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On Top of the World Halloween Pet Costume Contest

A live tradition returns - doggies in costume

For the first time in three years, the dogs were back!

The annual On Top of the World Halloween Pet Costume Contest took place in October, and for the first time since the pandemic, the contestants were live “on stage.”

Checkpoint Flooring, one of seven sponsors, brought a red carpet, so all the dogs arrived like Hollywood celebrities.

Once inside, the dogs checked each other out, owners mingled with other owners, and our contest sponsors actually got the chance to set up display tables and show off their prize-winning gift baskets.

“This is unofficially the first event of Snowbird season,” said OTOW News Editor Doug Kates. “It was great to be back on grass instead of holding our contest online, which is what happened during the pandemic.”

“We didn’t have as many contestants as we normally have for the first fall event of the year, but those who did show up made our contest special once again.”

First place went to Hershey, who dressed up as a scarecrow. This was Hershey’s first contest, but owners Barbara and Scott Rice are veterans and multi-winners. She was also a scarecrow.

Barbara, from building 53, and her previous “best friend,” Buckley, were past winners as golfer-and-caddie, and an astronaut, to name a few costumes. Hershey kept the award-winning tradition in the family.

Second place went to Neutron and Missy, who were dressed up as Fonzie (from Happy Days) and Laverne (from the Laverne and Shirley Show). Patty Aden from building 74 was the proud owner.

Third place went to Belle, who dressed up as a clown. The owner was Carol Weaver from building 18A.

Sammy dressed up as an Accidental Tourist and took fourth place. Owner Tara Still, of building 30, made sure Sammy had his vacation gear on.

And Molly entered her first contest and dressed up as a cavalier. She took fifth place for owner Paul LeBlanc of building 10.

This year’s sponsors were Checkpoint Flooring, Harborside Animal Hospital, Creating Smiles Dental, State Farm Insurance, Tiny Paws Day Care, A Devine Touch In Home Dog Care and Mary Polynek Expert Dog Sitting.

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On Top of the World resident Barbara Rice (scarecrow) poses with her dog Hershey, who took first place as a scarecrow. Also pictured are seven sponsors from the contest. Below are Neutron and Missy, who were dressed up as Fonzie and Laverne (from Laverne and Shirley). They took second place. More photos on page 71. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)





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Safety guidelines for your holiday decorations

I don't know about you, but I feel like every year the holidays come sooner and sooner.

Maybe it's wishful thinking or the days are just going by faster, or maybe it's a combination of the two!

Whichever it may be, we find ourselves saying goodbye to Halloween and hello to Thanksgiving and then Christmas.

That means it's time to start your annual holiday well wishes, do lots of cooking and eating, maybe spend some quality time with family and friends, and take time to think about holiday decorating.

Here are some safety tips and Association reminders from your Management Company:

- All outdoor lighting should be plugged into GFCI receptacles only.

- Each building is allowed one common area Christmas tree. Each tree may contain up to 300 miniature lights or 600 reduced-wattage LED lights. Please limit power supply cords to one, 50-foot, UL approved cord.

- Extension cords should not cross any walkway in or around any building (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 that make sounds: singing, talking or other 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 building power at any controller or light.

- Do not create penetrations into the common structure for the purpose of hanging holiday lighting. Self-adhering, temporary wall hooks are available at most home improvement and department stores.

- Do not wrap garland or decorations around the light poles at the end stairwells on any building. This affects the proper operation of the light.

- Never cover your condo unit numbers with holiday decorations. Your unit number must always be visible to emergency personnel. Don't make it difficult to find your location or a unit near you.

- All electrical rooms, elevator rooms,



telephone rooms and alarm rooms are 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!

Reasons for Leaks May Surprise You

Many of our residents leave for six months over the summer while others may take an extended vacation. Many do the right thing by having the water turned off in their unit during an absence. Unfortunately, water can make its way into your home by other avenues, as evidenced by the list below:

- Improperly sealed windows, includes using incompatible sealant that may leak in a driving rainstorm.

- Awning anchors that are not properly sealed and weatherproofed often allow water penetration into a unit.

- HVAC exterior access panels and flashing incorrectly sealed or improperly installed (again, wind-driven penetration).

- HVAC lines not sealed and wrapped properly.

- Interior HVAC drain lines not serviced cause a back-up into the unit and will flood.

- HVAC drain pans rusted.

- Aged water heaters which may have deteriorated bottoms (remember, after 10- 12 years it is time to replace);

- Spontaneous washing machine activation following power outages/surges – surprisingly common!

- Deteriorated ice maker lines.

- Toilet – old wax rings and inappropriate items being flushed resulting in leaks or back-up flooding;

- And the Association's all-time favorite ...

- Unlicensed contractors or do-it-yourself homeowners making inadequate repairs.

All the items listed above should be regularly serviced and maintained. If your water heater is more than 10 years old, it is a very sure bet it needs replacement.

Finally, make sure you have insurance on your personal property and liability in force on your unit at all times. Additionally, be sure you have "Loss of Use Coverage." This should also be included in your HO-6 policy. This coverage can provide funds for housing in the event your unit is uninhabitable as the result of an insurable event

Did you Know: Water Softeners

An area of concern that comes up frequently, especially during community compliance inspections, is the installation of water softeners.

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

The installation of a water softener requires an approval by the Association prior to installation. The application for modification may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office or by going online to otowclearwaterinfo.com.

At the time of installation of a new water softener, the old equipment must be removed from OTOW property at the owner's expense. Please do not leave the old equipment in the center core of a building or in the building trash room.

As a reminder, your water heater should be replaced every 10 to 12 years on average unless it shows signs of leaking, isn't producing as much hot water, or becomes noisy.

For more information visit www.otowclearwaterinfo.com and search under Community Services, Remediation Department.

Did You Know: Tipping and Gifting

With the return of our northern friends and the holidays fast approaching, it is a good time for a friendly reminder. The Management Company and your Association does not support nor encourage tipping or gifting individual employees.

We do understand that many of you like to show your appreciation and thanks in some manner so we would recommend that you donate a gift or fund to the Clearwater OTOW Employee Gift Fund as opposed to giving a worker a tip directly.

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

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

Donations and gifting are purely discretionary. Thank you from Parkway Maintenance and Management team. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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 this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter in the common areas only. Please do not leave health-related emergency information on the service request line, as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests.

For a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

After Hours

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

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

OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to otowclearwaterinfo.com 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.

By mid-October, nearly 85 percent of community buildings were hooked up to fiber optic TV lines

So far so good.

As far as hurricane season goes, the Tampa Bay area has been very fortunate.

Management Company staff implemented the community preparedness plan when it looked like Hurricane Ian was headed toward us. I believe those preparedness drills are never a waste of time. Even though Hurricane Ian took a different track, the Management Staff was onsite to ride out the storm, assess damages once passed, and then began clean-up and recovery plans.

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 and Management Company, oversees day-to-day community operations. Shawn Tobias, senior manager, is in charge of all grounds maintenance and building services. Together, with a team of other professionals and support staff, they keep the community humming day in and day out.

Cable and Internet Update

Summit Broadband has a very large presence in Lee and Charlotte Counties. As such, they have had to refocus a majority of their customer service and support staff into those areas to expedite storm recovery and service restoration.

Despite that, cabling of the community remains on track. The only thing that has changed is that in-person sign-up has been suspended.

Sign-up is now exclusively done by calling their 1-855-615-9790 number.

Summit Broadband has brought in three subcontractors, Aspire, Gulf Coast, and Wise Connect, to help expedite the installation process.

Summit Broadband is making good progress on the wiring installs. The east side of the property is complete and they are currently doing make-ups. Letters have been sent out to units from building 1 to building 61 with make-up dates.

The west side and Paradise are moving along. Wiring has been installed in buildings 63 through 80 and were moving over to Paradise.

Aspire has also done buildings 83 through buildings 85, but I am still waiting on an update so those numbers are not included.

Letters have been sent to unit



Chairman

owners in buildings 63-75 for make-ups dates. More letters will be going out as we get an update from Aspire.

As of this article going to print:

- Gulf Coast had installed in 1759 units out of 2101 (84 percent complete).

- Wise Connect had installed in 1203 units out of 1439 units (84 percent complete).

- Aspire had installed in 484 out of 650 (74 percent complete).

As of Oct. 19, 3446 units have had wiring installed.

We should be through the property with the initial wiring by the first week of November then it will be just makeups.

Labor Market

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 general recovery in the local economy, and businesses competing for employees.

The Management Company has had to pace wage increases and benefits to assure retention of the very qualified and seasoned team that does 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 in the community is running a little behind schedule 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 wants to have happen. Your Board

will do what it takes to assure that the Management Company is able to retain current and hire new talent that will assure the continuing operational quality.

Once again, your Board is beginning to forecast operational costs for the coming year.

At this juncture, I cannot say how the budgets will be impacted, but we are challenged with rising costs, especially roofing and paving. We are considering all opportunities for savings that can be reasonably made without jeopardizing delivery of services.

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

The audited Annual Financial Reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, will be uploaded to OTOWClearwaterInfo.com by building number soon.

If you are unable to view online, you may request a copy of the audited Annual Financial Report for your building, which will be sent to you electronically by submitting your request to associationinfo@otowfl.net or by mail by writing to the Association at 2069 World Parkway Blvd. East, Clearwater, FL 33763.

Because of the law governing condominiums, the Association budgets for an independent CPA to perform an audit every year.

Community Update

Work in Progress

November will see the painting contractor continue on the west side of property with the front façade of Building 75 being recoated. This process involves a thorough pressure washing followed by the sealing of any hairline cracks in the masonry, and then the application of a high-quality paint coating.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the temporary displacement of vehicles or property.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

The installation of new unit address numbers is nearing a comple-

tion date with almost every unit in the On Top of the World community having received these important life-safety improvements!

Only three buildings remain at this point and those structures should be completed as the 2022 calendar year draws to a close.

Maintenance crews will do periodic inspections as the years continue on to ensure that each unit meets the community standard for continuity and visible address identification.

As previously stated, any previously installed address numbers will need to be removed by unit owners, or it may be requested for a nominal fee by the management company. Thanks for your cooperation in making this undertaking another successful one!

Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

The next railing improvement project on the schedule is for Building 88, however, a defined start date for November has not been established yet and is still pending permitting approval from Pinellas County.

The work entails the installation of code compliant additions to the walkway railings and complete replacement of all stairwell components in the building.

The work involves power tools and other equipment, so please understand that elevated noise levels are a byproduct of the contractor's efforts.

Dust and concrete slurry are also a byproduct, so first floor residents should be prepared to relocate items on their porches as warranted.

We ask that residents please pay close attention to cordoned off spaces as some areas may be closed temporarily throughout the day to allow for the safe replacement of railing elements.

Thanks in advance for doing your part while this work is underway.

An abbreviated tree removal project will begin in the month of November involving just a handful of trees in decline. Some temporary roadway delays may be experienced by drivers in the community, but the work should not be obtrusive for the most part. As always, please exercise caution in and around these work areas and follow all flagmen directions when encountering work crews in the right-of-way. Thanks for being a part of a safety conscientious community!

Pinellas County wants you to be aware of what handymen can / cannot do inside your condo without a license

On Sept. 22, the Parkway General Manager, Senior Operations Manager and Chairman Kenneth Colen had an opportunity to meet with Investigators Cheryl Ferland and Larry Thomas from Pinellas County Code Enforcement.

As has been well publicized in the Tampa Bay Times, Pinellas County's Building Service/Code Enforcement is really making an effort to go after unlicensed individuals who perform construction service for compensation. This is really a big net to cast which is why the Code Enforcement folks came to see us: They are aware that there is a substantial amount of work happening in the community, much of it being completed by unlicensed handymen and others.

Code enforcement specifically asked the Association to add language to their Work Authorization forms, advising residents who are seeking Association approval for modifications, to only use licensed individuals to have work performed.

Also, that the contractors must obtain building permits before commencing work.

Specific examples they gave were:

- any work involving demolition of cabinetry or walls within any condo;

try or walls within any condo;

- any electrical work such as moving or adding electrical outlets or involving the main electrical panel;
- any plumbing changes (even toilet change-outs, for crying out loud);
- any carpentry, including baseboard and shoe-molding installation;
- also ceramic floor installation, although they admitted installing vinyl plank was a gray area for them.

When they finished with the litany of requirements, Kenneth Colen said this was very broad and got into some very minor areas. Their response was, to quote State statute chapter and verse, they are interpreting the law very narrowly.

Which brings us back to handymen.

Their position is that so long as the handyman/woman isn't doing anything requiring licensure, they should be good.

Kenneth Colen asked, "how about painting?"

They responded that painters need to be licensed.

When asked about changing a light switch.

The response was that is electrical and needs

to be done by a licensed individual.

When asked about carrying groceries, they responded that doesn't require a license. Actually, we never asked that last part, but you get the idea.

Any prudent consumer concerned with getting a job done properly would probably want to be using a licensed and insured individual or company.

We've all heard about people being ripped-off or taken advantage of by scam artists. It's important that residents educate themselves on the State of Florida's Lien Law, including acceptable deposit amounts for contracted work, as well as obtaining an affidavit showing that all of the contractor's suppliers have been paid.

More information regarding this valuable information may be found at: www.pinellascounty.org/build/lienlaw.htm

So what about hiring handymen?

Buyer beware.

We recognize that they can perform valuable services, sometimes at lower cost than licensed professionals. However, stay within the letter of the law if you choose to engage one.

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Your Pre-Storm Checklist

Sign up for the RAVE alert system from OTOW.

1. Purchase a battery-operated radio and a supply of batteries.
2. Purchase flashlights with batteries. Use caution when using candles.
3. Get an ice chest. Stock up on one week's worth of water and food that won't spoil.

Don't forget pet supplies, toilet paper, a battery-operated fan.

4. Refill medical prescriptions.
5. Go to an ATM or bank and get cash.
6. Fill your vehicle with gas. Get acquainted with OTOW's rules for using generators.
7. Recharge cell phone batteries and use only when necessary.
8. If you are evacuating, tell people where you are evacuating to and leave your contact information with different people.
9. Bring lawn furniture and outdoor decorations indoors.
10. Make sure you have a first-aid kit, including bandages and ointments.
11. Make sure important documents are safely stored.
12. Don't forget rain gear, blankets and home entertainment.

**For more information,
visit
www.ready.gov/hurricanes**

WHEN A STORM HAS PASSED

Do not go outside and clean up property. Let OTOW employees remove limbs and debris.



Hurricane Damage at OTOW from 2017.

Yes. It can happen here.



BUS SCHEDULE CHANGE

The On Top of the World bus schedule will now include the OTOW shuttle bus Monday through Friday. The Neighborly Care Transportation bus will continue their Wednesday shuttles to Walmart, along with their Thursday shuttles to Publix. The bus driver only picks up passengers with reservations.

Reservations are first-come, first-served, and can be made from 7 a.m., Monday, thru 1 p.m., Thursday, for any day(s) in the **current** week. However, NO reservations will be accepted after 1 p.m. for the next day to ensure the morning roster can be prepared before staff leave for the day. When making multiple reservations for your week ahead, please ensure careful planning to prevent the need to cancel. To cancel a ride, please call the bus line as early as possible. You must present your valid activity card before boarding. Please be visible to your bus driver outside your center core.

No eating or drinking on the bus. Shopping time is 90 minutes.

- * DAY TRIPS
- Nov. 2-Downtown Dunedin;
- Nov. 9-Downtown Safety Harbor;
- Nov. 16-Clearwater Beach;
- Nov. 30-Mystery Trip (residents pick).

<u>MONDAYS</u>		
8:15 AM	Clearwater Mall	(OTOW Bus)
12:15 PM	Sunset Point 19 Mall	(OTOW Bus)
<u>TUESDAYS</u>		
8:15 AM	Publix	(OTOW Bus)
10:30 AM	Countryside Plaza & Mall	(OTOW Bus)
<u>WEDNESDAYS</u>		
8:15 AM	Walmart	(Neighborly Care)
8:30 AM	Excursion Day Trip*	(OTOW Bus)
11:00 AM	Walmart	(Neighborly Care)
<u>THURSDAYS</u>		
8:15 AM	Publix	(Neighborly Care)
8:30 AM	Clearwater Mall	(OTOW Bus)
11:00 AM	Publix	(Neighborly Care)
12:45 PM	ALDI & The Salvation Army	(OTOW Bus)
<u>FRIDAYS</u>		
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12:15 PM	Walmart	(OTOW Bus)

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Recurring reminders for community residents

The Management Company would like to thank the residents who live on the second and third floors for their cooperation in making the On Top of the World community a safer and more aesthetically pleasing place to live by removing their floor mats from these common area.

The community's response for compliance was astounding, as has been the feedback regarding these efforts. Once again, thank you for your support in this undertaking.

Now that the notification and compliance piece has been completed, the Management Company has begun the laborious process of cleaning the walkway areas where mats were once located, as well as re-painting areas that could not be cleaned to community standards.

As a reminder to all residents, and in keeping with condominium rules governing common areas, any floor mats placed in the second or third floor balcony walkways or center core areas will be removed without any further notification.

Please assist us in keeping these walkway areas clear while making your community a safer and more beautiful place to live!

Another reminder 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 contin-

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

The Management Company will post notices on affected 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 Inspection Services team, in conjunction with the Parkway Construction Department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle.

This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hanger brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

In keeping with association rules, these items will be removed without notice. Residents are kindly asked to seek association approval before affixing anything to the common element in the future.

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 2021/2022 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 stones 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.

The removal of plantings located above and

around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing.

The Management Company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

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

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

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.

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most recurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live. If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately.

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

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



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OTOW Community Activities Calendar - November 2022

SPECIAL EVENTS

2022 Fall Festival & Expo: Saturday, Nov. 5, 10-2 pm, East Activity Center Indoors and Outdoors
 Press Association Writers Workshop: Thursday, Nov. 3, 7 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Italian-American Club Pasta Dinner Night: Wednesday, Nov. 9, 5 - 8 pm, EAC Auditorium
 Get Acquainted Coffee: Thursday, Nov. 10, 9-11 am, EAC Auditorium
 Irish Club Pizza Party: Thursday, Nov. 10, 5-8 pm, EAC Auditorium
 Good Neighbors Association Flea Market, Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 am - 2 pm, EAC Auditorium
 Fraud Awareness Week, Consumer Protection Seminar, Monday, Nov. 14, 10:30-11:30 am, Largo Room (Shredding in parking lot)
 Canadian Club Registration Night, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6-9:30 pm, EAC Auditorium
 Lambda Club Thanksgiving, Wednesday, Nov. 23, 4-8 p.m., EAC Largo Room
 Movie Night: Elf, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 4-6 pm, Auditorium
 Club Information Tables: Monday, 8:30-10:30 am in Auditorium
 Fletcher Music Center Keyboard Lessons: Mondays, 10 - 11 am, WAC Learning Lab
 Art Guild Paint & Sip (Open to everyone. Reservation required.): Tuesday, Nov. 29, 7 - 9 pm, EAC Kitchen

CLUB AND GROUP EVENTS

Art Guild Acrylic Painting, 1 - 4 pm, Thursdays, EAC Largo Room
 Art Guild Board Meeting: 3 - 5 pm, Thursday, Nov. 3, EAC Largo Room
 Art Guild Painting Pals: 1-4 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Baby Boomers Group: Meetings, 5:30-6:30 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 2 and 5:30-6:30 pm, Thursday, Nov. 17, EAC Largo Room
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am - 1 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Billiards (8 Ball): 6:30-10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Billiards (Scotch Doubles): 6:30-10pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Billiards (9 Ball): 1-3 pm, Fridays
 Bingo: 6 pm, every Monday (Doors Open at 4 pm), EAC Auditorium
 Caring & Sharing: 9 am - 12 pm, Tuesdays, Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Ceramics: 10 am - 2 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Coloring Book Group: 12 - 3 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Computer Club: Computer Help, 8:30-10 am, Wednesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Computer Club: Meetings, 8:30 - 10 am, Saturdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Cornhole: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Democratic Club: Meeting, 2-3:30 pm, Thursday, Nov. 10, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Democratic Club Happy Hour: 7-10 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 22, West Activity Center Largo Room
 Democratic Club Board Meeting: 2-3:30 pm, Thursday, Nov. 17, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
 Entertainment Committee Board Meeting: 10 am - 12 pm, Monday, Nov. 7, EAC Crystal Beach Room
 Entertainment Committee Show: 7:30 pm, Thursday, Nov. 17, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Entertainment Committee Dance: 7:30 pm, Saturday, Nov. 19, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Entertainment Committee Meet & Greet / Annual Meeting: 2 - 4 pm, Sunday, Nov. 20, EAC Auditorium
 Good Karma Book Club: 10 am - 12 pm, Thursday, Nov. 17, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 High Vibe Tribe: 7 - 9 pm, Thursday, Nov. 10, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Jesters Board and Membership Meeting: 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 9, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Knitting Group: 9 - 11 am, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Lambda Club: Social, 7 - 10 pm, Friday, Nov. 18, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Learning To Dance with Noland: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Line Dance Club: 1 - 3 pm, Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 am, Saturdays, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Line Dance Club Practice: 7 - 8 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Moving and Grooving Line Dancing: Tuesdays, 9-12 pm, 1-4 pm Fridays, East Activity Center Auditorium
 Neighborhood Watch: General meeting, 7 - 9:30 pm, Monday, WAC Belleair Room
 Philosophy Club: 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Pickleball: 3:30 - 6:30 pm, Monday through Friday, 9-12 pm, Sundays
 Ping Pong: 10 am - 1 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Pray for America: Meeting, 10 am - 12 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
 Republican Club: Meeting, 7 - 9 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 15, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Social Dance: 1-3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Snowbirds Line Dance: 8:30 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays, EAC Auditorium
 Tennis Meeting: 3 - 7 pm, Sunday, Nov. 12, WAC Belleair Room
 Texas Card Game Club: 3-10 pm, Friday, Nov. 18, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 TOPS: 9:30-11 am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Theater Workshop Board Meeting: 6-7 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 2, General meeting 7-8:30 pm, Nov. 2, WAC Belleair Room
 Travel Club: 2-4 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 2, East Activity Center Oldsmar Room
 World Quilters: 8 am-2 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Writers Ink: 1 - 2:30 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room

CARDS AND GAMES

Blackout (Canadian Club): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Cribbage: 10 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Dominos: 5:30 - 8 pm, Tuesdays, EAC Ozona Room
 Double Deck Pinochle: 1 - 3:30 pm, Sundays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Duplicate Bridge (Beginners): 9 am - 12 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Duplicate Bridge: 11:30 am - 4 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room
 Duplicate Bridge: 11 - 3 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
 Ladies Bunco: 6:30 - 10 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 8, West Activity Center Learning Lab
 Mahjongg: 1 - 4 pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room
 Mexican Train Card Game (Dominos): 1 - 5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room (Oct 1-13 Palm Harbor Room)
 Poker (Alonzo's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Mondays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Bob's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Tuesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Tom's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Wednesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Carol's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, EAC Safety Harbor Room
 Poker (Barry's Group): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room
 Poker (Richie's Group): 6 - 8:45 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room
 Samba Hand/Foot Canasta: 6 - 9 pm, Thursdays and Fridays, EAC Ozona Room
 Samba: Mondays, 12:30 - 3 pm, EAC Ozona Room

EXERCISES

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10 am, Monday through Friday, East Activity Center Swimming Pool
 Bonesavers: 8-9 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Largo Room
 Chair Yoga: 8:30-9:30 am, Wednesdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room (Starts Nov. 30)
 Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11:15 am, Mondays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11:15 am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Ladies Exercise: 8-9 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance: 12-1 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 9-10 Saturdays, EAC Exercise Room (no Nov 5)
 Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance Light: 1:15-2:15 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30-1:30 Saturdays, EAC Exercise Room
 Slimnastics: 9-10 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
 Tai Chi Flow 108: 3:15-4:15 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room.
 Tai Chi Qigong: 3:15-4 pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays East Activity Center Exercise Room



No events in EAC on Nov. 5 except Fall Festival

There will be no club or group events, including use of swimming pools and fitness center, on Thursday, Nov. 24, as all OTOW facilities will be closed for the holiday.

BUILDING EVENTS

Chinese Cathay: Sunday, Nov. 13, 4 - 8 pm, EAC Kitchen/Clearwater Room
 Orizaba social: Wednesday, Nov. 16, 4:30-7:00 pm, WAC Belleair Room
 Siboney social: Wednesday, Nov. 30, 6:30-8 pm, WAC Belleair Room

PAVILION

Lambda, Friday, Nov. 11, 7 - 10 pm
 Baby Boomers, Thursday, Nov. 17, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

FACILITIES

Library
 Open 10 am to 12 pm, Mondays and 1-3pm, Wednesdays
Woodshop
 8 am-12 pm Monday-Friday (membership required)
Fitness Center Hours
 7 am to 9 pm, Monday through Saturday
 9 am to 8 pm Sundays
 (closed 12:30-2:30 Mondays and Thursdays)
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 Monday-Saturday, 8 am to 8 pm
 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 8 pm
Swimming Pools (October through April)
 Mondays-Saturdays, 8 am to 6:30 pm
 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 6:30 pm

Indoors and outdoors - Fall Festival is back with vendors, food and music

Thank you to all the residents with plans to attend the On Top of the World Fall Festival & Expo on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

Just another reason to join in the fun!

The event is free and upon arrival you will receive a gift bag while supplies last.

Vendors will also have plenty of items for purchase.

Live music will play throughout the day and toward the end of the event raffles will be called with prizes awarded to winners. You must be present to win.

This year's Fall Festival is big with nearly 100 vendors. Each year we have added more arts, crafts and food. Our continued success, however, depends on all of you to support it. Please mark your calendar, spread the word and join in for some old-fashioned fun!

Our food vendors include Felice's Gourmet Italian Deli, Sea Dog Cantina, Bar-B-Q Queen and Thurston's Catering - all accept both cash and credit card. However, some of the Arts and Crafts vendors, and our Good Neighbors Association, will require cash payment.

Good Neighbors Association will be serving donuts and coffee in the morning from the Good Karma Outpost located inside the Auditorium and then will move outside for the rest of the day to serve desserts and hot/cold beverages. Please support our Good Neighbors Association with a purchase of these goodies and raffle ticket(s) as all their proceeds go right back into events and activities that serve our community.

Here is just a snippet of other festivities that will be taking place:

- Live Music • Raffles from 1-2 p.m. in the Auditorium • Free health screenings and consultations • Pinellas County Health Department and CVS immunizations • On Top of the World club tables (Join a Club!) • Best decorated club table contest • Arts and crafts vendors • Local home improvement vendors, including Home Depot and Window World • Pinellas County Humane Society • The Florida Orchestra • Opera Tampa • Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center • Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Operation Medicine Cabinet • Mobility Plus • Maple Lanes Bowling Alley • Clearwater Neighborly Care Center and so many more vendors!



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On behalf of all the employees, vendors and participating clubs, we are so excited to celebrate the season with you all again!

The Fall Festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5.

Where: East Activity Center, (inside and outside) 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East.

Fletcher Music Center Keyboard Lessons

This fall, the Fletcher Music Center will be offering six keyboard lessons to our residents for the special price of only \$20.

The lessons will take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab each Monday from Nov. 7 through Dec. 12, 10-11 a.m.

This discount rate is for On Top of the World residents only and registered students must bring their updated activity card and payment to the first day of class.

Residents may register by telephone at 727-799-2734 or by email at general_activity@scaclw.com and reference "Keyboard Lessons." Give your name, address, telephone number and email address.

Class size is limited to 25. Registration is first-come, first-served.

Important Note: Fletcher Music Center has offered to lend a keyboard to registered students to practice on when other activities are not scheduled in the Learning Lab. Fletcher Music Center owns the keyboard and only registered students are authorized to play it. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fraud Awareness Day Monday, Nov. 14

In recognition of Fraud Awareness Week, join Pinellas County Consumer Protection and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for free onsite shredding services from 8-10 a.m. at the East Activity Center parking lot off World Parkway Boulevard East.

Please limit yourself to five boxes or bags per vehicle. No metal clips or binders. Staples can be shredded.

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

Operation Medicine Cabinet will also accept and safely dispose of unwanted medications.

A free senior scams and crime prevention presentation will follow from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room. All participants will qualify to win a raffle prize.

Scams have become more frequent and sophisticated. Meet Investigator Anna Marie Fiallos and Deputy Chuck Skipper, who will tell you what you need to do to protect your money, personal information and family.

Big Red Bus

The Big Red Bus will be here on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot (near Lawn Bowls).

Residents can register to donate blood at Nancy's Bulletin Board by visiting otowclearwaterinfo.com. Or you can register by visiting the Community Service Office or just show up at the bus.

In thanks, you will receive three gifts: a \$20 E-Gift Card of choice, an awesome blanket and a mini physical.

See more details at Nancy's Bulletin Board.

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

Catherine Palermo, Christine Nason, Christopher Loede, David Albrecht, Deborah Hicks, Denise Garcia, Elizabeth Torrens, Gerard Esposito, Jeffrey Flynn, Joan Johnston, John Henry, Kristen Filipov, Mary Lou Wall, Qiuxia Li, Ricky Roberts and Sharon Petersen.

Thank you so much for saving lives!

Movie Night Wednesday, Nov. 30

"Elf" (2003)

Rating PG

Runtime 97 minutes

After accidentally falling into Santa Claus' gift sack, a human baby is raised at the North Pole, growing up to believe he is an elf.

Due to his large size, the "elf" causes chaos in Santa's workshop, forcing Kris Kringle to send him on a mission to find his human roots.

Director: Jon Favreau. Cast: Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart, Edward Asner, Mary Steenburgen.

Food Truck Night

Food Truck Night returns on Wednesday, Dec. 14, with Charm City Seafood, Essential Pizza, Bar-B-Q Queen and Thurston's Catering planning on attending.

Activity Card Renewal

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

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

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

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

Residents can also obtain an electronic access card for the fitness center for \$7 (replacement \$25).

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

Thank you, again for attending the Fall Festival & Expo this Saturday,

Fraud Awareness Day / Free Shredding / Operation Medicine Cabinet

Shredding: Monday, Nov. 14, 8-10 a.m. EAC South Parking Lot

Operation Medicine Cabinet: Monday, Nov. 14, 8-10 a.m., EAC Parking Lot

Presentation: Monday, Nov. 14, 10:30-11:30 am, EAC Auditorium

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Pet of the Month



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Sammy has lived at On Top of the World for many years, but has only been with Tara Still in Building 30 (Fujiwara) for just over a year. Sammy loves watching for Tara's return by sitting on his footstool and poking his head through the blinds. He's a very obedient and quiet dog who listens to meditation music when he's alone. Sammy is a 12-year-old Shih Tzu who loves to be near his mom.

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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The new markets are very strict and will not accept anything other than what is listed as ALLOWED on this brochure. Current markets only pay for "clean" recycling.

As of October 1st, 2019 bins/carts will be considered "contaminated" if they contain anything other than what is on this list.

When in doubt,
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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Las-Vegas style music Nov. 17

New Year's Eve tickets almost sold out - hurry!

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Here we are in November and we are looking at another holiday. Hopefully you will be with family and friends.

What a month October was for the Entertainment Committee!

Oct. 27 we held a Tribute to the Doobie Brothers with J. Todd Plant. The concert was excellent - but we are not surprised - all our shows have been excellent!

Our Halloween dance was a night to remember with Shakes Society Band entertaining us all night with great dancing music. Band members even interacted with our residents.

Our Halloween Costume Contest was so hard to judge and we thank our residents for all the creativity that went into their fabulous costumes. The winners will be announced in our December article. Thank you all for making this a wonderful night!

The NYCE Guys will perform for us on Thursday, Nov. 17. The NYCE Guys are three vocalists who bring their love of harmony and memories for music from the '50s, '60s, Motown and Las Vegas-style Rat Pack. The show features has a wide variety of music and lots of fun.

The NYCE Guys all grew up in New York City and are each accomplished performers in their own right. Come out for a fun evening of entertainment.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, Southshore Cruisers will be performing in our auditorium. This band has entertained throughout the area, including here at OTOW, Hillsborough County, and are regulars for the Sun City Center dance clubs.

This band specializes in the great dance music of the '60s and '70s, so get your dancing shoes on and come out for a fun evening.

On Sunday, Nov. 20, we will have our annual meeting, along with horse racing, during our free Meet-and-Greet. The fun begins at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Thank you to those of you who renewed your 2023 season tickets in October. Sales for all shows and dances, are now open to all residents for 2023, so stop by the Entertainment Committee's table Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10:30 a.m. to check out our lineup for 2023.

You may want to think about season tickets for 2023 as this guarantees you have your same seat throughout the year. Season

THE NYCE GUYS

The NYCE Guys are three vocalists bringing the love of harmony and memories of the 50s, 60s, Motown and Las Vegas-style Rat Pack entertainment to the stage. The show features plenty of variety and lots of fun!

The NYCE Guys all grew up in New York City, and are each accomplished performers in their own right.

This Vegas style show is a guaranteed hit for audiences ready to reminisce!

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show tickets are \$160 for eight shows. Season dance tickets are \$140 for 12 dances including New Year's Eve.

Just a reminder, New Year's Eve tickets for 2022 are going fast, so if you are interested in attending this big event now is the time to purchase your

ticket(s).

If you have any questions regarding dances or shows, please call (727) 499-9243 or (215) 431-4799.

On behalf of the OTOW Entertainment Committee, we wish you all a beautiful Thanksgiving.

The Entertainment Committee New Year's Eve Dance returns for the first time in three years.

Tickets are almost sold out ...

8:30-10:30 am Mondays & Thursdays in the EAC Auditorium!

Monthly Calendar ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



Tickets on sale 8:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays & Thursdays in the EAC Auditorium.
View our entire schedule online at otowboxoffice.com

NOVEMBER

- 17 The NYCE GUYS – ‘50s, ‘60s, Motown with
“RAT PACK” Style Humor
- 19 Harvest Dance with The Southshore Cruisers

DECEMBER

- 15 Sequel Holiday Show presents
“Sparkling Entertainment”
- 31 New Year’s Eve dance
featuring Soul Love (9 pm, \$30)



JANUARY

- 19 Elvis - Dwight Icenhower
- 21 T C & Sass Band



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For more information about the Entertainment Committee call (727) 449-9243.

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Important Information

Summit Broadband

Please be advised that Summit Broadband contractors have started their groundwork in our community.

Access to your unit is paramount in ensuring successful completion of phase one of the project. If you are not going to be home, please plan to provide access to your unit by any of the following ways:

1. Provide a neighbor with a key
2. Drop off a key at the Community Service Office
3. Mail key to: On Top of the World Condominium Association Inc
2069 World Parkway Blvd East, Clearwater, Fl., 33763

(If dropping off or mailing a key, or leaving a key with a neighbor, please use the form at right)

Keys dropped off or mailed in will be returned upon completion of phase one. Please note, the dates provided are approximate and subject to change. Upon request, please plan to clear an area as required for an access point. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Dropping Off Keys

If you are dropping off a key to your condo for Summit Broadband contractors to use to access your unit while you are away, please fill out this form, cut out and submit with your spare key.

Name: _____

OTOW Address: _____

Building # _____ Condo # _____

Phone: _____

I have left a spare key with a neighbor in my building. The spare key is in unit _____

Neighborhood Watch starts off the season of giving with special Blessing Bags

By Dave Beaven

The motto of Neighborhood Watch is: "We look out for each other."

Our goal is to build a safe and strong community.

Some of the ways we have accomplished this are by doing service projects over the years. Examples are: adopting families nominated by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to help with Christmas gifts, collecting socks for nursing home residents, providing a hot meal for hospital medical staff during covid, etc.

Our most recent project was putting together "Blessing Bags" for needy residents here in our community. Some of them don't get out much due to age or illness, so we made up small bags of toiletry items for their convenience. They are being distributed by the Neighborly Care Network which runs Meals on Wheels and transportation for some of our residents.

Neighborly Care Network was enthusiastic about this opportunity to provide these items to the folks they serve. With higher prices these days, a little extra help means a lot.

And we salute Neighborly Care Network as a valuable service to our neigh-



bors.

We are holding a general meeting for residents next month on Monday, Nov 7 at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. We are looking forward to hearing your concerns here at On Top of the World. We feel that OTOW is a great place to live with its many activities and facilities. But it's also a human place. And where you have humans, there can also be misunderstandings.

By listening to each other, we hope to be able to tap into the collective wisdom from the experiences of attendees and come up with helpful suggestions and even some solutions.



Anita Castora, from Meals on Wheel, right, accepts a Blessing Bag from Denise Malfer, left, and Becky Balderson.

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You can donate to the Veterans Group by letting us sell your unwanted stuff at the upcoming flea market

By Pamela Rosenblatt

November is another busy month for your Veterans Group.

Come out and see us at the Fall Festival in the East Activity Center back parking lot on Saturday, Nov. 5 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

While you're enjoying the festival, make sure to vote for our booth as the best decorated. We'll also have copies of our schedule for 2023.

Our largest fundraising event of the year is during the Good Neighbors Fall Flea Market on Saturday, Nov. 12 in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Doors will be open to



the public at 10 am.

If you have anything in your home

you do not want anymore, donate it to the Veterans Group and we will attempt to sell it at the flea market. All proceeds will go toward our club.

We will greatly appreciate and accept donations on Friday, Nov. 11, between noon-3 p.m.

The Veterans Group annual Holiday Celebration Cruise is taking place on the Calypso Breeze leaving from John's Pass on Thursday, Dec. 8.

For more information and to sign up for this fun event, stop by our information table on Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium or email

otowveteransgroup@gmail.com.

As always, we will collect donations for Bay Pines Veterans Administration in St. Petersburg. You can find a list of items needed at our information table.

Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

Starting in 2023, we will be collecting unserviceable US Flags at our information table. We will ensure our US Flags are retired and disposed of correctly.

Also you can expect to see information on US Flag protocol in our articles. God Bless America.



Veterans, family and friends gathered in October for an annual Veterans Barbeque at the On Top of the World Pavilion. Nearly 30 people enjoyed socializing and feasting, with special Halloween cupcakes for dessert. (OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



For more than two decades, On Top of the World resident Fran Glaros has been mailing care boxes to troops on active duty all over the world - people she does not even know. In September, OTOW Bingo asked players to bring in items and donate cash so Fran could continue her contributions. The following is a thank you letter from Fran.

Due to residents who play bingo, the organizing officials and all their generosity, we have been able to send 14 boxes of needed items to our very deserving troops in October.

Thank you for your generosity and help. Each package will bring a smile to each trooper as they open a box from On Top of the World.

Thank you to all who helped. You are a real blessing to those who served.

- Fran Glaros



The East Activity Center Auditorium was packed on Oct. 16 as people listened to music and played bingo at the same time. (OTOW News photo by Howard Wolff)

First Music Bingo night was a big success

By Jesse Tiamson

Good Neighbors Association had its fall social on Oct. 16. The much-anticipated Music Bingo Night was met with much enthusiasm by those who attended.

One attendee even commented, "You gotta do this more often" and she was singing along to music projected on the movie screen.

For two hours, the host DJ, Martin Brinkley, got us all entertained with video music by the original bands and singers. The event lived up to the hype and didn't disappoint.

While some residents have seen this type of bingo at local Elks Lodges, most

have not even heard of it until that day.

Three games of bingo were played and cash prizes of \$25 were given to each of the winners.

The event also collected the biggest winning ever from the 50-50 raffle.

Good Neighbors Association volunteers prepared and served food. The menu included hot dogs in a bun, baked beans, chips and drinks.

Months of planning went into the event by myself, President Jesse Tiamson, Vice President Susan Trost and volunteer Evelyn Tiamson.

We'd like to thank all the volunteers

for their untiring efforts to make this event a success.

Good Neighbors Association also held its Fall Food & Clothing Drive on Oct. 22. Our club will also participate in the Fall Festival & Expo on Nov. 5 and will host our annual Flea Market & Craft Show on Nov. 12.

The next Get Acquainted Coffee will be Thursday, Nov. 10, with vocalist Carla Hines providing the entertainment. Carla is an OTOW resident.

We'd like to call on residents to volunteer for this organization, especially in the coming year.



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No one has to have a will, but if you don't, the county and state will make decisions for you

Scam Alert: There is yet another scam going on where you get a phone call and your caller ID says it's from Medicare.

Then you are asked if you got your new Medicare card.

HANG UP.

There is no new Medicare card. Also, no one from Medicare will ever call you.

Scam Alert: There's nothing wrong with leasing a car - if that's what you want to do.

There is something wrong with leasing a car when what you really want is to buy a car, either with or without financing arrangements.

In this month's newspaper, page 21, OTOW News Editor Doug Kates tells a story about almost getting tricked into leasing a car. Make sure you read his story.

Doug took his car in for an oil change and spent an hour getting harrassed and pressured by a salesman who tried to sell him a new car. Problem was, the deal was too good and Doug was suspicious. Turns out, the salesman tried to trick him into leasing a car.

The beauty of what Doug did was he read the document that was presented to him and noticed something was wrong.

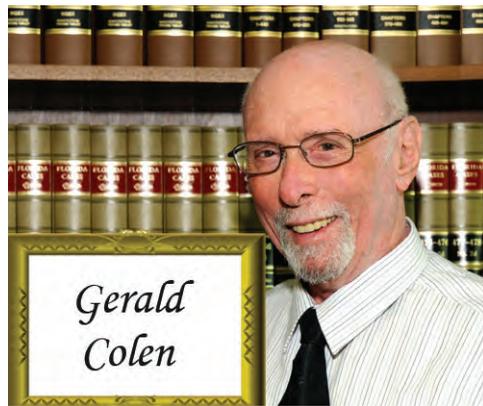
I've got this saying. It's "Jerry Colen's "First Rule." Legal 101: Read the documents.

If you do that, and you still don't understand them, that's a red flag.

You should not sign any document you do not understand.

Period!

Look. Let's be honest. The sales folks we meet along our way are nice and friendly and very sincere sounding. But it



is your job to stay alert.

And most important, don't leave the dealership, or any place where you've signed a document, without having the original or an exact copy of the original, right smack dab in your hands.

If you are ever told you don't need a copy, just ignore that advice and follow my advice. Get and keep a copy of what you signed.

Q. Look. I'm a twice-divorced woman with no plans ever to remarry. I have no children. I have distant relatives, but I've had no contact with any of them other than Christmas cards, but rarely, even those.

Those relatives only check on me to see if I've croaked and to see if they are in my will. But honestly, I do not want them to get anything of mine.

I do have a few dollars saved, but no one to leave it to.

Charities?

Yes, but they take your money and forget about you until next year.

Why should I spend a lot of money for a will when I have no one to whom I

wish to leave anything?

A. I get a question like this now and then. This one, actually came to me from a good friend who I've known for about 25 years. She's not a client of mine though.

However, since she posed it directly to me, I'm including it here.

My answer is for everyone who wonders about needing a will when there's no one to whom you want to leave anything.

The truth is, you don't ever have to have a will if you don't want one. You can just let the law of the State of Florida (or whichever state where you live), decide who gets your estate.

In Florida, it'll probably be the closest of those distant relatives, even though it may take a very long time to find them.

As for the personal representative (executor), that person will be someone appointed by the Probate Court from the county where you reside.

If you have an IRA, an annuity or a life insurance policy, and you've named a beneficiary (even if it's a former spouse, a now deceased beneficiary, or someone you've come to dislike), that person will get whatever is in those accounts.

If you have those accounts, but you never did name a beneficiary, then the State of Florida, along with the entity holding the account, will most likely have a hand in deciding what happens.

I once had a client tell me that the only reason he was going to sign a will was to make sure that not one of his relatives ever got one penny from him.

OK, that's one way to look at it.

I reminded him that he needed to check his pension plan to see if there was

a death benefit and if so, to whom it was payable.

Q. If a spouse is cheating on you, can you take that spouse out of your will?

A. Yes. You can take the spouse out of your will, but if at your passing you are still married to that person, whether you live together or not, the State of Florida will not let you just ignore her as a beneficiary of your estate.

It's best for you to sit down with an attorney and discuss this.

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Sing carols with the Chorus!

Chorus changes plans for holiday concert

By Marilyn Zylstra

The On Top of the World Chorus was set to cancel its annual holiday concert.

But it's Christmas. You cannot cancel Christmas.

So here's what we are going to do.

A change in plans.

Everyone at On Top of the World is invited to attend the first OTOW Chorus holiday concert where everyone sings!

We will be caroling.

Our chorus members will be on stage leading the way. We will pass out words and music to your favorite holiday songs.

Please join us for just an hour or so, as we all get together and sing carols together.

We will decorate the stage a little.

We invite you to come in your favorite



Chorus

holiday attire.

The first ever caroling concert will take place 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3 in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

If you come and have fun, then join Chorus for our spring show in 2023. Everyone is invited, especially men. Questions? Look for Chorus 8:30-10:30 Mondays and Thursdays in the EAC.



Every chorus concert includes a sing-along where residents can join in the holiday cheer.

You cannot buy a \$36,000 car for \$279 a month

You've read Jerry Colen's columns about avoiding scams. You've also read valuable scamming information in Kenneth Colen's columns and from the consumer protection group that visits here.

But are you listening?

In September, I took my car in for a routine oil change at the auto dealer that sold me my car.

It was supposed to be a simple oil change.

It wasn't.

While I was waiting in the dealership's lobby, a "nice" salesman came over and asked me for information about my car. He wanted to know the year, how many miles were on it and how many payments I had left to go.

He left, but eventually returned.

The salesman said he had a brand new car on his lot, same make, same color, but brand new. He was willing to pay off my current car, plus give me \$5,000 in cash and put me in this brand new car for no money down and only \$279 a month - \$20 less than my current payments.

Best part - he told me I would only have to make payments for two years!

Right away I started hearing Jerry Colen screaming at me that something was wrong.

People. You cannot pay off a new car at \$279 a month for two years.

I said, "no."

Next thing I knew, the salesman drove the 2023 car to the front of the dealership, handed me the car keys and told me to take it for a spin. The car was gorgeous.

I walked outside and looked at the car. The sticker price was \$36,000.

Now Jerry Colen was really screaming at me.

People. If you try to pay off a \$36,000 car over 24 months, that's at least \$1500 a month. There was no way \$279 a month was a legitimate offer.

I said, "no" again.

Then the salesman said, "Look. I need your car. There is a computer chip shortage. People need used cars. You give me your car and I am happy. You get a brand new 2023 car that you can drive off the lot today."

I asked him what the catch was. I said there is no way you are going to sell me that car for \$279 a month over two years.

He said, "no catch."

I said "no" again and returned to the lobby.

Minutes later the same salesman approached me for a third time with a contract. Right in front of my nose was all the numbers: \$36,000, 2023, two years, \$279 a month.

After all this harrassment, what would you do?

Think about it.

With Jerry Colen hitting me over the head with boxing gloves on, I reviewed the entire contract because I knew there was something wrong.

Then I found it.

Any guesses?

In the bottom right hand corner of the contract was the word "LEASE."

I was fuming!

This salesman tried to get me to sell my car for another car I would never own - just lease for two years.

That was the catch. In two years they would ask me to return the car and then I wouldn't own one.

I listened to Jerry. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is not legitimate.

I brought my car in for a simple oil change and was harassed three times by an individual trying to steal my car.

I have 18 months worth of payments to go on my car and then I will still have a car to trade in. I came very close to doing something very stupid.

Please. Don't let this happen to you. Be aware. If you have questions, ask a friend or neighbor. Never be too quick to sign anything.

And don't trust anyone.



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Skirt and Ties entertains during Get Acquainted Coffee in October

The final Get Acquainted Coffee for the summer season took place on Oct. 13 and you could tell Snowbird season was coming - Good Neighbors Association ran out of donuts!

That's a good thing!

Almost every seat in the East Activity Center Auditorium was filled as Skirt and Ties entertained with their barbershop-style music. Skirt and Ties is a local group, including our own Mike Wood from On Top of the World. Skirt and Ties has competed and won awards. The morning event on Oct. 13 was

not only a live concert, but was a chance for them to prepare for their next upcoming competition.

The morning also included club information tables, free coffee, new neighbors, community news, vendors, raffles and more.

The next Get Acquainted Coffee will be Thursday, Nov. 10 - the first one during the winter season. Information tables open at 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee and donuts at 9 a.m. The featured entertainment will be Carla Hines, who is an On Top of the World resident and singer.



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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Fall Festival set for Nov. 5

For the first time in three years, the On Top of the World Fall Festival & Expo is back.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the East Activity Center Auditorium and back parking lot will be filled with vendors - more than 90!

Vendor-related services will include health, home improvement, pet care, county information, vacation planners, jewelry, insurance, music, crafts and more.

You will be able to get your eyes and ears checked. You can get a flu shot. You can drop off unwanted medications for safe disposal.

There will be morning snacks and afternoon lunches. How about barbecued ribs at 1 p.m. in the afternoon?

The pandemic forced On Top of the World to postpone this annual tradition for two years.

Inside you can ask for keyboard lessons and try getting a hole-in-one.

Outside will be music and dancing, and plenty of cool refreshments.

There will be raffles, so you can go home with more cash than you arrived with.

Do you remember the Irish Club parade earlier this year where the Press Association donated a cutout where you could have your picture taken as an Irish lad and lady?

Well, the idea has carried over to the Fall Festival.

John Fier, from the Art Guild, has been painting a fall cutout since April and it will be ready in time for everyone to have their picture taken at the festival for a souvenir.

The cutout was first designed by newspaper Editor Doug Kates and the wood was assembled by Henry Santos from the Fixers Club.

When you visit the festival, you will get a chance to fulfill a lifetime dream of being a farmer gnome. Whether you want to be the guy gnome or lady gnome is up to you.

Several On Top of the World clubs will be represented at the festival, including the Good Neighbors Association, which will be selling food and drinks.

Also look for the Canadian Club, Art Guild, Chorus, Democratic Club, Entertainment Committee, Fixers, Irish Club, Italian-American Club, Knitting Group, Jesters, Lawn Bowls, New York-New Jersey Club, Pray for America, World Quilters, Ronald Reagan Republican Club, Snowbirds Club, Theater Workshop and Veterans Group.

Food vendors include Felice's Italian Deli, Sea Dog Cantina and Thurston's Catering.

Looking for future entertainment. Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center will be here, along with Opera Tampa and The Florida Orchestra.

Interested in giving a puppy a home? The Pinellas County Humane Society will be there, too.

Please carpool as there will be limited parking.

Some parking will be available on the World Parkway Boulevard side of the EAC. Additional parking will be available on Denmark Street near the maintenance building. Please do not park at neighboring buildings.

See you Nov. 5.



John Fier puts the finishing touches on a cutout that will be displayed in the East Activity Center back parking lot during the festival. This will be a great place to take pictures.

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Join the Coloring Book Group in time for the artsy holiday season



By Elsie Paulan

Thanksgiving is on its way so our picture of the month might just be what we need to think about.

"No place like home."

Hopefully our Snowbirds are back and so many of them are thought of as family here in their home away from home.

We were not able to meet a few times in October due to the floors being redone. When we went back, we were ready to take our shoes off as the floors were so beautiful.

Thank you to those who did all the work.

October was Halloween month and, as usual, we brought little decorations and treats to share. This year was no exception.

So you see we do enjoy ourselves so come on in.

The Coloring Book Group meets each Wednesday from noon until 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room. We come early or late and leave early or at 3. We talk and laugh a lot. I feel we are a socializing club that colors. Join in the fun.

Coloring book picture at right was colored by Pat Rutledge.



Bible Study group returns to On Top of the World in January

By James Zylstra

It is with great pleasure to announce the resumption of the non-denominational Bible Study group here at On Top of the World.

It will begin on Friday, January 6, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Our new instructor is preparing to teach the Old Testament book of Ruth for our first meeting.

The new instructor is David Hall, a retired Mennonite pastor of 18 years. He also spent three years as a missionary in Nigeria, West Africa, a principal of Swift Current Bible School in Saskatchewan, and an adjunct professor at Winebrenner Seminary.

Yes, Dave has been around the block!

The format to be followed will begin with a 30-40 minute explanation of the lesson followed by 20-30 minutes of ques-

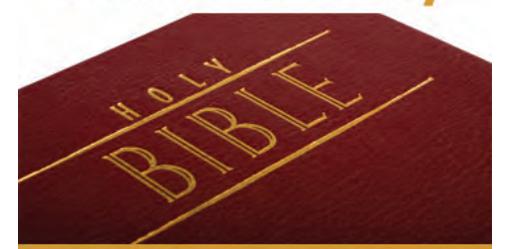
tions from the class.

Note, however, that the total time will be 60 minutes.

If there are more questions, they will be for after class.

Please join Dave and many of your former classmates on Jan. 6. If you have questions, email Jim Zylstra at zyls@sbcglobal.net.

Bible Study



If you are confused about apps and TVs, come to a Computer Club meeting for guidance

By Mike Wood

"I thought that apps were just for computers and cellular phones."

The On Top of the World Computer Club frequently hears this perplexing comment.

Well, that is just not the case anymore, especially when talking about streaming television.

Yes, streaming television is right around the corner here at OTOW. It will be new to a lot of people, at least, so they thought.

Streaming television has been around for a long time. Smart TVs have been in homes now for the better part of 25 years. Heck, the first 'smart' TV patent dates back to 1994.

So what's the big hubbub?

The answer lies in the ever changing world of apps. Computers and cell phones have been using them for years. Smart TVs have also been using apps for years, as a way for folks without cable TV to access programming via the internet.

There are also app addition sticks



Computer Club

that can be added to any television with an HDMI plug, generally known as smart app TV sticks.

According to Consumer Reports, the most popular television app provider add-ons (or sticks) are Roku, Amazon Fire

Stick and Apple TV. All three of these add-on devices can provide more than 1200 apps for viewing selection.

Many of these apps offer multiple channels within the app programming. These add-on devices access a multitude of apps directly from the internet; apps that can help all of us find just about any programming we want.

Here are a few of the more popular free apps that you can find on most any smart TV or add-on 'stick':

- The Roku Channel – all kinds of movies and TV shows
- Pluto TV – movies and TV shows separated by specific individual show channels
- YouTube – a little bit of everything, not just music any more
- Local Now – 24-hour local news feed (similar to Spectrum News)
- Weather Nation – for folks who can't get The Weather Channel (some folks like it more)
- Vudu and Tubi – two apps providing thousands of movies and TV shows

• Peacock – affiliated with NBC programming and more

• American Classics, Classic Movie Vault – two apps with several hundred classic movies

• Sports – ESPN

• Music – Pandora, Spotify Music, Apple Music

The list is now almost endless.

A service that Summit Broadband will be providing will also be app-based. Their app is called SBB View.

If folks are looking for just about anything to watch on television, there's an app for it. If you have any questions about these TV apps and how to access them, come to a Wednesday morning Computer Club tech help or Saturday morning club meeting, both from 8:30-10 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. We'll be glad to help you learn how to search for apps and channels to suit your needs.

If you want to try learning on your own, there's an app for that as well... it's called YouTube.

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Please consider Registration Night on Nov. 16 if you wish to become a Canadian Club member

By Connie Stanley

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

I'm hopeful that all Canadians had a thankful and bountiful Thanksgiving back up north in October. We're so fortunate to live at OTOW as we are able to enjoy two Thanksgivings each year.

The Canadian Club Executive Committee is excited to kick off a new season this month.

First, come and visit us at the 2022 OTOW Fall Festival and Expo outdoors in the East Activity Center parking lot. You can't miss us under the red canopy. We'll be decked out in red and white colors with a hint of fall interspersed into our décor.

We are taking this opportunity to be in the festival to take membership registrations and let everyone know what we are all about.

Do not forget, if you play Blackout, you must become a club member for the low price of \$5 a year and must have a valid OTOW activity card. We will have some trinkets at the Fall Festival, too, so come on out, meet and join our club.

We're looking forward to meeting you and members. Everyone is welcome to join regardless of nationality.

Registration Night will convene Nov. 16 in the East Activity Center Auditorium starting at 5 p.m. All you need to bring is a valid OTOW Activity Card and \$5 to enjoy a free wine and cheese social hour, afterward. It's an opportunity to make new friends and renew old acquaintances!

By joining our club, you may participate in Social Games – Blackout (which runs weekly, year-round), Lawn Bowl Doubles, a Golf Fun Day, a Blue Jays spring training game, a Day at the Races at Tampa Bay Downs, a picnic, and enjoy members' pricing for any or all of our club's three dinner-dances and more!

Also, please sign up as a volunteer at the volunteer table because, as they say, "Many hands make light work!" Like



each club at OTOW, we always need folks to help out and it's a great way to get involved and meet new people.

Lydia Côté, sales coordinator, will be selling tickets for our Dec. 5 Christmas Dinner–Dance. We'll be offering a traditional Christmas dinner with all the fixin's and prices are: Members \$35 and guests \$40. The dinner will be followed by a great night of dancing to Grant Hemond and Associates - DJ services.

Also at Registration Night, you can sign-up for our Golf Fun Day with Harry Morrison for \$12, and sign-up with John Henry if you are interested in a Day at the Races at Tampa Bay Downs.

At the Canadian Club Information Table on Monday and Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center (8:30-10:30 a.m.), you'll find Lydia and Harold Côté selling Christmas party tickets. The dates of our information tables are Nov. 17, Nov. 21, Nov. 28 and Dec. 1.

Susan Cober, club registrar, and her team will also be there to register new members and returning members.

Finally, when you go to the official OTOW Association website (otowclearwaterinfo.com), click Community Activities and scroll down to Clubs and Civic Organizations. Click our Cana-



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dian Club link. and you will go directly to our official website! I was excited OTOW could embed the hyperlink for us and hope that other clubs will soon do it too.

May your abundance overflow with an endless number of blessings, bounty, love, harmony and peace on Thanksgiving Day.



OTOW Canadian Club Registration Night

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, 5 pm, EAC Auditorium

Any nationality can join the Canadian Club

Events scheduled for the 2022-23 season include:

- Three dinner dances • Golf Fun Day
- Lawn Bowls Doubles Tournament,
- Social games (including Blackout)
- A Blue Jays game • Day at the Races
- Happy Hour Cabaret and more

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Join us on Nov. 16 to register. A wine and cheese social will follow. Cost is \$5 and you must have a valid activity card.



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Tickets on sale for Paul Duffy, pizza party and Christmas luncheon



Paul Duffy with two of many instruments.

By Barbara Rice

On Top of the World Irish Club officers are busy planning an outstanding evening of entertainment for the community.

Social get-togethers are also on the upcoming calendar.

Paul Duffy will take stage in the East Activity Center Auditorium on Feb. 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

He has been dubbed a “modern day minstrel.” The multi-talented musician, composer and vocalist has performed around the world with the Irish band, The Commitments.

He will perform during an evening filled with timeless Irish music played on many instruments. In addition, he is known to be a hilarious storyteller.

Tickets to the Paul Duffy Concert are \$15 for Irish club members and \$18 for guests. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to help fund the annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Members are reminded a pizza party is scheduled on Nov. 10 in the EAC Largo Room beginning at 5 p.m.

Our annual Christmas brunch will be held at the Dunedin Golf Club on Dec. 11 beginning at 11 a.m.

March in OTOW will once again feature the Irish Club Parade. The 27th parade steps off on Saturday, March 4,



Irish Club

2023. It is never too soon to begin planning entries.

The OTOW Irish Club always invites new members to join - and you do not have to be Irish. You just have to like wearing green and having fun.

Annual membership dues are \$5 per resident.

Tickets to the Paul Duffy concert and to the social events will be sold on Monday and Thursday mornings in the EAC Auditorium. Membership dues for the new club-year will also be collected.

Irish Club officers are President Tom O’Riordan, Vice President Colman Weir, Treasurer Martin Ford and Secretary Rose Mulhall.

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Our cornhole tossers are now getting expert advise

By Margaret LeTourneau

What's new with the Moving 'n Grooving Cornhole Group?

First of all, we were thrilled to have an expert cornhole player share his many strategies on how to improve our game.

Rick Muchler, who is originally from Finger Lakes, N.Y., is a retired factory worker for Philips Lighting.

Rick and his wife, Lisa, have recently moved to On Top of the World. They are enjoying all of the many activities that our community offers... especially cornhole!

Rick, who loves this game, has played in cornhole tournaments for 10 years. He has acquired many skills and strategies. Rick offered to coach our players during a recent practice session.

We are very grateful to Rick for offering his expertise. He is a great instructor.

Thank you, Rick!

In the photo at right, Rick is coaching Bill Moreland, who is one of our hard-working team members. You can always find Bill setting up the equipment and helping to keep the court rotations moving smoothly ... all while giving everyone a big welcoming smile.

Secondly, because of its popularity, cornhole is no longer on trial! It is now a permanent part of the Moving 'n Grooving Club. This is very exciting news!

As you all realize, we are a non-profit club. We buy all of our equipment out of pocket. We volunteer all of our time for each activity. We donate 14 hours of fun activities each week to our community.



For a yearly, one-time membership fee of \$15, you can play cornhole each week until 2024.

However, this not only entitles each member to two hours of cornhole, it also entitles them to six hours of line dancing and six hours of cardio dancing each week.

Of course, this also includes taking part in our fabulous parties, our men's Retread music-singing group, our Star Shine Singers group and our upcoming cruise scheduled for December 2023.

What a bargain!

If you haven't tried cornhole yet, why don't you pop over and join the fun? It's every Monday from 1-3 p.m. at the West Activity Center Belleair Room.



Rick Muchler, right, shows Bill Moreland some winning strategies for tossing the perfect beanbag.

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One of our favorite instructors is back so come join Line Dancing and start learning the steps

By Leila Walker

Our beloved Ute Scheibe, an On Top of the World line dance instructor, had to take some time off from class.

As soon as she returned, which was during a 7 a.m. practice class, participants welcomed her back.

Other line dancers in the Tuesday and Saturday sessions also welcomed her back and signed a card.

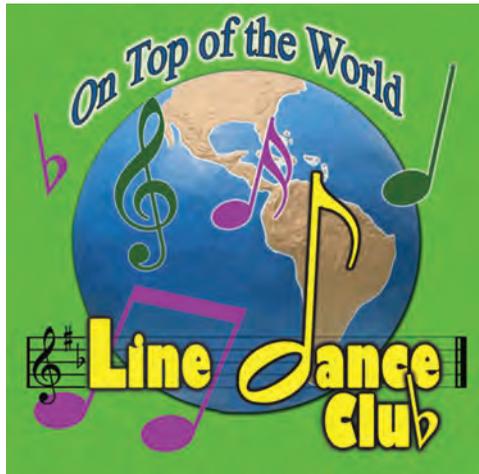
Ute was given a bottle of wine and a lovely card signed by many line dancers plus many hugs and welcome backs.

We all missed her and we are very happy to see her back with us.

Join Ute at line dancing sessions!

Line Dance Club regular sessions are held every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Advanced Beginner dances are offered from 1-2 p.m. and Improver dances are offered from 2-3 p.m.

Line dance sessions are also offered every Saturday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the



EAC Auditorium. Advanced Beginner dances are offered from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and Improver dances are offered from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Additional practice sessions are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,



Ute Scheibe, second from left, is welcomed back to class by Mary Becker, Madeleine Fontaine, Pat Van Hise and Vonnie Oto.

and Fridays from 7-8 a.m. in the EAC Exercise Room. These sessions prepare you for the dances that will be on the Tuesday and Saturday program.

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

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Still openings for Vegas Vibes cast

By Evelyn Flam

Anyone interested in performing in the Jester show, "Vegas Vibes," or working behind the scenes, is more than welcome to join us.

Our show will go live in February.

Call Robyn Kumar at 516-662-9640 if you have any questions.

As rehearsals begin with a great deal of enthusiasm, it's a delight for cast and crew to hear the music of Vegas.

Not all parts of the show have been cast yet, so we look forward to having our 'Snowbirds' join in the fun both on stage and backstage.

The Jesters February show, "Vegas Vibes" contains memorable music that was performed by some of the most notable Las Vegas stars. And, yes, like past Jesters shows, it will blend past, present, and future.

In short, it is a tribute to the past utilizing today's technology and performers.

General admission tickets for the mid-February show are still only \$5 and are available at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Jesters information table. You're also welcome to join us at the



Jesters

Jesters general meeting on Nov. 9 in the Belleair Room of the West Activity Center. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

As usual, we will provide coffee and refreshments.

We look forward to your joining us for this enjoyable experience. Let's get together "Jest For Fun!"

**The Italian-American Club and New York-New Jersey Club
are back on the Box Office!
Visit their web pages at otowboxoffice.com**

Every writer on staff should be attending the Writer's Workshop on Nov. 3

No member of the Press Association is expected to learn four years of college journalism classes in one night, but On Top of the World News Editor Doug Kates is going to do his best to at least teach basic journalism in one hour.

If you are on the newspaper staff, you are supposed to be in attendance.

The annual Press Association Writer's Workshop will take place at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3, in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

This is the one meeting, all year, that everyone on the newspaper staff should attend. It is the only night all year when Doug teaches.

Whether you are a building writer, sports writer, club writer, group writer or even a columnist, please put Nov. 3 on your calendar. The goal is to have everyone in-and-out in one hour.

Doug will go over what stories we write about and what we do not write about. He will go over the Associated Press style of writing and explain our own guidelines.

We will go over bad writing habits, taking shortcuts and relearn which words get uppercase and which words get lowercase.

We will learn that quotation marks go after the period. "Ahhhhh."

We will learn not to start a story about the weather and not to start a story about welcoming home our Snowbird friends. If you have already written your December story and it says, "We missed you," please start over.

This past October, the Press Association held a very important meeting attended by 35 staffers, Doug explained to staff that our October newspaper was delivered five days late because our printing



company is based in Venice and was hit head-on by Hurricane Ian. It took a few extra days to finish the newspaper and get it delivered here. He appreciated everyone's patience.

As previously discussed at other meetings, Doug also reminded staff that someday OTOW News will probably become an online newspaper only. The cost of paper continues to go up, there are less paper-manufacturing plants and when the newspaper becomes too expensive to produce, it will probably be online only.

When? Not known.

Doug is looking into printing costs for 2023 and if On Top of the World can continue to print a quality newspaper and has enough ad revenue to pay for it, the paper version should stay. But he prepared the staff that someday the switch will probably take place.

Tara Still, one member of the Press Association, said that someday a new generation of people will be living at On



Press Association President Tom Butcher and On Top of the World News Editor Doug Kates address Press Association members during the club's meeting in October. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Top of the World who do everything on their computer. She said they will gladly read newspapers on their computers and phones.

But Tara said the residents currently living here are people who grew up hold-

ing a newspaper in their hands and she hoped we would continue that tradition a few more years.

Doug said he would provide more information as it comes in.

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First Bingo Marathon in three years

Lucky charms, food, cakes, conversation and, yes, bingo!



By Diane Like

The first Bingo Marathon at On Top of the World in three years is successfully in the books.

With advanced tickets sales only, we knew to expect 150 avid bingo players and when the doors opened at 10 a.m., they began arriving.

Many came early to get their treasured seats.

After receiving their pre-paid packets for each game, almost all the players got additional sheets for each game that was for sale.

With game sheets in hand, everyone then received a goody bag containing water bottles, cookies, a dauber and a program.

As it got closer to our noon starting time, the auditorium was full and the excitement was growing.



There were plenty of happy faces at a Bingo Marathon held in October.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Everyone was busy talking with their friends and neighbors, setting up their lucky charms, and getting their cards in order. All while munching on their complementary donuts.

After playing for several games, volunteers took lunches around to all the players. Everyone chatted as they ate their fried chicken and sides during a break in the games. The best part was the delicious, homemade cakes.

As the rest of the games were played,

numerous players commented to me on how well the day was organized and progressed.

A huge thank you to Lu Greenhalgh in playing a major part in organizing everything down to the last detail and baking all the cakes.

I would also like to thank the numerous volunteers who helped with set-up on Friday afternoon, and then returned at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning to complete the preparations for the day.

It made for a successful day, enjoyed by everyone. It does truly “take a village.”

Our next marathon will be in the spring so watch for the announcement of advanced ticket sales in the January edition of OTOW News.

In the meantime, you can play bingo every Monday night at the East Activity Center. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the games start at 6:15. Bingo game sheets are sold between 4–6 p.m. at the event.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party is Dec. 1

By William Peterson

The New York-New Jersey Club is happy to say that we now have elected our board members for the 2022/23 season.

President will be Pat Hayes, Vice President Joe DeChiaro, Secretary Will Peterson and Treasurer Ron Gartner

Well, it is that time of year again for us to reach into our wallet and pull out that \$5 bill and rejoin the club.

Dues can be collected each Monday and Thursday at our information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Or, you can join us on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the On Top of the World Fall Festival and Expo, where we will have an outside table and you can pay your \$5 then.

On Thursday, Dec 1, the New York-New Jersey Club will host an Ugly Christmas Sweater Party in the Auditorium. Cost is \$25. Food will be served starting at 5 p.m. and catered by Mama Felice.

The feast consists of seafood salad (shrimp and penne pasta in white sauce),



chicken fingers and dipping sauce, sausage and peppers, meatballs and salad, and cannoli and cookies. There also will be coffee, ice and water.

Entertainment for the evening will

feature a new disc jockey, Les N More.

Please bring a gift for The Kimberly Home Pregnancy Center. Our club will be making a donation.

On Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, our club will host Sports Night. Wear a jersey to show off your favorite team. Keep in mind the Super Bowl will be only two weeks away.

Dinner will be catered by Mama Felice in the EAC Auditorium and will be served at 5 p.m. Dinner includes Mama's chicken strips with dipping sauces, baked ziti, pulled pork, salad to the table and bread. Her famous apple cobbler will be for dessert. Water, coffee and ice will be available. Music will be provided by the Kathy and Paul Duo. The cost will be \$23.

In March, our club will participate in the Irish Club Parade, as we do every year, and we hope that our members will be ready to march and wear the green.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, club members will be watching snippets from

the movie “Mama Mia” and listening to music by Abba.

This will take place in the EAC Largo Room starting at 6 p.m.

Brush up on your Abba songs so you can participate in a sing-along. Dinner will include a Greek salad, dessert, coffee, water and ice. Cost is \$10.

The New York/New Jersey Club is open to anyone who lives at On Top of the World. The only requirement is that you must have a valid Activity Card.

We support other clubs within OTOW and organizations within the Clearwater area.

We have an information table in the East Activity Center every Monday and Thursday from 8:30 until 10 a.m. We will now have a regular page on the Box Office as well (otowboxoffice.com). Look for our logo.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with activities. If you would like to volunteer, contact a board member.

How do you narrow down your choices when there is so much to write about?

By Lori Gottshall

It happened again!

Similar writing topics were presented at last week's meeting. The writing styles varied greatly, but each person used Mother Nature or the universe to help describe their thoughts about living life as it comes and making the best of it.

Was it Hurricane Ian that prompted this group think?

Picking a topic and finding a way to express your ideas in writing can sometimes be a frustrating experience. It may seem contradictory to say, but when the whole universe is available for your topic, that sometimes makes it harder to find a focus for your writing.

Your mind flits back and forth and nothing sits long enough to develop into a worthwhile piece.

A good way to be more productive is to set limits. Creativity can be unleashed when you work within boundaries. It doesn't matter what kind of boundaries you use. It may be as simple as picking prose or poetry. It may be as obvious as creating a table of contents and then putting flesh on those bones.

The key to your mindlock may be deciding to use humor rather than lecture. Perhaps using a metaphor of weather, or technology, or sports, or cooking will start the juices flowing.

If you decide to look for such a tool,

you will probably find it in no time flat, and then your writing is off to the races.

Poetry is particularly good for setting boundaries. Selecting a style is like choosing a blueprint for your piece.

Sonnets anyone?

Haiku?

Nursery rhyming?

Why not parody a famous poem such as "The Night Before Christmas" or "The Raven"?

If you are having fun with writing and would like to share your tips on breaking writer's block, we welcome you to our group. Meetings are at 1 p.m. on Thursdays in the Dunedin Room at the East Activity Center.



Writer's Ink

Learn about Divine Feminine Energy at High Vibe Tribe meeting in November

By Laurie LeClaire

The guest speaker this month at the High Vibe Tribe meeting is none other than the pastor of Unity of Palm Harbor, Rev. Tracey Quillen.

She has been a student of Truth in Unity for more than 30 years and became a licensed and ordained minister in June of 2020 after receiving her Master of Divinity from Unity Worldwide Spiritual Institute in Lee Summit, Mo.

Along with her ministerial path, Rev. Tracey was warmly welcomed to do her internship with Unity of Palm Harbor in 2019, which eventually led to an open door, and she became the Senior Minister in November 2020.

High Vibe Tribe is excited to invite Rev. Tracey to On Top of the World for an evening of Divine Feminine Energy in the form of the Goddesses.

Unity teaches "Many paths ... one God," however, Rev. Tracey might say, "Many paths ... and the Goddess."

Along her own spiritual path of seven years, she left the sticks and the bricks of a church and entered the stone circles of the Divine Feminine in the natural path of the elements, learning what Earth, Water, Air, Fire and Spirit had to teach.

These teachings have fortified Rev. Tracey's spiritual nature, recognizing the Allness in All of Creation, the seen and the unseen forces. So come join us for

an evening of Divine Feminine Energy in the form of the Goddesses. Be open and receptive to the messages that come through meant just for you.

You can follow Rev. Tracey at qministries.net and watch, "Did God Have A Wife?" or come see her in person at Unity of Palm Harbor on Tampa Road, in Palm Harbor on Sundays.

Our group meets the second Thursday of each month in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater room 7-9 p.m.

You may contact Laurie LeClaire at otowoowoo@gmail.com for more information.



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The Snowbirds are back and so is line dancing, horse races, dinner theaters and cruises

By Ed Foland

The Snowbirds Club has announced their schedule for travel, entrainment and line dancing for the 2022-23 Snowbird season.

Our first social event was a group dinner and live performance of "Beau Jest" at Ed Fletchers Early Bird Dinner Theater in Clearwater.

The play was enjoyed by all. From the front row of tables, we could see all of the action up close and personal.

Our next show at Fletchers is on Friday, Nov. 18, at 4 p.m.

Live horse racing is now back at Tampa Bay Downs and so is the buffet lunch featuring hand-carved roast beef and turkey breast. It is our destination on Wednesday, Dec. 21, for lunch and the races.

The cost is \$35 and includes admission, lunch, all taxes and tip.

We will be seated in the semi-private, glass-enclosed dining and viewing area know as Clubhouse Turn.

A cruise vacation gives you more for your money and is more relaxing than most vacations. Our first cruise for the season is a seven-night casino cruise to the Bahamas.

Our group is departing from Tampa on the Royal Caribbean ship Serenade of the Seas on Saturday, Jan 28, 2023. There is a casino on the ship, two casinos in Nassau and one casino in Bimini.

There is a wide choice of places to gamble.



Of course, the cruise has many other things to see and do, both on and off the ship. Plenty of time to relax, relax, relax and relax.

This cruise is a great opportunity for first-time cruisers as Ed and Dolly Foland have been escorting groups on cruises for more than 20 years and they know the ropes and take care of the details.

Snowbirds Line Dance classes resumed on Oct. 19 in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Classes start at 8:30 a.m. and go to 11:30 a.m.

Ed teaches residents who have never line danced before. Class is from 8:30 to 9 a.m.

Ed has developed a 12-step program for new dancers and has published a booklet that covers 12 basic steps used in line dancing.

The 9-9:30 a.m. class is practicing line dance steps. Partners are not needed to have fun line dancing.

Dolly is a line dance instructor and choreographer and has been teaching line



The Clubhouse Turn has a glass-enclosed and air-conditioned dining area and comfortable seating area to watch the races.

dance classes for 30-plus years, including 14 years at On Top of the World.

Her beginner class is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The dances are fun and are also good exercise for the body and mind.

Dolly teaches improver level dances from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The dances are more complex, challenging and more suited to experienced line dancers.

Our club will have an information table set up at the Fall Festival at the EAC on Saturday, Nov. 5. Stop by and pick up flyers for all events mentioned above plus

a free OTOW map.

A complete schedule of events is posted on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). Additional events will be posted there as they are added during the season. To view the Snowbirds Club web page on Box Office, follow these steps. 1. Go to otowboxoffice.com 2. Scroll down a few pages to Club Web Pages 3. Click on word Snowbirds Club or the Snowbirds logo. Our page will open.

Club contact person is Ed Foland: edfoland@aol.com, cell (727) 417-3272.

Learn about our upcoming show, "Ocean's Away"

Stop by Theater Workshop's table at the Fall Festival and Expo

By Maxine Sutcliffe
Exciting times can be seen on the horizon for Theater Workshop!

Starting with news about our new spring show, "Oceans Away."

We will soon be cruising "to our style" and plans are underway to begin rehearsals.

Interested?

You should plan to cruise past the Theater Workshop information table at the On Top of the World Fall Festival and Expo which takes place on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Our information table will be outside in the parking lot.

If you stop by and talk to us, you will learn more about who we are, as well as learn more about the show we will be performing for your pleasure.

Showtime is the middle of



March 2023.

It is not too late to join us.

Once a member, you will be able to enjoy our Christmas/Holiday party and be eligible to invite a guest.

The Christmas party will be held on Friday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. at the East Activity Center Auditorium – so please "save the date."

Although you will need to pick up dinner tickets, there are no charges for this festive evening of fun, music and food.

The holiday party will be held this year as a joint event with the Jesters Club. The clubs will jointly provide the main course, soda and water.

Our membership will provide pot-luck - you can choose to bring an appetizer, an accompaniment for the main course or a dessert.

Tickets and pot luck sign-up sheets will be available at our club's future monthly meetings on Nov. 3 and Dec. 7. Music for dancing will be provided by DJ, Mike Wood.

Theater Workshop's next meeting will be held at the West Activity Center, Belleair Room with socializing at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m.

If you wish to perform on stage, or be part of our group, we welcome you - so join, even if you are not returning to Florida until after the holidays.

All previous and new members are cordially invited, and not just stage performers. There are countless other ways to support our club.

Everyone is invited to the Art Guild's holiday paint-and-sip on Nov. 29

By Julie Awot

The Art Guild traditionally begins club activities in November, but this year we just couldn't wait that long.

Guild members are already enjoying Rosemarie Lugg's acrylics class which started on Oct. 13. This class meets each Thursday at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

Please don't hesitate to join us and see if this is an activity you'd enjoy.

The very next day, Friday, Oct. 14, the Guild had our first general meeting. President Irene LeBel welcomed our new members and reviewed the big plans we have for this year.

Guild members also brought a painting to be voted on for our Artist of the Month. The winner is a charming pastel by Irene Piper. The artwork is in a display case in the EAC Auditorium and will later be posted on the OTOW Box Office website (otowboxoffice.com).

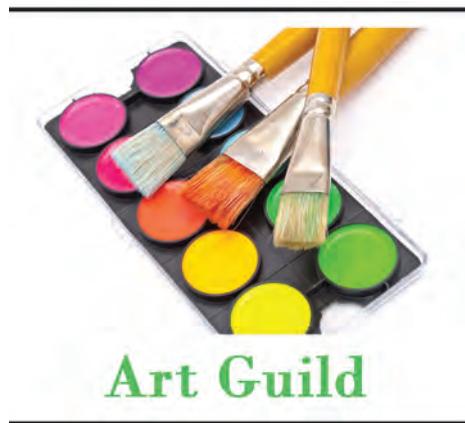
Our club is looking forward to hosting a booth at the Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 5. Our booth is outside. Please stop and see us.

We will have information about our planned events as well as a fun book sale and art raffle.

The next general meeting of the Art Guild is Friday, Nov 11, 1 p.m. in the Largo Room. The main event that afternoon is a demonstration by artist Robert Simone, which will begin at 2 p.m. This demonstration is open to any interested OTOW resident. The Guild requests that you be on time, so Robert can begin the demonstration right on time.

In previous OTOW News issues, I shared some of Robert's background and the subject matter he enjoys painting, but what I didn't know is Robert has competed in more than 50 Plein Aire events and exhibitions, and has received several winning awards.

Robert is also represented in both the Southwest Art and Plein Aire Painting



magazines. His work is hung in many U.S. galleries.

Check out his website, Robert J Simone Fine Art.

Robert loves painting outdoors. So much so that he formed a local group of artists called the Plein Aire Colony of St Pete. This group has more than 200 members. They get together and paint outdoors, (Plein Aire...woo-hoo) and enjoy the company of other artists.

On Tuesday night, Nov. 29, from 7-9 p.m., our annual Holiday Paint and Sip event will take place in the EAC Kitchen. All are welcome. You don't need to belong to the Guild.

For those who like to gift experiences, treat a friend. This is a guaranteed fun time, no experience needed.

You will receive step-by-step instructions, all supplies and even some snacks. You should bring your beverage of choice.

The cost is \$25 and seating is limited, so you need to reserve and pay for your spot by Nov 27. See us at the Fall Festival or email us at otowartguild22@gmail.com. Write your request in the subject line and the appropriate person will respond.

The last item I want to cover in this issue of OTOW News is our Day with Dali event scheduled for Dec. 15. The agenda is as follows:

At 3 p.m. in the EAC Largo Room



What could be more fun than painting a beautiful picture and sipping a glass of wine? How about adding Christmas lights to a palm tree? Give it a try in November.

there will be a PowerPoint presentation about Dali and his major works. This is optional, but we wanted to offer some history to those interested.

At 4 p.m. we will leave OTOW for the Dali Museum. This is where we will need you to car pool if possible.

When you register for this event, please indicate if you would be willing to drive.

At 5 p.m. we will meet at the museum entrance where our tickets will be held. The cost is \$15, which is non refundable, and you must register no later than Nov 29.

Please sign up at the Fall Festi-

val, at our information table 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Monday or Thursday morning, or email your reservation request to otowartguild22@gmail.com. Put your request in the subject line and the appropriate person will respond.

Speaking of reservations, there is a nice restaurant with a water view at the Dali museum. It is called the Gala Cafe. Keep that in mind just in case you want to get a bite to eat.

In the meantime, beauty surrounds us and the creative spirit dwells within us all. Why not join the Art Guild and let your creativity flourish.

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OTOW Democratic Club sends its best four golfers out into county tournament

By Joanne Cordes

Golf with a purpose was the main event on Oct. 8 for the fabulous foursome pictured with this article.

The Largo Municipal Golf Course was the setting for the first annual Divots for Democrats golf tournament. The event took place to support the Pinellas County Democratic Party and democratic clubs from throughout the county, including our own at On Top of the World.

We participated in the tournament. Many thanks to our foursome of Joyce Monahan, Dave Beaven, Valerie Martin, and Bill Haener for hitting their best shots to help local democrats get elected.

Our own club members kept busy during October with postcard writing, stuffing doorhanger bags with candidate literature, texting and phone-calling, and sign-waving for the cause of getting out the vote.

Now, the next major event for the Democratic Club is Election Day on Nov. 8.

I received my mail-in ballot the first week in October and took it to the U.S. post office a few days later.

Voting was the primary discussion during our October meeting. We focused on how to vote for the retention of judges – yes or no.

Anita Sifneos shared what she had read in an editorial in the Tampa Bay Times.

A few of our members had done a fair amount of research to determine which judges are deserving of retention.

The 2022 Fall Festival on Nov. 5 will be a very welcome event, especially after two years of absence. Our booth will have information on our club and also local candidates if you still need help in deciding how to cast your vote for the general



election.

We're also planning a fun game to test your skills. Here's a hint: civics. There may just be an additional, special "prize" for you if you know this one-word hint. Stop by to say "Hi."

For our club calendar of events and club photos, please check our Blogspot. Check out what our mascot, Victor, says. And take a look at our accumulating photo gallery.

Visit worlddemsclub.blogspot.com for current club news and also links to the latest info on Florida politics.

Club announcements are also available on otowboxoffice.com.

Or visit our information table at the East Activity Center Auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to learn about upcoming club activities or chat about current events.

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

Our next meeting is Nov. 10 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen. We hope you join us.

Our November Happy Hour gather-



Joyce Monahan, left, Dave Beaven, Valerie Martin and Bill Haener prepare for a friendly golf tournament.

ing is Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the EAC Largo Room. Bring your own beverage and a light snack to share.

Acknowledging the season, I'm thinking apple wedges with a sharp cheese ac-

companied by apple cider or an apple liqueur. And yes, political talk is encouraged!

We are here, we are happy to meet you and share a spirited chat.

You do not need your own keyboard to join the Keyboard Club

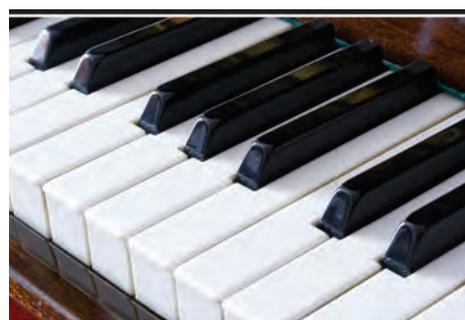
On Top of the World resident Bill Houser, also known as "Mr. Fun," has been invited to serve as president of the newly reorganized Keyboard Club.

Bill has been playing Yamaha keyboards for many years, and loves to play and sing at the slightest opportunity.

Keyboard Club founder and secretary JoAnn Bethune is a lifelong music lover, as evidenced by the gigantic Lowrey organ in her dining room. She and her husband, Max, both in their young 90s, have been sharing their love of keyboard instruments for a long time, and as the pandemic seems to have abated, they have rounded up at least 10 interested residents as members.

The club is planning to hold meetings at 10 a.m. every Friday in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. There will be no dues and the focus will be to share the love and joy of fine music on the amateur level.

In addition, the club is fortunate to have recruited Audrey Strong, a trained



Keyboard Club

pianist, vocalist and music teacher, to serve as the club's vice president.

Audrey has directed many barbershop quartets and choruses, which augurs well for our club.

Our group plans to concentrate on fun and uplifting music of all kinds, with an emphasis on Gospel.

Come and join us - whether you have a keyboard or not is not important. Your love of music is important and there will be keyboards and other instruments to



Bill Houser, right, will be leading the OTOW Keyboard Club, which is restarting again for the first time since the pandemic started.

play.

For more information call (727) 379-7485 or visit our information table on

Mondays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Four champions crowned at Texas tournament



The final four from the September tournament are, from left to right, Lisa Chartran, Russ Bolin, Bill Whipps and Tom King.



The Texas Card Game Club held its September tournament and for the second consecutive month, we had 20 players participate.

Donuts were provided by club dues while members supplied their own drinks and snacks.

The final four decided to divide the prize pool per player.

The next two tournaments will be Friday, Nov. 18 and Friday, Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. in the Kitchen/Clearwater Room at the East Activity Center.

For more information, please contact Joe DeChiaro at joegdechiaro@yahoo.com.

We are going to the Hard Rock in 2023

Travel Club gets report on upcoming Ruth Eckerd Hall events and begins selling tickets for 'My Fair Lady'

By Janice Berman

The On Top of the World Travel Club held its regular monthly meeting on Oct. 14 in the East Activity Center Oldsmar Room.

Seventy-six members attended.

We were entertained by President David Berman, who seems to have an endless repertoire of jokes and amusing stories to share.

Among our guest speakers was Adam Burr, who is the Director of Ticketing and Sales for Ruth Eckerd Hall. He reviewed the many excellent shows scheduled for the 2022-2023 season.

The Adults at Leisure Series is very popular as it is not just world class entertainment at a very affordable price, but very convenient as seven out of eight shows take place on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

Before letting us go, Adam shared with us that he had just returned from watching the launch of NASA's SpaceX Crew Dragon spacecraft. His cousin, Nicole Mann, a colonel in the US Marine Corp, is the commander of this mission.

The first indigenous woman from NASA to go to space, she will be at the International Space Station for six months. Now that's a travel story!

Think of her when you see the space station which is visible almost every night just to the right of the moon.

Club members were recently at the Clear Sky restaurant on Cleveland Street for our October Lunch Bunch. Even though a portion of Cleveland Street is



undergoing repairs, all those who signed up came so we filled the room with our members!

Our monthly lunches have been very popular and all those who attend have offered positive praise for the food, service and companionship. We are becoming a lunch and travel club!

We still have openings on the board for next year. This is a great way to make new friends and find compatible traveling companions. Don't be shy. We are a welcoming and friendly group.

Remember we are back in the auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 10:30. Come see us for all your Travel Club related needs.

We have tickets for our holiday party and Lunch Bunches. We are selling group rate tickets for "My Fair Lady" at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Dec. 18.

As of this writing, the Travel Club Board is in the planning stages for next year's trips and lunches. Several members have requested a day at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino in Tampa, so watch for this



Lunch at the Clear Sky restaurant in a beautiful setting.

to be a day trip early in the new year.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Oldsmar Room.

Please note the day of the week change.

Remember we're going places. Don't be left behind!

Italian-American Pasta Night returns on Nov 9



Italian American Club

By William Peterson

Happy to say that things are moving quickly for the On Top of the World Italian-American Club.

Our information table in the East Activity Center Auditorium has been visited by so many people. We are there every Monday and Thursday from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m., so come on over and buy a ticket to one of our many events. Or, if you are not yet a member, please join the club. Membership is still only \$5.

On Nov. 5 we will be a part of the Fall Festival and will have a table in the EAC back parking lot. It seems like it will be a great event and we look forward to seeing you there.

On Nov. 9, our popular pasta dinner/dance will be held in the EAC. We look forward to seeing all of you on the dance floor.

On Dec. 7, we will hold our annual gala Christmas Party at the Countryside



These were the gift baskets Italian-American Club members received at last year's holiday dinner.

Country Club. Remember to sign up early.

We have already sold some tickets during our spring season, but we will once again be selling tickets at our information table from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m.

We are putting together our 2023

events and are pleased to say that we are bringing back A Day of Racing at Tampa Bay Downs for \$33. It includes entrance to the track, a program for the races and a fabulous buffet lunch, coffee when you arrive, and a bar close by. So, don't miss

out on this fun day.

You don't have to be Italian to join our club. All you need is a current Activity Card.

We also ask for people to step up and help volunteers at our tables.



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Entertainment by Laurie Fischer

As we head towards the holiday season, there is a multitude of entertainment on the menu in the month of November.

This month I am trying something new to help simplify your planning. The local entertainment is listed by venue.

Ruth Eckerd Hall (Clearwater)

Nov. 4: Brian Culbertson, the Contemporary Jazz/R&B/Funk musician, after back-to-back sold-out shows at the Billheimer Capitol Theater, makes his debut at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Nov. 10: Neil Berg's "50 Years of Rock & Roll" is not only a highly entertaining look at the history of iconic music, but also tells the story of America and all the incredible influences and cultures that make up our "melting pot." That mix is poured into the fabric of our music, influencing generations around the world.

Nov. 12: Joe Satriani, one of the most influential and respected instrumental rock guitarists of all time, has dedicated himself to the artistry of the instrument with six gold and platinum discs to his credit.

Nov. 18: Acapella trailblazers, Straight No Chaser, returns for the first time in almost 10 years! Anywhere in the world these nine dapper vocalists walk across the stage, they immediately bring audiences to their feet.

Nov. 19: American Blues icon Bonnie Raitt returns for her Just Like That...Tour bringing along special guest Marc Cohn. Inspired by politically-themed folk music and rhythm and blues, vocalist and guitarist Bonnie Raitt perfected her own style of crossover music for some 20 years before becoming a superstar.

Nov. 20: "Disney Junior on Tour" brings beloved Disney characters and favorite Marvel superheroes together live on stage for a jam-packed, concert-style show with singing, dancing, acrobatics, and more. Mickey, Minnie, and their pals are getting ready to throw a huge costume party but mysterious green rain, wind and smoke keeps interrupting the fun.

Nov. 27: The Sixth annual Allman Family Revival Tour, celebrating the life and music of Gregg Allman, is a must for any Allman fans.

Nov. 29: YouTube sensation, violinist, songwriter and dancer, Lindsey Stirling, brings the Snow Waltz Tour to the Clearwater stage. A classically trained violinist, Lindsey has entered a futurist world of electronic big beats and animation, creat-

ing a new music world where the romance of Celtic folk music and modern classical meet the infectious energy of dance and electronica.

Nov. 30: Grammy-nominated saxophonist Dave Koz and friends will perform fresh renditions of timeless Christmas classics as well as a Chanukah medley!

Straz Center (Tampa)

Nov 1-6: From Tudor Queens to pop icons, the Six wives of Henry VIII take the microphone to remix 500 years of historical heartbreak into a euphoric celebration of 21st century girl power! "Six the Musical" is the new global musical sensation that everyone is losing their heads over. It won 23 awards in the 2021/2022 Broadway season.

Nov. 4: Bob the Drag Queen has a lot of irons in the fire. She won season eight of RuPaul's Drag Race where audiences first got a taste of her comedic skills.

Nov. 9: Coming to the musical stage is "School House Rock Live!" an Emmy Award winning 1970s pop culture phenomenon. The action begins when a young school teacher, nervous about his first day of teaching, tries to relax by watching TV. Suddenly, the Schoolhouse Rock bunch appear in his home and help him to instruct his students on a variety of subjects including math, science, history, politics and grammar.

Nov. 12: After sold out performances in New York City and San Francisco, award-winning dancer and creative innovator, Siudy Garrido, comes back to Tampa Bay to deliver her latest masterpiece in the form of Flamenco Intimo, her contemporary vision of Flamenco dance.

Nov. 13: The Florida Orchestra presents Brahms' demanding Violin Concerto, a kaleidoscope of drama, beauty and thrills in the hands of returning violinist Stefan Jackiw.

Nov. 17: Armed with only their wits, "Whose Line is it Anyway?" stars Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood live on stage and they're ... Scared Scriptless. Prepare to laugh yourself senseless!

Nov. 19: "Dirty Dancing in Concert" is classic film's first live film-to-concert experience. Enjoy the digitally remastered hit film like never seen before on a full-size cinema screen with a live band and singers performing the film's iconic songs.

Nov. 20: "Treasure Island" takes to the stage and excitement runs high in this

musical adaptation of a favorite childhood adventure story. Robert Louis Stevenson's thrilling tale of pirates, treasure maps, mutiny on the high seas and pieces of eight is wonderful family entertainment.

Nov. 29-Dec. 4: Welcome to "HadesTown" where a song can change your fate. Winner of eight 2019 Tony Awards, including Best Musical and the 2020 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album. Intertwining two mythic tales, of young dreamers, Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and his wife, Persephone. HadesTown is a haunting and hopeful theatrical experience that grabs you and never lets go.

Nov. 30 to Dec. 24: In the funny musical, "Plaid Tidings," a heavenly phone call from Rosemary Clooney prompts The Plaid's return to Earth for a posthumous Christmas performance to bring a little harmony to a discordant world. From holiday favorites that are "Plaid-erized" to a riotous three-minute, 11-second version of The Ed Sullivan Show.

The Mahaffey (St Petersburg)

Nov. 5: The Florida Orchestra "Schererazade" celebrates the power of women with guest conductor JoAnn Falletta, music director of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, a multiple Grammy winner and a pioneer for women in conducting.

Nov. 10: It's rare that musicians in their 40s chase their rock star dreams. You'd have to be crazy to try. "Yacht Rock Revue" knew they were underdogs, but resolved to take one more shot at the Top 40 and maybe even become a Cinderella story of midlife fulfillment.

Nov. 11: For generations, the music of Disney's princesses has been the soundtrack to our lives. Now, for the first time in forever, a quartet of Broadway and television icons celebrate these beloved songs on stage in "Disney Princess -The Concert!"

Nov. 15: "Mannheim Steamroller Christmas" by Chip Davis has been America's favorite holiday tradition for over 35 years! Grammy Award winner Chip Davis has created a show that features Mannheim Steamroller Christmas classics in the distinctive Mannheim sound.

Nov. 19: "The Floyd Experience" is a celebration of the legendary career of the progressive rock band Pink Floyd. This 90-minute production features precise musical renditions of some of their signature songs along with an impressive light show that includes complex synchro-

nized lighting movements, multiple laser displays and video wall.

Nov. 20: "The Last Waltz Tour" makes its triumphant return to St Petersburg. The epic tour continues the tradition of capturing the excitement of The Band's historic 1976 Thanksgiving concert at the famed Winterland Ballroom in San Francisco. It has been hailed as the greatest concert of all time.

Nov. 25-26: This Christmas bring the whole family back to a simpler time with "Nutcracker" the magical Christmas ballet! The acclaimed holiday tradition is live in theaters for its 30th anniversary tour.

Nov. 26: Daniel Tosh is best known from the Comedy Central show "Tosh." He will perform an evening of stand-up comedy.

Sports

Throughout November, for sports fans, the Tampa Bay Lightning are at Amalie Arena and are now in full swing with no less than nine home games during the month:

Nov. 1 vs. Ottawa, Nov. 3 vs. Carolina, Nov. 5 vs Buffalo, Nov. 8 vs Edmonton, Nov. 13 vs. Washington, Nov. 15 vs Dallas, Nov. 17 vs Calgary, Nov. 21 vs. Boston, and Nov. 25 vs. St Louis.

Also, in November, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will only have one home game at Raymond James Stadium (Tampa) on Nov. 6 against the Los Angeles Rams.

Francis Wilson Playhouse

With such a busy entertainment season ahead, I wanted to give you advance notice for the next Francis Wilson Playhouse musical production.

On Dec. 1 and running until Dec. 18, the family delight, "Once Upon a Mattress," is the musical version of the fairy tale, Princess and the Pea.

The performance is hilarious throughout and raucous, romantic and melodic. This spin on the familiar themes of royal courtship and comeuppance will delight the whole family. You will never again look at fairy tales quite the same!

See you in December when the "Entertainment Around the Bay" article will be filled with an array of holiday and seasonal delights! Happy Thanksgiving to all!

(Every event in this column is the result of internet research from each source's website. None of the venue's in this column paid for advertising or supplied information. The order of appearance is random. OTOW News is merely supplying you with a list of events this month, but is not making a recommendation which events you should attend)



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Softball season is back and already the defenses are making spectacular plays

By Bob Rittner

According to Yale President and Baseball Commissioner Bart Giamatti, "(Baseball) breaks your heart. It is designed to break your heart. The game begins in spring when everything else begins again, and it blossoms in summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as soon as the chilly rains come, it stops and leaves you to face fall alone."

At On Top of the World, we have found the remedy for that melancholic thought. We start our softball season in the fall, October, and continue into the spring, April.

Twenty-seven residents met at the Paradise Restaurant on Oct. 6 for our annual preseason meeting. Among the attendees were four new recruits who, along with veterans, paid their \$50 dues, which are used to pay the rent on the field. Everyone also received three softball shirts and a hat, courtesy of our sponsor, the very restaurant we were in.

We discussed our style of play geared toward fun participation and rules aimed at safety. We also noted that as we grow, the administration of the league becomes



more complex, and so we called for volunteers for special tasks. Naturally, a number of people responded positively.

For the first time this year, we scheduled a preseason batting practice day to help people get in shape for the games.

On Oct. 11, two days before opening day, 30 players met at the field to limber up and get their timing down.

So, wearing our new shirts and hats, we began play again on Oct. 13, with

much of the veteran roster intact and a number of new recruits helping to jazz up the game.

For the first time on opening day, we organized into three teams to accommodate everyone who came.

Going into the last inning, the score was 9-9-8, but while the Red Team scored three runs in their final at bat, neither the Blue, with 9 runs, nor the White could push a run across.

The victorious Reds collected five straight hits with Ron Childress leading off with a double followed by singles from Bob Fields and Joe DeChiaro, a double by Joe Harrington and a score-closing single by Dennis Kuvalanka.

There were numerous outstanding plays in the game, belying the rust of a six-month hiatus.

Lenny Segall hit the only homer of the game, a laser to center that rolled to the fence.

George Morgan raced back to snow-cone a long fly ball and Tara Gunning dove to her right for another brilliant catch.

They were matched by Jim Costello reaching down for a sinking liner while

George Webb stopped a hard grounder down the third base line to rob a sure hit.

Special kudos also to Lenny Segall who played catcher and hustled to grab two topped balls in front of the plate to record outs at first base.

For the time being, we are not accepting new recruits to our league as we have reached the maximum number we can manage. But if you wish to join, call, email or text me at the contacts below, and I will put you on a waiting list in the order I receive your message.

As spots open up, and we expect they will, we will invite you to join us.

Incidentally, if you prefer a less academic description of baseball than that from the University Literature professor cited above, you can turn to St. Louis Cardinal pitcher Joaquin Andujar, who said "You can sum up the game of baseball in one word - "You never know."

For information about our softball/stickball league, contact Bob Rittner at 735-1762, send an email to bobrittner@yahoo.com or visit us on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com

Championship season tees off on Nov. 4

By Ken Smith

The 2022-2023 Friday Mixed Golf League season will begin on Nov. 4 and end on April 28, 2023.

Yearly dues will remain the same as last year, \$20, and must be paid by Nov. 18.

Results for Friday, Sept. 16

We played the short course on Sept. 16 - holes No.1-4 and holes No.14-18 twice on the 18-hole course.

First place was Len Howell with a plus 11. Second place was Ken Smith with a plus 10. Third place was Joe Johnson with a plus 8.

Closest to the pin on hole No. 3A was Dan Hyden, on hole No. 3B was Harry Barbin, on hole No. 15A was Joe Johnson,

Friday Golf

on hole No.15B was Bruce MacPherson, on hole No. 16A was Don Auger, and on hole No.16B was Ken Oatsvall.

Skins were recorded by Paul Meyers on hole No. 1, Ken Oatsvall on hole No. 3, Mike Tomaselli on hole No. 8, and Harry Barbin on hole No. 12.

Low Gross was Harry Barbin with a 62.

Results for Friday, Oct. 7

First place was Rick Muchler with a plus 5. Second place was Jose Ferrer with a plus 5. Third place was Tim Carr with a plus 4. Fourth place was Joe Ventimiglia with a plus 4.

There was a match of cards to break ties.

Closest to the pin on hole No. 3 was Tim Belcastro, on hole No. 5 was Don Hill, on hole No. 6 was Gary Piccoli, on hole No. 9 was Edmund Molina, on hole No.13 was Sheryl Barbin, on hole No. 15 was Phil Albury and on hole No. 16 was Rick Muchler.

Skins were recorded by Gary Piccoli on hole No. 6, Fred Peace on hole No. 9, Ken Oatsvall on hole No. 10, Tim Carr on hole No. 11, Rick Muchler on hole No. 14 and Joe Ventimiglia on hole No. 15. Low gross was Rick Muchler with a 65.

The Friday Mixed Golf League was created to provide On Top of the World men and women with a venue for compe-

tion using the USGA rules of golf.

Our league uses the United State Golf Association 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.

We play every Friday, weather permitting. The championship season is November through April. Summer and Fall Golf continues May thru October.

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.

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otowclearwaterinfo.com



SPORTS

A former state tennis champion teaches lessons as part of the OTOW Tennis Club

By Joe DeChiaro

The On Top of the World Tennis Club has been very fortunate to have Rich Bruer as one of its members.

Rich has been the club's tennis instructor for the last three years and has been instrumental in teaching beginners as well as seasoned players.

His clinic is on Wednesday mornings and his lessons have benefitted club members and non-members who enjoy the game.

Rich was born in Red Neck, N.J. and has never been married.

He eventually moved to Florida 23 years ago and moved into On Top of the World two years ago.

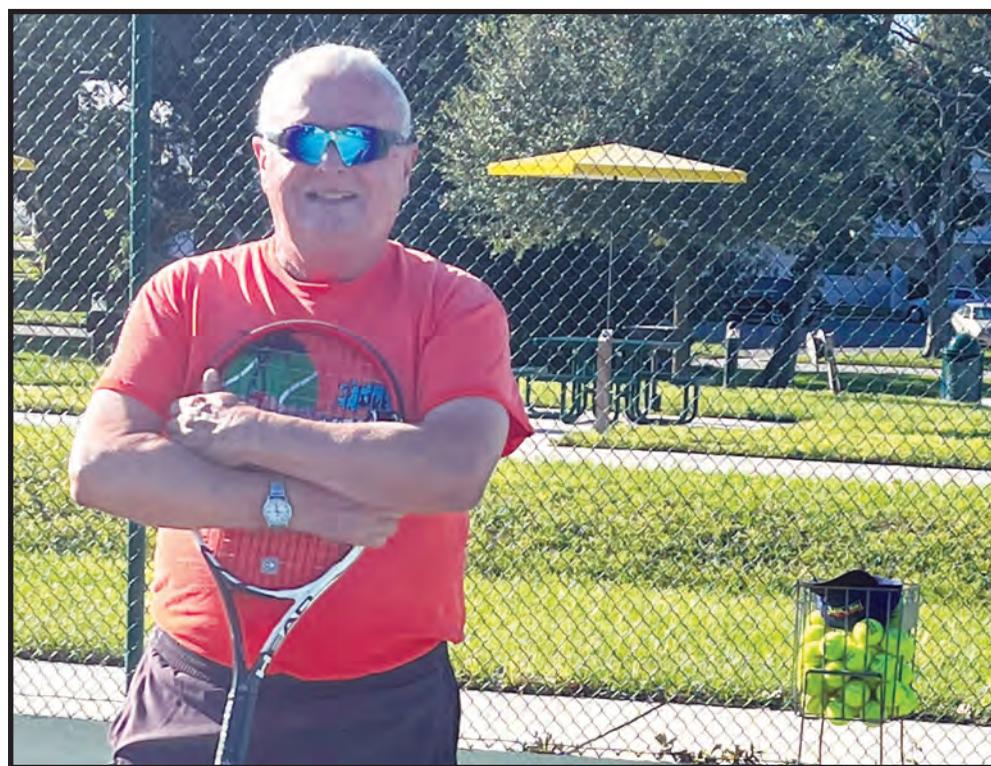
While living in Florida, Rich was ranked No. 1 by the United States Tennis Association for players in Florida in the 60 to 65 age group in men's doubles and won two national championships.

He is also a tennis instructor for the City of Clearwater and specializes in children and adult beginners.



Rich has attended many club activities and is often seen watching members play and often practices himself preparing for upcoming tournaments.

The OTOW Tennis Club thanks Rich for his dedication and commitment to the club and improving the tennis play of many of our members.



Rich Bruer is a pro tennis player who lives at On Top of the World. He was once ranked No. 1 in the state of Florida by the United States Tennis Association. Need lessons? He's here to teach.

Nine-Hole



Ladies Golf

Many ladies happy their worst holes were thrown out

By Paula Ergang

Fall is here and the On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League has started its 2022-23 season.

Oct. 4 was our "Fun Play" day and afterwards we sat in the shade at our new picnic table and caught up with everyone.

Plus, Wendy Colquhoun treated us to her chewy, chocolate-y brownies to celebrate her birthday.

"Throw Out Worst Hole" was our Oct.11 tournament. Each player's worst score on one hole was thrown out. Low

score results were: A Flight winner Paula Ergang; B Flight winner Linda Graff and second place Marge Sivak; C Flight winner Carole Whynot and second place Mary Ann O'Neil. The D Flight winner was Ava Ciolli

The next week was a Low Gross/Low Net tournament and on the last Tuesday we celebrated Halloween by wearing orange and black. It was also our "Wine and Nine" day with snacks after play.

We are looking forward to November because many Snowbirds will be back and

our events continue.

There's a board meeting on Nov. 1 and a general meeting Nov. 8 after play.

On Nov. 29 is another "Throw Out Worst Hole" tournament along with our end of the month "Wine and Nine" snacks.

If you think you would like to join us for golf, fun and friendship, just come to the Little House on the 9-hole course Tuesday morning at 8:15 a.m. or for more information contact Carroll Harris at 432-528-8684.

For information on clubs and groups at On Top of the World Clearwater

otowboxoffice.com

Republican Club members learn that experience is very important when it comes to electing a State Attorney

By Carl Turner

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club (RRRC) continues to gain membership and attendance at its monthly meetings.

In October we had more than 80 attendees.

Karen Tatge volunteered and became the new club secretary. The bylaws were amended to provide additional clarification and make us current with the Pinellas County Grand Old Party rules.

All of the speakers at the October meeting were exciting and kept us on the edge of our seats the full meeting.

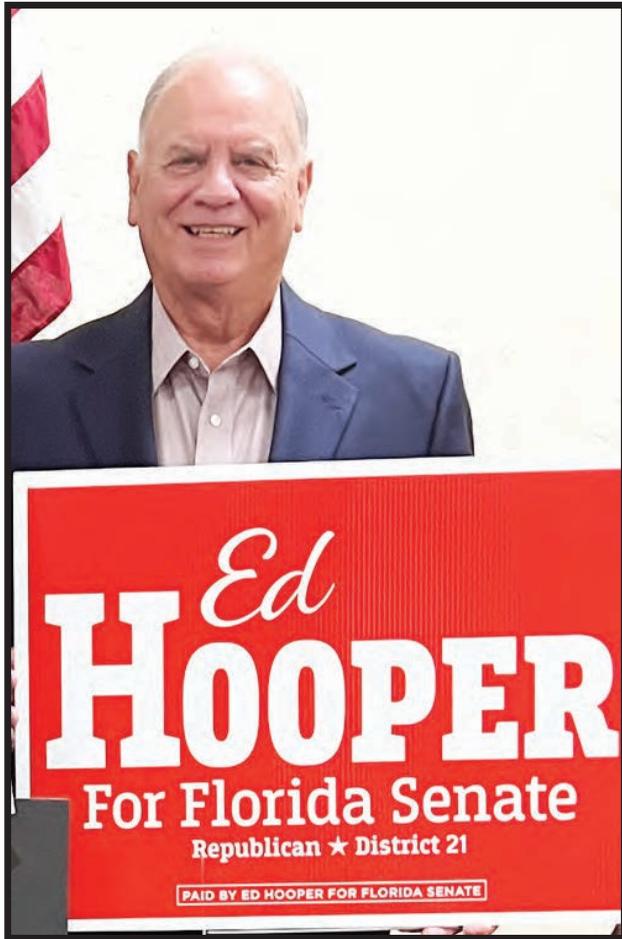
State Attorney Bruce Bartlett, who is running for election, started off by asking if anyone knew what the State Attorney did. He then explained that his position approves the prosecution of all cases that the police apprehend and nothing happens unless his office proceeds.

He further explained that there were only 153 attorneys to prosecute more than 77,000 cases yearly. So experience and dedication are very important. He has been in this position for a number of years.

Ed Hooper, who is running for re-election for Florida State Senator, District 21, gave us some history and urged that we support the policies of this administration to keep us moving forward.

Jesse Tiamson, a club member, read a letter from Anna Paulina Luna, who is running for the United States House, thanking the club and all Republicans who had supported her candidacy and election as the Republican candidate in the primary. She also appealed for all Republicans to support her now since that is a key to taking back the U.S. House.

Mike Risola, the campaign manager for Gus Bilirakis, spoke on the importance of doing everything possible to make sure that all of the Republican candidates be elected.



Ed Hooper was a guest speaker at the Ronald Reagan Republican Club meeting in October.



This is to make sure that we correct inflation, immigration, crime and energy problems impacting our lives now.

Next, club member Jim Bjorgo explained the extremely important work the North County Campaign Office was doing to support all of the Republican candidates in northern Pinellas County. Jim appealed to all Republicans and other conservatives to provide contributions and volunteer to help. He gave 727-475-8052 as the number you can call to get more information on how anyone can help.

The Nov. 8 meeting has been cancelled since that is election day and the Dec. 13 meeting will have a short business session followed by a potluck Christmas party in the West Activity Center (WAC). A meat dish will be provided by the club.

If there are any questions, please contact Carl Turner at 443-624-9303 or email at carlmarvinturner@gmail.com.

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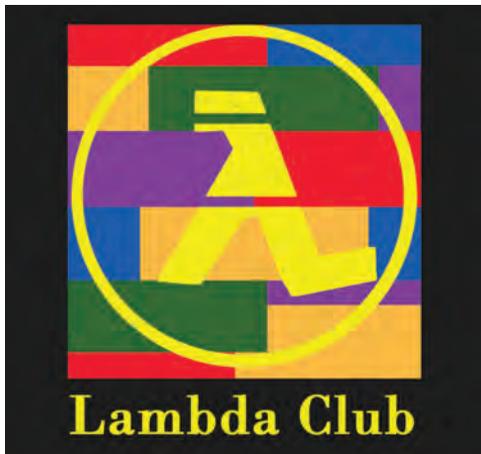
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*New website started to improve communication***Thanksgiving tradition will come one day early for Lambda**

By Bruce Lovett

Whoever coined the phrase “life is a drag” certainly wasn’t a member of Lambda Club.

Their credo has more in common with the famous song line “Life is a Cabaret” - a constant stream of various entertainments.

Ironically, Lambda Club’s offerings in October both began and ended with drag.

On the first Sunday of the month, a nightclub in Dunedin, called Blur, offers a Sunday Drag Brunch. A group of Lambdians headed down there and were not disappointed.

The performers literally take their show on the road: One of them danced and did splits in the middle of Main Street, then caught a ride on the hood of a jeep, waving to all her fans.

A good time was had by all, driver included.

Later that week we practically took over a cinema at the Countryside Mall. Lambda members turned out in droves to see the new Rom/Com film “Bros.” We had an entire upper row and those of us unable to do steps were interspersed throughout the theater.

Throw in a few walks and some golf throughout the rest of October, and then we ended the month with a drag-themed costume party for Halloween. People



Members of Lambda Club spent a Sunday afternoon at the Blur nightclub in Dunedin where a special brunch is served on the first Sunday of each month.

came as masculine or feminine (which ever way they wanted) and everything in between.

As for the potluck buffet, it was eerily delicious.

November looks to be equally as busy with Thanksgiving, our monthly social and whatever else pops up.

Due to new holiday amenity closures at On Top of the World, our Thanksgiving party will be held a day earlier this year, Wednesday, Nov. 23, in the East Activity Center’s Largo Room at 4 p.m. Lambda will provide the turkeys, but please bring a side or dessert to share.

Our monthly social is our annual “Parrot Head” event. A party of this mag-

nitude can’t be contained so it will be held outside in the EAC Pavilion on Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. Dress and bring a buffet item, ala Jimmy Buffet-style, and the bar will do its best to keep up.

A new resident, Vanessa Zinno, moved into On Top of the World and asked if she could share a few words in my article.

“My name is Vanessa. I moved here with my partner this past spring. Soon after arriving I contacted Dave Beaven, president of Lambda. After our chat a new Facebook page was born.

“We felt there was a need to have another resource where LGBT OTOW residents could meet, chat and share anything

in a comfortable environment.

“We currently have 20 members. Know you’re out there and hope to see more of you join.”

Check out the website:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1777498239281800/>

Lambda is a club that serves the LGBT population at OTOW as well as their neighbors and friends. Should you wish further information about anything in this article or the club in general, go to our official Website at lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com.

You can also check us out at OTOW Box Office, or call Dave at (727) 410-7566.



Holiday Lights Opening Ceremony

7 pm, Saturday, Nov. 26
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Lenny and Kathy will be turning on their extraordinary holiday lights display on Nov. 26.

You are invited to attend and bring holiday cheer.

There will be refreshments, desserts, caroling, trivia and gifts for the first 15 children.

Bring a lawn chair. Be prepared to watch it snow. East siders and West siders welcome.

PLEASE PARK IN THE EAC. DO NOT PARK AT THE AUSTRALIAN ALPINE BUILDING.

We have Retreads, Star Shine Singers, cornhole prodigies and yes, line dancers



By Hope Tera

The Moving 'n Grooving Club is comprised of talented people, including our Retreads and Star Shine Singers.

Our all male dance troupe knows how to work it.

At our recent Yee-Haw Party, The Retreads put on one heck of a show. The photo at right of our beloved cowboys might convey a bit of their awesomeness,

but there's nothing like seeing them perform live.

Margaret LeTourneau worked with these guys for weeks, as they perfected their dance moves. There were even costume changes.

Our Star Shine Singers, led by Debbie Mayo, got everyone into the cowboy spirit with their rousing renditions of "Happy Trails to You" and "King of the Road." The group harmonized beautifully. A bunch of percussionists added that special something to their performance. Many attendees sang along, which added to the fun.

There are numerous class cancellations in the coming weeks/months. Please check the OTOW newspaper calendar to find out which classes on the schedule will be running on various dates.

There will be no line dancing on Nov. 4, 8, 11, 15 and 18.

On Tuesday, Nov. 1, Margaret will run her line dancing classes from 6-8:30 p.m.

There will be no cardio dance/cardio dance light on Saturday, Nov. 5.

During the extended break, you can take Cardio Dance/Cardio Dance Light classes with Hope Tera (see class schedule on page 8) and play Cornhole on Mondays from 1-3 p.m. in the Belleair Room in the West Activity Center.

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

If you are interested in giving your heart a good workout, you can try a Cardio Dance class with Hope Tera.

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

If you just want to have some simple fun, cornhole might fit the bill. The schedule is listed below.

The Moving 'n Grooving Club is always welcoming new ideas and new beginnings. If you'd like to check out an inclusive line and cardio dance and cornhole club that teaches to all levels, guarantees great fun, and promotes an atmosphere of kindness and creativity, please contact Hope at 914-217-9206 or email movingandgroovingotow.com.

You can also come to any of our classes to try them out.

You can also learn more about our club on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). Look for our logo.

As always, we hope to see you on the dance floor.



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Carol with the Chorus

7:30 pm, Saturday, Dec. 3

This year's holiday chorus concert will be a little different. Come join OTOW Chorus for a one-hour sing-along in the Auditorium.

Chorus is asking residents to join them in singing your favorite, traditional carols. You will be included in every song.

Music will be provided. Just bring your holiday voices. Wear something Christmassy. Sing and have fun.

Free Activities

All Year Round!



Aqua Aerobics Classes

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Need a fun way to exercise?
Join our exercise classes each morning.
All are welcome. Classes are free.

9-10 a.m., Weekdays, East Activity Center Swimming Pool

Social Dance Lessons

Social Dance Lessons will continue. Instructor Fred Mills allows his students to pick the dances to learn and there are a ton of dances to choose from. He will teach Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Hustle, Rumba, Salsa, Swing, Waltz and more.

Fred's classes are open to all residents with a valid activity card. Social Dance takes place every Thursday afternoons, 1-3 p.m., in the West Activity Center Bel-leair Room.

Shuffleboard Club

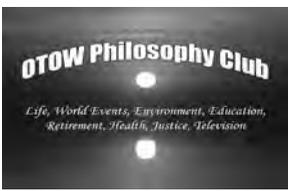
Monday through Sunday

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Philosophy Club

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

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



Pickleball!

PLAY SCHEDULE



Sundays 9-12
Mondays through Friday 3:30-6:30
Training takes place Mondays at 3:30

Newcomers welcome. Must have a valid Activity Card.

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Meets 10-11 a.m. Thursdays in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

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Beginner Bridge

Get ready for some fun by playing, learning and improving your bridge skills. You will become familiar with the nuances and conventions of the game by coming to a beginner/improver lesson. Instruction is provided Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Ozona Room on the lower level of the East Activity Center. Further information is available by sending an email to loresc@yahoo.com or by calling Christine Nason at 727-366-0221.



Ballroom dance classes

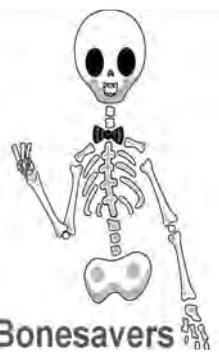


Ballroom dance classes will take place at 1 p.m. every Monday in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

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

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

No pre-registration is necessary. Simply show up and learn.



Bonesavers

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

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

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

Men and women are both welcome.

Majongg players wanted over the fall

Wanted: Mah Jongg players to fill in at our afternoon games. We play Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1-3:30 p.m. in residents' condos. Please call Libby at 727-669-1486. No experience needed!

Billiards

9-Ball Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
8-Ball 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

Ceramics

Thursdays

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Clearwater Room

Pray for America

Saturdays

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Crystal Beach Room



Spring lamb is 1 year old and typically has milder flavor compared to mutton.

So what is mutton?

The common mutton definition is flesh of a mature sheep at least 1 year old.

There's also yearling mutton or hogget, which is usually between 1 and 2 years old.

Americans consume around a half pound of lamb per capita each year. New Zealand, Australia, Greece, Uruguay and Ireland are the top consumers of lamb and mutton.

If you see "spring lamb" on a label, it means that the lamb was slaughtered between March and October.

Lamb meat is often paired with mint jelly, especially in Britain.

In moderation, lamb is an excellent source of protein and vital nutrients such as iron, selenium and vitamin B12.

Lamb has been considered a religious meat, specifically of sacrifice, since ancient times.

When humans started domesticating animals, sheep were one of the first animals.

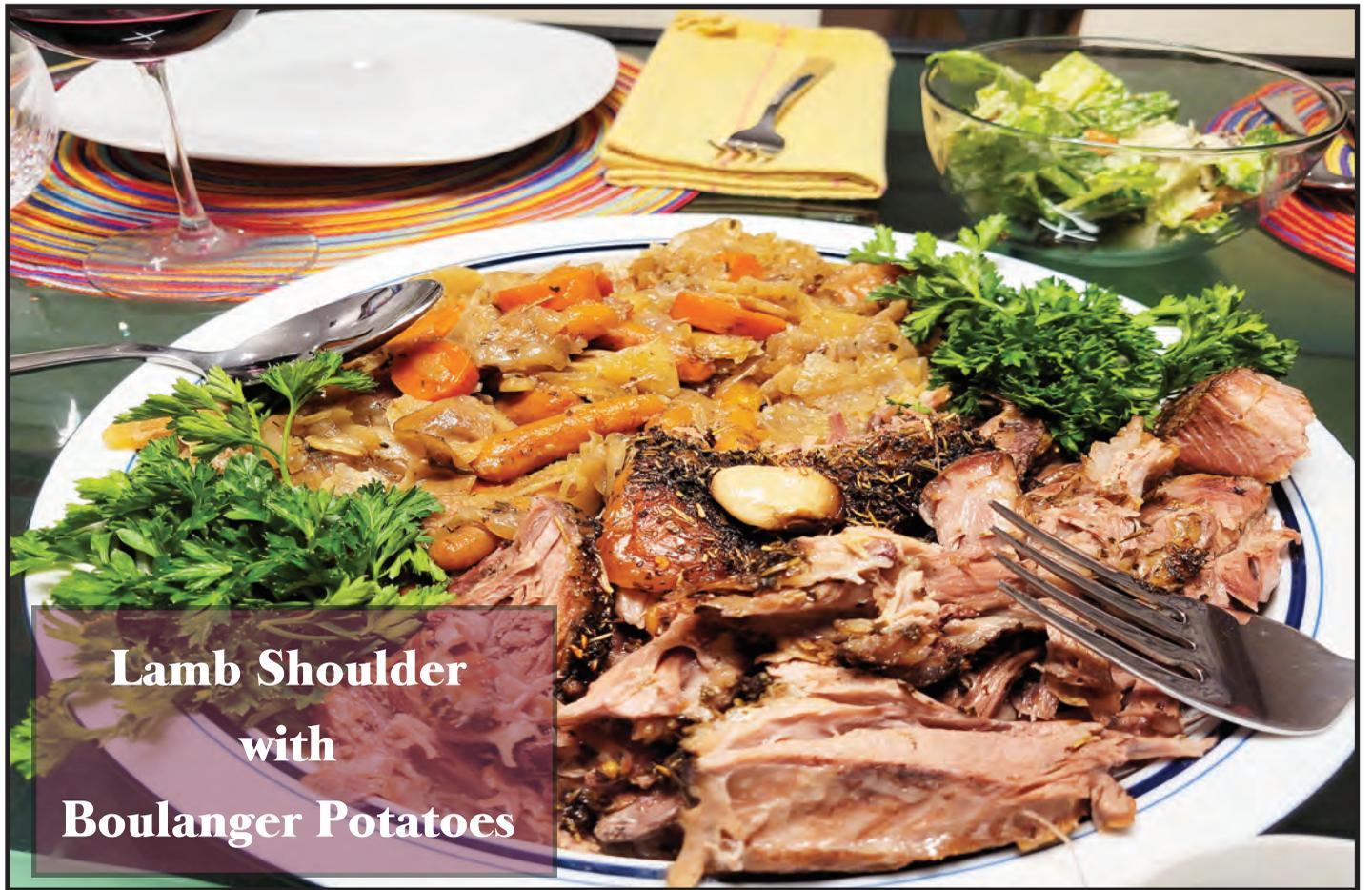
To this day, lamb is very often the main course of Easter or Passover Seder meals.

Why is lamb the meat of choice at these religious meals?

Roast lamb was first eaten at Passover by people of the Jewish faith. The symbolic meaning of this lamb consumption goes back to the Bible and a story in Exodus. This story describes how people in Egypt were experiencing the death of firstborn sons among other calamities. This is when Jews put the blood of a sacrificed lamb on their doorposts in hopes that God would "pass over" and they would avoid any tragedies.

Christians commonly refer to Jesus as the "Lamb of God."

I buy all my lamb at Acropolis Meats in Tarpon Springs. They have a very large selection of different cuts of lamb.



Lamb Shoulder with Boulanger Potatoes

Spicy Lamb Ragu

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fennel seeds
- 1 1/2 pounds ground lamb
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes salt and pepper
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh rosemary
- 2 tablespoons fresh thyme chopped
- 1 onion chopped
- 3 carrots chopped
- 4 garlic chopped
- 1 large bay leaf
- 2 sprigs fresh oregano chopped
- 1 strip naval orange zest
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1/2 milk
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 1/2 cups dry red wine

- 1 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 1/2 cup green olives pitted
- 1 to 1 1/2 pounds pasta
- 1 28-32 ounce can whole peeled San Marzano tomatoes

Directions

1. In a large Dutch oven, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the fennel seeds and stir for 20 seconds. Add the lamb, red pepper flakes and some salt and pepper and cook, breaking the lamb in crumbles as its browns.

Add the rosemary, thyme, onions, carrots, garlic, oregano, bay leaf, orange zest strip and cinnamon stick.

Cook stirring occasionally, until the onions soften, 7 to 8 minutes.

Add milk and reduce the heat to low. Simmer, partially covered, to let the lamb absorb the milk, about 15 minutes.

2. Add the tomato paste and stir until fragrant, 1 to 20 minutes. Stir in the wine, partially cover, and continue to cook and reduce for 15 minutes.

Add the stock and olives. Hand crush tomatoes into the pot, then add the juices from the can. Simmer, partially covered, for 30 minutes more to cook down the tomatoes and thicken the sauce.

Fish out and discard the orange zest strip, bay leaf and cinnamon stick.

3. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook until al dente.

Herb Crusted Lamb

Ingredients

- 1 (3 to 4 pounds) boneless leg of lamb
- 1/3 cup white wine
- Salt and Pepper
- 2 tablespoons Italian bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1/3 cup chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary
- kitchen string
- 5 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees
2. Season the lamb with salt and pepper. In a small bowl, mix the herbs with the olive oil and bread crumbs. Rub both sides of the lamb with the herb mixture.

Using the kitchen string, tie up the lamb at 2-inch intervals. Place in roasting pan and bake for 20 minutes.

Lower the oven temperature to 375 degrees. Add the wine and chicken stock to the pan and cook for another 30 to 40 minutes, or until the thickest part of the lamb reaches an internal temperature of 140 degrees for medium.

Take the lamb out of the oven, cover loosely with foil, and let the lamb rest for 15 minutes.

Lamb Shoulder with Boulanger Potatoes

Ingredients

- 1 whole lamb shoulder
- 1 bunch thyme leaves
- 1 head garlic, separated into cloves and peeled
- pick off from stems
- 6 large red potatoes peeled and thinly sliced
- Salt
- 3 medium yellow onions, thinly sliced
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4 carrots peeled and diced
- 2 cups chicken stock

Directions

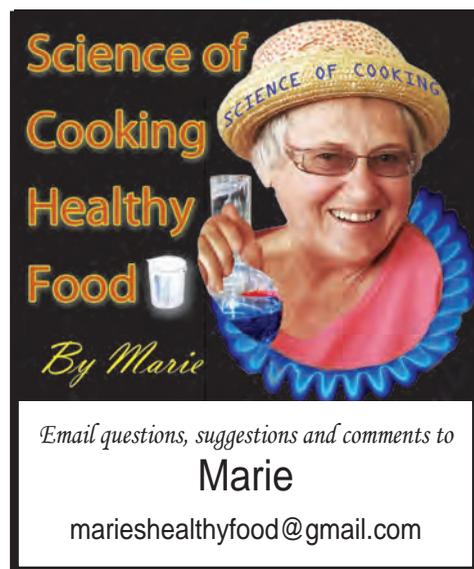
1. Preheat the oven to 275 degrees. Place the lamb on a cutting board and make a small slit in the top using the tip of a paring knife. Insert a garlic clove into the slit, pushing it down so it is completely tucked in. Repeat with the rest of the garlic.

2. Place the potatoes, carrots, onions, and thyme in a large bowl. Season with salt and pepper and toss to combine. Shingle the potatoes, carrots and onions on the bottom of a roasting pan, overlapping them slightly so you fill the pan with an even layer. Set the lamb on top, skin side up. Pour the chicken stock over the lamb and roast until the potatoes are crisp inside, 4 to 5 hours.

3. Remove the lamb from the roasting pan and set it on a cutting board, loosely tent with foil for 20 minutes. Then slice and serve with the potatoes, carrots and onions.

Wine Recommendation: Cabernet Sauvignon or Zinfandel

Don't throw it away! Learn how to better use foods that are about to go bad



This is the last column in a series of three that focuses on ways to help your family through the winter months.

The first column was about the advantages of growing a garden; the second, about smart shopping; and this final column about ... where's the food?

Most people don't realize how much food they throw away — uneaten leftovers, spoiled food, bruised fruits and vegetables.

One-third of all food in the United States goes uneaten. (1)

Preventing food waste is an easy, powerful action you can take to save money and conserve natural resources.

So, manage your pantry to minimize waste and maximize value.

This is a challenge a talented chef, like yourself, can handle. It requires creativity in using whatever is available ... storage space and food.

Be sure to remember your neighbors. Take the opportunity to share from your pantry and your spirit.

Pantry Procedures

Your storage plan must address heat, light, oxygen, humidity, pests and time.

These factors deteriorate flavor, texture, color and nutrients, plus food safety.

Heat has the most negative effect on food. Keep non-perishable food at a steady 70 to 75 degrees fahrenheit.

The right container minimizes many negative effects. Use cans, glass jars and food-safe containers.

Food-safe buckets are good for dry foods like grains, oats, rice, flour, etc.

For a family of two, smaller buckets, capable of holding 2 or 3 pounds, is ideal.

Vacuum-sealers are excellent for extending storage life of meats.

Dry ingredients can sometimes contain insect eggs, which hatch if exposed to air and heat. To preempt this, store in an airtight container in the freezer for a week. The product can then be stored at pantry temperature.

Often, food storage focuses on carbohydrates, which are easy to store and inexpensive. However, it is prudent to also



Apple Compote

My dear chef, don't throw out apples with bruises or blemishes. Reuse them in a compote. This is an example of creativity in using food on the verge of going bad.

A compote is a simple fruit sauce. It's not as thick as jam nor as thin as syrup. It maintains some of the fruit's original texture and shape. Apple compotes are best because apples have lots of natural pectin. No additional thickening agents are required.

It makes a fancy topping on pancakes or French toast for holidays. A compote can jazz up oatmeal or make warm topping on cottage cheese for a quick dessert. A compote keeps in the fridge for at least a week or you can freeze it.

Ingredients

2 pounds of apples
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon sherry, optional
1 tablespoon favorite sweetener (ex. maple syrup)
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
Dash of ginger



Directions

1. Remove any bruised areas from the apples.
2. Peel, core and cut into 1 inch chunks. Approximately 8 cups of chunks.
3. Combine all ingredients in a large, wide-bottom pot with a lid, preferably glass.
4. Simmer about 30 minutes, stirring often with wooden spoon to prevent scorching.
5. Towards the end, mash chunks with a potato masher.
6. Remove mixture from heat, and cool completely before serving.

Yield: 2 cups. Serves 4-6.

include protein and fats.

Canned meats, freeze-dried meats, and protein powders are excellent to diversify your pantry. Fats are more challenging as some have shorter storage lives. Healthier options are coconut oil, avocado oil and butter, which can be stored in the refrigerator or freezer for several years.

Plus, green powders made from various plants are excellent sources of antiox-

idants, minerals and nutrients. Stock seeds which can be sprouted in your windowsill, include wheat, pea and alfalfa. These augment the nutrition of your salads and vegetables.

Rotate items in the pantry. Use old ones first.

To make the task easier, circle the "use by" date with a dry marker. Discard if discolored or rancid. However, under

optimal conditions, an item beyond its "use buy" date is likely still edible and nutritious.

The FDA has a FoodKeeper app to help you understand specific food longevity. See footnote for this website. (2)

A clipboard maintains inventory of pantry foods. This will minimize overbuying. If food is "out of sight, out of mind," it may be ultimately wasted.

(1) www.epa.gov

(2) foodsafety.gov/keep-food-safe/foodkeeper-app



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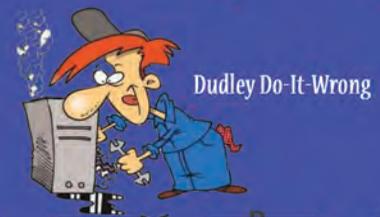
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Vacation in London turns into an historic opportunity to say goodbye to Queen Elizabeth II



Operation London Bridge, also known by its code phrase "London Bridge is Down" was the advance funeral plan for Queen Elizabeth II. It included the announcement of her death, the period of official mourning and the details of her state funeral.

One of our own On Top of the World residents was vacationing in London when "London Bridge is Down" was called.

Cindy Dirico, of the Americana Building, actually met Queen Elizabeth II and also Princess Diana.

Suddenly, in September, her vacation became a part of history and a whirlwind of emotions.

The world was informed on Sept. 8 that Queen Elizabeth's 70-year reign had come to an end.

The death of the 96-year-old Monarch sent shock waves around the world and Cindy and her family were at the epicenter in London on that day. She became an eyewitness in the days that followed.

Now home, Cindy says she has been infatuated and a fan of the Royals ever since the magical wedding of Charles and Diana in 1981.

Cindy has an amazing history of meetings with the Royal Family starting in 1980 in Ramsgate, England, when she and her daughter, Nicole, met Queen Elizabeth's Mother. Nicole was 10 years old at the time.

It was a very rainy day and Nicole had bought pink flowers for the Queen Mother. They were in line to greet the Queen Mother, but lost their place in line due to inclement weather. Nicole was devastated.

A man approached the crying girl



Cindy Dirico and daughter, Nicole, meet Princess Diana during a 1993 visit to Canada. This photo became famous in the media world.

and when Cindy explained what had happened, he took them to a quiet spot to wait.

Unknown to them, the man was the Queen Mother's chauffeur and he stopped the car near them so Nicole could meet and give the flowers.

Shortly after, Cindy received a letter from the Queen Mother thanking them for their gift.

In June 1983, during Charles and Diana's Royal Tour in Canada, Cindy took a series of busses from her home in Massachusetts to Halifax, Nova Scotia. She and her daughter saw Charles and Diana on their walkabout in Halifax and in St John, New Brunswick.

During that second walkabout, Cindy had the opportunity to chat with the future King. She said she came all the way from Massachusetts and Charles said, "I've been to Massachusetts."

A couple of days later in St Andrews by the Sea, New Brunswick, Cindy and Nicole saw the Royal Couple a third time. Nicole had the thrill of her young life

when Diana, Princess of Wales, walked up to Nicole and made a comment about her jacket with whales on it.

"Did you wear that for me?" Diana (Princess of Wales) asked.

Diana actually spent a few minutes chatting with Cindy and Nicole. One of the official photographers took a picture of the conversation and it later appeared in the book, "The Royal Tour of North America."

They also appeared on the national news conversing with Diana.

Cindy became a celebrity in the crowd when Charles called out to her, "There's my friend from Massachusetts!"

And there's more.

In the summer of 1985, Cindy was teaching in London when she had to travel by train to Brighton.

She entered a section of the station only to discover it was closed because Queen Elizabeth II was going to be traveling to the same destination to give a speech.

Once again, Cindy found herself

waiting for royalty and, sure enough, met the Queen.

During their conversation, she boldly asked her "Can you give me a lift to Brighton?"

Queen Elizabeth II politely informed her that giving a ride on the same train "was not allowed" but it was yet another close encounter with the Royal Family.

Fast forward to present 2022, Cindy was visiting London with her family.

She was taking her grandchildren to see her all-time favorite musical, "Les Misérables." Suddenly, while watching television, it was announced the Queen had passed.

Cindy and her family were now witnesses to history unfolding as "London Bridge is Down" was announced to the world.

Over the next few days, Cindy witnessed things the rest of us could only watch on television.

She said, "Everyone loved the Queen and were now sad. It was overwhelming to see the incredible long lines waiting to see her."

In fact, she spoke to one couple who had waited three days to see the Queen lying in state.

Cindy and her family were honored and thrilled to be in London for that historic moment in time.

"We were so impressed with the people of Great Britain who came from near and far to pay their respects," Cindy said. "They queued for miles and many hours with no complaints, no fighting, no pushing or trying to cut the line. As one, they all told me, she was our Queen and part of our lives for 70-plus years. We love her and want to honor her."

Cindy and her family were creating a lifetime of memories as they listened to everyone continuously singing, "God Save the King." She was amazed by the colourful pageantry as London came to a standstill.

The most emotional time for Cindy was when she walked through Green Park and saw all the flowers for the Queen.

Cindy was moved to tears.

Not only was she in London to say goodbye to the Queen, but she was one of a few people who could actually say she once spoke to the Queen.

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Holiday dinner set for Dec. 6 at Carrabba's

Greetings fellow Malaguenans!
It doesn't seem possible we're talking about November and December, but here we are.

Our social committee is in full swing for end-of-the-year activities.

Our November building dinner will be at the Pierogi Grill on Tuesday, Nov. 1. Folks rave about the delicious food, especially the pierogis. It has very good reviews on Yelp and TripAdvisor. They also have gluten-free options. So it should be a fun time.

Speaking of building get-togethers, our holiday dinner will be at Carrabba's on Gulf-to-Bay on Dec. 6. They did a great job for us last year, so we're going there

again this year.

The holiday wouldn't be complete without a toy drive. Last year everyone was wonderfully generous and this year, after the destruction of Hurricane Ian, toys are even more needed.

A lobby decorating party is in the works, so watch the bulletin boards for times and dates.

As usual, signs and sign-up sheets for all events will be on both bulletin boards.

With the new year comes a reminder that annual building dues will be collected in January. Dues are \$20 per unit and are voluntary.

The social committee uses the funds for events like pizza parties and other

building events throughout the year.

On another completely different note, please help to keep our rubbish rooms clean and safe for all residents.

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Bohemia is ready for building decorations

Looking ahead to December, the Bohemia building social committee had a work day to refurbish our holiday decorations.

Using an assembly line method, for several hours, they were pleased with the outcome and look forward to displaying their handiwork next month.

With the work getting completed, of course, this presented an opportunity to celebrate with lunch.

The building's dinner-out social event took a group of 20 residents to Hog Island Fish Camp Restaurant in Dunedin. This was the first time they had experienced this venue.

The social committee tries hard to find new restaurants that can accommodate large groups along with a menu that has something for everyone.

They are already busy selecting and building the calendar for next year.

Fall wouldn't be the same without our annual pumpkin contest. This year it was decided to eliminate best painted cat-



egory to simplify judging. Pumpkins were judged on best decorated and best carved.

Even with this change, the judges had a very difficult decision to make as this year's entries were exceptional.

The building Bunco group has geared up for its new season. With so much interest in playing, they have grown from two tables to three. It looks to be another interesting and fun year.

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Valencia explorer returns from train ride high above Norway

There is a strange phenomenon that happens at the Valencia building in October every year.

A cauldron of bats descend on unit 57 of our building.

Kind of eerie if you ask me.

Actually, they are not real bats. They are creative decorations Karen Pedersen puts up each year for Halloween.

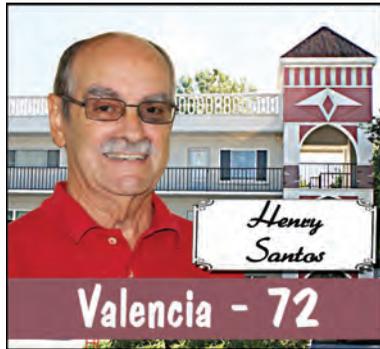
Karen really gets into the seasonal mood and we thank her for the building spirit.

Same goes for our bulletin board decorations always updated with a seasonal theme. Kim Copeland gets the credit.

Valerie Martin, our building coordinator, had an adventure in September. She braved the challenges of air travel before going on a cruise along the coast of Norway. She stopped at four ports and took excursions at each one.

A new ship, the Rotterdam, has spacious rooms, excellent food, and wonderful entertainment.

Valerie says what impressed her the most were the majestic



mountains, waterfalls and the fjords.

The Flam railroad in Flam, Norway, goes up into the mountains and allowed her to see waterfalls, people ziplining among the mountains and people bike riding downhill to little villages.

Eating freshly made Norwegian pancakes, strawberry jam and whipped cream in a mountain cave was a home run as well.

This past month, we attended our "Pauline's Brunch Bunch" gathering at Country Boy Restaurant in Dunedin.

I didn't realize how noisy we can be at 10 in the morning. It



Residents from the Valencia building enjoy brunch at Country Boy Restaurant in Dunedin.

seemed that more than half of us were talking at the same time.

How can that happen?

It happens because those

who come to Brunch Bunch seem to enjoy these gatherings.

Next month we will be going to O'Keefe's for a luncheon.

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Best thing to do while hiding from a hurricane is interview residents for a newspaper story

By Bruce Lovett

It was a dark and stormy night at the Villa Riviera.

Halloween was over a month away and yet the entire building seemed haunted.

Weather concerns had forced residents to secure all outside furniture so no neighborly chatter was heard. Dogs were hiding under beds and afraid to bark.

People were hesitant to drive. Both Ecuadorian Way and World Parkway Boulevard were deserted as if aliens had vaporized all motorized vehicles.

The only sound to be heard was the rustling of leaves as the winds ran their fingers through the trees.

But.....

Behind closed doors, minds were still working feverishly on ensuring good times for one and all.

Carl Turner, our building captain, was busy working on his follow-up to a recent posting on both our Christmas decorating party and luncheon. Keep your eyes posted on the bulletin board and the core for further updates and sign-up sheets.

One floor down, Margaret Whitaker was planning her fall bulletin board extravaganza. Fortunately, weather delayed the delivery of October's community newspaper which gave our resident artist an extra couple of days to strip the bul-



letin board down to its base cork, remove all the staples and start afresh.

A couple of doors down, Steve and Sharon Flint were congratulating themselves on having had a successful fall block party. More than 30 people dropped by to say hi, have a drink and leave a snack.

They are now trying to decide when to hold the next party. Maybe New Year's Eve, maybe mid-winter or maybe wait until spring.

Keep reading this newspaper and checking the core for further updates.

Meanwhile over on the Finlandia side, Judy Oldenburg was reviewing her recent trip to historic Ohio. (See picture)

One stop Judy made was to Kelly's Island, home of the world's largest, known



A ferryboat waits for visitors at Kelly's Island in Ohio. Unless you have air transportation, it is the only way to the island.

glacial striations - about 18,000 years old.

It also has a couple of restaurants and some cute shops. But if Lake Erie freezes over, you better own a private jet to get to the island.

Next up for Judy is a trip to her Bavarian homeland and hopefully Italy next

year. She promises some good pictures.

In this reporter's condo, he was wondering what people were thinking when there was a hurricane warning. So he decided to ask them.

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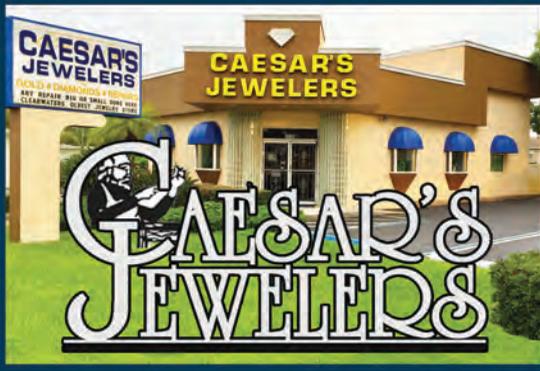
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Great neighbors help replace car batteries

The Bavarian Chalet building has been honored to have many new residents join our happy building.

We have two new residents from the Chicago area: Mike Castensen moved here from Geneva, Ill., and Judy Nichols is originally from Chicago. Both are busy getting settled into a new lifestyle, decorating their condos, meeting all their neighbors and enjoying life at On Top of the World.

Mike moved here about three months ago and became the greeter for the Ecuadorian side of Building 25. He is out early with a good morning greeting for everyone who enters or exits the corridor.

Mike retired as an over-the-road big rig driver after many miles and many years, and said being a truck driver is certainly not an easy profession because you miss your family.

He is always ready to lend a helping hand to assist his neighbors and that was evident recently. One of the neighbors' cars would not start due to a battery issue. Mike took the bad battery out of the car, took it to the battery store and was told it would not charge after a 45 minute wait. The store gave him a new battery because of the warranty, so he brought the new battery back, replaced it in the neighbor's car and the car started instantly.

Another neighbor had surgery and was unable to walk her dog, so Mike volunteered to walk the dog morning, noon, and night. He even took the dog and kept it at his home while the neighbor was recovering



from the surgery.

Yes, Mike is a great neighbor with a kind heart and caring spirit.

Judy moved from Chicago to Arizona and then to On Top of the World after learning about our community through social media advertising. She was searching for a new home in the middle of Florida on the Gulf Coast and she discovered our beautiful community.

Judy is very outgoing and friendly and greets everyone as does her little dog, Oscar.

Judy is a retired senior executive with Konica Minolta and is now looking forward to enjoying her hobbies, playing golf and traveling.

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Five OTOW residents explore parks in West Virginia and Maryland



Rural French residents Eugene and Linda Wilt are originally from West Virginia. In September they went home for a visit and three residents from the west joined them - Nola and Bill Griffith and Judy Good.

Although the weather was wet, everyone had a good time.

Eugene and Linda showed Nola, Bill and Judy around for some great sight-seeing.

On Labor Day weekend they attended an ox roast at the Rowlesburg Fire House. Eugene says they cooked up 1500 pounds of beef in a sealed pit, along with all the fixings - it was delicious.

This day's event was attended by Eugene and Linda's full family, sons and wives, grandchildren, Nola, Bill and Judy.

This was Judy's first trip to West Virginia and she loved it. The mountains and views were more that they expected.

Next they took a side trip to Swallow Falls State Park in Maryland where they walked the trails to see the Youghiogheny River and the gorges that made up the most beautiful rapids.

Then on to Muddy Creek Falls, which was another beautiful sight, as the water gushed over the rocks.

Once they returned back to West Virginia, they visited with other family members. Then it was off to enjoy another treat. The next stop was Rowlesburgh and the Rowlesburg Volunteer Fire Departments "Ultimate Bash." This is one of the fire department's main fundraisers. Tick-



Five On Top of the World residents visit Swallow Falls Canyon in Maryland.

ets are bought well in advance because Eugene says they only sell 2,500 for this event and it sells out in about a month.

Numbers are drawn using a bingo machine. The total prizes given away are valued at about \$172,000 and are awarded about every 10 minutes.

Prizes range from cars, trucks, trailers,

ATVs, guns and more. Not only are the prizes awesome, but all of the ticket holders got free food and drinks.

Sorry to say, nobody from this group was a winner of any prizes this year, but on a positive note they enjoyed each other's company and all went home with full bellies.

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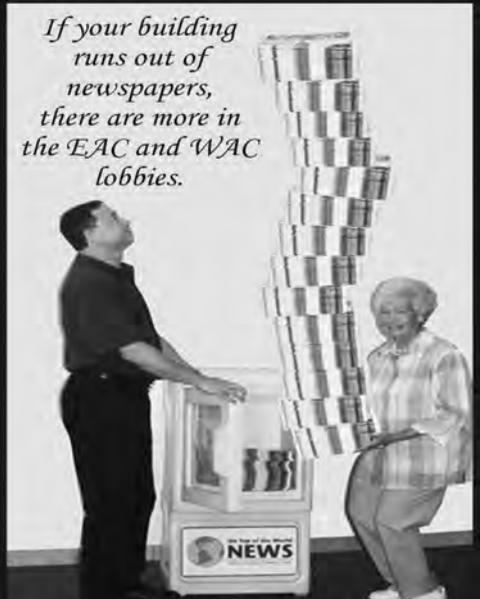
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If seven ladies walk into line dancing together, they are probably from New World French

By Patricia Cullen-Davis

New World French residents have many ways to spend time together.

Mexican Train dominos is one of them.

Six residents play every Tuesday taking turns to host the game in their homes.

We also have spare players in case someone is unable to attend.

Whoever is the hostess serves a light supper for all to enjoy, which is half the fun - what will be served?

The evening is always delightful.

New World French residents also love line dancing together. We have seven ladies who regularly dance together. In fact, when they enter the dancing room, teacher Margaret LeTourneau sometimes says, "Here comes building one."

Our building is also famous for attending the new cornhole activity. There are eight of us, including Ron Huber, who in September won an award for four successful tosses in a row.



New World French residents enjoy playing Mexican Train and serving up surprise dinners.



Happy 90th Jean Fowlie

Happy belated 90th birthday to Jean Fowlie!

She was the guest of honor in October at a birthday celebration at the Captains Inn in New Jersey.

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Three Villa residents visit Italy for some rest, relaxation and sightseeing



Travels, birthday celebrations and Thanksgiving all highlight the month at the Viennese Villa building.

This month's picture is of Gloria del Lupo, who is the mother of Viennese Villa resident Nancy Malinconicos.

Gloria lives in the Americana building.

In September, Gloria celebrated her 95th birthday. Joining in the festivities were Trudy Berry, Eleanor Albano, Rosalie Borselli, Nancy, Gloria and Sarah Lugas.

Also enjoying a new tide around Ole Sol was Lynn Costanza, who was treated to dinner at Carrabbas by Pat Brennon, Judy Reed, Chris Tuttle, Goca Kranenberg and yours truly. It was a fun evening.

Italy beckoned to Villa neighbors.

GINNA CIMA went home to northern Italy for a visit. Our pinochle player enjoyed the trip, but is happy to be back home.

Also in Italy were Earl Balance and



Gloria del Lupo turned 95 in September. She lives at the Americana building. Pictured above is Gloria, far right, celebrating with friends at the Viennese Villa building.

Mike Murphy. They spent a month with pals seeing all the sights then returned home by ship. No jet lag for them.

After some 23 years, Steve Mazurek has retired the small flag duties to Brian Lance. A volunteer is needed for the Finlandia side. Please see Brian or Steve about the opening.

Thank you Steve for many years of taking care of our flags.

And thank you in advance as Veterans Day is Nov. 11.

Rande Marie Tornetta's article in the October edition of OTOW News was very interesting and helpful. She wrote about the best grocery markets for your

money. I always enjoy Rande's columns.

Make those Thanksgiving reservations early!

Well, until next we meet, trust everyone shall enjoy a most happy Thanksgiving. Remember, wear a poppy on Nov. 11.

Any news fit to print, send it to me at Fresca@maine.rr.com.

Happy Hour went well ... how about a holiday luncheon?

Happy Hour is what brought Hawaiian Towers residents together in October.

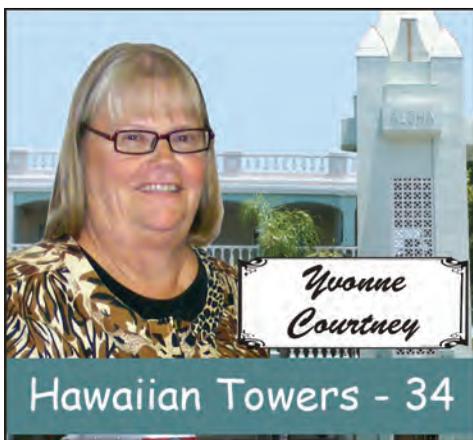
We set up tables on the walkway and everyone who came brought their own snack and drink.

We had a very nice evening.

There was discussion about a holiday lunch in December. I decided I would take care of the plans for the building. I will get back to everyone in November on updated plans.

I would like to thank everyone for keeping the trash room a little nicer. We still have some people just dumping things in the room. For the sake of everyone in the building, please stop and be a good neighbor.

Hope you make plans to come to our holiday luncheon.



Hawaiian Towers residents celebrate Happy Hour in October.

Meet author and film historian Sharon Rich at the Fall Festival on Nov. 5. Sharon will be speaking in the Learning Lab on Dec. 6. She is the author of the book "Sweethearts" which will be a movie soon. Sharon will have her book for sale and she will sign it.

One of our residents has had tea with the Queen and fled New York City during 9-11

As the building reporter for the Granada Building, you learn so much about your fellow resident neighbors!

It is such a pleasure to share with you what's going on in the Granada Building.

Did you know that our own Dascilda Allen has visited the Queen of England?

Yes. She has. Not only once, but two times.

She was a participant during a tea party, and watched the Changing of the Guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

Part of her favorite memories are the beautiful hats and dresses that everyone wore.

Dasci was born and raised in Jamaica when her majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, reigned over Jamaica.

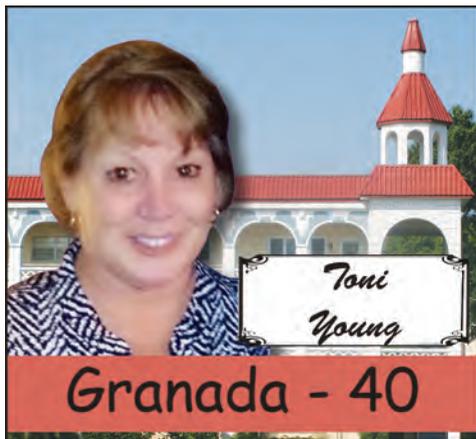
On Aug. 6, 1962, the Colony of Jamaica gained Independence from the United Kingdom.

Dasci is so fond of the Queen that she holds a heavy heart with beautiful memories of the Queen.

Dasci speaks of the Queen as she remembers her kindness. The Queen visited little children of a village in Jamaica. They all waved flags during a parade held in her honor.

Dascilda moved to New York City in 1969. She graduated from nursing school, She got married and had four children. Today she has 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

While in New York, Dasci personally



experienced the 9/11 attack when the second plane flew into the twin towers. She was one of the original people who had to flee the awful sight of people scattering across the Manhattan Bridge to Brooklyn.

She remembers the devastation and the looks on people's faces. She remembers how the Jewish community came together and met everyone at the end of the bridge. They brought them food, water and loving support as many people walked for many miles to escape the fumes, smoke and soot of the crash.

Today, Dasci is keeping herself busy with many projects around the Granada building. With help from the Travel Club, she collects small suitcases on wheels for foster children through the Epsilon Sigma Alpha program.

Dasci is also currently making prayer



Dascilda Allen with some suitcases she has collected for a local orphanage.

bracelets and crocheted crosses for the Holy Trinity Church in Safety Harbor to place on the pillows of retreating pilgrims when they visit.

We want to wish a belated happy birthday to Christina Mattana in October and Jacqui Dolan in early November.

Party hearty girls!

My husband, Jeff, and I just celebrated our anniversary on the Sunset Cruise Ship, Starlight Majesty, out of Clearwater Beach. We had a wonderful dinner and met new friends vacationing from Indiana - Gary and

Shea Byers.

The sunset was amazing!

Gary and Shea are returning again next year with their family.

Our next building eat-out will be held on Nov. 14, at 4 p.m. at the Harold Seltzer's Steakhouse located at 2930 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater.

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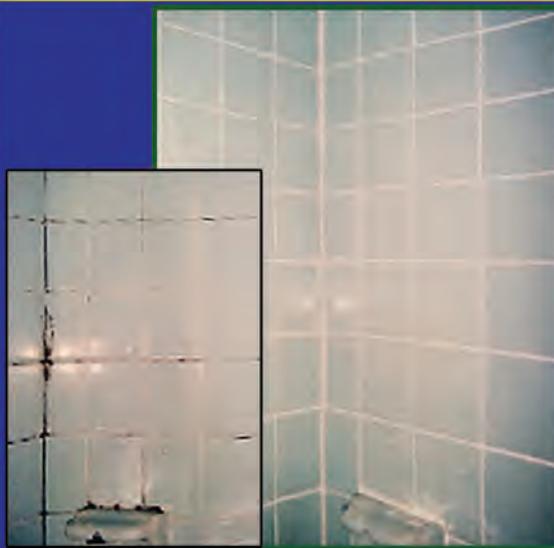
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They met participating in a family wedding and had a church wedding of their own in Long Island, N.Y., soon after.

Together they have three children and eight grandchildren. They are planning a cruise with family to celebrate this momentous occasion.

When asked what's the secret to staying married for 50 years they said, "Talking to each other and trusting one another."

I'd say that's pretty good advice!

Congratulations Ralph and Ruth on achieving this incredible milestone!

We look forward to celebrating with them at our annual "Friendsgiving" with a small anniversary cake for them to cut on Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. in the Clear-water Room at the East Activity Center.





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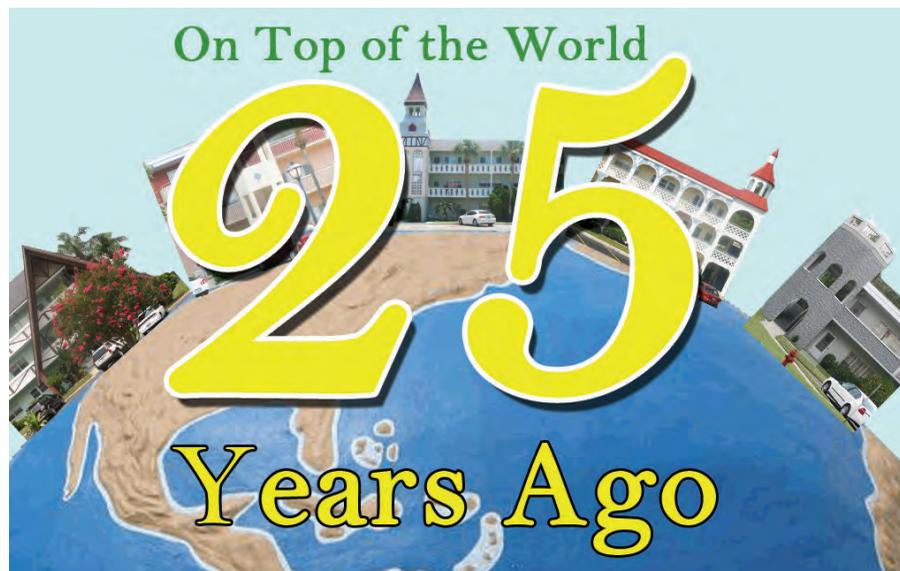
November 1997

By Dave Hart

- **Press Association:** The OTOW Press Association is back in business as of our first fall meeting, held October 2, 1997. An intriguing program was presented by Mr. Paul Gage from the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast. Mr. Gage gave an interesting summary of the Hospice's many services. Over 1,600 volunteers help in many loving ways to meet patient needs, including a Bridge group, which aids the survivors.

- **Art Guild:** What a great start to the Art Guild season of guest speakers! Charlotte Anderson gave a fascinating slideshow on landscape painters, which was very well received by the members. We must invite Charlotte back to give another presentation in the future. The draft revisions to the Guild Bylaws were passed to members for comment and will be voted upon at the November meeting, Friday, Nov. 14, 1997, at 1 p.m. The guest speaker for November will be Carol Rockwell, who is well-known to the Art Guild members as she is one of our art teachers.

- **OTOW Tennis:** Our summer schedule of mixed doubles was a



great success. It will continue at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday on court 2. Come out and join them for an evening of fun. Our annual potluck dinner will be held at approximately 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1997, in the Sunshine Room. Please sign up on any court for your choice of a dish to bring. Remember, we have a \$2 charge for guests or non-member of the Tennis Club. Court equipment is being refurbished. George Schenke has volunteered to organize a committee to assist with the repairs.

- **Horseshoe Club:** November 4, 1997, began another year for the

Horseshoe Club. We pitch on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and use handicaps. On Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. we have social games. The courts are located next to the shuffleboards court on Columbia Drive. Come on out and get some sunshine and exercise.

- **Lawn Bowling:** It's that time of the year again. Very soon now the bowling season will be in full swing. It is great to see Kenny Anderson back on the green bowling up a storm and Estelle Tees is looking good, smiling as always. I hope everyone else had a good summer bowling, fishing, boating or travel-

ling to visit family and friends. We were over at the green checking things out and noticed there are about 20 bags of new rubico (a surface made of ground slate rather than the traditional grass), so our green should be in good shape for the exciting season

- **Williamsburg Building:** Happy birthdays to: Paul Oliva, Gigi Snyder and Phyllis Hoffman Our recent business meeting dinner was held at Farmer Boy Restaurant. All that attended had a good time talking about those that didn't... Joke time: What do turkeys wish they were around this time of year? Skinny. Why didn't the turkey eat Thanksgiving dinner? Because he was already stuffed. What is a turkey on Thanksgiving Day? Dinner!

- **Bedford Building:** Winter is here, for a few days, anyway. We have so much to be thankful for and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Why not tell someone how thankful you are for them? Don't forget we start our Christmas decorations on Saturday, Nov. 29, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. Starts with coffee and donuts at the Rossis' unit. Hope to see you all there. Christmas Dinner is Dec. 6, 1997, at the Golden Coin. Dessert and a gift exchange will be at the Robinsons' condo.



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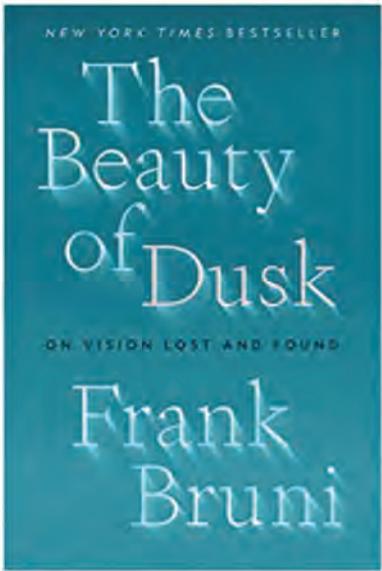
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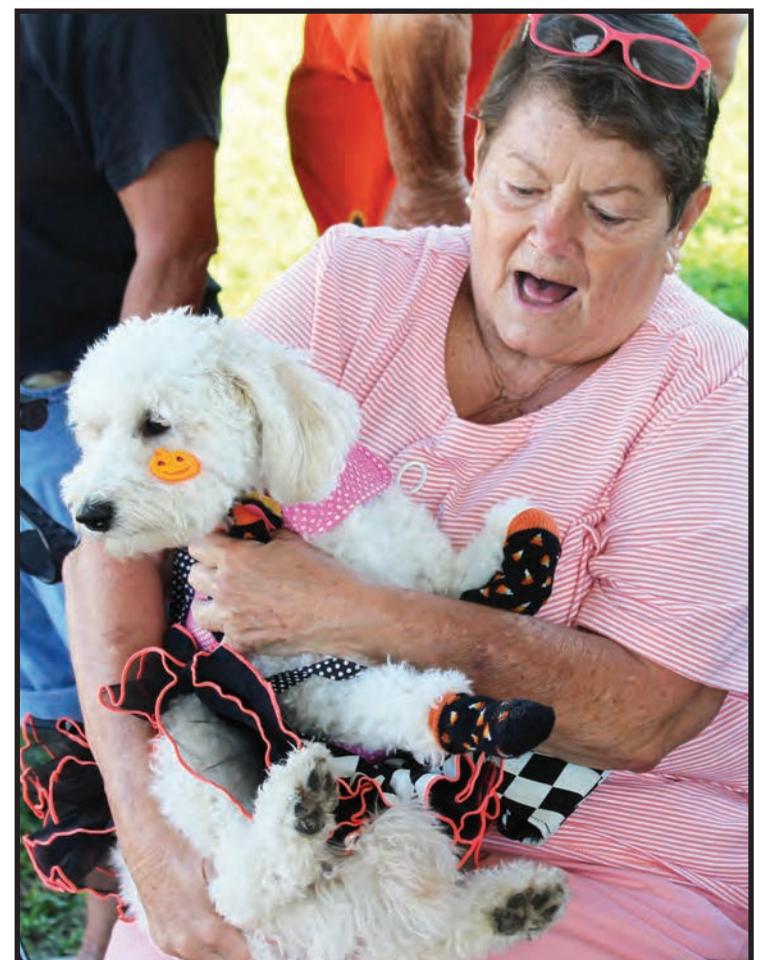


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