and Sharon.

When Beth begged her mom for violin lessons, Dorothy decided upon the Suzuki Method of musical instruction. It was a decision that took Dorothy and her family on a 30-year adventure of epic proportion.



Dorothy Jones' book of teaching memories spans three decades.

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A monthly feature about the people in your  
On Top of the World community

by John Koning

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To use his own words, "I believe that a human being

is formed through the great activity of life, through absorbing from the environment."

Dorothy signed her two children up as the first children in Ontario to be taught the Suzuki Method. After the birth of their son, David, Dorothy became a Suzuki teacher instead of returning to the classroom. It was a career move that took her to Japan to meet Dr. Suzuki and to learn from the man whose genius brought a new face to musical instruction.

During one of her visits, Dorothy was encouraged by Dr. Suzuki to start a Suzuki school in their home city of London, Ontario, and to de-

velop a new musical instruction program for babies.

Dorothy, with her daughter's help, founded the Suzuki Early Childhood Education (SECE) Baby/Toddler program and has enjoyed tremendous international success with it.

Dorothy and her daughter, Sharon, have traveled extensively as they train teachers who, in turn, deliver the program to eager parents and their children. The program was enthusiastically supported by the Suzuki family and has spread like wild-fire.

In 2010, Dorothy received the highest honor of the Suzuki Association

of the Americas. She was celebrated in front of 1500 delegates with the "Building Community Award" for her work as founder and first proponent of SECE.

She was heralded as the "Heart of Suzuki Early Childhood Education."

After many thousands of miles and countless airports and hotels, Dorothy is now ready to stay closer to home.

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# Members contribute to meeting discussions

By Donna Lukas

How many of you watched the Oct 13 Democratic presidential candidate debate on CNN?

Tough questions were asked and the candidates gave serious policy answers. Maybe we can put together a watch party for the next debate scheduled for Nov 14 on CBS.

At our October meeting, Guy Hancock from the Democratic Environmental Caucus of Florida, was our guest speaker.

Urgent and important issues are (1) proper funding of Amendment 1 for land and water conservation (2) city and county resolutions to ban fracking in order to protect our aquifer



## Democratic Club

fer (3) objections to hunting bears, delisting of panthers and manatees from endangered species and (4) support for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Energy Plan to reduce power plant emissions.

It is important for us as indi-

vidual voters to contact our elected officials. There is already a state bill filed that would override local decisions that ban fracking and Governor Scott is suing the EPA to stop or delay implementation of the Clean Energy Plan.

One member also spoke about Florida's proposed open-carry gun law and urged us to contact Jack Latvala of Senate District 20 voicing our opposition.

Another member brought in several interesting articles, including our nation's only tri-lingual newspaper, La Gaceta, published in Tampa for the past 93 years. It's nice to see our members interacting.

For our Nov. 12 meeting at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room, we have invited County Commissioner Janet Long to be our guest speaker. As of this writing, Commissioner Long's schedule has not yet been finalized. If she is in town, she will join us.

Watch OTOW channels 96 and 732 for an update.

We will also be discussing results of our survey about topics of interest that are important to us. This survey will help us determine the focus of our meetings for 2016.

You will also have the opportunity to sign up for our Holiday Happy Hour on Dec. 3 from 3-5 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

## There are many ways a volunteer can contribute to a local school

By Jane Lee

The Classroom Volunteers Club from On Top of the World has adopted Skycrest Elementary School for this school year. By this we mean we have volunteered to help at this local public school in many ways.

Now that school is in session, we will continue to be useful by helping in the school office, by assisting teachers with projects, or by helping children with lessons that he or she might have missed because of being absent.

We are new at this. There are so many projects we can assist with, we haven't even discussed them all yet.

Carolyn Tillman is the volunteer coordinator at Skycrest and she can be reached at 727-469-5987. Her email is [tillmanc@pcsb.org](mailto:tillmanc@pcsb.org)

Another project is volunteering at the Stavros Center. Those involved in banking and retail may be interested in this program that takes place in the county. Students come to this center as a culmination of a study in the classroom. They come for the day and practice the skills that they learned in a simulation style program. The center needs helpers once a year, once a month, or once a week. Men, who worked in business, are especially encouraged to participate. Contact Karen Brighton at 588-3746 for more information about this program.

Box tops for education are always welcomed. If you have more than 100, call Jane Lee at 727-266-4380 and she will pick them up from you. These labels help to buy equipment for physical education classes.

Our club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center. Come meet other volunteers and learn more about this club.

If you have questions, contact Jane Lee at 727-266-4380 or [WLee315695@aol.com](mailto:WLee315695@aol.com) or Barbara Mooney at 727-754-3686 or [barbaramooneya@gmail.com](mailto:barbaramooneya@gmail.com).

Check out our club on the Box Office at [ontopoftheworldnews.com](http://ontopoftheworldnews.com), click Box Office, Enter, click Clubs and Groups and look for Classroom Volunteers.



## Classroom Club

## Holiday dinner dance scheduled for Dec. 4

By Jane Lee

Well, what did you think of our storyteller?

Will Petersen did a wonderful job and had us convinced that he was Ichabod Crane.

We hope we can get other clubs from On Top of the World to help us make our meetings extra special.

We hope you enjoyed the pizza and soft drinks that were provided. Isn't it nice that you don't have to rush a meal before coming to our 6 p.m. meeting?

New officers were nominated for the coming year. A list will be provided in the December newspaper.

We extend a special thank you to Sue Fleming, who led the group this year. Sue has worked so hard to bring new ideas to the group, and she and her friends spend many hours manning the New York/New Jersey table on Mondays and Thursdays. They are the reason tickets for special events can be sold and everyone can learn about our future



## NY / NJ Club

meetings.

Remember, no meeting in November. That would be Thanksgiving Eve and I know that I will be cooking for my family that night.

The next event will be on Dec. 4, a Friday night. There will be a dinner dance for only \$15. Felice's will cater and the menu will include ham and turkey and all of the fixings. Bring your own beverage and enjoy the music or dance to it.

The dues for our club are only \$5 a year. We encourage you to be part of us. We will start building committees when our new president comes in next year. If you like to lead, tell us what you can do.

## Pennsylvania Club's final meeting Nov. 5

The Pennsylvania Club will not have an October meeting as the club is going to close.

No one has stepped forward to be president.

The final meeting will take place 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 5 in the Starlite Room. All club assets will be taken care of at that time.

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# A new season brings new faces to line dancing

By John Koning

November might seem like a dark and tired time of the calendar year, but in the Line Dancing Club of On Top of the World it is a season of energy and renewal.

During our annual meeting held late in October, we elected a whole new slate of officers, with the exception of club treasurer, Mary Becker, who continues to manage club finances efficiently and effectively.

We are counting on our new officers to continue the good effort begun by outgoing club president Christine Nason and her board.

Christine brought her innovative ideas to the table and guided us through the process of upgrading our technology, revamping our dance inventory and modernizing our bylaws – no task for the faint of heart.

Christine may have passed the reigns but she remains a vital part of our organization. That's because she is full of good ideas and has unique views of line dancing as a vital part of OTOW life.

You, too, can be part of that same process. We are interested in new ideas.

If you feel like contributing, we would love to



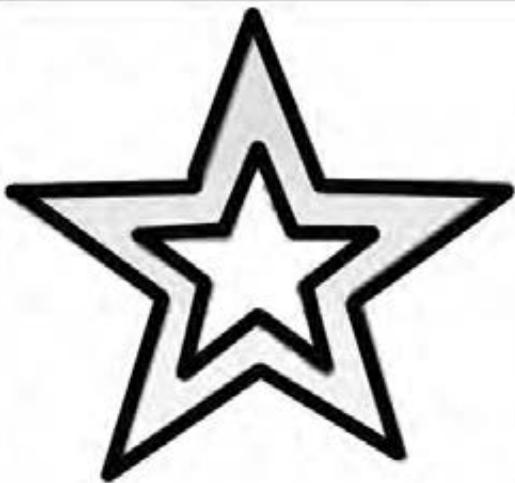
At this line dance afternoon in October, the front line was a mix of veteran dancers and newcomers.

hear from you. There is a process to be followed, but our minds and ears are open.

We encourage you to stop by the East Activity Center auditorium on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and check out our songs and

dances. Our Saturday mornings in November have been canceled, but will return in December.

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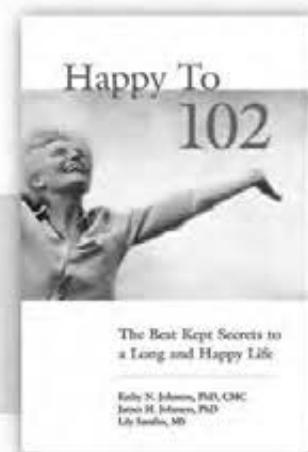


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# Registration night set for Nov. 20 - you must have a valid OTOW Recreation Card



By Rick McLauchlan

It is hoped that everyone is excited about being back in our Southern home of On Top of the World and has arrived without any mishaps.

Here are a few things to keep in mind while you settle in.

OTOW Recreation Cards must be renewed at the Community Service Office from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

Having a valid card is a requirement to join the Canadian Club or share in other clubs or activities of OTOW.

Renters should make arrangements for a valid card.

Remember to carry your recreation card with you at all times. Occasional verification may be done by a Home Owners Association's representative and this is for our mutual benefit.

Registration Night is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. The membership fee is \$5 per person. Remember that membership is open to anyone, Canadian or not, who is in possession of a valid OTOW Recreation Card. You must bring your card to be eligible to register.



At right is Dale Stevens showing us an on-field glimpse of the home crowd during a Toronto Blue Jays playoff game in October. Dale is an OTOW condo owner at the Orizaba Building, a future resident and a future Canadian Club member. He currently works for Major League Baseball in the media information division. The Blue Jays returned to the post-season for the first time since 1993, a year they won the World Series.

The club is searching for an auditor, Canadian Club publicity director, and a volunteer to organize Happy Hours. If you are interested, please speak to me, Rick McLauchlan, during the evening.

In lieu of a business meeting, a welcoming session will be held to introduce the 2015-16 Executive Board, the program for the year, the organiz-

ers that make it happen and acknowledge new members.

Come prepared to purchase your tickets or register for the many events being offered. A wine and cheese get-together will follow, which is a nice time to renew old friendships and welcome new members.

REMEMBER: Social Games, Nov. 19, 6-9:30 p.m. in the East Ac-

tivity Center Large Card Room. If remodeling is not done by this time, please check with the Community Service Office to see where this event has been relocated to.

Primary ticket sales will take place on Nov. 24, 8:15-10:30 a.m. in the EAC Starlite Room. This includes tickets for the Dec. 9 Christmas Dinner

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# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

## Table seating a big hit at shows

By Marvin Flam

The future is here!

Yes, the Entertainment Committee heard the "Wishing Well" requests by our members and we are listening.

Our Oct. 22 show, featuring the Stones and Beatles, was enjoyed by a packed audience. So, for the last two shows of 2015, and for all of the shows for 2016, we will be feature a lounge show setup with table seating.

Each table has eight seats. Guests may bring refreshments of their choice in a more relaxed, show atmosphere, and the Entertainment Committee provides ice and coffee.

All show tickets may be purchased in advance and are reserved. So reserve

a seat for yourself and share time with newly-met neighbors and newly-made friends, and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment.

There will be 12 shows, one each month, year round in 2016. And we are adding shows to next year's outstanding lineup.

The Suncoast Symphony is coming April 13, 2016.

The Brits Are Coming for a return engagement, by popular demand, with an all new show Oct. 13, 2016.

But don't miss the "Paul Tanner Show" on Nov. 5. He is a singer/impressionist with a live backup band. He is also returning by popular demand. We expect another packed house for

this Vegas style show.

We have dances and Sundays in the Park scheduled for the rest of 2015.

On Nov. 7, come enjoy our annual tribute to our Veterans.

New Year's Eve looks like it will be sold out again.

For 2016, we will present 12 Saturday night dances and free Sundays in the Park, one each month year round with live entertainment.

For the dances, each guest gets a free raffle ticket and may win a prize, in addition to having a ton of fun listening and dancing to the music.

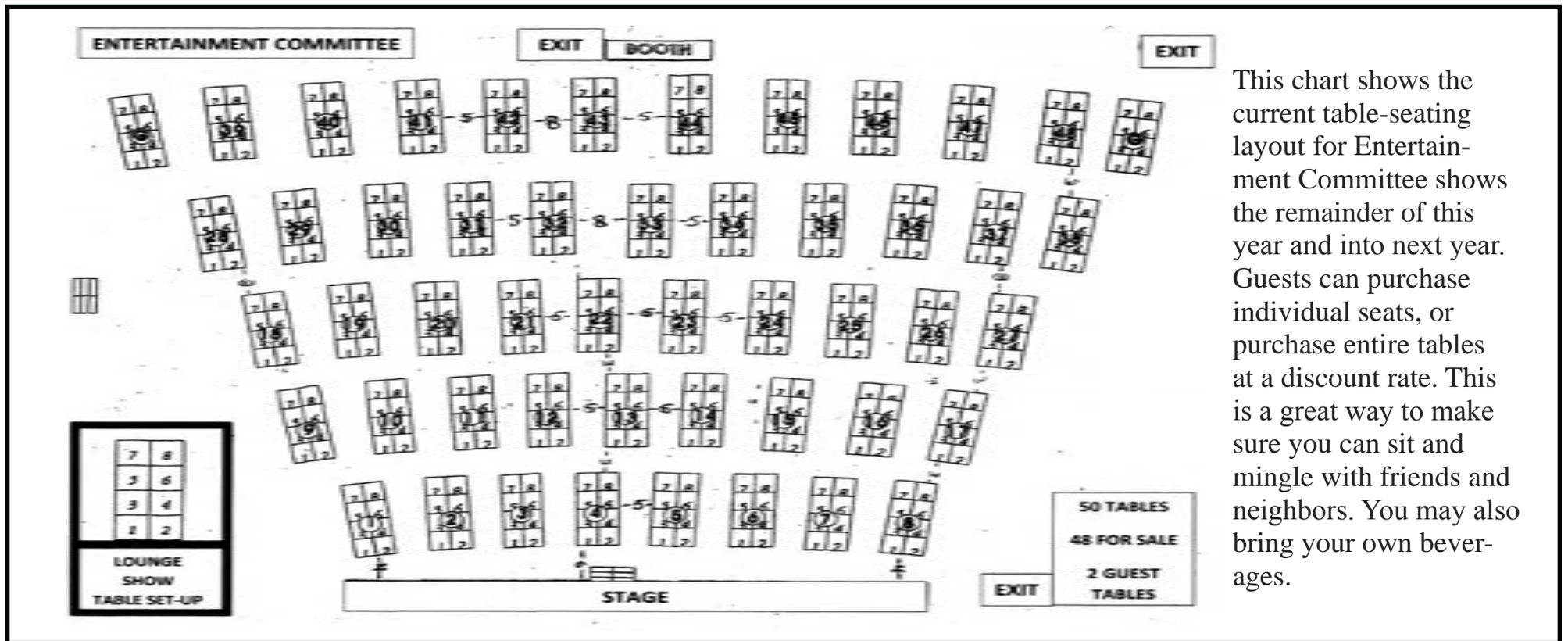
We are planning more entertainment, surprises, fun and games for 2016! Visit us in the East Activity

Center auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 -10:30 a.m. You can get information and buy tickets to any 2015 show and/or dance in advance including New Year's Eve.

All tickets for our 2016 year are available.

In addition to single tickets, we have special money saving ticket packages for all the shows and dances. Check us out on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732 or on the OTOW Box Office, (OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com); and all the bulletin boards. Call us direct at 727-797-1761.

Keep sending us "Wishing Well" suggestions. We are listening! Enjoy the fun ... be part of it!



This chart shows the current table-seating layout for Entertainment Committee shows the remainder of this year and into next year. Guests can purchase individual seats, or purchase entire tables at a discount rate. This is a great way to make sure you can sit and mingle with friends and neighbors. You may also bring your own beverages.

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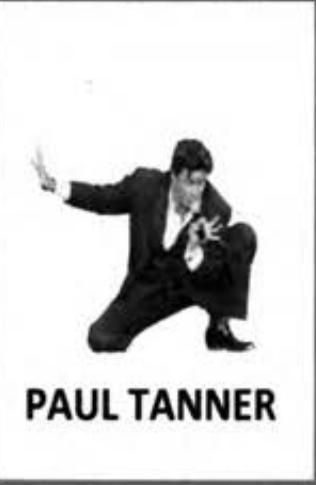


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# November events including holiday dinner, canal ride, karaoke cruise and line dancing



## Snowbirds Club

By John Koning

Another promising Snowbirds Club season is underway.

To get things moving, we spent a hilarious evening at Fletcher's Dinner Theater watching "Fox on the Fairway."

Then, we headed to Mount Dora to wander among the hundreds of artisans and their wares.

We enjoyed some spooky treats at our Halloween party before heading out again the next day to explore Sarasota and its attractions.

Get into the holiday spirit with the On Top of the World Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Fletcher's Dinner Theater on Nov. 26. No membership is required. Share some good cheer with your OTOW friends and



Doug Springer, Dick Stackhouse and Ted Soltys enjoy the flavor of Mexico on a recent Snowbirds Club cruise.

neighbors.

If that doesn't do it, our bus trip to Punta Gorda to cruise the canals and view the Christmas lights should

put you in a Christmas mood.

Immediately following the holidays is our Karaoke Cruise on Jan 2. There's nothing like a Caribbean ad-

venture to sunny Mexico to help celebrate a new and promising year.

Dolly is back with her popular Thursday morning line dance classes in the West Activity Center and Ed is putting his two left feet forward with his basic line dance class. You'll know this class is for you if you can't seem to get your feet to do what your brain wants them to.

If you are looking for a high energy workout to infectious Latin music, then Snowbirds Salsacize is for you. Sheila and Pat will get you moving and grooving until your sweat glands beg for mercy.

Warning! This is no couch potato workout.

If you haven't booked your table for our Welcome Back Party, you should hurry! Space fills up fast and we expect another sellout crowd. Our musical friends, At Large, will bring their renewed energy to keep us entertained. As usual, there will be line dancing for those who don't want to drag along that pesky partner.

The Snowbirds Club is your club for travel, adventure and fun!

## Smile! Another holiday season upon us

Tis Thanksgiving morning and all through the house  
No turkey is baking – I feel like a louse.

For I am all nestled, so snug in my bed  
I'm not getting' up and I'm not baking bread.

No pies in my oven. No cranberry sauce  
Cuz I give the orders and I am the boss.

When out in the kitchen, there arose such a clatter  
I almost got up to see what was the matter.

As I drew in my head and was tossing around  
To the bed came my husband, all hungry and round.

He spoke not a word as he stood there and frowned  
Each second that passed, he was losing a pound.

So up to the ceiling my pillows he threw  
I knew he was hungry, his face turning blue.

"I'm starving. I'm weak. It's time to start lickin'  
To the kitchen you go, Thanksgiving your fixin'."

But he heard me explain, with my face in a pout  
"I'm just too darn tired – tonight we eat out!"

### Stuffed Turkey

Baby Bruno was sitting in his grandmother's kitchen watching her prepare the Thanksgiving meal.

"What are you doing?" Bruno asked.

"Oh, I'm just stuffing the turkey," his grandmother replied.

"That's cool," Bruno said. "Are you going to hang it next to the deer?"

Marge  
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Internet Humor

### Need A Bigger Turkey

A lady was picking through frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family.

She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy looked at the turkeys and gave the woman a crazy glare.

"No ma'am," he said. "They're fasting."

**OTOW residents will be taking a fishing trip aboard the Double Eagle III on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in Clearwater. If you would like to join this group for a half day, contact Joe at 718-909-0657. Cost is \$62, which includes boat ride, rod and bait.**

**Boat leaves at 8 a.m. You must sign up by Nov. 10.**



## Season-opening tournament one week late

### 18-Hole Ladies Golf

By Pat Eastman

The Ladies 18-Hole Golf League was set to open their first week with a tournament, but it was canceled due to wet golfing conditions.

The women instead set out for a practice round on the dry holes.

On Oct. 13, all 18 holes were open and our new season began.

The course was in great shape and the weather was beautiful. The women started their season-long accumulation of points with some great golf. There were many birdies and even an eagle in the first week of play.

The winners on Oct. 13 were: Flight A - Pat Eastman, Sherry Ivey, Kim Norried. Flight B - NatSue Daw-



Pictured above are last year's President Elaine Stretavski and this year's President Ellen Fier.

son, Fran Zaloski. Flight C - Jackie Woloszyn and Rose Mulhall.

In the year-long competition of

last season, Carole Lacey awarded top prize money to the following ladies: first place - Pat Eastman, second

place - Joyce Monahan, third place - Gail DuCharme, fourth place - Cindy Schell and fifth place - Pat Dalziel.

Our new president, Ellen Fier, has set up a league Website: otowladies-golf.com. The Website has everything you want to know about the league and more. Take a look. It's great.

#### Upcoming events

November 10: Fun Scramble and rules seminar.

November 18: Board meeting, 9 a.m. EAC kitchen.

December 2: Holiday Brunch and general meeting, 9:30 a.m., WAC Sunrise Room.

Also, on Jan. 19, there will be a Suncoast Hospice Fun Golf Outing. There will be golf and a dinner open to all residents. Watch the 18-hole ladies' bulletin board for details.

## Season-opening fun tournament set for Nov. 20

By Bob Laplante

Many of the lawn bowlers have returned and tested the greens after a hiatus of six or more months.

Some have returned from playing on real grass and some have returned from a very competitive summer.

Regardless of the summer experience, it's great to get back to playing on the On Top of the World greens. The active social life for seniors that was the vision of Sidney Colen is realized in the type and variety of activities that are provided to be readily accessed by residents.

Lawn Bowling has been a premier activity, somewhat due to its high pro-

### Lawn Bowling

file location next to the East Activity Center. Whether players are wearing Florida casual, tournament whites or special events colors and costumes, just playing is a great source of promotion for the OTOW lifestyle.

November sees the commencement of business, as well as the social season. The grounds will be prepared on Nov. 18 by a group of volunteers from the club.

The annual general meeting is scheduled for Nov. 19 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. As these were tentative dates set last year, please check on the club bulletin board to confirm times and location.

The opening "Fun Tournament" is scheduled for Nov. 20. This is open to all members and takes into consideration that some players have not bowled since last year. No problem, the rules of play are nothing like last year's regular play so everyone has a chance to be on the winning team. Don't forget to sign up.

The first Jitney is on Saturday, Nov. 22 commencing at 9 a.m. This is

a more serious format in that there is an entry fee of \$1, which is distributed to winners according to the number of teams participating. There are two eight end games with the rankings determined by wins/losses, and points scored for/against.

As it is a tournament format, dress code is whites.

As it is a game with prizes, an even number of teams is required. Thus players are encouraged to arrive early as the last person to arrive may be ineligible to play if it creates an odd number of players.

Good bowling. Life is Great at OTOW.

## We should be thankful for our beautiful golf courses

By Pete Milner

November is usually a month we set aside to give thanks for all that has been given to us.

Canada beat us to the punch on Oct. 12, but here in the States we celebrate Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 26 this year.

Thanksgiving is a day that we should be celebrating every day. Look around at what we have to be thankful for and you will most likely agree with me.

### Men's Golf

By the time you read this article, a large number of our friends will have returned to On Top of the World to enjoy our mild winter weather and the company of long-time friends. Drier weather will also bring some relief from all the wet weather we had this

summer and should restore our beautiful golf course to competitive play.

Our course caretakers have worked tirelessly over the summer to provide a playable course.

The number of residents will soon pick up and we should be returning to normal scheduled tee times in the near future.

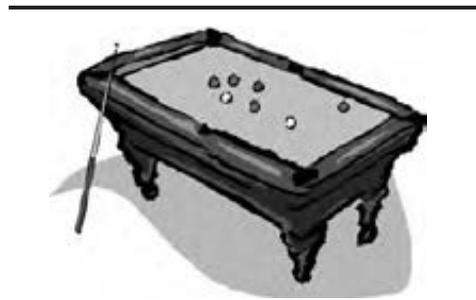
Always keep in mind that you must check in at the window at least 30 minutes before your appointed tee time.

Don't run the risk of losing your tee time for reporting late. There are always a few walk-ons ready to take your place if you don't report on time.

If you have a computer, go to [www.OTOWMensGolf.com](http://www.OTOWMensGolf.com) for tee times, handicaps, delayed tee times and, in some cases, cancelled league play.

We all look forward to seeing old friends and playing good golf.

See you on Wednesday morning.



## Que' T Billiards

Pictured at right are the top finishers in the Que't Billiards monthly tournament for September. From left to right are Maureen Doire, second place; Elizabeth Asselta, first place; Rashanee Turner, third place.



# Thursday golf starts a new season on Nov. 12

The Thursday Golf League's new season will start on Nov. 12.

For those unfamiliar with the league, it was created to provide On Top of the World women and men golfers with a venue for competition using the USGA rules of golf.

We use the USGA Stableford scoring format. This is a "Quota point" system used by many leagues throughout the country.

In this format, each player has a point quota and they try to play above their quota and not directly against other players. This allows players of all skill levels to compete fairly.

Each week, points are awarded. The person who ends the season with the most points is the league champion.

It is our version of the FEDEX Cup.

## Thursday Golf

Steady play is rewarded, instead of relying on good play over a two-day event.

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

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no weekly sign up. If you show up, you play.

There will be multiple events during the season including a four-person scramble, match play, two-person alternate shot play and a skills challenge.

For October, our league off-season continued.

Week 18 champion was Dave Pittenger. Fred Schick was second and

Clyde Hershberger took third place and low gross honors. Dave Pittenger collected two skins. Clyde Hershberger, Don Hunter, Steve Yauk and Paul Meyers had one skin each. Steve Yauk and Clyde Hershberger were the low score on the par three winners.

Joyce Monahan was champion in Week 19. Paul Meyers was second and Don Sorensen placed third. Bill Higgins had low gross honors. Don Sorensen recorded the lone skin.

Week 20 saw Ron Parham capture first place. Fred Schick placed second. Clyde Hershberger took third place and recorded the low gross score. Joe Wisinski and Paul Meyers collected two skins each. Bruce MacPherson and Dutch Michael had one skin each. Joyce Monahan, John Maloof and Bruce MacPherson were long drive winners. Don Leamy had closest to

the pin honors.

Several tiebreakers were needed to separate the top three spots in Week 21. Dave Pittenger came out on top. Bruce MacPherson was second and Fred Schick placed third. Bruce also had low gross honors and one skin. Jim Cawley and Bill Higgins captured two skins each. Paul Meyers had one skin.

Paul Meyers was the Week 22 champion and low gross scorer. Patti Cook finished second place and Fred Schick took third place. Bill Higgins, Rich Ziembicki, Don Baker. Don Hunter and Joe Wisinski all collected one skin each.

Current information, including results and upcoming events can be found on the OTOW Box Office Website in the club pages section. You may email [blackdoggolff@aol.com](mailto:blackdoggolff@aol.com) for questions.

## Attention sports writers - Writers Workshop is Nov. 5

Want to write a better sports story for the On Top of the World newspaper?

Want to improve your grammar skills?

Want to break your bad writing habits?

Whether you cover golf, billiards, lawn bowling, shuffleboard, tennis or horseshoes, you are

invited to the Press Association's annual Writers Workshop at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 5 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

Maybe you are not your sports team writer now, but will be next year, this is your chance to get a head start on improving your writing.

And, the Writers Workshop is not just open to sports writers. It is open to building writers, club writers and group writers.

You will be in and out in one hour. There is no quiz or homework, but you should take notes. There will be refreshments and a good time.



***Mondays & Thursdays***

## Shuffleboard is back

Welcome back shuffleboarders!

It was a great season opener on the shuffleboard courts on Oct. 5. The weather was perfect, and many of our old friends showed up.

After catching up on summer adventures, we settled into a lively match of three games.

Winners of all three games so far have been: Virginia Butler (x2), Elaine Ellis, Joe Gora, Bob Rittner (x2), Jean Rogers, Marge Sivek and Dave Williams.

Participants are returning from their summer abodes, and soon the courts will be full again.

We play on Monday and Thursday afternoons, at 1:30 pm. Feel free to show up and try it.

Please call Marge (727) 797-0625 or Bob (727) 729-7970 with any questions.

All skill levels are promised a little exercise and a lot of fun. Join us!



Opening day for shuffleboard season was Oct. 5 and the first players in action were a mix of year-round residents and early returning Snowbirds.

# Play ball! Preseason is over

By Bob Rittner

Back in time for the last few stickball games before softball season begins, Guy Bertuzzi showed no rust at all as he hit for the cycle and added a slew of doubles and triples beyond those four hits.

His heroics proved necessary as the Joe Farrell/Ray Woolsey team caught Guy, Bob Rittner and Al Palumbo to end the game in a 6-6 tie.

Ray's flawless fielding and steady hitting by both him and Joe overcame a six-run deficit.

In the penultimate stickball game of the season, defense took center stage. Bill Lepping raced in to make a bobbling catch of a softly hit ball. Later in the game, Bob Rittner sped from the left field foul line to the right field line to haul in a fly ball with a one hand catch that he cradled against his body like a wide receiver. Not to be outdone, on the very next batter, pitcher Ray Woolsey, showing the reflexes of a 20 year old, snagged a screaming line drive at the mound with one hand.

One bit of controversy arose when a ball stuck in the crook of a tree branch. Bob shook it free catching it as it fell. The ruling was a catch and an out.

## Softball

The annual pre-season softball meeting, held at the Expo Diner, was a gathering of the team to clarify some rules and procedures. We will try to get to the field by 7:30 a.m. so we may have batting practice and start play by 8.

Welcome back to Don Dinello after a year's absence and also to Alan Merrell, who got a taste of our play for three games at the end of last season and expressed enthusiasm about returning.

On opening day, Cody's outscored Brookdale Beckett Lake 6-1 over the last two innings to seal their 11-9 victory. Clutch hits by Sam Macaluso, Hugh Quirk, Joe Maley and Lenny Segall drove in the winning runs in the ninth inning, while Ken Graham had two doubles among his four hits.

Guy Bertuzzi and Bill Bennett had four hits apiece for Brookdale.

You did not have to attend the pre-season meeting to join our league. You may show up at a game at the Safety Harbor fields or call for information: Tony Caputo 726-9248, Guy Bertuzzi: 723-2307 or Bob Rittner: 729-7970.

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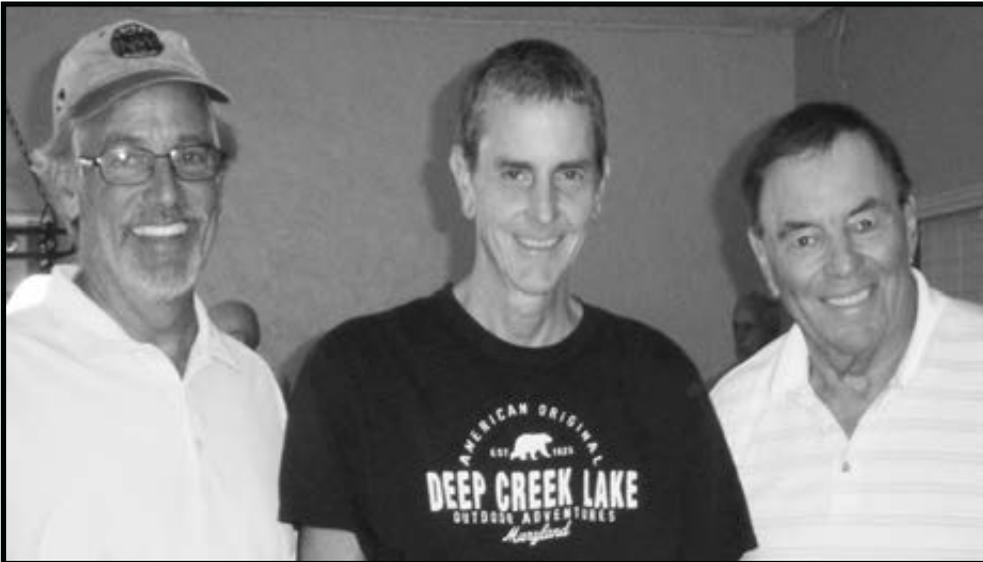
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In the left side photo are the top finishers from the Oct. 5 A Flight, 8-ball tournament. From left to right are Rick Lloyd (second place), Dave Williams (first place) and Don Sorenson (third place). In the next photo are the top finishers from the B Flight on the same day. They are Joe Wisinski (third place), Mario Rodriguez (first place) and Eddie Ramirez (second place).

# Joe Gora, Joe Doire, Dave Williams capture A Flight, 8-ball titles

## 8-BALL

On Monday, Sept. 21, in A Flight, Joe Gora won every game, but one, to capture first place.

Dave Williams took second place with Eddie Ramirez settling for third. In B Flight there was a playoff between Barb Sundberg and Joey Ventimiglia. Joey captured first place with Barb settling for second. Nick Sapienza took third.

On Sept. 28, in A Flight, Joe Doire captured first place, Dave Williams settled for second again and Don Sorensen claimed third. In B Flight, Barb Sundberg took first place, Ron Baltrunas claimed second and Nick Sapienza settled for third.

On Oct. 5, in A Flight, Dave Williams captured first place. After a playoff, Rick Lloyd took second place with Don Sorensen settling for third. In B Flight, Mario Rodriguez captured first place, Eddie Ramirez took second place and Joe Wisinski claimed third place.

On Oct. 12, in A Flight, Joe Doire walked away with first place. After a playoff between Don Sorensen and Dave Williams, Don edged out Dave for second place. Dave had to settle for third. In B Flight, Mario Rodriguez took top honors with first place two weeks in a row. There was a four-way playoff for second and third places between Ron Baltrunas, Vinnie Mar-



## Billiards

tinez, Barb Sundberg and Terry Wittman. Vinnie took second place with Barb settling for third.

## 9-BALL

On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 22, after a double round, Ron Blaettner came out on top by taking the first place slot. Joe Gora settled for second. On Sept. 29, it was a repeat performance with Ron Blaettner capturing first place and Joe Gora taking second.

No tournament was held on Oct. 6.

On Oct. 13, Tony Baker couldn't be stopped. He took first place. After a four-way tie between Craig Burnette, Tim Rush, Barb Sundberg and Joe Ventimiglia, Joe edged out the field to capture second place.

## 10-BALL

On Sept. 22, in A Flight, Joe Gora took first place with Gene Baranowski settling for second. In B Flight, Nick Sapienza captured first place with Joe Ventimiglia claiming second place.

On Sept. 29, in A Flight, Don Sorensen walked away with first place. Gene Baranowski took second. In B Flight, Nick Sapienza captured first place, with Joe Ventimiglia taking second place.

On Oct. 6 in A Flight, Gene Baranowski took first place, Nick Sapienza claimed second and Don Sorensen settled for third. In B Flight, Joe Wisinski edged out the field by taking first place honors with John Fier claiming second place. No playoff was held for third place between Phil Perez and Eddie Ramirez.

## SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Thursday, Sept. 17, after a playoff between the team of Mario Rodriguez and Joey Ventimiglia and the team of Tony Esposito and Joe Gora, Mario and Joey captured first place.

Third place went to the team of Vinnie Martinez and Eddie Ramirez.

On Sept. 24, the team of Eddie Ramirez and Nick Sapienza edged out the field for first place. There was a three-way tie for second place between the teams of Dennis Balling and Dave

Williams, Joe Gora and Vicky Portsmann, and Vinnie Martinez and Joe Wisinski. No playoff was held.

On Oct. 1, the team of Joe Gora and Terry Wittman captured first place, the team of Dennis Balling and Eddie Ramirez took second place and the team of Nick Sapienza and Joe Ventimiglia settled for third.

On Oct. 8, the team of Dennis Balling and Gene Baranowski edged out the competition for first place. Second place went to the team of Nick Sapienza and Joe Wisinski. There was a playoff between the teams of Joe Gora and Phil Perez and the team of Craig Burnette and Vinnie Martinez. Joe and Phil pulled off the win to take third place.

Starting in November, the A Flight will play 8-ball on Monday evenings and the B Flight will play Tuesday evenings.

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Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to [bootss@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bootss@tampabay.rr.com) and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on entries, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

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## Coloring books for adults? Why not?

By Arlene Bergen

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can be purchased at Barnes and Noble and on line at Books-a-Million. The brushes can be purchased at Michael's, Jo-Ann Fabrics or Walmart. Samples of the finished products along with the markers will be in the Craft Room at

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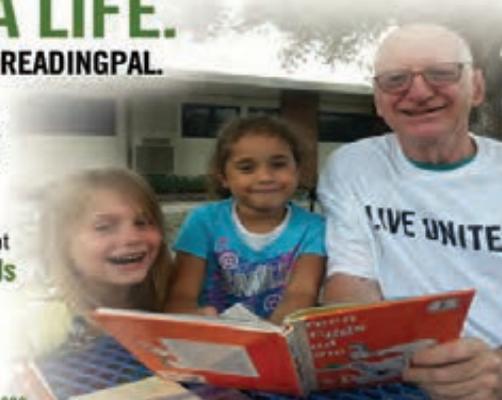
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# Book club is being planned for English Tudor residents

Once again JoAnn Dameron, our event planner extraordinaire, came through with a winner for our Wednesday brunch at Papa's New York Diner (see photo at far right).

She even had coupons we could use for our meals. Resident attendees pictured here include me (second from left), Laurie Cavanaugh, JoAnn Dameron, Joyce Abelson, and Marilyn and Ed Solivan.

During our meal, JoAnn passed a basket with instructions to take two items and pass it on. Lottery tickets and screen savers were just a couple of the items.

JoAnn requested that the residents keep an eye on the bulletin board as she would be listing all the events for the rest of the year. With consent from the attendees, JoAnn announced we would be having our holiday/



New Year's celebration in February at a local restaurant, as is normally done.

Several attendees expressed interest in starting a book club. A notice will be on the bulletin board in November for interested parties to sign up.

Once we have our snow birds back, we will be requesting On Top of the World personnel to inspect



Papa's New York Diner was the setting for a casual get-together of English Tudor residents for their Wednesday brunch. A gift basket was passed around, adding to the festivities.

our storage room for violations. Once a date is set, it will be posted on the bulletin board.

Let us all have a blessed Thanksgiving and share our meal with others.

## Featured resident was a long-time world travel pro

One of our residents, Thomas Wilson, originally from Kentucky, has been living at On Top Of the World for 20 years (see photo).

He is a four-year U.S. Air Force veteran and spent one year of his tour in Libya, North Africa.

In his younger years Tom, as friends and neighbors call him, has traveled to 60 countries. Many of his travels were with his late wife.

After his military tour, he got the opportunity to work with Delta Airlines. They sent him to airline school and he worked for Delta fifteen years, until he got a fantastic offer from Trade Wind Tours of Hawaii. It was a package deal he couldn't refuse.

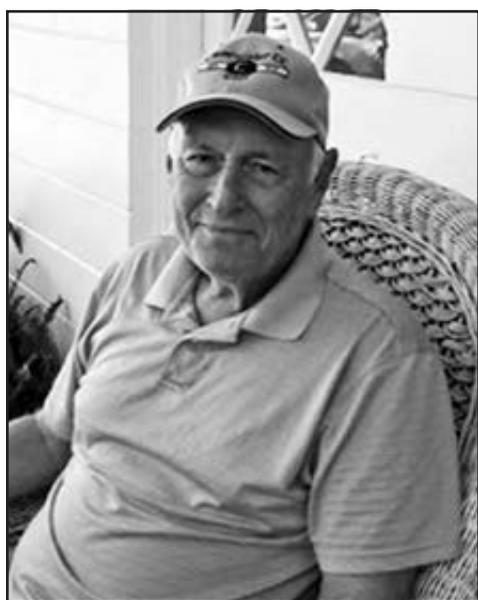
Then he got another great offer as a tour travel guide with Olson Travel World. He has traveled extensively and enjoyed every trip.

He recently decided to travel with his daughter to Natchez Miss., one of his favorite towns to visit. This quaint town has the most Antebellum homes in the United States.

They stayed at a bed and breakfast called "The Chicken Coop Cottage." As you can guess, it got its name when they used to have their own chickens and would get fresh eggs for breakfast. That was until the foxes killed the chickens.

The cottage sits on the bank of the Mississippi River, the largest river in the United States. The view was beautiful and very serene. While they visited, they were able to visit many of the plantation homes with their big moss-covered oak trees.

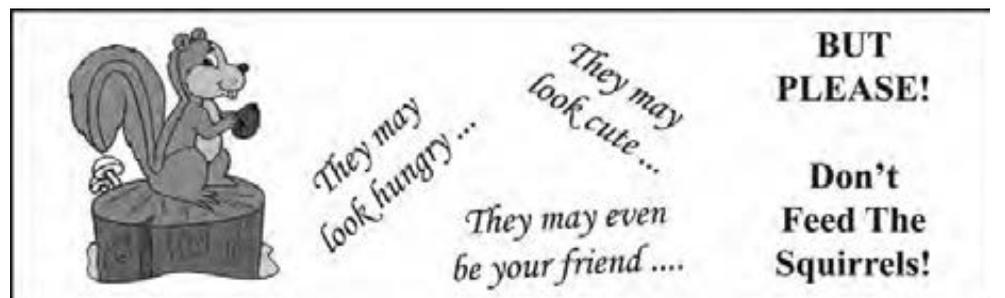
They also took a sightseeing tour through the town on a horse and carriage. This was an enthusiastic trip



Grecian Classic featured resident Tom Wilson as well as an educational one in which he plans to return again.

Spend an afternoon with Tom on his porch and stories of his travels will fascinate you. Thank you for sharing with us and for your service to our country, Tom!

We also wish to express our gratitude to all the other veterans for their service to our country.



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# Annual 'travel bug' starting to hit our Snowbirds

The air is cool and the travel bug has hit!

Snowbirds all over the north must feel today like I do. The weather starts to change in October and On Top of the World Snowbirds are probably getting that virus that could be called the "travel bug."

I sometimes get the "travel bug" at different times of the year but for the past 16 years, it has occurred like clockwork on or about the middle of October. I think it hit me earlier than usual this year because — guess what? — the cooler weather has arrived earlier.

The term "travel" could have originated with the French word "travail" which means "work." It could also come from Middle English "travailen", "travelen" (which means to torment, labor, strive, journey). In English we still occasionally use the words "travail" and "travails", which mean struggle.

I think it is interesting to ponder that Snowbirds do not look on travel as a struggle these days. However, in the days when such words were being "invented," the effort needed to move



from one location to another must have been a great struggle.

Suffice it to say that the use of the expression "travel bug" is not summoning the feeling of struggle to me. Rather it summons pleasurable feelings of moving from our colder northern location to our comfortable, warmer climate of OTOW in Florida.

Travel today is much easier and more frequent for all people than it was 100 years ago. In fact in the 1940's and 1950's, the idea of travelling to Florida was an exotic idea for most middle class families. Imagining orange trees and beach resorts in Florida was just



Dorado building reporter Don Jones packs up for his annual trip to OTOW.

a pastime for dreamers. Not so today. Many Snowbirds defy the changing weather and arrive in Florida to live at OTOW during the autumn.

I look forward to meeting my friends and greeting neighbors again. I will hear what the summer has held for them and share experiences that will undoubtedly include stories of travel to

places all over the world.

This summer, newspapers included reports that people are making plans to visit the planet Mars — a story for another time. What the travel bug means to me is that it is time to travel south.

Welcome back to some and hello to all in the Dorado building.

Copies of the OTOW News are available in the lobbies of the East and West Activity Centers.



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**A look back at the OTOW News  
(November, 1990)**

*By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz*

- The Entertainment Committee presented the Serendipity Singers, a group of six performers who got their start at the University of Colorado in the 60's. They were known to make as many as four costume changes during one performance.
- The Art Guild was planning its Arts & Crafts Show on Nov. 23. Bonny French and Louise Krambeer were in charge of the Christmas Party get-together.
- The AARP October meeting was very informative. There were 52 members and nine guests present. First VP Kay Gordon led the invocation and Tom Bracken led the pledge. The speaker for the evening was from the Crime Prevention Office of the Sheriff's Department, who showed a very interesting film on crimes against the elderly.
- The Organ Club held its organ concert on Nov 30, featuring Paul Shaub at the new Lowrey organ, furnished by the Fletcher Music Center at Countryside. It was held in the East Activity Center.



Brittany Farmhouse residents gather around for coffee and doughnuts. Preparations, including a fully-loaded table were courtesy of Beth Denntine and Jerry Thomas.

**Let's welcome this new resident from Michigan**

Finally the Brittany Farmhouse residents came together for coffee and doughnuts on Oct. 10 for the first time after missing the gatherings due to the summer heat.

The weather was perfect and 18 of our fellow residents showed up. Beth Denntine and Jerry Thomas made all the preparations, decorated the table so nicely and bought the delicious sweets.

Now we agree to do it once a month again.

Let's welcome new resident Anthea Hirsch. Anthea moved from Michigan to Florida in 1980 with her late husband, settling in Seminole. Anthea and her husband traveled all over the world, and she is thankful for all the great memories she keeps of that time.

A Mah Jongg teacher for more than 16 years, she is now looking for people who share her interest in the game.



She'll be happy to hear from whoever wants to join (727-666-3817).

Anthea also worked for the school system. A fun time, she recalled, was reading stories to the kids while wearing costumes that went with the theme.

Looking forward to Sunday, Nov. 1, giving us back the hour that was taken away in February!

Wishing everybody a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

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**The On Top of the World Press Association encourages all its writers and volunteers to attend the annual Writers' Workshop, to be held Thursday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m. in the Veranda Room. Refreshments will be available. This is a great chance to learn (or brush up) on basic writing styles and techniques used in the OTOW News.**

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## Newcomers hail from Buffalo, N.Y.

A building party was held on Oct. 22 in the Core to welcome back our Snowbirds.

Also, an important building meeting was held in the Sunrise Room on Oct. 29. The feedback of both events will be in my December column, since I have to turn in my column to the editor at an earlier date.

We welcome newcomers Bill and Desiree Rimmer from Buffalo, N.Y. They will live here year-round. Bill is a retired corrections officer at Attica Prison for 30 years. He rolled his eyes when I asked about the stories he could share!

He survived 30 years employment there, so that's good news. He has two married sons and two grandchildren in Buffalo.

Desiree is a retired nurse, and has a daughter in Colorado. We look forward to them joining in our building activities. I would trust Bill to keep everyone in line!

My husband John and I thoroughly enjoyed the Dunedin High School Pipe Band at the Good Neighbors Meeting in October. I don't know why, but whenever I hear bagpipes, my eyes get all watery. The youngsters in the band and the two dancers were really good.

John even won the raffle to the Thursday night Gregg Clemons Show. At the Press Meeting the day before, I won a money raffle. How lucky can you get?!

John and I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving, and please remember those who are not as blessed.

# Reporter marvels at migrating Monarchs

In late September, I traveled to the Florida Panhandle, the first stop being St. George Island, where the beach and sand dunes of St George Island State Park were indescribably beautiful.

But, the biggest treat for me was to see thousands of migrating Monarch butterflies that gather in the Florida Panhandle each autumn to rest and feed before flying over the open waters of the gulf to their winter home in Mexico (see photo at far right).

After leaving St. George Island, I drove to Navarre to attend the wedding of a cousin's youngest son. Several of us rented and shared a spectacular condo directly on Navarre Beach. What fun we had and what great memories we made during the four days we were together.

Don (Duck) Drake and Patti Jones have returned from their summer adventure. They took Duck's mother, to Silva, N.C., to visit her daughters.

They then continued on to Gettysburg, Pa., where 46,000–51,000 soldiers lost their lives in the one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. There they toured Pickett's charge, and visited the museum and enjoyed the 360-degree battle field painting.

Duck and Patti's next stop was the little town of Woodstock, N.Y. Then,



While touring the Florida Panhandle, Capistrano reporter Joan Baptist saw thousands of Monarch butterflies.

they were off to the north side of the Adirondack Park to their hometown of Malone, N.Y. (the town where the two escaped convicts from Dannemora Prison were recently captured).

Back in North Carolina, Duck and Patti enjoyed seeing the group Mountain Fresh, who made it to the semi-finals of America's Got Talent.

There was a "Welcome Home" parade for the group. The parade was made up of one police car, two ambulances, three fire trucks and a children's clog dance team. (You've got to love small-town America!)

While both Duck and Patti enjoyed their adventure very much, they say it is good to be back home with friends and all of their activities.

## Resident experiences fruits of genealogy

Another summer has come and gone, and I still have not used algebra.

Have you ever used algebra? I must understand it; I got 100% on my final exam in algebra as a freshman in high school.

Solving algebraic equations was not the only thing I did not do this summer. I still have not figured out where my relatives came from in Ireland, but this leads me to the main purpose of this column.

With the help of Don Leamy, On Top of the World's resident genealogy expert, Emerald Isle's own Judy Hetrick, recently discovered a whole new family she never knew she had.

When Judy was only 3 years old, her father died, leaving Judy with no lasting memory of what he looked like or what kind of person he was. Judy always had more questions than answers about him. Did she resemble him? Was there more to his story and consequently, to her story?

These are some of the questions she posed to Don at a Baby Boomer meeting, and Don took it from there. With very little to go on — just her father's name — Don called her



several days later to tell her she had two living half-brothers, one of whom was 90 years old. Not only that, he also discovered where the family had come from in Ireland!

Can you believe it? I've been working on that for over 20 years.

With great trepidation, Judy called the younger of her half-brothers, who was equally as surprised and amazed about finding this previously unknown sister.

Judy and her new brother, Harold, began a lively exchange of information and soon Judy was inundated with obituaries, census reports, and pictures,

dating back to 1874. Best of all, one day Judy received a picture of her father, an event she had anticipated for 70 years.

The discovery of her new family was quite overwhelming. As Judy puts it, "Words cannot express the feelings I had then and still have now. It was really almost too much to fathom."

Further communication between brother and sister revealed that a cousin lives nearby, in Naples. It was also decided by Harold's older brother's family that they would not mention anything about Judy's existence to him, fearing it might be too much for him to process at his advanced age.

Presently, Judy is trying to decide whether or not to go to California to meet her brother. And she gives this advice to anyone else trying to make the decision to act on their suspicions: Don't wait. Take action.

She adds, "I'm sorry I missed so much time with my half-brothers. All my life I've told people I was an only child, but I can't say that any longer."

Let x equal one and y equal two, and as a result, you now have three siblings!



# Hearing 'Send in the Clowns' will activate this couple

Happy Thanksgiving, Semper Fi (USMC birthday), Veterans Day (fly the flag) and don't forget to vote if eligible, on Election Day.

We continue to receive new residents into our building and we welcome them. One of our newer residents deserves a special mention because of the special activity that is associated with Larren and Doreen Doniger.

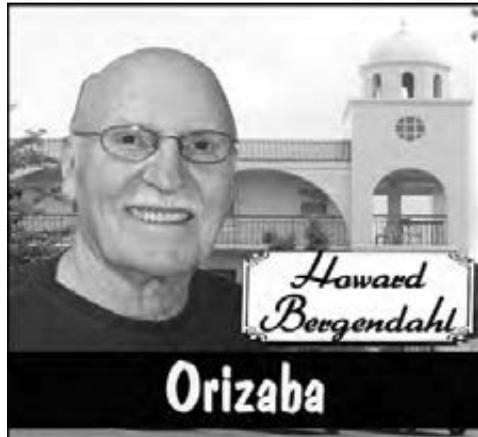
The dynamic duo of Larren and Doreen, also known as "Fox-e and Rox-e" clown around, literally. They belong to two clown groups and have the best of times and share these times with very deserving recipients (see photo at far right).

The groups are called "The Comedy Connection Caring Clowns" and "Clown Galore." Both are involved with entertaining by clowning around at nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospice and fund-raising activities.

The Caring Clowns also do rounds at the Largo Medical Hospital (the only hospital in this area that allows this activity). The two groups are similar but differ in presentation, specializing in skit programs and face-to-face action.

Larren states that clowning is not just for the benefit of others. The enjoyment for the participants is getting together for meetings and trips.

You cannot be in a group of clowns without plenty of laughter. Everyone involved is willing to share their expertise, such as, creating balloon



designs, using puppets, performing skits, face painting, etc.

It is proven that laughing is beneficial to our health and is reflected in their motto, Laugh and Live Longer and as the song says, "Bring on the clowns."

Anyone wanting to find out more about these groups should go to the Facebook pages, "Comedy Connection Caring Clowns" and/or "Clown Galore." Larren and Doreen also say that you can just come by and visit. A large and loud bravo to two funny and very dedicated people.

The October luncheon was held at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar and hosted by Linda Ledesma.

Happy Birthday to Jose Gonzales.

A man and woman were sitting and having a romantic dinner in a fashionable restaurant when the waitress noticed the woman slide down her chair and disappear under the table.

The waitress was a bit shocked and



New Orizaba residents Larren and Doreen Doniger ("Fox-e" and "Rox-e") appear with local clown groups to entertain patients in hospitals and nursing homes, hospices, etc.

said to the man, "I think your wife just slid under the table."

The man replied, "No, she just walked in the door."



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## Short but happy visit is satisfying to all

Last month, Dorothy Churchill had a short but happy visit with her grandson, his wife and their 7-month-old daughter.

They were in Tampa at a medical conference which was attended by her grandson's wife, who is a doctor.

They also had a visit with his cousin, Pat Stevens, who is the reporter for the Melbourne Building. Despite the rain, they wanted to go to the beach so they headed to Clearwater Beach where they enjoyed dinner at the Palm Pavilion.

They had such a good visit they said they would return again and stay longer next time.



Another of Dorothy's grandsons and his wife are expecting their first child in December. This will be Dorothy's second great-grandchild. It's going to be a boy. No name has been chosen yet.



During a visit to OTOW, Dorothy Churchill's grandson poses with his pretty daughter.

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# Resident moves from OTOW's East side to West side

We have a new resident in our building. Dee Dokunaci has lived on the East side of On Top of the World for five years and wanted to move to the West side. She was thrilled when an apt. in our building became available. Dee owns and operates the Rose Garden Boutique in Safety Harbor next to the Safety Harbor Spa. Welcome to the Espana, Dee!



Carol Keough's daughter and grandson from Newport News, Va., came to visit. They took a ferry from Ft. Myers to Key West. Carol said that the fresh sea food was great. She enjoyed watching her daughter and grandson as they engaged in various water sports and activities.

Jackie Manfredi's niece from Hampstead, NC called her and told Jackie that she had not seen her in a while. She offered to drive to Clearwater, pick up Jackie and drive back to Hampstead. Jackie spent a week there. They went to the beach, ate out in various restaurants and went to a tennis match where they watched tennis pros play. They then drove back to the Espana. Now you all have to admit Jackie has a fantastic niece!

Ellen and John Fier also had quite a trip. They flew from Tampa to Cape May, N.J. to visit with a few friends and

tour the area. They then drove to New York City for four days and visited with friends. They toured the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, Broadway, the back stage of Radio City Music Hall and many other famous places.

Then they met up with 10 friends from Clearwater and boarded the Regal Princess for a cruise up the Atlantic to Halifax, Nova Scotia. This was the first American cruise of the Regal Princess and John said the ship was very elegant. This ship has many unusual features such as the Sea Walk, a dramatic glass-bottom walkway which USA TODAY calls one of the "Top Gee-Whiz Features at Sea."

While in Halifax, Ellen and John went to the spectacular Peggy's Cove.



Ellen and John Fier stand outside the "Cheers" bar during their recent Boston tour.

Peggy's Cove gives you a little piece of rural Atlantic Canadian Living. The surf-pounded granite cliffs and the Lighthouse which was built in 1915 on granite outcrop overlooking the Atlantic. The lighthouse is still in operation today.

Then, back to the ship to begin the five scheduled stops on their return trip. Unfortunately, Mother Nature

gave them a surprise in the form of Hurricane Joaquin. Two of the stops had to be cancelled. They did get to spend some time in Boston and toured many interesting places, such as the Cheers tavern (see photo).

Thanksgiving is approaching, so start to diet now so that you can eat all that delicious food on Thanksgiving Day (and don't forget to give thanks).



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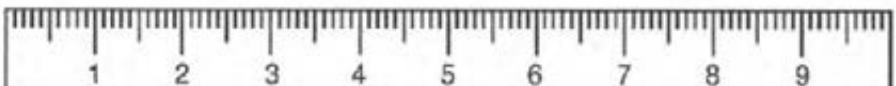
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## Summer spent with family in Schenectady, N.Y.

Gary and Liz Thompson are back after spending the summer at their travel trailer in Frosty Acres RV Park in Schenectady, N.Y.

Gary played golf with friends while Liz spent a week in New Hampshire visiting her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

They enjoyed a ride on the Erie Canal at Lock 18 with family. Liz reports that one day an RV from Florida pulled in next to them, and the gentleman, also from Florida, introduced himself as "Rip Van Winkle."

Gary attended a 50th class reunion, and it was great reconnecting with classmates. Liz and Gary entered a golf cart challenge where a course was set up to drive the carts between orange cones. To make it a real challenge, the driver was blindfolded while the passenger was the navigator. That sure sounds like lots of fun!

Liz and Gary report that they are happy to be home and look forward to getting back to their normal routines and reconnecting with friends. We sure are happy to have them back!

While there will be no building lunch in November, our December



holiday dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. at 4 p.m. A private room has been reserved at Kally-K's in Dunedin. Please be sure to mark your calendars and watch for the signup sheet to be posted on the bulletin board.

A Christmas tree-trimming party with refreshments and Christmas music is being planned for the first week in December. Be watching for the day and time to be posted. All Melbourne residents are encouraged to join in the fun and festivities.

In honor of Veterans Day, I want to thank all the veterans for your service to our country.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!



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Don't answer that phone if you don't recognize the name on your caller ID — if they are legitimate, they will leave a message and you can call them back.

That's one lesson we learned from the Pinellas County Justice and Consumer Services presentation at On Top of the World recently.

We also learned that Florida is the number one target for scammers and the Tampa Bay area is in competition with Orlando for the number one targeted region.

So, now you know why everyone wants to sell to you, get your donation or check your computer over the phone. OTOW has a no-solicitation rule: No one should be knocking on your door to sell you anything including Medicare coverage (this happened to us this week), carpet cleaning, meat deals or any other kind of service.

It is for your protection. You can call the Sheriff's non-emergency office directly at 727-582-6200 and/or report



the persons to OTOW, but please don't let them in.

Have you noticed all the new faces in our Englander building? We have so many new residents to get to know at our annual building Christmas Party this year which is being held on Dec. 16 at Island Way Grill. Mark that date on your calendars. We'll begin eating at 4:30 p.m. and the Grill's own shuttle buses will be sure we all arrive on time!

Our newest Englander residents are Bobbie Collins and her daughter Sharon

Noel; Mark and Dolores Cook and their daughter Grace; BettyAnn Walker; Nancy Good; and Jerry and Diane Kaplan. Welcome to our Englander building. May you enjoy many happy times in your new homes!

A warm welcome back is extended to Jean Kelly after a very difficult summer in Maine — our thoughts are with you. Also, we bid adieu to Esther Vreeland, who will be moving on up to the mile-high city of Denver, Colo., with her legendary cat Cindy. Travel safely and do keep in touch, Esther.

Congratulations are extended to Marc and Cindy Schell on the arrival of their beautiful, sweet, red-headed granddaughter. Cindy will be happy to show you the photos as she bursts with adoring pride.

The phrase "no news is good news" does not apply to this column! Without your news we have no column. If you've got news, please jot me a note, call me or email me at Terrimikz@gmail.com.

Wishing you warm blessings of Thanksgiving.

## New Jersey family get-together held here

A visit from New Jersey to the Krauss's — what a busy two weeks!

This is because Joyce's prep week was as crazy as the family visit week, she said. Her family, most of whom are from Point Pleasant, N.J., has grown to a group of 23 family members: eight from Jersey and 15 Floridians.

Dinner for 23 was a bit challenging, but with a borrowed table from son Chris's tailgate collection and six chairs from a neighbor all set up in the living room — voila! — dinner for 23.

They all visited the family's condo at Innisbrook, which is beautiful. The resort's grounds are impressive with the grotto-like pool and the five lush golf courses. The family loved it!

Joyce invited two of her cousins from Largo to join them at O'Keefe's Irish Tavern for a "Jersey Birthday Party." They had a fun time.



Joyce, along with her daughter and granddaughter, cooked breakfast for the group at her condo on Sunday.

Later she took the same daughter and granddaughter to the Chihuly Glass Exhibit in St. Pete. They also toured other parts of the city and enjoyed themselves.

Joyce's son-in-law Jeff and a

grandson went to see the Rays play Baltimore at the Trop.

The Jersey folks also enjoyed the beach on Honeymoon and Caladesi Islands in Dunedin.

After all this, Rich and Joyce were wiped out. They are now playing catch-up with putting things back in place and doing a lot of laundry!

They are looking forward to September 2016 in New Jersey for a granddaughter's wedding.

At our building, we are looking forward to the annual luncheon and fashion show at the Dunedin Country Club on Oct. 30 to benefit Hospice. All are welcome. The models are from our pool aerobics.

Remember Sunday in the park. Always a lot of fun.

Be good to one another and God bless. Don't forget I am always looking for news for my column.



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# This building finds many ways to make a difference

Many Austrian Alpine residents volunteer in our community, both outside and within On Top of the World.

Such a resident is Jim Trenton, who has been volunteering at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital for the past 11 years, every Tuesday and Thursday, for five hours each day.

As of Jan. 1, his generosity added up to 1,750 hours. In fact, he will hit the 2,000-hour mark by January, 2016! Jim transports patients to X-ray, lab work, and doctor visits.

"I leave my family here and join my other family at the VA," Jim stated. His other family is made up of fellow long-time volunteers at the VA.

"I always wanted to do something like this when we moved to OTOW full-time."

Jim is a second-generation On Top of the World resident. His father was one of first people in the Austrian



Alpine building. Jim remembers the orange groves beyond the East Activity Center. He and his dad hit golf balls in the area that was later developed into the golf course. "Belcher was a dirt road at that time," Jim recalled.

Wendy Paser volunteers at the Clothes To Kids facility on Hercules. Clothes To Kids provides a week's wardrobe, twice a year, to boys and girls,

pre-K through high school, who are in need of help.

Because many people donate gift cards to Clothes To Kids, Wendy assists the non-profit by using those cards to frugally shop for clothing and shoes on clearance to fill critical needs areas.

Another volunteer is Virginia Donlon, a retired pediatric nurse and teacher, who volunteers with 12 developmentally disabled young adults on a horse farm in the area.

Each young adult has individual responsibilities, such as feeding the horses, cleaning stalls, and filling the water troughs. Grooming and walking the horses are other areas of responsibility. The young adults develop a comfort relationship with the horses, and the horses are very gentle with the young adults.

Kathy Ahrens volunteers at the Dunedin-Clearwater Elks Club. She is a member and past president of the

Ladies Auxiliary for this organization, and runs dinner-dance functions, such as the Valentine's Day Dance, Christmas Party, and the Harvest Moon Ball.

Kathy also volunteers at OTOW. She and Lenny Segall have been running the Karaoke Nights for the past five years. Many OTOW residents enjoy the melodious entertainment from a variety of singers.

Kathy and Lenny encourage people to sing along as a group and as individuals. Along with their enthusiasm, the couple donates snacks, soft drinks, and prizes to participants.

Karaoke Night starts on Nov. 8, from 6-9 p.m., at the East Activity Center. Check the Box Office site (ontopoftheworldnews.com), then click on Box Office, or look at the calendar pages of this paper for more Karaoke dates and special events.

Our Austrian Alpine October dinner was at the Lucky Dill. Thank you, Jim Trenton. Pickles for all!

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# Building is once again assessing yearly activity dues

Even as the golden days of summer were slipping away, there was still time for one more Viking resident to journey up north, as Brenda Shapiro made it up to Ohio for her daughter's wedding.

The ceremony was held at a mansion named Eagle's Isle, on the banks of the Sandusky River, in Ohio. Though the weather had been cold, windy, and stormy the night before and the morning of the wedding, the sun showed itself during the couple's vows. The 200 guests sat under a three-topped white tent.

In the photo at right, Brenda looks on with joy as her daughter and her father, Dr. Ron Shapiro, move ahead to join the groom, who is from Cleveland.

The bride is the oldest of four daughters. Their smiles tell us everything else we need to know about the event.

In building news, a general assembly meeting was held on Oct. 10. Fourteen residents were in attendance. The minutes can be read on the bulletin board on the first floor.

Also available on the bulletin board are the phone and apartment numbers of the officers of the condo board, as well as the building reporter



and hospitality chair. If you have any concerns or questions about the building, feel free to call on any of those listed.

Among other decisions made at the meeting was a renewal of the annual building dues. They have not been collected in several years. The dues are set at \$10 per individual and should be paid by Jan. 1. This allows the association to sponsor events like the Memorial Day barbeque, pay for decorations in common areas, and take care of needs not covered by management. Consult the bulletin board for more information.

Check the news on the bulletin board often. Your involvement in building activities is encouraged.



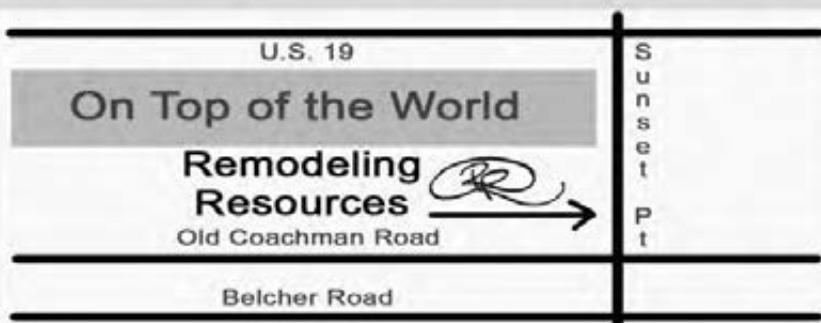
A wedding was held recently in Ohio in a lovely setting on the banks of the Sandusky River for the daughter of Viking resident Brenda Shapiro (second from left) and Dr. Ron Shapiro. Here the bride is shown walking "down the aisle" with her father as her mother beams proudly.

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# Bohemia residents together make a difference

By Paula Schelling

Three years ago, Bohemia building residents decided to title themselves "The building with heart."

It was with so little effort that their plan got started. It all began with building meetings and social events getting posted on our central bulletin board. One simple line was added, "Please bring a non-perishable food item or canned good, which will be donated to a local food bank."

The results were overwhelming.

Residents not only filled one laundry basket with food, but had bags full of groceries alongside it.

Seeing results from collecting just food, residents then looked to see what else they could do to help others.

They decided to make gift baskets to be auctioned off at annual parties, including our Christmas luncheon and BohemiaFest. Each basket is created with a theme, whether "Beers from around the world," or "Pet baskets," or "Beauty baskets" - whatever the imagination comes up with.

Baskets are then sold and the proceeds donated. This simple idea has been very successful and the tradition has continued.

Also at Christmas, some of our residents donate clothing and socks to needy children.

Bohemians are proud of their accomplishments when they reflect on the results. Their generosity over the years has provided hundreds of pounds of food to the needy.

Proceeds from the baskets have led to funding for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the American Heart Association, the Humane Society, the American Diabetes Association and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

This year's money will go to the American Stroke Association and the Veterans Association. The charities are selected each year as a result of events which have touched hearts and lives of our building residents and their families.

Amazingly, the residents of our building have helped change the lives



For several years, Bohemian residents, in an ongoing effort to help others, have been making gift baskets such as the one shown here. The baskets are auctioned off at various building events, with the proceeds donated to various charitable organizations.

of so many people and with so little effort. Imagine what could happen if we could influence just one more building to follow our example. Happy holidays from the Bohemia building!

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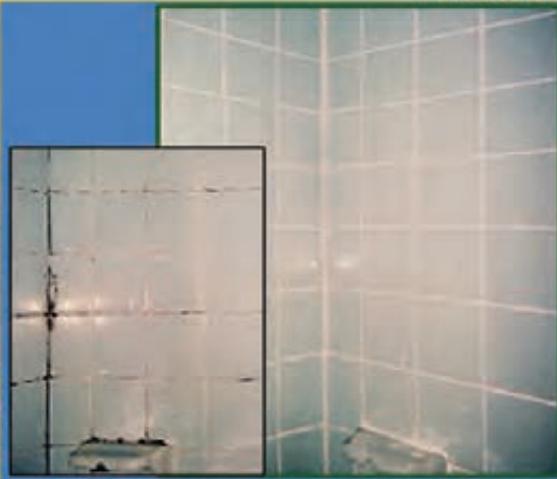
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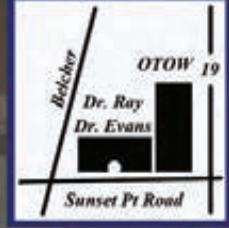
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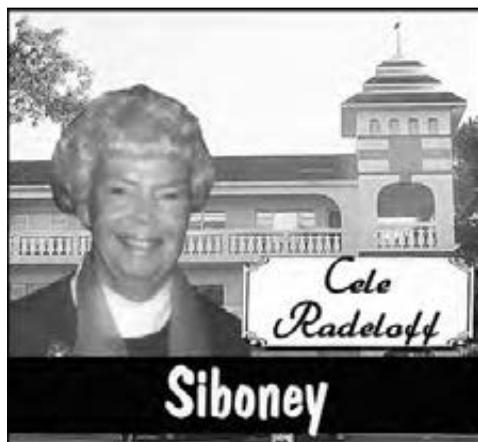
# Siboney's 30th anniversary is a time for reminiscing

We're celebrating our 30th anniversary this month and reminiscing about the numerous trips and excursions we enjoyed together.

We went to Nashville in 1991, Las Vegas twice (once for the implosion of The Dunes), to Biloxi in 1994 and 1997, and New Orleans in 1992 – that's when our neighbor Norm Smith was so mesmerized by the Mistress of Ceremonies that he forgot his own name!

We went on a wonderful "Mystery Trip" which consisted of a University of Tampa tour followed by a visit to the Lowry Park Zoo, lunch at the Branch Ranch, and then to Lakeland for an Amtrak train ride back to Tampa where our bus was waiting for us. We were surprised to learn that several of our residents had never been on a train.

In the past 30 years we have been picked up by the trolley and driven



to Clearwater Beach for a sightseeing cruise, transported on a double-decker bus to O'Keefe's for dinner, and have taken numerous other bus trips to the Sea Escape and the Europa Sun.

In 1989 we had lunch at the Boot Ranch with the owner (a former Florida cowboy).

We've been to the Matterhorn for

Thanksgiving, bussed to Homosassa Springs where we ate at the Crow's Nest, toured the Belleview Biltmore Hotel, attended the Musicana Dinner Theatre, and everyone enjoyed our trip to Medieval Times.

We've taken annual trips to Derby Lane, Jai Alai, and picnics at Anderson Park.

We've held yearly Chinese auctions and decorated the building with Christmas lights. We've set up the Hanukkah table and trimmed the tree at core parties, which have been enjoyed by all.

So many places have disappeared, but we did enjoy our lunches at Sweetwater's, Lubys, Leverocks, Morrisons, Marco Polo's, Adam's Mark, Pappas, and Tony Roma's.

In the early years our neighbors were so friendly that we met outside after dinner for cocktails.

On the third floor you'd find the Steiners, the Kellys, the Sadlers and the Hansens. On the even side, first floor, there were the Lees, Millers and Lublinskys. Very few units had washers and dryers, so many new friendships were cultivated in the laundry room. Each event brought a good turnout and generally a songfest followed.

There are still four original residents here from 1985.

To celebrate our 30th anniversary, we had a sit-down dinner in the Sunrise Room, with more than 60 residents and friends in attendance. I will have more on this happy occasion next month.

We continue our activities in the Siboney and hope to involve the newcomers.

See you at our next building meeting on Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving to all, and happy anniversary to Siboney!

## Let's welcome one of our new Modernage residents

We had a building dinner on Sept. 24 at Villa Maria Italian Restaurant in Clearwater, where we had approximately 15 people on hand.

Everyone had such a good time that we decided to do an October dinner there as well. The staff at Villa Maria was very accommodating and the food was delicious!

We were all seated at one large table, except for a few folks who got there later. We enjoyed lively conversation and everyone enjoyed the wonderful food.

I finally got to meet one of our newest residents, Yvette Bonilla. Yvette is originally from Panama City, Panama. She has lived in Florida, mostly in the Miami area, for 35 years.

She is one of the strongest people I've met. She and her husband moved to the U.S with their three small children, ages 10, 11 and 14. After only one year, her husband passed away and she had to raise her children by herself. Life in the states is very different from Panama, she said.

In Panama she had a babysitter for each child and other help in the house while she and her husband worked. In America, household help is very expensive and she found herself doing everything at home and work.

Yvette worked hard and did a great job raising her children by herself.



She says she has a strong faith and that is what kept her spirits high.

Her children are well educated and one of her daughters served in the U.S. Army. Her second daughter is employed by the U.S. government. When her first daughter finished serving in the Army, she and her youngest sister attended the Art Institute of Baltimore, in Maryland.

Yvette loves to sew, make ceramic items and works with modeling clay. She is interested in the ceramic classes offered here at On Top of the World.

She attends Catholic social groups and gets much solace from praying.

I enjoyed visiting with Yvette and getting to know her. I wish her many happy years here and would like to encourage you to get to know our new neighbor Yvette better.



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## Building will fly special flag for vets

Hello from Rila Renaissance.

It couldn't be more appropriate that the November newsletter be about the flag that is flown in front of our building and the celebration of this upcoming Veteran's Day.

Our neighbor, Richard Maxwell, purchased the flag from the Intrepid Museum in New York City. Each flag is flown from the stern of the ship and then packaged for sale.

Richard served on the USS *Intrepid*, CVA-11, from 1958 through 1960. He is a proud member of the association of the former crew members of the *Intrepid*.

The *Intrepid* is an aircraft carrier with a history of service going back to WWII and is now a floating museum in New York City. Richard is a proud veteran. We thank him and all our veterans past and present for their service to our country.

Please keep the following date on your calendar: We will be decorating the building for Christmas on Friday, Nov. 27, at 9:30 a.m.. There will be a building meeting first and we ask all who can attend stay to help decorate.



Our annual building Christmas party will be on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 5 p.m. This year it will be held at the East Activity Center craft room next to the kitchen. It will be catered and more information will be posted on the bulletin board in the core.

Please remember that our garbage room is not the place for items other than garbage. There is no way to get rid of those items that do not fit in the pails. It is your responsibility to make arrangements to have them removed. Thank you for your cooperation.

We hope all our friends, neighbors and their families have a very happy



Rila Renaissance resident Richard Maxwell, with a flag from the USS *Intrepid* that will be flown from the building's flagpole.

and fulfilling Thanksgiving Day.

If you have any news for the paper, please let me know. You can call me or put a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board.



## Change of seasons can be felt now

With the anticipation of the impending holidays, a gentle breeze of fall has arrived in Florida.

I've been a full-time resident of On Top of the World since 2014 and I'm still confused about the weather and what it brings to our beloved state during this time of the year. However, one thing I can bet on: There'll be no snow!

As we enjoy the cooler temperatures before the holidays, our neighbors Neal and Jean O'Brien planned a building get-together dinner at the Olive Garden. It's always fun meeting our neighbors and greeting new neighbors who joined our Fujiwara building.

Neal and Jean were our hosts for the event and have been a part of OTOW community for over 20 years. Neal kept the conversation going at our end of the table with some fun stories.

We had a nice turn-out of around 20 neighbors. Neal and Jean hope to keep the tradition of monthly dinners going as different neighbors volunteer to host the monthly event.

I also learned a little about one of our neighbors. Sue Morse, originally from Kentucky, was an Air Force nurse who travelled the world and met her husband while working as a nurse overseas. Sue is a real firecracker at 80 years young. I can only hope to be as vibrant at her age.

In closing I just want to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Remember to be thankful for family and friends and to always check on your neighbors who may be less fortunate.

## So, whatever happened to summer?

This is the November issue and all that it implies — the end of the year and the holidays.

It seemed like overnight that summer was gone and Halloween decorations filled the stores. (Personally, I love to see all the new varieties of candy corn, but that's a topic for another article!) That's when it hit me that summer is over and the holidays are rolling towards us with alarming speed.

In past years the Malaguena building, one of the largest at On Top of the World, was decorated top to bottom for the holidays. However, as the building population changed, this tradition fell by the wayside.

Long-time residents were certain that the many decorations were stored in one of the storage rooms. So Arlene Mansfield, Anna Hyden, Dolores Burn, Sylvia Luebking and I checked all the storage rooms. Lo and behold, we found them. These decorations, as elusive as the mythical unicorns, do exist.

So while we did find the stash of boxes and bags in a corner of one of the rooms, we were not able to inventory everything. We are asking for volunteers to help us inventory



and organize decorations so we know what we have.

Signup sheets are on both bulletin boards. Volunteers will meet Monday, Nov. 2, in the south lobby. We are also looking for volunteers to help decorate the building.

The Wing Captains (Arlene Mansfield, Anna Hyden, Dolores Burn, Sylvia Luebking, Betty Brynes, Paula Castagno, and me) are planning a lobby Holiday Party on Friday Dec. 11, from 4-6 p.m. Details will be on both bulletin boards, and in the December issue. Water, soda, and supplies will be provided; residents can bring appetizers to share.

## Need An Extra Newspaper?

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# Sign up for Nagoya's Thanksgiving dinner get-together

The Ladies Luncheon was held on the second Tuesday of the month. It is always a pleasure to get to visit and bond with our neighbors. This month's luncheon was at Kally-K's. A good time was had by all. If you would like to join our group, please know that you are most welcome. Just look at the bulletin board for a listing of the dates and be in the core, first floor, at 11:55 a.m. and carpool at Noon.



Saturday, Oct. 17, was our "Welcome Back Snowbirds and White Elephant Sale." It was a beautiful morning sitting outside the core area having coffee with friends and neighbors! Two of the couples attending arrived back Friday—just the day before this event. We did very well with around \$50 raised by the White Elephant Sale.

The proceeds will go into our building budget to be used as needed. A picture of most of the group is shown (see photo at right, bottom). A special kudo to Jan Underwood, who has many times surprised us with her specialty treats. Jan once again surprised us by making absolutely luscious lemon cheesecake squares with fresh raspberries on top as well as a pumpkin and cranberry coffee cake. Jan, you are appreciated and a wonderful chef!

A special thank you goes to those who contributed to the sale, for Jim setting up and Jim and Norm helping with cleanup afterward.

Kudos to Barbara Rice and her dog, Buckley, who came in second place as the "Most Original" in the Halloween dog costume contest. Buckley was a mighty fine-looking

golfer while Barbara was his caddy. It was a special treat for them to still have time afterward to attend our coffee and show us their costumes. See the full story of the event on page 1.

Our November event will be "Thanksgiving Dinner" at Jan Underwood's condo. More will be posted on our bulletin board with a sign-up sheet and covered dish item. Last year we had a very large group (30+) at Sandy and Jim Ropp's home for Thanksgiving. We do have a fun building and willing people to lighten the load! Thanks to everyone who plans and attends these events.

Sandy and Jim Ropp recently attended their granddaughter's wedding in San Antonio, Texas. It was a very elegant and scenic outdoor wedding with eight bridesmaids and eight groomsmen. Sandy and Jim are to the left of the bride and groom and her other grandparents are to the right on the picture (see photo at right, top).

For anyone interested, there is a new, authentic German Restaurant in



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Nagoya residents enjoy their "Welcome Back Snowbirds and White Elephant Sale" held on Saturday, Oct. 17. Proceeds went to the building budget.

St. Petersburg. The Hofbrauhaus is located at 4th Street and 1st Avenue. It is supposed to be the largest of its type on the east coast, seating 700.

They have musicians from Germany, authentic German costumes worn by the waiters and waitresses, and fine imported German beer.

## Balloon festival is highlight of western trip

Here I was at 5:30 a.m., still dark, in a tour bus in Albuquerque heading for the balloon fiesta park.

I could hardly believe that I was finally there. My late husband Harold and I had been wanting to take this trip forever, but we never made it. While in Indiana, I found a small tour company that just suited my needs. I could fly from Tampa and join them at the hotel and not miss a thing.

Now we were in unbelievable traffic moving toward the park. It is true. Thousands of people from all over the world fly in for this week. I heard it is the most photographed annual event in the world. Now I believe it.

As the morning light started to color the east, the "Dawn Patrol" lifted off. We were in awe as the giant balloons gracefully sat up then rose, the jets or their burners roaring, then silence as they floated over the field. They were lit by the gas and filled the still darkened sky with their brilliant colors. They were first to go to test the wind.



As it became lighter, we could walk through the field and watch the other balloonists unfold their bright entries, gas them up and set them flying.

It was fascinating. 550 balloons rose and descended in the four-hour period. All shapes, colors, from pink pigs, cows, the bee family, a phone booth, the Wells Fargo covered wagon, to cartoon characters and so many absolutely gorgeous balloons, it was a dream come true.

The rest of the tour was through

the Southwest Indian Territory, Santa Fe, national parks, Colorado and back on the train through the Rockies to Chicago. By the time I flew home, I was tired, but delighted that I had finally seen such a spectacle.

Fran Rich's daughters spent a few fun-filled days with Mom. One of them, back from her job in Juneau, Alaska, is currently working in the Annapolis Mall.

According to Fran, if you've been finding assorted library books in the core, help yourself. She's been buying them at close-out prices from the Drew Street library and is happily sharing. Keep, donate, or discard. Fran says she feels that she has a new-found family here in our building, and that in itself is the best reward.



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# OTOW winter season activities already gearing up

It's November already, and the place is humming with Snowbirds settling in their winter nests.

Laundries are in full use, so please remember to remove your items from the units in a timely fashion.

Polar Bear swim aerobics start this month daily at 9 a.m. at the East Side pool. If the temperature is over 60 degrees, Mama Bear Elsie Jane Anderson will put us through our paces with a smile.

Later this month it's "bag the bird" if you're not eating out. I have always enjoyed Thanksgiving: no pressure scampering about for last-minute gifts (the Christmas rush will arrive soon enough) — just good food and friends to enjoy.

Actually, I just may let the local grocery do the cooking of the "guest of honor" this year. The days of 35 to 40 family members gathering for Thanksgiving in the old family colonial in Kennebunkport, Maine, are now just fond memories.

We spent October in New England,



which is my favorite time of year up there. The colors were unusually vivid this season, even with the much warmer than usual summer and fall.

We made our escape before the task of having to rake and mulch the leaves and well before the first flakes of winter arrived. I must confess how we do not miss that nip in the air — it's lovely right here!

Veterans Day is the 11th and Steve Mazurek will have our building well-represented for this very special day in remembrance of those who served. Thank you in advance, Steve.



Autumn in New England brings out vivid colors, evident even in this monochrome rendering of a photo taken recently in Maine by pro photographer Mike Leonard, Fran Fairfield's son.

Remember, dues are payable to the wing captains or to Carroll Harris — our trusty treasurer. It is still just \$10, which is a marvelous value for living in a fine building.

Please take advantage of the recycle days On Top of the World offers. Trash rooms are for trash and not for household appliances or broken items that no longer work. If you are unable to dispose of something yourself, please ask a neighbor for help.

Hopefully I will have a date and location in December's column for our

Christmas/holiday party.

Now go enjoy On Top of the World, our wonderful corner of paradise, and all it has to offer! Pools, courts, activities, shows and friends.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all and the management who make life so nice for all of us.

Special greetings to everyone at OTOW celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

If you have any news fit to print, please send it along to me at [fresca@maine.rr.com](mailto:fresca@maine.rr.com).

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## 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.

## Events in Large Card Room have been relocated for November For Everyone

Club and Group Ticket Sales, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 am East Activity Center auditorium  
Coffee Corner, Mondays through Fridays, 7-10 am, East Activity Center Coffee Corner  
Bingo, every Monday, 6:15 pm, East Activity Center auditorium • Philosophy Club, Tuesdays, 10 am, Veranda Room



## Classes and Crafts



### ART GUILD

Chinese Paint Brush, 12:30 pm, Tuesdays  
Painting Pals, 1 pm, Wednesdays  
Drawing Classes, 1 pm, Thursdays

### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Veranda Room

### DANCING

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, EAC Auditorium (Jazz)  
Wednesdays, 11:30 am, EAC Auditorium (Tap)  
Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room (Social Dance Lessons)

### CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### CERAMICS

Tuesdays, 12 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room  
Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### CHORUS REHEARSALS

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Auditorium

### COMPUTER LAB

Mon-Fri, 8:30 am, Computer Room

### GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS

Wednesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### HEALTHY LIVING CLUB - HEALTHY EATING CLASSES

Tuesdays, 10 am, Art Room

### KNITTING

Wednesdays, 9 am, Veranda Room

### SEWING

Wednesdays, 9 am, EAC Starlite Room

### WRITERS INK

Thursdays, 12:30 pm, Computer Room  
Tuesdays 3 pm and Thursdays 1 pm, Starlite Room



## Exercises



### AQUA AEROBICS

Mon-Fri, 9 am, East Pool

### BONESAVERS

Mon & Wed & Fri, 8 am, Large Card Room or Starlite Room

### CO-ED EXERCISE

Mon & Wed & Fri, 10 am, East Gym

### FAT-BURNING WORKOUTS

Tuesdays, 9 am, Yellow Room

### LADIES EXERCISES

Mon-Fri, 8 am, East Gym

### TAI CHI

Mon & Wed & Fri, 1 pm, East Gym  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 pm, East Gym

### LINE DANCING

Tuesday, 1 pm, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

### SLIMNASTICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, East Gym

### SNOWBIRDS LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 8 am, Sunrise Room

### TOPS

Thursdays, 9 am, Art Room

### YOGA

Tue & Thu, 11 am, East Gym

### ZUMBA

Wed, 9:30 am, Auditorium  
Mon, 9 am, Craft Room and Fri, 9 a.m., Yellow Room



## Traditional Games



### BILLIARDS

Mondays 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room, Flight A  
Tuesdays & Fridays, 12 pm, 9-Ball, Billiards Room  
Tuesdays, 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room, Flight B  
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Que'T Ladies Billiards, Billiards Room  
Thursdays, 6 pm, Scotch Doubles, Billiards Room

### CANASTA

Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Small Card Room  
Fridays, 6:30 pm, Small Card Room

### CHESS

Tuesdays, 3 pm, Rainbow Room  
Thursdays, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

### CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Classroom

### DOMINOS

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Small Classroom

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Sat, 11 am, Small Card Room

### MAHJONGG

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Rainbow Room  
Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room  
Thursdays, 1 pm, Small Card Room

### PING PONG

Mondays, 10 am, Sunrise Room (until after renovations)  
Tuesdays, 11 am, Sunrise Room  
Wednesdays, 10 am, Sunrise Room  
Fridays, 10 am, Sunrise Room (until after renovations)

### PINOCHLE

Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Classroom

### RAMUCKU

Wednesdays, 6 pm, Veranda Room

### SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room  
Thursdays, 6 pm, Veranda

### SCOPA

Mon & Wed, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room

Thursdays, 11 am, Large Card Room

### TEXAS CARD GAME GROUPS

Mondays, 6:30 pm, Small Classroom  
Mon & Thu, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Ron)  
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Room (Bob)  
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Small Classroom  
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Rainbow Room (Ron)  
Fri & Wed, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Carol)

We have revised the schedule above to reflect summer activities.

If a time, date or place for an event on this page is incorrect, please notify the newsroom so we can make the change for next month.

Certain activities will return in the fall and we need one month's notice to get it back on this page.

Anytime you add an event, you must follow procedures with the Community Service Office. This includes reserving a room.

Thank you for your cooperation and keeping this page as accurate as possible.

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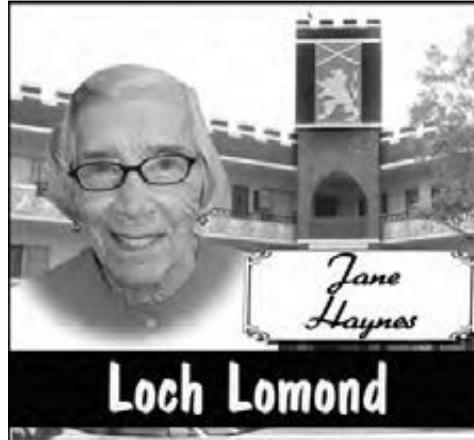
## Thanks to OTOW for timely elevator fix

No one venturing through the core and walking the pathway around Loch Lomond last month could miss the wonderful spirit of Halloween.

The clever Joe Graffes displayed early his great creation around his yard. Soon after, others followed. One of our apartments has adorable costumes on its two ceramic dogs.

Inside the core, several residents, including Enid Goodman, Dottie Liberti and Sophia Kugeris have filled the area high and low with many decorative pieces: scary, adorable, and fun to look at. We have usually had nice, elaborate Halloween scenes, but this year it has even appeared to increase.

After an exciting evening of several fire engines on Israeli Drive, it was soon found that no one was injured nor was there any apartment problem, but the elevator had suffered a malfunction and would be out of service for two or three weeks.



That was most helpful, but for many who have become used to the elevator, it was quite a big adjustment.

Thanks so much to the maintenance personnel of OTOW for their work in repairing the elevator. Our good-spirited residents showed they can cope with adversity. (But they hope they won't need to prove their flexibility again, any time soon!)

We are having residents leaving and new ones coming in and much remodeling, and it is all very attractive.

We need to have a core get-acquainted affair soon. Please help to meet, greet and lend your presence to our brief but enjoyable joint activities.

The monthly lunch on the first Monday continues, and Phil and Linda provide the locations and times. Check the bulletin board and share your ideas.

Second and third floor residents found themselves having to design a new pattern of accessing their homes. Many do use the stairs inside the core or in the towers, but it took a lot of planning and help for most of us.

On Top of The World arranged for a worker to be available from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to carry groceries and that kind of thing up the stairs.

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Before starting her tour of the venerable installation, Swiss Alps reporter Sally Simmonds points to the sign denoting the entrance to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

## Summer visit to Maryland was a refreshing change

“Keep your fears to yourself; share your courage with others.”

—Robert L. Stevenson

What — we are passing into November already! Just when I was ready to throw in the towel from the heat, it is almost over.

Here are some of my family members with me (see photo below right). I recently took a much-needed vacation to Maryland where I moved from 10 years ago. I commuted into DC every day on the commuter train.

My nephew has the best “Man Cave” I have even seen. Big bar, hot plates, three big-screen TVs, round tables and chairs, it’s all there. Had a fabulous time. Watched the big game between Baltimore and Denver.

I tried to “join” the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis (see photo at top). I was with a friend who had access to enter the academy so we saw “the whole thing.” Absolutely fabulous place and a lot larger than I imagined. To have this privilege was so special to really have a good look around.

The town itself is very old and quaint; full of lovely little shops, restaurants and of course a beautiful view of the Chesapeake.



Sally Simmonds, second from right, poses with family members during a recent visit to Maryland.

## Azores Oktoberfest is always a favorite event

It is certainly easy to tell that it is late October; all the stores have Christmas trees, lights and decorations out.

I love Christmas and the beautiful things that occur during this season, but it seems to me we are skidding through some other great holidays.

Let us not forget Halloween, Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Let us slow down and grasp the deeper meaning of these special holidays.

Columbus Day was the only date called out on my calendar for October. I think that last year I mentioned that Native Americans have a different take on celebrating the arrival of Columbus to the “New World.” I think they are trying to get even with us one casino at a time.

On Saturday evening, Oct. 17, 22 Azoreans became German and participated in Oktoberfest at The German Restaurant in Holiday. Great entertainment with Michael and Clement singing and playing our favorite Oompha-pha music. We feasted on special port shank, white sausages and lots of sauerkraut. Marie Perrello made this great outing possible. We thank you Marie!



It looks like someone made and placed a larger and nicer looking sign above my in-box in the core by the bulletin board, thank you. However, my box was still empty.

I do welcome Bettie Warner back from visiting with family. We are beginning to get a trickle of Snowbirds coming down. About the time you read this, we will be getting a great many more Snowbirds. Welcome back!

The Azores will have a fall business meeting on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Sunrise Room. Coffee and cookies will be served. Please mark your calendar and attend. It is important to keep our sense of community intact and flourishing. Watch the bulletin board for details.

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Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.  
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### Tuesday Afternoon

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Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.  
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

### Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

### Wednesday Afternoon

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Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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### Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

### Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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Donna and Phil Smerz stop and pose along the Great Wall of China during their recent trip to China.

## These 'frequent flyers' opt for China, Las Vegas

Our traveling neighbors, Phil and Donna Smerz, went on another adventure.

This time on the first leg of their trip, they traveled to China. They saw the Forbidden City, and Tiananmen Square. Of course going to see the giant pandas would be on anyone's list, especially animal lovers like the Smerz's. The climb on the Great Wall is always a tourist's dream (see photo at top).

The couple said there were many other sights to see and things to do in Beijing. In Xian, there were the Imperial Gardens. The Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses in an excavated area were mesmerizing. It is a form of art buried with the first emperor of China in 210-209 BC. The purpose was to protect the emperor in his afterlife.

The Yangtze River cruise (photo at right) was nice, but not as exciting. They also had a three-day tour in Hong Kong with the highlight being a harbor dinner cruise. The people were extremely friendly, especially the children. They really enjoyed seeing all the "gray-haired grandparents." Phil and Donna danced, played games and exercised with groups of locals in the parks.

The last leg of the trip was finished up with three days in Las Vegas to rest before heading home. They went to the Grand Canyon and walked out onto the glass Skywalk. It is located two hours out of Las Vegas. The number of people who visit the skywalk is approximately 620,000 per year.



During their stay in China, Phil and Donna Smerz took an interesting Yangtze River sightseeing cruise.

Stay tuned for the Smerz's next exciting adventure!

Now that our northern neighbors have returned, we will start having monthly building luncheons. Thanks to Shirley Miller for her organizing efforts.

Don't forget to sign up for our "Day at the Races" in December.

"Till We Meet Again.

## OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

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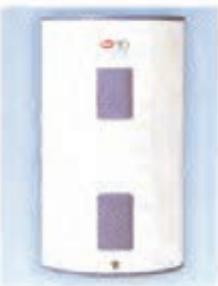


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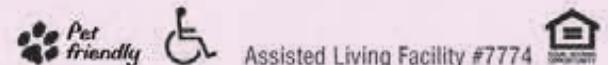
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