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Carla Hines, at left, returned to the East Activity Center Auditorium for an early morning singing performance. She sang on stage, with the audience and even got people on their feet dancing - all at 10 a.m. Pictured above are residents waiting in line for donuts and coffee. Eleven dozen donuts were given away in an hour.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

More than 130 donuts given away in an hour when Get Acquainted Coffee kicked off fall season

By Sue Trost

Minutes after the first box of donuts was opened and distributed, 10 more boxes followed

The return of the Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee was welcomed by residents, who lined up for their free donut and cup of coffee at 9 a.m. on Oct. 12. Less than an hour later, all 132 donuts had been given away.

But residents didn't just fill the East Activity Center Auditorium for sugar and caffeine, many were there to listen to our own Carla Hines sing a variety of tunes.

By popular demand, Carla was brought back for another Get Acquainted Coffee and people responded by even dancing at 10 a.m.

Carla sang on stage and off stage. Some in the crowd even sang along.

It was the perfect way to kick off the On Top of the World fall season and the return of Get Acquainted Coffee.

Two days after the popular social event, Good Neighbors Association was right back at it. The semi-annual Flea Market and Craft Show took place and was another big success story

There were lots of people selling their used treasures and lots of tables with people selling their own homemade, beautiful crafts.

Another fun time was had by all.

Then, one week later, this time on a Friday, Good Neighbors Association held its semi-annual clothing and food drive at the EAC Pavilion Park.

People drove up to the Pavilion and club volunteers helped unload clothing and food for local chairty groups. Again, another successful event.

You think October was busy for Good Neighbors Association, wait until you see November.

Get Acquainted Coffee will return on Thursday, Nov. 9, with Opera Tampa in the

house. Information tables open at 8:30 a.m., coffee and donuts at 9 a.m. and opera music at about 10 a.m.

Good Neighbors will host an Ice Cream Social from 3-6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, in the Auditorium with special guests Skirt & Ties. This barbershop quartet is led by our own Mike Wood.

Tickets are available at the Good Neighbors information table from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays in the Auditorium.

Looking ahead, Good Neighbors will work with our own Veterans Group and New York-New Jersey Club to offer an open microphone and karaoke night from 6-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024.

This event will benefit the Veterans Group and Bay Pines Administration. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at information tables for all three clubs. For more information, visit the Veterans Group information table.

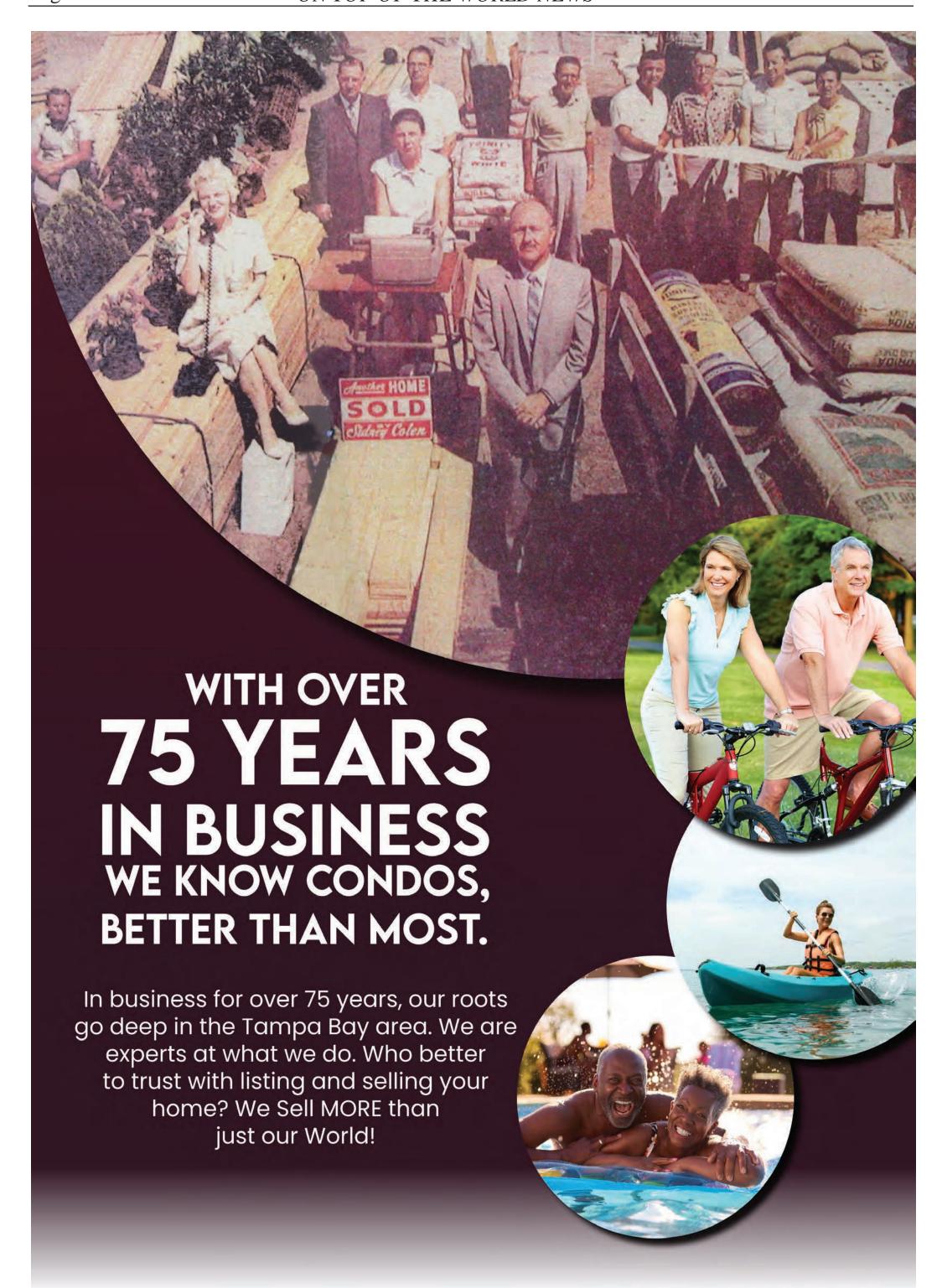




The Auditorium was filled with vendors, browsers and buyers when the Good Neighbors Association Flea Market and Craft Show was held in October. There were also many smiling faces.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)





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Please follow holiday decoration guidelines for your safety and safety of others

Holiday Decorating

Every year it seems like the holidays come quicker than the last! I feel like it was just January and the 2023 year was fresh, new and the wonder of it all was still a bit magical.

Well now, here we are in November and once again the holidays are upon us. With that comes season's greetings, well wishes, quality time with family and friends, eating, cooking, and yes, holiday decorating.

Here are some safety tips and Association rule reminders from your management company:

- All outdoor lighting should be plugged into GFCI receptacles.
- Each building is allowed one common area Christmas tree. Each tree may contain up to 300 miniature lights or 600 reduced-wattage LED lights. Please limit power supply cords to one, 50-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 signup sheet in your building core, please leave off the date of the event and don't list condo numbers for people attending. Let's avoid telling local burglars who will not be home!
- Please be considerate when using holiday decorations which make sounds singing, talking or sound effects. Please turn them off at reasonable hours and please limit the amount of time they are playing.
- Please do not hang or wrap decorations or extension cords from building lights. This includes emergency lights, exit lights, center core lights, walkway lights, end stairwell lights and pole lights on all floors.
- Please do not hang or wrap decorations or cords from or otherwise impede any building railing or pipe work. This includes all stairway and walkway railings, and emergency system pipe work. All wrapped decorations or cords in violation of this guideline will be removed by Parkway 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.
- provement and department stores.
 Do not wrap garland or decorations around the light poles at the end stairwells on any building. This affects the proper op-

eration of the light.

- Never cover your condo unit numbers with holiday decorations. Your unit number must always be visible to emergency personnel. Don't make it difficult to find your location or a unit near you.
- All electrical rooms, elevator rooms, telephone rooms and alarm rooms are access restricted. These areas are not accessible to residents or the building maintenance worker



- only by Management.

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

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. (Please remember that awnings are on the path to elimination from the community inasmuch as they are a source of leaks as well as being potential wind hazards.)
- Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) exterior access panels and flashing incorrectly sealed or improperly installed (again, wind-driven penetration).
 - HVAC lines not sealed and wrapped roperly.
- Interior HVAC drain lines not regularly serviced will cause a line blockage and backup 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. Also, plastic toilet fill lines deteriorate over time, steel braid lines work best.
- 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.

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 our official website otowclearwaterinfo.com and click the remediations-department link.

Finally, make sure you have insurance on your personal property and liability in force on your unit at all times. 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

Thank You But No Tipping/Gifting

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

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

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

You may make these donations at the Community Service Office or by mail at On Top of the World - Clearwater Employee Gift Fund, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E., Clearwater, FL. 33763.

Make checks payable to Parkway Maintenance and Management – Employee Gift Fund. Donations and gifting are purely discretionary.

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 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 De-

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 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted. If

your call goes to voice mail, it is because the 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 once.

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 condo 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.

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, after hours, in the event of an emergency, such as water intrusion into your condo

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 www.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.

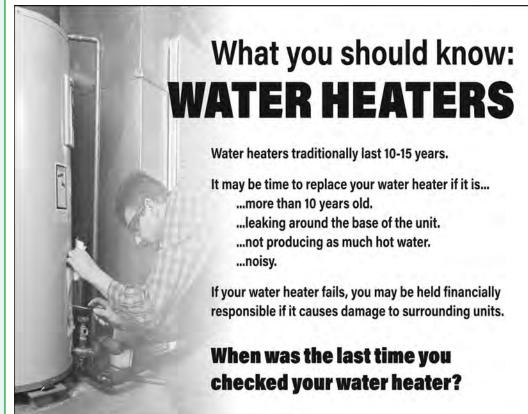
OTOW-ALERTS provides advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community. It is not hyperbole to say an advanced warning may save lives!



- 1. Go to otowclearwaterinfo.com
- 2. On the home page, hover over the "Stay Informed" tab and click Stay Informed.
 - 3. Provide the information requested.

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Getting through hurricane season and looking forward to ending the year on a positive note

So Far So Good

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

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

I would be remiss if I did not also recognize the people behind the scenes who serve this community and make sure operations are going as planned. Dessa Barabba, general manager of Parkway Maintenance & Management Company, oversees day-to-day community operations. Shawn Tobias, senior manager, is in charge of all grounds maintenance and building services. Together, with a team of other professionals and support staff, they keep the community humming day in and day out.

OTOW Condominium Operations 101

For more than 50 years, OTOW-Clearwater's organizational structure has delivered a very consistent quality of life to residents. This has been by design from the very first day this community came into existence.

The design is really very straight forward: The Board is responsible for all legal and financial matters of the Association.

The financial matters consist of ensuring the Management Company has adequate funding to carry out its mandated contractual responsibility and ensure that the assets of the community are adequately insured (an increasingly costly difficult proposition); adopt rules of the Association from time to time; and ensure the safe and fiscally responsible operation of the Condominium Association.

This is the best service residents can receive from any Board.

Your Board contracts and delegates authority to a Management Company (Parkway Maintenance and Management Pinellas, LLC) to operate the community on a daily basis. The Management Company is an agent for the Board of Administration, and is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the community, including the things



that you as a resident experience every day.

The Management Company is responsible for building cleaning, lawn mowing and landscape care.

There are also larger and deeper matters such as roofing integrity, exterior building walkway improvements and restoration, sidewalk and street maintenance and elevator operational maintenance.

There is managing third party contractors such as major elevator repairs, fire alarm and signal equipment maintenance, solid waste removal, roofing projects, railing projects, building painting, and paving improvements and maintenance.

Your Management Company is the frontline for approval of transfers and leases. This last responsibility is an important first step in screening applicants and provides a baseline for residency.

Since 1984, residents have had the right to control who sits on the Board of Directors, through an open and fair election process. The next of these elections is this December – keep an eye out for your mailed ballot or notification of electronic voting.

For your convenience, and to ensure your vote is counted, I encourage everyone to sign up to vote electronically. You can learn more and sign up at our official website OTOWClearwaterInfo.com. Click the "electronic-voting" link. It is critical that all residents make their voices heard on important community matters.

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 the general recovery in the local economy and businesses competing for employees. The Management Company has had to pace the wage increases and benefits to assure retention of the very qualified and seasoned team that does work in this community.

Your Board does not expect that outlook to change for the near future. The practical effect is that some grounds maintenance is running a little longer than what is acceptable, especially when coupled with the periodic rain delay.

In an effort to limit impacts on the residents and the community service fees, the reality of this current labor market is at the top of task priorities. That said, reducing the quality of service is the last thing your Board would want to have happen. Your Board will do what it takes to assure that the Management Company is able to retain current and hire new talent that will assure the continuing operational quality.

Community Services

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 for 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, 2023, will be uploaded to OTOWClearwaterinfo.com by building number soon.

If you are unable to view the report online, you may request a copy of the audited Annual Financial Report for your building. It will be sent to you electronically by submitting your request by email to otowclearwaterinfo.com or by mail by writ-

ing to the Association at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East, Clearwater, Fl., 33763.

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

Community Update Work in Progress

Your Management Company would like to reiterate to residents that barbeque grills be it propane, charcoal, or electric - are not permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

Community Aesthetics Do Matter

Clutter enforcement has been one of the most recurring compliance concerns at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

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

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice.

Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Final Thoughts

Set aside for a minute that this has been a trying year for many of us. It is always worthwhile to pause for a moment, take a step back and consider all the positive events and blessings that have happened and continue to be happening in our lives.

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

Breathe, smile!

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



Your Community Service Office will be open on SATURDAY, Nov. 18, from 8:00 to 12:00 pm to assist you!

Get your Activity Card or Access Card, or pick up an application or form.

Good Neighbors Association Fall Food and Clothing Drive





The Good Neighbors Association Fall Food and Clothing Drive was held on Friday, Oct. 20, at the East Activity Center Pavilion Park. Club members collected 81 bags of clothing and several boxes of unperishable food that we donated to the Shepherd Center in Tarpon Springs.

The Veterans Group also collected men's jeans, lightweight jackets, sweatshirts, shorts, shirts, dress shirts, dress slacks, suits, blazers, sweaters, ties, shoes, slippers, winter coats and socks, and they were donated to the Bay Pines Veterans Administration in St Petersburg.

(OTOW News photos by Mary Lou Wall)



PREPARE TODAY FOR A HURRICANE

Don't wait for a bad storm to be hours away.

Don't think, "It will never hit here."

The photo at left was taken in 2017. It did hit here.

Your Pre-Storm Checklist

- 1. Purchase a battery-operated radio and a supply of batteries.
- 2. Purchase flashlights with batteries. Use caution when using candles.
- 3. Recharge cell phone batteries and use only when necessary. Do you need a spare battery for your cell phone?
- 4. Get an ice chest. Stock up on one week's worth of water and food that won't spoil.
- 5. Don't forget pet supplies, toilet paper, a battery-operated fan.
- 6. Refill medical prescriptions.
- 7. Go to an ATM or bank and get cash.
- 8. Fill your vehicle and generator with gas. Get acquainted with OTOW's condo rules for using/storing generators.
- 9. If you are evacuating, tell people where you are evacuating to and leave contact information with different people.
- 10. Bring lawn furniture and outdoor decorations indoors.
- 11. Make sure you have a first-aid kit, including bandages and ointments.
- 12. Make sure important documents are safely stored.
- 13. Don't forget rain gear, blankets and home entertainment. You may not have internet service for days.
- 14. Be aware. Elevators will not work if there is no power.

WHEN A STORM HAS PASSED

- A. Do not go outside and begin cleanup on your own. Let OTOW management personnel remove limbs and all damage.
- B. Traffic lights may be out. Stop at all intersections where a traffic light is not working. Treat each intersection as a four-way stop.

Sign up for RAVE alerts.

Community updates will be posted on otowclearwaterinfo.com, OTOW-TV Channel 901 and the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).





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There will be more to do at the 2023 On Top of the World Fall Festival & Expo than just buy stuff, browse, eat, drink, dance and socialize - add golf to the mix. Joe Miranda and Jesse Tiamson from the OTOW Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club took one day to build a putt putt golf hole for the festival. Volunteers from our community golf leagues will be there to hand you a club and golf ball. They may even recruit you to join their leagues. Don't be shy. Step up to the hole. You will get two chances to putt a hole-in-one. If you do, you will win an OTOW Fall Festival golf ball while supplies last. Don't be the last in line. There will only be 48 golf ball prizes to give away. Special thank you to the Fixers Club for building our putting green in just 24 hours!



Fraud Awareness Week Event

Thursday, Nov. 16, 11 am - 12 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room

A presentation on consumer awareness and education will take place at On Top of the World on Nov. 16.

Join Pinellas County Consumer Protection and test your consumer knowledge by playing a fun, interactive and an educational game of consumer trivia.

This presentation is free and open to the public.

OTOW-TV 901 presents **Elvis - A Tribute Show** performed by **Dwight Icenhower.**

This show was performed live on Jan. 19, 2023, in the EAC Auditorium

Now enjoy the concert rebroadcast on Thursday, Nov. 23 at 7 pm



First time on OTOW-TV

Dwight Icenhower "Elvis"

OTOW-TV now has an ASCAP License



Angels for Angels

Please donate a gift by Wednesday, Dec. 20

Pinellas County Foster and Adoptive Parents Association will be hosting Angels for Angels this holiday season. Angels for Angels is a program where you purchase gift cards and drop them off at the Community Service Office by Wednesday, Dec. 20. Your generous donation will be given to a child in time for the holidays. Pinellas County Foster and Adoptive Parents Association strives to provide parents with the necessary resources to deal with the many challenges they face in raising our communities' children. In the past, this has been an Angel Tag program for buying a perfect gift for a specific child. This year the organization will match your gift card with the perfect recipient. Suggested gift cards are listed below. Thank you.

GIFT CARDS Walmart Amazon

Target

TOYS Vtech Leap Frog Radio Control Cars Dolls Etc.

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FAST FOOD GIFT CARDS

Chick Fila PDQ Chipotle Moe's Arbys McDonalds SPORTING GOODS Fishing Poles

Camping Gear Basketball Balls Footballs Sneakers Etc.

The business products listed here are just samples. Your gift does not have to be confined to one listed in this ad.

Need to renew or obtain your **Activity Card or Access Card?**

Please visit the Community Service Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch). You must bring a valid government issued photo ID,

a recent piece of mail showing your name and OTOW address, and your most recently issued **Activity Card.**

On Top of the World

John Doe 1018 World Parkway Blvd. Unit 18, Condo 21 Clearwater, Fl.



Activity Card

There is no fee for renewals. However, if your Activity Card has expired (all fiscal years have been punched at the bottom), a new card will be required and the fee is \$3. If you need to obtain an Access Card, there is a one-time fee of \$7. If you do not have your most recently issued Activity Card, the fee is \$25 for a replacement. As a reminder, an Access Card is now required to enter the east or west pool areas, the Fitness Center, and the Learning Lab. You should be prepared to show your Activity Card to an OTOW staff member upon request.

Fall Festival & Expo set for Nov. 4

On Top of the World Fall Festival & Expo

The annual On Top of the World Fall Festival & Expo will return on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the East Activity Center and outside in the back parking lot.

It's that time of year again when we come together as a community to celebrate the season. Everyone is invited!

Highlights will include a full house of vendors from the surrounding community. Some of them include Happy Feet Plus, The Florida Orchestra, Creating Smiles Dental, Mobility Plus, Midway Services, AAA, Pinellas County Sheriff, Bay Pines Veterans Administration and more. Some of the vendors, like Happy Feet, will be selling items.

Outside the EAC you will be able to enjoy live music, food, arts and crafts, and OTOW club vendors. You can visit and get information from club representatives and you can join a club.

There will be plenty of giveaways and raffle prizes, plus music inside provided by Fletcher Music.

OTOW clubs will compete to win a prize for "Best Decorated" table.

Free pumpkins and produce will be available courtesy of Turner Produce.

Able Builders will be raffling off a new

Seating will be available near the food trucks and plenty of space will be available to sit at the Pavilion, and around the Pavilion

If you need a break or place to enjoy your meal indoors, find a seat downstairs in the Kitchen and Clearwater Room.

As always, parking will be limited. Please walk over or arrange to be dropped off.

We look forward to seeing all of our residents having a wonderful day!

Fletcher Music Keyboard Lessons

Starting Monday, Nov. 6, Fletcher Music Center will be back 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. 6-Dec. 11, from 10-11 a.m.

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

Residents may register by calling Art Bishop at 727-580-5937 or by signing up at



the Fall Festival & Expo where Fletcher Music will be hosting a table located in front of the stage (table No. 20). Class size is limited to 25 residents.

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

Fraud Awareness Week

Fraud Awareness Week is a coordinated campaign dedicated to promoting consumer awareness and education, and designed to minimize fraud.

An informed consumer is an empow-

Join Pinellas County Consumer Protection and test your consumer knowledge by playing a fun, interactive and educational game of consumer trivia.

This event will take place on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 11 a.m. to noon in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

AAA Safe Driving Course

The next available AAA Safe Driving Courses will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 12, and Jan. 9, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. There will be a one hour break for lunch.

Please bring your own bag lunch, and refreshments.

This is an on-site course for residents

The November class is already full.

Registration is easy! Just call 727-431-8887 with your name, address and

credit card information or you may also stop by the AAA Clearwater branch at 2347 Gulf to Bay Boulevard to register.

Residents will receive a certificate of completion on the day of the course which earns you a discount on your car insurance.

The instructor can also email you the certificate in a PDF format if you or your insurance company would prefer.

The discount will be good for three years from the day the course was completed.

Food Truck Night Returns

Food Truck Night will return from 3-7 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Come out for our first Food Truck Night of the season. Make new acquaintances or reconnect with friends and neighbors, and enjoy some delicious food that you don't have every day.

It all happens at the East Activity Center back parking lot area near our beautiful Pavilion Park!

What is new for our Food Truck Night? Asian Mix and Westchase BBQ.

Back by popular demand will be Got Lobstah, Stevie D's Philly Cheesesteaks, Sea Dog Cantina and My Cone Creamery.

There will be plenty of seating near the food trucks and at the Pavilion Park area.

One Blood

The Big Red Bus will be here at the East Activity Center front parking lot on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Residents can register at Nancy's Bulletin Board on the Clearwater website (otowclearwaterinfo.com), in the Community Service Office or just show up that day.

All donors will receive a \$20 e-card plus a plush blanket and mini wellness checkup, which includes blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Take this opportunity to save lives!

Making the honor roll for October were Christopher Ferrugia, Vidalina Gonzalez, Thomas Pettit, Gail Mcniel, Mary Lou Wall and Brendan Buchmelter.

Thank you for saving lives!

Skin Cancer Awareness

On Spot Dermatology's Mobile Unit "Derma Drive" will be here 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 and Friday, Dec. 8 and will be parked at the EAC front parking area off of World Parkway Boulevard.

1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer

by the age of 70, but here's the good news! When detected early, the five-year survival rate for melanoma is 99 percent.

To make an appointment, visit onspotdermatology.com/otow or click on the flyer/link posted on the OTOW website www.otowclearwaterinfo.com. You can also call 941-444-0011.

Calendar Reservations

How do I make a reservation on the community calendar?

The first step for making a reservation on the calendar is to email or call the Activity Office with the type of event you are planning, and preferred date and location. Send email to general_activity@scaclw.com or call 799-2734. This starts the process.

Once we confirm all the details, you will fill out the online Facility Request Form.

To get the form, visit our official website otowclearwaterinfo.com, click on "Community Activities" and "Forms" and select the SCA Online Facility Request form.

Complete and sign the form with your mouse or finger and click submit.

I will acknowledge receipt in an email. This form works better if you use Google as your browser.

Paper forms are still available and can be picked up and dropped off in the Community Service Office where I have a mailbox. Please complete the form outside of the busy office and then drop it off. I will acknowledge receipt in an email or phone call.

Activity Card Renewal

The Community Service Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from noon to 12:30 p.m. for lunch).

You must bring a valid, government issued photo ID, a recent piece of mail showing your name and OTOW address, and your most recently issued Activity Card.

There is no fee for renewals, however, if your card has expired (all fiscal years have been punched at the bottom), a new card is required and the fee is \$3.

If you do not have your most recently issued Activity Card, the fee is \$25 for a re-

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. Noncompliance matters will be directed to the On Top of the World Associa-

Returning are some of your Food Truck Night favorite vendors:

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Wednesday, Nov. 29, 3-7 pm **East Activity Center Back Parking Lot**



The Big Red Bus will be here Thursday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center front parking lot.

You can register at Nancy's Bulletin Board on otowclearwaterinfo.com, in the Community Service Office or just show up that day.

All donors will receive a \$20 Ecard, plush blanket and mini wellness checkup, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

OTOW Community Activities Calendar November 2023

SPECIAL EVENTS

Computer Club Cleanup Days, Tuesday, Nov. 7 and Wednesday, Nov. 8, 8 am - 12 pm, WAC Learning Lab Laughter Yoga, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1:30 - 2:15 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room Italian-American Club Holiday Party: Wednesday, Nov. 8, 5 - 10 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee, Thursdays, Nov. 9, 8:30-11 am, EAC Auditorium On Spot Dermatology, Friday, Nov. 10, 8 am - 3:30 pm, East Activity Center Front Parking Lot Good Neighbors Association Fall Ice Cream Social with Skirt & Ties, Saturday, Nov. 11, 3 pm - 6 pm Canadian Club Registration Night: Wednesday, Nov. 15, 6 - 10 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium Consumer Protection Seminar, Thursday, Nov. 16, 11 am - 12 pm at East Activity Center Largo Room Art Guild Book Sale, Saturday, Nov. 18, 1 - 4 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room Canadian Club Dance, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 7 - 9:30 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room Food Truck Night: Thursday, Nov. 29, 3-7 pm, EAC back parking lot New York-New Jersey Club Ugly Sweater Night, Thursday, Nov. 30, 5 - 8 pm, EAC Auditorium Club Information Tables and Ticket Sales, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 am, East Activity Center Auditorium AAA Driver Safety Course (sold out in November). Next one Tuesday, Dec. 12. You must pre-register.

CLUB AND GROUP EVENTS

Art Guild Acrylic Painting, 1 - 3 pm, Thursdays, EAC Largo Room Art Guild Board Meeting: 3 - 5 pm, Thursday, Nov. 2, East Activity Center Largo Room Art Guild Drawing Class: 2 - 5 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room Art Guild Painting Pals: 1 - 4 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room Art Guild Membership Meeting: 1 - 3 pm, Thursday, Nov. 10, East Activity Center Largo Room
Art Guild Coffee and Critique: 9:30 - 11:30 am, Monday, Nov. 20, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
Baby Boomers Group: Meetings, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 1 and Thursday, Nov. 16, EAC Largo Room Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am - 1 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab Bible Study: Fridays, 2 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room Billiards (8 Ball): 6:30 - 10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, West Activity Center Billiards Room Billiards (Scotch Doubles): 6:30 - 10pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Billiards Room Billiards (9 Ball): 1 - 3 pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Billiards Room Bingo: Mondays, 6 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium Caregivers Support Group: Please visit the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com) Caring & Sharing: 9 am - 12 pm, Tuesdays, Kitchen/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 - 4:30 pm, Thursday, Nov. 9, West Activity Center Learning Lab Democratic Club: Happy Hour, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 7 - 9 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room Democratic Club Board Meeting: 2:00-4:00 pm, Thursday, Nov. 30, East Activity Center Ozona Room English For Everyone: Thursdays, 11:45 am - 1:15 pm; Saturdays, 9:30-11 am, EAC Dunedin Room Entertainment Committee Board Meeting: Monday, Nov. 13, 10:30 am - 12 pm Entertainment Committee Board Meeting: Monday, Nov. 13, 10:30 am - 12 pm
Entertainment Committee Dance: 7:30 pm, Saturday, Nov. 18, East Activity Center Auditorium
Entertainment Committee Show: Sunday, Nov. 16, 7:30 pm, EAC Auditorium
Entertainment Committee Meet and Greet: Sunday, Nov. 19, 2 - 4 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium
French Language Society: 10:30 - 11:30, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
Gentle Movement Exercises, Tuesdays 3 - 4 pm, Fridays 9:30 - 10:30 am, EAC Crystal Beach Room
Good Karma Book Club: 10 am - 12 pm, Thursday, Nov. 16, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
High Vibe Tribe: 7 - 9 pm, Thursday, Nov. 9, West Activity Center Learning Lab
Irish Club Parade Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 16, 3 - 5 pm, East Activity Center Belleair Room
Jesters Meeting: 6:30-8:30 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 8, West Activity Center Belleair Room
Keyboard Club, 10 am, Mondays and 9:45 am, Fridays, West Activity Center Learning Lab
Kibbitz Corner (Coffee Corner), Mondays, Wednesdays, 9-10 am, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
Knitting Group: 9 - 11 am, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
Lambda Social: Friday, Nov. 10, 6:00 - 10:00 pm, East Activity Center Oldsmar Room
Lawn Bowl Club Meeting: Monday, Nov. 20, 1 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room Lambda Social: Friday, Nov. 10, 6:00 - 10:00 pm, East Activity Center Oldsmar Room
Lawn Bowl Club Meeting: Monday, Nov. 20, 1 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
Learning To Dance with Noland: 1 - 3 pm, Mondays, East Activity Center Largo Room
Line Dance Club: 1 - 3 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Auditorium (None of Nov. 14)
Line Dance Club Practice: 7 - 8 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Rm
Moving and Grooving Line Dancing: Tuesdays, 9 - 12 pm, 1-4 pm Fridays, EAC Auditorium (None on Nov. 14)
Music Group: Tuesdays, 3 - 6 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room
Philosophy Club: 10 - 11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room
Plant-Reced Living Club: 3 - 5 pm, Friday, Nov. 3, West Activity Center Learning Lab Plant-Based Living Club: 3 - 5 pm, Friday, Nov. 3, West Activity Center Learning Lab
Ping Pong: 10 am - 1 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room
Pray for America: Meeting, 10 am - 12 pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room Press Association Annual Writers Workshop: Thursday, Nov. 2, 7 - 9 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium Republican Club: Meeting, 7 - 9 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 14, West Activity Center Belleair Room Resident4Residents: 3 - 4 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 14; WAC Belleaire Room Resident4Residents: 6:30-7:30 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 21, WAC Belleaire Room Social Dance: 1 - 3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleaire Room Snowbirds Club Membership Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 2, 2 - 3 pm, EAC Kitchen/Clearwater Room Snowbirds Line Dancing: Wednesdays, 8 am - 12 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium Tennis Club Board Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 29, 5 - 8 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room
Texas Card Game Club: 3 - 10 pm, Friday, Nov. 17, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
Theater Workshop Board Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 6 - 7 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room
Theater Workshop General Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7-8 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room
Theater Workshop General Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 8 - 7 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room Travel Club: Friday, Nov. 10, 2-4 pm, East Activity Center Oldsmar Room TOPS: 10:30 am-12 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room Veterans Group: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2 - 4 pm, East Activity Center Clearwater Room World Quilters: 8 am - 2 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room Writer's Ink: 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room

CARDS AND GAMES

Blackout (Canadian Club): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Thursdays, WAC Belleair Room Casual Bridge: Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, EAC Ozona Room Cribbage: 10 am - 12 pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room Dominoes: 5:30 - 8 pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center 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 Euchre Club: Fridays, 6 - 8 pm, East Activity Center Dunedin Room Ladies Bunco: 6:30 - 10 pm, Tuesday, Oct 10, 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 Poker (Alonzo's Group): 6 - 8 pm, Mondays, EAC Safety Harbor Room Poker (Barry's Group): 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room Poker (Bob's Group): 6 - 9:30 pm, Tuesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room Poker (Carol's Group): 6 - 9 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, EAC Safety Harbor Room Poker (Laura's Group): 6-9 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Safety Harbor Room Poker (Tom's Group): 5 - 9 pm, Wednesdays, EAC Safety Harbor Room Poker (Richie's Group): 5:30 - 8:45 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, EAC Ozona Room Samba Hand/Foot Canasta: 6 - 9 pm, Thursdays and Fridays, EAC Ozona Room Spades Night: Saturday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 18, 4 - 8 pm

EXERCISES

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10 am, Monday through Friday, East Activity Center Swimming Pool
Bonesavers: 8-9 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room
Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. East Activity Center Exercise Room
Dance Fitness: Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 - 10 am, West Activity Center Belleair Room
Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10:15-11:30 am, Mondays, WAC Belleair; 10:15-11:30 am, Thursdays, EAC Exercise Rm
Ladies Exercise: 8-9 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
Moving & Grooving Cardio Dance: 11 am -12 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, 9-10 am Saturdays, EAC Exercise Rm
Moving & Grooving Cardio Dance Light: 12:15-1:15 pm Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15-11:15 Saturdays, XR
Moving & Grooving Broadway Bound: 10:30 am - 12 pm, Sundays, East Activity Center Auditorium
Slimnastics: 9-10 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Clearwater Room
Tai Chi Flow 108: 3:15-4:15 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room
Tai Chi Qigong: 3-4 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-3 pm, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room



Information Tables
Mondays and Thursdays
8:30-10:30 am
EAC Auditorium

Get Acquainted Coffee
Good Neighbors Association
Nov. 9, 8:30-11 am, Auditorium
Featuring Opera Tampa

No club events on Nov. 3 in the East Activity Center. Fitness center and pool open.

All OTOW Amenities Closed Thanksgiving Day.

PAVILION

Modernage, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1 pm Irish Club, Friday, Nov. 10, 4 pm Irish Club, Tuesday, Nov. 14, 11 am Valencia, Monday, Nov. 13, 5:30 pm English Tudor, Sunday, Nov. 19, 4 pm

BUILDING EVENTS

Chinese Cathay, Sunday, Nov. 5, 4 pm, Clrwtr Rm

Modernage, Wed., Nov. 8, Pavilion

Valencia, Monday, Nov. 13, 5:30, Pavilion

American Gothic, Wed., Nov. 15, 4 pm, Kitchen/Clearwater Room

English Tudor, Sunday, Nov. 19, 4 pm, Pavilion

Siboney, Wednesday, Nov. 15, 5:30 pm, Belleair

Pickleball
Monday through Friday
10 am - 12 pm
Sundays 9 am - 12 pm
Tue, Wed, Thu 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Shuffleboard 4 pm, Mon, Tue, Wed

Tennis Club 7:00 - 10 am, Monday through Saturday. 4:30 - 6:30 pm, Sundays

Lawn Bowling 9:30 am Monday through Saturday Lawn Bowls Courts

FACILITIES

Library 10 am to 12 pm, Mondays 1-3pm, Wednesdays

Woodshop

8 am-4 pm Monday-Thursday (Sept-May) (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)

<u>Swimming Pools</u> (May through Sept) Monday-Saturday, 8 am to 8 pm Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 8 pm

Swimming Pools (Oct through April)
Mondays-Saturdays, 8 am to 6:30 pm
Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 6:30 pm

Morning exercise group gets first-hand experience visiting culinary school in Tarpon Springs

By Patti Branch

Neither a rainstorm or threat of tornado could keep the morning exercise group from experiencing a delightful lunch at the Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy at Tarpon Springs High School on Oct. 12.

The students are trained in an 11,600 square foot state-of-the-art facility including two complete teaching kitchens and 48 student-cooking stations.

A 100 seat dining room/restaurant provides students with one of the most sophisticated high school culinary arts academies in the United States. Upon graduation, students are prepared to pursue advanced culinary training or start careers in the growing field of food preparation and restaurant management.

The "high school" restaurant is open one day a month during the school year to serve the public. Reservations are required and cost is \$15, cash or check. The cost includes a choice of soup or salad, a choice of two entrees and dessert.

Coffee, tea and rolls are also included. There is no tipping the server, but there is a tip box at the exit.

This is the best value in town!

Most of us took our dessert home in a to-go box! The tablecloths and linen napkins made us feel like we were eating at a five star restaurant.

After lunch we had a photo taken with Chef Vinny who is the program coordinator and one of the instructors. It was a lovely experience. Thanks to Karen Beaver for organizing this event!

Our next lunches are Nov. 2 and another on Nov. 16. I highly recommend you join us. You won't be disappointed!



Morning exercise ladies took a road trip on Oct. 12 to Tarpon Springs High School to enjoy first-hand the culinary arts class-room/dining room for the students there. How was the experience? You'll have to read the story. In the middle of the photo is Chef Vincent Pesce who is the program coordinator.

On Top of the World Chorus Holiday Concert Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3, 3:00 p.m., East Activity Center Auditorium Tickets sold 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the Auditorium



You are invited to a Christmas lighting ceremony



The weekend after Thanksgiving is a traditional time to start decorating for Christmas. Lenny Segal and Kathy Ahrens plan on having their front yard decorated by Saturday, Nov. 25, for the community to enjoy. They will be hosting their third annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Nov. 25. You are welcome to see their display lit for the first time. There will be apple cider, desserts, gifts for children, Santa Claus, music and snow. Just stop by and say hi or bring a lawn chair. But please, park in the East Activity Center parking lot and not on the street. Lenny and Kathy live at 2040 World Parkway Boulevard East, building 11, the Austrian Alpine building.



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Celebrating 50+ Years ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



Sounds of Soul, Boomer Band make return to EAC in November

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Here we are in November and hopefully you will be celebrating another holiday with family and friends.

What a month October was for the Entertainment Committee!

On Oct. 26 we were entertained by a group called 1969. This group had us back in the Woodstock era with great songs and tie-dye shirts. I'm sure memories of Woodstock came back to everyone - even if you were not there.

As usual, our Halloween dance, featuring The Shakes Society, was a great success on Oct. 28. Our residents showed up in creative costumes. It is always hard to select a winner for our costume contest. You are all winners even though you may not have been selected. Thank you for making this a wonderful fun evening.

On Nov. 16 we will have Sounds of Soul performing for our Thursday show. This group does a variety of songs and will give us a wonderful evening of entertainment.

The Boomer Band will be returning on Nov. 18 for our fall dance. This group is local and performs around the area. So get your dancing shoes on and bring that special someone for an evening of dancing.

The Entertainment Committee Executive Board will be sworn in at our Sunday Meet and Greet on Nov. 19. After a short meeting there will be horse racing, along with a raffle and light refreshments. Be sure to bring your dollar bills to bet on your favorite jockey and horse. From what I understand we have some new horses that will be featured for this race.

Remember, Sunday Meet and Greet is free and goes from 2-4 p.m. Come early to get your raffle tickets and your seat before the activities begin.

New Year's Eve tickets are still available. If you haven't purchased your ticket(s), please stop by the Entertainment Committee information table. Tickets

are going fast, and we would hate for you to miss out on helping bring in the new year with your On Top of the World community. Tickets are \$30. The Entertainment Committee provides coffee, pastry, ice and of course champagne for toasting in the new year.

October was the time to renew your 2024 season tickets for shows and dances. Starting Nov. 2, tickets will be available for everyone to purchase. If you are considering becoming a season ticket holder, you can do so at this time.

With the purchase of a season ticket, you are guaranteed the same seat throughout the season and you won't have to stop by each event to purchase a ticket.

We will have eight shows, \$20 a show, so your cost will be \$160.

There will be 12 dances, which includes New Year's Eve. Your season dance ticket will cost \$140 (\$10 per dance except for New Year's Eve, which is \$30).

The Entertainment Committee information table is located in front of the stage in the East Activity Center, on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Just look for our banner.

Our 2024 schedule of events is available and if you have any questions one of our volunteers will be more than happy to assist you.

For information regarding tickets, please call (727) 449-9243 or (215) 431-4799.

For more information about our club, you can send an email to entertainment.otowcl@gmail.com.

There are several ways to keep track of our events. We promote on OTOW-TV channel 901, on the Box Office website (otowboxoffice.com), on your building bulletin boards as well as at both activity center bulletin boards.

On behalf of your OTOW Entertainment Committee, we wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving!



Look for our information table banner
when tickets are sold in the East Activity Center Auditorium.
Find our banner and you will find ticket sales for all
of our upcoming events, plus we will answer your questions.

Our information table wil be open from 8:30-10:30 a.m. every Mondays and Thursdays.



For those of you who have not yet purchased your

New Year's Eve tickets,

this is a good time to do so.

The earlier you purchase your tickets,

the better chance you have of
selecting the table you want.

This is the Entertainment Committee's most popular dance of the year and we are always sold out.

The cost of tickets is \$30 per person.

Visit our information table Mondays and Thursdays in the Auditorium.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE





NOVEMBER

- 16 Sounds of Soul (show, 7:30, \$20)
- 18 Boomer Band (dance, 7:30, \$10)
- 19 Sunday Meet & Greet (meeting, races, free)

DECEMBER

- 14 Hollywood Holidays (show, 7:30, \$20)
- 31 New Year's Eve with T C & Sass band (9:00, \$30)

JANUARY

18 Day Break - Tribute to Barry Manilow (show, 7:30, \$20) 20 The South Shores Cruisers Band (dance, 7:30, \$10)

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





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Writers Workshop is Nov. 2 - if you write for this newspaper, you are asked to attend



Press Association

How does the Press Association get everyone to the annual Writers Workshop on Thursday, Nov. 2, in the East Activity Center Auditorium?

Good question.

Whether you are a veteran reporter for OTOW News or just starting out, Editor Doug Kates wants you to attend this meeting. It is the only time he teaches a basic journalism course all year. The time is 7 p.m. to accomodate everyone. The class is only an hour long.

And just in case you do not enjoy listening to Doug talk, there will be free wine. Everyone is entitled to a glass while the class is in session.

"We have a staff of 80 people," Doug said. "I would like to see all 80 people at every meeting we have, but that doesn't happen. If I could have a packed house for just one meeting - this is the one."

Most journalists take four years of classes to get their degree. Doug is going to cram four years of school into one hour.

But don't worry. It will be fun.

If you are the president of a building, club, group or sports league, please make sure your reporter attends this class.

Thank you!

At the meeting in October, the Press Association passed an updated version of its bylaws. Since the bylaws were created



When the Crystal Beach Room was closed for roof work, Press Association staffers had to regroup at the Pavilion. Pictured above are the 24 staffers who found their way to the backup location on short notice. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

55 years ago, there really hasn't been much change - just cleaning up the grammar.

The Press Association has three board members elected each year. Staffers are considered active when they contribute to at least one newspaper a year. A meeting must have at least 10 members present and votes must receive 2/3 approval to pass.

The Press Association collects money from a monthly 50/50 drawing. That money is used toward a pizza party in March and other events. Staff members can request a financial report at any meeting.

Doug also shared an operations guideline with the staff. This documents that buildings, clubs, groups and sports leagues are responsible for finding their own reporters. Anyone who contributes to at least three newspapers (May-April) and attends at least three staff meetings during one full season qualifies for the annual Appreciation Dinner in April.

The bylaws and operaton guidelines are available to view on the Press Association website.

Also at the October meeting, Doug reminded everyone to keep their stories down to about 400 words. If stories are too long, Doug will cut them.

He also reminded everyone that staff writers are allowed to write only one story about themselves every 12 months.

Lastly, Dave Hart retired from On Top of the World News two years ago, but continued to do the 25 Years Ago monthly column as a fun hobby. Dave announced he will be 100 percent retired after the December

The 25 Years Ago column has always been about events at On Top of the World 25 years ago that month. Doug would like to turn the column into world news 25 years ago. Stay tuned as we make that adjustment.

Hope to see everyone on Nov. 2 at the Writers Workshop and Nov. 4 at the Fall Festival. The Press Association will have a table. Tell us how we are doing.



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Claire Gruyere, left, and Kaycee Clarkson are co-Artists of the Month for November. Claire displays an abstract painting and Kaycee shows off a charcoal drawing with hue, tone and shading.

Introducing a new 'Coffee and Critique' program

By Julie Awot

The On Top of the World Art Guild started off the 2023-2024 season with a tie for Artist of the Month.

Kacee Clarkson submitted a classic charcoal drawing. This medium fully illustrated the power and importance of hue, tone and shading.

Claire Gruyere was our other winner. She created a lovely abstract painting using an acrylic pour method. There is such a contrast between the classical and modern, it's no wonder we had two winners.

The Art Guild calendar for the month of November is filled to the brim.

On Thursday, Nov. 2, the Acrylics Painting Class meets. Rosemarie Lugg is our instructor. The class meets each Thursday at 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo



Room.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, look for our booth at the Fall Festival & Expo. We will have information available about upcoming activities as well as a raffle of donated artworks.

On Friday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m. in the Largo Room is our general membership meeting. Our guest artist that afternoon is Bill Parker, who specializes in Plain Air pastels. He has earned many awards, and as an accomplished artist has gallery representation in New Jersey and Florida. You can read more at www. billparkerartist.com.

On Saturday, Nov. 18, from 1-4 p.m. the Art Guild, under the guidance of John Fier, will be hosting an art book sale. We have all kinds of books. Some were donated or gifted, but we have a lot and they shouldn't be hidden away in our art closet.

It's time for them to find new homes. Some books are instructional, others are full of art history and make nice gifts. There are also some related DVDs.

Please join us on Nov. 18. You never your creativity flourish.

know what treasures await.

On Monday, Nov. 20 from 10-11 a.m. the Art Guild is trying out a new program called Coffee and Critiques.

This will be held in the EAC Crystal Beach Room. The purpose is for artists to show works either finished or in progress to get guidance and suggestions for improvement.

Our member, Kacee Clarkson, has graciously agreed to host. Kaycee has taught art for more than 15 years and as you can tell from her artist of the month drawing, she knows her stuff.

We are very fortunate to have such a full menu for the month. I hope you will join us for any or all. 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



Fall Festival & Expo, Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 am - 2 pm

East Activity Center Auditorium

Art Guld Book Sale



Drawing Instruction Books • Art Books • Classroom Books Perfect for any beginner artist.

Saturday, Nov. 18, from 1-4 p.m. in the East Acivity Center Largo Room.

Call or text John Fier at 727-249-3712 if you have any questions or want to donate unused art instruction books in good condition.

OTOW BUS SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER

Nov. 6 and 20: Clearwater Mall Nov. 13 and 27: Countryside Mall & Square Mondays, 8:30 am

ALDI, Sprouts

Mondays, 12:15 pm

Walmart

Wednesdays,8:15 a.m.

Walmart

Wednesdays, 11:00 am

Publix, CVS

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Rocky

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Movie Night in October was kind of spooky



To be honest, not many people were surprised or scared when Jack Nicholson broke through a door with an axe and yelled 'Here's Johnny!' The classic film 'The Shining' was the movie of the month in October as Activity Director Nancy Rogers decided to fill the Auditorium with a little suspense, horror and drama for a change - perfect for the month famous for Halloween. OK. So it wasn't 'Lassie' or 'A Christmas Miracle.' But we warned you in advance and the Auditorium still filled up with residents who love classic movies. Movie Night will now step aside in the fall as On Top of the World brings back Food Truck Night once a month. See page 8 for details. (OTOW News Photo by Doug Kates)

Open Enrollment

Every year, your Events and Activties Department brings in volunteers from SHINE to help residents make decisions about upcoming Medicare enrollment decisions.

In October, SHINE was here and many residents attended a morning seminar to get free, valuable information about cost, coverage and provider networks.

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Happy Halloween from OTOW's four-legged friends



The annual Halloween Pet Costume Contest at our dog park was canceled this year because not enough owners signed up for the live event.

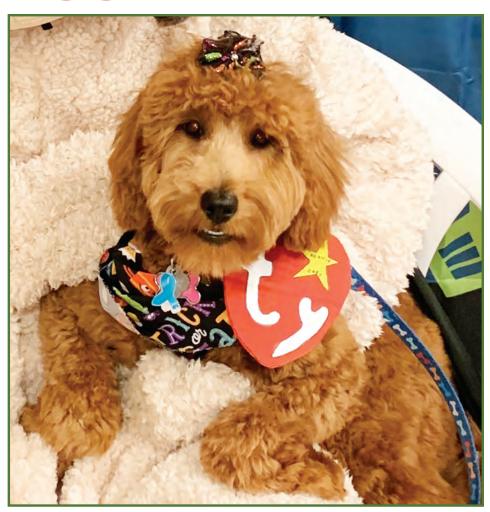
Instead, OTOW News invited owners to dress up their pets in costume and email a photo. You are looking at everyone who accepted the invitation.

Next year the Halloween Pet Costume Contest will most likely return to an online contest, similar to the event this newspaper held over the pandemic. Look for announcements next year.

Hope you had a happy Halloween!



Sammy Still - Prisoner Ottoman Building Owner: Tara Still



Roxie Walton - Ty Beanie Baby Victorian Building Owner: Joan Walton



Hershey Rice - Lifeguard Nagoya Building Owners: Barbara and Scott Rice



Bingo Marathon was more than marking cards - it was lunch, cakes and socializing

By Diane Like

The fall Bingo Marathon at On Top of the World was a big success!

With advanced tickets sales only, more than 150 players participated in the event. The doors opened at 10:30 a.m. and many came early to get their lucky seats.

Those who had five friends with them had the added advantage of being able to reserve a table.

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

Everyone received a goody bag containing water bottles, cookies, a dauber, their basic packet of bingo sheets to play and a

Prior to bingo beginning, everyone enjoyed their complementary donut and the comradery of talking with their friends and neighbors.

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

As a special prize, we had a beautiful Christmas wreath provided by Connie Hill-

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

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.

The many hands of the volunteers made short work and we appreciate each of them. It made for a successful day, enjoyed by ev-

Our next marathon will be March 9. so watch for the announcement of the 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 games start at 6 p.m. Bingo game sheets are sold between 4 – 6 p.m. at the event.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Above, Rae Marie Roberts shows her serious side as she prepares for the Bingo Marathon that took place in October. Each trinket had a magical power. Below are some of the bingo volunteers who helped make the event successful.







Welcome back Snowbirds.

Fall has started a new Philosophy Club season and we are glad to see new members and old friends come back to support us.

Philosophy Club is all about interesting topics. Community residents are welcome to share their viewpoints. We even have guest speakers.

Philosophy Club is a simple way for residents to listen about world or local issues, and speak up and voice an opinion.

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Pictured is David Berman and Tom Chalupka at the Tampa Aquarium. Outgoing president and incoming president

Travel Club has a new leader - and he volunteered!

By Janice Berman

Attention Travel Club members. I am happy to announce we have found our next

Oh no. Sorry.

I mean we have found our next Travel Club president for 2024.

Travel Club leaders conducted an extensive, very comprehensive search and were not able to find the right person. Suddenly, as if by magic, the perfect candidate appeared before us.

I think Tom Chalupka was walking his dog, Elly, when he agreed to lead our group as president for next year. He and his wife, Audrey Strong, recently moved here from Buffalo. For five years they were here part time, living between Ocala and Clearwater. But our quality of life and proximatey to the Gulf won them over and two years ago they moved here full time.

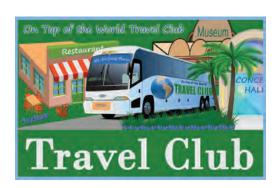
Both Tom and Audrey love to travel and have visited 43 states. This year they traveled to Utah and spent some time visiting the national parks.

When not traveling, Tom can be found practicing his bank shots in the Billiards Room. He is vice president of the Billiards

Tom has many new ideas for the Travel Club and he has already gone to work planning exciting travel adventures and monthly Lunch Bunches for the coming year.

Thank you, Tom, for stepping up.

Our club has just added another event. On Dec. 20, Tom has planned an evening



ride on the Jolly Trolley to see holiday lights and Christmas decorations.

The first stop will be the Florida Botanical Gardens, where we will stroll the gardens. Next, we will be driven to see the Lights of Lake Park in Seminole. We stay on the trolley and continue through the Lake Park Community where each property is decked out in National Lampoon Christmas competition

Tom's wife, Audrey, will lead us in singing holiday songs as we jingle through the night. Seats are limited to 32.

See flyers for lunch and trip details.

You can find Travel Club ticket sellers in the East Activity Center Auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10 a.m.

Our next general meeting will be the second Friday in November, Nov. 10, as we will be in Nashville until Nov. 5. Come to the EAC Oldsmar room at 2 p.m.

"On Top of the World Travel Club we're going places. Do not be left at home."

If you have any sewing experience at all, give World Quilters a try



World Quilters

By Cheryl Kutchinski

Do you sew?

If you asked that question to everyone at World Quilters, they would all have different

They would say everything from an enthusiastic "yes" to "I used to sew but it's been a while" to "no, but I sure would like to have someone help me get started."

Does that sound like something you might say, if asked?

Stop by World Quilters at 9:30 a.m. any Tuesday in the East Activity Center Largo Room and meet our friendly members. We love to talk as much as we like to sew.

Yes, we make quilts, but we also sew all kinds of fun things like stuffed animals, Christmas trees, table runners, baskets, purses and bags.

Some of our members stitch by hand, embroider and even hook rugs.

There is room for all kinds of creativity

with the World Quilters. Hope to see you soon.



World Quilters can get very creative. Here are some of our recent works.

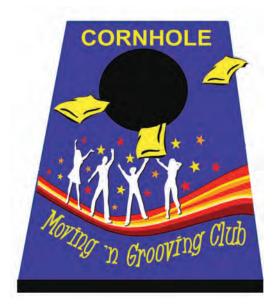
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Cornholers head south to watch a Threshers playoff game



By Margaret LeTourneau

So what does a Clearwater Threshers' baseball game and Phinley the Shark have to do with the Moving 'n Grooving Cornhole

Since making friends has become a big part of playing cornhole, making fun plans with these new friends is just a natural out-

A big thank you goes to Carlee Layton, who brings a lot of enthusiasm to our club. She organized a group outing to watch the Threshers play baseball at the BayCare Ballpark in Clearwater.

Some enjoyed the great outdoor seats, while some preferred sitting in an air conditioned room to watch the playoff game.

The Clearwater Threshers were playing





Members of the Moving 'n Grooving Cornhole Club took in a baseball game between the Clearwater Threshers and Detroit Flying Tigers. Some of the entertainment also included watching Ron Huber getting eaten by Phinley the Shark.

against the Flying Tigers from Detroit.

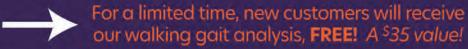
Even though the Clearwater Threshers didn't win, the cookies, the ice cream and

the brownies were unbeatable!

players? You've got nothing to lose and everything to win.

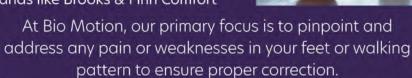
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Margaret LeTourneau demonstrates how you can still exercise while sitting in a chair.

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By Margaret LeTourneau Hello!

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Classes will be held from 3-4 p.m. Tuesdays and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Fridays in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

For more information, please email me at movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com.

Let's keep moving and grooving.

Republican Club members getting specialized name tag buttons with a logo unique to our group

By Deborah Russell

The Ronald Reagan Republican Club is making every effort to provide up-to-date information on local, state and national government issues and decisions that affect all Americans.

Our meeting on Oct. 10 began after a 45 minute social meet and greet with delicious treats, bottled water and soft drinks.

At 6:45 p.m., our vice president opened the meeting and introduced Jim Bjorgo to lead the group in prayer asking for guidance for the United States government to make good decisions concerning Israel.

Jesse Tiamson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Star Spangled Banner.

New member Bob Kelly, from South Bronx, N.Y., was recognized and given a warm welcome.

Our new secretary, Louanne Feist, ex-



plained all essential business from the September meeting, which included the need for volunteers for future events and fundraisers.

Karen Tatge gave her treasurer's report. She had good news that there is close to \$2000 in the account.

Jim then discussed voting in the 2024 election. If you have questions about voting, mail ballots or anything related to the Pinellas County elections, feel free to contact the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections, or visit votepinellas.gov.

Jim also asked for volunteers for the Republican Club information table during the November Fall Festival & Expo, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. Breaks, snacks and cold drinks will be provided.

New business involved items our club has been eagerly awaiting.

New name tags can now be ordered, which are solid plastic, with a pin in back, a Republican elephant logo designed by Jim and licensed to him, and printed with your name and the Ronald Reagan Republican Club name. The tags are \$10 each.

Also available for order are red, collared T-shirts with the club logo embroidered on

Jim then discussed voting in the 2024 the left chest area. They are cool, moisturetion. If you have questions about voting, wicking and very comfortable.

The T-shirts are \$22 each and well worth the money.

The last new business voted on was our yearly holiday party. Most people attending were in favor of a buffet restaurant with a private "party room."

This holiday party will be in lieu of the December meeting.

Next, the 50/50 was drawn and the lucky winner was Karen Tatge! Congratulations, Karen!

Monthly meetings are in the West Activity Center on the second Tuesday of the month in the Belleair Room at 6 p.m.

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The holidays call for you to dress in style - but on Nov. 30 you can look your worst

By Pat Hayes

In October, members of the New York-New Jersey Club gathered for a club tradition - Southwest Night.

As usual, the food was catered by Felice's Italian Catering and served by our wonderful volunteers.

The always-popular disc jockey, "Les N More," got the crowd out of their seats and onto the dance floor!

Everyone in attendance appeared to enjoy it

Next up is our Ugly Sweater Christmas Party on Nov. 30 at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. This evening will feature a substantial menu catered by Felice's Italian Catering and will include shrimp and penne pasta, sausage and peppers, meatballs and ziti, eggplant parmigiana, salad and canpoli

Coffee, water and ice will be provided.
Our entertainment will be provided by
Kathy and Paul of the "KP Duo."

During the holidays there is a lot of pressure to dress up and look festive for the holidays. This night is an exception. It's time to look for the ugliest sweater you can find!

Cash prizes will be awarded for the ugliest and prettiest Christmas sweaters!

Back in August, the New York-New Jersey Club nominated board members for next season, which included Pay Hayes, president; Joe DeChiaro, vice president, Anne Amature, treasurer; and Will Peterson, secretary.

Since then, Pam Rosenblatt was appointed to our board as director of veterans affairs.

Pam will focus her attention on organizing upcoming events for the Veterans Club. More information will follow.

At the Southwest Party, a formal election took place and our entire board was reelected. Congratulations to all!

Thanks to input from our club volunteers, our board has scheduled the following events in the East Activity Center Auditorium for 2024:

• Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024, 5 p.m. - Valentine's Day dinner with DJ Frank. Dinner by Felice's Italian Catering. Food choices include chicken marsala, eggplant rollatini, penne in a garlic sauce, vegetable medley, salad and bread. Cost is \$25 per person.

• Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 6 p.m. - Dessert Night featuring a vocal performance by Carla Hines. Come listen and dance to popular songs from the '60s and '70s. We will be serving sheet cake from Publix, along with coffee, water and ice. Cost is \$10.

• Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 5 p.m. - Sports Night featuring your choice of the following subs: meatball, meatball parmigiana, sausage and peppers, Italian Godfather, or tuna, plus pasta salad and sheet cake. Coffee, water and ice will be provided. There will be a disc jockey and dancing. Cost \$18 per person.

• Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2024, 5 p.m. - Hot



This is your chance to not dress up for the holidays. At Ugly Sweater Night in November, you can win a prize for being uncoordinated or tasteless. Below is a scene for Southwest Night. There were a few cowboys and cowladies in attendance.

(OTOW News file photo by Mary Lou Wall)



New York - New Jersey Club

Dog Night featuring New York-style hot dogs and a DJ. Mustard, sauerkraut, ketchup, pork and beans, potato chips, dessert, coffee water and ice will all be available. Dancing is encouraged. Cost is \$10 per person.

Membership in the New York-New Jersey Club is only a \$5 donation and is open to all residents of On Top of the World. You do not have to be from New York or New Jersey.

If you join after August 2023, it also covers your 2024 membership.

We want to thank all of our volunteers who make this club work. Whether you sell tickets at the information table, bring us new members, serve food at our functions, help clean-up, work the 50/50, bake goods or serve on the board, your assistance has always been greatly appreciated.

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Snowbirds Club will be making two visits to Ruth Eckerd Hall in November and horse racing in December

By Ed Foland

The next monthly meeting of the Snowbirds Club will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 2-3 p.m. in the lower level of the East Activities Center.

Board members will promote events scheduled in November and December. The meeting is open to all residents of On Top of the World. Refreshments will be served.

Snowbirds Club members enjoyed an exciting dinner theater show in October. At Fletchers Early Bird Dinner Theater in Clearwater, we all got a lot of laughs during the humorous play, "Things My Mother At Leisure Series. Taught Me."

Upcoming events for November include two plays at Ruth Eckerd Hall in their Broadway series: "Chicago The Musical" is on Tuesday, Nov. 14, and Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance is on Sunday, Nov. 26.

Club members return to Fletchers Early Bird Dinner Theater on Friday, Nov. 17, to see the play "Making God Laugh."

December events include Daniel O'Donnell at Capitol Theater on Thursday,

Horse races and lunch at Tampa Bay Downs will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 20 and then we will be back at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Friday, Dec. 29, to see Jen Kramer's Magical Holiday Show which is in the Adults



All events above are at group prices and

Snowbirds Club line dancing classes are on Wednesday mornings at the East Activity Center from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The first hour is for new dancers to learn 12 basic steps of line dancing and is taught by Ed Foland.

Level 1 and 2 experienced dances follow and are taught by Dolly Foland.

A current list of scheduled events is posted on On Top of the World Box Office. To view the Snowbirds Club web page on Box Office follow these three steps: 1. Go to otowboxoffice.com 2. Scroll down a few pages to Club Web Pages 3. Click on the words Snowbirds Club or the Snowbirds logo. The Snowbirds Club page will open.



Rosie Duccillo of the Snowbirds Club celebrates as the horse she bet on at Tampa Bay Downs crosses the finish line for a win.

(OTOW News photo by Ed Foland)



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Moving 'n Grooving prepares for two cruise parties - one near Mexico and one here at home



By Margaret LeTourneau

There's something about enjoying the fresh sea air while taking a sea-cruising adventure.

It's hard to beat.

The Moving 'n Grooving Club will soon be setting sail on Royal Caribbean's Radiance of the Seas to enjoy a lovely cruise to Mexico.

However, for those members who are not cruising, they can still enjoy a fantastic cruising journey right here at On Top of the World by joining in the fun at our upcoming Moving 'n Cruising Party.

This event will take place at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9 in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

By the time we get started, you will not recognize the Auditorium. It will be transformed into a cruising paradise.

Every club member who wants to attend must sign up for the party at one of our Moving 'n Grooving activities before Nov. 8.

The festivities will start with a delicious potluck dinner, provided by each member attending. Dinner will be followed by a variety of entertainment, performed by our talented

Our program will begin with the groovy Retread dancers. They will light up the



Broadway Bound dancers rehearse 'Singing In The Rain' prior to the Moving 'n Grooving cruising party in November.

stage as surfer boys by doing their magic to "Kokomo" by The Beach Boys.

Next, our heavenly Star Shine Singers will be performing "Sea Cruise" by Frankie Ford and "Same Boat" by The Zac Brown

Then Hope Tera's spirited Broadway Bound dance troupe will be dazzling us with "Singing in the Rain" as if Gene Kelly was singing himself.

They also plan to do a creative version of "One" from "A Chorus Line."

Margaret LeTourneau, who teaches all levels of line dancing, will finish out the evening by leading a variety of fun, party line dances for all to enjoy.

This is a great opportunity for all of our

members who enjoy cornhole, line dancing, cardio dancing, Broadway bound dancing, and gentle movement exercise classes to socialize as one group.

How about trying some line dance classes with Margaret? She caters to all levels, and a great time is guaranteed. You can refer to the listings for cardio dance/cardio dance light, Broadway bound, cornhole, and gentle movement exercise for more information on those activities.

Members of our club receive monthly calendars, showing dates, times and locations for our activities. If you would like to receive a copy of our November calendar, see the contact info below.

For more information on any of

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these activities, phone Hope Tera at 914-217-9206, email the club movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com, come to any of our activities to try them out.

You can also learn more about our club by visiting the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). Look for our logo.

As always, we hope to see you out and

Theater Workshop making plans for new show, holiday party and Jolley Trolley lights ride

By Maxine Sutcliffe

So what's new?

The play "Denying Gravity" will not be performed by Theater Workshop in 2024.

The board realizes the theatrical tradition that "the show must go on" and we are aware that On Top of the World has talent, so we are working diligently to prepare a new

An announcement should be made at the next Theater Workshop general meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 1, in the West Activity Center Bellair Room. We will socialize with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and hold our meeting at 7 p.m.

Interested? Come and join us.

You may also visit Theater Workshop's information table at the Fall Festival and Expo on Saturday, Nov. 4, between 10 a.m.



- 2 p.m. Learn more about who we are and our upcoming show, which will be presented from Friday, March 15-17.

Remember, we are an annual club, so it is never too late to join us.

Once a member, you can enjoy the Theater Workshop Christmas/Holiday Party (with your invited guest) during our regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 6-9 p.m. at the West Activity Center Belleair Room. Al- in Palm Habor and Largo. The cost is \$30 though you will need to pick up tickets, there is no charge for this festive evening of fun, music, drinks and food. Theater Workshop will provide several main courses and bever-

In lieu of charges, our membership is invited to provide a pot-luck dish, choosing either an appetizer, main side or dessert.

Tickets and pot-luck sign-up sheets will ing, on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

In addition, one of our members, Phil Hadden, is organizing a Christmas Lights Jolley Trolley outing on Tuesday, Dec. 12 from 6-9 p.m., with passenger pick up at the East Activity Center parking lot.

The Jolley Trolley will tour the amazing Christmas Light display at private residences per person that includes the driver's tip and lighting display donation.

You are encouraged to bring snacks, any type of beverage, blankets and cushions. A few tickets may still be available - see the Theater Workshop information table from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Thursday in the EAC for availability.

Theater Workshop is starting its 54th be available at our club's next monthly meet- year as one of the longest standing OTOW clubs. Theater Workshop retains the philosophy: "by the community, for the community."

The spirit of Theater Workshop prevails. If you like to perform on stage, help in any way, backstage, dresser, tickets - or just be part of a fun group, you are welcome.

Please join us even if you are not returning to Florida until after the holidays!.

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You have two upcoming events where you can join the Canadian Club

By Mary Smith Registration is coming! Registration is coming!

Not quite the words of Paul Revere, but it gets the point across.

The Canadian Club wants you!

The Canadian Club is starting off the season with two registration events.

The On Top of the World Fall Festival & Expo will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the East Activity Center. Look for our bright red canopy. We will have club members there who will help you understand why you should be a part of the Canadian Club.

Secondly, the Canadian Club's own Registration Night will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the lovely EAC Auditorium. Come and join us for a beverage and learn about what's in store for the coming season.

What do you need to join? You will need to bring your Activity Card and \$5. Check out our events calendar while you are there. If a particular event catches your eye, sign up for it that night.

People who join our club at the Fall Festival or during Registration Night will have their names entered into a drawing to win a special mystery prize. You must become a member to win!



On Sunday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m., the Canadian Club moves to the Varsity Sports Bar for a Canadian Classic, the annual Grey Cup football championship game.

Ever wonder what the differences are between the Canadian and American football leagues. Well, come along to find out.

And no, Canadians do not use snowballs to play football, but there is a chance there may be some on the field.

On Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m., the Canadian Club will bring back a dance party.

Remember when we were young and we would get a bunch of records together with a turntable and just have fun in a friend's basement?

We're bringing those days back.

The club has the records (it's a computer) and we've booked the West Activity Center Belleair Room. Come out and get your groove on. Have a favorite song? Let us know the title. We'll do our best to play it for you.

December brings us our Christmas



"Winter Wonderland" Dinner Dance, Christmas karaoke and a few more dance parties.

Need more information about what we are doing?

Check out our official website www.otowcanadianclub.net, check out our Facebook page "On Top of the World Canadian Club" or go to the Box Office page (otowboxoffice.com) to see what the club is up to.

OTOW Chorus Holiday Concert Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 3:00 p.m.

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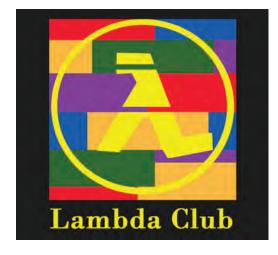


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Costumes were put to good work twice in October



By Jay English

As Lambda Club members enter this month of giving thanks, we want to express our gratitude and respect to President David

David works tirelessly arranging an assortment of activities to interest all of us and we are most grateful for his efforts.

Without David, our large, fun loving group would not be what it is today. So David, we thank you so very much

for your leadership - now into our 15th year! Our club social in October was a cos-

tume affair and as you can see in the photo there was a nice turnout of many interesting characters.

Some of us considered that event as a "dress rehearsal" for the Entertainment Committee's annual Halloween party, for which the Lambda Club had reserved two tables. Who says Halloween is just for kids?

Also, much thanks for our Lambda Club veterans, who we will celebrate in November at our next social scheduled the day before Veterans Day, 6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 10, in the East Activity Center Oldsmar Room.



Lambda Club had a costume party in early October, which led to a dress hearsal for the Entertainment Committee Halloween Party on Oct. 28.

So spit shine your shoes. An inspection

The Lambda Club Thanksgiving dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 24, 5 p.m. in the EAC Oldsmar Room and as a reminder it's that time to pony up with our Lambda Club dues. So, please bring your Jacksons and give them to Treasurer Bill Raymond this month.

Golf is back in full swing on Mondays, mall walks continue on Wednesdays and our

Lambda Chat is taking place on Fridays.

Our book club is reading "The Last Call" by Elon Green and December's book is "Maurice" by E.M. Forster.

What is this thing called retirement?

Next month, our December social happens to fall on Hanukkah, Dec. 8. Time and place will be emailed shortly. All faiths are welcome and cherished. We hope to see you there.

Lambda is a club that serves the LGBTQ population at On Top of the World as well as our friends and neighbors.

For further information the club, go to our official web page lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com.

If you want to participate in our monthly book club, please feel free to contact Kevin at kknotts2347@yahoo.com.

You can also check us out on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com), or call Lambda Club President Dave Beaven at (727) 410-7566.

Open mic, karaoke night set for mid-January

By Pamela Rosenblatt

Leaders from the On Top of the World Veterans Group, Good Neighbors Association and New York-New Jersey Club will be bringing you something a little different in January 2024.

Introducing an Open Mic and Karaoke Night on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

The event will take place from 6-8:30

Karaoke will be provided by "Lenny" and emcee for the night will be Lillian Foy.

If you have a talent and would like to perform, contact Lillian at (609) 489-1400 to be included.

Come on out and join in the fun. This event is for all OTOW residents

Karaoke

and veterans. The clubs will provide ice, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cake. Bring your own favorite drinks and snacks. Tickets are \$10 per person. You can pick up tickets at the EAC on Mondays and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the information tables for the Veterans Group, Good Neighbors Association or New York-New Jersey Club.

Nana Hendricks

Learn about the five frequencies of transformation

By Laurie LeClaire

Greetings and welcome back Snowbirds! This month I am excited to reintroduce guest speaker Nana Hendricks to our metaphysical society. Last year we were lucky to have her share her awakening journey and learn how her entire life was turned upside

We were all in awe as she told her story of transformation and beautiful visions during a guided meditation.

So imagine how delighted I was when she accepted my invitation to be our guest again.

For those of you who weren't present the first time, I encourage you to come this month. Nana is a spiritual teacher and visionary. She had an instant awakening in 1999 at age 29 years of age. Her subtle sight was opened and she could see the energy field of all living things including the soul and the pain-body.

She has spent the last two decades traveling the world, sharing her insights about the soul light, and connecting people with the eternal source that dwells within them.

This month she plans to introduce the five frequencies of transformation - a process of turning challenges into blessings.

The five steps are easy to integrate and have profound lasting results.

The simple method of transformation uses common well-known virtues in a unique sequence and configuration that leads to liberation.

High Vibe Tribe

If you ever feel stuck or unable to get past something, this process will free your mind and your heart.

Our High Vibe Tribe is a free club and all are welcome to come to our monthly meetings now being held in the West Activity Center Learning Lab on the second Thursday of each month. This month's meeting will be held on Nov. 9 from 7-9 p.m.

You may contact Laurie LeClaire at 727 265-1671 or otowoowoo@gmail.com for any questions.



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Toy Shop is getting busy as Christmas season nears

By Jesse Tiamson

As the Christmas season nears, folks at the On Top of the World Toy Shop, with help from Caring and Sharing, are busy finishing up hundreds of toys to be distributed to hundreds of children in the community.

While this is not exactly the North Pole, the purpose and idea of building gifts and giving them away to children are very similar.

Did you know that our Toy Shop is one of three sections that comprise the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Group, aka the Woodshop?

The other two sections are the woodworking shop and the lapidary shop, otherwise known as the stonecutting shop.

Led by its indefatigable supervisor, Bob Allen, and assistant, Candice Best, our Toy Shop elves have been designing, cutting and assembling wooden toys before they get sent over to the Caring and Sharing ladies for the final painting.

This latter group also knits baby blankets.

All three groups get requests from organizations across the state for items we make and paint by hand. You see some of those items in the photo at right.

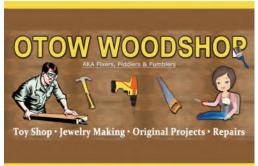
Some of the groups that contact us are Head Start, the Kimberly Home for women facing unexpected pregnancies, and the Countryside Christian Church.

Bob and Candice churn out, on the average, 1400 toys a year. These various toys are mostly made with wheels so the children can roll them around.

Our toys are also various animals, including giraffes, dolphins, dogs, cats, ducks, dinosaurs, cows, elephants, turtles, unicorns and flamingoes, plus race cars, trucks, buses, planes, baby cribs and sailboats.

These are given away at no cost.

The funding for materials comes from the Fixers Club, a non-profit private club supported by its members with their annual dues and donations. We also receive donations from residents in exchange for repairs to broken wooden furniture, wood projects,



etc.

The Toy Shop buys lumber four or five times a year to make these toys. Lumber has gone up recently and the club spends around \$800 a year to support this effort.

Earl Shettle was the very first Toy Shop supervisor 22 years ago. Bob is only the second supervisor we've had. He joined our club in 2013 and became supervisor in 2020.

Bob and his wife, Angela, come to the East Activity Center between 7 and 7:30 every morning. He goes right to the wood shop and she goes to Caring and Sharing Group.

That's how we make toys around here.

The Lapidary Group does not make toys but is still a part of our group. It is open Monday through Friday, from 1-3 p.m. and is supervised by Charlie Fuhr.

The three sections of the Fixers Club are under the umbrella of the Woodshop and its 2023 board is headed by President Jesse D. Tiamson and Vice President Jose Miranda.

Membership to the club is open to current residents only - permanent and seasonal - and has annual dues of \$35 a year. It is open to members from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except on Fridays when it is open from 8 a.m. to noon only.

There will be a general membership meeting 9 a.m., on Jan. 10, 2024, in the Kitchen next to the Fitness Center. Officers will be elected for the 2024 board. Badges to renewing members will be issued at the time.

The Wood Shop, Lapidary and Toy Shop are all located on the ground floor of the East Activity Center. If you walk out to the



At the Good Neighbors Association Flea Market and Craft Show in October, members of the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club showed off some of their homemade treasures. Pictured above was their display.



Democratic Club members discuss volunteer opportunities and share past experiences

By Dave Beaven

Volunteerism.

That was the theme of the Democratic Club's meeting in October.

And it is the glue that holds all the clubs together here at On Top of the World.

Examples are: Travel Club, Entertainment Club, Fixers Club, Good Karma Book Club, etc.

According to the OTOW website, there are 111 clubs and organizations for residents here. That's a lot of activity and a tribute to this community.

During our Democratic Club meeting, we watched several videos on campaign volunteering and discussed our own past experiences with campaigns.

Our Democratic Club members have already started ramping up for the next election. Volunteers have been writing postcards to voters. We also have members doing phone banking to contact voters.

Next stage is to start contacting people in person. We believe in our party's mission and message of sustaining a healthy democracy in our country with opportunity for all.

If you agree, join us.



We meet on the second Thursday of each month in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Next month, the meeting will be on Nov. 9 from 2-4:30 p.m. We will have a guest speaker - Joanne Kennedy - who is running for Pinellas County commissioner.

If you want to find out more about our club, stop by our club information table any Monday morning from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. Or you can visit our webpage: worlddemsclub.blogspot.com.



Democratic Club members meet to discuss plans for volunteering during the upcoming election year.



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All residents welcome to bring their computers in for a checkup cleaning

By Joe Wisinski

The On Top of the World Computer Club is holding a free computer cleanup event for residents on Nov. 7 and 8.

Club members will perform several procedures, including checking security settings, improving the user's internet experience and increasing the computer's efficiency.

The event takes place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab from 8 a.m. to noon on both days. It is intended for Windowsbased laptops or desktops.

"We're happy to offer this service to OTOW residents," said Computer Club President Lisa Pompeo. "We hope many will take advantage of this free opportunity."

Cleanup is free to all OTOW residents with an activity card. Computer club membership is not required.

As an added bonus, anyone who gets their computer cleaned may join the club for \$10 for their first year, a discount from the usual \$20 membership fee. Joining the club

is not a requirement to get the free cleanup.

Anyone who attends the event should bring their access card for entry to the Learning Lab.

For more information or questions email otowcc@gmail.com.

About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Meetings take place both in person at the West Activity Center Learning Lab and using the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Visitors are welcome.

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask questions.

In addition to the Saturday meetings, the club offers free assistance to any OTOW resident with technology-related questions or issues. Club members are available in the Learning Lab on Wednesday mornings from



Avoid getting error messages like this one by bringing your computer to the Computer Club's free cleanup event.

8:30-10 a.m.

Although the club does not offer help to residents with computers that require service in their condos, it can offer guidance and assistance in locating service providers.

For more information about the Computer Club, or to ask computer service-related questions, email otowcc@gmail.com, visit our website at www.otowcc.com, or click our



link in the OTOW Box Office, otowboxof-

Texas tournament in October saw the most participants

By Joe DeChiaro

The Texas Card Game Club celebrated their two-year anniversary with their largest turnout for a tournament with 24 players.

The total prize pool was the largest collected.

Pat Hayes was declared the winner right before the time deadline and finished in the final five for the seventh time in nine tournaments.

He moved up to the No. 1 ranking of all club members.

The final two tournaments this year will be on Friday, Nov. 17 and Friday, Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room.

For more information, please send an email to joegdechiaro@yahoo.com or show up 15 minutes before the tournament begins.





Pat Hayes, Joe DeChiaro and Roger Perry at the finals table in October.

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Stop eating! Start coloring!

By Elsie Paulan

Hope you all had a great Halloween month and are now looking forward to turkey and the trimmings.

If you are worried about eating too much, get away from it all for a while and join the Coloring Book Group on Wednesdays in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room from noon until 3 p.m. for fun, relaxation and coloring.

There are no rules. There are no dues.

We are people who just want to have fun for a few hours and that's what we do.

It is getting cooler outside so join the warmth of new friendships and a few laughs.

The picture here is of some of my favorite coloring books. You can see I like cats.

Pick your favorite subject, grab a book from any store and color away. We have extra



supplies and books if you just want to give

Canadian Club Blackout in the WAC

Everyone is having a great time at Blackout on Thursdays in the West Activity Center.

Come and join us for a fun, inexpensive and easy-to-learn game. If you need to learn the game, come at 6 p.m. and Tom Jamrozy will teach you.

If you want to play, come at 6:25 p.m. because we start promptly at 6:30 p.m. until about 8:30 p.m. or so.

Bring \$1.25 in change for the night. Bring something to drink and enjoy.





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French culture class can be fun and exciting, but when we chat about food, everyone wants to eat

By Jean-Paul Reymont

Indeed, time goes by fast. Already the French Language and Culture Society has reached a successful, ongoing, eight month program of learning the French language, culture and cuisine.

We hold one-hour sessions every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Dunedin Room, downstairs at the East Activity Center.

On Oct. 12, participants celebrated their second pot luck brunch by commemorating both Columbus Day and Canadian Thanksgiving Day. During this celebration, our participants brought a variety of French and European cheeses, fruit, juice, croissants, etc.

At the table, one could hear people talk in both English and French about their experiences in France and Québec, and their exciting travels and the kind of people they encountered.

In fact, doctors say that learning and speaking a foreign language may help prevent dementia.

Our monthly sessions also include a cinematic presentation of a 10 minute film, which can be either dubbed or with subtitles. Some of these past film titles have included Le fantôme de l'Opéra, I Confess (Nos deux consciences), Monsieur Hulot's Holiday, Le comte de Monte Cristo, Gigi, etc.

Thus, seeing and listening to films in French helps the participants get accustomed to hearing the French language spoken by actors and actresses, and are able to grasp certain words that are common in everyday French conversations.

It also helps the mind to get over the cultural shock of a new language and another mentality as well.

Along with our sessions, participants are given an opportunity to sing in French and learn some of the songs of Edith Piaf, Yves Université of Strasbourg in France, I was liv-



Montand, Maurice Chevalier, etc. Among the songs we sang include "Sur le pont d'Avignon," "Joyeuse Anniversaire," "Sous le ciel de Paris" and even songs from Québec ("C'est à ton tour, mon cher ami").

One doesn't have to have a great voice to sing, but rather enjoy the pleasure of trying to sing in another language.

We always welcome someone who can start the class with a joke or some humorous situation they experienced either in French or in English. The French love humor, but -- in a nice way -- they love to make fun of

For example, when I was a student at the



Among the participants pointing to the words "hello" and "welcome" in French are moderator Jean-Paul Reymont, Susana Montoya, Madeleine Fontaine and Lola Dickert.

ing in Belgium at the time near the French learned to curb their appetite until class is border. When my fellow students heard I was living in Belgium, they were laughing out loud in class. I told them I am not Belgian. But to the French, even living there was funny, because Belgians have different habits than the French and use different words in their Wallon French.

One of the habits is that some Belgians start their day with a bock of beer and not a cup of coffee. And you see more waffles in Belgium than croissants!

When we talk about French food or la cuisine française, then we have to limit the discussion because the participants suddenly think about food and eating rather than French language.

But they are quite disciplined and have

finished, even once when we had a professional cook give a talk about her recipe for an authentic Quiche Lorraine and also le porc à la niçoise. That was hard!

One final word: The textbook we use is French Made Simple, 2006 Edition, co-author Pamela Rose Haze (Broadway Books). Cost is \$5 to \$10 through Thrift books, if ordered on line.

The sessions are in both in French and English and both beginners and intermediate feel comfortable in class since, of course, there are no semester exams. So, no one worries about grades and in that case, participants can enjoy the sessions much more. All are welcome.

Venez et voyez! Come and See!

There is an error in the November newspaper. The correct time is 3-6 pm



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20 Years of Teaching at OTOW

Come say hi to our community veterans at the Fall Festival, or at a Veterans Day breakfast or dinner



By Pam Rosenblatt

What's happening in November you ask? Our Veterans Group will be represented at the Fall Festival & Expo on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center back parking lot.

We will have a veterans information table set up and will be enjoying the festivities with our neighbors.

On Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11 at 9 a.m., we are celebrating with a complimentary breakfast for veterans at Bob Evans.

Later that same afternoon, we will be dining at 5 p.m. We will be sharing another complimentary meal with our veterans this time at Applebees. We would love to have guests. We would love to include you and your spouse. Sign up to join us at our Veterans Group information table to be included for one or both dining opportunities.

Up next is our upcoming dinner cruise. Don't wait much longer. There are only a couple of spots available. We will be taking the Calypso Dinner Cruise on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. from John's Pass. This event is always a lot of fun. Hope to see you there.



This was the scene at the 2022 Fall Festival & Expo as On Top of the World veterans enjoyed the morning and afternoon with a community full of festive residents. Come look for our information table at this year's event on Nov. 4.

The Veterans Group also will be participating in something new next year. Our club, along with the Good Neighbors Association and New York-New Jersey Club, will be hosting a karaoke and open mic night.

Jan. 11, 2024, in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 6-8:30 p.m.

Karaoke will be provided by Lenny Segall. Emcee for the night will be Lillian Foy.

If you have talent and want to partici-This event will take place on Thursday, pate, please call Lillian at (609) 489-1400.

Cost to attend is \$10 a ticket. The clubs will provide ice, coffee and water, but you can bring your own favorite beverage.

Tickets will be on sale at all three club information tables on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium.

Our guidelines are boring, but in person we have a great time



By Lori Gottshall

Writer's Ink has guidelines in place to make sure everyone in the group is comfortable and gets rewarded.

Truth is ... our guidelines are boring when you read them, but when you attend one of our live sessions, we have a great time!

Here are our guidelines:

- The purpose of the group is to provide a supportive, non-judgmental environment in which writers and others interested in writing may share what they've written and receive constructive feedback from the group.
- Each writer should bring their work, or an excerpt from their work, to read. Each writer's piece, or excerpt, normally should not exceed three pages. Writers will read their piece out loud to the group without any preliminary introduction or explanation.
 - Writers need to bring copies of their

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written pieces to pass out to the group so that members may comment on the work. Members are asked to return the copies with constructive comments that deal with the elements of each piece, including characterization, structure, ability of the piece to hold the reader's attention, pacing, etc., depending on the nature of each piece.

• Upon completion of each reading, the group will provide oral comments. Authors will refrain from responding until all comments have been presented. Further discussion may then take place as appropriate to the situation and time constraints.

The group is asked to please comment first on general impressions, along with the elements of the piece that, as a reader, they thought best. Members are also asked for their due diligence about elements that they feel may need additional work. Typos and

punctuation should be notated on the page being returned.

All pieces are to be returned to the author after reading, comments and discussion are completed. Permission to retain and pass along worthy and moving pieces must be requested and granted.

We rotate the job of leading the weekly meetings. Someone must be mindful to keep the pace moving yet allow fair consideration of works being presented.

Overall, we have found that this process provides a respectful atmosphere which is both efficient and encouraging.

We look forward to maintaining an enthusiastic and positive environment for longterm members and newcomers alike.

Writer's Ink meets 1:30 p.m., Thursdays, in the Dunedin Room of the East Activity



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Jesters 2024 show will take everyone to Hawaii - now, who wants to go?

By Rodger Hillier

This is it.

Make no mistake.

The Jesters are serious and excited about presenting you their very best show so far.

More than 1,000 people saw our show last year and we hope even more will come to the 2024 show.

We've added more people to the creative team and got plenty of great ideas for the show. Our creative team spent many months developing a theme and format for the show. Now the casting calls are finished and the rehearsals have started. The show will be on Feb. 2, 3 and 4 in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

You won't want to miss it!

Let me tell you a little about the show.

You will be transported to the beaches of Hawaii. Some of you will get a lei. You will feel the vibes of Hawaiian music, hula dancers, limbo contests, surfers and a lot more.



In the evening you will find yourself at the Aloha Lounge, enjoying many comedy acts, music, dancing and magic. There will also be a special tribute to veterans - especially those who were injured or died fighting for our country at Pearl Harbor.

Many years ago, I was told, "An actor is an ego with pants on."

I chuckled, but I found it to be so true. We all have egos, but we need to keep our egos in check.

That is why I am so proud to be a part of the Jesters. Everyone is supportive. You will not find "one-upmanship" among us. We are a team striving for the greater good.

If we allowed our egos to get the better part of us, there would be no way we could put on a great show. Everyone realizes this

In past shows, many friends and memories have been made with a mix of a lot of laughter. Is this something you would like to be a part of? The choice is yours.

Regrettably, "It's now or never." If you wait until next week, it will prob-

ably be, "Too late baby."

So, what are you waiting for?

We will be available for you, if you would like to join the Jesters.

If you have questions, Jesters representatives will be in many places. We will have a booth on Saturday, Nov. 4 during the Fall Festival & Expo. Look for us at the back parking lot between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Come out and meet us and find out what the Jesters are all about!

We are also having our next regular meeting Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the West Activity Center Belleair Room. Social time with refreshments starts at 6:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. We hope to see you there.

The Jesters host an information table every week at the EAC Auditorium, Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10:15 a.m.

If you have any questions, contact Robyn Kumar at 516-662-9640 or Rodger Hillier at 309-231-0971.

Any Jesters will tell you, we are "Jest for

Dance Fitness Starts in November

Do you want to dance while enhancing your agility, balance and core strength? If yes, join instructor Carol Downer and your fellow On Top of the World residents at the West Activity Center Belleair Room at 9 a.m., Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. All dance and/or fitness levels are welcomed. Carol will share different moves for you to choose, along with fun music and motivation. This Dance Fitness class allows you to meet new friends, become more flexible and gain confidence. Remember to bring your valid activity card. Class is free, however, donations are welcome. Classes will be held November - April

Improve Your English

Did you hear about our "Improve Your English" class?

It will give On Top of the World residents a chance to improve their English - speaking and writing even help people become U.S. citizens.

> Classes will be taught by resident Lola Dickert, a professional instructor for communication skills, remedial reading, grammar and speech.

Classes will take place 11:30 am - 1 pm on Thursdays and 9:30 - 11 am on Saturdays in the East Activity Center Dunedin Room. Just show up. Registration is not required. Must have a valid Activity Card.

On Top of the World **Line Dance Club**

The original line dance club. A little more traditional.



Line Dance with us in the EAC Auditorium Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.

Practice, Socializing, Fun in the EAC Exercise Room 7-8 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays.

Do you want to participate in a club that offers you physical and mental exercise as well as fun and socialization? Contact Leila Walker at 443-845-7842 for additional information.

We hope to see you on the dance floor!



Attend a November meeting and

meet some board candidates

been to open up communication between residents and management.

The club's main focus right now is to help residents get to know candidates running in the upcoming board election, set for Dec. 15. All current board members and residents running for a seat have been invited to our club's events. At our October meeting, Maria Avdelas, Katie Bajis, Nancy Burt, Russell Ciokiewicz and Stacy Rush were in

Our club believes getting to know the candidates will help you make an informed voting decision so R4R Club has been hosting open forums where residents are welcome to ask questions of the candidates.

It has been quite enlightening.

Topics addressed have included elevator maintenance/replacement, greeters and security at our front gates, cleanliness around the pool areas, locker rooms and bathrooms, mailboxes, and use of pesticides.

Residents who want to know more about our club have two main options. Our club hosts on-site meetings in the West Activity Center Belleair Room. In November, the dates are 3-5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14 and 6:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21.

All residents are welcome to attend, even if you don't join as a member of the R4R Club. Joining is optional and free.

The club's official social media website is a Facebook group - Resident4Residents. You must be a member of Facebook in order to join the Resident4Residents Facebook Group. To join Facebook, you'll need an email address.



Our Facebook page has information for

Another way to learn about the R4R Club and our upcoming events is to head to our webpage on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). Look for the club's logo. You can easily access the R4R Facebook Group link from the Box Office home page. Other helpful information is posted there, as well.

The R4R Club staffs an information table Mondays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center Auditorium, from 8:30-10:15 a.m. Look for the Resident4Residents banner. Friendly faces will be waiting to greet

You are welcome to communicate with R4R. Our email address is resident4residents@gmail.com.

We hope to see many of you on our R4R Facebook page and we look forward to connecting with you in person in November.

Keyboard Club needs more tables so we are moving to a bigger room

By Audrey Strong

The Keyboard Club has moved!

Over the river and through the woods ... well, we're not going to grandmother's house, but we have moved!

Our Keyboard Club has moved to a new location due to the need for extra tables for our players. We now meet in the Learning Lab in the West Activity Center.

We still meet from 9:45 until 11:15 a.m. on Fridays, so that hasn't changed, just the

This month our players will be working on a package of holiday songs along with their regular groups of songs.

Our players get a few minutes of private instruction time so that everyone's skill levels get addressed.

Beside learning to play the keyboard, our class finds out interesting composer facts and song history while they learn to read music - a skill which can be used for other instruments as well as choral singing.



Keyboard Club

Interested? Join us on some Friday and we will answer any questions.

Studies of people around the world have found that every culture, no matter how remote, has some sort of singing and instrument playing. Join in!

Questions? Contact Audrey Strong at astrong52@yahoo.com.

More good news about mushrooms

By Ronald A Baltrunas

On Oct. 5, the Plant-Based Living Club had a small friendly lunch at the award winning vegan Green Table restaurant in Palm

At our Oct. 6 meeting, Valerie Martin presented new information on the health benefits of mushrooms to the 14 members

She pointed out that white button, brown baby bellos, and brown portobellos all have different names in local grocery stores but are all the same mushroom. They are just different ages.

Oyster Mushrooms

During her talk, Valerie focused on oyster mushrooms. She pointed out research that oyster mushrooms benefit the immune system, regulate cholesterol levels, build strong bones by providing vitamin D, provide anti-inflammatory properties, provide anti-cancer properties, protect against cardiovascular disease, defend against neurodegenerative diseases and promote good brain oyster mushrooms with information on kits.

Shiitake and white button mushrooms provide fiber, protein, vitamin B and antioxidants that uplift heart health, regulate blood glucose and bolster immunity.

Valerie provided samples of two oyster



mushrooms for those who wanted to try

Pink oysters have a pronounced hardy, savory flavor. King oysters taste like seafood.

Ovster mushrooms should be cooked. Valerie showed us how easy it is to grow

Michelle Hammerton spoke about Japanese sweet potatoes and provided cooked samples. They have a red-toned, purple skin with a pale cream interior that becomes a creamy vellow color after cooking.

They're typically much smaller or slen-



Plant-Based Living Club members enjoy a healthy lunch at the Green Table restaurant in Palm Harbor.

der than other varieties.

Healthy benefits include complex carbs and an excellent source of energy, high in gut-friendly fiber and rich in vitamins and minerals (notably vitamins C, E, A and B6).

Sweet potatoes can lower cholesterol and balance glucose and insoluble fiber, which helps keep your bowels healthy and regular.

Michele talked about fasting on celery juice, water fasting and her experiences in California with Dr. Goldhammer and the work he has done.

Our next meeting will be 3 p.m., Nov. 3 in the Learning Lab in the West Activity Center. To learn more about our next meeting agenda, visit the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com and click our logo.



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Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes, and bring a refreshing drink. Must have a valid activity card.

Cardio Dance is an intense, heart-healthy workout. Cardio Light is for individuals who want a less intense class.

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Italian-American Club season starts off with something new - a holiday dinner dance in November



By Sam Gonnela

The fall season has arrived. The leaves will begin to change colors and there is a welcome chill in the air.

The Italian-American Club is in the process of starting its 2023-2024 season.

On Nov. 4, the On Top of the World Fall Festival & Expo takes place at the East Activity Center Auditorium and back parking lot. The Italian-American Club will be there to provide residents with information, purchase of tickets to events or sign-up new

Our first club event of the season will be a holiday season party dinner/dance on Nov. 8 at 5 p.m. in the EAC.

Our holiday feast menu is a Chicken Florentine entrée', mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, tomato/mozzerella salad, dessert, coffee and water.

The party will feature a guest speaker on Italian culture and other items of interest. Her name is Antoinette D'Oronzio. She teaches Italian here and is also a resident of

The DJ for the evening will offer a variety of festive music.

To add to the festivities we are going to have a free grab bag raffle.



Last year the Italian-American Club hosted a Christmas party at a local country club. This November the club will host a holiday season party in the Auditorium instead. See details in the story.

Don't miss out on the food, fun and the giveaway grab bags.

The following events scheduled for 2024 are varied and designed to provide good food choices and enjoyable entertainment.

On Jan. 17, 2024, we will host a Happy Trails Night at 5 p.m. in the EAC. Carlo, a DJ and guitarist, will play line dance and twostep music along with popular music. Food with a western flavor is on the menu. Western dress is optional.

On Feb. 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. will be a cabaret jazz concert at the EAC Auditorium. The musicians will be a very talented duo, who also perform at local establishments. Coffee and water will be provided.

If you desire, bring other beverages and

On Feb. 23, 2024, is our popular Day At enjoy our events. The Races at Tampa Bay Downs. A ticket purchase includes entrance to the track at 11 a.m., a scrumptious buffet and a racing program.

On March 20, 2024, is our traditional St. Joseph's Dinner/Dance at 5 p.m. in the EAC Auditorium. It always features Italian specialty food catered by Felice's Italian Catering and their delicious St. Joseph's Zeppoles for dessert.

Festival Music will be provided by DJ

On April 10, 2024, is our annual end-ofseason ice cream social with fruit toppings and a variety of layer cakes.

You do not have to be Italian or American to join the Italian-American Club and

Tickets for events can be purchased at the EAC Auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:15 - 10:15 a.m.

As we had mentioned in last month's article, we are searching for someone to assume the office of club president.

Martha Gonnela (the current president) and I will be resigning as of the end of April, but we will still be active members in the club. We will be available to assist with all aspects needed for the transition. If you are interested in the position, please respond.

Sam and Martha can be contacted at the EAC on Mondays or Thursdays from 8:15-10:15 a.m.



Are you supporting someone who is ill, perhaps with Alzheimers or Dementia, or maybe caring for a veteran? We have information and resources that may help you.

Please visit our web page on the Box Office otowboxoffice.com Look for our logo and click.



Billiards Club is for people who learned as a kid or are just now learning for the first time

By Tom Chalupka

As with any club here at On Top of the World, the people who join and lead our club come from many places and many back-

James Hudson, president of the Billiards Club, has joined our Florida neighborhood from Michigan. He and his wife have lived here for five years since retiring from his building and remodeling profession.

James learned to play and love billiards at 10 years old as he joined other family members in his grandparent's basement. It turned into a long history of love for the sport.

Vice President Tom Chalupka moved to Ocala from Buffalo. He and his wife loved the Florida lifestyle, but found themselves traveling to Clearwater for concerts and events. So they moved to OTOW two years

A retired electrician, Tom learned to play billiards in his teenage years, but became a more avid player after retirement. He loves the challenge that billiards provides and he knows that it's a game where you always have the chance to get better.

Gerald Barry, the club's treasurer, came from New York where he worked as a canine



Billiards

trainer helping law enforcement in all areas of their work.

Gerald and his wife have lived in OTOW for five years and he didn't start to play billiards until he was 21. It's such a fun and challenging game to play that his wife has joined, too.

Secretary Rashanee Turner came to OTOW 20 years ago from California. After working as a nurse in the health care profession, she didn't learn to play billiards until she walked into our Billiards Room and discovered a love for a sport her late husband enjoyed for many years.



From left to right are Billiards Club officers: Vice President Tom Chalupka, President James Hudson, Secretary Rashanee Turner and Treasurer Gerald Barry.

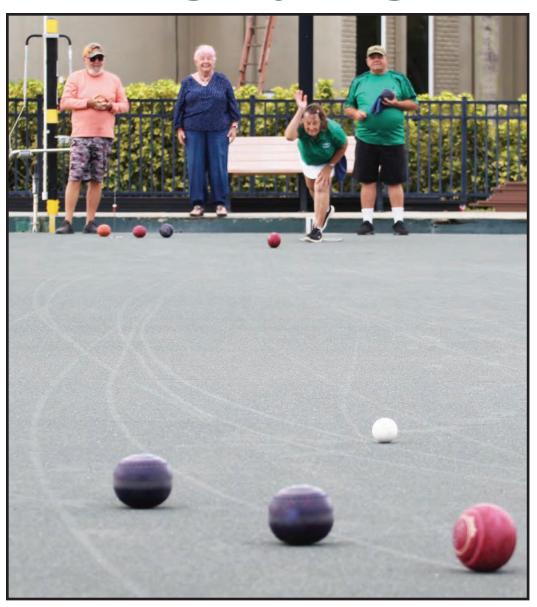
who had a very high winning percentage in Go Tony! September while Renee Hudson led the B division with her best percentage as well.

Tony D'Amico had a perfect night in Billiards Club. Congratulations go out to Tom Suess September - winning every game he played.

You can see that man or woman, novice or expert, there's a place for everyone in the

Come join us!

You might just get hooked on lawn bowling



Lawn bowlers take advantage of a quiet Monday morning to get some practice in.

By Kathleen Walter Lawn Bowling? What's that?

Last November my husband, Gerry, and I attended the On Top of the World Fall Festival where we saw a table for the Lawn Bowling Club.

"Lawn Bowling? What's that?," we asked. "Is it like 10-pin bowling or maybe Bocce ball?"

You see, neither of us had ever heard of lawn bowling, but the representatives at the club table eagerly informed us about the sport and the wonderful group of people who enjoy playing the game.

Since it sounded like fun, and we were assured that beginners were very welcome, we decided to check it out.

We went to watch a game the following week and were immediately greeted and handed a lawn bowl. With a little encouragement we gave it a try. It was love at first roll!

Lawn bowling is great exercise for all ages with no athletic ability required. Here at OTOW, we are very fortunate to have beautiful lawn bowl courts. We are also extremely blessed that we have a USA National Bowls Champion, Sandy Wall, who lives at OTOW. Sandy is not only a national champion, she was recruited to be the coach for Team USA last spring.

Sandy has since traveled internationally to Australia, and soon to Cyprus, with the



In addition to Sandy, we have several talented trainers in our club who love to teach

If you join us, I promise you will not just have fun and make new friends, but you will have the opportunity for individualized instruction by some of the best players in the

So why not give lawn bowling a try!

Gerry and I will be at the Fall Festival this year representing the club. Stop by to say hello.

If you aren't in town Nov. 4, we will also be at the Get Acquainted Coffee on Nov. 9. We would love to meet you and introduce you to this wonderful sport.

Everyone is always welcome to stop by a practice on Monday or Friday at 9:15 a.m. and Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Daily practices will begin mid-November, Monday through Saturday at 9:15 a.m.

Each session lasts about two hours. Just show up in comfortable clothes and flat sole shoes. All equipment will be provided. The courts are located directly across from the main entrance of the East Activity Center.

Ping pong meets four days a week

By Karen French

Ping pong continues Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleair

Come join our fun club. We play music, laugh loudly, share stories and play a sport

We have extra ping pong paddles for your use and plenty of balls as well. We have several tournaments a year.

Our annual potluck Christmas party is Dec. 9 in the Belleair Room. We will enjoy great food and dance the night away. We look

Please call Karen French for further information at 907-229-2648.

forward to seeing you soon.

Ping Pong



Marie Valdes and Tom Rivera playing ping pong in the West Activity Center.

Did you know our league is run by a PGA pro - a pro since 1977

By Sheryl A. Barbin

Hello On Top of the World golf fans. This month I am going to introduce something new. Once in a while I am going to spotlight one of our own golfers.

This month's spotlight is on Harry C. Barbin, III.

Did you know that OTOW has a resident PGA Golf professional?

Let me tell you about my brother.

Harry runs our Friday Mixed Golf League. He has been a PGA pro since 1977. He was part owner and operator of three golf courses, including Horsham Valley Golf Club in Horsham, Pa., Chesapeake Bay Golf Club in North East, MD., and Chesapeake Bay Golf Club in Rising Sun, MD.

He has received many acclamations during his career. He was voted PGA Merchandiser of the Year in 1990, Junior Golf Leader and Coach in 2001 and PGA Professional of the Year in 2003 in the Philadelphia section.

Harry was also a sought after golf instructor. Golfers (beginners to well-seasoned), have traveled miles to get a lesson from Harry.

Here's a bit of trivia about Harry. During the summer of 1968, at 14, Harry played his first round of golf, shot a 122 and caught the "Golf Bug." He then played varsity golf on Upper Dublin High School's golf team

At 17, he caddied for Lanny Wadkins in the 1971 U.S Open at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa. He played Division 3 varsity golf at Greensboro College, N.C., where he was team captain for two years.

While a senior, he played in the NCAA Division 3 Golf Championship.

Harry has had five holes-in-one. He even had an ace on our 9-hole course on the fourth hole. He used a 54 degree sand wedge on the par 3.

Thank you Harry for coordinating and

managing our Friday Mixed Golf League! We appreciate all your hard work and expertise in making the league a fun time for everyone.

Results for Oct. 6

First place was Gary Piccoli with a +5. Second place was Andy Polselli with a +5. Third place was Dave Pittenger with a +4. Fourth place was Joe Wisinski with a +3. Fifth place was Harry Barbin with a +2.

Ties were broken by matching cards.

Closest-to-the-pin on hole Nos. 3 and 13 was Scott Rogers, Ken Oatsville on hole No. 5, Rick Muchler on hole No. 6, Andy Polselli on hole No. 9, Bruce MacPherson on hole No. 15 and Mike Tomaselli on hole No. 16.

Skins were awarded on hole No. 1 to Gary Piccoli with an eagle, on No. 5 to Ken Oatsville, on No. 8 to Harry Barbin, on No. 9 to Andy Polselli and on No. 15 to Lisa Muchler.

Low Gross was Scott Rogers with a 62 for 39 points. Nice round Scott!

Friday Mixed

Golf League

Jaquie Dolan shoots net 65 for low score in opening two weeks of Ladies 18-Hole Golf League season

By Karen French

What an incredible start to the Ladies 18-Hole Golf League season.

We opened the season on Oct. 3 and will have shotgun starts each Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. Arlene Hanson (763-516-8972) is in

charge of the holiday brunch on Dec. 6. Come to the Clearwater Room in the East Activity Center at 11 a.m. Cost is \$10.

Food, coffee and tea will be provided. Watch the bulletin board for further infor-

This is always a fun event where we can spend time socializing with each other and enjoying each other's company.

Weekly Awards for Oct. 3 Flight A

First place was Terry Kuplen with a 71. Kim Norried also had 71.



Flight B Debbie Figaski, Karen French and Nan-

cy Lo all had 67s, Linda Rice shot 72 and victory with a 65. Carole Lacey shot 71 and Sharon Hackenmiller shot 75..

Flight C

Donna Osborne led with a 69, followed by Rose Mulhall with 81 and Sherry Ivey 82. Closest to the pin was Rose Mulhall on No. 9 and Linda Rice on No. 15. Chip-in to the hole went to Donna Osborne on No. 11 and Carole Lacey on No. 2.

Weekly Awards for Oct. 10 Flight A

Sharon Hackenmiller led the flight with a 67, Kim Norried shot 69 and Terry Kuplen shot 75.

Flight B

Three plays had low score: Cindy Schell, Donna Osborne and Debbie Figaski all had 66s. Nancy Lo shot 69.

Flight C

Sherry Ivey shot 85.

Closest to the pin was Nancy Lo on No. 9 and No. 15. The only chip-ins were Debbie Figaski and Cindy Schell (twice).

The 18-Hole Ladies Golf League looks forward to welcoming new members in our club. Contact Joy Walker at 585-703-0757 to

On Nov. 8, many ladies will join members of the Men's Golf Association in the annual Guys and Dolls Tournament. The rain date is Nov. 16.

On. Nov. 14, golfers in Flight A are required to bring treats for the entire league.

Our monthly chairperson for November is Rosemary Sabatino. You may contact her at 727-330-6628.

Karen French is the current golf reporter for our On Top of the World newspaper. Please call 907-229-2648 or email Jaquie Dolan had a six stroke margin of DrFrenchy21@msn.com with any information.

Softball rosters are bursting with excitement as our league grows in popularity

By Bob Rittner

The excitement was palpable.

Gathering at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor, 29 players, including six new applicants, enthusiastically anticipated the opening of a new softball season. The din of voices and laughter was a joyous reminder of our friendships and love of the

We introduced our new treasurer, Frank Whitney, who collected and recorded dues from our regulars. We did not charge the new players yet as we cannot be certain we have room for everyone to play on a regular basis. They are on a waiting list until we sort out our numbers.

The meeting itself was a brief, simple reminder to all that we play for fun, competing positively, but we are always mindful that every player is equally important regardless of

Our teams change from game to game so we do not keep standings, and we try to give players an opportunity to play different positions, and bat both high and low in the batting order. The object is to maximize everyone's enjoyment, to give everyone an opportunity to play a desired position and get the extra at bats by hitting early in the order on some occasions.

We were reminded, too, that we are a wood bat league - a safety measure as balls do not come off the bat as rapidly as they do with composite or metal bats. Players over 80 are permitted to use the metal bats and this year we have included women in

All of our rules are intended to make the game safer for seniors or to make it more inclusive so that everyone may enjoy playing. Thus we have variations on standard practices regarding running for example. There is a shorter first base for those who may not be able to manage the regular distance and we have special rules for those who cannot run at all. Other rules make it less likely to be hit by thrown balls.

Opening day was on Oct. 19 and we will play into April every Tuesday and Thursday from 8-10 a.m. except for Thanksgiving Thursday. Players must arrive by 7:45 and check in so as to be placed on a roster for that game.

So far we have developed creative means of accommodating our rapidly growing roster of players and will continue to find ways to give everyone a chance to enjoy the game.

Tennis business meeting set for November 29

By Karen French

Tennis players are very happy with the cooler weather coming our way.

We continue to play social tennis Monday through Saturday from 7:30-10 a.m.

We will have a full Tennis Club business meeting on Nov. 29 at 5 p.m. in the West Activity Center Belleaire Room. Only members are invited to attend.

A call for board candidates was emailed on Oct. 23. Deadline for candidate submissions is Nov. 14.

We look forward to new members joining at any time and our Snowbird tennis members returning. If you have any questions, please contact President Karen Lea French at 907-229-2648.



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Forty-eight people took part in a fund-raising golf tournament in September.

\$1200 raised for three local veteran groups

By Joe Ventimiglia

On Sept. 24, an independent golf tournament took place at the On Top of the World 18-hole Golf Course.

Forty-eight golfers participated and ways and went to three different veteran-related charities, including Wounded Warriors, Folds of Honor, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

The tournament had men and women participate. A beautiful day ended with pizza and refreshments. There was also a silent

The first place team was Paul Meters, raised \$1200. That money was divided three Don Auger, Warren Levene and Scott Rog-

> The second place team was Joe Ventimiglia, Andy Polselli, CJ Messina and Len Picone

There were seven closest to the pin winners. They were Scott Rogers on hole No. 3, Andy Polselli on No. 5, Harry Barbin on No. 6, Don Auger on No. 9, Scott Rogers on No. 13, John Taylor on No. 15 and John Taylor and Andrea Tomaselli on No. 12.

The longest drive winner was Bill Albert for the men and Andrea Tomaselli for the women. The contest took place on the 12th

Joe Ventimiglia was in charge of the tournament. After the event he said, "I would like to thank the following people who helped me with the golf tournament. Harry Barbin, who took care of documenting the scores and letting me know who won and assisting with the silent auction.

"I would also like to thank Corby Ratliff for allowing us to run this fundraiser tournament."

Men's Golf Association elections coming up in December

By Barney Hanrahan

There will be an election of new officers for the 2024 Men's Golf Association season in December.

Members who want to run for a board position are asked to declare by Nov. 30.

Votes will be heard and tallied on Dec. 6. The new term begins Jan. 1, 2024.

The only position not up for re-election is president. Vice President Joseph Dowe was promoted to president during the year and his term as president will carry over into

It should be noted that the current positions that are open are vice president, treasurer and secretary. Three trustee positions will be appointed.

The structure of the Men's Golf Association is based on a long history of leadership, and this is your time to join the team and offer your guidance on various issues related to its operation.

Should you have any suggestions or questions that contribute to the management of our league, please do not hesitate to pass on your ideas.

Remember this is your league.

Our annual Guys and Dolls Tournament is scheduled for Nov. 8. Please send in your



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player registrations.

Final note. We welcome all players from the north returning to join our league. We expect the number of players will increase dramatically so remember to register for Wednesday play.

Sept. 20

Flight A

Nilson Sabadin, 64, Lester Whynot, 64, Mike Crittendon, 65, John Taylor, 66, Mike Schuyler, 68. Flight B Jerry Jordan, 62, Jay Schwallie, 64, Bob Beals, 65, Mike Smith, 65, Marc Schell, 66.

Flight C

Dermot Keane, 64, Bob McGrogan, 67, Tim Palmquist, 68, Gerald Morrissette, 68, Harry Crawford, 69.

Flight D Joseph Dowe, 61, Henry Rejhan, 61, Les Meneilly, 65, Art Pacillo, 73.

> Oct. 4 Flight A

Jere Keiser, 64, Nilson Sabadin, 64, John Taylor, 66, Stanley Doran, 66, Fred Peace, 66. Flight B

Bob Beals, 59, Jay Schwallie, 62, Jerry Fugatt, 63, Marc Schell, 63, Jack Sousa, 64.

Flight C

Joe Johnson, 61, Joe Ventimiglia, 62, Sal Vasapolle, 63, Jerry Jordan, 64, Jay Laracuente, 65. Flight D

Gerald Morrissette, 61, Irving Hernandez, 68, Art Pacillo, 69, Tim Palmquist, 67, Joseph Dowe, 72. Roy Monteith scored a hole in one on hole No. 15.

> Oct. 11 Flight A

First Place: Mike Crittendon, 63, David Johnson, 63, Lester Whynot, 65, Nilson Sabadin, 66, Jim Anzalone, 67.

Flight B Pete Gagnon, 63, Marc Schell, 63, Tom Sullivan, 65, Guy Bertuzzi, 65, Andy Polselli, 66.

Flight C

Sal Vasapolli, 58, Joe Johnson, 61, Henry Rejman, 63, Dave Combs, 65, Joe Ventimiglia, 67. Flight D

Gerald Morrissette, 57, Harry Crawford, Tim Palmquist, 65, Irving Hernandez, 66, Patrick Mahoney, 68.

Sheryl Barbin shows us how to birdie

By Paula Ergang Are there hat tricks in golf?

There was at the On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League opening day, on

Sheryl Barbin was "on the green in two" and then putted for birdies on not one, not two, but three holes.

She attributed her great putts to an event she attended the day before at East Bay Golf Course. The fifth annual Folds of Honor Patriot's Golf Tournament had 132 golfers entered in a putting contest.

The Folds of Honor Patriots provide scholarships for families of fallen soldiers, veterans and first responders. A humble Sheryl thinks that watching all those putts gave her some tips. It was an amazing feat for her. Congratulations, Sheryl!

If you are considering joining the Ladies 9-Hole Golf League, here's some information: We meet at the little green house every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. Groups are made and then at 8:45 we set off on the course.

We play a shotgun format, which means



every group starts at the same time, but on different holes. This start method is well liked because we usually finish playing at about the same time. That gives us a chance to socialize, replay our good and bad holes, and celebrate birdies.

Of course, there was a big celebration

Here are the rest of the results and winners for Oct. 10 which was a "Throw Out Your Worst Hole" play day.

Flight A: Paula Ergang. Flight B: Sheryl Barbin, Carole Whynot. Flight C: Carroll Harris, Sheri Blaa. Flight D: Celeste Pert

Birdies: Sheryl Barbin Nos. 2, 5, 8. Carroll Harris No. 5. Our November calendar has special

themes and events in November are as fol-

Nov. 7: Low Gross/Low Net followed by a board meeting.

Nov. 14: Mystery Hole followed by a general meeting.

Nov. 21: Low Gross/Low Net.

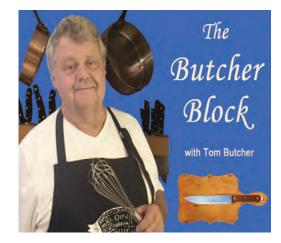
Nov. 28: Low Gross/Low Net End of the month 50/50 raffle. Bring snacks to

Contact Carroll Harris at 432-528-8684 or come to the course Tuesday morning if you're interested in joining the league or have any questions.



Sheryl Barbin with her hot putter after making three birdies in one round.

Most of us cannot get enough shrimp, but how do you make it a different eating experience each time?



Shrimp, by far, is the most eaten seafood

Here are a few ways you can prepare shrimp.

- Shrimp cocktail
- New Orleans style barbeque
- In soups
- Gumbo
- Shrimp scampi
- Garden salads
- Boiled and serve over a bed of ice

Shrimp are widespread and abundant. There are thousands of species adapted to a wide range of habitats. They can be found feeding near the sea floor on most coasts and estuaries, as well as in rivers and lakes.

To escape predators, some species flip off the sea floor and dive into the sediment. They normally live from one to seven years.

Shrimp play important roles in the food chain and are an important food source for larger animals, ranging from fish to whales.

Pink shrimp are some of the tastiest shrimp you can find, mild and sweet without the distinctive ammonia taste associated with some of the brown and white shrimp.

Just because they are called pink shrimp, don't expect to see a vibrant display of colored shrimp in your favorite market place. Pink shrimp can range in color from white to gray.

Shrimp can be a nutritious choice, but it often comes down to preparation. Like other protein, if fried or in a pool of butter, they might do more harm than good for your health.

However, shrimp that are grilled, poached, steamed or baked are often a healthy choice.

The downside to eating a lot of shrimp is the potential concern for high cholesterol.

When buying shrimp, buy them with shellon so they have more flavor. Even if you don't plan on cooking or eating them that way, you should still seek out shrimp that come with the shell on because it acts as a barrier against spoilage and oxidation, keeping the meat firm and

When buying shrimp, you can tell if it is good or bad (fresh or defrosted) if you check the flesh. It should be firm (it will have some give, but shouldn't be totally mushy) and there shouldn't be any noticeable "off" odor.

If you buy fresh shrimp, use them as soon as possible. If not, then immediately open the bag and place a paper towel over the top. Then place the bag on a bowl of ice and store in the coldest part of your fridge. The shrimp should be OK to use for up to two days.

Frozen shrimp should not be thawed between buying and storing.

If your shrimp doesn't already come in an air-tight bag, transfer them to one, leaving about two inches at the top and seal. They will last between two to three months in the freezer.



Shrimp Victoria with Tortellini

2 pounds (21-25 count) shrimp, peeled and deveined

1/4 pound butter

1 cup diced onion 1/4 cup minced garlic

1 pound fresh button mushrooms, cleaned and sliced

1 cup red bell pepper diced

1 1/2 tablespoons flour salt and pepper to taste pinch of cayenne pepper

2 cups sour cream 1 pound tortellini

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Directions

In a heavy saucepan, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add onions, minced garlic and red bell pepper and sauté 3-5 minutes or until onions are wilted. Add sliced mushrooms and sauté until softened. Sprinkle in flour, whisking well into the onion mixture. Add shrimp and cook until shrimp are pink and curled, 5-7 minutes. Season lightly with salt and pepper and stir until well blended. Stir in sour cream and cook 10-15 minutes or until thoroughly heated and shrimp are cooked through. Pour mixture over hot tortellini pasta, toss to mix well and sprinkle with parsley.

Shrimp, Feta and Golden Onion Pizza

Ingredients

- 1 pound (21-25 count) cooked shrimp, peeled
- 6 ounces Feta cheese, crumbled
- 3 Vidalia onions thinly sliced
- 2 (7 inch) pre-baked pizza crusts
- 4 tablespoons olive oil divided 6 tablespoons prepared pasta sauce
- 3 large cloves garlic, smash
- 12 slices pepperoni
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano

Directions

Preheat oven to 500 degrees. In a large skillet, heat 2 tablespoons oil over medium-high heat. Sauté onions approximately 15 minutes or until golden, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and set aside. Place pizza crusts on a large baking sheet and, using a pastry brush, brush each crust with remaining oil. Divide prepared pasta sauce over two pizzas and top with minced garlic, pepperoni and cooked onions, spreading evenly. Scatter shrimp, feta and oregano evenly over crusts. Bake in center of oven 10-12 minutes or until cheese is bubbly and crust is crisp. Remove both from oven and let cool for 5 minutes before cutting.

Grilled Garlic Shrimp Fajitas

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds (21-25 count) shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 6 flour tortillas
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/4 teaspoon chili power
- salt and pepper to taste
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup prepared guacamole 3/4 cup diced tomatoes
- 3 cups shredded lettuce

Directions

Dampen a large kitchen towel with cold water and ring dry. Place tortillas onto towel and fold over to cover completely. Place on a 10 inch plate and set aside. In a small saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add minced garlic and sauté 1-2 minutes. Add shrimp, cumin, cilantro and chili powder. Season to taste using salt and pepper. Stir-fry until shrimp are pink and curled. Set aside and keep warm. Place tortillas into microware and heat 30 seconds. The damped towel will softened the tortillas and warm them nicely. When ready to serve, place a tortilla on each plate, top with shrimp, sour cream, guacamole, tomatoes and lettuce and drizzle with a spoon of pan drippings. Serve warm.

Plantains are growing in popularity as Americans discover ways to use the banana-like fruit



What are plantains?

Unlike the green (yellow) banana that Americans eat raw, plantains need to be cooked.

Plantains are a fruit that are often prepared more like vegetables. They are typically fried, but can also be boiled, baked, grilled or air fried. Plantains are used as a staple in many regions of the world, including Cuba, Jamaica, South America, the Caribbean and Africa.

Cooked, ripe plantains are called "maduros." They are typically served as a soft, sweet and delicious vegetable dish.

Unripe plantains are known as "tostones." They are twice-fried and crispy with a savory flavor. They typically serve as appetizers or vegetable side dishes.

Both maduros and tostones are precooked products available in the freezer section of groceries.

While 85 percent of the plantain market is sold to Hispanics, more Americans are buying them. (i)

Plantains (maduros) can be used:

- as a simple side vegetable.
- in stews or soups in place of potatoes.mixed into rice and black bean dishes.
- as a thin layer in a lasagna.
- in banana bread.

Frozen maduros are best heated in the air-fryer as no extra oil is needed (unlike skillet and oven cooking).

Reheating Plantains

By air frying plantains, you can eliminate a lot of added oil (and thus fat content and calories) versus deep frying. Air frying does not require oil.

Reheating Frozen Maduros

- 1. Set air-fryer on broil and preheat at
- 2. Remove all of the packaging from the frozen maduros. After a few minutes at room temperature, individual plantains should be easily separated gently by hand.
- 3. Place air fryer tray on top rack position. Larger pieces should go on the edges



of the tray. If necessary, permit another minute or two for plantains to thaw. Dust each piece with Jamaican allspice. No extra oil is needed when cooked in an oven or skillet.

- 4. Air fry the maduros for six minutes then flip them and broil for five to six more
- 5. Let them cool a few minutes before enjoying. They'll firm up a little more. You want the maduros browned, but not super crisp and definitely not soggy.

Notes:

- Season the cooked plantains as you please. Try one of these seasonings: cinnamon and sugar, cajun spices, cayenne pepper, barbeque seasoning, onion and garlic powder, or fresh lime juice.
- For the best texture, don't freeze heat-

Plantain Chips vs. Potato Chips

This is a close choice with similar nutritional profiles. It comes down to your personal preferences and dietary needs. I prefer plantains. To me, their taste is less oily and less salty with a more appealing, slightly nutty flavor.

Overall, plantains are an excellent source of vitamin A and vitamin C, plus vitamin B6, vitamin K and magnesium. They are considered a heart healthy food.

Plantain chips have slightly more fiber and considerably less sodium versus potato chips (depending upon brand). Fiber can help keep your gastrointestinal system running smoothly and your cholesterol levels in check.

Plantains have a 25 percent higher carbohydrate content than potato chips. (ii) Yet their higher fiber gives plantains a glycemic value of 40. Potato chips have a glycemic value of 56 which make them cautionary for diabetics.

But neither one is an acceptable choice for those using keto diets for weight loss.

I favor the brands of Mariquitas® or Goya® chips as both are processed without using palm oil, which has more saturated fat. Thus, Mariquitas and Goya are healthier alternatives ... not only to potato chips and other fried snacks, but to other plantain chips brands, as well.

At the end of the day, both plantain chips and potato chips are processed, deep-fat fried snack foods, which should be enjoyed only in moderation.

Be aware that plantain chips do not have a particularly long shelf life because no artificial preservatives are used.

Tampa's Connection to Plantain Chips

The story of Chifles Plantain Chips began as a romance that would have made the perfect screenplay for an old black and white movie. (iii) A dashing young man arrived in Washington, D.C., from Ecuador in 1944 to study geophysics on a special scholarship. A lovely North Carolina lady in the Department of Agriculture connected with him. The two discovered they shared passion for adventure. Little did they know their relationship would give birth to two kids and

a snack that would become a Tampa trademark and national staple: Chifles®.

The Ecuadorian geophysicist Segundo Argudo and his wife, Peggy, liked fried plantain chips (called chifles in Spanish). The couple later resettled from Cuba to Tampa and opened a plantain chip factory in 1963.

Quite likely, this decision was related to the vibrant Cuban heritage in Ybor City.

On Veterans Day 2017, the Tampa factory caught fire. The blaze destroyed almost everything. Two years later, Chifles made its permanent new home in Miami and became the number one plantain chip in the nation, according to the market-research firm IRI Worldwide. (iv)

This represents a fulfillment of the American dream for two hard-working entrepreneurs.

Segundo died in Tampa on Jan. 20, 2000 at 79 years old. His wife, Peggy, died a year later. This year, Chifles is celebrating its 60th anniversary. About 90 percent of its history is tied to Tampa.

Links

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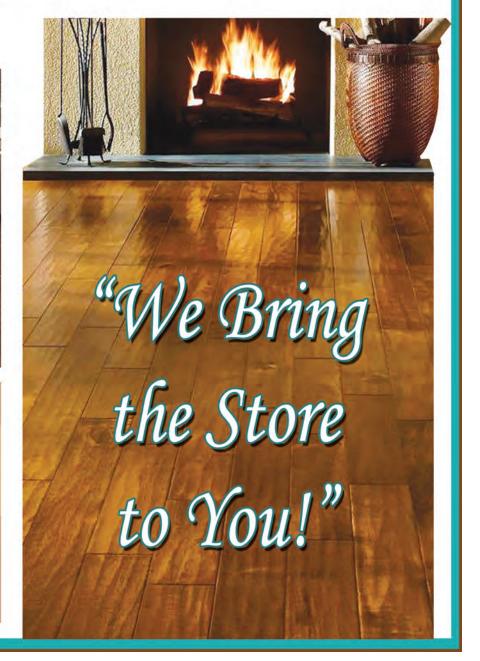
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Donna Zuschlag's fight to see is a reminder to the rest of us to enjoy what's in front of us

The residents of the Bavarian Chalet building are abundantly blessed to have a neighbor like Donna Zuschlag.

Donna has the most positive outlook on life and you hear it in her voice when she speaks.

She was diagnosed in 2008 with macular degeneration and in 2020 she was diagnosed as legally blind.

Her retina specialist introduced her to Lighthouse of Pinellas, which provides professional training for all ages to adjust to their vision loss. She signed up right away and has been attending many classes at Lighthouse.

The first class was how to cope with her loss of sight. The next class was to regain her self esteem, then how to cook using recipes from an app on her phone.

In her final class, she increased her confidence in using a computer and phone.

Donna has learned to recognize dots and dashes on measuring cups, measuring spoons and on the microwave to assist with cooking on her own.

I was so amazed as she explained the



ways she can independently cook and accomplish many things the rest of us take for granted

Donna has a number of applications on her phone and her favorite is, "Be My Eyes," which she uses daily, especially on her walks around the neighborhood.

Be My Eyes allows sight-impaired people me, Betty Spoerl, at 931-722-0559.

to share live videos with a global community of volunteers, who watch the live video and send you instructions on how to proceed.

Walks are one thing Donna does for fun. Another is playing the bongos.

Everyone needs fun things in their life to release tension and stress so Donna has learned to play the bongos at the Hale Center.

Hopefully, within the next couple of months, Donna is expected to receive her very first guide dog from Southeastern Guide Dog in Palmento. She said the black lab or golden retriever will be fully trained to help her with getting around.

As I listened to Donna tell me about the many obstacles she has experienced during these last few years, she constantly remarks "I will never give up."

It's a reminder to the rest of us that we all have beautiful life. Sometimes we take for granted what we see in front of us.

If you would like to learn more about Lighthouse of Pinellas, feel free to contact me, Betty Spoerl, at 931-722-0559.



Donna Zuschlag

Bavarian Chalet resident receives Rotary award



Jim Ampela receives a prestigious award from Rotary.

By Tara Still

Clearwater East Rotary Club recently announced the winner of its prestigious Audrey Bell Award and the winner comes from right here at On Top of the World.

Jim Ampela, a resident in the Bavarian Chalet building, was presented with the award. The award is given annually to a Rotary Club member who exemplifies application of the

- club's four-way test:
 Is it the truth?
 - Is it fair to all concerned?
 - Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

• Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The test was adopted by Rotary International in 1943 as its guiding principal and was adopted by Walgreen's in 1955 to be the company's ethical business principles.

Jim is a director on the club's board, as well as Sergeant at Arms, and is responsible for assuring proper protocol is maintained at club meetings and events.

A secondary responsibility is being the gatekeeper of all official Rotary supplies used to

conduct normal Rotary business.

Jim has been an OTOW resident in the Bavarian Chalet building for eight years and is

known for his dedication in assisting with various building projects.

A collector of things from rocks to dolls, he now focuses on antique telephones and ra-

dios. Currently, he is restoring a telephone such as the type Sherlock Holmes might have used. Jim is a member of the OTOW Woodshop, although he downplays his skills. However, when the woodshop elves needed an outlet for their expertly-crafted toys, Jim knew just the

place to take them. Rotary Club gifts the toys to underprivileged children.

If you've ever attended Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on McMullen Booth Road, you've probably heard Jim in the choir (he is the only bass). Jim sings solos. His latest was the hymn "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful."

Jim has truly settled into the OTOW community and beyond, lending his gifts to organizations and individuals alike. Be sure to congratulate Jim on his award when you see him!

Paris native now calls OTOW home

By now you've noticed that whirr of increased traffic and a few more autos popping up in the parking lots.

Well, out with the doldrums of summer and in with the hum of our Snowbird friends.

Fall is here.

I had the enjoyable opportunity to meet James Johnson, our new neighbor who was born in Paris. He comes to our community from all the way over in Oldsmar.

James originally came to America with the Beatles. And if you're picking up on a wonderful sense of humor, you would be right! When he landed in New York, he quickly picked up English with a little help from Bob Dylan, while probably humming a few Beatles' tunes in the background.



James began working in a variety of fields from cheffing in restaurants to the wide world of theatre and music.

He loves collecting books, music and old movies.

He also enjoys cooking and gave me a tip on a wonderful local bakery that has the best baguettes - baked fresh daily.

While I was out on my rare walkabout, I met more new neighbors. Annette McAndrew and Nancy Anderson who hail from Scranton, Pa, and are relatively new to Florida.

Back in the 1990s, Annette had spent some time in the area visiting relatives in Dunedin, but she decided to move here permanently when the white stuff became intolerable.

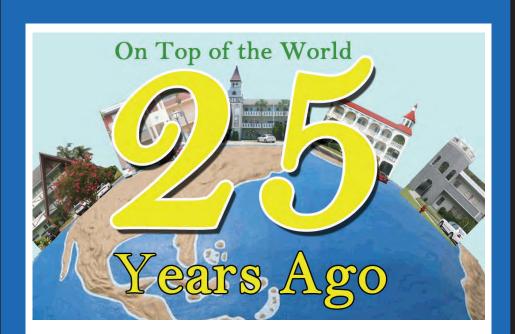
Annette retired from her career as an independent living coach and now enjoys selling old jewelry online. Nancy recently retired from the Scranton Times-Tribune where she worked as a customer service representative. She told me about her fondness for birds and how much she enjoys spotting spoonbills, ibises, our ever-present mallards and especially the cardinals.

Oh, and she even spotted a red-headed woodpecker.

Nancy's in a perfect location for bird watching.

Finally, keep your eye on the bulletin board for events and outings. There is the possibility of a tour of the Clearwater Historical Society and lunch downtown.

A sign-up sheet will be posted.



November 1998

By Dave Hart

Married Women's Club: Okay, ladies, it is time for all of us to get in gear for the winter months and enjoy the many activities here at On Top of the World. Specifically, the first date to put on your calendar for this group is our regular meeting date, which is Nov. 20, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Card Room. There will be a slide presentation on Pinellas Park. Also, you are asked to bring donations for Women on the Way. Next, the Installation Luncheon and Fashion Show will be held at the Countryside Country Club on Dec. 2, 1998. Tickets are \$15. The fashions will be by Frayne's. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar and don't forget your membership badge.

New England Club: Even though you received this newspaper in time for Halloween, the New England Club has planned only treats for us to enjoy in November – no tricks! Join us and we believe you'll be glad you did! At 9 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1998, we'll enjoy breakfast together at the Sunset Point Family Restaurant. No reservations are required, and we will order from the menu. Birthdays and anniversaries will be announced, and new members and guests will be introduced and welcomed. Later, the Out-to-Lunch Bunch will meet at one of our favorite restaurants: Heilman's Beachcomber on Clearwater Beach. It will begin at 12 noon, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1998. Reservations are required. Please call Lynn Rotberg for reservations.

OTOW Softball: Our first meeting was held Monday, Oct. 12, 1998, in the Sunshine Room, with 14 members in attendance. Among the topics discussed was the location for the first two-thirds of our 1998-99 season, which will be played at the Bomber's Field at Old Coachman Road. Beginning Feb. 1, 1999, the remaining games will be played at Marymount Field at Hercules and Gilbert. All our current sponsors were mentioned in the hopes that our players will support them as they support us.

Men's Golf Association: Here's a reminder that all golfers please sign in at the pro shop at the window where the sign-in sheet is. Thank you. Tip: Be sure it's clear before you tee off – remember to please wait till golfers have left the area before you tee off. Make sure they are out of your range, as it is not a joy getting hit by a golf ball. They are round and hard, and they hurt when you get hit by one. Need I say more? Damage to cups: please, when removing the ball from the cup, watch that your putter shaft doesn't hit the side of the cup and damage it.

South Seas Building: It's almost turkey time, and South Seas is in full swing! First, on Nov. 9, 1998, we will have our fifth Red White and Blue Luncheon. For the very first time, we are going coed. Evidently, over the summer you guys have had successful mixed luncheons, so it is only fitting that we continue the tradition. It is a time that we come together to celebrate our freedoms, honor our veterans and pray for continued peace. We promise a basketful of surprises. Check the bulletin board for details, indicate if you need a ride, and hope to see you at Sweetwater's at noon. The most important event on our calendar is the annual building business meeting, Thursday, Nov. 12, 1998, at 7 p.m. A representative from each apartment is needed.

Key West Building: Since our dinner was cancelled in September 1998, due to the hurricane, we recently went to the Lobster Pot and, thanks to hosts Elaine and Ed Toomey, we had a marvelous time. We enjoyed their "figure eight" table arrangement – it was easier to see and talk to one another. Happy November birthday to Ed Toomey! I want to say thank you to Sidney Colen for his nice calm voice on Ch. 20 TV during the storm - it certainly helped us to remain calm. I also sprinkled holy water outside just as my parents always did during a storm and we never had any damage! Finally, I had a very interesting recent experience singing with the Jewish Choir of Ahavat Shalom Temple, where my friend Serene Davis is Choir Directress.



Bob and Elaine Ellis got married in 1963 - that was 60 years ago. They celebrated their anniversary in mid-October.

Sixty years after a church dance, Bob and Elaine Ellis are still celebrating

By Cecile Sangiamo

What's the secret of spending 60 years together?

Bob Ellis replies: "Becoming a 'yes man' at 50." Bob has a great sense of humor and his answer is working.

In mid-October, Bob and Elaine Ellis went out to dinner and celebrated their 60th wed-

ding anniversary.

Not 40. Not 50.

Bob was born in Canada where French was the primary language. When Bob was 3 years old, the family pulled up roots and moved across the border to Central Falls, R.I. At that age he easily adapted to the new environment.

Bob and Elaine met at a Central Falls' Holy Trinity Church Friday night dance in 1960. The church dances were a regular event where the kids could do slow dancing as well as the

Bob noticed Elaine and asked her to dance. They hit it off right away. After a few dates they knew it was serious and spent time getting to know each other by going to movies and

At about this time, Bob was scheduled for a stint in the National Guard. This was during the Vietnam era, 1955 to 1975.

When the Cuban exile invasion hit the Bay of Pigs, it became a threat to U.S. security. Bob's outfit was told to "get ready."

Bob was 19, packed up his gear and he and fellow troops were primed to ship out.

They waited.

After six weeks, the U.S. involvement was called off when Russia agreed to remove the missiles. Bob could go home!

At Elaine's brother's restaurant, she was working one night when Bob walked in and found her waiting tables. He asked her if she would like to get married.

Elaine said "yes" and with parents' approval they tied the knot.

Bob was 21 and Elaine was 20.

This was a big occasion at Holy Trinity. Elaine requested a traditional wedding with gown and veil. Bob was in a tuxedo. Many friends and close family attended the banquet.

Like most people, Bob and Elaine began their marriage with a home and both working to make ends meet. Five years after the wedding, they had two daughters and one son.

During these growing up years, Elaine did a lot of sewing. Eventually they needed larger living quarters so they bought Mom's house.

Even with so many responsibilities, they managed to continue going to the movies, dancing and watching their favorite teams play baseball.

Bob continued his skills by working as a metal fabricator, particularly in forming construction girders. Sometimes he travels to Tennessee to troubleshoot problems at other fac-

After the kids were no longer dependent on Mom, Elaine went to work in property

Then came retirement - exciting times, including one trip to Las Vegas and another to Hawaii, where they were deeply moved while touring Pearl Harbor.

Here in Florida, Bob and Elaine enjoy bowling, pickleball and golf. They have made many friends in their eight years at On Top of the World.

On their anniversary night, Bob and Elaine went out to celebrate their 60th anniversary with a quiet dinner by themselves.

The arrived home to the American Gothic building thinking that was it - end of party but got a phone call to open the front door, there was a package for them. When they opened the door, both daughters and a son-in-law were standing there.

It was a wonderful surprise.











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East Activity Center Auditorium
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9:30 Community Announcements, New Residents
10:00 Opera Tampa
11:00 Raffle Drawings



Looking for some classic rock in November?

Holy cow!

Classic rock legends Graham Nash, Christopher Cross, The Fixx, Jimi Hendrix, Billy Joel and Jim Croce all have showcase concerts this month in our area and that's just at the Capitol Theater!

If that's not enough, one of the top-10 theatrical musicals of all time and six-time Tony Award winning musical, "Chicago," returns to Ruth Eckerd Hall for two nights!

For more information on these and other live events around the bay, keep reading!

Coachman Park

The Sound at Coachman Park is hosting three concerts in November. Chris Young is here on Nov. 10, Mannheim Steamroller on Nov. 16 and Dwight Yoakam on Nov. 18. Charley Crockett and Annie Bosko are special guests with Dwight Yoakam.

Nancy & David Bilheimer Capitol Theater

Graham Nash opens the month at the Capitol Theater with a "Sixty Years of Songs and Stories" concert on Nov. 1 and 2.

On Nov. 3, the group Here Come the Mummies will perform with special guest Perpetual Groove.

Also, on Nov. 4 will be Gary Gulman's stand-up comedy and book tour; on Nov. 5 will be Steep Canyon Rangers, on Nov. 8 will be Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and on Nov. 10 will be Christopher Cross.

Later, Christopher Cross will be here on Nov. 10 and The Fixx on Nov. 11.

On Nov. 12, Classic Albums Live will present Jimi Hendrix, "Are You Experi-

On Nov. 17, a Billy Joel celebration will include Rob Stringer and Alex Dee.

"An Evening with Bruce Hornsby, Spirit

Trail" will take place on Nov. 18, followed by Shaun Cassidy on Nov. 24, and "A Very Darren Chrissmas" featuring Darren Criss on Nov. 25.

The busy month concludes with Croce Plays Croce: 50th Anniversary Tour, featuring Jim's son A.J. playing 50 years of his father's greatest hits on Nov. 28.

Ruth Eckerd Hall

Monica Martin will be a special guest at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Nov. 1.

Children from Pinellas County Schools will get together for a chorus festival on Nov.

The Florida Orchestra returns to Ruth Eckerd Hall on Nov. 8 for a concert entitled "Natural Wonders." TFO is back on Nov. 19 with Brahms' Symphony No. 1 and on No. 29 with "Mythic Masterpieces."

On Nov. 11 will be "Encanto," the Sing-Along Film Concert, from Nov. 13-14 will be "Chicago The Musical," and on Nov. 16 will be Mariachi Sol de Mexico De Jose Her-

A Pink Floyd tribute band will perform on Nov. 18, the "Old Friends Acoustic Tour" with special guest Jordy Searcy will be here on Nov. 19 and "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse Live in Concert" will be here

"Rumours of Fleetwood Mac" will take place on Nov. 24, the "Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour" on Nov. 25 and and "Lord of the Dance 25th Anniversary Tour on Nov. 26.

November concludes with Johnny Cash - The Official Concert Experience.

Francis Wilson Playhouse

Two big events will be taking place at Francis Wilson Playhouse in November.

First, on Nov. 4, "Broadway by the Year tersburg and Tampa. Concert" celebrating 1959. Then from Nov. 30-Dec. 17 everyone will enjoy "Elf" - the dates and times. Broadway musical.

West Coast Players Clearwater

From Nov. 1-5 enjoy "The Crazy Time," a five-person comedy by Sam Bobrick

Palladium Theater St. Petersburg

There will be a live concert almost every weekend in November - 16 live concerts total for the month.

"A Christmas Carol" starts in December. Visit their website for dates.

St. Petersburg City Theater

Central Park Performing Arts Center Largo

Jay and the Americans will open Nov. 8 followed by Jethro Tull's Martin Barre Band on Nov. 11.

The Edwards Twins-The Ultimate Christmas Variety Show will take place on

"Let's Hang On," America's No. 1 Frankie Valli Tribute Show, will take place on

Rotary Club of Largo presents "Death by Chocolate" on Dec. 1.

Raymond James Theater St. Petersburg

Presenting the American Stage Theater Company from Nov. 2-19. "White Rabbit Red Rabbit" by Nassim Soleimanpour. This show presents 15 different actors, solo performances, at six different venues in St. Pe-

See their website for details, locations,

Zubrick Magic Theater St. Petersburg

A family-style magic show every Friday through Sunday from Nov. 3-26 All Friday and Saturday shows start at 7 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Early Bird Dinner Theater Clearwater

Nov. 4-Dec. 17 will be "Making God Laugh" by Sean Grennan. Shows Thursdays through Sundays. All performances include lunch or dinner and a show.

Dunedin Showcase Theater Dunedin

"A Midsummer Nights Texas Sized Nightmare" by Burton Baumgarner will be the next show with performances starting in February, 2024.

The Mahaffey Theater St. Petersburg

There will be 19 shows and concerts in November! Visit their website for details.

Additional shows will be taking place at The Straz Center, Jaeb Theater, Shimberg Playhouse, TECO Theater, Morsani Hall and Riverwalk Stage, plus Amalie Arena, Raymond James Stadium.

Wow, what a lineup of great live performances around the bay every day this month.

Enjoy and we'll see you next month with another great lineup of live music and the-



Fall Festival & Expo, Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 am - 2 pm

East Activity Center Auditorium





Residents go out to lunch to honor Pam Dunn's 92nd birthday

Congratulations to Pam Dunn who celebrated her 92nd birthday in September.

She and her family moved from Alabama to Clearwater almost 60 years ago. In fact, 56 of those years were across the street from On Top of the World.

Pam and her husband raised three sons and operated a nearby 76 gas station. She moved into the Paradise section of OTOW more than two years ago and continues to enjoy various entertainment offerings with friends and neighbors.

Thank you goes out to Sue and Jim Ellis for arranging lunch for our building at O'Keefe's Restaurant. We celebrated Pam's big day there.

Loyd Cunningham, building coordinator, announced he will chair our annual meeting in February and conduct new board elections.

Shirley Taylor, social coordinator, posted a notice for our holiday party. Save the date -



Dec. 15 - and enjoy the festivities with your neighbors.

If you have a special occasion or just moved into the Rio Riviera building and would like to share your good news with OTOW, let me know.

Pictured at right, Pam Dunn celebrates her 92nd birthday at O'Keefe's Restaurant with other residents from the Rio Riviera building.



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Did you know there is a lost and found collection in the East Activity Center Community Service Office?

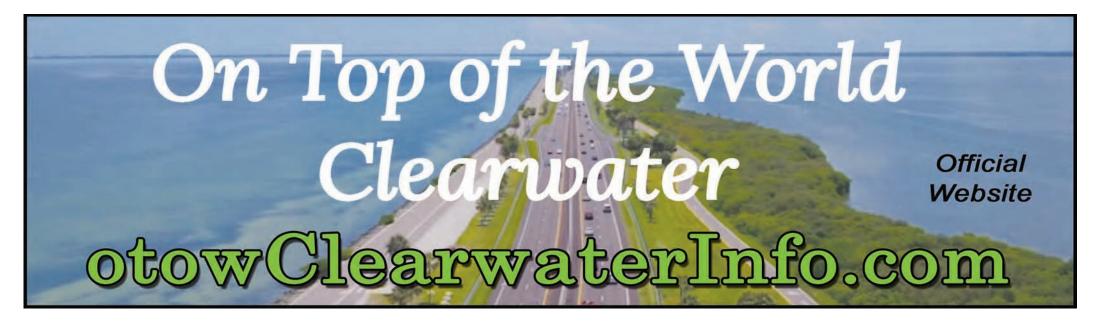
Many items such as keys, jewelry, sunglasses, cell phones, hats, towels, bathing suits, sneakers, shoes and flip flops are turned in every day.

Community Service Office reps will hold these items for up to 90 days and larger clothing items for up to 60 days before donating them to a local

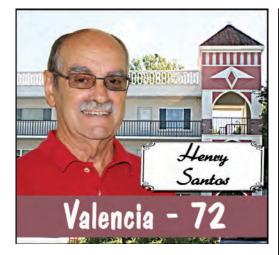
If you have lost anything within the last couple of months, please consider stopping in to see if the Community Service Office has it.

Currently, lost and found is overloaded.

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



If your neighbors are hesitant to participate in a building luncheon, consider a free slice of dessert



Last month, Valencia had an enjoyable and fun-filled visit from our old friend, Stan Morris, who is temporarily living with his daughter, Susan Smith, in Maryland.

Stan visited with all his friends in the building and it was really nice to catch up.

I personally think he came back to taunt me about the terrible year the Yankees had and how successful the Orioles have been.

Wait till next year, Stan.

We had a very nice building luncheon and a good turnout at The Village Inn in Oldsmar hosted by Robin Harker.

You know, The Village Inn, the restaurant with the free pie?

How can you beat it? We had nice com-



Valencia residents visited The Village Inn for dinner and a free slice of dessert.

pany, lots of laughs and free pie.

In November, building residents are planning a backyard cookout/barbeque. Please check the bulletin board for the time

and date and, of course, the sign-up sheet.

And now for the Name That Teen Contest.

The photo with this story is a resident



Name that teen

when she was about 15 years old or so. An anagram of her name is "Color Warden."

An anagram is when you rearrage the letters to come up with other words.

Think you know who she is?

Our October teen was Suzette Benson. Thanks Suzette for participating.

Two neighbors correctly identified Ross



Fall Festival & Expo, Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 am - 2 pm East Activity Center Auditorium



Twenty-eight residents went to lunch and returned home with new friends



Brahman residents enjoy lunch at Queen's Pizza. Some of them greeted each other for the first time.

Twenty-eight strangers, or casual acquaintances, met at Queen's Pizza on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Many of us had never met before this

We went into the back room for two hours of good food, wonderful service and friendly conversation.

We emerged from the experience as 28 friends and neighbors.

We briefly discussed upcoming events. Primarily, we discussed our upcoming Christmas party in early December.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the luncheon and helped make this get together a great success.

This year we will celebrate our building's Christmas Party at the Island Way Grill with the Early Bird Special on Dec. 7. The party will be in their semi-private room "The Wine Cellar." Serving time is 4:30 p.m. sharp and end time is 6:30 p.m. The group price should be approximately \$35 and the menu selections will include:

- Beef tips with mushroom.
- Chicken marsala.
- Chicken picatta.
- Fresh catch.

There will be a dessert selection, plus coffee, tea and soft drinks.

There will be one check so prepayment for dinner is required. I will collect funds be-



tween Oct. 31 and Nov. 5.

Separately, there will be a cash bar. Sign-up sheets for this event will be posted on the Brahman bulletin board.

If you will need a ride to the restaurant, please leave your phone number on the signup sheet so we can contact you.

Over the last year we have had many new residents move into our beautiful building. Over the next couple of issues, I will interview some of them as a way to better introduce them to all of you.

If you would like to volunteer to be interviewed, please contact me at (516) 728-

Hang out with your neighbors for a monthly dine-out

Aloha Polynesians! Happy November!

I am so delighted to see activities picking up around our beautiful building, which has been decorated by Antoinette Russell to celebrate autumn. A very festive look indeed.

Thanks so much for your efforts, Antoi-

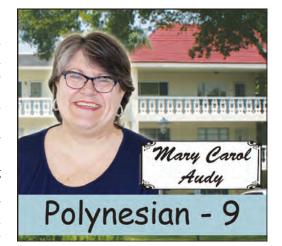
If you have not noticed, we have many new folks moving into our building and, of course, the current owners who are returning for the season.

Come on out for a Friday afternoon rally on the Brazilia side of the building around the flagpole. We will be there at 3:30 p.m. every week. Bring a chair, a beverage and get acquainted, or reacquainted, with your fellow

After speaking with Jay Jarvis, our fearleader I have heard some of his plans for the new season. Dining out once a month is still on the books. We will seek out a variety of restaurants.

Also, there will be a once a month dinner/theater package for those who are inter-

If you have any suggestions for activities, please let Jay know. Perhaps a Thanks-



giving and/or December holiday gathering can be planned.

As a friendly reminder, dues for the building are \$10 per unit and cover the costs of our pizza parties in the core a few times a season. They are also used for building decorations and miscellaneous items the building might need. Details will be forthcoming.

Please remember to keep an eye on our bulletin board for all activities and important information pertaining to the building.

Mahalo my friends!

New residents encouraged to attend monthly luncheons

Did you know that Siboney has a monthly luncheon and that all residents are welcome to join us?

At our last few luncheons, we've had less than a dozen people attend, but we've still had a great time. Building luncheons are a good way to meet your neighbors and get to know all of them.

Our last luncheon was on Oct. 20 at Olive Garden and we had a great time.

Please check the information board in our building lobby or at the elevators because information about upcoming events are always posted.

Our first building meeting for 2023/2024 was held 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, in the Belleair Room located in the West Activity Center. There were refreshments and delicious coffee. Holiday parties, picnics and many other events were discussed.

If you have anything you would like to ask the board of directors, they will be available to answer all your questions.

Siboney has had a tradition for many years to post all birthdays and anniversa-



ries each month. It's seems to be getting harder to get any information on new residents so please come to our meetings and give us your special dates for birthdays and anniversaries.

My phone number is on the information board so please call me to give me your information. We try to make our building a fun and friendly place to live.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and "don't eat too much turkey."



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Resident charged up to be working after retirement

Betty Cassidy retired in 2017 in Laurel, Del., where she was unsuccessful in finding contentment in retirement living.

She came to On Top of the World and gave retirement another good try, but she said, "after working most of my life, I found I missed the routine, the manufacturing environment and the daily challenge of implementing practices of continuous improvement."

So, to help relieve the pain of rising inflation, she started looking for a job. That's when she met a young man who told her about his wonderful job, his amazing boss, a superior product and how it takes him to so many different industries such as boating

She said, "I was sold. I wanted to work there. I asked for business cards and wrote a letter to the general manager of Lithium

Battery Power." Long story short, the very next week Betty had an interview and she was hired on

the spot. Unheard of, isn't it? She has been working at Lithium Battery Power since the beginning of August and says it is exciting to work with amazing



engineers. She is learning a new technology and every day has the opportunity to provide the public great customer service and help them get the most out of their experience.

What she is most excited about is that LBP has identified programs where employees can qualify others with discount programs, such as friends /family, corporate, or just sales and order discounts, and they are always looking for ways to better serve their customers.



This is one of the many antique cars on display at the Collection on Palmetto museum. Residents from Bohemia took a field trip and enjoyed the sights.

Bohemia gals take a field trip

Bohemia residents stayed close to home and patronized some new small businesses in October.

Twenty residents participated in our monthly dinner out. They enjoyed the Mexican cuisine at Taco-quila located where the old IHOP used to be on US 19 and Coachman Road. The consensus was favorable and we enjoyed good company.

Following the same stay at home theme, Girls Day Out discovered The Collection on Palmetto located on Palmetto Road between Belcher and Hercules.

This former nursery has been converted to a wonderful museum of antique cars, fire engines and motors.

The museum docent, Laura, shares the history of Brass Era cars, engines of industry and agriculture. You will learn about the Orange Belt Railroad that was once prominent in our area.

The Collection on Palmetto has become a fun field trip for school-age children where they get hands-on experiences in a special classroom.

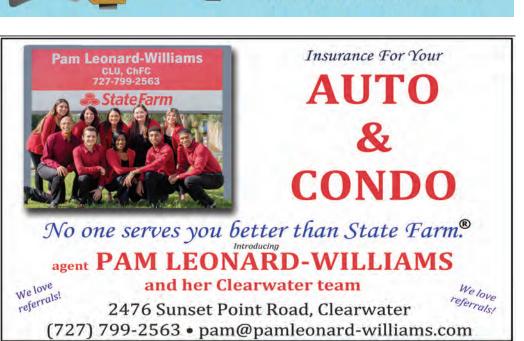
Another group of Bohemia gals headed



to the Safety Habor Library to listen to Chef Warren's presentation on vegetarian cooking. He demonstrated the art of preparing a delicious 15-minute chili perfect for an evening when you are rushed.

We welcome to our building Lee and Gay Beattys. Lee has been a Snowbird for a number of years and has decided to make Florida his permanent home. Welcome, Lee and Gay!







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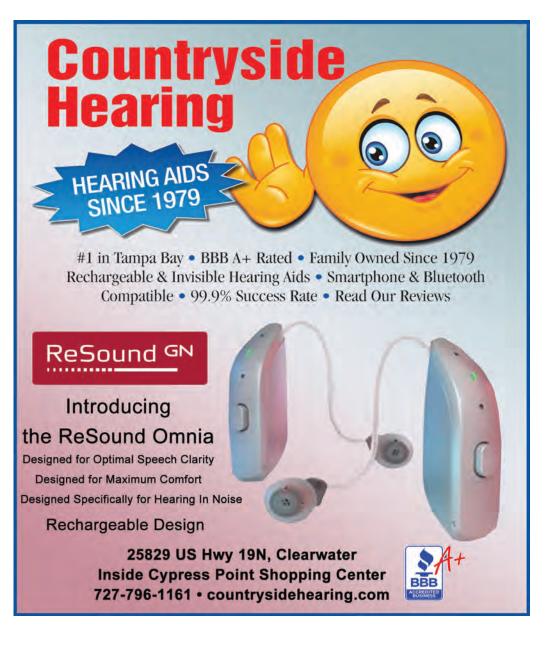
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Rural French residents already making plans to make holiday season and Snowbirds return special



Happy November!

The hot, humid summer is behind us and it's now time to have happy thoughts of the cooler weather and the holidays approaching.

The Rural French building is off to a good start. With some of our northern neighbors and our new residents arriving, we held our October luncheon at the Olive

This luncheon was hosted by Jim and Carmel LeBlanc. We had a good crowd of 21 people to enjoy food, conversation and

Four of our new residents were in attendance. The wing captains, Norma McClellan and Joyce Krauss, introduced themselves to us and it was a pleasure to finally get to meet

We would like to welcome Joanne Storen, and Ernie and Jeanette Jones to the Persian side and Jim Mutschler from the Rhodesian side.

I'd also like to mention and thank our waitress, Marlene, who single handedly took care of all 21 of us. She was fast, attentive and always smiling when anything was need-

Building Coordinator David McClellan addressed our crowd. He briefed us on some bylaw violation and some building maintenance issues that he's working to resolve.



Many Snowbirds already arrived back in Florida in October, so Rural French residents went out to dinner to give them a proper welcome. This dinner seen was from Olive Garden.

Then David brought up the topic of holidays. We have a sign-up sheet on our bulletin board for a potluck Thanksgiving dinner to be held in our core. This is for anybody who might be interested in joining us to celebrate the harvest and other blessings of the past year.

Sign up now and in mid-November this sign-up sheet will be replaced with a sign-up sheet for what meal you will be bringing.

Our holiday building decorating day will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2. We'll have a decorating get-together later that afternoon for posted. anybody who would like to join in.

Our building holiday dinner or luncheon is still open for ideas while we are searching for the right restaurant. Keep checking the bulletin board for updates or changes.

Our November luncheon is being hosted by Bob and Kim Stackpoole and will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at noon. We'll see you at the Home Plate on The Trail Restaurant in Dunedin. Make sure you bring your appetite with you. Watch for the sign-up sheet to be

Our building functions are all run by volunteers. Talk with your neighbors or wing captains and see how you can help. We always welcome new faces and ideas - not just to help us out, but to be a part of our building activities. All are welcome!

If you have news or a story you'd like to share in our newspaper, contact me before the 12th of the month and we'll make it happen. The months of November and December have early press dates due to the holidays



According to information published in the Tampa Bay Times on Aug. 26, 2020, you can get a productive, fun workout right in a swimming pool - and you don't have to attend a group class. You can exercise and enjoy the pool on your own. Pool exercises can improve muscle strength, endurance and flexibility. Some simple suggestions are listed below.*

- 1. Water Walking: Stand in waste-high water and simply walk. Don't forget to walk backwards, too.
- 2. Twisting: Hold arms and hands under water and twist. Holding an object in each hand makes the exercise even better.
- 3. Jumping Jacks: In waist-high water, try some jumping jacks. Make sure no one else is near you and don't splash anyone.
- 4. Knee Squats: Hold a noodle in your hands, stand in waist-high water and do knee squats. Force the noodle under water.

* Before trying the four exercises above, please check with your doctor to make sure these activities are right for you. On Top of the World is not responsible for anyone exercising in our swimming pool. If you want to work out with a group, please visit the Activities Office to learn about available options.

Villa resident now a short drive from new grandchild



Welcome to our newest neighbor, Daisy Deltoro.

After 38 years as s social worker for children in New York City, Daisy migrated south and bought a home in Orlando.

On many trips between Orlando and Dunedin, where her daughter and husband live, Daisy passed the globe by the Sunset Point Road gate entrance. Finally giving in to curiosity, in she came thinking it was a park!

To her suprise, there were condomini-

Scouting out our corner of paradise, she descided On Top of the Word was where she wanted to be.

Now she is happily living here at the Villa and is close by to help her daughter and husband with a new 5 month old pride and joy granddaughter.

Next up, Daisy wants to visit every single beach in Florida. It is on her bucket list.

The Villa's new building directory, recently delivered by wing captains, was put together by Karen Beaver. This really is a herculeanian effort for which we owe Karen tremendous gratitude.

Karen, on behalf of all your neighbors,



Daisy Deltoro

thank you.

Villa's fall cocktail party was fun.

Carroll Harris has made arrangements for our Christmas party at the Dunedin Country Club on Dec. 8.

More details shall be posted along with a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board in core.

Well kids, hope you all enjoy a great Thanksgiving. Good wishes to all celebrating birthdays or anniversaries.

Remember, any news fit to print, send an email to fresca@maine.rr.com.

This building reporter is taking a journalism class - my next story will be awesome!

Even though many of our Snowbird friends were not here, Emerald Isle residents did have a really fun picnic recently at the

We ordered sub sandwiches that were prepared in a big round circle and cut into individual pieces. They were truly delicious even though maybe a little big for the average person.

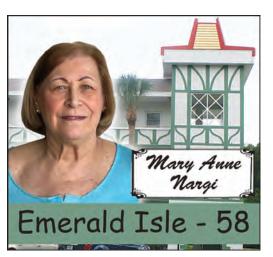
There were so many terrific side dishes. Everybody out-did themselves with their contributions. There was a great selection of

Thanks to everyone who brought something. These kinds of events could not happen without those who pitch in by baking, cooking and buying.

Our 50/50 drawing was a rousing success and netted in the neighborhood of \$30 foe Emerald Isle.

Looking forward to more now that the weather will be cooler and less humid.

There is good news for your new build-



ing reporter (me). The Press Association is holding its annual Writer's Workshop on Nov. 2. This will be a good opportunity for me to get more information on what to write about and how to do it correctly. I am looking forward to it.

The people who celebrated birthdays in



Emerald Isle's picnic at the Pavilion brought many smiles and a lot of good food.

October were Nikki Seal, Nancy Younts, Jeff Cionet, Marge Hotaling, Linda Custer, Nina Halloween. Sposato and Bob Jacobs.

Hope everyone has (had) a safe but fun



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Even though we come from all parts of the country, you might just bump into a future soulmate here

When Bob Young moved to Austrian Alpine in September of 2019, he had three goals. He set out to renovate his condo, play lots of golf and volunteer.

Bob accomplished his goals handily.

Bob's origins are the state of Washington and he ended up in Dunedin prior to moving to our Austrian Alpine building.

Starr Pulliam, a native of Stonington, Maine, moved to Austrian Alpine in February 2022 with the help from her sister. Starr had resided in Kissimmee for nearly 30 years and wanted to be closer to her son, granddaughters and the beach.

Bob and Starr came from opposite coastlines, but at Austrian Alpine, their unlikely story took a happy turn.

It began as neighbors and acquaintances, but then a deeper friendship followed and then love took shape.

This relationship blossomed into commitment and a promise for a dedicated future together as life partners.

Who doesn't love love?

As Starr said, "You never know!"

We congratulate Bob and Starr and wish them abiding love and happiness together.

In other news, we have new neighbors. Welcome Azarene and Robert Barnes to our building.



home in Safety Harbor to move to our build-

Robert is a Vietnam veteran and served in the Army. Azarene is looking forward to getting involved in activities.

We hope you love it here and we look forward to getting to know you better.

Welcome James Jackson, a native of Maryland. He is also a veteran and served 30 years in the Army, 10 years with the Maryland State Police and another 10 years working for the Federal Protective Service.

James has more than earned his retire-Azarene and Robert downsized their ment and we value our military and law en-



Starr Pulliam and Bob Young enjoy a humorous moment together just outside the Austrian Alpine building.

forcement personnel. Thank you for your munity. service and a hearty welcome to our com-

We wish you the best as you settle in.



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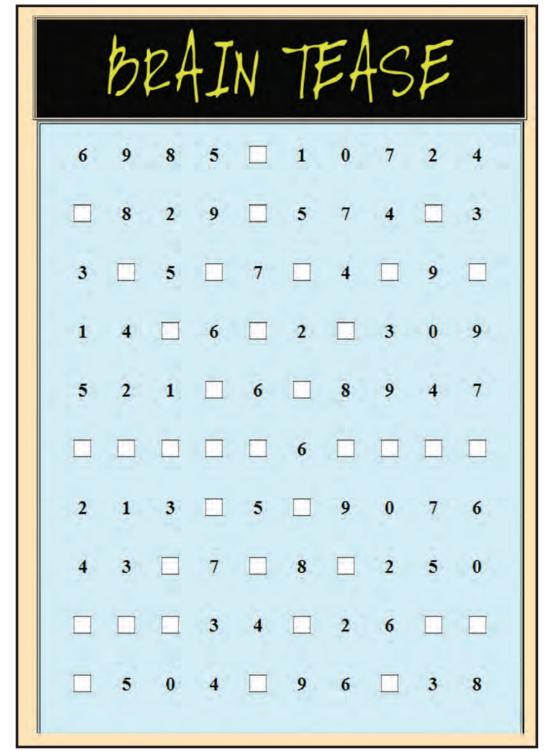
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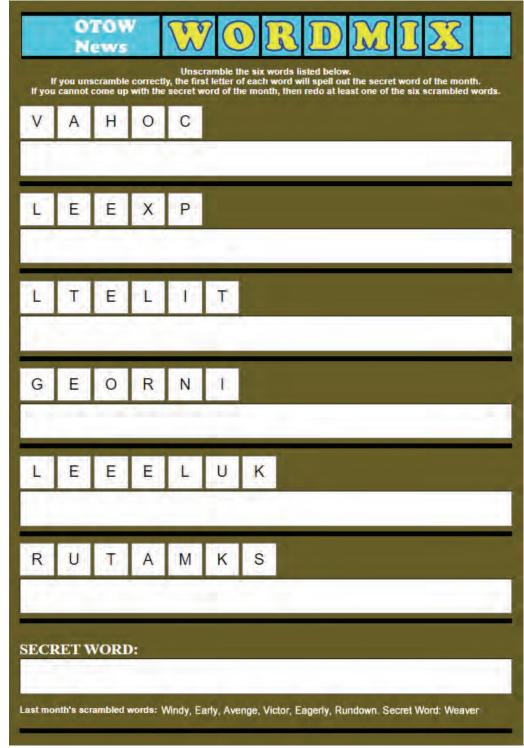
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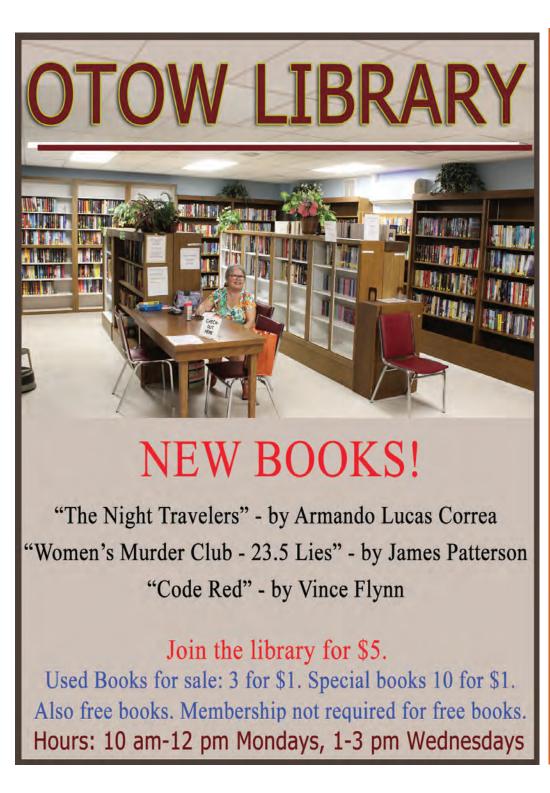
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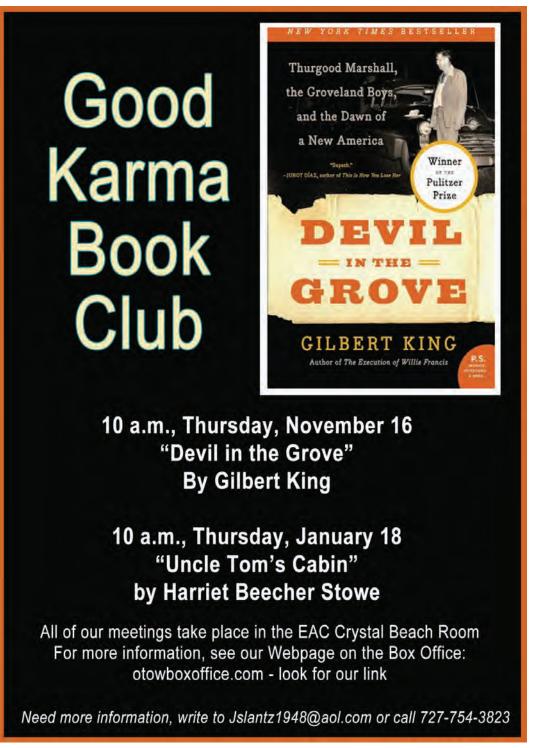












IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Community Service Office (727) 683-6981 Leave Message If Needed Water Turn On/ Turn Off (727) 799-3417 Menu Option 6 Emergency Service Activities Office After Hours / Weekends (727) 799-2734 (727) 799-1115

Free Activities



Join our exercise classes each morning. All are welcome. Classes are free.

9-10 a.m., Weekdays, East Activity Center Swimming Pool

Bible Study 2 pm, Fridays Crystal Beach Room

All denominations welcome

time to new season

Shuffleboard begins in October.



Shuffleboard is open to all OTOW residents with a valid activity card. Just show up and play. We have the equipment.

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

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 avail-

atow Philosophy Club

Social Dance Lessons

Social Dance Lessons are now being offered by instructor Howard Wolff, who allows his students to pick the dances to learn - and there are a ton of dances to choose from. Howard will teach Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Hustle, Rumba, Salsa, Swing, Waltz and more.

Howard's classes are open to all residents with a valid activity card. Social Dance takes place every Thursday afternoon, 1-3 p.m., in the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

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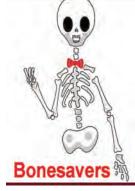
Meets 10:30 am-12 p.m. Fridays in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room. We are very motivated to help you if you

want to lose weight. We are a friendly group and usually go out for a healthy meal after our meetings. Because we are a part of a national club, we charge \$37 per person for yearly national dues. Please come to our meetings at

no charge for one month to try us out.

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> For more information call Libby Shear at 727-669-1486.



The Bonesavers exercise group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Clearwater 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.

Learning to Dance with Noland



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

No pre-registration is necessary. Simply show up and learn.

Duplicate Bridge

Beginner duplicate bridge takes place 9 a.m. to noon, Thursdays, in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

Regular duplicate bridge takes place 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, in the East Activity Center Ozona Room.

Mah Jongg players wanted

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 **Fridays** 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

8-Ball Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Fall Festival Saturday, Nov. 4 10 am - 2 pm **EAC**

Pray for America Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Crystal Beach Room**

Casual Bridge

New bridge players, and notso-new bridge players, are welcome to join Casual Bridge.

We meet 1-4 p.m. every Tues-

The club will meet in the East Activity Center Ozona Room, the former puzzle room.

Come enjoy some fun card playing while challenging your skills - old and new. No partner neces-

For further information, contact Carlos at loresc@yahoo.com



Canadian Club Social Games

BLACKOUT

Year Round

Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30 PM West Activity Center Belleair Room

Coordinator Tom Jamrozy is available to train new players at 5:50 p.m. each Thursday, followed by practice games from 6-6:30 p.m. and regular games running from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Bring your own beverage of choice. Must have a valid activity card.

Experienced Mah Jongg players wanted

Are you ready to toss your tiles again? If so, there is a group of experienced Mah Jongg players that meets each Friday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. in the West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room.

We mainly adhere to the National Mah Jongg League guidelines with just a few variations.

No sitting at home in your room wishing you were playing Mah Jongg! Bring your lucky Mah Jongg card and join us Friday afternoons. We look forward to seeing you. If you have questions, please stop by the Palm Harbor Room before our games begin.

Classifieds

Boat Wanted

If your boat is sitting in the West Side boat rack and you are not using it, I would like to buy it, rent it or borrow it. Please call Donna at 727-638-0788.

Futons For Sale

For sale: Two swivel leather futons, \$40 each. Chairs with ottomans, like new. Free of pet hair and smoke. Interested? Call Linda at 563-588-1379.

Bicycle For Sale

Retrospec, 7-speed, step-through adult bike for sale. Mint green. Professionally assembled. Brand new, just purchased, never ridden. Asking \$300. Text or leave a message with Joyce, 828-817-2577.

Dining Room Furniture

For sale: High quality butcher block natural finish wood country trestle table. 61x36.5 with leaf. 83 inches wide with leaf. Four white chairs. Very good condition. \$475 or best offer. Also Hawaii digital piano with matching bench. Includes response hammer action, concert magic, metronome, recorder, sound effects. Lightly used. \$500. Call Donna at 603-997-1977



OTOW-TV CHANNEL 901 DAILY SCEDULE

- 7 AM Exercise with Cammie and Jessica from OTOW Ocala
- 8 AM Cardio with Hope Tera (Monday through Saturday)
- 9 AM Exercise with Slimnastics from OTOW Clearwater
- 11 AM Line Dance at Home with Moving 'N Grooving, Snowbirds and OTOW Line Dancing
- 12 PM Exercise with Cammie and Jessica from OTOW Ocala
- 4 PM Exercise with Cammie and Jessica from OTOW Ocala

If/When OTOW-TV gets the OK to present community theater shows from the past, they will air at 7 pm on Friday nights.

DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA



Pictured here is a beautiful, designated smoking area On Top of the World created alongside the East Activity Center swimming pool.

Smokers can sit peacefully, enjoy their hobby and respect fellow residents at the pool.

Community pools, activity centers, the dog park, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits, lawn bowl area and the Pavilion are non-smoking areas.

Smoking is not permitted within 20 feet of either activity center or swimming pool.

Please help keep our community beautiful.

OTOW CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for permanent or temporary change of address. This form may be dropped off at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center or mailed to:

OTOW Condominium Association, Inc., Attn: CSO, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E., Clearwater, FL 33763

Building Number:	Unit Num	nber:	Today's Date:	
This change is:	_Permanent	Temporar	y; Effective	
Unit Owner Name(s):				
Current Address:				
Current Phone Number:				
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Don't forget to notify the United States Post Office of the change!

(Submit new form upon return)

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