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Tom Brady makes special appearance at Halloween Pet Costume Contest



Missy dressed up as a Patriots cheerleader and Rascal dressed up as Patriots quarterback Tom Brady. Missy took first place in the Awww Division.

For those who attended the eighth annual On Top of the World Halloween Pet Costume Contest, it was an honor to meet some very famous celebrities.

The most noted guest was New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, who was joined by a New England Patriots cheerleader.

Well, actually, "Brady" was Rascal from the Brahman Building and the cheerleader was Missy, also from the Brahman Building.

Rascal and Missy took first and second place in the "Awww Division" of the costume contest and both took home a prize. Their owner, Patty Aden, also dressed up as a cheerleader.

Other special guests at the contest included the one-and-only Robin Hood, who entered the contest alongside the Sheriff of Nottingham and Maid Marion.

Well, Robin Hood was actually Buckley from the Nagoya Building and his companions were actually his owners, Scott and Barbara Rice.

Buckley, Scott and Barbara entered the Dog-Owner Division of the contest and ended up taking home the overall grand prize.

There were 17 dogs entered in this year's contest, and six owners actually dressed up with their dogs - a record high for the competition.

Bruce Lovett and his dog, Cuddles, dressed up as donuts and coffee. They took first place in the Dog-Owner Division.

Other dog costumes included a bride, a Morton Salt dog, a Dapper Gentleman, a Little Devil, a pumpkin, Superman and a skeleton.

Another owner dressed up as a fire hydrant.

More photos are on pages 34 and 35 of this newspaper. A video recapping the event will appear on OTOW-TV Channel 732 throughout the month.

The event was sponsored by Pet Supplies Plus, Woof Gang Bakery, Harborside Animal Hospital, State Farm, Publix, Creating Smiles and Calling All Dogs. See you next year!

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



Above, Poochie takes a break from the contest and tries to mooch a treat from the Pet Supplies Plus table. At right are the grand prize winners: Scott (Sheriff), Barbara (Maid Marion) and Buckley Rice. Buckley was Robin Hood.



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Thirty year Navy career continues on with tribute box built right in our OTOW Wood Shop

By Bob Backlund

November is the month we honor veterans and Nov. 11 is the day we celebrate Veterans Day.

It is a time to celebrate not only our veterans from the past, but also from the present, and everyone living and deceased.

In honor of this day, my own wife, Madelyn, made a request. She asked me to build a Flag Box Display Case as a keepsake for our family - even when I am not with them.

The entire project was built right here in our On Top of the World Wood Shop.

The flag box is a tribute to not only my 30-year Navy career, but the 25 years my Navy wife raised two children while I was on duty, including six to eight months out to sea.

The flag, medals and awards you see are one tribute. Sixty-nine years of marriage is a second tribute.

If you are an On Top of the World resident and want to build your own tribute, consider joining us at the Fixers Club.

The wood shop has all the tools you need, including air conditioning!

New members to the wood shop are asked to sign up, take orientation and take a safety class. After that, you are free to come and go as you please.

Current members may help residents with small projects, but we encourage people to join with us.



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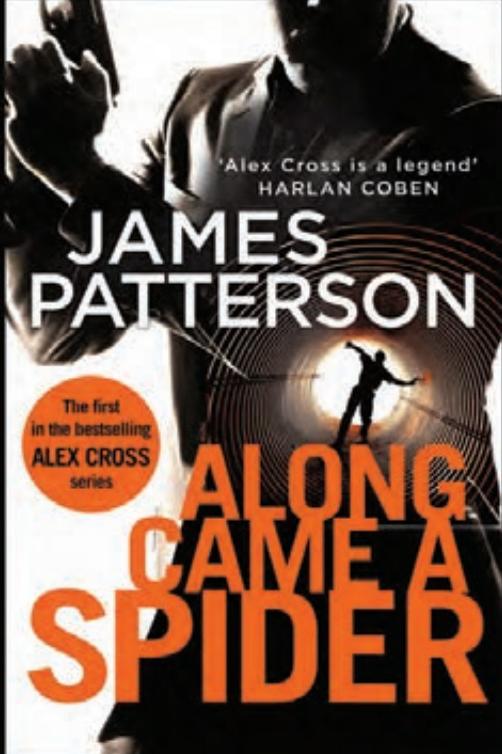
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Good Karma Book Club

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Thursday, Dec. 5,
Good Karma Book Club guests will discuss "Along Came A Spider" by James Patterson.

Join us 10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab and share your thoughts. Open to all residents.

The Good Karma Book Club will also meet on Thursday, Dec. 19. If you have a book or author to recommend, this is the day to attend. All OTOW residents are welcome.



New Books at your OTOW library

- "The New Girl" by Daniel Silva
- "Backlash" by Brad Thord
- "The Golden Hour" by Beatriz Williams
- "The Enlightenment of Bees" by Rachel Linden
- "Under Currents" by Nora Roberts
- "Smokescreen" by Iris Johansen

Library hours are: 10-12 Mondays, 1-3 Wednesdays and 1-3 Fridays. We have books for sale (3 for \$1) hard back or paperback. Also, a lot of free books are available for the taking. We also have CDs and DVDs for sale.

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Safety tips and reminders for the upcoming holiday season

We are looking forward to the return of our northern friends when once again the community will be filled with activities that accompany “wintering” in Florida.

Many On Top of the World projects were completed over the spring and summer months, including renovations to the East Activity Center first floor restrooms.

The Pavilion Project at the East Activity Center is wrapping up with a large portion presently being utilized.

I want to thank our year-round residents for their patience during this time. Summer is the ideal time to perform community projects when occupancy levels are lower and the demand for the amenities is lessened.

With the return of our northern friends and the holidays fast approaching, it is a good time for a friendly reminder. The Management Company and your Association does not support nor encourage tipping or gifting individual employees. We do understand that many of you like to show your appreciation and thanks in some manner so we would recommend that you donate a gift or fund to the Clearwater OTOW Employee Gift Fund as opposed to giving a worker a tip directly.

The Management Company will then combine its thank you gift distribution with the OTOW Employee Gift Fund to make overall distributions to employees during its annual appreciation luncheon.

You may make these donations at the Community Service Office or by mail at: On Top of the World, Employee Gift Fund, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E., Clearwater, FL. 33763. Make checks payable to Parkway Maintenance & Management – Employee Gift Fund. Donations and gifting are purely discretionary.

Holiday Decorating

It's time to start thinking about the holidays again. Now, I know what you're thinking, it can't be. But I assure you, after carefully reviewing my calendar, it is.

With that comes holiday well-wishes, lots of cooking and eating, spending quality time with family and friends, and thinking about holiday decorating.

Here are some safety tips and rule reminders from Parkway Management.

- All outdoor lighting should be plugged into GFCI receptacles.
- Each building is allowed one common area Christmas tree. Each tree may contain up to 300 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.

- Please do not hang or wrap decorations or extension 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 hang lighting or decorations on or within any landscaping. This will limit the landscaping department's ability to complete their work and could present a safety hazard.

- 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. These areas are not accessible to residents or the building maintenance worker - only by management.

Please help make this a safe and happy holiday season! Thank you from Parkway Maintenance and Management team. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Community Road Rules

As a reminder, it is important to pay attention to “no parking” areas throughout the community. In particular, please

do not park in and/or block bike lanes. Also, please do not park at the East Activity Center front entrance, under the awning. This area is a designated fire lane that must be kept clear for emergency vehicles.

Also, for the safety of drivers and pedestrians, it is important to obey directional signage posted entering and exiting the parking lots. All parking lots are a one-way design.

If you ride a bicycle, please park and lock them appropriately. Bicycle racks are provided at the East and West Activity Centers. Please utilize these designated areas for bicycle parking and never chain your bicycle to handicap signage, hand railings, or any community fencing.

Water Softeners

An area of concern that has come up lately during community compliance inspections is in regards to the installation of water softeners.

As outlined in the Second Amended and Restated Rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association, water softeners must be resin, not ion exchange (salt).

The installation of a water softener requires an approval by the Association prior to installation. The application for modification may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office or by going online to otowclearwaterinfo.com. At the time of installation of a new water softener, the old equipment must be removed from OTOW property at the owner's expense. Please do not leave the old equipment in the center core of a building or in the building trash room.

Did You Know

The hours for the Community Service Office are posted on the CSO entrance doors. It is important to understand that the staff does not open the lobby doors after-hours. Please do not shake or bang on the doors. This action could result in breaking the door(s) or becoming injured by broken glass.

Should you need to make a service request, or have other service related needs, you can go online, call the service line, or visit the office on the next business day during normal business hours.

If you have an emergency after the office closes, contact the emergency number listed below.

In the event of a medical emergency dial 911.

Whether you are purchasing or leasing a unit, each tenant, resident and owner must interview for approval. As a reminder, the minimum rental period is six months and one week as no short-term rentals are allowed.

Up to two activity cards are given per unit to approved residents and tenants. For a fee, a third guest card may be pur-

chased if that person is approved to reside in the community.

Additionally, to assist in reducing the number of unapproved occupants, your Association appreciates that residents continually write in with information regarding possible non-compliant persons living in the community.

Important CSO Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call rolls over to voice mail, it is because staff is working with someone else. Please be patient. Calls and voice-mails will be responded to during normal business hours.

Once the requested service matter is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the request immediately to discern if it is an emergency or non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and scheduled. Generally, all non-emergency service requests are accessed and addressed in the order in which they are received. As a reminder, window repair items exclusive to the unit are the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

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

Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter in the common areas only.

Please do not leave health-related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests. For a life threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number, after hours, in the event of an emergency such as water intrusion into your unit.

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.

Take proactive steps to protect your life and property

From time to time, we receive a question from a resident that may have broader interest or benefit to the community.

I recently received such a question from a resident regarding the On Top of the World Public Access Reuse System

(Q) When the facility was built was it decided to have our own sewer treatment plant in order to have reclaimed water for the grass? If so, why didn't they just drill a water well? According to Pinellas County, the OTOW sewer system uses "Public Access Reuse Systems." What does that mean and how do you dispose of the remaining sludge?

(A) OTOW originally developed a deep, potable supply well and a private water system. The potable supply well was taken over by Pinellas County in the late 1970s and they required that the well be decommissioned from use.

From the very earliest date of construction, OTOW built a wastewater plant inasmuch as the County did not have sewer collection capability in the area. We were considered "too remote."

As I recall, the initial facility was a steel package plant designed to have enough capacity for the first 800 condos. The plan was to expand the capacity with a new structure capable of handling the future community demand.

The plant was expanded in 1971, reuse was added and served only the golf courses in the overnight hours.

The treatment process creates residuals called bio solids. These are contracted for removal and stabilizing treatment off site and eventually land applied as a soil amendment elsewhere.

In the 1990s, the treatment system was upgraded to the then current State requirement for public access reuse. In 2004, the system was again expanded and beneficial reuse was extended throughout the entire community.

Beneficial public access reuse has proven to be a great benefit as OTOW is not restricted in watering times or quantities imposed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District throughout other areas of its authority.

Further, there is a substantial cost savings to the community by offset of use of potable water use for irrigation from the very expensive Pinellas County water distribution system. The annual savings to the OTOW Condominium Community is approximately \$953,745, or a savings to each condo of \$16.00/month (rounded).

Take Proactive Steps to Protect Your Life and Property

With the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays upon us, it is time to mention fire prevention.

There has been a history of tragic fires here that have caused substantial damage and displacement of residents. Some fires are associated with pots left on the stove, a "rocket" lamb roast left in the oven, or an overloaded electrical panel.

The point is this: These were 100 percent preventable. Here are basic tips for fire prevention and dealing with a sudden fire:

- Never throw water on a grease fire. Smother it with baking soda, salt, or a tight fitting lid. If you don't have a lid, you can quickly wet a hand towel wring it out and carefully lay it over the grease fire.

- Stay in your kitchen while cooking, otherwise turn the stove off.

- Keep any material that can catch on fire away from your stovetop.

- Do have a residential fire extinguisher rated for grease/oil within reach in your



kitchen. This is always the preferred method for fire control. Having more than one fire extinguisher is recommended. Have a backup in case the first fire extinguisher fails.

- Do install a smoke detector in your kitchen if you do not already have one. Change the battery every six months.

- Have an escape plan and never go back inside a burning home. Practice your home fire drill.

- Do install a FireAvert device. This ingenious life saving device shuts off the power to your stove whenever the smoke detector alarms. When the threat is resolved, turning off the circuit breaker to the stove and then turning it back on again reset the device.

Candles

LED "candles" provide a great alternative to lighting a candle, but if you do insist on the real deal, please "Candle with Care" (yes, the community has had several fires related to candles!):

- Keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.

- Blow out candles when you go to bed or leave the room.

- Avoid use of candles in bedrooms where you may fall asleep.

Smoking safety

- If you smoke, smoke outdoors only.
- If you smoke indoors, stay alert, especially if drowsy or taking prescription medications.

- NEVER smoke in bed.

Home heating and electrical safety

- Only plug one heat producing appliance (coffee maker, toaster, space heater) into a receptacle outlet at time. NEVER plug a space heater into a power strip! NEVER!

- Remember to turn portable space heaters off before bedtime or leaving a room.

- Keep anything flammable at least three feet away from heating equipment.

- NEVER use an oven to heat your home.

- Make sure that the electrical outlet that you are using is a "GFCI" (ground fault circuit interrupter) if you are using an electrical appliance near a sink or water (i.e. hand held hair dryer)

- Check electrical cords to make sure they are in good working condition, are not across doorways or under carpets.

- Check electrical cords to make sure that they have a ground

- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on lamps and fixtures.

On to other matters

Your Board of Administration continues to be very much engaged in the community and committed to ensuring quality services for your benefit.

I would like to recognize the people behind the scenes who serve this community and

make sure things are going as planned.

Dessa Barabba oversees day-to-day community operations for Parkway Maintenance and Management. Shawn Tobias, Jr. is in charge of all grounds maintenance and building services. Corby Ratliff (Board member) has been a tremendous resource of practical information on building construction as well as golf course operations. Guy Woolbright (Board member) is an ace at negotiating with insurance brokers for comprehensive insurance coverage, Leslee Colon (Board member) is very much a driver behind the positive aesthetics of the community and quality programming. Gail Sanders (Board member) monitors rules compliance with regard to renters in the community.

From my perspective, it is a privilege to be associated with this community, the Management Company, and with your Board.

As your Board continues in its efforts to 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.

The Board continues to engage in very substantial renovation projects, dealing with unusually heavy rainfall yet again, and with on-going rules enforcement. It has been quite a year so far.

The tennis and Pavilion project is moving along. We are at functional completion and the facility is now open for resident use.

The problem with finding and retaining good labor is all too familiar to your Board and to the Management Company. The labor market remains very tight due to the general recovery in the local economy and businesses competing for employees. The Management Company has had to pace the wage increases and benefits 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 is at the top of task priorities. That said, reducing the quality of service is the last thing your Board would want to have happen. Your Board will do what it takes to assure that the Management Company is able to retain current and hire new talent that will assure the continuing operational quality.

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/Buildings Annual Report

The Association now budgets for and has an independent certified CPA perform an audit every year. This report is produced within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year. Notice that the audited Annual Financial Report is available and was mailed to all residents on Oct. 15.

Community Update Work in Progress

November will see our painting contrac-

tor coating the front of Building 44 and waterproofing crews headed to the rear of Building 23. Both the front and rear façades will be thoroughly pressure washed, followed by the sealing of any hairline cracks in the masonry, and then the application of a high quality paint coating.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or property. Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

The installation of new unit address numbers will also continue following the painting contractor as they recoat structures on this year's schedule. Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect.

While any unit numbers attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner. If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old numbers for a nominal fee.

Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

The fall season of 2019 will bring elevator equipment improvements to the residents of buildings 60 and 79.

As this article reaches your hands, the work at Building 60 will be close to completed and the work at Building 79 beginning in early November. These improvements include the remodeling of the interior of the elevator cab as well as ceiling and lighting enhancements.

Please keep in mind that the elevator will be out of service for an estimated seven days while the equipment replacements take place. Residents of these buildings should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for exact start dates and progress updates. This will be an active work zone while the improvements take place, and while areas will be cordoned off for everyone's safety, we ask that you please watch your step and be aware of activity in these areas.

Autumn will see the return of a licensed and insured mechanical contractor to the On Top of the World property. This contractor will be installing new dryer ventilation systems in buildings that have common area laundry rooms. The project is anticipated to span 4-7 days per location and laundry facilities in the buildings affected may not be available while the improvements are underway. Notices will be posted in advance and we ask that you make the necessary arrangements during these closures. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Your Board is pleased to report that it has entered into a contract with CSC Service-works, Inc. to provide new state of the art washer/dryers throughout the community.

These are the new generation of "smart" machines, meaning they report usage as well as trouble to a central service facility of the laundry vendor, the goal being reliable and consistent service.

Another smart thing about the machines is that they don't take money. No, they are not free. They take a prepaid card dispensed from a vending machine located in the East Activity Center, or you can use a digital pay app on your cell phone.

Your Board wishes you a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Do you know what makes a gem valuable?

By Charlie Guhr

In the On Top of the World jewelry making class, you will learn how to cut and set gemstones into jewelry, and you will also learn what to look for when buying gemstones.

Hope the article below will be of help.

The Five Cs Of Grading Gemstone

Clarity

Clarity is the most important of the five Cs.

A gemstone should be free of inclusions and flaws. When light passes



Jewelry Making

through a gemstone and it hits an inclusion, it scatters the light, which takes away from its brilliance.

Cut

The cut of a gemstone should be done with great precision. When cut correctly, no light should pass out of the bottom of the stone. This is what makes a gemstone very brilliant.

Color

Some gems are cut just for their color. An emerald that is a rich green will cost more than one that is pale in color. Some other gems that are often cut just for their color are rubies, amethyst and aquamarine.

Carat

Carat is nothing more than the weight. A one-carat flawless diamond will be worth more than a two-carat diamond that has flaws. This, to me, is the least important of the five Cs.

Cost

The old saying "you get what you paid for" applies here. Sometimes a salesperson will show you a gem that is cut poorly just to see if you know what to look for. If you don't know your gems, deal only with a jeweler with a good reputation. I can't state this too much.

Blackout concludes summer season on Nov. 21 and switches to Canadian Club

By Tom Jamrozy

Save Thursday night on your calendars so you can enjoy cards with those who want to "enhance their entertainment funds" with your money.

Maybe you will surprise them all by winning.

It's all skill and, oh yeah, some luck by getting the cards you need to win and avoid taking tricks that you don't want.

We have been getting good crowds at Blackout each week. There has been a lot of fun and laughter.

Blackout concludes as an independent summer activity on Nov. 21. The Canadian Club will take over this winter. You can attend Registration night on Nov. 22, where you can pay your dues to play blackout as part of the Canadian Club's Social Games.

We want to thank all the people who made this season so much fun and look forward to playing with you again in April 2020. Until then, stay well and enjoy the holiday season.

Date changed for Jerry Colen's upcoming probate lecture

Many of us are concerned with the administration of our estate through probate proceedings in court.

Over many years, we've been taught that we should seek to avoid probate by using a trust. A trust, we are told, is the simplest and easiest way for the assets we have to pass directly to our beneficiaries.

But, is a trust really the best, simplest and least expensive way for assets to pass to our children?

Is a trust cost-effective?

Attorneys Jerry Colen and Rachel Wagoner, who write a column for this newspaper each month, believe there are better and much less expensive ways to avoid probate without having the expense and time a trust may entail.

Rachel and Jerry will be at On Top of the World-Clearwater on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 11 am to discuss simple ways and strategies all of us can use to avoid pro-



Jerry Colen at a previous lecture at On Top of the World.

bate and to make things simple for our loved ones. The lecture will take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

No preregistration is required. There is no cost. Questions? Ask Nancy Rogers in the Activities Office.

An open invitation to join the Baby Boomers Club

If you are a current On Top of the World resident, by ownership or approved renter status, you are welcome to join the Baby Boomers Club.

Members of our club share personal interests and

activities. In our group, every member is encouraged to lead or help organize future activities.

Currently, there are no annual dues and no email blasts, only members who attend two meetings a month.

Meetings take place the first Wednesday, and the third Thursday of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room. We have our own exercise group and get together Fridays for a jam music session.

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Guidelines on using Pavilion Park and community grills

Thank you to everyone who plans on attending our 2019 Fall Festival & Expo taking place this Saturday, Nov. 2!

Did you know all proceeds earned from this event go right back into our community?

Just another reason to join in the fun!

I'm happy to say thank you for your ideas and participation. This event has become a celebration for our entire community.

Next year, with the addition of the Pavilion Park, we might bring in a farmer's market, too.

What is your vision for this festival event in the future?

I really want to hear from you. Please complete the survey below and continue to inspire us.

Next year's Fall Festival & Expo will be tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7. Thank you, again, and have a Happy Thanksgiving!



not hold events on behalf of any outside business or organization.

It will also be a place for you to hold a celebration, your birthday party or wedding anniversary.

The process for reserving the Pavilion and grills will be the same as reserving a room at either activity center. It will require the completion of a Facility Request Form.

To make the process easier, a reservation may be initiated through an email to me at general_activity@otowfl.com or a telephone call to 727-799-2374, but completion of a Facility Request Form, along with a copy of your updated activity card, will finalize your reservation.

If your event includes food and drink, a refundable security deposit will be required (check only) made payable to "SCA."

If you need our facility staff to set up your event, there will be a fee.

See me for changes to the refundable security deposit fees, as well as set up and tear down fees.

You will want to make special note that there is also an additional refundable deposit required when reserving the actual Pavilion area. See me for this fee schedule.

The Activity Centers and Pavilion Park hours of operation are the same, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sundays.

The only difference between reserving a room and the pavilion/grill areas are as follows:

Pavilion amenities and nearby grills will be locked and only opened during hours specified on completed facility request forms.

The actual pavilion itself, picnic tables and dock will be open to residents when not reserved for an event.

Staff will be assigned to unlock grill(s) approximately one hour before your scheduled event. Also, facilities staff will line trash can(s) with an industrial strength bag(s) and retrieve it after your event, as well as clean grill grate(s) and remove any embers.

Residents are responsible for cleaning up any area trash or debris, wiping spills on the pavilion floor, and wiping down countertops and picnic table(s).

Please note: The Pavilion Park and all other On Top of the World facilities are reserved for residents and approved tenants only. In addition, residents may not hold events on behalf of any outside business or organization.

See page 25 for more information.

Lost and Found at East Activity Center

Did you know there is a Lost and Found located inside the Community Ser-

vice Office?

We receive many items, such as keys, jewelry, sunglasses, cell phones, hats, towels, bathing suits, sneakers, shoes, and flip flops.

We hold these items for up to 90 days and larger clothing items for 60 days before donating them to a local charity.

If you have lost anything within the last couple of months, please consider stopping in to see if we have it.

At this time, we are overloaded with sets of keys.

The Community Service Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 3 p.m., and closes 30 minutes for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Recycling Seminar Correction

The date of a Solid Waste Recycling Seminar noted in my column last month was incorrect. The correct date is Friday, Nov. 8 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Activity Card Renewal

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

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

Please note that no cards will be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

HELP US DEVELOP THE 2020 FALL FESTIVAL & EXPO

(Please fill out this survey if you attended the 2019 Fall Festival. Drop off at the Activity Director's Office, the Community Service Office or Newspaper Office)

- 1. How much did you enjoy the 2019 Fall Festival & Expo?
 (A) It was awesome (B) It was fun (C) It was OK
 (D) It was boring (E) I did not enjoy it (D) I'm not coming back

- 2. Did you make a purchase from a food vendor?
 Circle: Yes or No. Which vendors: _____

If yes, did you enjoy the quality of the food? Circle: Yes or No

- 3. Were you satisfied with the variety of vendors inside?
 Circle: Yes or No
- 4. Were you satisfied with the arts & crafts vendors outside?
 Circle: Yes or No
- 5. Did you purchase an item from an arts & crafts vendors?
 Circle: Yes or No
- 6. Did you visit any of the OTOW club tables outside?
 Circle: Yes or No

If yes, did you join a club? Circle: Yes or No

- 7. Did you enjoy the genre of music outside?
 Circle: Yes or No
 If you did not enjoy the music, what style of music would you like to hear in 2020? _____
- 8. Did you participate in the OTOW Health & Wellness event downstairs in the Exercise Room this year? Circle: Yes or No

- 9. Would you be interested in additional workshops downstairs during this event? Circle: Yes or No
- 10. Did you experience any problems getting to the East Activity Center? Circle: Yes or No
 List problems: _____
- 11. Did you see an advertisement for this event? Circle: Yes or No.
 Circle where: Bulletin Board, Newspaper, OTOW-TV, in EAC
- 12. Did you play a game outside? Circle: Yes or No
- 13. Did you like the choice of games offered? Circle: Yes or No
- 14. Would you like to see more games added for 2020? Yes or No
 Please suggest a new game for 2020 _____
- 15. Do you have any other concerns, comments, questions or ideas for developing next year's event? Please feel free to add longer comments on a separate piece of paper and attach to this survey.

What building do you live in? _____
 How long have you lived at OTOW? _____
 Did you attend the 2018 festival? _____
 At this time, do you think will you attend in 2020? _____

Nancy's Bulletin Board



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Live Speaker!
Where: Auditorium

Avoid Probate Without a Trust
November 6, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Instructor: Jerry Colen



Many of us have come to believe that in order to avoid probate proceedings at our passing, we need to have a living trust. But do we? Attorney Jerry Colen will be here to tell us of the many ways we can easily avoid probate without the necessity of having to pay the expense of a trust.

Course Fee: Free
No registration required.

Live Broadcasts and Recordings from Ocala
Where: West Activity Center Learning Lab

Russian Hybrid Warfare and its Implications for NATO and the U.S.
November 19, 10:30 a.m. -12 p.m.
Instructor: Frank DiPiero



Russia has been employing 'hybrid warfare' against her neighbors (most notably Ukraine), Western Europe, NATO and the United States. Learn what hybrid warfare consists of and how Russia is using it to achieve her strategic goals. Through the Kremlin's use of a hybrid strategy, Russia now poses an alarming security threat to NATO and to the U.S.

Course Fee: \$2

NASA: Walking on Mars
December 17, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Video Presentation



Join us for a video recording of a presentation given by experts at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Through partnerships with VR and AR companies, scientists on the Curiosity Mars Rover mission are exploring the Martian terrain, engineers are finding new ways to collaborate on 3D designs, and astronauts on the International Space Station are preparing to perform their work more efficiently than ever before. The lead of these projects at NASA will share their progress so far, the challenges that lie ahead, and their vision for the future of VR and AR in space exploration.

Course Fee: Free

Register Today!
Visit the Activity Office
Call: (727) 799-2734
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OTOW Fall Festival

Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 am - 2 pm
East Activity Center
Indoors/Outdoors

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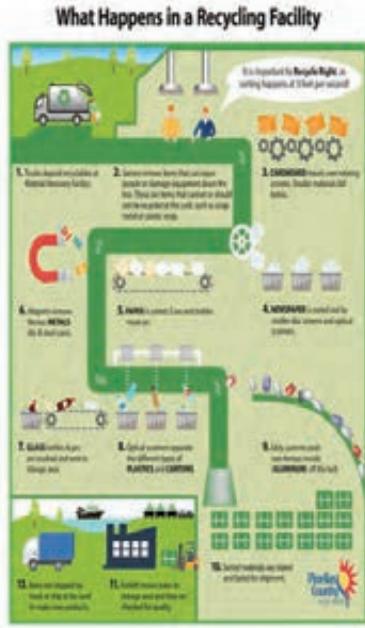
Guardian Ad Litem Volunteer Information Seminar
Thursday, Nov. 14, after Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee at 11:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

Aging Successfully Series-"Thankfulness"
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 10-11:30 a.m.
in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

Pavilion Grand Opening
Friday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Pavilion.
Use North Parking Lots

Movie Day at the EAC
"It's a Wonderful Life"
Monday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. in the EAC auditorium

Aging Successfully Series-Holiday Stress
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in the Largo Room



Learn about recycling in Pinellas County

Friday, Nov. 8, 1 p.m.
East Activity Center Auditorium

Jan Tracy with Pinellas County Solid Waste will talk about proper recycling and waste disposal. Hear and learn about how recycling is processed and the importance each of us plays in the process. What you place in the recycling container makes a difference. Learn why some items can be recycled, while many others cannot. Lots of time for questions and answers

It is important to recycle right in sorting facilities that process it!

**Tuesday
12th
November**

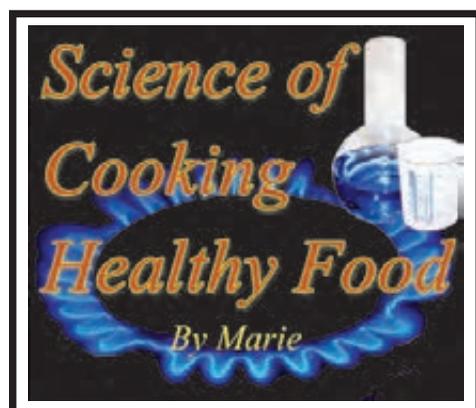


Fraud Week Presentation

9-11 AM - Free onsite shredding
10-11:30 AM - Fraud Presentation

East Activity Center

Sweet potatoes go with Thanksgiving tradition



Ingredients

3 pounds sweet potatoes
(about 5 medium)
1 cup fresh coconut milk
8 ounce can of pineapple tidbits
in its own juice
1 large egg, whisked
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
½ teaspoon salt

TOPPING

4 teaspoons frozen orange juice
concentrate
1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 teaspoons light brown sugar
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

History of the Sweet Potatoes

The original Thanksgiving in 1621 did not have a sweet potato in sight. Sweet potatoes became a Thanksgiving tradition more than 150 years later.

Sweet potatoes are popular in southern homes and southerners added the vegetable to the traditional Thanksgiving menu.

The classic sweet potato casserole can taste like dessert due to its generous butter, dairy, refined sugar and marshmallows. If you indulge in this treat, limit serving size, eat healthy greens and drink a lot of water to help your body digest all the sugar.

Sweet potatoes are naturally sweet without piling on sugar. Instead, use pineapple, as its tartness tempers the sweetness of sweet potatoes. Plus, pineapple tidbits add a little chew factor to this smooth and creamy dish.

Disclaimer: Good nutrition is one of the key foundations of good health. This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.

Email questions, suggestions and comments to

Marie

marieshealthyfood@gmail.com

Also, visit the Box Office for past recipes in this newspaper.

otowboxoffice.com

Healthy



Sweet Potato Casserole

Instructions

1. Peel potatoes. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise. Cut one-half inch slices.
2. Place in steamer basket over two inches of boiling water in large covered pot. Steam 12 minutes until tender. Do not overload steamer. You may need to steam the potatoes in two batches.
3. Transfer to large mixing bowl and cool slightly.
4. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
5. Add the milk, egg, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and salt. Using an electric mixer, mix potatoes until smooth. Drain pineapple and stir into mix.
6. Spread mixture into 12 x 8-inch baking dish.
7. In small bowl, let frozen orange concentrate soften.
8. Stir in remainder of topping ingredients. Spread over top of casserole.
9. Cover dish with foil and bake for 20 minutes. Remove foil and bake 20 minutes more. Serves 6-8.

If you plan on making this casserole a day(s) before serving, here is a tip:

Prepare through Step 6, cover and refrigerate for up to two days. Let casserole sit at room temperature for 20 minutes to take the chill off before baking. Sprinkle on topping when ready to bake.

Health Value

Sweet potatoes are a superior source of vitamin A; i.e., beta-carotene. Vitamin A is important for eye health and can help prevent infection from a wound. It also reduces the risk of bacterial and virus entry through the skin.

Sweet potatoes are good for their vitamins, minerals and fiber content, too.

There are 6.6 grams of dietary fiber in a medium sweet potato. Fiber helps slow the pace of digestion which minimizes diabetic sugar spikes. Sweet potatoes have more fiber and are slightly lower on the glycemic index than white potatoes. De-

spite the shared name, sweet potatoes are only distantly related to white potatoes. Sweet potatoes were cultivated in the Americas long before the white (Irish) potato.

Plus, sweet potatoes can significantly increase blood levels of adiponectin in type 2 diabetics.¹ Adiponectin serves as an important modifier of insulin metabolism. People with poorly-regulated insulin metabolism and insulin insensitivity tend to have lower levels of adiponectin.

More research is needed on larger groups of individuals to further confirm this.

The Science

Sweet potatoes are often boiled prior to mashing them. However, steaming yields the greatest nutritional benefit. Boiling can leach water-soluble nutrients and flavor. Recent studies also show excellent preservation of sweet potato anthocyanins with steaming.²

In the U.S., there is often much confusion between sweet potatoes and yams. They are completely different foods, belong-

ing to different plant families. Yams are rarely available in the U.S.

My dear chefs, you are likely buying sweet potatoes, even if the sign says "yams." There are generally two types of sweet potatoes: firm and soft. Grocers need a way to differentiate between them and they label the soft kind as yams. Plus, government agencies have allowed these terms to be used somewhat interchangeably.³

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November

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

Activities below include Art Classes, Card Games, Board Games, Computer Help, Dance Lessons, Classes, Exercises and Crafts

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

ART CLASSES

Painting Pals: Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Largo Room
 Passion for Pastels: Fridays, 10 am, Largo Room
 Drawing Class: Thursdays, 1 pm, Largo Room
 Acrylic Painting, Wednesdays, 2:30 pm, Largo Room
 Painting Workshop, Mondays, 9 am, Largo Room

CARD GAMES

BID EUCHRE

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Largo Room (19th Oldsmar Rm)

BLACKOUT

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Belleair Room (last day Nov 21)

LADIES BUNCO

Tuesday, Oct. 19, 6:30 pm, Palm Harbor Room

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

Thursdays 11 am, Ozona Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Ozona Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Ozona Room

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturdays, Wednesdays, 11 am, Dunedin Room

BEGINNERS DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Thursdays, 9 am, Ozona Room

HAND AND FOOT CANASTA/SAMBA

Fridays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

MAHJONGG

Mondays, 11 am, Safety Harbor Room

M, W, F 1 pm, Palm Harbor Room

Mondays, 4:45 pm, Palm Harbor Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room

Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Dunedin Room

RUMMIKUB

Sundays, 2 pm, Dunedin Room

SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30, Ozona Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Ozona Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Rm

Alonzo: Mondays, 5 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Bob: M,T, 6:30 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Barry: Mon., Wed. 6:30 pm, Ozona Room

Carol: Wed, Fri, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room

Ron: Mondays, Thursdays, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Rm

Don: Tuesdays, 6 pm, Safety Harbor Room

COMPUTER CLUB- All in Learning Lab

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

Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations

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

FITNESS CENTER HOURS

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

JEWELRY MAKING HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays 9-12

LIBRARY

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

GAMES/ACTIVITIES

BILLIARDS

8-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room

Doubles, Thursdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

DOMINOES

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm, Ozona Room

Tuesdays, 1 pm, Mexican Train, Safety Harbor Room

PING PONG

T,W,F 10 am, Belleair Room

DANCE LESSONS

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Largo Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Belleair Room

LINE DANCING

Monday-Friday, 7-8 am, Exercise Room

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Clearwater Room

EXERCISES

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Largo Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

LADIES EXERCISES

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

SLIMNASTICS

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

STRETCHING

M,T,W,H,F, 7:30 am, Safety Harbor Room

TAI CHI

Tai Chi 18: M,W,F 2:45 pm, Exercise Room

Tai Chi 108: M,T,W,H,F 4 p.m., Exercise Room

Chi Kung Balance Matters: T,H 3 pm, Exercise Room

BOOMERS EXERCISE

M, W, F, 11:15 am, Exercise Room

WATER AEROBICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, EAC Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room (Hatha)

Thursdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room (Basic)

CHAIR YOGA

Mondays, 10 am, Belleair Room

ZUMBA

Mondays, 11:30 am, Gold Chair Zumba

Tuesdays, Fridays, 9 am, Belleair Room

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Exercise Room

Saturdays, 8 am, East Swimming Pool (Aqua Zumba)

Saturdays, 10 am, Exercise Room

GROUPS

CARING & SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Clearwater Room

Thursdays, 9 am, Clearwater Room

Activities below are

SUNDAY

MONDAY

NEW ROOM NAMES

Largo - Art Room
 Oldsmar - Starlite Room
 Crystal Beach - Veranda

03
 Karaoke
 6:00 PM - Auditorium

04
 Ent. Committee. Board
 10:00 AM - Crystal Beach
 (Veranda)

Bingo

6:00 PM - Auditorium

Ent. Committee & Club

8:30 AM - Auditorium

10
 Ent. Committee. Meet and Greet
 2:00 PM - Auditorium
 Snowbirds Dinner
 6:30 PM - Auditorium

11
 Snowbirds Meeting
 10:30 AM - Crystal Beach
 (Veranda)

Family History Meeting

12:30 PM - Learning Lab

Bingo

6:00 PM - Auditorium

Ent. Committee & Club

8:30 AM - Auditorium

17
 Snowbirds Meeting
 5:30 PM - Auditorium

18
 No.50 Azores Meeting
 7:00 PM - Belleair Room

Chorus Board Meeting

11:00 AM - Oldsmar Room

Bingo

6:00 PM - Auditorium

Ent. Committee & Club

8:30 AM - Auditorium

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Bingo

6:00 PM - Auditorium

Ent. Committee & Club

8:30 AM - Auditorium

East Activity Center Rooms

Crystal Beach Room (Veranda), Oldsmar Room (Starlite Room), Largo Room (Art Room), Ozona Room (Small Card), Safety Harbor Room (Yellow Room), Dunedin Room (Computer Room), Clearwater Room (Craft Room), Auditorium, Exercise Room, Kitchen.

West Activity Center Rooms

Belleair Room (Sunrise Room), Palm Harbor Room (Rainbow Room), Learning Lab, Billiards Rooms.

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are organized by the Community Service Office, OTOW clubs and OTOW groups

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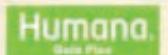
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Happy faces gather at second annual OTOW Veterans Group picnic

Our second annual On Top of the World Veterans Picnic served burgers and hot dogs to 71 hungry veterans and their spouses in October.

Stu Rosenblatt manned the barbeque to do all the cooking. Pam Rosenblatt and her mother, Mary, who recently moved to OTOW, did a lot of the volunteer work to help make it a success. Also chipping in was Will Peterson behind the scenes.

After dessert was served, the following announcements were made:

The Veterans Group table for the Nov. 16 Good Neighbors Association Flea Market is a go. Hope to see all of you there.

Our group is looking for volunteers to work at our flea market table. If you can help, let us know.

There is a phrase that fits this situation: Many hands make light work (proverb by John Heywood).

Please, if you offer to volunteer for an event and can't make it, let us know so we can find a replacement for you. Better yet, contact a veteran you know who would gladly take you place.

On Dec. 4, our next Veterans Group meeting will take place at 2 p.m. in the Safety Harbor Room across from Good Karma Café. We plan on serving refreshments. If anyone is interested in bringing some food to share, it would be appreciated. Please let us know in advance if you plan on bringing anything.

On Sunday, Nov. 10, at 5:30 p.m., the Snowbirds Club, run by Ed Foland, will

host a Veterans Appreciation Day. It is free to vets and \$5 for a guest. You can sign up at the Veterans Group table on a Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and we will make sure tickets get delivered to you. There will be food, but you may bring additional food as well as drinks.

Pam, Stu and Will deserve a lot of credit for keeping this group as a valuable asset to our veterans. They manage events and provide a positive attitude. If you see them, please say "thank you" for their time.

If you have any questions about our group, if you need assistance with anything, or have some ideas to share, we will be happy to help. Contact the Veterans Group at: otowveteransgroup@gmail.com



Holiday lights will be videotaped by OTOW-TV starting Dec. 9

OTOW-TV Channel 732 will be videotaping holiday light displays at all 91 buildings from Dec. 9-Dec. 13. During this week, make sure your lights are on at 6 p.m. and remain on until at least 8 p.m. The best holiday light

displays will air on Channel 732 right through Christmas Day. No appointments will be taken for filming lights and once a building has been passed there will be no return. So please have your displays up by Dec. 9.



Everyone who attended Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in October was treated to a performance by 'Skirt and Ties,' a mixed barbershop quartet, which performs locally and competes throughout the state. Second from left is On Top of the World's own Mike Wood. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Opera Tampa returns Nov. 14

October was barbershop month at On Top of the World.

No. There were not \$5 special haircuts in the East Activity Center auditorium, but there were two barbershop music groups here to entertain us.

First, on Oct. 10, "Skirt and Ties" was here to sing as a barbershop quartet during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee.

The group featured On Top of the World's Mike Wood, who is also a member of Theater Workshop and the Entertainment Committee.

"Skirt and Ties" performed several songs and concluded with its own version of an "On Top of the World" song - barbershop style.

"Skirt and Ties" was like a preview or a tease of what was to come later in the month.

On Oct. 20, the Florida Suncoast Barbershop Chorus visited On Top of the World as its 20-member group entertained an even larger crowd in the auditorium.

Among the singers in the Suncoast Chorus were the same four singers who treated us earlier in the month.

The Suncoast Chorus performance was highlighted by an apple pie social event - all organized by the Good Neighbors Association.

On Nov. 14, one of On Top of the World's favorite treats will be here. Opera Tampa returns with a showcase of up and coming talented opera singers performing right on our own stage.



Opera Tampa was just here this past spring and now they will make a second appearance in the same year.

Don't miss Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Nov. 14 in the auditorium. Clubs will open their information tables at 8:30 a.m. followed by free donuts and coffee at 9 a.m.

Morning announcements, newcomers and introduction of vendors will take place, followed by Opera Tampa at about 9:30 a.m. Everything is free.



Sara and Sean were two singers from Opera Tampa who were on our stage earlier this year. Attend Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee on Nov. 14 to see who Opera Tampa brings for a special Thanksgiving version of their show at On Top of the World.

Flea Market/Craft Show set for Nov. 16

October was a very busy month for the Good Neighbors Association. We had so many events crammed into 16 days.

"Thank you" to everyone who assisted on these dates.

On Oct. 10, Get Acquainted Coffee took place with a very good crowd. There was coffee and donuts and wonderful entertainment provided by "Skirt and Ties," a barbershop quartet.

On Oct. 20, Good Neighbors hosted a Fall Social featuring the Florida Suncoast Chorus. This group of barbershop singers entertained our residents with harmonized a capella singing. Everyone who stayed after the concert enjoyed apple pie a la mode.

On Oct. 25 and 26, Good Neighbors held its annual fall clothing drive. We thank everyone who donated clothing for those less fortunate. Everything was donated to local charities where clothing is given away for free.

All three events in October would not have been possible without help from our Good Neighbors Association volunteers. Without you, we could not bring these events to our community. Thank you.

November will be another packed month for Good Neighbors.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, we will be at the On Top of the World Fall Festival and Expo. Good Neighbors will be hosting a backyard cook-out with food galore. Look for us in the East Activity Center North Parking Lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, Get Acquainted Coffee will host Opera Tampa for the second time this year. This show is always a crowd pleaser. Club ticket sales start at 8:30 a.m., followed by morning announce-



ments, free coffee and donuts, and entertainment about 9:30 a.m.

On Nov. 14, Good Neighbors will be accepting nominations for the association's board of directors. A formal announcement will be made during the Nov. 14 Get Acquainted Coffee.

On Nov. 16, Good Neighbors will host its annual Flea Market/Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Start your Christmas shopping early! A food court will feature "da best hot dawgs" and pulled pork sandwiches. There will be coffee, donuts, water, lemonade and a variety of chips.

Please mark your calendars.

As of this article going to press, there were still a few tables available for the Flea Market/Craft Show. Tables are \$15. Stop by the Good Neighbors information table

Tin Can Challenge rules now available

If you are thinking about entering the 2020 Tin Can Challenge, please pick up a list of rules and guidelines at the Good Neighbors Association information table.

The table is open 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

The Tin Can Challenge will take place on Saturday, Jan. 25, in the late-morning. This is a team event where you need to plan ahead. The object is to build something out of tin cans and food boxes.

All cans and boxes used in the competition will be donated to Helping Hands Food Bank at a time when shelves can be empty.

from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays or Thursdays, for more information.

Good Neighbors also has advanced plans for 2020.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, On Top of the World will have its first "Tin Can Challenge" in the East Activity Center North Parking Lot. This is a team event with competitive spirit. Your team has to build an object using only tin cans and boxes, and in only 20 minutes.

Good Neighbors has put together a set of rules available at our information table. There will be a monetary prize for the top three teams. There is no entry fee. Every can and box of a non-perishable food items will be donated to Helping Hands Food Pantry after the event. This will be a fun event for participants and

spectators.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020, Good Neighbors will host its second annual Chili Cook-Off with something new – an Anything Chocolate event. Last year's cook-off was very successful with a capacity crowd. This year we have a larger room and a second event. Enter your favorite chili or chocolate recipe, or be a judge. Applications will be available in December, along with "Taster Tickets" for judges. Watch for more information.

And finally, we want to wish our Snowbirds a "welcome home!" If you feel the need to get involved in your community this winter season, go to a Good Neighbors volunteer meeting. We would love to have you join us.

Welcome to On Top of the World



Newcomers



Maria Gentile of Rhode Island

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All residents can stop in for a computer tune-up

By Joe Wisinski

The On Top of the World Computer Club exists to teach its members about computers and related technology.

However, in addition to serving its members, the club provides assistance to all OTOW residents. In November the club is offering free computer tune-ups to anyone who lives at OTOW.

Club members are available in the Learning Lab, which is in the West Activity Center, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 8:30 to 10. These times coincide with our regular help sessions when Computer Club members are available to assist with computer, phone or tablet questions.

One problem we often hear during the help sessions is “my computer is running slowly.”

Fixing the problem is commonly referred to as “tuning up” the computer and there are many ways to do it.

We can check for viruses or malware, clean up the computer’s hard drive, remove unnecessary programs, and more.

If your computer needs more extensive work, we can handle that, too.

Besides tune-ups, our services at the help sessions include:

- Basic training. Did you get a new smart phone and you’re unsure how to use it? Bring it in and we’ll show you the ba-



sics.

- Email problems. Are you having trouble sending or receiving emails? We can help.

- Hardware or software issues. If you think there’s a problem with your computer, or the programs on it, we’ll look at it.

All these services are free.

Please come in before 9:30 a.m. so we have adequate time to address your issue.

OTOW provides free wi-fi for residents in the West Activity Center. The Computer Club would like to thank OTOW for the recent upgrade to the wi-fi signal strength.



Computer Club member Scott Mascitelli helps fellow member Mary Lou Wall with a computer question.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in the West Activity Center. Visitors are welcome.

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. We also allow time to ask any technology-related questions.

Writer’s Workshop is 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 7

Press Association discusses ways to get more people to read our community newspaper

All On Top of the World News reporters and staff are invited to attend the 2019 Writers Workshop taking place at 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 7 in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Editor Doug Kates said it is very important for new reporters to learn our style, and to understand what content is allowed and what is not allowed in our community newspaper.

The one-hour course is also a good refresher for writers who have been on staff for a year or more.

“The most important thing,” Doug said, “is we have to get rid of some bad writing habits. There is a difference between writing a newspaper story and sending someone an email.”

The event will be over about 6 p.m. Everyone will still have plenty of time to go home and prepare for an evening show hosted by the Entertainment Committee.

This is the only writing class all year.

At the Press Association monthly meeting in October, Doug asked staff to report on an internal question for everyone in the club. The question was, “Find people who are not reading OTOW News and ask why?”

At the meeting, everyone discussed the research answers.



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The most common response was the desire for “gossip” style news.

Doug said this newspaper takes great pride in true, factual and interesting stories about the people who live in our community. Anyone who wants gossip will have to surf the Internet.

Some residents said they didn’t want to read stories about grandchildren.

In fact, in 2018, grandchildren-type stories were banned from this newspaper as a result of earlier concerns.

Other residents expressed an interest seeing fewer travel stories.

OTOW News recommends to writers that travel stories be unique and special, not just a weekend to the beach.

Other concerns were also addressed.

In another effort to get more readers, Doug said the OTOW News masthead will undergo a slight change starting with the January 2020 masthead, which will then provide readers with a preview on some of the stories inside. The masthead would tease to three stories - one in each section of the newspaper.

Also at the October meeting, Press Association members continued to discuss plans for the Good Neighbors Association Tin Can Challenge in January 2020. In the contest, 25 percent of the team score is team appearance and press members will be wearing new T-shirts.

Doug asked for recommendations on these T-shirts, which everyone on staff will be able to order.

Those in attendance requested blue shirts with a collar - one style for men and for women.

Most people asked for a stitched logo as long as the price range was \$20 or less.

Doug said he would design a shirt logo similar to the OTOW-TV logo with the Sunset Gardens globe in the foreground and the universe behind it.

Plans will be presented in November.

In the meantime, the Press Association staff is asked to drop off tin cans for the Tin Can Challenge. Those entering the contest will be building something out of red and blue cans. Staff who want to donate cans are asked to stick with those colors.

Doug reminded staff that extra newspapers will not be ordered for the winter months. If your building runs out of newspapers, please visit the bins in the East Activity Center, West Activity Center or newsroom.

Some people are still complaining about lack of newspapers at their buildings. Doug said there are no buildings not getting newspapers, but theft of newspapers is an ongoing problem. He asked residents to keep a watch out for people stealing bundles on delivery day.

Lastly, Doug informed staff that the deadline to turn in stories for the January 2020 newspaper will be Thursday, Dec. 12, and not a day later. Because of the holidays falling in the middle of the week and newspaper delivery date on Dec. 31, the editors must have everything in by Dec. 12 - everything!

Thank you for your cooperation.

All stories for the January 2020 newspaper must be submitted no later than Dec. 12.

Some new terms for you to learn: 'inter vivos' and 'Grantor Trust'

Rachel's Don't: Don't let yourself be spoofed by robocalls and texts.

Don't answer phone calls or texts from an unknown number. If you don't recognize a number on your landline or your cell phone, please don't answer it. Do let a call go to voice mail and allow the caller to leave a message. After listening to the message, you can choose whether to call someone back.

Don't be fooled just because a call appears to be from the 727 area code. Scammers are able to send you a call by using your area code and the first three numbers of your actual phone number.

Whenever I see something like that, I simply do not answer.

Rachel's Don't: Don't - under ANY circumstance - respond to any personal questions over the phone, especially where you have to answer with a "yes."

Believe it or not, a scammer can record your voice saying "yes" and use your own voice against you. Please don't say "yes" over the phone.

Rachel's Don't: Don't permit someone to pressure you into making an immediate decision. That's a sure sign of a scam. There's a wonderful word that we all should say over and over. It's "No."

Recently, I was asked to explain what an "inter vivos" trust is.

That term frequently appears in



various documents and often in Durable Powers of Attorney. The term inter vivos means "between the living."

Therefore, an inter vivos trust means a trust that is created between someone or some people, who are living at the time the trust is created.

However, the simplest way to understand that term is just to know that an inter vivos trust is what most of us know as a living or revocable trust.

As I said, we most often see that term in durable powers of attorney. That's because one of the typical provisions in a durable power of attorney states that the agent for the maker of the power, has been granted authority to create an inter vivos (living) trust if it is proper to do so.

Why would it be proper to do that—that is, to create a living trust?

There may be several reasons, but the most likely reason is to protect the assets for someone who is no longer able to manage them by himself/herself.

Under Florida's power of attorney statute, if the agent under a durable power of attorney does not have the written authority to create such a trust, it cannot be done.

From time to time, I have had clients ask me if that authority should be given to an agent and my answer is always the same. It makes good estate planning sense to give your agent the authority to create that kind of trust, but only if you trust your agent in the first place.

Of course, and I cannot say this enough: If you are not sure that you can trust your agent, then you should not name that person. And if your answer is that you don't have anyone else to select, then I think you should discuss it with your attorney, or with someone at your bank, or with some of the trust companies that provide that kind of assistance.

I talked with a client of mine regarding whether she needed a living trust or a Will. In the process, my client said she had heard of the term "Grantor Trust."

Was there a difference between a living trust and a Grantor Trust?

Actually, a living trust is one type of a Grantor Trust, and in fact, a living trust is the most common type of Grantor trust that is designed to avoid probate for assets held in the name of the trustee.

However, Grantor trusts can serve many other functions as well. There's a bunch of them and my law partner, Jerry Colen, recently spoke at a one-day symposium on trusts that was specifically for attorneys and CPAs.

Jerry's topic was Grantor Trusts.

His lecture covered so many different types of Grantor Trusts, over and above the typical living trust, that he ran out of time and was not able to get to all of his material.

All Grantor Trusts (if properly drafted) result in probate avoidance. Some of them can be used as tax avoidance mechanisms or as methods of passing on assets to other generations of family members.

It's a very complex topic and I believe Jerry is preparing a lecture for On Top of the World, which will contain elements of the lecture he gave to all those attorneys and CPAs.

And now, for some courtroom humor:

Attorney: "What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?"

Witness: He said, "Where am I Cathy?"

Attorney: "And why did that upset you?"

Witness: "My name is Susan."

- Wishing you a wonderful day, Rachel

From broken back to Broadway dancer

June Allyson was an American stage, film and television actress, dancer and singer.

She was born on Oct. 7, 1917. Her mother was French and her father was Dutch.

When June was 8 years old, a tree branch fell on her while riding a tricycle. She sustained a fractured skull and broken back. The doctors said she would never walk again and confined her to a heavy steel brace from her neck to her hips for four years.

After a long recovery, June took dancing lessons and was able to get a job at the Copacabana in New York City, which led to some small roles in Broadway shows.

In 1940, June replaced Betty Hutton in the Broadway production of "Panama



Hattie."

George Abbott saw her one night and immediately signed her for her next

big show, "Best Foot Forward," where she became a star.

When George signed with MGM to make the show into a movie, he took June with him.

The movie was a huge success.

June not only starred in many musicals at MGM, she also played the lead in non-musicals. She played the wife of Glenn Miller in "The Glenn Miller Story" and appeared in "The McConnell Story" with Alan Ladd.

June was married four times and had two children with her first husband, Dick Powell. MGM suspended her when she married Dick as they wanted her to marry Van Johnson, with whom she made six films.

I first met June when I was a camera-

man at NBC. We were taping a show with Dick. June rode around with me on the camera dolly for three days. At the time, they seemed very happy.

June's smokey voice and winning personality made her very popular. In 1961 she underwent a kidney operation and later throat surgery, which temporarily affected her trademark raspy voice. During this period, she struggled with alcoholism, which she overcame in the 1970s.

June's story is an amazing inspiration to those determined to be successful - from her childhood accident, to the death of her stepfather, to her struggle with alcohol addiction.

June, one of the icons of the Golden Era of Hollywood, died on July 8, 2006, after a long illness.

Coming in December, OTOW-TV Channel 732 will broadcast a Fraud Prevention Seminar held at On Top of the World back in August. This forum was full of great information and OTOW wants to share it with our Snowbirds who missed it. The broadcast will air several times in December, in the evening, so everyone can see it. Watch future announcements for exact dates and times.

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Class Project — Portrait of a Cat

Try an art class then decide if you want to join Art Guild

By Mary Slack Maynard

November brings a full slate of art classes to On Top of the World.

Please stop by the Art Guild table at the Saturday, Nov. 2, Fall Festival for a brochure describing the classes offered.

Or just stop by to talk to a guild member.

This winter season we will offer painting, pastel and drawing classes, as well as an informal time on Wednesdays for artists to get together and share their work.

Guild members will have art on display, so you can see what both established artists and new artists have accomplished.

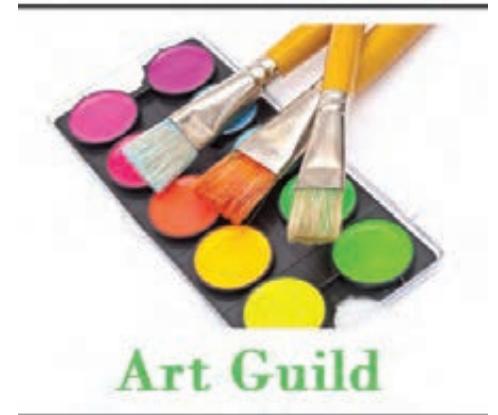
For those wanting to participate in a class, just come to the first class, or the first class you can get to.

Although the classes are ongoing, new students are always welcome.

The instructors charge a nominal fee, and all students must be members of the Art Guild. Membership fees won't be due until after you've participated in your first class, so you can try one for free!

The Guild meets the second Friday of the month, and our November meeting will be at 1 p.m. on Nov. 8. All are invited to attend.

After the business portion of the



meeting, artist John Fier will give a presentation on his series "Browntone Sketches."

John says it's a project that "bridges the gap between pencil sketching and watercolor, and emphasizes the importance of contrast in the arts."

For those who don't know John, he was the instructor for the drawing class for a number of years. This project takes sketching to a new level and sounds like it will be well worth attending.

We are looking forward to seeing all aspiring artists at the Fall Festival, the Guild meeting, in an art class, or all three.

OTOW Knitting Group will raffle off six flag afghans to lucky raffle winners

By Cheryl Butcher

The On Top of the World Knitters Group has been working on a special project for the Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 2, and the Crafts Show on Nov. 16.

Knitters in our group have made six afghans, in national flag colors, and will raffle them off at the end of the Craft Show. The afghan flags include the United States, Canada, France, Italy, Ireland and Israel.

They are a very generous 3 by 5 foot size, and great for keeping you warm on a chilly winter evening.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the club's Fall Festival booth and Craft Show booth for \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets, and the winners will be drawn at the Craft Show.

Many other handmade items will also be available for purchase during both events, including lap robes, hats, baby blankets and hats -- all great for gift-giving since the holidays are approaching.

Please look for our booth so we can show you our handiwork.

Your purchases will enable us to buy yarn and supplies so we can continue our mission of donating items to nursing homes and hospitals.

We always welcome new hands to join us. Our basic mission is to supply lap



Knitting

robes and walker caddies to local nursing homes, and baby hats and blankets to the nursery at Mease Countryside Hospital.

Special projects are undertaken as identified.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us in the Crystal Beach Room (formerly the Veranda Room) of the East Activity Center every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m.

While we do not teach, we do help each other with patterns and/or problems.

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors Association.



This Canadian flag afghan is one of six afghans that will be raffled during the On Top of the World Fall Festival in November. There are also afghans for the United States, France, Italy, Ireland and Israel.

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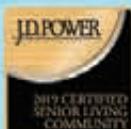
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The new Pavilion Park opened to tennis players and nature walkers in early October.

Opening of Pavilion Park creates a world of new opportunities

By Doug Kates

One year ago, residents from buildings, clubs or groups didn't have a way to host an outdoor social event from within the convenient confines of On Top of the World.

There were no grills for an outdoor picnic and there was no rooftop to shelter an outdoor party.

If you wanted to walk on a dock, you had to go to the West Side.

If you wanted to take a nature stroll on the East Side, you had to find a safe road.

And if you wanted to play pickleball, you had to leave the community altogether.

As of today, a lot has changed.

Our new park is open with the pavilion scheduled to officially open this month, pending approval from Pinellas County.

On Top of the World residents now have a brand new place to host fresh, new, social events outdoors.

Anyone thinking about a club picnic? An outdoor meeting? A game day? An outdoor birthday party or an anniversary?

There are six picnic tables under the pavilion, which comes equipped with running water, restrooms and a kitchen counter. There are four more picnic tables at the pavilion, but out in the open air, and there is a grill within feet of the pavilion seating area.

There are seven picnic areas within the park - all come with a grill, a picnic table and running water.

There are six shuffleboard courts and six new horseshoe pits, all conveniently located within walking distance of a grill. The horseshoe pits now have a score tower, too.

Anyone want to grill hotdogs after a day of shuffleboard?

Anyone want to cook burgers after a morning of competitive horseshoes?

Four new tennis courts have opened and pickleball lines have been added to give our community another official activity. There is even a shaded rest area for players to take a break from their games. The dugout comes with cold drinking water and benches.

In addition to all this fun, new lights

were recently installed so the park shines at night and makes for a beautiful evening stroll.

At the centerpiece of the park is a sculpture.

Is the artwork a replica of the world ... or maybe the universe?

Actually, the definition of the sculpture is up to your imagination. There is no correct answer. Every time you walk by, the aura is up to your interpretation.

So, who gets to use the new Pavilion Park?

The park is for On Top of the World residents and approved tenants only. Hours are the same as the East Activity Center, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Please bring your Activity Card with you when using the park. Guests are welcome, but must be with someone who has a valid card.

All seven outdoor grilling areas and the actual pavilion must be reserved ahead of time through the Activities Office, just like reserving a meeting room.

Each grill is locked, so you must fill out a facility request form ahead of time

so an SCA representative can unlock a grill for you.

For a complete list of rules pertaining to registration, see Nancy Rogers' column on page 8 of this newspaper.

Residents are not permitted to bring their own lawn furniture inside the park. There is no fishing off the dock and no swimming in the pond.

Residents are responsible for providing their own charcoal. On Top of the World maintenance will clean grill grates, collect garbage at the end of each day and dispose of used embers. Please do not touch grates after cooking or remove hot embers yourself.

Please be courteous to other residents when using the park. No lawn games, including Frisbees, Jarts or Bocce Balls.

On Top of the World is tentatively planning a grand opening on Friday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Pavilion. Please watch OTOW-TV Channel 732 for further announcements. The grand opening may include live music.

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My Mum has a great friend named Karla who comes to visit me often, too.

I like looking at birds, squirrels and lizards outside. They are so lucky! I wish I could go outside, too.

I don't like a leash or harness, so I'm stuck in my house all the time.

I love living at OTOW, and will be glad to stay here for a very long time!



Each month, OTOW News, Pet Supplies Plus and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to OTOW.newsroom@gmail.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Plaza on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater and a \$10 gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.

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Chorus planning a special holiday concert



Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

The On Top of the World Chorus is planning a very special Holiday Concert in December!

There will be two performances, Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m.

Believe me, you don't want to be the one who missed it when your friends are talking about it later.

Our first rehearsal for the concert was great! It was good to be together again.

Chorus members were excited and smiling as we sight-read our way through all of the music that Director Beth Kendall will have us sing again and again in preparation for an outstanding performance.

Our concert theme, "It's the Holiday Season," is based on a lovely song that we will be performing for the first time.

Some familiar pieces are: "Carol of the Bells," "Do You Hear What I Hear," "Silver Bells," "Toyland," "He Is Born,"



During their first rehearsal of the season, Chorus members 'read through' holiday music to see what's going to be in the program for the 2019 holiday concert.

"White Christmas," "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and more!

As always, you will get an opportunity to sing along with the Chorus. This will be a fun time we will all thoroughly enjoy!

Anyone wanting to join the Chorus for the Holiday Concert, must come to the rehearsal on Monday, Nov. 4, 10-11 a.m. in the Oldsmar Room (formerly Star-

lite Room) in the East Activity Center.

Any later date would not provide sufficient time to learn the music.

In January we will begin rehearsing for our Spring Concert scheduled for March 28 and 29, 2020, and we will welcome new members at that time.

More details will be included in the December edition of OTOW News.

Mark your calendar now for the Holiday Concert. Plan to purchase your \$5 ticket from any Chorus member or at our table in the EAC Auditorium, Mondays and Thursdays, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Tickets will also be available at the door, but don't be late. You wouldn't want to miss the surprise!



New York - New Jersey Club



Pictured above is a scene for last year's Harvest Dreams Dance. Doesn't this look like fun?

-- Donations to Kimberly Home will be accepted --

Harvest Dreams dance features turkey, ham dinners

By Pat Hayes

The New York-New Jersey Club will be hosting its annual Harvest Dreams Dinner Dance in November and we have a special announcement to make.

Kate Kelly from Kimberly Home will be our special guest speaker and anyone who wants to help us support this great cause can bring a gift with them and donate it for the Home.

The event will take place on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for guests.

Dinner is catered by Felice's Italian

Deli and will include ham, turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, salad and dessert.

We are very pleased to once again feature the ever popular "KP Duo" disc jockeys.

Other upcoming events include "Coney Island Night" on Thursday, January 9, 2020, 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for guests.

This event will feature Coney Island Hot Dogs with all the fixins. Music will be by KP Duo.

Our club will host a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Cost is \$17 for

members and \$20 for non-members.

Felice's Italian Deli will be serving regular lasagna or spinach lasagna, plus meatballs, sausage, salad, and broccoli in garlic and oil. Desserts will be provided, along with coffee, water and ice.

We are pleased to have booked Denise with a Twist as our disc jockey.

This past October, our club hosted another successful "Southwest Night." Many thanks to Dolly and Ed Foland for leading the line dancing segment.

Also thanks to the On Top of the World Line Dance Club and the Snowbirds Line Dance Club for helping to

make our night successful.

Mama Felice outdid herself with the menu and nobody went home hungry.

The New York-New Jersey Club is open to all On Top of the World residents. Our club has members and volunteers from all over the United States and Canada. Membership is still just \$5. If you join now, your membership will automatically include all of 2020.

We are a social club with volunteer spirit. All tickets need to be purchased in advance. Visit our information booth 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays in the auditorium.

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Line dancers are collecting food donations this holiday season - join us!

By Leila Walker

Thanksgiving will be celebrated all over the United States in a few short weeks.

As we think about Thanksgiving, we should pause to give thanks for all of our many blessings.

Most of us have a place to live, food to eat, clothes to wear and healthcare. But there are so many in our surrounding communities that are not so blessed with the basic necessities to live their lives. There are many people who do not know if they will eat today!

For the last seven years, On Top of the World groups have been collecting nonperishable food items for Helping Hands, a nonprofit group that distributes food to those in need.

Many years ago, a former group, the Coffee Corner, collected nonperishable food items. When that group could no longer do the collection, the 8 a.m. Ladies Exercise Group, under the direction of Barbara Sundberg, took over.

When the Ladies Exercise Group no longer wanted to do the collection, Pat Van Hise, an OTOW resident and former member of the Ladies Exercise Group, spearheaded moving the collection to the OTOW Line Dance Club.

The line dancers continue to collect food together and OTOW employee Cindy Hutchings is a big help to us!



Thanks to Pat and Cindy, and to OTOW management for allowing us to have this fundraiser, we are still making contributions to Helping Hands.

The OTOW Line Dance Club collects food 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday during its regular line dance session in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Since there is a great need for food and shampoo donations, we are opening an invitation to the entire community to help us in November and this holiday season. Just stop by our donation table any Tuesday before the holidays.

Your are also welcome to join us on the dance floor.

If you are a beginner dancer, try the Line Dance Club's 1 p.m., Tuesday session



From the picture above you will notice how happy and enthusiastic line dancers are to be a part of fund-raising this holiday season. We are collecting food donations for the Helping Hands Food Bank and invite you to join us. As you can see, OTOW line dancers do so much more than just dance!

or the 8:30 a.m., Saturday session. Regular classes are held after the beginner classes.

All classes are held in the EAC auditorium.

If you are an early riser, consider our 7 a.m. practice class conducted weekdays in the EAC Exercise Room.

Information about our club can be seen on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com), OTOW-TV Channel 732 and on

Facebook.

There are line-dance-at-home videos available on OTOW-TV weekdays at 11 a.m. Try one in your living room and see if you like it! We just filmed a new video for Fridays!

For more information, contact Mary Becker at 217-663-0541 or Leila Walker at 727-330-6621.

For those who eat too much turkey in November, try the Italian-American Club's spaghetti dinner



Italian-American Club

By Maryann Fontaine

Starting in November, you will see new faces at the Italian-American Club information table on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

New presidents, Sam and Martha Gonnella, Vice President Roger Hebler and Sharon Adornetto will be there to meet new and regular members.

As usual, you may visit our information table to purchase tickets for all events.



Who needs a turkey when you have spaghetti? This was the scene last year as guests lined up during the Italian-American Club's holiday dinner last November.

We had a nice group enjoy our club's Ice Cream Social on Oct. 16. We also had stand up bingo.

It was the last time Pete Marchetti

and I will be in charge of an event. We have enjoyed working with members in the past, but now are looking forward to enjoying Italian-American Club events as

just members.

Our club will not be doing a Thanksgiving turkey dinner this year, but we will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$15 for members and \$17 for non-members. Mama Felice will be catering it.

Our club's annual Christmas lunch will take place at Alfano's Restaurant on Dec. 14 at noon. The restaurant is located at 1702 Clearwater/Largo Road in Clearwater.

Guests can choose from one of the following six entrees: Rigatoni Bolognese, Cannelloni Florentine, Salmon Piccata, Chicken Tetrazzini, Eggplant Florentine or Chicken Parmesan. Dessert is Spumoni Pie with chocolate sauce. Choice of beverages include coffee, ice tea or soda.

Cost is \$25. A cash bar will be available.

Information on remaining activities will be available at our information table on Mondays and Thursdays.

Enjoy a great Thanksgiving Day with family and friends.

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Snowbirds Club to host dinner to recognize veterans



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By Dale Stackhouse

October was a busy month for some of our returning Snowbirds.

Snowbirds Line Dancing began again on Oct. 16 and will continue every Wednesday morning in the East Activity Center. Come see what it's all about and dance for free until Nov. 17.

Our club's first dinner theater trip at Just For Laughs did indeed produce a lot of laughs for the group who attended.

And on Oct. 21, the Snowbirds Travel & Entertainment sales desk opened at the EAC with a large display of flyers for upcoming events.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Nov. 10, when there will be a party to honor veterans. Musical entertainment will be provided by Harold Wurtz. A light meal will be served.

The party is free for On Top of the World veterans and \$5 for all others. Tickets may be obtained at the Snowbirds table in the auditorium on Monday and Thursday mornings.

The Veterans Group table will also have information flyers and free tickets for veterans, but will not be handling sales.

On Monday, Nov. 11, there will be a travel & entertainment meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Crystal Beach Room (formerly Veranda Room). Learn all about concerts, dinner theaters, line dancing, charter bus tours and cruises.

Guest speaker will be Marie Emmerich, cruising expert and owner of Advantage Cruises & Tours. Come early for wine and cheese.

Other November events include Line Dancing Registration Night on Nov. 17 in the auditorium, starting at 6 p.m. Volunteers will be on hand to renew your membership or welcome new dancers. The cost for the full season is just \$10, with veterans joining at no cost.

Following member registration, there will be line dancing led by Dolly Foland. We hope to have a large turnout!

There will be two dinner theater nights in November: Fletchers Dinner Theater on Nov. 15, and a Thanksgiving Day dinner and show at the Show Palace in Hudson. Email Ed Foland at endfoland@aol.com to make reservations. Pick up your tickets at the sales desk.

For a full schedule of upcoming events, visit our Web page on the Box Office. It's easy!

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From Great Pumpkin to Parrot Heads to turkey dinner ...



Lambda Club

By Bruce Lovett

The Lambda Club asked the great pumpkin for a memorable Halloween bash and that is exactly what was delivered.

Only a few Snowbirds had already flown south, but with our core of permanents, and some great guests, we had a fantastic group.

The Great Pumpkin, himself, did not make an appearance, but we did have a few name celebrities show up: Mommie Dearest herself, and Joan Crawford (coat hanger in hand) was in the house, as well



Lambdians dressed up in a variety of characters for their Halloween social.

as the equally famous Latin lover Zorro, among others.

Our pot-luck chefs did not disappoint. There was a spread that would make any pumpkin proud and there were a few pumpkins present.

Oddly, two guests were dressed as Jello and Ice cream (not sure if they were there to eat or be eaten)?

Since November is the start of the holiday season, with parties everywhere, our social this month will be in honor of Florida's most famous partier, Jimmy Buffet.

Bring me two pina-colodas, strap on your Parrot Head, and mosey on down to the aptly named Largo Room on Nov.

8. at 7 p.m. for our biggest bash of the year. Crazy shirts, wild hats and flip-flops are the suggested attire for the evening and island music will be blasting from the jukebox.

Later in the month, in the same room, we will be having our Thanksgiving celebration.

On Thursday, Nov. 28, at 4:30 p.m., we are grateful that we can all come together and share in a fantastic feast. Turkey will be provided by the club. Dave Beaven, our fearless leader, whom we are all thankful for, will be roasting all day with the help of his partner and his neighbor's oven, but sides and desserts are needed.

Please RSVP if you plan on attending and tell us what you will be bringing.

We will also be holding our semi-annual picnic in November - exact date and location to be determined.

Should you need more information on this or any event or have any questions concerning Lambda, an OTOW social club serving their LGBT residents, neighbors and friends, you can visit our official Web page: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>, contact us by email at: lambda@gmail.com or call Dave at (727) 410-7566.

We are also on Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

All residents welcome to attend Cathi Chamberlain presentation in November

Congressman Gus Bilirakis answers questions in October



Republican Club

By Marvin Lazernik

Congressman Gus Bilirakis was the special guest speaker for the Ronald Reagan Republican Club meeting in October.

He arrived early and spoke until everyone had the tough questions asked.

Then he answered in the “Gus” manner – straight and honest.

The Congressman first spoke about various changes taking place in the Veterans Administration. Specific subjects included future changes in dental plans and continuing to upgrading usage of outside physicians.

When the questions started, the audience was interested to learn more about the politics going on.

Some of the questions were about the current impeachment investigation, specifically the difference between formal impeachment inquiry and just impeachment inquiry.

This was explained and the explanation was excellent – you should have been at the meeting to hear the answer.

Our Nov. 12 speaker will be Cathi



Members of the On Top of the World Ronald Reagan Republican Club pose for a picture with Congressman Gus Bilirakis.

Chamberlain, author of the nationally selling book “Rules for Deplorables, a primer for fighting radical socialism.”

This is written as the response to a early ‘70s book written by Saul Alinsky called “Rules for Radicals.” Cathi’s new book talks about what is happening in Venezuela and other countries.

It was recommended that members of our club read the book prior to Cathi’s

visit. She uses a lot of direct quotes from important sources.

Cathi spoke briefly at an earlier Republican Club meeting, but now will have the entire Nov. 12 lecture time for further helping us understand what is taking place, plus she will answer our questions.

Please note, due to a scheduling conflict, this meeting is now being held in the East Activity Center Largo Room,

formerly the Art Room, instead of in the West Activity Center.

Registration starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Republican Club business meeting at 7 p.m. and Cathi’s presentation at 7:30 p.m.

Every is invited to hear Cathi. You do not have to be a member of the Republican Club to attend.



Family History



Introducing
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Introducing our new group president

The Family History Group begins a new season with a change in leadership.

Former President Shirley Perry stepped down after a dedicated three years of service. Bravo and many thanks!

We are lucky to have Shirley continue as a member of our group and be available as an advisor to our new President Dave Cordes.

The person writing this column now is Joanne Cordes - I am Dave’s wife and I will be assisting the group.

Our first club meeting is scheduled for our usual time, the second Monday of the month, Nov. 11, at 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

If you have been to our group meetings before, please come back for more. Be sure to invite your neighbors who are interested in genealogy. If you have never attended one of our meetings, try one.

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This spring's show will focus on our community life through the seasons

By John Hooker

Following some of the best auditions in recent years, the 2020 Jesters have begun rehearsals for their upcoming spring show.

President David Bucchiere said, "We were delighted to welcome back many Jesters whom our community looks forward to hearing and seeing every year, as well as some exciting new talent that has never appeared on our stage before."

As rehearsals began, the theme of this year's show was revealed to the cast and the membership for the first time: One Season Following Another.

Co-Directors John Hooker and Vicky Portsmouth describe it as "an exploration in song, dance and comedy of how community life here at On Top of the World varies from one season to another."

Highlights of this year's show include surprise "visits" by several "famous entertainers," brought here by The Entertainment Committee, by the Good Neighbors Association, and by Tampa Bay's beautiful



beaches, sparkling sunshine and beguiling winter weather.

Casting for the show is now closed, but the Jesters will still accept membership from anyone who wants to work the



Jesters members begin to explore the best use of stage space for a free-style dance that will be used in their spring show. From left are Sue Calinski-McMillan, Richard McMillan, David Bucchiere, Chuck Davidson, Choreographer Susan Carlson, Tom Portsmouth, Vicky Portsmouth, George Kolitsas, Will Peterson, Marge Gipperich and David Berman.

February show as ushers and ticket takers, or behind-the-scenes doing a variety of jobs from costuming to stagehands.

If you are interested, please stop by

the Jesters table in the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Dues are \$5 per year and everyone is welcome to join us.

Lawn bowling is an equal-gender sport that offers fun competition, tournaments and improves social life

By Bob Laplante

The 2019-2020 season of lawn bowling is underway at On Top of the World.

This is a great pastime for residents and a sport that was part of the original vision for this community's lifestyle.

The prime location of the lawn bowls greens, alongside the East Activity Center, is a testament to the importance of the sport.

Lawn bowling is a low-impact, social activity.

The game does not rely on physical strength - women and men are equal in competition.

It also permits the beginner, as well as the competitive person, to participate and

Lawn Bowling

enjoy the game together.

For the novice, everyone recognizes that as a beginner, there is a significant learning curve, but, as a team, each member is trying their best.

Like chess, lawn bowling is a relatively simple game to learn. Bowlers start on "the mat" and take turns "rolling" or curving a bowl at the target, which is a white ball. This is similar to bowling or bocci, except you can hit each other's bowls or even move the target ball.

At the end, when everyone has deliv-

ered their three or four bowls, the team with the bowl closest to the target (or jack) scores one point for each bowl closer than the opponent's closest bowl.

Daily games usually take 12 turns, or "ends."

It may sound relatively simple, but mastering the strategy of the game takes time. You need to roll consistently and adjust to changing conditions, such as the location of the target, weather and of course 100 other small factors that affect accuracy.

Practice is the best way to improve one's game and diminish avoidable errors.

Some players like to play once or twice a week. Normal play in the OTOW Lawn

Bowls Club begins at 9:15 in the morning. Others enter tournaments which require advance registration.

Those interested in experiencing what the game entails, should ask to receive a free introduction to the game. Players must have footwear that does not have heels or significant treads. The club provides equipment required to play.

Ongoing coaching is also available for those interested in improving their game.

Just show up any morning and a time can be scheduled for you to be introduced to the game. Why not give it a try?

Lawn bowling could become a regular part of your "active life" at On Top of the World!



Members of the OWLS Club take in a sushi hibachi grill dinner in St. Petersburg.

OWLS Club rocks Both Worlds at local nightclub

By Kim Stoltz

If you had been with the OWLS Club during one of our recent outings, you would have listened to the group "Both Worlds" on Indian Rocks Beach.

Ladies from our group got together to listen to the music and enjoy a social evening out.

This particular event was at Indian Rocks Beach, but our group enjoys going to many places. Stop by our next meeting and see what we're doing in the future.

Our last meeting was canceled due to a power outage in October, but our November meeting will be at its usual time, the second Wednesday of the month, Nov.

13, 6:15 p.m., in the East Activity Center Largo Room, formerly the Art Room.

OWLS (OTOW Women's Lesbian Society) is a new LGBTQ club. We are looking forward to meeting other LGBTQ women residents who may be returning from their summer homes.

"Both Worlds" will be on Caladesi

Island on Nov. 24 and we may be going back to see them again. Cost is \$14.

If you are interested, stop by our next meeting. For more information, please see our official Website at www.otowls.info or email us at otowlsocials@gmail.com.

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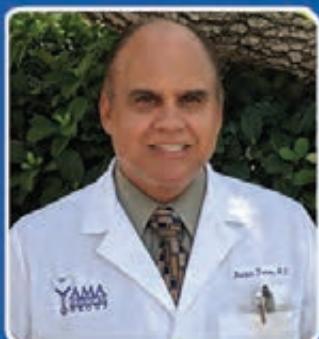
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Pictured above is our grand prize winner, Buckley, as Robin Hood. Woof Gang Bakery, Harborside Animal Hospital and Creating Smiles made the prize presentation. Barbara and Scott Rice also dressed in costume. Scott was a sheriff and Barbara was Maid Marion. Pictured at left is Zoey dressed as Mommy's Little Pumpkin (Building 25) who took third in the Awww Division. At bottom left is Pumpkin dressed at a Party Dog who took third in Most Original Costume. Pet Supplies Plus made the award presentation. Below is Flo-Rida (Building 94) dressed as 50 Shades of Gray, who was first in Most Original Costume. Harborside Animal Hospital Made the award presentation.

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er Bruce Lovett, who took first place in the couple of donuts. Making the award presentate to The Whistle Stop in Safety Harbor. d place in the Owner-Pet Costume Division. king the award presentation was Calling All te to The Whistle Stop. Above left is Nove me. Nove was a bride. The award was pre- s as Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and y took first and second place in the Aww resentation. At right is Kasper who took third ilding 71.



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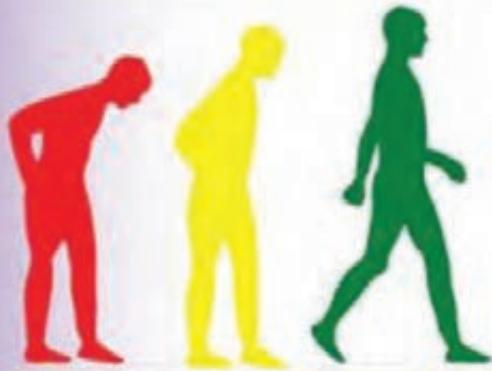
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OTOW Democratic Club learns about issues going on in the Clearwater City Limits

By Donna Lukas

November is a special month of thanksgiving.

So take some time to be thankful for your family, friends, sports teams, libraries and political activists because they all contribute to your quality of life.

Take time on Nov. 2 to visit our Democratic Club booth at the On Top of the World Fall Festival & Expo. You can pick up some treats, take a survey, cast a vote and meet some of our club members.

Our guest speaker for our club's October meeting was Kathleen Beckman, candidate for Clearwater City Council. That election takes place on March 17, 2020.

We cannot vote in that election because On Top of the World is not within the Clearwater city limits. However, decisions made by Clearwater city government affect our daily lives.

Kathleen told us she has been meeting with residents, business owners, neighborhood and city leaders, listening and learning about what is important to them.

She is an advocate for residents and wants to see more environmental consideration and accountability from councilmembers.

Beth Davis, a Clearwater activist working on Kathleen's campaign, also spoke at our meeting. She congratulated OTOW residents on having precincts with the best voter turnout in Pinellas County.

Beth said we could help Kathleen's campaign by researching issues and making phone calls. If you would like to participate, you can call or text Beth at 727-742-3797.



Democratic Club

MSNBC and The Washington Post will host the next presidential candidate debate scheduled for Nov 20. Members are encouraged to invite neighbors in to watch the debate together in order to discuss different points of view.

Our next club meeting is scheduled for our usual time, the second Thursday of the month, at 2 p.m. on Nov. 14. This month we will be meeting in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Remember to check out periodically the information listed on our club pages at otowboxoffice.com. Click on the "Democratic Donkey" under the "Club Pages" heading.

Also, look for club announcements on the OTOW television channel, 732.



Kathleen Beckman

Travel Club members now know everything there is to know about mermaids, record studios and more

By Tom Jamrozy

Thirty-five travelers from the On Top of the World Travel Club recently took a trip to Weeki Wachee.

We went on a boat ride, saw "The Little Mermaid" show, had lunch at some dining venues, and met two native turtles and a small gator.

Then we saw the "History of Mermaids" and learned that the springs at Weeki Wachee are 72 degrees and over 500 feet deep.

Our Lunch Bunch was to Positanos.

Our week-long trip was to Tunica, Miss., and Memphis, Tenn.

We gambled "a little."

We saw Graceland, Sun Records, took a tour of Memphis, took a tour of the Rock and Soul Hall of Fame, and took another trip to a Civil Rights Museum.

Our next meeting will be held on Nov. 8 due to an upcoming trip and we will install the new officers for 2020.

We will also begin reserving seats for our Nov. 13 Lunch Bunch to The Lucky Dill and selling tickets for our monthly day trip Nov. 20 by bus to the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa.



Travel Club

We are collecting dues for 2020. Remember to bring your Activity Card (this is required by the OTOW Condo Association) and \$10 to join/renew.

In December, our annual Holiday Party will be at the Countryside Country Club on Dec. 5.

We will take a three-day trip to St. Augustine from Dec. 10-12. This event has been sold out.

Another trip has been planned for Dec. 18 to the Henry Plant Museum.

We also have a January Lunch Bunch, a day trip and a 10-day cruise scheduled for January 2021, so stop by the East Activity Center auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and see what adventures await you.



Travel Club members take a boat ride on Weeki Wachee.

Writers Workshop for Press Association Staff
Thursday, Nov. 7, 5-6 pm, EAC Crystal Beach Room
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This newspaper, 31 years ago, prepared residents for a 'Guess Whoooo' Dance to celebrate Halloween - costumes encouraged.

Entertainment Committee has been providing community fun for 50 years, including Halloween parties

By Marvin Flam

It started 50 years ago!

The Entertainment Committee came about through suggestions from the activities director in 1970, and others who were aware that the duties of the activities director were almost overwhelming in our community.

So the Entertainment Committee was created to supplement the activities director's work.

In July 1970, the Entertainment Committee was formally organized.

The official proclamation read, "The purpose of the organization shall be to arrange for, organize and conduct entertainment activities for all the residents of the OTOW community."

The Entertainment Committee has been following this guideline for 50 years and continues to provide year-round professional entertainment that has appeared in local theaters and nightclubs, in Las Vegas, in Branson and on Cruise Ships, etc.

The very first event was a spaghetti dinner with dancing and entertainment. A Halloween Costume Ball fol-

lowed in October, and a "Las Vegas" night in November.

From these first events, the Entertainment Committee raised more than \$300, which was used to purchase a movie screen for films to be shown in the EAC auditorium. From this humble beginning, an Entertainment Committee tradition began.

The Entertainment Committee is non-profit and all surplus funds are disbursed for projects and improvements for the benefit of OTOW residents.

Over the past 50 years, and working closely with management, improvements have been made in the EAC auditorium, such as updating the lighting and sound systems, curtains for the stage, chairs, tables and more.

Approximately 12 professional shows are presented each year on Thursday nights starting at 7:30 p.m. The seating is cabaret-style table seating with all reserved seats. You may bring your own snacks and beverages. The Entertainment Committee provides ice and coffee.

About 15 dances are presented each year on a Saturday night starting at 7 p.m. Each dance has a theme and features one of the area's top headline bands.

In addition to dancing to all types of music, there are group participation numbers, contests with prizes, free tickets to win cash prizes, and an opportunity to celebrate your birthday, anniversary, or special event with family, friends and neighbors.

You may bring your own snacks and beverages. The Entertainment Committee provides ice and coffee.

The annual New Year's Eve dance has been a standard since the beginning.

Our Sunday-Meet-And-Greet is presented on Sundays starting at 2 p.m. This event is free to all OTOW residents. You'll meet and greet friends and neighbors, enjoy professional entertainment, which includes singers, dance troupes and more. Snacks and soda are provided, and you can buy tickets to win cash in a raffle drawing.

From the planning and booking of

ahead of time to get in line for the ticket sale.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING

Harry La Bree
 The Entertainment Committee held





Linda Baker goes unbeaten to win October tournament

Linda Baker was the undefeated champion of the Ladies Que'T Billiards Club Tournament Night of Oct. 2.

She has been shooting pool with the club for scarcely two years. That should tantalize your fancy!

Second place was a tie by four club members: Barbara Barnhart, Sheila Charette (who has only been with the club for a few months), Diane Musto (who recently joined) and Mary Spearman. What a buzz!

Come spend a Wednesday evening with these ladies. You will be beside yourself with delight. They are all champions at the Ladies Que'T Billiards Club. What is your pleasure: 8-ball? Or is it 9-ball?

Denny Balderson and Ed Solivan, the Ladies Que'T Billiards Club coaches, will give you some tips on improving your game skills.

If you spend three consecutive Wednesdays with them, you can officially join the club. Then the ball is in your court. A measly \$10 will give you member-



ship for a year. Coaching is available every Wednesday and on Tournament Night the ladies are on their own.

Without a pool stick? The walls are filled with them for your pleasure.

Currently, there is talk for an upcoming Christmas party, which speaks volumes for Ladies Que'T Billiards Club members. We also enjoy one another's company outside the billiards room. For fun, fashion, (a pink tee) and fortitude, join our club!



Pictured above are the top finishers in the Que'T Ladies Billiards monthly tournament in October. From left to right are Linda Baker (first place), Barbara Barnhart (second place), Mary Spearman (second place), Sheila Charette (second place) and Diane Musto (second place).

Tennis players - come home!

By Joseph Spahalski

The new On Top of the World tennis courts are beautiful to play on.

They are awesome!

A lot of smiles going around from everyone. It is great to be back on our home courts.

During our time away from home, tennis players were using many different courts. So this a call for all players to come back home.

Our annual tennis meeting will be held on Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. Save the date. An email will be sent shortly with all the

Tennis

details so please respond as requested.

After dinner, we will have a jam-packed meeting with a lot of items to discuss, including elections, tournaments, play schedule, scoring, special events, leagues and court use schedules.

Thinking of joining the tennis club? Call Bruce at 302-588-7352.

Membership meeting Nov. 12

By Nancy Schifferle

Greetings to all returning members of the ladies nine hole golf league. Fall is upon us and it's time to gear up for another exciting golf season.

We started this season with a fun day of golfing on Oct. 8. League play officially started the following Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Halloween was celebrated by our golfers a bit early this year with a shot gun start, Oct. 29. Everyone wore seasonal attire of orange and black. After golfing, snacks and telling stories were shared, and of course many laughs were enjoyed by all.

Our first general meeting will be held Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. in the Crystal Beach Room of the East Activity Center. Light refreshments will be available following the meeting. Member attendance is requested and very much appreciated.

Ladies 9 Golf

If, for any reason, you are unable to return to golf with us this season, please either call or email President Carroll Harris. This will help provide her with accurate data for the new membership directory.

Our league always welcomes new members. For information, or to join our league, please contact Carroll at either: (432) 528-8684 or carrollh2@gmail.com

Or, you can just show up on any Tuesday morning at 8:30, at the Little House on the nine hole course. Bring your clubs and annual dues of \$35 if you wish to establish a membership and possibly play that day.

Calling all lady golfers: Come swing

2019-20 season is underway with six different winners in early October

By Robin Goralczyk

If you don't often use, or haven't visited the On Top of The World Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association Website, you are missing out.

Sheila Meneilly does a great job designing and keeping the Website up-to-date.

The Website is colorful and easy to navigate. The weekly tee time schedule is posted there, along with weekly winners and all important news and the calendar of upcoming events.

We would like to welcome our new member, Joan Smith. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome her to our league.

Sheila is our new member chairperson and meets with each member and guides them through all the league information and the procedure to establish a league handicap.

Ladies interested in joining the OTOW 18-Hole Golf League should contact Sheila by email meneilly1@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to our winners for Oct. 1.

Flight A, first place, Sharon Hackenmiller 65; second place Terry Kuplen 69

Ladies 18 Golf

and third place Karen French 76.

Flight B, first place, Carole Whynot 64; second place Donna Osborne 66; third place Fran Zaloski 68.

Flight C, first place, Gail Ducharme 70; second place, Sherry Ivey 71; third place, Gwen Lemke 73.

Congratulations to our winners for Oct. 8.

Flight A, first place, Kim Norried 62; second place, Sharon Hackenmiller 71; second place, Nancy Lo 71; second place, Gina Yoon 71; second place, second place, Karen French 71. Third place, Karen Beaver 80.

Flight B, first place, Jacqueline Dolan 69; second place, Gwen Wyer 71; third place, Katie Quelch 73.

Flight C, first place, Sue Ellen Dowe 66; second place, Sheila Meneilly 72; third place, NatSue Dawson 77.

The complete month's results are not printed because the OTOW newspaper deadline is the 15th of the month.

Survey Question of the Month

OTOW wants to know ... give us one word to describe the 2019 Fall Festival?

Go to: otowboxoffice.com and look for the lobster to answer.





Twenty-three players on opening day

By Bob Rittner

On Top of the World softball meetings are where Roberts Rules of Order go to die.

Nonetheless, at our preseason meeting on Oct. 1, we managed to discuss the following issues with a measure of clarity:

We expressed our gratitude to our sponsor, 2nd Time Sports, for their continuing generosity in providing us shirts again. We distributed business cards and encouraged people to patronize the store and let the owners know when shoppers are from OTOW.

We clarified various rules regarding the designated hitter, pinch runners and time of games.

Dues were raised from \$50 to \$55 to help pay for new softballs. 2nd Time Sports has provided us with a discounted deal for top of the line softballs.

Softball

We welcomed eight (potential) new players to our ranks and explained our style of play-competitive but friendly-to help them assimilate.

We reminded everyone that our first game was Thursday, Oct. 10 at Safety Harbor Park and that we play every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 8 a.m. until April 9. We welcome all new players even if you missed the meeting. Just show up by 7:50 at the field.

2nd Time Sports 15
West Siders 8

Opening day saw 23 players take the

field, the largest opening day turnout in anyone's memory.

2nd Time Sports unleashed a blizzard of hits to put the game away early, scoring in all but one inning.

New players stood out. Cindy McCarthy led off the the bottom of the first with a solid line drive single to the outfield and scored her team's first run to start the rout.

Other stars for 2nd Time Sports were Lenny Segall with two doubles and a triple, Henry Zussman with a homer among his four hits and Jason Engelman with three hits and a homer.

In the field, Tara Gunning fielded five balls at second base cleanly and with style, ranging far to her left and right to steal hits with a solid glove and strong arm while stroking two hits. Her backhand flip to catch a runner at second left spectators agape.

For the West Siders, Alex Scaranda had a perfect four-hit day, including two triples and a double, while new player Robert Bannick debuted with two hits and Mario Rodriguez and Mike Sieber also singled in their first game. Robert also played a perfect middle infield including making the pivot to complete a double play.

Shortstop Joe DeChiaro showed off his powerful arm with a series of on the mark bullet throws to first base from deep in the hole and contributed three hits as well.

Our most senior player, Don Strohler, at 91 years, went 3-for-4, and Ron Shields struck three hits, including a long double, in his first at bats since last year.

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

New season begins Nov. 7 - just show up and play

A new season of the Thursday Golf League begins Nov. 7 and runs for 26 weeks. Members sign in from 9 to 9:30 a.m. every Thursday.

The league is a mixed league, providing an opportunity for couples to compete each week.

Our league uses 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 not directly against other players.

You don't have to join to try us out. Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are

Thursday Golf

welcome. There is no prior week sign up. If you show up you play.

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

You can find details about our league at the Thursday Golf League Web page on the OTOW Box Office Website.

In the meantime, offseason competitions are winding down. Week 20 champion was Harry Barbin. Andrea Tomaselli fin-

ished second and Dave Pittenger was third. Harry Barbin had the low gross round and collected one skin. Bill Higgins took two skins and Ken Smith one. Ada Maloof and Bill Higgins were the closest to the pin winners.

Dave Pittenger was the week 21 winner. Andrea Tomaselli was second. Bruce MacPherson placed third. Macpherson collected three skins and posted the low gross round. Tim Carr and Andrea Tomaselli collected one skin each. Closest to the pin shots were made by Tim Carr and Bill Higgins.

Dan Hyden was the week 22 champion. Don Hunter took second place and Harry

Barbin was third. Harry recorded the low gross round and collected a skin. Andrea Tomaselli, Dave Combs and Dave Pittenger took one skin each. Bill House and Harry Barin were closest to the pin.

Don Hunter was victorious in week 23. Bill Higgins was second and Dave Pittenger third. Bill Higgins had the low gross round and took two skins. Ada Maloof, Paul Meyers and Dave Pittenger had one skin each. Mike Tomaselli and Bruce MacPherson were closest to the pin.

The golf course is in fantastic condition. Come out and join us for great golfing experience.

Brightview Spotlight: Mark Blades is the proud owner of No. 111

Last chance to sign up for Guys and Dolls Tournament

By David Cox

The Men's Golf Association welcomes all the winter Snowbirds back to On Top of the World.

Our upcoming event scheduled includes a Nov. 13 "Guys and Dolls" scramble tournament. People who haven't signed up need to look on the bulletin board and look for someone who needs a partner. Those already signed up need to turn your entry card into the window at the Men's Golf League building or see Peter Milner or any officer.

Brightview Spotlight of Month

Mark Blades joined the Brightview Team at OTOW right after Thanksgiving last year. His responsibilities include mowing tees and rough, changing the pins, renovation of the cart paths to coquina shell paths, tree trimming, and ornamental work among many other duties.

Mark grew up with his two brothers and

Men's Golf

one sister in Kalamazoo, Mich. He attended school there and graduated from high school in Memphis, Tenn. After high school, Mark joined the Marine Corp and served his country from 1970-1972. In the Marines he was a rifle and pistol instructor at Quantico, Va.

Mark is a jack-of-all-trades. After the Marines, he drove a semi-tractor trailer, was a lineman laying cable and did landscape work. His main profession was working in the automobile industry for more than 30 years in Kalamazoo.

One of his pride and joys is his 2005 Harley Davidson Wide Glide Motorcycle. His bike is No. 111 out of only 200 that were produced. Mark hopes to some day learn the

roads in Florida as well as he knew the roads in Michigan.

Mark has been a great asset to our golf maintenance staff at OTOW and enjoys playing golf as well. Be sure and say hello to Mark on the golf courses when you see him.

Golf Course Superintendent Todd Six says crews will begin over-seeding the nine hole greens, tees and wildflowers in November. Currently, he is working on cart paths renovations. There are plans to add sand to all the bunkers this fall, trimming trees and enhancing ornamentals

Here are Men's Wednesday Golf League tournament results for the recent weeks:

On Wednesday Sept. 18, A Flight winner was Nilson Sabadin and runner up was Mike Crittendon. B Flight first place was Ken Nield, runner up was Chuck McAllister. C Flight first place was Larry Martin, runner up was Jack Drewiega. D Flight first place was Harry Crawford, runner up was Joseph Dowe.

On Wednesday Sept. 25, A Flight winner was Mike Crittendon, runner up was David Cox. B Flight first place was Richard Folger, runner up was James O'Neil. C Flight first place winner was Larry Martin, runner up was Les Gabel. D Flight first place winner was David Pert, runner up was Harry Crawford.

On Wednesday Oct. 2, A Flight winner was Daniel Morey, runner up was Ronald Huber. B Flight first place was Ken Neil, runner up was David Saccone. C Flight first place winner was Alex Miller, runner up was Les Gabel. D Flight first place winner was David Pert, runner up was Jim McHugh.

On Wednesday Oct. 9, A Flight winner was David Cox, runner up was Rick Figaski. B Flight first place was Dave Combs, runner up was Jack Saccone. C Flight first place winner was Joseph Dowe, runner up was Ronald Murray. D Flight first place winner was David Pert, runner up was Joe Ventimiglia.

Neighborhood Watch receives county recognition



By Dave Beaven

Your On Top of the World Neighborhood Watch group was recently awarded a certificate for service to the community.

Recognition was provided by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and many Watch groups in the county were honored.

We were proud to represent On Top of the World at that event.

Our Neighborhood Watch was started by a group of residents who want to live in a peaceful and secure environment based on mutual consideration and respect.

We are not affiliated with the On Top of the World Condo Association. Our mission is to make a great community even better.

To find out more about our Watch group, go to: <http://areawatch2020.blogspot.com>.

One of the main advantages of a Neighborhood Watch is how people watch out for their homes and neighbors.

As a resident, you become familiar with the local population. You know what cars are normally parked in your lot and who is normally walking around your building.

If there is something different in the



mix ... you are aware of it.

Doesn't mean that it's bad, but you notice it.

In that way, you become your own Neighborhood watcher. And if something doesn't look right, you report it, whether to the OTOW office or the Sheriff's Department.

We just have one additional suggestion. You can report an event to Neighborhood Watch. You can email us at areawatch2020@gmail.com. We would like to start tracking area issues at OTOW. We just want to see if there are ongoing issues in our community. By documenting problems, we can create a valuable resource which can be useful in future situations.

50th anniversary show general meeting set for Nov. 5

By Laurie Fischer

The Theater Workshop Club is very excited to be kicking off our 50th anniversary year!

On Nov. 2, our club will have a table at the Fall Festival and would be happy to sign up any new members. We will have information on our 50th anniversary show, which is taking place in March.

Our next general meeting (including a workshop on "How to Audition Effectively") will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Bellair Room (formerly the Sunrise Room). This will be a great opportunity to meet other Theater Workshop members, hear about this year's show and attend a workshop on how to best prepare for your audition.

If you are interested in joining Theater Workshop, please show your activity card and pay the \$5 membership fee any Monday or Thursday at



Theater Workshop

our information table, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Auditions for this year's show will take place on the stage in the East Activity Center auditorium on Monday Dec. 9 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. We welcome everyone to audition for the show.

Bingo Marathon successful



Pictured above and below are a couple of scenes from the annual Bingo Marathon held in the East Activity Center auditorium. The marathon was a huge success with 130 people attending. Prizes varied from \$70 to \$200. There were goodie bags, donuts and coffee, and fried chicken lunches. Our volunteer callers were Tom Portsmouth, Charlie Wood and Lillian Foy. Regular bingo returns on Mondays, starting at 6 p.m. and there will be only one bingo night in December - Dec. 2. There will be no bingo the rest of the month.

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Canadian Club Registration Night is Nov. 22 - Blue Jays spring training game around the corner!



Nothing like taking in a Tampa Bay Rays game ... in Toronto.

By Shirley Hunter
Many Canadians enjoy watching a Blue Jays baseball game.

My family and I recently attended a game in Toronto against the Tampa Bay Rays.

Wintering in On Top of the World allows us to continue the tradition in Dundee at their spring training facility. The Toronto team is rebuilding and their stats are erratic, but win or lose, a live game is always fun.

Go Jays!

All residents of OTOW are invited to participate in our Canadian Club activities by registering for a Membership Card.

First you must obtain an OTOW Activity Card from the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1

to 3 p.m.

Canadian Club Registration Night is on Friday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. Membership Cards will be sold for \$5. The evening includes a complimentary wine and cheese party where old friends reunite and new friends are

made.

Please note: All activity rooms have changed names except for the auditorium at the EAC.

In November, social games and bridge resume on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Belleair Room (formerly the Sunrise

Room) at the West Activity Center.

Our Christmas Dinner/Dance will take place on Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. in the EAC auditorium. Tickets will be sold Registration Night as well as Monday, Nov. 25 and Thursday, Nov 28, in the auditorium at the EAC from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Sing along to Christmas songs at our Holiday Happy Hour on Dec. 13 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Belleair Room at the WAC.

Happy 45th Anniversary!

To all the board members who contributed to our success over the years and to the thousands of members who supported us every step of the way, thank you!

We also thank the OTOW Management staff, their many crews and everyone involved in making our winter stays enjoyable.

For the warm welcome Canadians have enjoyed in this lovely community and of course for the outstanding weather we are most thankful!

If this is your first winter in OTOW, prepare yourself for the time of your life. If you are returning after many seasons you know what to expect. For those enjoying their last season, take it all in. Celebrate, make memories you will never forget. As the old cliché says, "Live, Love, Laugh!"

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98-year-old poet is looking to have his voluminous works published, needs volunteers to help out



Everyone knows the retired schoolteacher as “Jack” but his given name is John F. McMillan.

Jack will be 98 years old in December. He plays pool five mornings a week at the West Activity Center, then meets up with friends at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in the afternoon. On Thursday afternoons, he participates in the On Top of the World Writers Ink Club.

There is only one thing left on Jack’s bucket list and that is to have some of his best poems published in a book. He writes poems like some people write in their journals. He writes about places he has been, people he has met, stories he has heard or whatever he’s thinking about that day.

I asked Jack why he wanted his poems published. He said, “I’ve written thousands of poems about all kinds of people, places, things, and events — I’m hoping a book would give me some recognition for my life’s work.”

As of today, there are 13 five-inch binders and 30 two-inch binders, plus loose files in a filing cabinet in his living room/library. There are poems both handwritten and typed.

Where to begin to complete Jack’s bucket list?

Jack first pitched his idea of publishing a book to his friend, Pat Gill. Her thoughts were that this would be a huge project, but could be accomplished — and what better place to start than with the OTOW News to get the word “help” out to residents.

Pat said, “We are looking for people who love to read poetry and would be willing to take on a binder and pick out



Jack McMillan and Pat Gill in Jack’s living room/library sorting through numerous binders containing many of Jack’s poems.

some of his best work from it. Also it would be helpful to talk with anyone who has been published or who has publishing contacts to offer guidance on how to complete Jack’s bucket list.”

Jack jokingly added, “Remember, I soon will be 98 years old, so my poems could go up in value just any day now.”

We laughed then, but later he gave me notes about his life. In the last paragraph, he wrote: “I’m happy and at this stage in my life, still a gregarious person. But, having put in more than a normal share of years on this earth, I am looking forward to a reassembly of molecules and perhaps some other planet.”

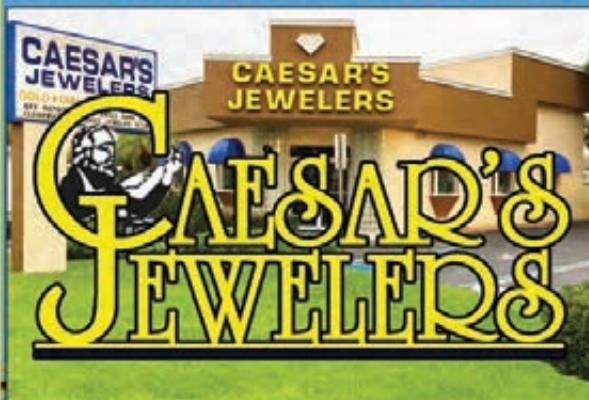
Anyone interested in reading Jack’s poems or sharing any ideas concerning this project or speaking engagements, please email Pat at patgill2461@gmail.com.

Your help in getting Jack’s life’s work recognized would be greatly appreciated.



Left to right: Jim Radzewicz and Michael Mitwol spend an afternoon reading with 98-year-old poet Jack McMillan at a local Barnes and Noble Bookstore. (Photos by Edwina Schick)

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A look back at the OTOW News November, 1994

- **Press Association:** The meeting of Oct. 6, 1994, was a great success as the members engaged in a round robin, where the folks introduced themselves, told us what they did for our paper, added comments and asked questions. Folks commented after the meeting that this is a nice way to get reacquainted with old friends and get to know new members. After the business meeting, three delicious kinds of pies were served by Pearl Paratore and Lucille Teske.
- **OTOW Kiwanis Club:** The Kiwanis Club held its annual installation of officers Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Countryside Country Club. The installing officer was Lt. Governor Larry Gleason. Officers installed for the 1994-1995 year are: President, Mary Scher; Vice President, Nick Santangelo; Secretary, Ernie Hogan; Treasurer, George Arfken; and Assistant Treasurer, Matt Scher. The Kiwanis Club of OTOW will be selling entertainment books this year. These books offer substantial discounts of up to 50 percent to many businesses and activities in the Bay area. All profits will go to local charities.
- **OTOW Shrine Club:** On Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1994, the OTOW Shrine Club will be having its once-a-month luncheon at the Flagship Restaurant on Island Estates. All Shriners, their wives, widows, friends are welcome. The menu at the Flagship is quite varied. So, for good food and fellowship, why not plan to attend?
- **Married Women's Club:** The OTOW Married Women's Club will meet on Nov. 18, 1994, at 9:30 A.M. in the East Activity Center Card Room. Nick from Friendly Florist Shop on Drew Street will demonstrate fresh flower arranging. Door prizes will be awarded. Tickets for the installation luncheon will go on sale on Nov. 9, 1994, in the East Activity Center. The luncheon will be at the Holiday Inn on Route 19 and Gulf-to-Bay Blvd. The installation of new officers will be followed by a fashion show by "Resort Wear of the Palm Beaches."
- **New England Club:** On Wednesday morning Oct. 12, 1994, 25 members assembled at the newly renovated Sunset Point Restaurant for a warm reunion and hot breakfast. President Joe Barresi presided and welcomed the group. Thanks were extended to Dave and Millie Patterson for their continued efforts, as well as to Florence Winson in keeping the meetings rolling; and to Barbara French for gunning the very successful season of the "Out to Lunch Bunch."
- **Ottoman Building:** I want to take this opportunity to welcome the new people in our building. I'm looking forward to meeting them, and also welcome the return of the Snowbirds.



Pictured above is longtime Siboney resident Cele Radeloff, second from right, with her sister-in-law from San Diego and Cele's grandson and his bride at their wedding in Sparta, N.J.

Looking forward to fall and the wonderful holiday season

Here at Siboney, we are looking forward to Florida fall weather.

It's hard to believe the holidays will soon be approaching.

Recently Cele Radeloff went to her grandson's wedding in Sparta N.J. There were 42 people in the immediate bridal party, including a number of children. The boys were in adorable tuxedos and the girls were in beautiful white dresses. A great time was had by all.

Our building's laundry room may be under construction this month. My favorite laundry outside On Top of the World is on Main Street in Dunedin, in the Walmart shopping center. It has nice machines and is very clean. If you need help, there is a worker on the premises named Kathy. You can drop your clothes off and for \$1.15 a pound they will wash and fold them. Their machines come in all different sizes and they offer change.



Our next meeting will be held at the Belleair Room at the West Activity Center at 7 p.m. Look for the details posted in the elevator and on the bulletin board. Please come out and meet your neighbors. Refreshments will be served.

Happy Thanksgiving — don't eat too much turkey. Gobble Gobble!

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Next Date

Sunday, Nov. 3
6 pm Auditorium

Former Hallmark dealer brings her generosity to OTOW

Most of us at Dorado know Ann Brown as the lady that lives downstairs that always has a smile on her face, a positive attitude, and is quite an encourager.

Ann moved to On Top of the World from Melissa, Texas, about three years ago to be close to her daughters April Brown and Aimee Johnson.

In Texas, Ann had been a Hallmark secondary market dealer for many years. When she moved here, she brought lots of the ornaments with her.

Ann said, "Last year my daughters and I attended the Festival of Trees put on by the ARC of Tampa Bay, and I decided right then that we would donate a tree decorated with some of my Hallmark ornaments."

Ann and her daughters are also decorating 10 wreaths to be auctioned. Proceeds from the silent auction go to The ARC of Tampa Bay to serve people with intellectual/developmental challenges – including persons with autism, seniors, and persons with behavioral issues.

Ann said, "This is the 35th annual Festival of Trees held at the Long Center in Clearwater, and I'm so glad to be part of it."

A neighbor, Carol Jo Brennenmen, said, "Ann is one of the most kind and



generous persons at OTOW. When I met Ann, I was telling her about my father being a conductor and how much I loved trains. A few months later here comes Ann with a beautiful Christmas wreath full of train ornaments from her collection. Little did she know it was my father's birthday."

Ann is a giver of not only her talents but also her time. She is helping with the Tin Can Challenge, where proceeds go to Helping Hands food pantry.

When I asked Ann if I could do this month's story about her, she gave me a typical Ann Brown response, "Only if you will focus on the charities. Hopefully more of our OTOW neighbors will attend the



Dorado resident Ann Brown is one of the hardest-working, most generous volunteers in all of OTOW, according to her friends and neighbors.

Festival of Trees or the Tin Can Challenge and it will make a difference."

Thank you, Ann Brown, for all you do to help others.

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Note: Class size is limited to the first 30 people who sign up.

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New England well-represented in our new residents

Happy Thanksgiving! If you are not cooking, you would be best to make those reservations for Thanksgiving dinner now as places fill fast.

The Villa is once again filled with familiar faces and a few new ones as well.

New England is well-represented with Christina and Bill Bassenteni of New Hampshire and Eleanor Alero of Cape Cod, Mass., who have joined our happy band of merrymakers. I am quite sure they will enjoy our slice of paradise as much as we do, especially if the woolly caterpillar and Farmer's Almanac are right. The prediction is for a very snowy and cold winter. We best be readying the guest rooms for the Northern escapees.

The new picnic area is such a delightful place and a lovely setting. We will be looking forward to many happy events there. Hopefully it will be available evenings to sit and relax and enjoy our wonderful Florida weather.

Sharon Clifford has a very worthwhile project in the works and has requested



I pass the word on. Sharon is putting together books for underprivileged children ages 5 through 8. Please buy a book, wrap it for Christmas, list boy or girl and drop it off to her. Sharon, as you may know, is a retired grade school teacher and she cannot think of a better gift for a child than the wonderful world of reading. Please partake in this worthwhile project.

The Villa looks quite nice with the new paint job.



Welcome new Viennese Villa residents Bill and Christina Bassenteni from New Hampshire.

New England put on a magnificent display of autumn foliage colors this season, but it got cold pretty fast as well.

We were joined by dear pal Dana Garlick from French Renaissance for a last cruise around Boothbay Harbor and Linekin Bay. Some of you may know Dana from the OTOW's wonderful chorus.



New resident Eleanor Alero hails from Cape Cod, Mass. (Photos by Fran Fairfield)

The foliage colors were glorious against the blue Atlantic. The cottage is now buttoned for another season.

Best wishes to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Until next month, remember: Any news fit to print please send along to me at fresca@maine.rr.com

Veterans Day flag ceremony

Here is a reminder of the flag dedication ceremony at the Punjab Building on Monday, Nov. 11, at 3 p.m. It is to honor two OTOW veterans, the late James Mayne and guest honoree Harry Gilman.

Two recently restored flags will be raised in their honor.

There is a story in the October issue of the OTOW News on the occasion. Look for it on page 46, in the Buildings section.



New resident is making herself at home

The Azores Building extends a warm welcome to Vicky Jensen. Vicky has been busy settling in and brunching with friends.

In true Azores fashion, she recently adopted Joey, a 5-year-old Chihuahua. Joey loves to snuggle with Vicky and play with his younger brother, Sandy, also a Chihuahua.

Congratulations to Jean and Gordon Fowlie on their 65th wedding anniversary. Their sons made the day extra special by hosting a dinner in honor of their parents. Gordon and Jean would like to thank all of their Azores neighbors for the many kind anniversary wishes and cards.

A large bouquet of balloons was the first hint that something special had been planned for John Parham's 90th birthday. It was soon apparent that John and his wife Dolores would be celebrating in style.



More than three dozen immediate family members traveled to Florida for a large and loving birthday bash.

My husband, Kelly, and I hosted Kelly's cousins, Elenora and Carolina, of Abruzzo, Italy. Their trip started in New Jersey, where they stayed with our daughter

and son-in-law, toured New York City with our son, and enjoyed lots of bagels and burgers. After the bustle of Manhattan, they were thrilled to spend time with nature, from lounging at the beach to kayaking on the Rainbow River.

Kelly, his sister Terry, and I spent three weeks in Italy, where we toured the beautiful Amalfi Coast before visiting Kelly's family in Abruzzo.

In Abruzzo, the San Grasso Mountains and Adriatic Sea provide a stunning backdrop for the region's historic villages. We enjoyed fantastic weather and home cooked meals, courtesy of Kelly's family.

Jerry Cather and Paul Bunker also enjoyed great weather on a cruise around the Western Caribbean islands, with stops in Grand Cayman, Honduras, Belize and Cozumel.

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Women's walking group still active and growing

October was an exciting month at the Bohemia Building. We celebrated traditions that have been established over the years.

One example is the nine-year celebration of the Bohemia Women's Walking Group. There are five girls who helped form this group and are still active participants. Since that time, the group has added an additional eight members, including two Snowbirds.

These girls walk Westfield Mall at 9 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They each walk at their own pace and distance, but gather for coffee at the completion of their walk.

They have one rule: They can only bring enough money for coffee. The theory being, eating defeats the purpose of why they are walking. The girls celebrated their anniversary by having a salad luncheon at one of the member's home.

A second tradition the building has is its annual pumpkin carving and/or decorating contest. Residents place their entries on a table in the core five to six days before Halloween and



ballots are left out for voting. Winners are announced Halloween day and prizes awarded.

A tradition that was retired is the annual Halloween cruise luncheon. To replace the cruise, a costume party pot-luck was added. Prizes are awarded for various categories. It turned out to be so much fun that it is sure to be added to the list of traditions.

In closing, we welcome Andy and Nancy Penetton to our building family. They come to us from New Hampshire and will be year-round residents.



Resident Joan Sopok attended a Sunday bible class conducted by former President Jimmy Carter recently in Plains, Ga. Left to right are Joan's daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Timothy Becker, Joan, Rosalynn and Jimmy Carter, and Joans's brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Patricia Fleig. (Photo provided by Joan Sopok)

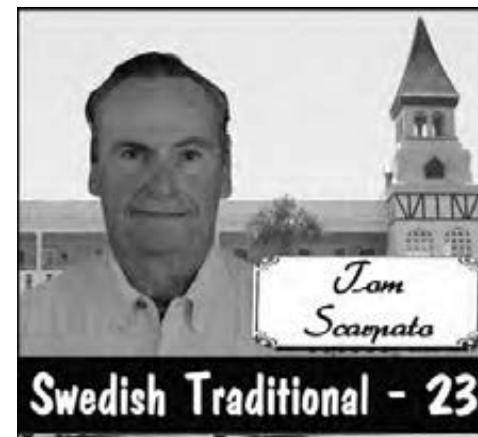
Resident gets to meet former President Carter

Swedish Traditional is buzzing with adventure.

Neighbors gather in the core the last Friday evening of the month for conversation and camaraderie. We share finger foods and drink. What a great way to get to make new friends. Hope to see you there.

Joan Sopok attended the Peanut Festival in Plains, Ga., the weekend of Sept. 28 with her family. Joan attended a Bible class on Sunday, taught by none other than former President Jimmy Carter. He autographed a book for Joan and her daughter. A great time was had by all.

Mr. Carter turned 95 on Oct. 1. "Happy Birthday" was sung by the huge crowd attending the Peanut Parade



on Saturday. The military band in the parade also played for the former president. What a great and wonderful, adventurous day.

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"I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list." —Susan Sontag

At the beginning of September, my husband, Dick and I spent twelve exciting days touring Egypt, including seven nights of cruising north and south on the Nile River with our friends Gerri Jaeger and Richard Maxwell from the Victorian Building at On Top of the World.

The first stop on our tour, of course, was at the Giza Plateau to see the ancient and mystical huge pyramids. The pyramids and the mighty Sphinx did not disappoint; and in case you are wondering, we all passed on taking the popular camel ride around the pyramids.

Our street tour began in the very crowded city of Cairo where the population is twenty and a half million and there are no traffic lights, signs, rules or regulations except that everyone goes first! Cars, donkey-drawn carts, motorcycle taxis, buses and people all share the road in and out of traffic jams while the horns honk continuously as a plea for a place in line.

In Luxor, we paid tribute to the Goddess Hathor at the well-preserved Dendera Temple and toured the magnificent Karnak Temple, the largest religious building in the world honoring many Gods and Egyptian rulers. It was built gradually



Terri and Dick Mikszenas prior to exploring the Abu Simbel Temple in Aswan, Egypt. Built in 1244 B.C., Abu Simbel contains two temples, carved into a mountainside. In addition, Abu Simbel has a second, smaller temple that may have been built for queen Nefertari. Abu Simbel's entrance includes two statues of the queen and four of the pharaoh, each about 33 feet in height.

over the centuries, with each new ruler adding to it.

We explored the Abu Simbel Temple in Aswan, the home of two massive rock-cut temples carved out of the mountainside during the reign of Pharaoh Ramses II in the 13th century BC. We saw the roofless Temple of Kom-Ombo, and the fascinating complex of the Valley of the

Kings. We examined the amazing and mystical hieroglyphics all telling stories while wishing we could translate and interpret their past.

All our touring occurred during the very early morning hours to avoid the other tourists, the traffic and the high heat. While the desert temperatures reached over 110 degrees, the breezes along the River Nile

were much more comforting.

The wonders of Egypt remain a mystery; but I will always marvel at how these ancient structures were all built so big, so high and so ornate so many thousands of years ago with bare hands and no modern equipment.

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New neighbor introduced at party is from local area

Cheryl and Tom Butcher celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Paris. Congrats!

David Bucchiere and John Hooker visited Niagara Falls, and Joyce and Dan Day visited their family in Michigan.

On Sept. 30, residents at The Emerald Isle gathered beneath a shade tree to share a cool beverage and snacks. With so many of our neighbors traveling through this summer, it gave us all plenty to share!

We were very happy to welcome our new neighbor, Mary Anne Nargi at our party as well.

Mary Anne recently purchased her condo and is busy settling in. She has been a long term resident in the Clearwater area. She was born in Brooklyn and was raised in Long Island. A New Yorker at heart, Mary Anne is the mother of a 26-year-old daughter, Mary Celeste, and grandmother of a 9-year-old grandson.

She worked for Xerox Corporation for 36 years and when the company relocated to Tampa, she made the big move with them. Her mother and dad



lived in Holiday, so it made the decision much easier.

Mary Anne loves On Top of the World! She enjoys the convenient location and all of the activities available to our neighbors. She has joined the New York New Jersey Club and the Travel Club.

She is a pet lover and enjoys reading and crafts. If you would like to play Bunco or listen to Elvis music, give Mary Anne a call! She would welcome the company!



Emerald Isle residents enjoy an outdoor cocktail party with plenty of beverages and snacks.

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Newcomers, social events and flowers



Our monthly building social event was held at Poblanos Mexican Grill and Bar on Sept. 24. We are pictured here enjoying the dinner and drinks, and the lively conversation and companionship.

We want to extend a very warm welcome to newcomers in our Valencia Building. Carolyn and Ed Klopfer transplanted from Columbus, Ohio. Their daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Mike Hasson, also live in On Top of the World. Before retiring, the Klopfers enjoyed fishing from their boat and travelling the country.

Sherry and Bob Chouinard have returned from their 17-day trip to Scotland and Ireland. Interesting highlights include St. Andrews golf course, as well as the history and buildings of the countries. Sherry says they have "the best fish and chips."



Valencia residents enjoy a fine dinner at Poblanos Mexican Grill and Bar, Sept. 24.

Our flower garden, located at the core entrance on Americus Blvd. East, is undergoing some transformations due to the change of seasons. Ellen Gilbert has been planting new flowers and mulching, helping to make our building beautiful.

Bible Study Club

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

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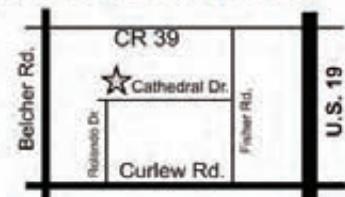
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The spirit of the Halloween season is upon us here at the Flamenco.

Loraine Gendron, a resident at Flamenco declares, "I'm just a kid at heart, and Halloween is my favorite holiday. So naturally I decorate."

The first photo represents a window display at Bob and Loraine Gendron's residence this Halloween season. Prior to relocating here, these long-time residents of On Top of the World had over 200 Halloween displays strategically placed and displayed around their former residence for both children and adults to enjoy.

"I had to tame it down," Mrs. Gendron advised upon moving to Flamenco. Neighbors are great, but no one is going to tolerate 200 displays!"

Barbara Krepela, another Flamenco resident has chosen to go "spooky" as her Halloween theme this year. "I'm not expecting many children as trick or treaters this year, but I am stocking up on dog biscuits to hand out to all our furry friends."



Barbara Krepela and Loraine Gendron pose in front of Bob and Loraine Gendron's Halloween display.



Above: Close up of Bob and Loraine Gendron's Halloween display. Below: The front of Barbara Krepela's "Spooky" residence.



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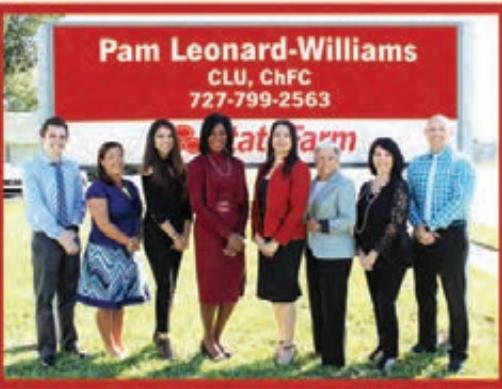
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Tony and Amy Odorisio (at rear of table) celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar with their ever-expanding family.

Orizaba couple celebrates 65 years of marriage

You'd think after 65 years of marriage, Amy and Tony Odorisio would be tired of each other already. But no... in fact, quite the opposite.

These two lovebirds decided to celebrate their six-and-a-half decades of wedded bliss by hosting a dinner party at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar.

Joined in commemorating that glorious day back on Oct. 3, 1954, when Amy and Tony walked down the aisle at St. James R.C. Church in Totowa, N.J., were their progeny and their significant others. And what a crowd it was!

The dinner was attended, first of all, by their children: daughter Cindy, son Jim and his wife, Cindy, and son Anthony and his wife, A.J.

Then there were the six grandchildren, their wives or girlfriends, and a nephew.

The sixth grandchild, along with his wife, who live in Murfreesboro, Tenn.,



were not able to attend as they were understandably quite busy with their newborn daughter, who was born Sept. 23. She is their first daughter, and her arrival made Amy and Tony great-grandparents for the first time. So much to celebrate!

Mandarin residents wrap up their summer trips

Fall is trying to make its appearance at last here at On Top of the World.

As the days start to cool down, it may be a good idea to take a look at your storage areas and see if anything needs to be thrown out. I plan to do so to mine. I forget sometimes just how much stuff I have in there that I no longer need or use.

Building resident Phyllis Marsteller and family members Rick and Debbie Figaski took a trip to San Antonio, Texas, for Phyllis' grandson's wedding. They stayed on the famous River Walk and enjoyed many of San Antonio's sights while they were there.

Rick and Debbie, along with their dog Bodi, (who was very happy to get to go on the vacation, too) traveled north to northwestern Pennsylvania and western New York to visit with family and friends. They stayed in a Lake Chautauqua cottage and enjoyed kayaking and pontoon boating.



It was a great way to keep cool in the summer heat.

Soon our building will be filling up with our friends coming back from up North. Building dinners and luncheons will be planned and announced. Keep checking the bulletin board for information on dates and times. Until next time, take care.

Rila Renaissance resident becomes ordained pastor

All of us in the Rila Renaissance Building wish to congratulate Bob Wapples, who was ordained into the Gospel Ministry as a pastor at the First Baptist Church of Safety Harbor on Sept. 15.

The couple celebrated by heading north to Pennsylvania, where Rita has an extensive extended family. While there, Bob was honored, with one of his first official duties as a newly ordained pastor: to conduct the marriage ceremony of Rita's granddaughter. They continued celebrating at the reception and party that followed. Later during their visit Bob and Rita were introduced to Rita's fifth great-grandson.

As usual, November is a busy month. We will welcome back the last of our Snowbirds to our building family. We follow that up with the ladies' brunch which will be held at the original Benedicts in Palm Harbor on Thursday, Nov. 7. The sign-up sheet is posted in the core, and as usual an e-mail blast will go out to all. Remember that guests are always welcome.

Rila Renaissance is kicking off the Christmas season with its annual meeting and building decorating get-together for the Saturday following Thanksgiving. You are invited to attend



on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 9 a.m. in the first floor core. Please plan to attend.

We have a great time decorating after the meeting. Remember that we like to have available grandchildren handle decorating the main Christmas tree and the floor core areas. They have proved to do a wonderful job for the last two years.

Gerri Jaeger, our building captain, has planned our annual holiday season dinner. She has reserved space for us at Clearwater Family Restaurant for the celebration and requests that you all reserve Monday evening, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. on your calendars. We will post the sign-up sheet before Thanksgiving on the core bulletin board and remember that if you have guests they are always welcomed at our celebrations!



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It's fall now and the pool is busier, the roads are more crowded, there's more time waiting to golf, you see many more walkers throughout the day and you can sit outside all day long visiting with old and new friends.

I really enjoy the sights of fall since we have two trees in our courtyard that change in color. One has yellow buds with the green leaves, so we call that the Green Bay Packer tree. The other one is green with red buds, so that is our holiday tree.

Besides these sights, you see pumpkins, Thanksgiving flags or decor and holiday lights starting to go up.

We had our building luncheon at



Benedicts, which took place after this was written. There is a photo here of a recent outing at Cheddars.

In November, we will post the notice of our building decorating party, asking people to sign up to help us and



Photo from last month's Granada Building luncheon at Cheddar's.

sing along as we listen to holiday music.

There is also the notice to sign up and pay your money to Trish no later than Nov. 27 for the Holiday Party at Alfano's on Dec. 9 at noon.

Our "Gathering on the Green" continues during the last week of the month but remember, in November, it will be held on Wednesday, not Thanksgiving Thursday.

Help us protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

Within the past few years, individuals featured in this newspaper were contacted by phone claiming that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers. However, the phone call was a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork

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Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere in Florida and the entire country

— not just here at On Top of the World.

If you get a call claiming that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information.

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Malaguena holiday dinner date and location is set

In case you missed the Christmas decorations set up right next to the Halloween candy, the holidays are almost upon us.

Fortunately for us, the Malaguena Social Committee made their plans early and booked a wonderful restaurant. This year the Malaguena Holiday Dinner will be at Bob Heilman's Beachcomber in Clearwater Beach, on Dec. 19. The Beachcomber is a classic, old-Florida restaurant.

The dinner will be from 4-6 p.m. We'll have our choice from several items on the early dining menu; most entrees are in the \$16-\$18 range. You can check out on the "Early Dining" menu on the web site, heilmansbeachcomber.com.

As usual, signs with all the details will be posted in both lobbies, along with sign-up sheets. A copy of the menu will also be posted on each bulletin board. Folks will have to sign up by Dec. 12, which is the date by which the restaurant needs an exact count.

So, mark your calendars for Thursday, Dec. 19 for the Malaguena Holiday Dinner at the Beachcomber!

Residents Fred and Candice Peace are interested in experiencing other cultures. In the past few years they've traveled to Cuba, Peru, Greece, England, Italy, France, Turkey and Spain.

In addition, they've been to 49 of the 50 states. Their latest trip took them even farther to Beijing and Shanghai, China.



In just 25 years, many of the rice fields they anticipated seeing have been replaced with high-rise apartment buildings and modern business skyscrapers.

Both cities are very densely populated. The population of Shanghai is 24 million, which is more than the entire state of Florida, population 21 million.

People are limited to driving their vehicles only on specific days of the week. Alternatives to driving are the metro system or walking.

In spite of the number of people, Candice said both cities were extremely clean, no litter or debris in the streets. They also felt very safe, the people were friendly and tried to be helpful even with the communication differences.

There is virtually no crime but cameras are everywhere. Interestingly, in spite of its modernity, they saw women



Candice and Fred Peace at the Great Wall of China. (Photo taken by tour guide.)

washing clothes in the river, and in a few communities the families still use a community restroom for their bathroom.

The cuisine was vegetable-based and unfamiliar. For dinner a couple of nights, the Peaces found a familiar face, a KFC restaurant. It was fascinating to find that while some of the choices on the menu were recognizable, many were not.

Alas, fortune cookies were nowhere to be found; those treats

are an American invention.

The Peaces toured the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and visited silk, jade, and pearl factories as well as a tea plantation where they saw people at work.

It wouldn't be a trip to China without visiting the Great Wall and riding on the 270 mph Maglev train. Despite the long travel times, they both thoroughly enjoyed seeing first-hand sights they'd only seen on TV.

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

Sign up for Pickleball

By Kathy Ahrens

Pickleball has arrived at On Top of the World.

A new Pickleball Club started up in October and will be in full swing in November. We have four courts we can use and more than 60 residents ready to play.

The Pickleball Club will be organizing fun play, tournaments, picnics and free instruction.

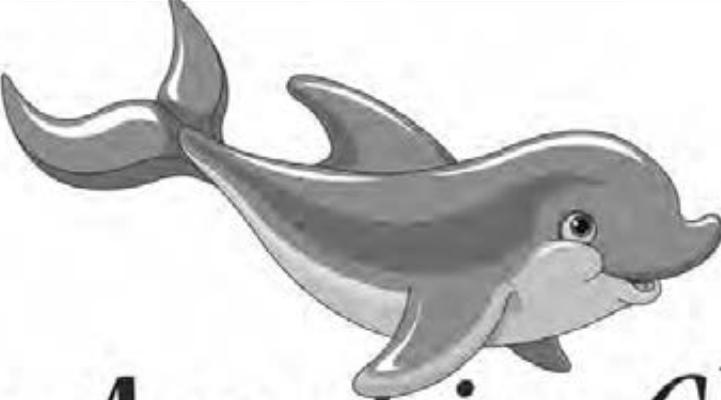
Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon-3 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Dues are only \$10 for the year.

We will have a barbeque party on Sunday, Nov. 24, from noon-3 p.m. after play.

Pickleball builds cardio, balance, hand-eye coordination and keeps reflexes sharp, plus you get to make new friends.

Are you interested? Check out the Pickleball Website on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) for information, or call Kathy Ahrens at 727-804-1827 for more information.

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Meeting for building coordinators is Nov. 6

By Valerie Martin

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 12:30–2:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium of all building coordinators, captains or their designees.

Each building in the On Top of the World community should be represented by someone (or even a pair of people). At last count, about 85 percent of buildings had at least a coordinator.

The Building Coordinator Project at On Top of the World is a volunteer, resident-led resource for all 91 buildings.

This workshop will provide a forum for the exchange of useful information, and for the sharing of ideas on leading positive

change and success strategies that have benefited many building residents.

The idea is to make it easier for building volunteers to be successful when helping residents realize the benefits of working together. This approach supports the volunteers in the building coordinator's role and allows ideas to flow among residents in different buildings.

If your building does not have a coordinator, and you would like to come as a building rep to learn about the role and the successes in other buildings, please send an email to otowcoordinators@yahoo.com, with your name, building number and unit number.

We hope to have a good turnout.

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Calling all elves for the holiday decorating party

Some strange and crazy things have happened during the month of October over at the Villa Riviera — no doubt Halloween ghost and goblins were in the air.

Not only did we have one birthday celebration, but two. For reasons beyond anyone's control, our usual September birthday/social function was moved to Oct. 3, while our October celebration was held on the fourth Thursday as per usual.

This brings up two interesting points. When you sign up for the month, you are only responsible for supplying the cake. Bake, beg or borrow, no matter you are only responsible for the cake.

Thanks to Fran Barker, we have now gone green and are using reusable forks and plates. Drinks, chairs and optional snacks are at the discretion of those attending.

If for any reason you are incapable of fulfilling your duties for the month you signed up for, please call Fran at (727) 278-3413 at least 24 hours in advance as there are people waiting in the wings to take over.

And if it is a last minute thing just call Fran or Bruce at (810) 434-4805 and they will happily pick up your cake and bring it if you are unable to attend.

We have set a permanent time and day



for these events so you can mark it on your calendars. It is the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., to be held somewhere around the first-floor common area.

That said, it only holds true for 10 months out of the year. Thanksgiving usually falls on the fourth Thursday of November, so we have moved up this month's social to the third Thursday of the month: Nov. 21.

And we moved up the time to 3 p.m. so that it will be light enough to make it a Christmas decorating party. We are hoping for a big turnout, because as people have moved out, a lot of decorations have been donated and we can really turn the building



A picture of food at recent gathering. Trying to show people they can bake what they want and that we are going green.

into a showplace for the holidays: many hands make light work!

So all you elves step away from your workbenches and come on down to the main lobby to help out, have some cake and a good time.

We have also moved up the December Birthday Social to the third Thursday of the month so as not to interfere with the biggest birthday of all. And we have moved it up to 5 o'clock to make it an

hors d'oeuvres /cocktail/ Christmas party. As always, bring a beverage of choice and a chair. If everyone would bring a plate of finger foods (everything from potato chips to escargot is welcome), we could celebrate the season in true holiday style.

And there will be a new signup sheet for 2020, so bring your pens and decide what fourth Thursday of the month you want to bake, beg or borrow for next year.

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- Please shower before entering pool to remove lotions, oils, and sunblocks.
- The pool area is a non-smoking area. Please smoke in designated smoking areas(s) only.
- All pool furniture must remain in the designated pool deck area only. Personal pool or lawn furniture is not permitted on the pool deck.
- Pool will be closed during inclement weather or when gates are locked.
- Persons experiencing gastrointestinal symptoms or open cuts or wounds should not use the pool.
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Tuesday Mornings

Start time: 9 am

Destinations rotate weekly but are listed inside the bus. Stops include Clearwater Mall, Northwood Plaza, Bayside Bridge Plaza, Walgreens, Cypress Point Plaza and Sprouts.

Tuesday Midday

Start time: 12:30 pm

Destinations are Countryside Mall and Countryside Central

Wednesday Mornings

Start time: 8 am

Destination: Publix

Wednesday Midday

Start time: 11 am

Destination: Aldi and CVS

Thursday Mornings

Start time: 8 am

Destination: Publix

Thursday Midday

Start time: 11 am

Destination: Publix

Friday Mornings

Start time: 8 a.m.

Destination: Walmart

Friday Midday

Start time: 11 am

Destination: Walmart

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