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Little Debbie



Sammy



Gigi

Nearly 600 voters from nine countries

Pet costume contest receives world support again

The On Top of the World News Halloween Pet Costume Contest appears to have a world-wide following.

Last year, when the contest went online for the first time, approximately 600 people voted from all over the world.

This year the contest remained online and the same world-wide audience supported it.

There were 594 votes cast from 35 different states and nine different countries.

People voted in Las Vegas, Hawaii and New York City, plus Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Germany, Sweden and The Netherlands. We

had a big following in Belgium.

Thank you Belgium!

The world loves when On Top of the World pets put on their Halloween costumes and pose for pictures.

This year there were nine entries in the costume contest. The top six will win a prize.

The highest vote-getter was Little Debbie dressed as the Little Debbie cake lady. Little Debbie is owned by Jay English from building 34.

The other five winners (in no order) were Poochie as Beetlejuice, owned by David Palmucci of building 4; Sammy as the prisoner, owned by Tara Still of building 30; Legend as Yoda, owned by Kirk Jansen of

building 47; Gigi as a witch, owned by Catherine Harris of building 3; and Buckley as a sunflower, owned by Scott and Barbara Rice of building 53.

Prizes will be presented by this year's sponsors Pam Leonard-Williams State Farm, Creating Smiles Dental, Publix, Woof Gang Bakery, Harborside Animal Hospital and A Devine Touch Home Pet Care. Look for prize presentation pictures in the December newspaper.

Unfortunately for our world-wide audience, the 10th annual contest next year will be live at our dog park instead of on the internet (fingers crossed). Votes will be cast by our sponsors instead of electronic voting.



Buckley



Legend



Poochie



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Time for a holiday decoration guideline refresher

Can you believe it's time to start thinking about the holidays again!

With the holidays come 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 Association rule reminders from your Management company:

- 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-feet, UL approved cord.

- Extension cords should not cross any walkway in or around any building (to prevent trips and falls).

- 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 or otherwise impede 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 as they present a safety hazard.

- 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 use any screw-in receptacle extenders with plugs in any building lights or tap into the build-



ing 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 access-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

Take Proactive Steps To Protect Your Life and Property

From January through October 2021, it has been a quiet year for unit fires. I have a fear that I have just opened Pandora's box by saying that, but it is critical that every unit have a small, residential fire extinguisher.

In a kitchen fire last year, the owner took steps to extinguish the fire and prevent its spread. That

said, there was still smoke damage to the unit and damage to the kitchen. The fire started when the chef walked away from the stove for several minutes.

2021 was a year with no costly fires. This contrasts with 2016 when three major fires did not end so well. It is worth remembering certain basic tips for both fire prevention and how to deal 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. Additionally, all buildings are equipped with fire extinguishers for use in cases of emergency. They may be found in the center core area, adjacent stairwells and on each and every wing of each condominium building. 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. We also should mention that the management company is working on providing emergency instruction information, which advises residents on where they can safely exit their building in case of emergency. This information will be available on building bulletin boards, in the monthly newspaper, via the community TV channel, and quarterly as a RAVE reminder.

- 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 resets the device.

The second fire was the result of burning incense unattended. This resulted in more substantial damage when the curtains ignited, damaging the unit as well as the units above and below.

While lighting a memorial candle is a time-honored way of remembering a loved one, we respectfully suggest using LED "candles," which provides a respectful alternative, but if you do insist on the real deal, please "Candle with Care":

- 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 out-

doors 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 a 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 3 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 (for example a hand held hair dryer)

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

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

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

Did You Know

With the return of residents, and the holidays fast approaching, I want to remind you that the Management Company and your Association do not support (nor encourage) tipping or gifting to individual employees.

We do understand that many of you like to show your appreciation and thanks in some manner. If you are so inclined, we recommend that you donate a gift or a check to the Clearwater On Top of the World Employee Gift Fund, as opposed to giving a worker a tip directly.

The Management Company will then combine its annual thank you gift distribution with this 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 - Clearwater Employee Gift Fund, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E., Clearwater, FL. 33763. Make checks payable to Parkway Maintenance and Management - Employee Gift Fund. Donations and gifting are purely discretionary.

Community Service Office 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, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call goes to voice mail, it is because staff is working with someone else. Please be patient. Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business

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

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

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

If you have any questions regarding your request and until the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line at 727-683-6981. As a reminder, window and door repair or replacement is exclusive to the unit and is the owner's responsibility. The Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

Service Request Line

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

After-Hours Number

The OTOW after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115 for matters such as water intrusion into your unit. For all other inquiries regarding general matters or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office. In the event of a life threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to the website and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page and the "Sign Up Now" box will be located to the left of the screen. Click to enroll. You can also sign up from the "Stay Informed" tab located at the top of the home page. This is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared, and never solicited. Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply.

OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community. It is not hyperbole to say some warning may save your life!

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OTOW getting closer to cable decision and will

So far so good.

As far as hurricane season goes, Florida's west coast has been very fortunate.

Management Company staff has a preparedness plan that is implemented up to five days in advance of a storm tracking toward the West Coast. Then again, I should never tempt fate.

Cable and Internet Update

In a recent meeting of the Board Working Group and the Cable Consultant they hired to find the best bulk cable provider for our community, discussion focused on a thorough and structured final selection process.

On Top of the World-Clearwater's bulk service provider has been narrowed down to two providers: Summit Broadband and Spectrum. The plans proposed by both providers include future-proof Fiber-to-the-Unit (FTTU) technology, which the Working Group feels is essential to provide the best cable services to each unit.

Summit Broadband and Spectrum proposed attractive bulk TV and Internet packages designed to exceed expectations while providing savings on services currently utilized by OTOW residents.

The Working Group will consider a number of factors in choosing a final bulk service provider partner to recommend to the Board for final action. Ultimately, the goal is to select a provider and proposed plan that will be tailored to provide cutting-edge technology, superior customer service and cost savings to residents.

I have received concerns from several residents about continuation of Spectrum Mobile Phone Service. No matter what bulk provider is selected for the community, anyone who currently uses Spectrum Mobile Phone Service will be able to continue doing so without a disruption of service.

Generally, anyone who wishes to switch their mobile phone service may do so without losing their current cell phone number.

More details are to come on this once a final provider is selected, but rest assured that this is being taken into consideration and the Board will ensure that you are fully informed of any changes before they occur.

Again, the primary focus of this provider search is to provide the most value to OTOW residents at the lowest cost.

I am happy with the progress the Working Group has made on this so far and look forward to providing additional updates soon.

Annual Meeting

It's that time of year!

The Annual Meeting and Board Elections will be held on Dec. 17, 2021.

In the last election cycle, 26 percent of ballots were disqualified because the ballots or mailing envelopes were completed improperly.

I said then that it was a priority to ensure that such a high rejection rate does not happen again, and in an effort to



make voting easier and more convenient, the Board has approved electronic voting as an option for this year's election.

Conduu is a Florida-based technology company that specializes in software services for condominium communities, including electronic voting.

Their electronic voting platform is secure and will reduce the potential for errors that exist with paper ballots by mail or in-person.

You can learn more about electronic voting and Conduu's platform at the official On Top of the World-Clearwater website: OTOWClearwaterInfo.com, click Electronic Voting under the Association tab.

If you wish to vote electronically, your first step is to submit an "Opt-In" form at OTOWClearwaterinfo.com/Electronic-Voting.

Once you have opted in, the electronic voting vendor, Conduu, will send you an email to register on the On Top of the World Condominium Association portal.

Please note, owners who wish to vote electronically for the Dec. 17 election will need to submit an opt-in form by 10 a.m. on Dec. 14. Electronic voting will close Dec. 15 at 10 a.m.

By selecting electronic voting, you will also receive all official notifications from the Association electronically in the portal.

Owners who prefer to vote by mail or in-person using the paper ballot method may still do so.

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.

OTOW Board Members

Corby Ratliff (Board member) has been a tremendous resource of practical information on building construction as well as golf course operations based on his decades of experience in residential and commercial construction.

Guy Woolbright (Board Secretary/Treasurer) is an ace at negotiating with

insurance brokers for comprehensive insurance coverage as well as overseeing the fiscal stability of this community.

Leslee Colen (Board member) is very much a driver behind the positive aesthetics of the community and quality programming for residents.

Gail Sanders (Board member) manages the occupancy approval for tenants who lease directly from an owner in our community. She handles the processing of the documents from initial receipt through obtaining Association approval from another Board member.

James O'Neil (Board member) is retired military and has a background in internet security. He brings a very stable bearing to the Board functions based on his experience as a Court System Security Manager and a Counterintelligence Special Agent in the US Army. His wisdom and experience have been invaluable in the selection of a reliable electronic voting vendor that can ensure both member privacy and secure voting.

Charles "Chuck" McAllister (Vice-Chair) has been amazingly knowledgeable in discussions with the cable consultant as well as providing insight into the selection process. With a background in both military service and surveying, he has significantly contributed to the benefit of this community.

Michael Spodeck (Board member) brought a wealth of business operations knowledge. His insights are strong and very grounded in discussing strategic directions for the community based on his experience as the Regional Manager for a large distributor.

Sharon Licata (Board member) was formerly General Manager of the Maintenance Company serving OTOW-Clearwater. She really knows the ins and outs of community management and understands the challenges and opportunities this community faces on a daily basis. She brings 20 years of deep knowledge of community operations.

Then there is me, Kenneth Colen, serving as Chairman. I have had the privilege of serving this community since 1976. My background is in utilities operations and general contracting. I have the unique skill of understanding both building construction, building maintenance and daily utility operations. This is especially relevant because this is how reclaimed water is generated for grounds irrigation. The reclaimed water delivers close to \$900,000 in annual savings by not being reliant on Pinellas County's very costly potable irrigation water.

Each member of the Board brings their own strengths and experience to the community. They are bringing positivity and new insights into their positions which makes the community stronger for everyone. From my perspective, it is a privilege to be associated with this community, the Management Company, and with your Board.

I would be remiss if I did not also recognize the people behind the scenes who serve this community and make sure operations are going as planned.

Dessa Barabba, General Manager of Parkway Maintenance & Management Company oversees day-to-day community operations. Shawn Tobias, Senior Manager, is in charge of all grounds maintenance and building services.

The labor market in Pinellas County is still very difficult. The problem with finding and retaining good labor is all too familiar to your Board and to the Management Company.

The labor market was already 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 ensure retention of the very qualified and seasoned team members who work in this community.

Your Board does not expect that outlook to change for the near future.

The practical effect is that some grounds maintenance is running a little longer than what is acceptable, especially when coupled with the periodic rain delay.

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 ensure that the Management Company is able to retain current and hire new talent that will ensure the continuing operational quality.

Budget

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. The bottleneck in the supply chain creates both problems and opportunities. It is the opportunities the Board wants to seize to leverage benefits for this community.

Association Annual Report

Notice of the audited Annual Financial Report was mailed to all residents.

This report is produced within 120 days of the close of the fiscal year. Because of the law governing condominiums, the Association budgets for and has an independent certified CPA perform an audit every year.

Community Update Work in Progress

November will see the painting contractor continuing work on the front facades of structures with building 27 being next on the schedule.

The contractor will switch to performing rear façade waterproofing for the holiday season after the completion of this project.

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introduce electronic voting option in December

As a reminder, both front and rear coatings projects involve the thorough pressure washing of the building's surfaces followed by the sealing of any hairline cracks in the masonry and then applying 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 re-coat 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

There are no large scale projects scheduled for the month of November.

Recurring Reminders for all Community Residents

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

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

Walkway coating improvements will continue across the property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating. The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

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

Inspection Services Division

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit.

A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community. Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company. Thanks for your advance cooperation.

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the current improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority

building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied. If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

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

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

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

The Inspection Services division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community. As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately, there are new products that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the east activity center.

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress,

or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards. The management company would like to reiterate to residents that barbeque grills be it propane, charcoal, or electric, are not permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

Community aesthetics do matter. Clutter enforcement has been one of the most recurring compliance concerns at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live. If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately. If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you.

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

Final Thoughts

Set aside for a minute that this has been a trying year on many of us. From dangerous weather events, pandemic that forced a shutdown of the recreational amenities, and a brutal political season, it has been a difficult year.

Regardless, it is always worthwhile to pause for a moment, take a step back and consider all the positive events and blessings that have happened and continue to be happening in our lives.

Taking stock and being grateful for all we do have, even in the worst of times, is a very positive thing to do. It can change your entire outlook.

Breathe, smile!

For myself and the entire management staff, we wish everyone a very safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Residents in buildings 1-15 need to be aware of upcoming hydro-jetting project

By Dessa Barabba

If you live in buildings 1-15, you should have received notice from your Management Company regarding the upcoming sewer hydro-jetting project.

As a reminder, this was discussed during the June 11, 2021, General Meeting.

As a preventative maintenance measure, in January 2022 contracted work will begin an extensive project of hydro jetting kitchen and bathroom sanitary drain lines and replacing common sanitary cleanouts.

Currently, this project will commence with phase one (1) on or around January 10, 2022, with an anticipated completion date of no later than June 30, 2022.

In order to complete this project on

time, the target goal is to complete four (4) first floor units and two (2) cleanouts per day.

The project will begin with Building one (1) and proceed in building numerical order until completion of this first phase of the project at building 15.

Access to your unit must be provided for approximately two to three hours with additional access provided at a later date should a follow-up be required.

The impacted units will be contained to first floor units exclusively and any necessary follow-up appointments will be scheduled by the Management Company.

If your unit will be vacant during this period, it will be necessary for you to ap-

point a representative to provide entry to your unit during your scheduled time.

In the event you do not have a personal representative, please complete the form attached and return it with your unit key to: On Top of the World Condominium Association, Hydro-Jetting Project, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E, Clearwater, FL, 33763. Keys will be returned to you once the project has been completed.

A tentative schedule has been established for this project, however, it is dependent upon ease of access into units and will be weather dependent.

Should weather or other delays occur, notices will be sent out via an OTOW RAVE Alert. Be sure you are signed up to

receive alerts prior to project commencement.

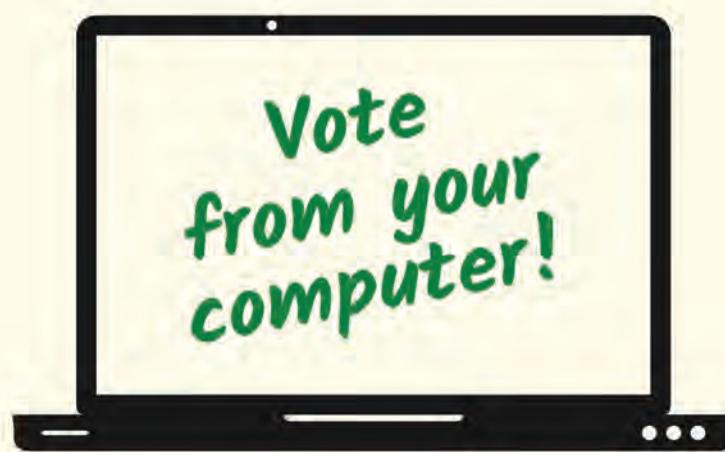
Additionally, notices will be posted in each building up to two weeks prior to the scheduled start date.

This information will also be available on the OTOW Community website at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com under General Information and then selecting the "Hydro Jetting Project" tab.

If you have any questions, contact the Community Service Office at 727-683-6981. Please leave your name and phone number if you require a return phone call. An email address has been established at: clwjettingproject@otowfl.com.

ON TOP OF THE WORLD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION IS NOW OFFERING ELECTRONIC VOTING

For the upcoming election of the
Board of Administration.



OPT-IN FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING NOW

For more details, an electronic voting tutorial,
and to opt-in, visit our website:
www.OTOWClearwaterInfo.com/Electronic-Voting

If you prefer paper voting, by mail or in-person at Association
meetings, you may continue to do so.

The deadline for opting-in to electronic voting for the upcoming
election is December 14.



Deadline for ticket refunds is Dec. 15

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Here we are in November and we are looking at another holiday to celebrate hopefully with family and friends.

It has been a long haul for all of us and the light seems to be getting brighter at the end of the tunnel.

Ticket sales will start up in January for our 2022 shows and dances. At this time, we are still uncertain as to whether we will have restrictions for our events. We will certainly keep you posted and hope things will get back to normal.

I cannot stress enough that the tickets you may be holding onto for past shows

and dances have a deadline for cash back.

Those tickets will not be accepted for any upcoming events. You have until Dec. 15 to request your refund.

If you do not request a refund by that date, we will consider this to be a donation to the Entertainment Committee and we thank you very much.

For season ticket holders, you will still have the opportunity to keep your seats that you have had in the past. More information will be provided in the near future regarding season tickets.

Those of you who are unable to return to our community prior to that date,

your request will be handled individually.

We are trying to accommodate everyone and would appreciate those of you who are here to request your refund before the deadline. Please contact Mary Ann O'Neil at (727) 449-9243 at your earliest convenience to expedite your refund.

The Entertainment Committee has been working hard on scheduling entertainment for 2022.

Planning starts a year in advance and involves reserving the EAC, contracting entertainers, getting tickets printed, advertising and selling tickets.

So you see, even though we haven't

been able to have any events, we have been working hard to bring great entertainment to our community for 2022.

We look forward to our community getting back into the swing of things again and we know you all have been brushing up on your dance moves during this down time!

Once the Entertainment Committee is back selling tickets, we will see you all in the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving is a special holiday for us to renew our bonds with those we love.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Computer Club continues to help residents understand technology

By Mike Wood

Even though technology changes almost daily, some things don't.

One thing that doesn't change is the On Top of the World Computer Club helping residents understand the ever-changing world of computer and cell phone technology.

Whether it's a Windows update, an iPhone IOS installation, a tablet sync or a simple printer jam, the Computer Club has folks who have the answers.

For the most part, all Computer Club members who help residents are every-day people, who, in many cases, learned what they now pass on to others on the fly in their previous non-tech-related professions.

They are retired, or semi-retired, press release creators for TV news, office managers, police officers, housewives, musicians, well – you get the picture ... normal people in normal careers who learned how to use technology to survive, who now pass along their experience to many very grateful residents on a weekly basis.

The Computer Club is getting ready for another year of service to the OTOW community.

Do you have technology questions?

Come join us.

You'll have a great time and learn a lot in the process!

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 in a Zoom format (for the time being) and visitors are welcome.

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers.

Time is also made available to ask ques-



tions.

In addition to the Saturday meetings, the club offers assistance to any OTOW resident with basic technology-related questions or issues. This assistance is offered in the West Activity Center Learning Lab on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m. on a first-come first-served basis.

Knowledgeable Computer Club volunteers offer basic computer, tablet and smart phone program assistance and app help.

The services are free to all OTOW residents with a valid Activity Card. Computer Club membership is not required.

If residents have in-home computers that require service in their condos, the Computer Club does not offer an in-home repair service, although the Computer Club can offer guidance and assistance in locating service providers who can address other-than-basic service needs or in-home computer issues.



Foreground, Computer Club member helps resident with laptop computer issues. Background, Computer Club member helps resident with cell phone problem. As usual, the resident's technology issues were addressed and resolved.

Computer service-related questions can be sent to the Computer Club at otowcc@gmail.com. Responses normally are made within 72 hours after the request is received.

Otherwise, for more informa-

tion about the Computer Club, email us at otowcc@gmail.com, visit our website at www.otowcc.com or click our link in the OTOW Box Office, otowboxoffice.com.

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Mya would recommend fostering or adopting a pet from a shelter. It saves the pet and rewards the new owner with much gratitude.

Mya's red coat is foxlike and shibas have cat-like mannerisms.

Mya is self cleaning and independent.

She lives with Joe Bower in the Avila II building.

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



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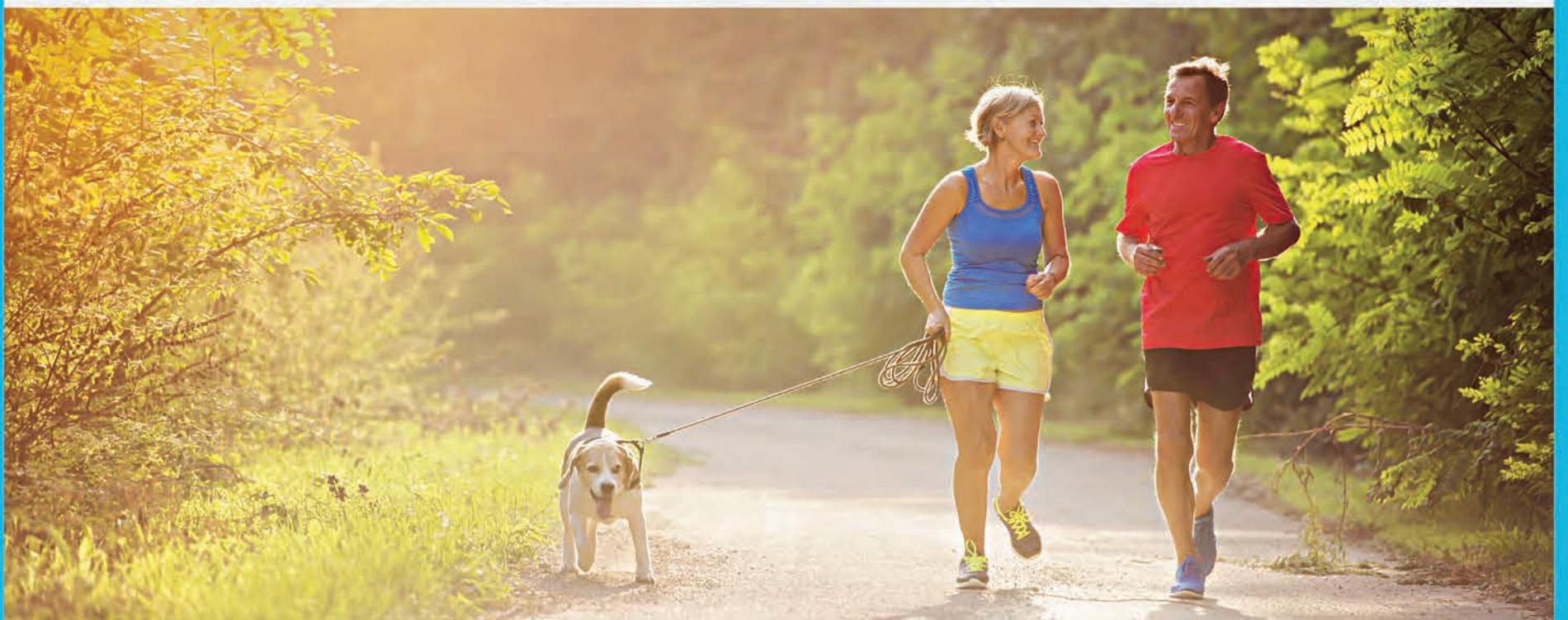
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Winter water aerobics begins in November

By Irene Pappas

The summer season of water aerobics at the East Activity Center swimming pool finished up on the last day of October, but the winter class begins in November.

Aqua Aerobics is operational Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. and the heaters in the pool are on during the winter months.

Aqua aerobics improves balance, memory, strength and also assists in pain reduction.

This class takes place daily unless there is rain, lightning or thunderstorms in the area.

We encourage everyone to wear sunscreen, water shoes, sunglasses, a hat and even a sun protective factor (SPF) jacket or swim shirt.

There are no membership requirements. This class is open to men and women with a valid activity card, which must be displayed on your chair or lounge for viewing at every class.

On Oct. 29, our class went to Sunset Grill for a luncheon to celebrate the end of our summer program.



On '10' everyone raises their arms. Can you guess which number instructor Irene Pappas just shouted out from the middle of the pool? (Photo by Doug Kates)

OTOW Community Activities Calendar - November 2021

East Activity Center

CRYSTAL BEACH ROOM

Entertainment Committee Board: Monday, Nov. 1, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Good Karma Book Club: Thursday, Nov. 18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Good Neighbors Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am
 Coloring Book Group: Wednesdays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm
 Pray for America: Saturdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 - 4:00 pm (Nov 2 & 9 only)
 Philosophy Club: Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 11:30 am
 Lawn Bowl Meeting: Monday, Nov. 22, 1:00

LARGO ROOM

Democratic Club Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 11, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
 Good Neighbors Association: Wednesday, Nov. 3, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Bonesavers: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:00 - 9:00 am
 World Quilters: Tuesdays, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
 TOPS: Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am
 Veterans Group: Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
 Art Guild Board Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 4, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
 Art Guild Meeting: Friday, Nov. 5, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

CLEARWATER ROOM

Ceramics: Thursdays, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Caring & Sharing: Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Matter of Balance: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-3:00 pm

WOODSHOP: Mondays-Fridays 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

LIBRARY: Now Open Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm



AUDITORIUM

Republican Club Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Line Dance Club: Tuesdays, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, Saturdays, 8:30 - 10:30 am
 Moving and Grooving Easy Level: Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 am, Fridays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm
 Moving and Grooving Beginners to Adv. Beginners: Mondays 11 am - 12 pm, Fridays 2:00-3:00 pm*
 Moving and Grooving Experienced Level: Mondays 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Fridays 3:00 - 4:00 pm*
 Cardio Dance: Saturdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Wednesdays (starting Oct. 20)
 Press Association: Thursday, Nov. 4, 7-8 pm (Writers Workshop for press staff)

EXERCISE ROOM

Line Dance Practice: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 7:00 - 8:00 am
 Ladies Exercises: Monday-Friday, 8:00 - 9:00 am
 Co-Ed Exercises Class: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10:00 - 10:45 am
 Hatha Yoga: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:45 am
 Tai Chi Flow 108: Mondays, 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays 3:15 - 4:15 pm
 Tai Chi Short Form: Wednesdays, 2:15 - 3:00 pm
 Qigong: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 3:15 - 4:00
 Cardio Dance: Mondays 1:00, Tuesdays 6:30, Wednesdays 11:30, Saturdays 12:30

OZONA ROOM

Republican Club Board Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

EAST ACTIVITY CENTER SWIMMING POOL

Aqua Aerobics: Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 10:00 am
 Open Hours: Mon - Sat, 8 am - 8 pm, Sun and Holidays, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm (May-Sept)

EAST ACTIVITY CENTER FITNESS CENTER

Open Hours: Monday-Saturday, 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Please note changes to Moving 'n Grooving schedule that do not appear in print newspaper.

West Activity Center

BELLEAIR ROOM

Theater Workshop Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 3, 6:30-9:00 pm
 Jesters Board Meeting: Wednesday: Nov. 10, 6:30-9:30 pm
 Siboney Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 24, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 Zumba: Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00 am - 10:00 am
 Zumba Gold: Saturdays 10:00 am - 11:00 am
 Zumba Gold Chair: Thursdays 9:00 am -9:45 am
 Tai Chi Chair: Mondays, Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 9:45 am
 Ping Pong: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: Thursdays 10:45 am - 2:00 pm

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Pavilion

Lambda Social: Friday, Nov. 12, 6:00-10:00 pm
 Blackout Card Game: Thursdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Irish Club Pizza Party: Thursday, Nov. 4, 5:00
 Pickleball BBQ: Sunday, Nov. 7, 11:00 am - 2:00
 Chinese Cathay Dinner: Sunday, Nov. 7, 4:00 - 8:30 pm
 Tennis Meetings: Nov. 2, 11:00 - 12:30 & Nov. 20 11:00 - 2:00
 Fraud Awareness Day: Tuesday, Nov. 16, 8 am to 1:00 pm
 New York-New Jersey Ugly Sweater Party: Tuesday, Nov. 30, 4-8
 Lambda Club Thanksgiving: Wednesday, Nov. 24, 4:00 - 9:00
 Food Truck Night: Wednesday, Nov. 10, 4:00 - 7:30 pm
 Good Neighbors Volunteer Luncheon: Nov. 3, 12:00 - 3:00 pm
 Americana Building Dinner: Wednesday, Nov. 3, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Sports

Pickleball: Tuesdays & Thursdays 4-7, Sundays, 9-12
 Tennis Club: Meets Mon-Sat 7:30-11:00 am
 Tennis Courts Open to all Residents
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FOOD TRUCK NIGHT
 Wednesday, Nov. 10
 4:00-7:30
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FRAUD AWARENESS DAY, TUESDAY, NOV. 16, 8 am - 1 pm

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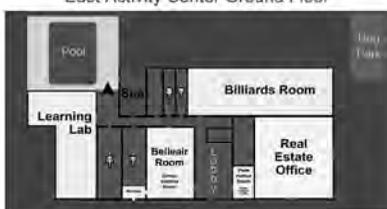
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East Activity Center First Floor



East Activity Center Second Floor



West Activity Center

East and West Activity Centers Room Maps

EAC Pavilion Park Grill Map



Pavilion Park

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If you are not an expert on cryptocurrencies, then avoid making investment decisions on your own

Scam alert: Cryptocurrencies!

The truth is that I am just not smart enough to understand cryptocurrencies like bitcoins and such. However, I am smart enough to look out for scammers posing as legitimate investment advisors in crypto-whatevers.

I have now learned that websites have been created to look as if there's a great investment opportunity just waiting for your investment money. Some of these sites use fake testimonials and have all kinds of neat crypto jargon. So, you need to be extremely cautious if you want to take a shot at this kind of investment.

Apparently, there are some 500 cryptocurrency exchanges so the most important thing I can say about them is, if you are a newcomer to investing, you probably ought to stay away from cryptocurrencies.

Please do not be in denial about your cryptocurrency investment skills. If you haven't done it before, you are not skilled in it. You need to take time — a LOT of time — to learn before your first investment.

Scam alert: Internet romance scams.

This one is going to be difficult for me to discuss. I feel I must.

These types of scams are vicious and the criminals behind them do not care who they hurt or what life they will destroy. They don't care one whit about their victim.

I am well aware that widows and widowers are targets for romance scams. Some victims are found in chat rooms or on other social media sites.

The scammers talk about their lives and their loneliness. Often the sadness they suffer miraculously looks just like the



victim's suffering.

Then, at some point, the scammers need money. If you have money, they want it. Sell your stocks and bonds and give them the cash? Take out a mortgage on your home and give them the money?

They always promise to pay it back.

They are LIARS. They are CRIMINALS. Do not respond to their emails. Force yourself to break free.

Q. What's wrong with annuities?

A. I think that's the wrong question. I think the questions are (there are several questions to ask yourself when you are thinking about annuities), do you need an annuity? If so, why? What are the costs to purchase one? What is the surrender charge cost? Are there better and less expensive ways to invest your money? Who will be the beneficiaries? Are there income tax consequences involved ... estate tax consequences? Where do you go to get honest information about whether to buy an annuity?

I think you should start with these

questions.

Where do you start?

Well, there are a lot of very reputable financial advisors that will meet with you and speak truthfully. And, of course, there are major companies, too numerous to mention, that have a lot of information on their websites — all for free. Take a look, before you spend.

Q. A few years ago, I heard someone on the radio, say that a trust is just a fancy will. What do you say?

A. I say that a trust is NOT just a fancy will. If properly drawn to meet your needs, a trust is a much more complex document.

I'm a guy who honestly believes that many folks do not need a trust. I think they've frequently been over-marketed to folks who don't need them and never did.

Often enough, a will, durable power of attorney and advance directive, if properly drawn, are less expensive and just as effective.

However, having said that, many folks have complicated estate planning needs and thus, a trust would be more beneficial to them.

How can you tell?

(Hint: I'm gonna say just what you think a lawyer like me would say).

You need to sit down with your attorney and give him or her all the facts on the estate issues you have, or you think you have.

Q. We live in (Not OTOW). My 44-year-old married daughter was in my home when my husband and I were on vacation (he is not her father, it's a second marriage for both of us). My daughter has

the key. While she was here, she got herself pregnant and the father is not the man she's married to. Now she told me the law requires me to pay child support because I let her use my house. I need help.

A. I have no words for this one. In the 50-plus years I've practiced law, I've never heard a question like it.

WOW!

Two thoughts: 1. Maybe the guy who got her pregnant owes child support? Hmm? 2. I have no words, or did I already say that?

(Note, I spoke to the person asking the question and this is a true event).

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Singers catch a break serving food

If you have ever been to New York City, but not eaten at Ellen's Starlight Diner, you have missed a unique experience.

All the waiters are singers looking for a break in their careers.

You can go there many times and each time you will likely have a different singing waiter.

They may be standing in the well of a grand piano or come right to your table and sing directly to you.

The diner is located at 1650 Broadway and is within walking distance of the Broadway theaters and Times Square.

I talked to a friend of mine, Lucas

Steele, a singer, actor and writer. I asked him if he ever performed at the diner. He said he had not, but he knew many people by name who have sung there.

The Starlight Diner was a shooting location in the movie "New Year's Eve" where Sarah Jessica Parker and her daughter's friends visited after the ball dropped.

It was also featured in a Today Show episode.

Many who have sung at the diner have gone on to play roles in Broadway shows.

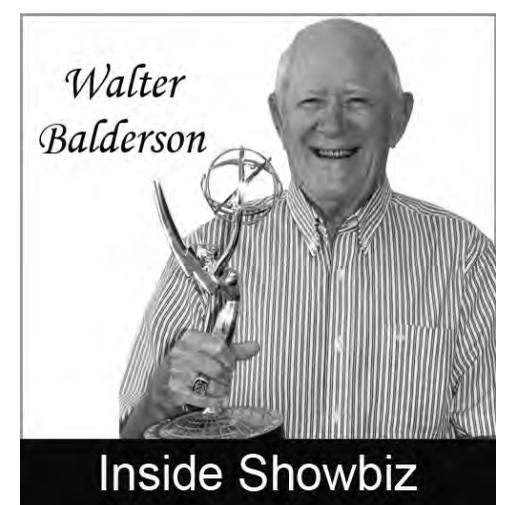
Former Starlight waiters have been known to star in almost every Broadway and major off-Broadway musical, such as

"The Lion King," "South Pacific," "On the Town" and "Wicked."

One waiter, who sang there in 2014, got a co-starring role in Godspell.

During 2016-2017, the diner saw some unrest when it was alleged that 31 waiters were fired after attempting to form a union. An agreement was made and the waiters returned to their jobs if they so desired.

Over the years, the diner has suffered its ups and downs. In spite of it all, even the present pandemic, the diner is open six days a week with good food and talented singing waiters.



Fraud Awareness Day coming in mid-November

Food trucks arrive Nov. 10 and One Blood on Nov. 29

Dinner Night

On Top of the World's first "Dinner Night" is finally here!

Please see a complete menu with pricing on page 11 of this newspaper.

The event will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the East Activity Center north parking lot near the pavilion.

Registration is not required. Please, just show up and plan to have a great time!

Food trucks will be here from 4-7:30 p.m. and the vendors include Corvo Bianco Wood Fired Pizza of Dunedin, Sea Dog Cantina of Clearwater, Bar-B-Q Queen of Clearwater and Tikiz Shaved Ice & Ice Cream.

They are offering: Neapolitan wood-fired pizzas in two sizes - 6 inch and 12 inch. BBQ ribs and chicken, tacos, churros, margaritas, sangria, beer, a variety of reasonably priced ice cream and shaved ice.

Methods of payment include cash and credit cards.

Residents can take their meal home or dine on site. Tables and chairs will be set up for dining in the parking area and more seating will be available at the pavilion and picnic sites.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, Nov. 10, so mark your calendar!

Shred Event

Fraud Awareness Day Consumer "Trivia" Seminar Operation Medicine Cabinet

In recognition of Fraud Awareness Week, Pinellas County Consumer Protection and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will be onsite Tuesday, Nov. 16, to offer free onsite shredding services from 9-11 am. Please limit to five boxes or bags per vehicle excluding metal clips or binders.

(Staples can go through shredder and no need for removal)

This is a drive-through event. For your safety, we ask that all patrons remain in their vehicles.

Operation Medicine Cabinet will also be onsite during the shred event to receive your unwanted medications for safe disposal with the Pinellas County Sheriff's



Events & Activities

Office.

From 10-11 a.m., a Fraud Awareness Consumer Trivia seminar will take place at the Pavilion led by Investigator Anna Marie Millet. She will bring you up to date on the latest and most sophisticated swindles. The presentation format will be trivia style, interactive and fun!

All participants will be eligible to win a raffle prize. A maximum of 50 seats are available. I look forward to seeing you there!

One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be back on Monday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and parked at the East Activity Center north parking lot.

One Blood's goal for our community is 12 or more donors! All donors will receive a One Blood Blanket and a \$10 E-Gift Card plus a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Take this opportunity to save lives! See bottom of this page to learn how to register, or you can also just show up that day.

Helping Hands

Mobile Food Dispensary

The next food dispensary will take place at the East Activity Center north parking lot in November as follows:

- Tuesday, Nov. 9 at noon.
- Thursday, Nov. 25 at noon.

The event is set to take place on the second Tuesday and last Thursday of the month. Please do not arrive before 11:55

a.m. Helping Hands directs anyone arriving prior to this time to come back or go to the end of the line. Please note: Helping Hands is able to distribute 70 food bags for those most in need.

This event is exclusive to our community and proof of residency is required. If the weather is not conducive, the pantry will not be set up or rescheduled. In the event of a cancellation, residents may visit the Helping Hands Facebook page to see a calendar of nearby distribution sites where they can participate the following day or during that week.

Residents must enter at Columbia Drive, receive bags of food in their vehicle's trunk and then drive on through to exit back out onto Columbia Drive.

Food distribution should conclude by 1:15 p.m. On Top of the World staff direct the traffic and Helping Hands volunteers dispense the food.

Thank you for your cooperation in following all guidelines.

Fitness Center Now Requires an Electronic Access Card How Do You Get One?

Electronic access cards are now required for entry into the Fitness Center.

Prior to obtaining your card, you will need to sign an electronic waiver. To locate and submit the waiver, please follow these instructions:

- Go to the On Top of the World website: www.otowclearwaterinfo.com. Under the "Community Activities" tab, go to "Fitness Center."
- Scroll down to "Waiver of Liability Form" and click on "Click Here To Go To Form."
- Fill out the form, sign at the bottom and click on "Submit"

You may pick up your Fitness Card/Gym Card from the Community Service Office the following day. You pay \$6 when you pick up your card (Cash/Credit Card/Debit Card/Check accepted).

There is a \$25 fee for a replacement card. As a reminder, this is an electronic card. Any damage to the card will render it inoperable (Do not punch a hole in it).

Please stop in the Community Service Office or call the Community Service Of-

fice line 727-683-6981 with any questions.

Club Room Reservation Notice to all Club and Activity Representatives

As mentioned in previous columns, once notices are posted that all restrictions inside the activity centers have been lifted, club and activity representatives will have an opportunity to re-establish previous room/time reservations.

There will not be a need to line up in front of The Activity Office to renew your recurring activity.

Club representatives should simply call me at 727-799-2734 or email me at general_activity@otowfl.com.

State whether your group is ready to start up again, or if not, approximately when?

The next step would be to complete a Facility Request form. The form is available online or in the Community Service or Activity Office.

As we begin to resume our former activities and hopefully some new ones, let us each take a deep breath, count our blessings and remember to be kind and patient with one another (including the staff).

Staffing is not at normal levels, so please be cognizant that our world is not exempt from the trends that have befallen the rest of the country.

We appreciate your continued patience and understanding. We are making it through this pandemic together and we will transition back to normal together too! Please continue to be safe, happy and thankful during this holiday season.

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.

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

Tuesday November 16

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Registering is simple. Visit the Community Service Office or click a sign-up link on Nancy's Bulletin Board. You can also show up the day of the event.

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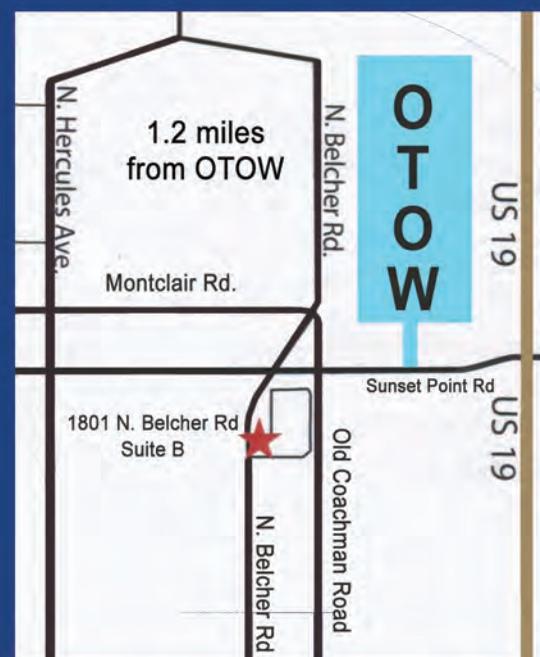
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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Veterans enjoy picnic at the pavilion

By Stuart Rosenblatt

Thank you to everyone for making our Veterans Club barbecue successful in October.

We could not have asked for a better day. The East Activity Center Pavilion was alive with friends and acquaintances fondly reminiscing, laughing and relishing life on this beautiful day.

Everyone enjoyed wonderful charcoal-broiled burgers and hot dogs.

Our guests loved both the humor-filled 50/50 drawing and the hilarious auction.

Some got together to play corn hole while others went to the pool or Billiards Room to keep the party going. A great big “thank you” to all who contributed to making this day a success.

At our last monthly meeting, the group decided to have future meetings at different locations. The group felt it would be an interesting and great idea to have our November meeting on the day before Veterans Day.

Our pre-Veterans Day meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 10, between 2-4 p.m. We will be at Building 48, the Mediterranean Building, at the intersection of Jamaican and Israeli Drive.

All residents are welcome.

Come out to show your support and thank a veteran. Wear your favorite patriotic colors. Light refreshments will be available. Don't forget to bring a chair.



In the top picture, On Top of the World veterans, spouses, family and friends get together to pose for a group picture. In the bottom photo are guests hanging out while the burgers and hot dogs were cooking.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)

Next meeting Nov. 10 at Building 48




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Anyone who writes for OTOW News is asked to attend the Writers Workshop on Nov. 4

OK On Top of the World Press Association, it is time to break your bad writing habits again.

Sure, you can write any way you want on the Internet. Your emails and your text messages do not have to be grammatically correct. You can even replace words with your favorite symbols!

But your community newspaper is filled with stories written with proper English and the rules are very simple – remember what your teachers in elementary school taught you.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m., the Press Association will hold its annual Writers Workshop for staff only. If you are new to the staff, please attend. If you are a veteran on staff, it is still a good idea to attend. The class will be in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Please do not bring food or beverages. You must wear a mask.

This is the only time all year Editor Doug Kates teaches basic journalism. In a



one hour-class, you will learn just enough to consider yourself a top-notch journalist.

But you have to attend.

Do you spell the word “free” with an uppercase F – “Free?” There isn’t a dictionary in the world that spells “Free” up-

percase in mid-sentence. So we don’t do it either.

Do you spell words in a sentence WITH ALL UPPERCASE LETTERS? OTOW News does not.

Do you like using the symbol “&” because spelling out “and” is too much work? OTOW News does not.

If you said “yes” to any of these questions, you need to attend.

OTOW News also has special guidelines just for our newspaper. Those guidelines will be reviewed.

Did you know you are not supposed to lead off your story by writing about how wonderful our Florida weather is in the fall?

If you are doing this, you have not attended a Press Association meeting and you need to attend this workshop.

The Writers Workshop is open to the first 50 people who register. Please send Doug an email to be put on the list or call the newsroom at (727) 799-3216.

At the Press Association meeting in October, Doug told a very small group that advertising revenue for the October newspaper was its highest in five years.

This is a good indication that local businesses may be returning to normal.

But as advertising goes up, we need more stories in the newspaper. There were 54 wonderful stories and 57 ads in the October edition – a very good mark worth bragging about.

Next month, the Press Association meeting is Thursday, Dec. 2, in the auditorium. An early afternoon time will be announced at the Writers Workshop and will be posted on OTOW-TV Channel 732.

Anyone who writes for OTOW News is asked to attend monthly meetings. This includes club writers, group writers, building writers, feature writers, photographers and proofreaders.

You must attend three meetings to get an invitation to the Appreciation Luncheon in April.

All new exercise videos



Cammy Dennis and Jessica Pinkowski are back on OTOW-TV Channel 732 with nine new exercise videos for On Top of the World residents. These new videos will be mixed in with current videos. If you like aerobics and a fast pace, try exercising in the privacy of your own home with Cammy and Jessica at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you like chair exercises or something a little slower, join the ladies at noon. There are 21 exercises altogether on OTOW-TV and each one is different. Please note, the 6 a.m. videos have been moved up to 8 a.m. starting Nov. 1. Exercises with Cammy and Jessica are for residents healthy enough to follow along. Please consult your doctor before participating. If, at any time, you cannot keep up or find yourself out of breath, please stop. These videos are available at your own discretion. On Top of the World is not responsible for you exercising in your own condo.

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Aliens have arrived and are searching for music to bring back to their planet

By Vicky Portsmouth

Hello, November, from the Theater Workshop!

After a long summer break, our club held its first general meeting on Oct. 6.

The board introduced our new "e-membership" form, in addition to the re-introduction of proposed amendments to our bylaws.

Discussion of the proposed March 2022 show started us on a path to identifying materials and potential characters we will need.

We are currently in the process of signing-up members. Dues are \$5. All members must present a valid activity card.

General meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month. For now, we will continue to hold meetings by video conference due to extended concerns



Theater Workshop

caused by the pandemic. We will keep you posted on the opportunity to meet in-person in the future.

If you are a prospective new mem-

ber, please contact us through one of the methods listed at the end of this story. We will provide you with a link to be included in the call.

Director Will Peterson highlighted the October meeting by giving us the outline of the show. It is about an alien spaceship landing on Earth with a mission to find the best music in the universe and introduce it to their planet.

Who knows where this "out of this world" show will take us!

Auditions will take place from Nov. 8-15 from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Additional auditions or rehearsals, before the end of the year, may be called "as needed" and will be announced on our Box Office website page or via email.

If you are not able to meet the November dates, let us know so that we can

arrange something for you.

Rehearsals and cast assignment start Jan. 3, 2022.

The show will either take place live on stage, or will be videotaped for OTOW-TV Channel 732.

Either way, our show will have music, comedy, dancing and fun for you!

Join us! Become a Theater Workshop member! E-mail Vicky Portsmouth at vickyportsmouth@hotmail.com or Lori Gerstein at lgcounselor@gmail.com.

By phone, contact Vicky Portsmouth at 727-726-1848.

The Box Office can be viewed at otowboxoffice.com. Look for our Theater Workshop logo on the club pages.

Please check the Box Office for our latest information.

Stay safe. We will see you soon!

Meeting set for Nov. 10

This is your chance to be on Broadway

By Evelyn Flam

The Jesters are now rehearsing for their February musical variety show, "On Broadway ... The Music of Stephen Sondheim and Carole King."

Why Sondheim and King?

Well, they're two talented, native New Yorkers who've recently had Broadway shows about them and have won awards for their music.

Stephen Sondheim was born in New York City in March of 1930 and began taking piano lessons at the age of 7.

When his parents divorced in 1940, he and his mother moved to rural Pennsylvania. There, he got to know his neighbor, Oscar Hammerstein II, and worked as a "gofer" on the set of Hammerstein's show "Allegro."



Jesters

After college, Stephen began working in TV, and then switched to Broadway

where he got his big break when chosen to write the lyrics for West Side Story.

Over the years his lyrics and music have been praised for their complexity in dealing with the human experience.

Carole King, though born in Manhattan, was a girl from Brooklyn.

Her parents married in 1937 and, like many couples struggling during the depression, they looked for secure jobs with her mother ultimately becoming a teacher and her father a firefighter.

Carole was born in February of 1942, and by the time she was 16, she was already writing and selling her songs to New York City music publishers.

She married Gerry Goffin and they became a prolific songwriting team throughout the 1960s. She was also the

author of numerous chart hits, including "You've Got a Friend" and "You're So Vain," and she's been a successful performer.

If you would like to participate in our show, let us know. You can find out more by attending our Nov. 10 meeting at the West Activity Center at 7:30 p.m., or by contacting me at 727-797-1761, or our Membership Chair Lillian Foy at 609-489-1400.

I again leave you with a sample of what some Jester members consider my "bad" humor . . .

"What did the zebra say the first time he saw a piano?"

"Dad?"

We look forward to hearing from you and getting together "Jest For Fun!"

Good Neighbors Association

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727-726-1848 for details.

Blackout returns outdoors but will move indoors soon

By Tom Jamrozy

Blackout is back and taking place at the pavilion.

The group is getting together on Thursdays from 1-4 p.m., weather permitting.

If you are interested in joining us, please arrive by 12:40 p.m. This is especially important if you need to learn the game or want to play in a practice game.

The group recommends that you bring water to drink.

Blackout will move indoors as soon as On Top of the World allows it. Once indoors, we will resume playing Thursday evenings 6:30-9 p.m. on the west side where we usually play.

We look forward to seeing you for fun and laughter at The Blackout Club.



Residents take part in the first Blackout games since the pandemic started.

Writer's Ink looking forward to Snowbirds return

By Lori Gottshall

Writer's Ink is happy to report that we have heard from a few potential new members. And we are also happy to report that we are looking forward to the return of our Snowbird members.

That's the good news.

Sadly, we have not yet been able to meet in person.

Like any other skill, writing needs to be practiced. Use it or lose it!

So, meetings are important.

We are in awe of the groups that are meeting and the creative ways they have devised to continue with their club functions. I personally look forward to doing this column because it is good writing practice. I miss our club meetings and the in-person camaraderie. Having other peo-

ple read and respond to your work is simultaneously a humbling, instructive and joyful way to improve writing skills.

In lieu of that, there are other ways to work on writing skills.

You can be alone at your computer and your computer can help you. Try writing what is called a "mini short short" story. Yes, there are two "shorts" in that phrase. That's because the challenge is to write a complete story in exactly 55 words.

That's really short.

Most word processors keep track of the number of words that you have used. Just watch the word count and re-write until you get it down to 55.

Write about anything you want: history or mystery, love or laugh, fact or fiction. This exercise forces you to identify

the most useful, impactful words to bring your reader very quickly into the thick of things.

Because you are limited in words, the story must be significantly advanced with every choice of adjective, verb and adverb.

Was it a pleasant, sunny afternoon or an outstandingly glorious afternoon?

Was the outfit fashionable or understated?

Was the horse galloping or cantering?

Was the boy an excellent student or a bookworm?

If you want to dig deeper, you can Google "mini short short writing examples." Another good search is "How to write a short story." Have fun with this and maybe you'll be tempted to join our group.



Writer's Ink

Canadian Club members favor a golf tournament and picnic in 2022

By Connie Stanley

Happy Thanksgiving from the On Top of the World Canadian Club to all of our American members and friends.

Additionally, I hope all Canadians had a thankful and graceful Thanksgiving back home in October.

The Canadian Club Executive Committee has suspended all club events until further notice.

We intend to revisit this decision in January 2022. Club membership, at that time, would be free for the remainder for the 2022 season.

A consideration of limited outdoor activities, including a Golf Fun Day in February and a picnic in March, have been put forward.

In a recent survey conducted by our club, only 17 members responded. Among those, 80 percent indicated they would participate in a picnic and 70 percent indicated they would participate in a golf fun day.

The survey also noted that many Canadians are still worried about making the road trip to Florida and staying at various



hotels along the way. It is not known at this time when our club will be completely back to normal.

In the meantime, may your abundance overflow with an endless number of blessings that you could ever count - love, harmony and peace.

May all these blessings be yours along with a wonderfully blessed Thanksgiving Day!

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Attend November pizza party to help club plan ahead

By Barbara Rice

What is the best topping at a pizza party?

Friends.

The On Top of the World Irish Club will host a welcome back party for members on Nov. 4.

The party will be held outdoors at the OTOW picnic pavilion beginning at 5 p.m.

Pizza, beer and water will be provided. A club meeting will follow.

Upcoming activities and events will be discussed. Plan to come and catch up with friends, share ideas and help organize festivities.

Plans are thus far being made for a holiday brunch at the Dunedin Golf Club on Dec. 12 at 11 a.m.

The club will host comedian George Casey on Jan. 27, 2022, in the East Activity Center at 7 p.m.

The Byrnes Brothers, Irish musicians and dancers, will bring a lively performance from Mount Charles, Ireland, to



Irish Club

the EAC on Feb. 24, 2022, at 7 p.m.

The club's annual St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance will be on March 3, 2022, in the EAC at 5 p.m.

And, the annual picnic will be at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor on April 4, 2022, at 11 a.m.

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Burglars don't like pets or pet owners

By Dave Beaven

One of the best security alarm systems may be available to you right in your own condo.

I'm talking about your dog.

Yes, those barking things that let you know when anybody walks by your condo are an excellent line of defense for your property.

When burglars were questioned about what types of homes they avoided breaking into, the great majority stated they avoided houses with large barking dogs.

Smaller dogs weren't as threatening, physically, but their noise alone drew unwanted attention to the thieves, and so these homes were not good targets either.

Another thing that dogs do is make their owners go outside to walk them. Being on the street, the owner can see things going on in the neighborhood. They greet and chat with other dog owners.



These exchanges let neighbors know what's good and bad that's going on.

If there's a problem, neighbors tip each other off to keep an eye open.

This is a no no for criminals who look for empty streets where no one is looking when they're up to no good.

And what's worse for the bad guys, you never know when a pet owner will come out day or night so the dog can do his duty.

Dogs are also important for the internal security of your condo.

If you do a web search on hero dogs, you'll find many stories about dogs alerting families to fires, injured children and even patients who have seizures and other ailments.

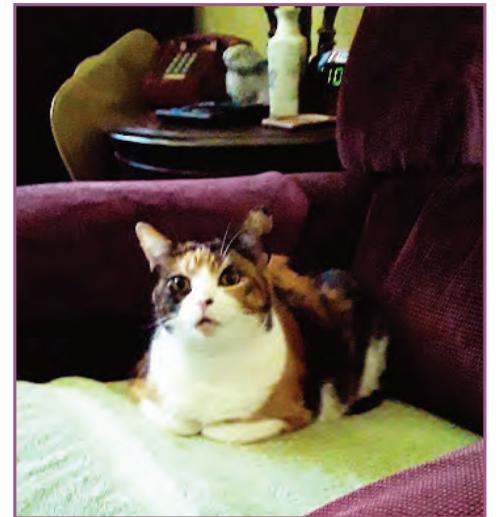
Lest I forget, the other common household pet - cats - provide security for their owners as well.

Search the web for cat heroes and you will find similar stories about how cats saved their owners.

So let's salute our furry friends who make our lives fuller and safer.

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

For more information, visit our webpage at areawatch2020.blogspot.com.



Rochelle is a living burglar alarm. She knows everything going on in her building and she especially knows when something is not right. She is very good at listening for can openers.

Travel Club sells more than 100 tickets for dinner dance

By Janice Berman

Tickets for the Travel Club Holiday Party have sold very well. It has been wonderful to see club members catch up with what they have been doing.

Most people have resumed some travel.

The National Parks are the number one vacation choice of our members. A second favorite is Alaska.

The following is a message from our club Vice President Linda Keebler:

"We want to say we are all happy to have all the new members on board. We are always glad to see and visit with all our members.

"I want to let everyone know that we are almost sold out of the holiday dinner dance tickets. There were only about 10 tickets left for purchase (when this newspaper went to press). It looks like this will be a great time.

"We hope all those who want to join us have the opportunity to come along. We decided to reduce the number of tickets available from 150 to 128. This will allow everyone to have more room at the table."

The club has suspended ticket sales at the pavilion. To purchase the remaining tickets for the holiday dance, scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 9, from 5-9 p.m. please call club Treasurer Phil Meissner at 727-669-7656. Leave Phil a message with the reason for your call and include your name and phone number. He will return your call.

Thank you and stay safe everyone.



In October, the Travel Club sold tickets and registered new members from the deck of the pavilion.

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Art Guild set to resume meetings and classes starting Nov. 12

By Sue Naylor

Life will actually begin to get back to normal when the Art Guild starts its meetings on the second Friday of each month.

The first one will be on Nov. 12 from 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

Connie McDonald, the new president, will present officers, fill board vacancies and discuss future classes.

Please bring two things to the meeting: one of your artworks to submit for the Artist of the Month vote and \$15 for dues. This helps us pay our monthly presenters and provides help for various parties.

Artist of the Month is a very important aspect of our meetings so please participate as often as you can. Do not assume your painting is not good enough. It is - I once won with a frog.

An exciting new class will be offered this year, so come to the meeting to meet the "secret" artist, see his artwork and learn about a new technique.

You won't want to miss his presentation.

To continue the Art Guild's help in finding you an outlet for your artistic side, I am going to offer you two additional ways to do so.

Contrary to popular opinion, you do not have to know how to draw in order to paint. A well-placed dab helps the viewers' eyes and the brain fills in the blanks.

However, drawing in itself is a fulfilling endeavor.

John Fier put his considerable talents to work here leading a drawing class from 2011 to 2019. If you would like



Art Guild

to see some of his techniques, check out our webpage on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). John addresses several important principles such as the rule of thirds and composition.

If you would like to get a head start on your drawing career, there are many online possibilities such as Craftsy, which I consulted for their pencil drawing expertise.

This is a very economical way to pursue art. All you need are a pencil, paper, eraser and sharpener. There are several types of pencils to be considered besides the standard No. 2. Art pencils are also labeled with an H or a B. H stands for hardness and B is for black. Just get a few different pencils and experiment. That's the fun of it.

They suggest you choose a simple image like a donut and put its outline on your paper. The image can be shaded in different ways using "hatching," which means drawing straight lines within the image, usually on the slant, cross-hatching which indicates you cross the previous lines with some in the opposite direction.



Mandala Drawing

Further, stippling uses small countless dots to fill in the image, and the most fun of all is random squiggly lines which are used to create shadows and toning.

Several years ago, one of the Art Guild's presenters showed us the exciting art of mandala drawing. While it is tradition to create designs within a circle, it is not absolutely necessary today. Using a

square card is just as acceptable.

Go to bing.com to search for representations of this ancient Buddhist and Hindu tradition, then buy a book with simple illustrations of the various techniques and patterns you can use.

A few colored pencils or markers can then be used to create your own cards and designs, just in time for Christmas.

Around The Bay Entertainment

By Laurie Fischer

Welcome to my first monthly entertainment article for the On Top of the World newspaper.

My thanks to Editor Doug Kates, who asked me to write an article each month to help make OTOW residents aware of some of the entertainment available to you for the upcoming month.

This, by no means, is intended to report on every local event in the bay area, but will give you a few ideas. Events covered will include concerts, theatre, festivals and sports within a one hour drive of OTOW.

I am hoping these articles will help you plan your "entertainment adventures" each month.

I will focus on entertainment outside our gates as local clubs and groups will report on their community events.

So, here we go for November 2021!

It's hockey season and the Tampa Bay Lightning have seven home games this month: Nov. 9, Nov. 13, Nov. 15, Nov. 20, Nov. 21, Nov. 23 and Nov. 26. The Lightning play at Amalie Arena in downtown Tampa.

On Thursday, Nov. 4, Jackie Evancho will be appearing at the Bilheimer Capitol Theatre in Clearwater. She is an American classical crossover singer who gained wide recognition at an early age. Since 2009, she has issued a

platinum-selling record and eight albums, including three Billboard 200 top 10 debuts.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, Terrence K. Williams will bring his brand of humour to the Bilheimer Capitol Theatre in Clearwater. He is a social commentator, comedian and social media personality known for his conservative viewpoints and videos that feature humorous, passionate rants on current issues.

On Friday, Nov. 12, Marty Stuart and his Fabulous Superlatives will bring their Country Music Tour to the Bilheimer Capitol Theatre in Clearwater. He is an American country and bluegrass music singer, songwriter, and musician who has been active since 1968. He initially toured with Lester Flatt, and then in Johnny Cash's road band, before beginning work as a solo artist in the early 1980s.

On Sunday, Nov. 7, Kathleen Madigan brings her "Do You Have Any Ranch" Comedy show to the Bilheimer Capitol Theatre in Clearwater. She is an Irish-American comedian and TV personality. In addition to her stand-up comedy performances, she is a regular guest on a variety of U.S. television programs.

One of this year's top NFL teams and defending Super Bowl champions, our Tampa Bay Buccaneers, will play the New York Giants at home on Sunday, Nov. 22,

at Raymond James Stadium.

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, one of everyone's favorite Christmas traditions, "A Christmas Carol" will be performed at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater.

"A Christmas Carol" is a musical based on Charles Dickens' 1843 novella of the same name. The musical story centers around the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge and the visits of his dead partner, Jacob Marley and three Christmas Ghosts, who combine to change his attitude towards the Christmas Season.

From Tuesday, Dec. 7, to Sunday, Dec. 12, the beloved musical "Cats" will be performed at the Straz Centre in Tampa as part of this year's Broadway Series.

"Cats" is a musical composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber based on the 1939 poetry collection Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T. S. Eliot. It tells the story of a tribe of cats called the Jellicles and the night they make the "Jellicle choice" by deciding which cat will ascend to the Heavenside layer and come back to a new life.

See you next month for December entertainment!

(This is not advertising and space here cannot be purchased. On Top of the World News is not recommending local entertainment. This is merely a list, researched online, and provided for you, our readers.)

New card club gets started

The brand new Texas Card Game Club got started in October with its first tournament at the pavilion.

There were 17 players at the start. The five finalists were Debbie Hall, Rich Webb, Jerry Elwood, Bill Whipps and Candy Bolin. They decided to split the prize money equally.

Prior to the tournament, players were presented with a copy of the bylaws and told there is a possibility of food being available before each future tournament.

The dues and fair play were also discussed.

Masks are optional, but recommended. Hand sanitizer was provided.

The next tournament will be Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, 5 p.m. at the pavilion. If you are interested in joining, just show up.

The board consists of President Joe DeChiaro, Vice President Karen Frenchy; Treasurer Bruce McMasters and Secretary Jane Collins.

For more information, please contact Joe DeChiaro at 732-710-0214 or email joegdechiaro@yahoo.com.



The five finalists were Debbie Hall, Rich Webb, Jerry Elwood, Bill Whipps and Candy Bolin.

The wedding was low key - the reception was worth the wait

By Bruce Lovett

David Beaven approached On Top of the World's social directors 12 years ago about starting a club for the LGBT community living here at On Top of the World, as well as for their neighbors and friends.

At the time, he knew three things. The club would have to be flexible, adaptable and all inclusive.

When the board of directors at OTOW started approaching contractors over 5 years ago about building a pavilion by the pond, they knew they needed the same three things. And this was pre-pandemic.

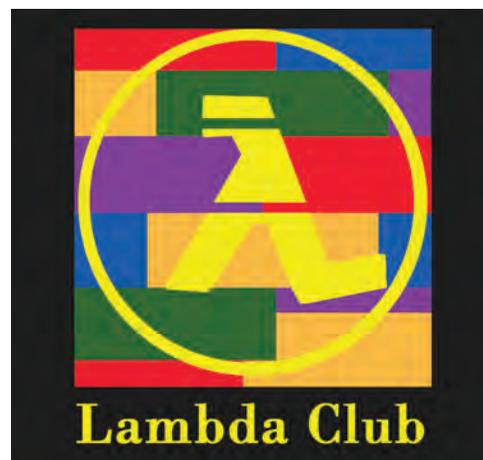
The board had no idea how invaluable that pavilion would become.

In the last year, the pavilion has been used for press club meetings, political speakers, card games, ladies nights out, etc., etc.

Basically it has been used for everything from BBQs to receptions.

Last October, during the height of the pandemic, Dave, our fearless leader, and Jack Kilgen tied the knot in a very small Covid-19 appropriate ceremony.

Last month, with the availability of both vaccines, and our beautiful pavilion, they were finally able to have the reception they wanted. Dave and Jack wined and dined close to 50 "great friends" with ultimate subs from Publix, salads



from Gordon's fine foods and topped it off with a fantastic marbled cake. No one went hungry.

After dinner, the DJ. ramped up the tunes and the guests danced the night away to such wedding standards as the Electric Slide, YMCA and It's Raining Men.

And when Donna Summer sang her disco classic "Last Dance," the evening came to a close.

Jack and Dave got the reception they wanted and OTOW's pavilion got its "almost" wedding.

Lambda will be using the pavilion again in November for two separate occasions. First up is our regular monthly social. As the cruising season gets off to a sluggish start after a difficult 2020, Lambda has decided to throw its annual



A reception at the pavilion.

"Sail Away" party on dry land. So dress in your finest cruise apparel, bring something delectable to share for the pot luck buffet (and remember cruise food is some of the best) and show up at the pavilion on Friday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. to embark on a three hour cruise.

The juke box will be playing some steel drums and Gilligan punch will be available at the bar.

Weather permitting, we will also be using the pavilion to hold our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts. Last year Covid-19 forced us to cancel both events. This year we are again proud to

offer our members and their neighbors a chance feel a part of something special.

Many people, because of geography or circumstance, are incapable of spending time with families during the holidays and Lambda tries to fill that void.

Both celebrations will be held on the eve of the official holiday, so mark the 24th of each month on your calanders.

Should you wish further information about any of these events or the club in general go to our Web page at <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can also check us out at OTOW Box Office, or call Dave at (727) 410-7566.

A brief history of the flying snowbird

By Dale Stackhouse

Last month, I'm sure many readers were happy to see the cute little flying snowman appear once again in the On Top of the World newspaper, signaling that a new Snowbirds season was about to begin.

We thought you might like to learn a little bit about that logo and its history.

Many of you may know that Dolly Folland, as well as being a great line dancing teacher, is an excellent seamstress and quilter. She has won many awards for her work.

One Christmas, Dolly was on her sewing machine and used an embroidery pattern of a flying snow angel with a gold halo around its head.

Dolly was sewing a shirt for her husband, Ed. She was putting the pattern on his shirt, but without the halo.

(Was she trying to tell him something?)

At this point, the pattern was just a flying snowman ... or better yet, a Snowbird!

Ed took a picture of the Snowbird, blew it up, and framed it. He displayed the Snowbird on the sales desk of the original club until closed down.

Former OTOW resident, John Konring, digitized the image, using a vector image for maximum quality, and it became the logo that we use on all our printed lit-



erature, as well as on board members' yellow shirts, on aprons and used at parties.

Doug Kates, editor of our community newspaper, brought our Snowbird to life and today it flies on our Box Office webpage.

So, as you can see, it's been quite a team effort.

As we move into the month of November, please take a few moments to remember our veterans.

During this pandemic, many of us have succumbed at times to feeling sorry for ourselves. We haven't been able to see family and friends or participate in our favorite activities.

But our sacrifice is small, compared to being asked to leave everything behind, and head into unknown and potentially



In the years prior to the pandemic, the On Top of the World Snowbirds Club held an annual dinner for veterans. Pictured above is a scene from one of the later dinners. This November, there will be no such event, due to safety concerns, but let us not forget those who fought for us and our country.

dangerous situations.

That is what our veterans did for all of us, and we are very grateful.

Being asked to stay at home and watch Netflix, or wear a mask ... not such a big deal.

Before the pandemic, The Snowbirds

Club enjoyed hosting an annual entertainment night for veterans and providing a complimentary meal in thanks for their service.

We hope to be able to do that again in the future.

For one night, the pavilion was located somewhere in Germany with food and dancing

By Leila Walker

The evening of Oct. 16 was beautiful! There was a pleasant breeze and a breathtaking sunset.

It was the perfect evening to celebrate Oktoberfest and that is what the On Top of the World Line Dance Club did.

Approximately 45 line dancers, their spouses, and their friends came together for this perfect evening in the pavilion.

Delicious genuine German bratwurst was cooked on the grill by chefs Karen and Tim Beaver. Our own German native, Ute Scheibe, prepared amazing German-style sauerkraut. Bavarian mustard was available to garnish the bratwurst.

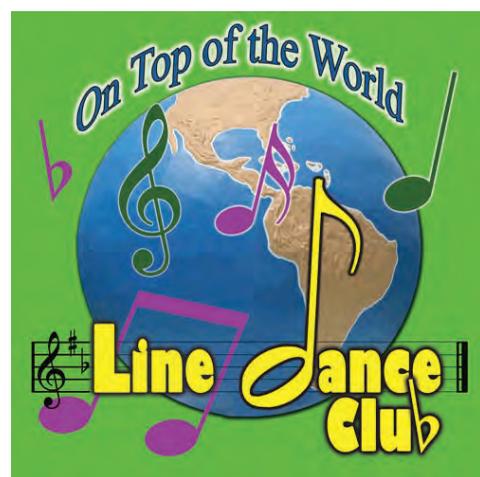
Everyone brought a dish to share. We discovered that not only do we have great line dancers, but they are great cooks, too! The food was delicious and the variety available was delightful.

Of course, there was line dancing, including German polka dances!

The dance floor was crowded and everyone enjoyed the dancing. We had participants there who had never line danced. But now they are believers!

OTOW Line Dance Club officers would like to thank our many helpers without whom we could not have held this event.

Thanks to Debbie Mayo, Madeleine Fontaine and Bing Sickles for cleaning the area, arranging the food as it arrived, and putting up the decorations.



Thanks to Karen and Tim Beaver for cooking the bratwurst.

Thanks to Ed Folland for supplying the sound system and for taking our group picture.

The OTOW Line Dance Club officers are so thankful and appreciative for their help and assistance.

This is an event that the OTOW Line Dance Club hopes to have again in 2022. There will be more events of this type in the future. Read your OTOW News article each month to learn about future events.

The OTOW Line Dance Club regularly offers classes on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

From 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays, an Ad-



The On Top of the World Line Dance Club celebrates Oktoberfest at the pavilion.

vanced Beginner session is being offered. From noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays, an Improver session is offered for more experienced line dancers.

The same program each week is offered on both Tuesday and Saturday, giving line dancers additional time to learn the dances.

Additional practice sessions are offered 7-8 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the EAC Exercise Room. This is the time the instructors

practice the dances that are on the Tuesday and Saturday programs.

You can obtain useful information about line dancing and other OTOW activities by visiting the OTOW Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

You can see demos of some of the dances on OTOW-TV Channel 732, weekdays at 11 a.m.

If you need additional information, contact President Leila Walker at Leila.g.walker1@gmail.com or text/call 443-845-7842.

Stars shine at Moving 'n Grooving registration night party

By Hope Tera

If you look carefully at the Moving 'n Grooving Club's banner, you will see many stars sprinkled throughout the logo.

However, the real stars are all of the students standing behind this beautiful banner.

Margaret LeTourneau's and Hope Tera's students are full of energy, full of life, and full of dedication to the Moving 'n Grooving Line and Cardio Dance Club.

This unique club was created for all of these dancing stars, as well as for all the new dancing stars to come.

Margaret often reminds her students that our club is nothing without our dancing stars. That's why each student is represented on our banner as a shining star.

This celebratory photo above was taken during our club's membership kick-off party in October. It was a fantastic night with great food, fun music, super dances, as well as terrific sing-alongs.

Our many volunteers helped to make this an exciting and memorable occasion. They arrived early, worked hard and even stayed late to help with the cleanup.

Special shout-outs to:

- Michael Payne, Ron Huber and Howard Wolff for setting up the equipment and getting the pizza.
- Ron Huber, Madeleine Fontaine and Cheryl Pollack for collecting membership dues.
- Valerie Martin and Jennifer Hansen for serving the food and beverages.
- Ann Gehrling for her famous coleslaw.
- Debbie Mayo, Sheila Bonomo and Madeleine Fontaine for leading the fun and sometimes touching sing-alongs.
- Mary Lou Wall for capturing the joy of the party in pictures.



More than 50 residents attended Registration Night in October for the Moving 'n Grooving Club.

• We posted a fabulous video that captures the party's energy and joy (link to the video is on our Box Office webpage).

The dance floor was rocking, which usually indicates a great party.

Margaret led the crowd in some fabulous line dances (Cupid Shuffle, Billie Jean, etc.). Then Hope led some dances to get hearts pumping (Celebration, Fireball, etc.).

In addition to having fun, it was a great way to burn off some of the calories we had just consumed.

If you'd like to join an inclusive line and cardio dance club that teaches to all levels, guarantees great fun and promotes an atmosphere of kindness and creativity, please contact Hope at 914-217-9206, email movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com or come to any one of our classes to try it out!

You can also learn more about our club on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). Look for our logo. Our new schedule of classes is listed on the calendar page, 10.

A new, lighter cardio dance class

As part of the Moving 'n Grooving Club, I've been offering Cardio Dance classes since February. It's a heart-pumping good time with upbeat music and creative dance moves.

The response from the community has been positive and I currently run six classes a week.

But I realize the fast-paced cardio dance is not for everyone. Some people have joint sensitivity issues, etc., and would benefit from a less intense class, with slower and gentler movements.

So, I'm pleased to introduce a new class to the line-up, Cardio Dance Light.

The class will be similar to the regular cardio dance class, but less intense. The class is held Saturdays at 12:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Exercise Room on the lower level.

If you've been toying with the idea of trying out the Cardio Dance class, but were a bit concerned about the intensity of the program, I encourage you to try out a Cardio Dance Light.

Hope to see you on the dance floor.

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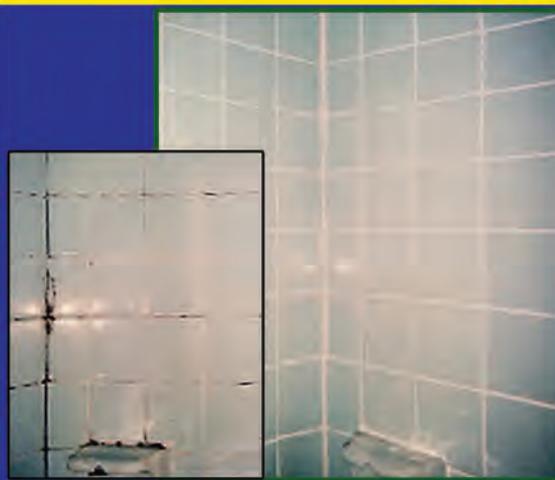
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OTOW residents preparing their crafts for local art festival on Nov. 6

By Kathy Ahrens

While safety guidelines have prevented most of us from participating in community activities, one thing that never went away was doing crafts at home.

Several On Top of the World residents have been very busy with their favorite crafts and will have them on display at the Dunedin-Clearwater Elks Club Arts Festival, 1240 San Christopher Drive in Dunedin on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Brenda Tolosa specializes in homemade greeting cards. She got started in scrapbooking and then got the creative urge to make specialty greeting cards for her family. Now she sells them at crafts shows.

Wow! Does she make a lot of cards.

Brenda makes cards for all occasions, including holidays, anniversaries and for pets. If you have a special request, she will make a card just for you.

Brenda says it is very relaxing.

Brenda has been an OTOW resident since 2020. She and her husband are retired Baptist missionaries for the deaf.

Another resident is Connie Borrelli. Her hobbies include oil paintings, candle making and jewelry. She has been specializing her crafts for 30 years and they are definitely very unique.

You will find her at the Elks Club fes-



Pictured at left is Brenda Tolosa with homemade cards. On top is Connie Borrelli with a homemade doll house. Both will have the crafts on sale at a local art festival on Nov. 6.

tival with a doll house she made herself.

Ginny McDowell began painting glass about five years ago. She is another OTOW resident.

Ginny began her craft just for fun and shared her work with family and friends. Today she will specially paint a wine glass for anyone interested. Silly ideas and colorful ideas are welcome. Anything to

make your glass of wine for fun. She especially loves to see people's faces where their wine glass request comes true.

Richard Nash and his wife, Shelley, are looking forward to being vendors, too!

Richard is a magician and balloonist. His specialty is balloon crowns for the girls and balloon swords for the boys. He can also make swans, unicorns, hearts and

Mickey Mouse out of balloons.

Richard said he enjoys seeing people smile when he hands them a finished balloon. He said the adults smile as much as the children.

Shelley specializes in jewelry making. She enjoys putting together pieces of jewelry for everyone to wear! She makes unique pieces.

Frankie says 'welcome'



This was a sight everyone should have seen. OTOW News Editor Doug Kates was out walking his dog, Logan, when they came across a giant 'Frankie' near downtown Safety Harbor. This is an actual picture. Frankie was rather large. Doug told Logan to go say 'hi.' However, a few steps up the sidewalk and Logan was having second thoughts.



Republican Club

At the Republican Club meeting in October, members Teri Klingler, Jesse Tiamson and Fernando Mariz playing the guitar. Guest speaker was Anna Paulina Luna who is running for Congress. Anna has an attitude that you must work hard and be independent to succeed. She is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and speaks out against human and child trafficking, especially south of our border. She wants to bring more attention to the humanitarian crisis. The next Republican Club meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 9, in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Social hour is 6 p.m., followed by guest speaker Sara Mollo, Pinellas County public defender, at 7 p.m.



(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



Stuart Berger talks to the Democratic Club about our current political climate.

Time for a good talk about political climate

By Donna Lukas

For many people, November is felt to be the kindest month of the year.

Most of us take extra time this month to be generous and thankful for the blessings in our lives. So go out and be kind to family members, friends and good neighbors.

Happy Thanksgiving wishes to all.

At the October meeting of the On Top of the World Democratic Club, we were introduced to Stuart Berger. We thought Stuart was going to be a candidate for Clearwater City Council in the March 2022 election, but he told us he has decided to postpone that decision. For now, he was here to lead a discussion of the current political climate.

We were reminded that although many elected positions are non-partisan, the people filling them are not.

In today's environment, there are no non-partisan races. Petitions to place various candidates on the ballots for upcoming elections were available to sign at our meeting.

We also discussed the importance of mid-term elections for state representatives.

We were reminded to look carefully at endorsements and political ads from various groups. Some groups are not as kind and innocent as their names would lead you to believe.

It was good to see some new faces at our meeting and we appreciate the new members joining our club. If you join in November or December of this year, your \$12 annual dues are good for all of 2022.



Democratic Club

Discussion ensued about conflicts with last month's decision to hold our holiday party on Dec. 9. No decision was reached about changing the date, so board members will study this further.

A member mentioned that the notices for our club meetings are again disappearing from some building's bulletin boards. If your building does not have a current notice for our club, you may call me, Donna Lukas, at 727-460-4123 and I will deliver additional copies for you to post.

Our next meeting, Thursday, Nov 11, at 2 p.m. in the Largo Room of the East Activity Center, will feature local activist Beth Davis gave us an update on activities at the North Pinellas Democratic Outreach Center.

Also at the November meeting, we will discuss the political tool called MiniVAN. Use of this tool requires an Android or iPhone that picks up apps that can be used for phone banking and other purposes.

You can look for updated messages on our club page on otowboxoffice.com.

A good lather is half the shave

By Candice Best

Tom Hackett is a new member of Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club.

Since learning to turn on a lathe, he is loving the club even more.

A lathe is a device that spins wood very fast. With proper tools, wood can be shaved off the original piece and turned into a design.

The shaving kit pictured at right is Tom's latest endeavor and I must say it's beautiful. When you turn wood, you never really know what the final product is going to look like until you are done.

But honestly, there's not much wood out there that I would say is ugly anyway.

Reminder: The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers annual meeting will be held on Jan. 12, 2022, at 9 a.m. in the Clearwater Room at the East Activity Center.



Tom Hackett

Still flowing



On Top of the World News sent reporter Bruce Lovett to Niagara Falls to check and see if the falls were still flowing during the pandemic. Bruce reported back with a photo of the falls, mist included. Bruce wore his official OTOW News shirt, and as you can see, masks were not mandatory. OTOW News then asked Bruce how long it would take to go from the top of the falls to the bottom of the falls in a barrel. We may have an answer in the December newspaper.



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Mike Schuyler wins twice in flight

By Barney Hanrahan

Well, the first day in the Men's Golf Association did not go as expected on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Due to Mother Nature, the golf day was rained out. However, the day wasn't a complete loss as there was a small barbecue and those attending enjoyed grilled hot dogs, chips and drinks.

No scores were registered.

The following Wednesday, Sept. 22, proved more productive and the following net scores were posted.

September 22

Flight A

First place was Mike Crittendon 60,

Men's Golf Association

second place Lester Wynot 62, third place Don Hill 62, fourth place Roy Monteith, 64.

Flight B

First place was Mike Schuyler 61, second place Ken Nield 62, third place Marc Schell 68, fourth place Gerald Morrissette, 70.

Flight C

First place was Harry Crawford 61, second place Ronald Murray 63, third

place Patrick Mahoney 65, fourth place Jack Gow 67.

Flight D

First place was Joe Ventimiglia 64.

September 29

Flight A

First place was Nilson Sabadin, 63, second place Ronald Huber 63, third place Daniel Morey 66, fourth place Roy Monteith, 67.

Flight B

First place was Mike Schuyler 66, second place Dave Cox 66, third place Ken Nield 67, fourth place Jack Sousa 68.

Flight C

First place was Bob McGrogan, 64, second place Ed Fox 71, third place Chuck McAllister 71, fourth place Patrick Mahoney 72.

Flight D

First place was Joe Ventimiglia 64, second place Les Meneilly, 84.

As you noted, we had limited playing dates. Hopefully with improved weather, more players will participate in our next outing.

As indicated, all scores shown are net. If you want to see gross scores included next print, let us know.

Thursday golf will finish 2019-20 season and start 2021-22 season

By Ken Smith

The 2021-2022 Thursday Mixed Golf League season will start on Nov. 4 and finish on April 28, 2022.

The first 10 weeks, Nov. 4 - Jan. 6 will be considered the 2019-2020 season that was terminated due to COVID-19. All players are eligible and a 2019-2020 champion will be decided on Jan. 6.

The 2021-2022 season will continue until April 28, 2022, when a 2021-2022 Champion will be declared.

The Thursday Mixed Golf League was created to provide On Top of the World men and women with a venue for competition using the USGA rules of golf.

Our league uses the USGA Stableford scoring format, which 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.

This allows players of all skill levels to compete fairly each week.

Season dues for the league are \$20. Each week, all players chip in \$5 for extra prizes (\$2 closest to the pin, \$2 for the game and \$1 for skins).

We pay on the three best scores. Skins (only birdie or eagle on a hole, no ties) paid based on numbers won and atten-

Thursday Golf

dance.

Each week points are awarded. The person who ends the season with the most points is the league champion. It is our version of the FEDEX Cup.

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

The weekly winner will receive 7 points, second place will receive 5 points and third place will receive 3 points. One point is given for playing.

We also recognize the person who shoots the lowest round each week (low gross). The person will receive 2 points if they do not record another place and it will be treated as a skin.

If you want to play, sign up by 6 p.m. Tuesday to play on Thursday. Sign up on Thursday is between 8:30-8:55 a.m. for a 9:15 a.m. shotgun start.

To register and sign up for play, visit our club webpage on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) and click on our link.

Volunteers are needed to help run the league and form committees that oversee and govern the league. If interested, contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email harrybarbin1@gmail.com.

Shuffleboard resumes and you can join

Now that the evenings are cooler, shuffleboard is back.

The shuffleboard group is meeting Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Whether you are a master or a rookie, or you even if you have never played before, we welcome everyone. We provide the equipment. Just show up and play. We look forward to seeing you at the courts.

If you are new and not sure where

Shuffleboard

to find us, the courts are located behind the East Activity Center near the tennis courts and picnic tables.

If you are interested in joining the club, come and talk with President Helen Grose at the shuffleboard courts.

Golf Is Back

Finally, ladies 9-hole league posts low scores for the day

By Nancy Schifferle

Fall is upon us, daylight savings time is behind and we look forward to cooler temperatures.

Fall also reminds us that the holidays are closing in on us.

(Be prepared ladies - pandemic restrictions are causing delays in almost every aspect of Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas).

However, looking on the bright side, the On Top of the World Nine-Hole Ladies Golf League believes that fall is the perfect time for renewing league friendships and getting back to Tuesday morning exercise, in the form of golf.

On Oct. 5, a "fun" day of golf was had by members. The official first day of league play was Oct. 12.

Low scores for the day were Kathy Ahrens in Flight A, Anne Jarvis in Flight B, Marge Sivek and Carroll Harris in Flight C, and Celeste Pert in Flight D.

Our first league meeting will be held on Nov. 9 after our morning golf. Member attendance is requested and truly appreciated for this very important meeting.

We cordially welcome new members to our fun-filled league where we often say: "come swing with us."

If you would like to join, just show up at the nine-hole course little house any Tuesday (weather permitting) at 8:30 a.m. Or contact our president, Carroll Harris, at (432) 528-8684 for membership information.

Bonnie Hay scores an ace

Congratulations goes out to Bonnie Hay, who recorded a hole-in-one at the On Top of the World 18-hole golf course on Sept. 26.

Bonnie was golfing with her husband, Garrett.

The ace took place on the par 3, 15th hole. Bonnie used a 3-wood.

This was Bonnie's second career hole-in-one.

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Golf season is underway - holiday party is Dec. 1

By Gloria Sayer

We are a month into the Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association golf league and more and more ladies are arriving to join in the fun and camaraderie that we all treasure with our friends.

As I write this article, we are two weeks in and I want to share the weekly awards from Oct. 5 and Oct. 12.

Low scores with handicap winners as follows:

October 5

Flight A: Terry Kuplen 67, Karen French 70, Nancy Lo 74. Flight B: Sherry Ivey 67, Deb Figaski 70, Karen Beaver 71.

Ladies 18 Golf

Flight C: Donna Osborne 59, Joan Smith 63, Rose Mulhall 79. Closest to the Pin was Nancy Lo.

October 12

Flight A: Terry Kuplen 65, Linda Rice 66, Kim Norried 71. Flight B: Karen Beaver 62, Sherry Ivey 63, Donna Smerz 69. Flight C: Joan Smith 58, Donna Osborne 60, Suellen Dow 64. Chip In winners were Joan Smith on No. 4, Donna Osborne on No. 4 and No. 18, Kim Norried on No. 9,

Cindy Schell on No. 7.

Congratulations to all the winners. Great playing ladies.

Remember, all golf schedules, winners, handicaps and events are listed on the bulletin board at the golf course.

Believe it or not, the Christmas Party scheduled for Dec. 1, at the Countryside Country Club is just around the corner.

Verna Lundgren, chairperson, and Gloria Sayer are pleased to plan this fun event.

Verna and Gloria will be available to accept your reservation at the On Top of the World golf course on Tuesday mornings, Nov. 9, 16 and 23 as we require a head count for the venue.

Payment (check or cash) is due at the time you make your reservation. The venue will be decorated for the Christmas holiday and we hope our group photo is as great as last year and we will dress in our finest Christmas attire.

Just a reminder to our returning Snowbirds and new members. You need to pay your dues (\$35) and present your valid activity card before the monthly chairperson can schedule you to play.

Our November chairperson is Jane Hanley, 727-799-4659. Please call her to sign up for golf or to cancel golf play.

The first game of the season is a Crier's Game. Thank you Becky West.

The first General Membership Meeting is on Nov. 16. Our social members are welcome at all the General Membership Meetings.

Please be aware that beginning with the first Tuesday in November, all start times, including game days, will be a shot-gun at 8:30 a.m.

This format will continue throughout the months of November until mid-February.

Remember, always plan to arrive 20 minutes before your tee time to sign in and to sign up for the following weeks play.

Thank you for your consideration to our volunteers who are so very important to us all. It takes a village!

Watch for informative emails from President Sheila Meneilly. Membership Chairperson Becky West is available to answer any questions you may have about joining our league, played every Tuesday morning.

Come join us. We are so fortunate to have a beautifully-groomed golf course to play our favorite game, catch up with friends and to make new friends. See you when we see you!

Philosophy Club is back

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

You may come and speak, or just listen. The group does not discuss religion or politics.

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See calendar on page 10 for Ruth's classes.
All classes are \$2.



Tennis Club has an instructor

By Joe DeChiaro

The On Top of the World Tennis Club offers many benefits for members, but the greatest reward may come from Rich Bruer.

He is the club's instructor.

For a minimal fee, Rich offers lessons for beginners as well as seasoned players, who want to improve their game.

Rich moved to OTOW in July 2020. At the time, the tennis club already had an instructor, but soon after Rich introduced himself to the club, he became our only instructor.

Rich is an employee of the City of Clearwater and has been giving lessons on Clearwater Beach for the last 22 years.

He has been ranked No. 1 in Florida two times in men's doubles and has won two national tournaments in men's doubles.

His favorite tennis player is Roger Federer.

I asked Rich what common mistakes the average tennis player makes and he told me "players are afraid to miss the shot and just push it."

Rich conducts a tennis clinic every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. for members of the tennis club as well as new members looking to join.



One of our members, Don Guidana, has been a student for more than a year and has shown great improvement in his game.

Rich has made many donations of tennis balls to the club as well as participating in our many social activities. He is an asset to our club, as well as a great person, and the tennis club looks forward to many players improving their tennis game after participating in his clinics.



Rich Bruer, left, prepares to give a tennis lesson to Don Guidana.

Softball is underway and home runs are flyin'

By Bob Rittner

Here is a conundrum: Is it possible for a meeting to be fun, or is it an oxymoron to speak of an exciting meeting?

An easy answer here. When the meeting reintroduces us to softball, has us meet old friends after a long summer hiatus, and get introduced to new people who will join us in our winter wonderland of hits and pitches, it is fun and exciting.

Our pre-season On Top of the World softball meeting saw 21 people attend, nine of whom did not play with us last year.

We introduced our style of play to the new people, focusing on our effort to see to it that everyone is able to contribute to the game.

We reiterated that our opening day this year was Thursday, Oct. 14, with the game starting at 8 a.m. and players urged to arrive by 7:45 a.m. so we can set up teams and begin play promptly.

The games are at 940 7th Street S., the Safety Harbor City Park fields, in Safety



Harbor.

Even if you did not attend the meeting, you are invited to join us at the ball park on opening day or any day thereafter and we will choose you in and allow you two games to decide whether you wish to join the league.

If you decide to join, the dues are \$50 per season that runs from Oct. 14 to April 14.

We play every Tuesday and Thursday morning except for Thanksgiving day.

We also discussed our basic rules, some of which differ from standard softball, in order to make each game both safer and more inclusive for people of all skill levels.

Our signature rule is that we are a wood bat league, with only players 80 years and older permitted to use the metal

or composite bats because the ball comes off those bats faster. The league provides the bats.

In the off-season, we altered a few of last year's procedures. The most dramatic change is having pinch runners from home plate for those batters who prefer not to run the bases. The old rule was declaring a hit purely by where the batted ball landed.

So opening day finally arrived.

On a bright and sunny morning, the heroes of the diamond walked back onto the Safety Harbor ball orchard ready again to play America's game.

Rookies made their mark. Catcher George Webb stretched for a number of throws picking runners off at home and contributed two hits.

Joe Harrington raced to catch a ball in center field and also had two solid hits while Bob Studwell homered deep to right field.

Charles Kovarik and James Wright went a combined 5-for-7 despite a 40 plus

year layoff from the game while Ginny Traycheff showed outstanding bat to ball skills in her three solid at bats.

Not to be outdone, veterans also contributed.

Guy Bertuzzi, the longest active player in our league, made a terrific stop of a ball just onto the outfield grass, and his lightning quick throw nabbed a runner at third.

Joe Maley had two solid singles up the middle.

The final score had 2nd Time Sports defeat the West Siders 13-10 behind the perfect 15-for-15 combined hitting of Mike Allen, Tara Gunning, Roger Martel, Bob Dembinski and Eddie Ramirez, the last of whom hit a blast that, had the fence been up, would have been a home run.

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



The On Top of the World Italian-American Club is back!

The Italian-American Club will be hosting a Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 1-5 p.m., at the East Activity Center Pavilion for all current members. Mama Felice will be doing the catering.

There will be live music and dancing. BYOB. No lawn chairs. There is a \$20 fee.

To purchase tickets, please visit Italian-American Club representatives 8-10 am, Mondays and Thursdays at the pavilion.

Let's just consider the next two months as 'Food Heaven'



If you are a foodie like me, the next couple of months you are in heaven.

I love cooking for the holidays. Along with the cooking, my wife, Cheryl, and I love to plan holiday cocktail parties and dinner parties for family and friends.

I love to go through cookbooks, magazines and some of my own notes to build dinner menus, appetizers and specialty drinks, along with pairing different wines to go with the menu.

After I have come up with a menu, one of the fun parts is going shopping for everything. I love to find specialty food stores that carry a lot of things you sometimes cannot find in your local supermarket.

I found that if I am not sure what wines go with what foods, I can go to my favorite wine shop and explain to them what I am serving. They most likely can give me some suggestions along with different price ranges.

As you know, different holidays have different foods that you normally serve, like Fourth of July barbecues and hot dogs, Easter ham, Saint Patty's day corned beef and cabbage (I know it's not a holiday, but don't tell that to your favorite Irish Pub), Christmas (we will talk about that next month), New Year's Eve seafood and, of course, Thanksgiving turkey.

Here's a Thanksgiving secret: You don't have to roast a whole turkey to get all the glory.

A bone-in skin-on turkey breast can be a great option when hosting a smaller crowd or if your guests simply prefer white meat.

In fact, a whole turkey breast has so many advantages that you'll likely find yourself roasting one at other times of the year, whether for sandwiches or home-made turkey noodle soup.

Roasted Turkey Breast for Thanksgiving

First, I like to brine my turkey breast before I roast it.



Turkey Brine Ingredients

2 cups of apple juice or apple cider, along with enough cold water to cover the breast.

2 tablespoons fresh rosemary
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup kosher salt
2 tablespoons peppercorns
1 cup dark brown sugar
3 whole bay leaves
Peel of 1 large orange

Directions

1. Combine all ingredients in a large pot. Stir until salt and sugar are dissolved. Bring to a boil, then turn off and cover.

2. Allow brine to cool completely. Place the turkey breast in the brine then refrigerate overnight. (If you don't have room for the pot in the refrigerator, take a couple of zip lock bags, fill them with ice and put them in the pot. Wrap a beach towel around the pot.)

3. Remove the breast from the brine.
4. Run cold water over the breast, pat dry, and place it on a plate. Put in the refrigerator for at least four hours.

Herb Roasted Turkey Breast

Ingredients

3-4 pound bone-in skin-on turkey breast
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1 teaspoon lemon zest
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, chopped
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1 clove garlic, grated
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
Extra-virgin olive oil for drizzling
1 sweet onion, cut into slices
1/3 cup white wine

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Remove brined turkey from the fridge 45 minutes before roasting.
3. Add butter, parsley, lemon zest, thyme, onion powder, garlic, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper to a small bowl. Use a fork to incorporate all the ingredients into the butter. Set aside.
4. Using your hands, starting at one end of the breast, slide your fingers under the skin to create a pocket between the meat and the skin. Then use your hands to transfer the butter into the pocket and smooth the butter into an even layer.
5. Flip the breast so that it is skin-side down. Drizzle it with 1 teaspoon of olive oil and sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Flip the breast over and repeat the same seasoning process.
6. Arrange the onion slices on a small baking sheet. Pour 1/3 cup white wine into the pan and place the breast on top of the onions. Transfer to the oven and roast for 1 hour. Remove the breast from the oven and baste it with the butter and juices. Continue to roast until the internal temperature is 160 degrees F. Allow the breast to rest for 15 minutes.

Special Note

If you live on the first floor and have a barbecue grill, instead of roasting the turkey breast in the oven, put the breast on your grill with indirect heat, add some type of fruit wood (apple, peach) to smoke the breast.

Wine Selection

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Old Fashioned Turkey Noodle Soup

Ingredients

2 quarts chicken stock or broth
1 turkey breast carcass
1 cup diced carrots
1 cup diced celery
1 small onion diced
2 cups cooked turkey
2 cups egg noodles
1/2 cup minced fresh parsley
4 teaspoons fresh thyme
2 peeled and sliced garlic cloves
1 cup of dry white wine
1 bunch of fresh herbs tied together

Directions

1. Place all the ingredients, except the cooked turkey and egg noodles, in a stock pot. Bring to a simmer for 45 minutes.

2. Add the cooked turkey and egg noodles and cook for 10 minutes.

Remove the turkey breast carcass and the fresh herbs. Serve with some nice French bread.

Past versions of The Butcher Block and Science of Cooking can be found on the Box Office.

Go to otowboxoffice.com and look for a special link to the recipe home page.



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By Marie

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Ingredients

- 1 pound parsnips (4 cups), 1/4 inch slices
- 1 pound turnips, (4 cups), 1/4 inch slices
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cups mushrooms, sliced
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch (or flour)
- 1 cup vegetable stock
- 1/2 cup low-fat milk
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup non-fat Greek lemon-flavored yogurt
- 1 cup Gruyère cheese, crumbled
(or use Cheddar or Swiss)

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
2. Use two baking sheets, lined with parchment paper.
3. Peel parsnips and turnips and place in bowl with 2 teaspoons of olive oil. Stir to coat with oil.
4. Evenly distribute on baking sheets.
5. Place oven racks on bottom and upper level.
6. Roast, rotating the pans top to bottom about half way through. Total roasting time 20-25 minutes until beginning to brown. Remove from oven.
7. Sauté mushrooms and onions. Set aside until needed.

Prepare sauce while vegetables roasting.

8. Stir cornstarch in 1/4 cup stock until cornstarch dissolved without clumps. Stir in spices. Stir in remaining stock and heat to a boil. Remove from heat.
9. Whisk together the milk and yogurt. Stir into the stock. Steep.

Assemble

10. Turn oven to broiler on low setting.
11. Spray broiler-safe baking dish (about 9 inch by 10.5 inch) with Pam.
12. Spoon half of roasted vegetables on bottom. Cover them with 1/3 of sauce.
13. Spoon remaining roasted vegetables on second layer. Cover them with 1/3 of sauce.
14. Top with mushrooms and onions. Sprinkle on cheese. Pour on remaining sauce.
15. Place dish under broiler, watching closely, until the gratin is bubbling and beginning to brown on top, 1-5 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Servings: 6

Disclaimer

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

Roasted Parsnips and Turnips

A gratin is a vegetable casserole baked with a breadcrumb and/or cheese topping which is typically browned under a broiler in a shallow pan.

A classic gratin uses heavy cream. Potatoes au Gratin is one of the most common gratins, but the dish can be made with other vegetables -- like spinach, cauliflower or squashes. It can be made with meats as well.

A roasted vegetable gratin may become your favorite Thanksgiving tradition. This recipe reduces carbs and skips heavy cream found in traditional gratins -- saving more than half of the calories.

My dear chefs, don't be fooled by the false perception that root vegetables are inferior. After all, you didn't just fall off the turnip truck, did you?

Yes, parsnips and turnips are more commonly used in Europe than in the U.S., but give them a try. This gratin is sophisticated with warm, earthy flavor. It may be unlike anything you have tasted before.

Parsnips are both sweet and crunchy, and a little nutty. The texture and taste of turnips are firm with a pleasant flavor. The pair are a healthy, intriguing swap for potatoes.



Tips

If your Thanksgiving Day is busy, prepare the gratin the day ahead. Cover and refrigerate. The gratin is even tastier reheated in the oven the next day.

Breadcrumbs can be helpful in absorbing some of the fat that may separate from the cheese as it bakes. Plus, breadcrumbs add texture and create a lighter gratin. If you prefer, use 1/2 cup of cheese and 1 cup of lightly buttered breadcrumbs mixed together. However, this is a less healthy option as buttered breadcrumbs add fat, calories and carbs.

The Science

Unlike with potatoes, vegetable gratins often involve partially pre-cooking the vegetables. So why roast the vegetables? Dry-heat cooking helps release the natural sugars in vegetables. This caramelization is a non-enzymic browning reaction that happens when there is no water. In the last stage, hundreds of new aromatic compounds form, creating a range of complex flavors. The result is a sweet, toasty flavor. It is easy and fun. Right, my dear chefs?

Health Value

Most root vegetables contain carbohydrates, which the body converts to energy. Eating more carbs than your body needs will lead to weight gain. Plus, eating too many carbs at one time can spike blood sugar. Frequent spikes of blood sugar can increase likelihood of diabetes and complicate management of diabetes if you already have it.

Some root vegetables -- like parsnips and turnips -- have fewer carbs than others. Parsnips have 13 grams of carbs; Turnips have 4 grams of carbs. Compare this to russet potatoes with 37 grams and a medium baked sweet potato with 24 grams. (1)

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OTOW couple's 'how-tos' and advice on requirements for those intending to travel during the pandemic

Travel during a pandemic sure is different than it was "back in the day." Mike and Charlene "Charlie" Wood thought life would be back to normal when they made travel plans back in February for September. Little did they know that they would have to learn the how-tos of pandemic travel.

In spite of the challenges, their travels were fun, rewarding and a lot less congested than in a normal September.

Mike and Charlie started their September travels with a quick Labor Day weekend trip to the Denver, Colo. area for a family reunion. The long weekend was full of family outings, picnics, game night and an eight-mile hike in the mountains near Estes Park. It was a quick and action-packed weekend. Pandemic-wise, there was nothing unusual other than the federal mask mandate at all airports and while on the airplanes.

After a short week of unpacking and repacking suitcases, the Wood family boarded another flight, this time headed for Kona, Hawaii. One week on the Big Island at the Hilton Waikoloa Village was filled with lots of activities and several relaxing sunsets.

Hawaii offered many opportunities the Woods could not pass up. After all, this



was their first time visiting this beautiful state, and they wanted to see and do as much as they could.

Of course no trip to Hawaii is complete without a luau, night-time snorkeling with the manta rays, visiting a coffee farm and a trip to Volcanoes National Park to see the Kilauea Volcano and the Thurston Lava Tube.

While exploring the perimeter of the island, they included a stop at the southernmost bakery in the United States for some of Hawaii's famous Malasadas.

Naturally, the trip included a stop at a black sand beach, some more snorkeling and a drive up Mauna Kea for a view of the pure night sky and then silently waiting (in



Mike and Charlene Wood visit Estes Park, Colo. Colorado was part of a multi-state trip they took in September for a family reunion and vacation.

47 degree temperatures) for an awesome sunrise up through a cloud bank.

The week flew by! However, a short flight to Honolulu started another week of exploration and beautiful sunsets. Oahu has a totally different personality than the Big Island. Honolulu has a big city feel as compared to Hawaii's laid back lifestyle.

Mike and Charlie spent several hours touring Pearl Harbor, including the Arizona Memorial and the USS Missouri. Their travels on Oahu took them from sea level at Turtle Bay on the north shore to hiking to the summit of Diamond Head for a bird's eye view of Waikiki Beach on the south shore. The Dole Plantation gardens were full of color.

This week also flew by and then it was back to Florida for an adjustment to the six-hour time difference. Pandemically speaking, Hawaii mandated face masks at all indoor facilities and either proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test within 48 hours in order to enter any restaurant. Restaurants were also limited to 50% capacity.

Last, but not least, if Colorado and Hawaii weren't enough, the following weekend Charlie was off on another flight, this time to Rochester, N.Y., for a family wedding. The wedding venue required masks and gloves to be worn while proceeding through the buffet line.

The bottom line is this: With all of the "new normal" requirements for proof that you are healthy and not carrying COVID, having an understanding of technology (how to save documents, QR codes and other necessary proof materials on your cell phone) is the new way of the world.

If you plan on traveling anywhere outside the continental United States or anywhere within the United States to locations that have mandates, it would behoove you to bone up on technology.

Internet research is absolutely necessary to ensure that you won't be turned away from your destination due to current COVID mandates of which you are not aware. Joining the On Top of the World Computer Club could go a long way to helping you to understand this kind of necessary travel technology. Safe travels.



Mike and Charlene enjoy a sunset at Waikiki Beach with famous Diamond Head in the background. (Photo by Charlene Wood)

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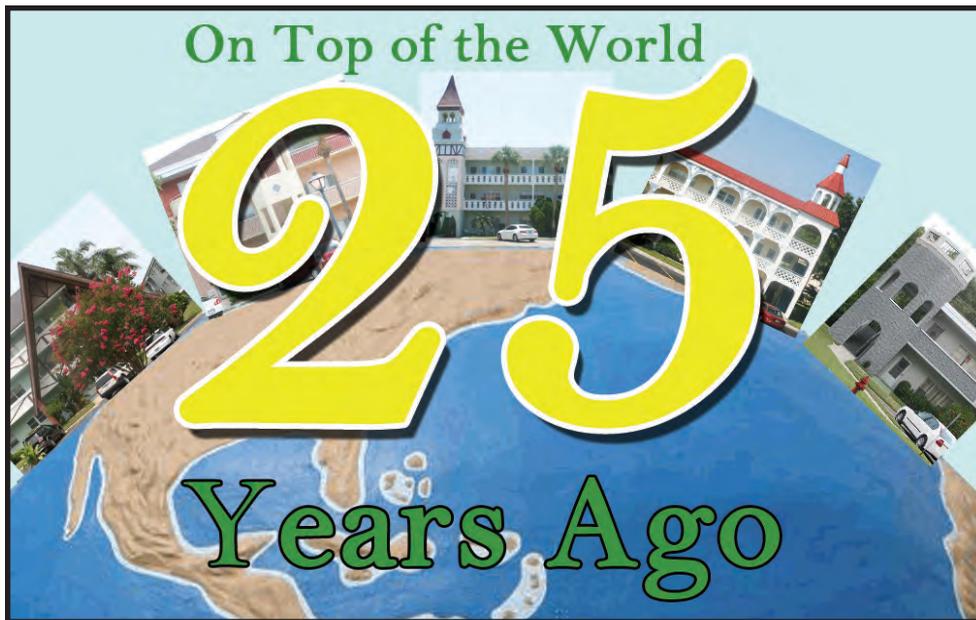
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- **Art Guild:** Is matting and framing your artwork a mystery? Well, on Friday, Nov. 8, 1996, at our meeting, Jeff Nipon will be here to untangle the puzzle for us. Even if you are not an artist, or a member of our guild, but would love to have a better idea as to how to select the proper mat and frame for your family photos or purchased prints, please join us at 1:15 P.M. At our October, 1996, meeting, 37 of us watched Harold Johnson from Madeira Beach give a great demonstration on how to paint with watercolor.
- **Jesters:** We extend a warm welcome to new members. The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1996, which was attended by over 100 regular members and 13 new members. As President Bill Atkins was delayed in England the meeting was presided over by Vice President George Schenkel. When the new members were asked to introduce themselves, great cheers went up when home towns mentioned — we must have had representatives from all 50 states of the USA and several countries beyond.
- **Tuesday Men's Bowling Rainbow Lanes:** The league got off to a great start on Oct. 8, 1996. This first week highlighted two bowlers with over 600 series: Bob Muir with 692, and Jim Archey with 637. Bob Muir in his third game had 9 strikes going into the tenth frame and then got himself a 4-6 split, tough break, Bob was so close to that 300 game. There were 13 bowlers to score better than 500 for the series.
- **Ladies 9-Hole Golf:** The Ladies Nine Hole Golf League is sponsoring the annual Little Guys and Dolls Tournament on Nov. 12, 1996. This fun event is for all, so get a partner, pay the \$2 per person fee and sign up. The sign-up sheet will be posted at the Little House. Startup times will be posted five days before the tournament. Beverly Rausch, chairman of this event, announced refreshments will be served following play.
- **Austrian Alpine:** Kay Gordon was born and raised in Chicago, Ill. She recently visited there with friends while her daughter, Joanne Spigarelli attended her 40th high school reunion at Carl Schurz School. Our first luncheon of the season was held Sept. 8, 1996. We enjoyed delicious snacks and happy time together, even though there was a small group. Don't forget Dec. 9, 1996, for the Christmas party.
- **Orizaba:** Do you think 13 is unlucky? You will never convince Bob and Delores Shouse! They met at a Chicago roller skating rink in 1943, but their courtship was interrupted while Bob answered the call in World War II. Bob enlisted on the 13th, served through Europe with the 13th Armored Division, and was discharged on the 13th. So, it made sense to be married on the 13th. So on Oct. 13, 1996, they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Bob and Delores have lived in the Orizaba Building for 13 years since Bob retired from Northern Illinois Gas Company.

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Resident tells of her journey to America and OTOW

We have a number of various nationalities living at New World French, so I think it will be interesting to write about some of their journeys to America and how they adjusted.

We have folks from Okinawa, French Canada, Argentina, Serbia, and (myself) England, among others.

The story this month is about Suzimi West, from Okinawa, Japan.

Suzimi learned to speak English while attending college in her home town. She moved to Seattle and lived there for about five years, working for an export company. She also studied International Business and graduated before returning to Okinawa.

Suzimi was introduced to her husband, Doug West, who was teaching at a U.S. military base. They married in 2003. Suzimi, having a Green Card, applied for citizenship after several years. That made it much easier to visit Doug's family in America.

Doug retired in 2014, after which they moved to Iowa, near Doug's family and, after two years, moved to Nebraska. They moved to Clearwater in 2018, which suited Suzimi, as the weather here is similar to that of Okinawa.

Suzimi had the advantage of speaking

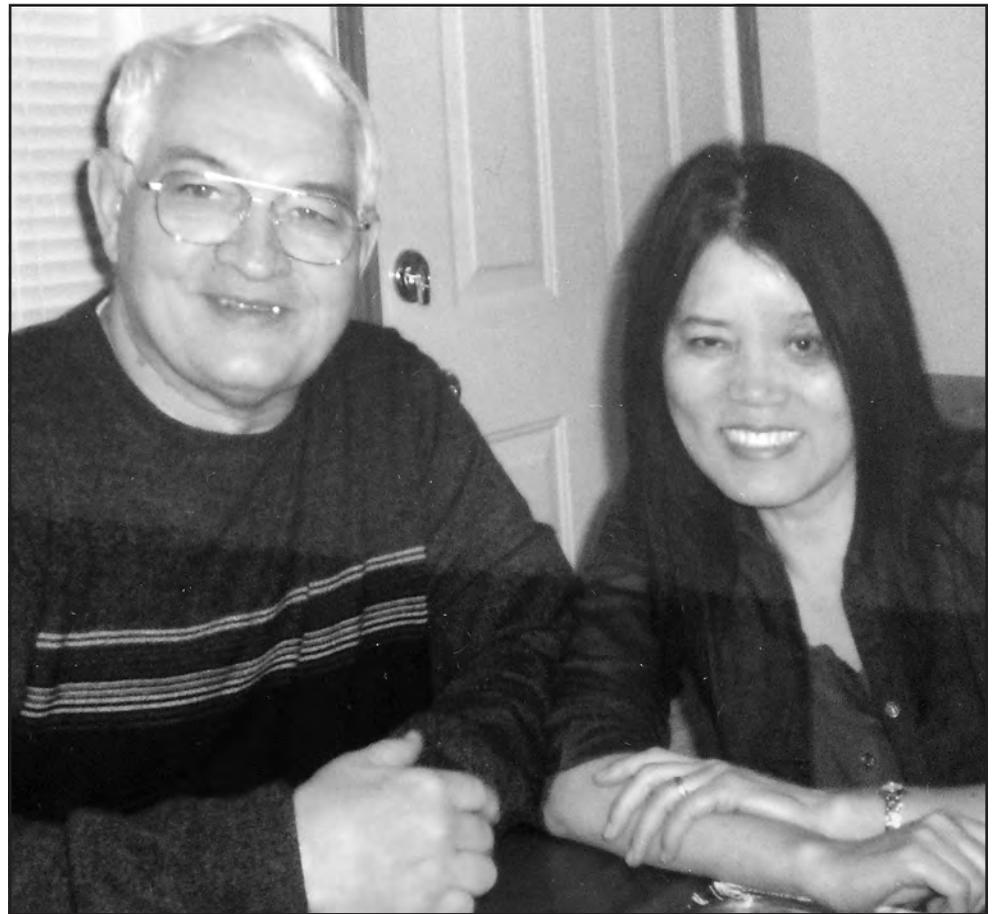


English, but she found the food very different here. She also had to get used to tipping, which is not done in her country.

She finds distances in America overwhelming, as Okinawa is a small island with good transportation, which makes it easy to get around.

Suzimi has one son and one granddaughter still living in Okinawa. She has been unable to visit for several years due to COVID, but she is hoping to visit in the near future.

She really enjoys the American way of life, and is now quite settled in at On Top of the World.



Doug and Suzimi West met in Japan and eventually settled at On Top of the World.

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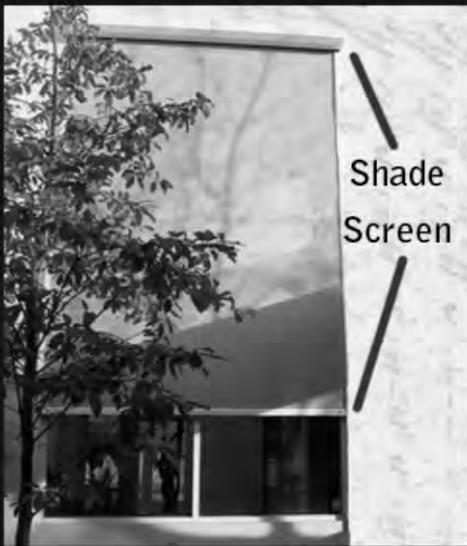


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Birthday celebrant Andrea Guttveg, front row left, shown with her brothers and sister.

New Fujiwara building reporter posts first column

Hello, I'm Tara Still, the new building reporter for building 30, Fujiwara. Residents are requested to share with me any good news from our building. My phone number is 727-577-8145 and my e-mail is taracpa@gmail.com.

Andrea Guttveg recently celebrated her birthday with the surprise of her life. Her 70th birthday was in 2020, but due to COVID, the party was cancelled. Imagine how she felt when she walked into her stepdaughter Dawn Chiarenza's home on July 18 to find 40 friends and family waiting for her! Her 71st birthday was quite an event.

Andrea's son, Jeffrey Guttveg, who is local and often seen at On Top of the World helping Andrea out, planned the event with help from Dawn. Andrea's other stepdaughter, Ileana Altamura, and Andrea's husband, Ron, also assisted. Three of Andrea's brothers came from out of



state and her sister visited from southern Florida to wish her well.

Food was bountiful and wine flowed. Andrea was thrilled by the magnificent 50's-style cake from Heather Legre of Sweet Surprise, and was glad to have a birthday party, even if it was a year late.



VETERANS DAY IS THURSDAY, NOV. 11

Thanksgiving is this reporter's favorite holiday

November is my favorite month. Not just because it's my birthday month but also because it's Thanksgiving.

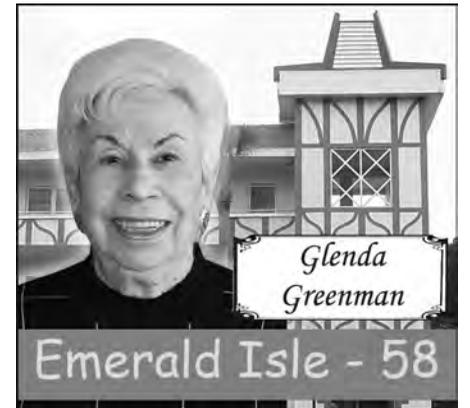
For me this is a most important holiday. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the past year (and what a year it has been!) and how we've contributed to the world in a positive way.

I try to keep my friends close and my family closer, but I know I can do better. Reaching out via the computer and the phone is a good way to stay in touch if you're long distance or staying in due to COVID.

I'm grateful on Thanksgiving for the great life I've had and for my neighbors here at Emerald Isle, which has to be the best building here at On Top of the World!

Cheryl and Tom Butcher do a fabulous job as building captains. They plan events which continue to bring us together as a family. They recently celebrated their 40th anniversary with a road trip to Maine. I loved the picture Tom posted on Facebook of him devouring a lobster!

Marge and Bill Gipperich are another mainstay couple of our building. If you have a problem, call Bill. He's always ready to help. They also recently traveled up North to see family and are now back.



Thanks to Judy Hetrick. Our storage room is immaculate due to her hard work. Also, Judy suggested the theme for this month's article.

I'm not the only November birthday, although I think mine's the only big one.

Happy birthday to these other Scorpios and Sagittarians: Ewa Politanski, Rick Pskorik, Robert Tilburt, David Hinton, and yours truly.

Since I signed up to host this month's event, it will be at the Clearwater Family Restaurant, date to be announced. Look for a photo in in the December newspaper.

I wish everyone a very happy and joyous Thanksgiving.

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Long-time resident believes in adapting to challenges we face in the future by drawing upon the past

By Marie Tornetta

When Donna Berndt moved into the Austrian Alpine building at On Top of the World in the late 1980s, she was a mere 48 years old.

Last month, she celebrated her 80th birthday – and she still lives here at OTOW!

Donna has been a resident of OTOW for 32 years and has seen our community develop over time. She was asked to reflect on how things have changed – yet remained the same.

At 48 years old, Donna was young enough to be dubbed the “Baby of the Building” by neighbors. Her energy and fresh spirit naturally surfaced and it wasn’t long before she was elected president of her building – a position she served several terms.

Donna said being president gave her insight on how On Top of the World worked and how its residents connected.

This small community seemed quite like a country village when Donna arrived. It wasn’t uncommon for residents to leave their homes unlocked except when on vacation. The grounds were landscaped with many beautiful tropical florals and fruit trees. Brightly-colored wild parakeets were abundant in the hundreds.

Clearwater reflected the same look. McMullen-Booth Road was a two-lane road and some homes had horses and cattle. Orange groves were nearby and Donna remembers buying a bushel of tree-ripened oranges for a few pennies. Belcher Road was just a dirt road to nowhere.

Neighbors were warm and a building felt like a big family. Residents were ready to help others, utilizing their

abilities or career skills.

For example, a small team of neighbors would, on occasion, clean a home of a neighbor who was temporarily unable to do so due to an illness.

Donna was a social worker and neighbors often sought out her advice or resource information.

As OTOW grew in size and sophistication, residents still enjoyed gathering together and helping neighbors. Friends lived in other buildings. Many more clubs and activities got started. This kept OTOW a vibrant corner of today’s world.

Clearwater became more sophisticated, too. More and more stores opened. Roads were greatly improved. Life moved at a much faster pace. And definitely there was more dense traffic year-round. Old cars used to be common, but now you see mostly newer cars ... all traveling at fast speeds.

Donna used to have great fun at Clearwater Beach, sitting on the old wooden benches at the pavilion while watching and listening to old-time citizens of Clearwater conversing in their native languages. Now – she says – if you can find a free parking spot (good luck!) – the porch at the pavilion is accessible only if you pay to eat lunch at a properly-appointed table.

In the beginning, some clubs and people helped complete community sites around OTOW and especially their own buildings. The Entertainment Club raised money to buy equipment and furniture for the East Activity Center ballroom. They still do.

Other OTOW clubs donated toys, knitted items, pottery, etc. to the



Austrian Alpine resident Donna Berndt has lived at OTOW for more than 30 years.

Clearwater community. They still do.

OTOW has also increased the variety of ways communication is shared. The OTOW newspaper is an excellent example with its improved writing, color photos and content. Likewise, OTOW-TV (Channel 732) is a way for residents to participate in different activities and classes at home, particularly during the pandemic.

The OTOW Computer Club is a valued way for residents to receive technical help with computers, phones and TVs.

Clubs continue to evolve over time. A motivated resident can find a way to use a creative mind here.

In the past, Donna once went for an evening walk without a flashlight. As the sun set, the sky got black and she got lost in a maze of completely dark building corridors. Her husband had to drive around and find her. Today we have extensive building lights and improved street lights.

OTOW has greatly improved infrastructure over time, too. There is a long list ... improved sewers, expanded reclaimed water system, pavilion picnic park, the fitness center, etc.

Residents are grateful for all of the physical changes and the way management arranged an efficient COVID-19 vaccination program in the spring of 2021.

Indeed, Donna says time has gone by and change has happened. She is open to change in the fundamental sense that we all face a challenge to be a better person as each day goes by.

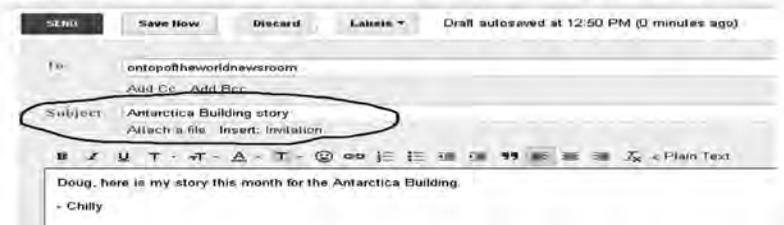
Who knows what other challenges we shall face in the future?

As Bob Dylan sang in the 1960s, “The Times They Are a-Changin’.”

Donna believes that together we will embrace positive changes while retaining the core that characterized the community and its residents from the beginning.

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Villa getting ready for Veterans Day, Thanksgiving

Gobble Gobble. Be sure to make those reservations for Thanksgiving dinner early!

This month's image is of new neighbors Joan Coyle and pooch Jackson. Joan recently moved to the Villa from Sand Key. She is originally from New York City. Yes, she is a Yankees fan. Being from New England, I won't hold that against her! Her son, George, his wife, Cherry, along with their three daughters live close by. Believe it or not, this young-looking gal is a grandmom!

Joan is an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons and Daughters of Italy. Welcome to the Villa, Joan. You selected the perfect place for fun and good neighbors.

Lynn Costanza celebrated her new ride around ole Sol with dinner, then cake with pals back at the Villa. Good time had by all.

Roaslie Borselli enjoyed a nice visit with her daughters recently.

The Dolphin cruise was a lot of fun with 22 merry pirates from the Villa aboard. Everyone toasted Al and Louisa Furie on their 64th year of wedded bliss. A huge thank you to our cruise director, Karen



Beaver, who puts together all the fun events for the Villa.

Veterans Day is the 11th. Thank you in advance to Steve Mezurek, who will put our American flags on both sides to commemorate that special day.

Well, Thanksgiving is fast approaching. We really have so much to be thankful for. Family, good friends, life in a lovely corner of paradise and America finally at peace.

Please check the bulletin board for Christmas activities. Happy Thanksgiving to one and all and to our dedicated OTOW crew and management.



Viennese Villa resident Joan Coyle with "Jackson." (Photo by Fran Fairfield)

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A number of Rio Riviera residents showed up for a fun Friday night get-together recently. (Photo by Pam Rosenblatt)

Rio Riviera residents enjoy a long-awaited party

We could not have asked for a better autumn night for our building get-together. It'd been a long time since we've had a fabulous Friday night celebration.

We celebrated good health, great food and welcomed some new residents. What a terrific way to end the summer and bring in the fall.

We look forward to bringing together past and new residents in the upcoming New Year. We are blessed to have such a wonderfully diverse community in which to reside.



Reminder to frequently check the bulletin board

Aloha Polynesians. What a flurry of activity we have in our building. Lots of new neighbors and our Snowbirds are beginning to return. It's nice to see so many more friendly folks wandering the compound. Does the heart good!

The rally around the flag pole takes place weekly on Fridays at 3:30 p.m. on the Brazilia side of the building. Come out and visit with your neighbors, swap stories and get to know each other better. Bring a chair, and a beverage if so desired, and relax.

On Thanksgiving, there will be a group attending the dinner theater. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Seating is limited and the cost is \$40 per person. A good time will certainly be had by all.

Keep your eyes on the bulletin board for notices of upcoming



events. December will be busy with decorating the building, and, I am sure, a holiday gathering or two.

Until then, be well, be happy, and be blessed. Mahalo!

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Karaoke was a great success in October. It was held at the pavilion. Hotdogs were grilled and singers and dancers enjoyed a fun night. Kathy Ahrens and Lenny Segall always do a wonderful job putting this event together, so please donate whatever you can so they can continue having this event on a regular basis.

Recently, Lyn Taecker had the chance to travel all the way to Wenatchee, Wash. This part of the state is east of the Cascade Mountains and is on the "dry" side, mostly high desert with a surprising amount of agriculture (fruit, wine grapes, etc.) in the neighboring valleys.

Wenatchee is known as the apple capital of the world, so of course they had to go apple picking and make apple crisp — yummy!

They took lots of interesting walks, hillside climbs and visited local attractions, including Rocky Reach Dam, Ohme Gardens, with miles of stone pathways



featuring hidden elves and fairies (which kept her 5-year-old grandson busy).

By the end of her visit, the weather got much colder, so she and the grandsons spent time picking all the green tomatoes and tomatillos before a hard freeze arrived.

After Lyn returned to Clearwater, she was happy to be back to 90-degree temperatures!

Here in Florida, our "cold fronts" are usually a balmy 70 degrees, so we are very fortunate to be in the sunshine state.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone. Enjoy your turkey dinner and don't forget the pumpkin pie!



Pictured are Lyn Taecker with her grandchildren in Wenatchee, Wash. They stayed busy hiking, visiting local attractions and picking vegetables before the first freeze.



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Mandalay building is happy to feature this amazing Halloween display orchestrated by Tony Miranda and his partner Jeff Moyer.

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A special treat with their display, if you decide to walk by, is that the display is lit up at night with wonderful eerie music!



Jeff Moyer, left, and Tony Miranda designed and constructed the colorful Mandalay building Halloween display, which features lights and sound at night. (Photo by Irene Pappas)



Part of the Mandalay building Halloween display created by Tony Miranda and Jeff Moyer. (Photo by Jeff Moyer)

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We have so many wonderful plantings and trees here at Top of the World that it could be an arboretum if we only knew the names of everything.

Terry and Dick Kuplen plan to visit the Francis Wilson Playhouse in Clearwater to see “Mama Mia.” Enjoy it, folks!

Our building Christmas party will be held in the pavilion this year in mid-December. Let’s hope the weather cooperates and we do not have to get out the long underwear...

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Lunch bunch may soon add evening events

Picnicking in the pavilion is delicious! A dozen people in our building met in October for munching and chatting as part of their monthly lunch bunch to celebrate Oktoberfest. Bratwurst, hot dogs, sweet potatoes, dumplings plus dessert rounded off a wonderful meal. Music was a great addition to the party!

"We wanted to form a camaraderie of friends," said Jessie Greer. "We only see each other in passing, but once we get to know each other, we reach out for fellowship."

Several residents have been meeting neighbors for lunch on the last Thursday of the month for the past year. The lunch bunch has been gradually growing since January and it plans to encourage more residents and snowbirds to join. All interested people meet in the core and carpool to the restaurant.

Everyone who attends the lunches puts a restaurant's name on paper in a jar, and then a volunteer picks a name, so the group would know where to go the following month.

If more working residents join, Jessie thinks that the crew should add evening or weekend events, such as dinner or touring an art museum as



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an option, but continue to have the monthly lunches.

"It's an interesting day when you can get to know your neighbors," remarked Jennie Franken. She was a Snowbird but this is her first year as a full-time resident.

While the cooler weather is reflected in the food we eat and the holidays we celebrate, the weather also features the decorating abilities of some residents, as they put the glowing pumpkins, scarecrow men and orange flowers in front of their various building units and gardens.

If you have a story, please email me at kesfoto64@gmail.com.

Welcome to our new neighbors from Ohio

Peace and tranquility have prevailed around Loch Lomond building for the past months, and we will soon be in the thick of the holiday season. Perhaps we will see some of our Snowbird friends this winter.

In the meantime, let's get to know our new residents, Eula and Jim Lytle. Mother and son joined us over the summer months and are now well-settled and have met quite a few neighbors.

They hail from Ohio, and have also lived in West Virginia and Louisiana. Eula has been active in the Eastern Star, having held high positions in the past. She also enjoys needle crafts.

Jim is a U.S. Navy veteran and a rock music enthusiast. He enjoys listening to his favorite musicians: Kid Rock, Ted Nugent and Bob Seger, to name a few. We struck a mutual musical chord in Bob Seger, who is from my hometown area of Ann Arbor-Detroit. Jim is way ahead of me, however, in the number of Seger concerts attended. Notably, Jim played trombone in his high school band.

Welcome Eula and Jim, to our wonderful Loch Lomond Building!

Reminder No. 1: Speaking of the Navy (and other branches of US military), I'm going to post the military service sign-up sheet for updating. Watch for it on the bulletin board.



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Reminder No. 2: Keeping public spaces clean and tidy is everyone's responsibility. It is important to avoid placing large unwanted household and furniture items in the newspaper bin next to the elevator or on the floor, or in the trash room. The On Top of the World staff does not remove such items. Several nearby organizations happily accept these items and will pick them up. Contact information for organizations is posted on the bulletin board.

Reminder No. 3: Storage rooms! Every resident is required to keep his/her space tidy and clean. This is a shared public space, so let's be considerate.

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New residents are from high in the Colorado Rockies

Guest writer: Jesse Tiamson, Sr.

Just in time for our Halloween preparations, we welcomed back John and Beverly Ouwinga from Michigan; and Katherine and 9/11 retired FDNY hero husband, Bill Rosenbaum, of Manhattan, NYC.

We also welcome our new residents, Bill Harrison and Marjorie Varisco from Colorado.

Bill hails originally from Tennessee and served in the Korean War with the U.S. Air Force at an early age of 17. He's now part of our Veterans Group at On Top of the World. Fully retired, he enjoys playing pool at our West Activities Center and wants to start painting with watercolors, but needs instructions. Calling on the Art Group to teach him the ropes!

Marjorie used to manage real estate properties in Colorado and, just like Bill, she's also now fully retired and enjoying every minute of it. She wants to be a part of our building decorating group and we'll be happy for it!

They've been married now for 17 years since they met in Evergreen, Colo. They were used to living in high altitude



places (Evergreen is 9,000+ ft. above sea level) where the air is very thin, then moving to Loveland, Colo, (5000+ ft. above sea level). They since found out they actually got healthier living in lower elevation where there is more oxygen.

Resident Fran Glaros-Sharp sent 18 boxes of troop care packages for our deployed military personnel last month. She's now on her way to putting together more care packages to go out. Anyone wanting to give small stuff (we donate personal-sized soap and shampoos) to go



The French Renaissance II decorating group consists of (L-R) Sue Trost, Judy Hoffman, Evelyn Tiamson and Jesse Tiamson, Sr.

along with Fran's Oreo cookies and other goodies, you're welcome to donate to her.

Our decorating committee did a great job creating the building's Halloween

decorations. They then hosted a cupcake get-together at the building core on Halloween, Oct 31. It was a good time to welcome our new and returning residents.

New resident, renewed activities are focus

We welcome a new resident, Cathleen Doheny, to our building. She was one of 10 children. Her dad served in the military, thereby affording her the opportunity of living in many places.

She moved here from Atlanta and is an esthetician at Safety Harbor Spa. Welcome, Cathleen!

October for our building was a precursor of the holiday season to come.

It started with the girls getting together and learning the secret to vase painting, instructed by our talented resident, Jenny Fowler. Some of the girls were eyeing their creations as Christmas gifts for loved ones.

The social committee met to outline their ideas for the decorating of our building for the holidays and, if all goes as outlined, it will be lovely.

It wouldn't be October without the annual pumpkin carving/decorating contest. It was amazing to see the



creativity and talent that abounds in our building. The results were announced with much anticipation at the potluck dinner Halloween night. The lucky winners were recipients of a Publix gift card, always a very welcome prize.

The Girls' Day Out club again selected an outing in St. Pete. This time they visited the western-themed James

Museum. The consensus was it was well worth the trip, awed by the spectacular sculptures and artifacts of days gone by. They ended the day at Datz restaurant for a delicious lunch and discussion of where to go in November.

The building's dinner out in October was at Molly Goodhead's, a longtime building favorite, that is on the social calendar yearly. It was a sizable crowd that attended this function.

Charlie and Barbara Crist entertained Charlie's daughters, Deborah and Marsha, from Seattle, visiting here for the first time. The highlight for Deborah was her opportunity to horseback ride while Marsha enjoyed the many fine restaurants they visited.

Barbara and Charlie also were visited by his son Doug and wife Bobbie, from Las Vegas, enroute to rafting in Kentucky. Doug was also looking forward to visiting with a Vietnam buddy while in Kentucky.

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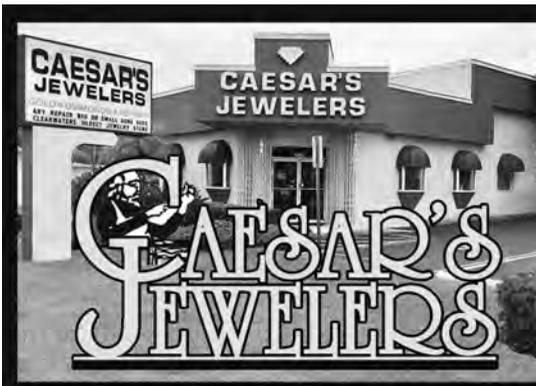


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Activities galore for Granada folks

As the Snowbirds flock home, we want to welcome new neighbors. Homer and Belinda Atchison.

These true Floridians previously lived at On Top of the World for six years, and have now returned to stay always and forever!

Let's please also welcome new neighbors Roger and Carolyn Glynn, from Omaha, Neb. Roger played in the minor leagues for the Cincinnati Reds and has returned to live near his former league practice field. Please welcome them!

Each month we get together at either side of core/building (just look for the group) for conversations, ideas, BYOD, meet and greet. Please join us every third Thursday of the month.

Linda Faust is asking for suggestions for our building group activities. Please put any ideas in the envelope attached to our bulletin board.

Ruthann Richwine and Linda are looking for volunteers to help us with "Wreaths Across America." We will be distributing them to local military cemeteries. The details can be obtained thru Ruthann (727) 734-7591 and Linda (563) 588-1379. Additional info is posted



on the bulletin board. You can learn more at: www.wreathsacrossamerica.org

A group of us joined Tom and Barb Jamrozy for Blackout cards at the pavilion. We had great fun and lots of laughter! See their OTOW article in this paper.

Our luncheon was a huge success at the Cheesecake Factory. We had a delightful lunch. Afterwards, a few walked off all of those calories inside our Countryside Mall.

We will enjoy our next luncheon Nov. 8 at 12 p.m. at Sage's West Bay Restaurant, 833 W. Bay Dr. Largo, 33770. The sign-up



New residents Homer and Belinda Atchison.

sheet will be posted a few days prior to the luncheon.

Our annual Holiday Dinner will be at Alfano's Restaurant Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. It's located at 1702 Clearwater Largo Rd., Clearwater, 33756. We have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so that dinner reservations may be made in advance.

Feel free to email me: toni.one@icloud.com for any news that you would like posted in the future. Please have your article sent to me by the 11th of each month. Thank you!

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In September, a report indicated coyotes may be back in our community.

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□	8	7	0	□	1	5	3	□	6
5	□	0	□	4	□	2	□	6	□
3	2	□	6	□	5	□	9	7	4
0	9	1	□	8	□	3	7	2	5
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1	7	3	□	6	□	4	5	9	0
4	5	□	1	□	7	□	8	0	9
□	□	□	7	9	□	1	6	□	□
□	6	5	3	□	4	9	□	8	1

OTOW NEWS WORDMIX

Unscramble the six words listed below.
If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month.
If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words.

U N O A G

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I E N C K L

E C I T F N

N U D E R A M

E P S I L A C

SECRET WORD:

September's scrambled words: sneak, often, deacon, impact, utensil, mexican. Secret Word Last Month: sodium

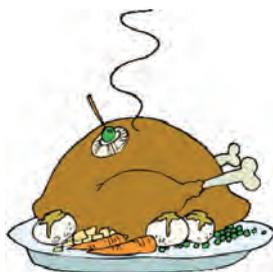
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