



## Getting fired up for the holiday season

By Doug Kates, editor

Ron Whalen loves his wife's homemade Halloween decorations so much, he asks why they have to wait until October to display them?

To this question his wife, Jo, responds, "we can't put our Halloween decorations out until October or people will think we're crazy!"

... as she proudly wears her witch's hat during a recent On Top of the World ceramics class.

Jo Whalen and Jewel Chamberlain were just two of several OTOW residents who were recently taking advantage of the East Activity Center's ceramics room to get ready for the upcoming holiday season.

First up is Halloween and the kiln was fired up and ready to go.

"A lot of people do Halloween because it's the first holiday of the season," Jewel said. "It's the first big thing when people come back home from up north."

Jewel has been a ceramics instructor for nearly 25 years and has created everything from scarecrows to ghosts to pumpkins.

She is currently working on a Jack O'Lantern she plans on giving away as a gift.



Jo Whalen, left, and Jewel Chamberlain work on Halloween decorations for the upcoming season. (OTOW Photo by Doug Kates)

Jo's latest project is a boot, and it's not known at this time what kind of scary creature might call the boot home - perhaps a bat, a goblin or even a black cat.

There are endless possibilities for future projects.

"Going to ceramics is so enjoyable to me," Jo said. "We're all like family here."

Jewel, who has created more than 12,000 molds in her ceramics career, was a local instructor when she met most of the OTOW ceramics class residents. Now she lives here, herself, and loves having a classroom and kiln

right in the neighborhood. She has five certifications and helps Activities Director Nancy Davis when someone is needed to fire up the kiln.

Jo and Jewell both enjoy making ceramics and giving them away to family as gifts. They both mentioned how fun it is to visit family and see their artwork proudly on display.

This upcoming November will be the annual Craft Show in the East Activity Center and Jo and Jewell are already planning to have projects on display and for sale.

Halloween projects are not so popular in November, but Jo and Jew-

el said they have plenty of time to create Thanksgiving gifts and Christmas decorations. So, if you like what you see above, look for Jo and Jewel in November.

If you can't make the Craft Show, check out the Gift Shoppe, where OTOW students are always selling items they have made in class.

Ceramics aren't just for the holidays. Projects can be made all year round.

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# Chill may come, but life at OTOW is heating up

Recent change in the weather has certainly been appreciated. The mornings are cooler and the evenings, although coming sooner, are pleasant.

We are in a welcome dry period following substantial rain in late August and early September. Maybe the lawn growth will slow down as well. Not to worry though, we have a great deal to keep us busy.

Work is progressing on the new dog park on the west side. An Irrigation team has placed water lines for water bowls and sod was in place by the third week of September.

Fencing goes up the first week of October and then we lay the pavers and put up a shelter. We hope to have everything completed in late October.

We are also looking forward to the golf course reopening in early November, following the complete renovation of greens and tee boxes on the 18-hole course. Look for a really great golfing season at On Top of the World!

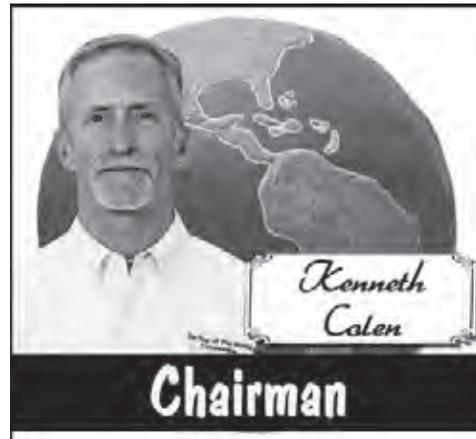
It may seem that work on Building 29 has been moving at a crawl, but a great deal has actually been happening behind the scenes. Restoration plans are out to bid for the southwest tower. The fire marshal has allowed us to open that stairwell with temporary barricades in place. We anticipate new railing in place by the first week of October.

Completely unrelated to any of the other happenings going on, the southeast tower was beginning to show distress. We engaged a soils engineer to perform soil borings and analysis. His report states in part, "distress to the southeast stairway is likely the result of loosening of near surface soil from root growth beneath the exterior wall of the stairwell."

Nice to know it is only a plant causing problems and not something worse. This is akin to having an oak tree lift up a sidewalk - (only worse) - the plant always wins.

We love our trees and landscape, just not too close to the buildings, please.

This also underscores the importance of landscape enforcement the Association has been pursuing. Seemingly innocuous little plants can



become a big nuisance in later years.

The structural engineer has sent foundation load information to a specialty firm that repairs damaged foundations. We hope to have a work plan back in hand by early October. We anticipate minimal disruption while the repairs are made.

As an abundance of caution, the architectural feature on that stairwell was partially removed on Sept. 19, to relieve some of the weight bearing on that part of the structure. This will be reconstructed once the repairs are completed.

## Association News

By now you should have received a letter from the Association stating the Annual Audited Financial Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, is now available.

You may request a copy of the report for your building by writing to the Association Secretary at 2069 World Parkway Blvd, Clearwater, FL, 33763, or by emailing the Association at [clearwaterinfo@otowfl.net](mailto:clearwaterinfo@otowfl.net) – please be sure to state your building and unit number on your request.

## Unwanted Solicitations

When the weather up north begins to turn cooler, the scammers come south for the winter. It was recently brought to my attention that many residents are receiving phone solicitations for carpet cleaning. In some cases, hucksters have been going door to door.

Really folks, this is the oldest of scams. The way it works is a pleasant woman on the other end of the line offers you a "special price offer for

OTOW residents." The twist is that they have boldly lied by telling an owner "they were approved by On Top of the World." News flash: Your Board has never approved solicitations from outside vendors.

Proceed at your own risk with telephone scam artists. Even more so, be extra cautious if someone shows up on your doorstep uninvited.

## Work Progress Outlook (all dates are subject to change)

**Activity Center Work:** Six roof top air conditioning units are being replaced on the East Activity Center. The work began the last week of September and is expected to finish up in mid-October. This is very weather dependent work, so we need a dry spell.

Because of the nature of this overhead work, the auditorium will be closed during this time. Classes and scheduled events in the auditorium need to be canceled or relocated. Thank you for your patience and understanding while this work is progressing.

**Lawn bowling court:** There was an unfortunate excursion by an automobile into the lawn bowling area, but repairs are progressing. Replacing the damaged fence should have been completed the last week of September. We are working with the vendor to get the most guidance we can to make as much repair as we can perform in house. Staff will remove the contaminated areas and reinstall new clay material in those spots. Also the tire track issues will be repaired with new clay material.

**Painting/Waterproofing:** Building 68 – Front Elevation should be starting on Oct. 3. B73 - Front Elevation will be starting near Oct. 10 and waterproofing the rear elevation will begin on Oct. 24. All start dates are approximate and depend on the weather.

**Elevators:** Progress Energy has advised us that they will be upgrading the electric meters for elevators within the following buildings: 36, 37, 47, 49,

50, 53, 54, 56, 78, 79, 64, 65, 84N, 87, 89. At this writing, we have a tentative start date of late October for this work. Advance notice will be given as this will entail a brief power outage of approximately two hours while the meter exchange is made.

**Special Construction & Restoration:** Building 54 walkways on the second and third floors will be undergoing resurfacing work beginning Oct. 10. Access will be limited in the work area, so please use caution.

**Roofing:** Large scale reroofs are current and no new projects are scheduled for the next 120 days, picking up again in January 2012.

**Floor Tile Replacement:** Buildings 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 (all second and third floor replacements) are scheduled for a mid-October start. Installation schedule may move slower than expected based upon condition of existing floor. The exact schedule is dependent on the weather. Notice will be posted in each building in advance of a firm start date.

**Pavement Repair:** Work is tentatively scheduled for the West entry off Belcher Road. There is a small section of badly damaged pavement that requires removal. A portion of the roadway will be closed while this repair is made. We are tentatively scheduled for Oct. 3, depending on the weather and coordination with Pinellas County.

Finally, Inspection Services will be continuing with landscape enforcement, clutter enforcement on the front and rear porch areas of condominiums (very dangerous in a high wind situation). Tagging and removal of excessive furniture and clutter in the center core areas on the West Side of Belcher Road will be an ongoing matter. Awning Inspections (all buildings) are ongoing.

Flag display compliance (Buildings 1 through 11) will be ongoing. Your Association supports the display of Old Glory, but the flag needs to be anchored and displayed in a way that doesn't damage the common properties.

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**You will receive important information from OTOW right on your own computer. You may also visit this Web site to update your emergency contact phone numbers.**

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# Activities increase as the Snowbirds come home

We are starting to see a slight influx of our Snowbird residents returning from the north.

Many spent their summer visiting relatives and friends, while others were traveling throughout the USA, as well as in other countries.

Wherever they spent their summer, they are most certain to want to share their many exciting tales and their pictures with you maybe over a cup of coffee or tea.

Sharing experiences with your neighbors and friends is a great way to form new and lasting friendships, and On Top of the World is known as a friendly community that not only reaches out to each other, but also to the surrounding communities.

Being a resident in such a diver-



sified community, in the very heart of Pinellas County, affords you great opportunities to enjoy the many attractions surrounding OTOW, as well as, the dozens of activities provided for you within the gates of your community.

On Nov. 5, Good Neighbors will be putting on the 2011 Senior Expo. This is a great opportunity to learn about many non-profit organizations in Pinellas County and outside the county, and the many benefits they offer to seniors. Each company will provide information and brochures, plus there will be great door prizes and snacks.

It will be a fun and informative day, so be sure to come out and join us starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m.

This will be another exciting year of activities planned by our clubs and organizations. Come out and visit any of the clubs and choose which ones you would like to join. The more the merrier! Just remember to have your

updated OTOW ID card with you. Your card can be updated any Monday morning on the Westside from 9-11:30 a.m. with your proof of residency.

Check your OTOW newspaper for information, dates and times of the different events.

Be sure and also check the calendar pages. The weekly calendar page will provide you with times of exercise classes, arts and craft classes, and many different types of cards and board games.

November will introduce some very informative classes on many different subjects, such as, diabetes, memory problems, your medications, bone and joint problems, and several others that are being considered. Check your paper for more information.

**LAPIDARY CLUB**

## Learn how to cut gems

Starting in November, the Lapidary Club (gem cutting) will be having a membership drive. If you have never cut a gem stone or a cabochon stone, this will be your opportunity to learn how. It is not hard to do, and it will give you a lot of pleasure showing off your lovely creations.

The dues to join the club are \$25 for one year. We meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon, and on Friday mornings we get lessons from a master jeweler on how to make silver creations. Again, not hard to do. He will work with you according to your ability.

If you join the club, you will be able to make Christmas gifts for yourself or friends and family. Come in and see what it is all about. We'll leave the light on for you.

## *Learn more about diabetes in November*

CARES will be presenting a three-session series here at On Top of the World pertaining to Type 2 Diabetes.

The dates of each series will be Nov. 1, 8 and 15 at 10 a.m. in room A-1.

In these three sessions, representatives will discuss several things pertaining to the illness. Many people in the United States battle this illness, including some teenagers. Knowing the correct way to manage Diabetes is crucial to the people who have to live with it everyday.

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Sign-up preceding the classes will be at the Activities Office. See Nancy Davis, or call 799-2734 for more information.

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# Your Association takes under-age renting rules seriously and so should residents who rent

It's that time again, time for the On Top of the World Condominium Community Census.

In accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Act and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, 80 percent of the apartments must be occupied by at least one person who is 55 years of age or over. The census is conducted biennially to assure our community retains its 55-and-older age-restricted status.

You should have received a census information card with the Association mailing of Sept. 23. Please return this card as soon as possible in the stamped, addressed envelope provided. Your return of this information helps assure that the Association can enforce the rules regarding age restrictions.

As I have reviewed in previous articles, underage renters normally do not have the respect for our residents and our community in regards to noise levels, parking spaces and facilities use. They typically have little regard for the long-term effects of their actions on our property values.

Some of our residents who do rent are in a rush to fill the vacancy in their unit and they neglect to verify age, references or run credit checks. This lack of diligence usually results in



difficult tenants that aren't a good fit for the community.

We have experienced a frequency of underage renters and tenants that is resulting in an increase of rule enforcement actions.

As a reminder, no child under the age of seventeen (17) years shall be allowed to reside in any unit. A unit owner who owns and occupies his or her own unit may permit one (1) minor only if the minor is at least 17 years of age and a member of that owner's family. No units may be occupied, leased or sold without the prior written approval of the occupant, lessee or new owner by the Association.

Unit owners who want to lease their unit must request an Application for Approval by sending a self addressed stamped, business sized

envelope to On Top of the World Condominium Association, Lease Application, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E, Clearwater, FL, 33763. Please include the building number, unit number and address of the condominium to be leased.

The Association will respond with all necessary information. All rental units must be occupied by at least one (1) person who is 55 or older. If a lease is renewed, you must notify the Association at the address above. No leases may be less than an initial term of six months plus one week for a furnished unit and no unit may be leased in an unfurnished condition for an initial term of less than one year.

The Association holds the unit owner responsible for adhering to the above rules. Any expenses, including reasonable attorneys fees and court cost incurred by the Association in enforcing these rules, is also the responsibility of the unit owner.

Each Nov. 11, our country pauses to honor our military veterans. One of the most popular ways to show our appreciation is by flying the American flag.

We are a very proud nation and community and our feelings towards this display run very deep. The Association supports your desire to show

your patriotism and respect for our veterans not only on this day, but on all symbolic and memorial days.

Flag standards were adopted to assure flags were being flown correctly and are installed in a safe manner that does not damage the common elements in a building. Past practices have resulted in small holes drilled into the exterior of buildings or pillars. The holes create a perfect avenue for water to seep inside. As we know, water, rebar, drywall and over time are not a good mix. We now request residents to submit an Application for Approval for Modification prior to displaying the flag. This will assure the location is compatible within the common area and that proper anchors are installed.

I also want to remind residents that small flags on sticks can create a safety hazard. A recent inspection revealed 73 small flags in a common area lawn (the resident wanted one for each year she was alive). The neighbors visiting grandchildren found them so entertaining they chased each other around with the "sticks." Due to the excessive display, lawn mowing would have been delayed for a week.

All Community Standards are adopted with safety, quality and aesthetics in mind.

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Residents should be aware that due to an extremely high failure rate, silicone sealants are no longer approved for use as a caulking and weatherproofing product within On Top of the World.

Failure of the silicone sealant bond has resulted in water intrusion into units. This has resulted in significant water damage and costly repairs. WATER INTRUSION is a serious issue that may damage belongings and lead to mold growth.

Protect yourself by asking your contractor in advance if they are using an ACRYLIC URETHANE or POLY URETHANE sealant recommended for use by your Association. Applying the proper sealant in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications may prevent water intrusion.

Detailed information is available at the East Activity Center Service Desk for your convenience. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

**We are working harder to make OTOW your  
wonderful place to live!**

# Craft Show set for November

By Kay Spodeck

The On Top of the World annual craft show will take place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 6, in the East Activity Center.

The show, sponsored by the On Top of the World Crafters, will feature a wide variety of hand-crafted items, including holiday gifts for friends and neighbors, household items, and notions and novelties.

So take a moment and mark your calendar accordingly, and bring your friends, relatives and neighbors. Everyone is welcome, including “browsers” – we must have them.

Incidentally, for those of you who would like to make a purchase, bear this in mind - the items displayed will be very reasonably priced.

If you wish to participate in the show by displaying your craftwork, you may arrange for a table by seeing Sue Mills or Kay Spodeck at the East Activity Center auditorium from 9-11:30 a.m. on Oct. 20, 24, 27 or 31.

The Coffee Corner, under the



This is just one example of the homemade crafts created for last year's art show.

(OTOW News file photo by Tom Bracken)

direction of Helen Duranti, will be open during the show and will feature home-baked goodies to enjoy with your coffee.

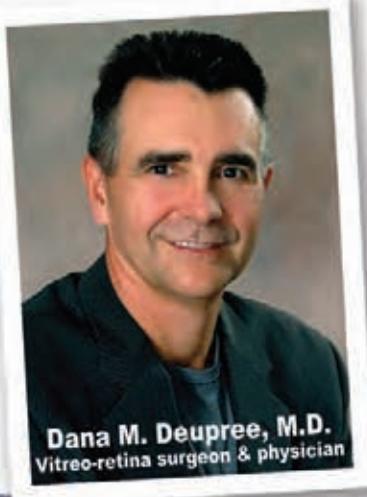
All proceeds, after expenses from the show, will be donated to PCS Food Pantry, a Clearwater charity organization.

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# Residents attend prom at Tropicana Field

By Doug Kates

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Dancing at Tropicana Field are (left photo) Lois and Ron Martin, and (right photo) Arlene Kilpatrick, Lois, Ron, Joan Farrell and Bill.

sic from the good old days.

And reports were, the music was loud!

"It was like we were walking into a church," said Entertainment Committee Chairman Brad Day, as he described stepping onto the outfield turf for the very first time.

"The field felt like a really good rug - there were no lumps or bumps in it."

Some people dressed up like the event was an actual prom. Others dressed as baseball fans. It didn't matter. Once the music started playing on the stadium's gigantic sound system, everyone danced.

"You felt like you had to dance," Brad said. "The music was loud and it was Rock 'N Roll. Everybody just absorbed that feeling."

Some of the songs included, "Rock Around the Clock," "Shake Rattle and Roll" and "All Shook Up."

The actual "Prom" lasted only about 15 minutes, but Brad said it was worth the organizing and the trip down - plus, the Rays won in extra innings.

He said the other OTOW residents all appeared to have a good time and he was positive the trip would be planned by the Entertainment Committee again next year.

"It will be a good thing to try again," he said. "It's totally different from anything we do and it brought us together."

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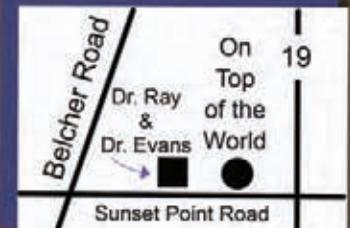
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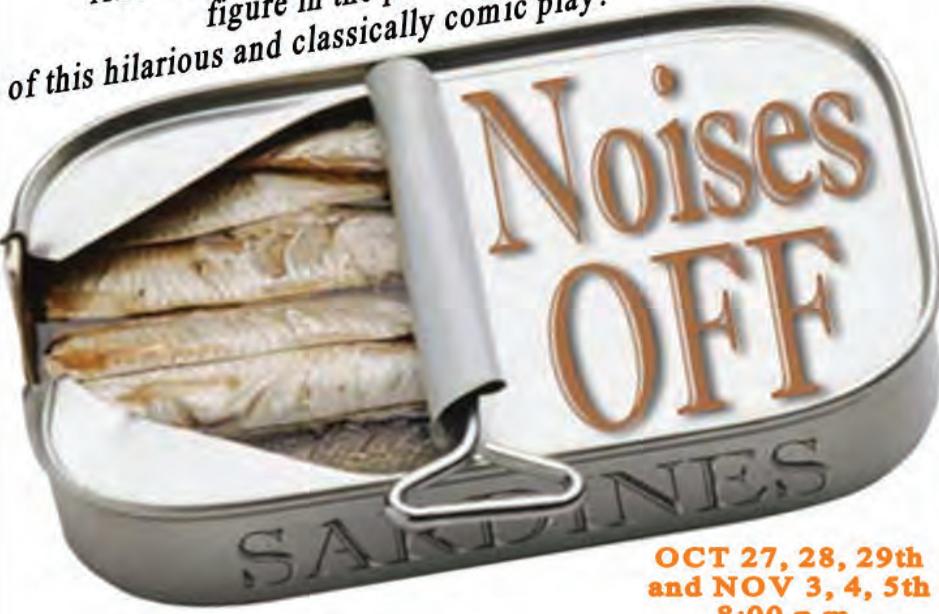
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# Time to update your knowledge about the Durable Power of Attorney statute

**ALERT:** The Florida Durable Power of Attorney statute was amended by the Florida Legislature, effective October 1, 2011.

The amendments to the statute are very, very extensive.

As an example, the former statute, Chapter 709, Florida Statutes took up about six pages in the statute books. The amended statute will take up about 36 pages.

For those folks who already have executed a durable power of attorney (DPOA), be informed that under the new statute, your existing Durable Power of Attorney should still be valid. They are referred to as "legacy" durable powers of attorney.

However -- and there are always "however's" -- lurking around the corner is a very real concern which has to do with whether banks and financial companies will accept your old DPOA in the future. Yes, they have to accept a DPOA that was validly executed before October 1, 2011 and for the present, I am convinced that this will happen.

What I, and many other estate planning-, elder law-, and real estate- attorneys are concerned about is what will happen in, say three or four years from now. By then, the new statute will have been effective for some time and it is at least possible that a bank or financial company may refuse to honor one that is "stale."

There are many changes in the new statute. Here are just a few:

(1) The names to be used will be "Principal" for the person making the DPOA and "Agent" for the person you name to handle your affairs if you are not able to do so.

(2) Portions dealing with the use of banking accounts will now need to be initialed or signed by the Principal. This



will probably be done by having the signature or initial placed next to the specific provision that calls for this.

(3) Certain persons who are not related by blood to the Principal will not be entitled to receive compensation for caregiving services, if they are performed by using the DPOA.

(4) The Agent does not have to accept all the duties contained in a DPOA, but could agree only to do some of them.

(5) The requirement that the Agent must act in good faith is strengthened.

(6) A bank to whom a DPOA has been given must either agree to honor it or to reject it within four days of having it delivered. If the bank rejects it, the bank must state why it is rejected in writing within that four-day time period.

(7) A durable power of attorney executed in another state, but to be used in Florida, is valid in Florida even if it does not comply with Florida law for the way a DPOA has to be executed. However, there is a very serious conflict with other Florida laws relating to the transfer or conveyance of real property and particularly homestead real property. In fact, it is my understanding that title insurance underwriters will only accept DPOAs that are executed in accordance with Florida law where the sale or trans-

fer of real property -- especially homestead real property -- is involved.

The new statute was worked on for some six years by a section of the Florida Bar Association known as the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law section. (We refer to its initials RPPTL, as Reptile. I suppose you can figure out why. I had nothing to do with drafting the amendments. I promise!)

I believe that everyone who has an existing durable power of attorney should now make an appointment with his/her/their attorney in order to determine whether it is necessary to have a new DPOA that would become effective after October 1, 2011.

Your attorney should already be aware of the amended statute.

**Q.** Considering the existing state of affairs in this wonderful country of ours, will you change your view on letting us know your thoughts about folks running for state and federal offices?

**A.** I am not in the business of endorsing individuals or political parties; and I don't plan on starting to do so. However, when it comes to matters affecting the folks I represent, I have always been willing to express my feelings about the issues involved and I will continue to do that from time to time.

If, in expressing my views about the issues involved, I feel that I should mention a particular person -- be it a public officer or not, then I will do that.

What I will not do is insert my own political feelings in support of or in opposition to any particular political party just for the sake of doing that.

Example: I think that Florida's Attorney General, Pam Bondi, is doing a terrific job and is honestly concerned about senior citizens. I represent a large contingent of senior citizens (and I am

one, myself) and so quite naturally, I applaud the work she and her office do. I think she looks out for us.

Now, there may be some issues that are of concern to me personally, but I deem them to be of little or no concern to the several clients I represent.

I will try very hard to stay away from commenting in such a situation. Here is what is most important to me: I want everyone to read and to enjoy my column, regardless of his or her or their political philosophies. To do that, I need to try my best to keep my personal feelings out of my column even though from time to time I might make mention of someone who is striving to help out the types of clients I represent.

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## SHINE will be here Oct. 11

SHINE will be at the East Activity Center card room, 9:30 a.m., Oct. 11, to bring residents up-to-date on changes to Medicare and Medicaid plans.

For those of you who are not familiar with SHINE, it is a free service available for seniors through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, along with the other state agencies on aging. SHINE has highly-trained volunteers who are unbiased and do not endorse any specific health insurance plan or policy. Their purpose is to keep you aware of any changes and to answer your questions.

For starters, you should be aware open enrollment dates have changed to Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. Any new plan will commence Jan. 1, 2012.

There are also other dates regarding your Medicare Advantage Plan. All of this information is very important as it is in regards to your Medicare/Medicaid Insurance plans and help with the Medicare savings plan.

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# Registration taking place for holiday contest

By Doug Kates

Buildings are already getting registered for the On Top of the World News/Escot Bus Lines/Hard Rock Casino Holiday Lights Decoration Contest in December.

Remember, a captain must register your building by Nov. 30.

The idea behind the contest is to promote holiday spirit among residents. The building which shows the most holiday spirit - through lights and decorations - will win the grand prize, which is an Escot Bus Lines trip to the Hard Rock Casino for up to 55 residents, plus a lunch voucher for each resident at the casino.

On Top of the World decoration



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rules must be followed or buildings will be disqualified.

Residents may only decorate using outdoor lights and GFCI receptacles. No decorations can be displayed using nails or screws. Use string, velcro and bag ties as possible alternatives.

No decorations can hang on the top portion of railings or staircases.

No decorations or extension chords can cross floors or stairs. No decorations can be displayed on any lawns, but one visitor's parking space can be reserved for a display.

A complete set of rules can be picked up at the newspaper office or call Doug in the newsroom at 799-3216 for more information.

Contest judges will be staff members of this newspaper. Judging will take place Dec. 16-18 and the winning building will be announced in the Dec. 30 edition.

OTOW News is not asking residents to go out and spend a fortune on decorations. This contest may not even return for next year.

But if your building has a lot of spirit and a lot of energy and good ideas, then enter and treat the entire community to a special holiday show.

The next Press Association meeting is 1:30 p.m., Oct. 6, in the East Activity Center lower card room.

The Press Association will hold a special workshop 7 p.m., Nov. 3 in the Veranda Room for staff writers who want to learn something new or improve their current writing styles. There will be no afternoon meeting on this date and this will be the only night meeting of the season.

Writers must attend at least three Press Association meetings to qualify for our luncheon in April.

# When you fly north, you're supposed to avoid hurricanes

By Marge Mayer

I survived the New York hurricane!

What started out as a delayed birthday celebration, and spending a few days with my children, turned out to be an adventure.

The fun began when my flight was delayed in Tampa. I arrived at 12:30 p.m. for a 2:30 flight. Weather conditions delayed the departure until 3:15. More delays and we finally boarded at 4:30 for what would now be a three-hour flight.

By the time I arrived at my daughter's apartment in Manhattan, it was 8:30. It took eight hours to get there.

Friday morning's weather was

delightful - 60s in the morning - high of 80.

One of my daughters arrived from New Jersey and I enjoyed a nice lunch with all three of my daughters.

That evening we went to see the movie, "The Help." As we watched, the hurricane was moving up the coast with high winds and rain.

Saturday was supposed to be the "party" day, but the weather looked ominous. My son and his wife came in from Long Island. It turned out to be an abbreviated party. The storm was increasing so they had to leave early.

Long Island was at risk for flooding and power outage, but we were lucky - no flooding in their area and no power outage.

Though New Jersey had areas that were hit hard, my daughter didn't lose power nor did Manhattan.

Sunday morning the storm came with all its fury. My daughter was well-prepared and we spent the time watching the latest on TV, eating, playing games and on the computer.

My daughter was smart enough to change my return reservation to Tuesday. There were no flights on Sunday. Everything was shut down - subways, trains, buses, bridges, theaters, museums and sporting events.

It seemed like "second nature" to hear all the warnings about evacuations, having water, batteries, etc. The shelves were cleaned out and stores closed.

Manhattan was lucky - rain, wind, some flooding, but no power loss. So much flooding on Long Island, New Jersey, Connecticut and up the coast. It will take a long time to get things back and restore power to the thousands who might have to wait a week to get it back.

Monday morning the storm left New York and was moving up the coast. It was 60 degrees in the morning and 82 high. The subways were running again and the clean up would begin. I had a great return flight arriving 20 minutes early. No cool temperature here and the prospect of a hurricane forming. Hope I can survive the Florida hurricane season, which still has months to go.



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# Resident shares top secret recipe



We especially enjoy it when residents send us their favorite recipes, and this month's submission looks delicious!

Steve Sutton sent in this recipe for "Penne Ala Vodka," but was quick to give credit to Alice Terenzi, who gave the secret to him.

I spoke with Alice, who told me her stepson gave her this recipe 10 years ago.

"I serve this pasta with crusty bread and a green salad and everyone enjoys it," she said.

Steve says he'll sometimes leave out the prosciutto ("it's still good without it") and he'll sometimes use as much as a full head of garlic, rather than the recommended two cloves.

"Not for all of us," he writes.

Steve also uses two to three times the recommended amount of crushed red pepper.

## *Penne Ala Vodka*

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**3 T. unsalted butter**  
**2 large garlic cloves-finely chopped**  
**2 oz. sliced prosciutto-cut into thin strips**  
**1 28 oz. to 35 oz. crushed tomatoes**  
**½ t. crushed red pepper**  
**½ C. heavy cream**  
**1/3 cup vodka**  
**Salt**  
**1 lb. penne pasta**  
**½ cup fresh grated parmigiano-reggiano cheese**

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**In a large skillet (enough to hold cooked pasta), melt butter over medium heat. Add garlic and cook until golden (about 2 minutes).**

**Stir in prosciutto and cook for 1 minute.**

**Add tomatoes and crushed red pepper, simmer for 5 minutes.**

**Stir in cream and cook, stirring well for 1 minute. Add vodka and cook 2 minutes. Season to taste with salt.**

# *The original pin-up girl, Betty Grable*

By Walter Balderson

The celebrated "pin-up girl" of World War II was actress Betty Grable, who was the daughter of a stockbroker and a very aggressive "stage mother."

Betty was born in St. Louis on Dec. 18, 1916, and at the age of 13 she and her mother set out for Hollywood. Her mother lied about her age and landed her several small roles in 1930.

Stardom didn't come to her until 1940 when she was a hit in three consecutive movies, "Down Argentine Way," "Coney Island" and "Sweet Rosie O'Grady." By 1947 she was the highest paid star in Hollywood, earning more than \$300,000 a year, which was an enormous sum by today's standards.

The public was enchanted with Betty. Her pin-up pose in a swim-



**Walter  
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suit during WW II adorned the barracks walls and ship bulkheads of GI's around the world.

20th Century Fox had her famous legs insured by Lloyds of London for \$1 million. Betty once commented that there were two reasons why she was in show business and she was standing on both of them.

She continued to be popular late into the '50s. She acted in 42 films - the

last one being, "How to be Very Very Popular" in 1955. She was the only female star on the top 10 box office list for 10 years in a row.

Betty was married twice; first to child star Jackie Coogan. His career boosted her's, but the marriage ended in 1940.

After divorcing Coogan, she had a romance with Artie Shaw, but he chose to elope with underage starlet Lana Turner. She met Harry James on a movie set and they married in 1943. This marriage lasted 22 years, ending in divorce in 1965.

Even after WWII ended, Betty's popularity continued until she had a dispute with Sam Goldwyn, thus losing the chance to star in the film version of "Guys and Dolls" in 1955.

With her film career winding down, David Merrick, producer of Hello Dolly on Broadway, chose her to replace Carol Channing. The show took on a new life with most of the audience being Betty's true loyal fans.

During her film career Betty would definitely be considered a super star, even though that term was not used back then. Hugh Hefner, founder of Playboy Magazine, said in an interview in 2007, that Betty was his inspiration for founding the Playboy Empire.

Grable has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. She also has a star on the St. Louis Walk of Fame, and was inducted into the Hall of Famous Missourians in 2009.

Betty died July 2, 1963, of lung cancer at age 56.



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Golf Course Superintendent Drew Schlatter tests out the new tee box on the No. 6 hole. Below is what this tee box looked like just three months ago. Piece of art, isn't it? (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

# Summer work is really starting to show

Refurbishing an entire 18-hole golf course has not been simple, but finally course workers and On Top of the World golfers can start to see the finished product taking shape.

Mounds of dirt are gone. They have magically been transformed into larger putting greens, wider tee boxes, or new, challenging mound-hazards.

In fact, Golf Course Superintendent Drew Schlatter said the new putting greens, overall, will be 4,000 square feet bigger than before. There was so much dirt dug up during renovations that workers had to put the dirt somewhere. As a result, the greens and tee boxes became bigger than planned, and unexpected mound-hazards were added.

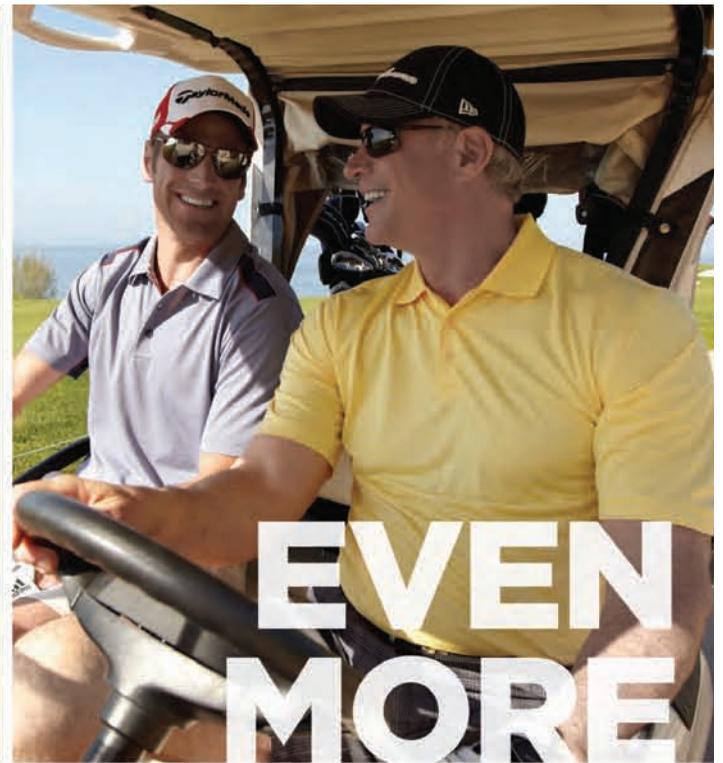
In a funny way, the putting green on hole No. 18 was supposed to be renovated a specific way, but a miscommunication problem changed the entire design of the green. Drew said he looked over the design after the mistake and decided he liked it better than the planned version. So, the revised version stuck.

Golf course officials and OTOW golf league officials are planning on opening the refurbished course with a four-player scramble tournament 8 a.m. on Nov. 7. Details are still being worked out, but the tournament will be open to any OTOW foursome.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served after the tournament, about 3 p.m., so even if you're not a golfer, you can join the grand reopening party and even walk the first and 18th holes to see the changes.

Look for more grand reopening details in next month's newspaper or on Channel 96.





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# Buy a straw or two and support the Gift Shoppe

By Thomas Brennan

Hi everyone. How in the world RU?

Fall is upon us and the Snowbirds are returning, so the Gift Shoppe is now open Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Even though we were only open two days a week during the summer, sales were good. Come one. Come all. Come if you are short or if you are tall. If you are happy or if you are blue - the Gift Shoppe is the place for you.

"What's going on?" I asked Gift Shoppe Manager Doris Paino. "Tom, haven't you heard? The fastest way for news to travel is by telephone, telegram and tell a woman."

(I didn't get it until Doris put it that way.)

Gift Shoppe volunteers are having an October Fest on Good Neighbor Thursday. There are flyers on the building bulletin boards announcing Good Neighbors Extravaganza - check them out.

There is going to be a straw drawing on Oct. 13. Tickets are selling at the Gift Shoppe for \$1 each, or three chances for \$2. There is a 1 in 6 chances of winning a prize. Tickets are selling like hotcakes, so be sure to get yours before they are all gone and you are left out in the cold.

Doris, "What's a straw drawing?" I asked.

"It goes like this" says Doris. "There are straws in a box. Some will have numbers. Others will be blank. Remember the odds, 1 in 6. Each ticket purchased gets a chance to draw a straw. Straws with winning numbers are matched with numbers on the prizes.

The prizes are on display outside the Gift Shoppe for all to see. Everyone loves to win, so buy a handful of tickets and maybe you will be a winner. Whether you lose or win, with the purchase of a ticket, you will be served apple cider and cookies so everyone is a winner.

Remember folks, it is your Gift Shoppe and this is a way for you to help the volunteers raise money for Good Neighbors. We are looking forward to having a good time with you on Oct. 13.

# Do you recognize this former golf president?

By Lill Cervinka

This beautiful lady was born in Rochester, N.Y.

She and her husband, Douglas, and daughter, Barbara, moved to Colorado because of her husband's job transfer. When her husband retired, they moved to On Top of the World where they have been at least 20 years.

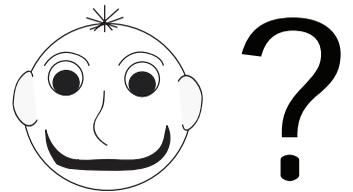
This lady is a past president of the 18-hole Golf Association. She and her husband enjoyed golfing and dancing together.

After 52 years of marriage, her husband passed away.

Can you Guess Who?

Her name is "Alice Hall."

After living at OTOW for 20 years, I'm sure many of us know her and she still is a beautiful lady.



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# Dinner dance was a great tribute to those who volunteer at On Top of the World

By Thomas Brennan

Hi, friends and neighbors. How in the world R U?

Most everyone knows that Hollywood has Academy Awards night honoring the stars of the silver screen, but do they know the Entertainment Committee has a dinner/dance to recognize the volunteers of On Top of the World?

It happened in the East Activity Center on Saturday night, Aug.13.

When the guests first arrived,

they got a warm smile from Fran FitzPatrick (President of the Jesters) and a ticket for a chance to win a door prize. The prize was drawn later in the evening. The King and Queen of entertainment, Marvin and Evelyn Flam, mixed with the crowd.

Ballroom table covers, under soft-colored lights, resembled sailboats in a regalia because of the color varieties.

A social hour gave volunteers time to toast each other. Also present

was this year's chair, Brad Day, with Arlene Kilpatrick, last year's chair, Hazel Kelly with husband Leo, and next year's chair-elect, Rich Hayes, somewhere in the Starlite Lounge.

By evening we had an Italian dinner served by A and N Catering. Their food is second to none.

At this time, Mike Kaplan (Good Neighbors) was kind enough to give the invocation before meals. Music was provided by Richie V – a very pleasant touch. The band let loose and

everyone danced.

There were early morning volunteers from the Coffee Corner and late night volunteers from the clean-up crew, dancing cheek to cheek.

A highlight of the evening was Carl and Betty Leiby (Meals on Wheels), celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.

It was a good time to see and thank the people who help make OTOW the best place to live in Florida.

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(3) Each person entering the activity center must pay the \$4 entrance fee which entitles you to up to six hard cards (used for all regular games). Cards cannot be shared. The \$4 gives you 20 bingo games, a door prize ticket

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The "Specials" sheets are available separately with four games per sheet. The specials are spread out over the evening, so don't use them all up at once.

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# Bring a food donation to November meeting

By Edna Androvette

On Saturday, Sept. 3, the Singles Club had a nice turnout for the first meeting after the summer hiatus.

Our October meeting will be on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 p.m. Hot dogs and fixings, coffee/tea and dessert will be served. Bring your own beverage if you prefer soda, iced tea, etc. The cost will be \$2.

Remember, the policy of the club is no tickets sold at the door.



## Singles Club

Please purchase your ticket on Monday or Thursday at the East Activity Center between 8:30-10:30 a.m.

The club will hold another food donation drive at our Nov. 5 meeting, so please mark your calendar and start filling a donation bag to bring to this meeting.

The Singles Club Christmas Party will be on Thursday, Dec. 8, at Island Way Grill. The cost is \$25 per person and there will be transportation available for members who do not drive.

Welcome newcomers to On

Top of the World. Come and join us. If you have any questions, please call Dorothy at 796-4460 or Lucy at 669-3784.

Mary Widman is the club's Sunshine Lady. Her number is 796-1184, so please do not hesitate to contact her about a club member who is ill.

Enjoy the holidays this month, including Columbus Day, and watch out for ghosts, witches and goblins on Oct. 31.

# When our volunteer staff is short-handed, we need more help

By Carl & Betty Leiby

Volunteers are needed to continue bringing meals to our residents while they are convalescing from illness or surgery.

It's hard to believe that even our wonderful staff is having health problems, and we need both drivers and helpers as we try to have two volunteers available in the event of an emergency.

This service is a blessing, especially to those who just return home from the hospital, but not quite up to grocery shopping and meal preparation.

We do have some clients who have been receiving Meals On Wheels for many years. They can attest to the



## Meals On Wheels

fact that they enjoy both the meals and their volunteer delivering the meals.

On Top of The World is known as a friendly place, but often shut-ins are forgotten by their neighbors. It is comforting for them to have the social contact of a friendly volunteer who brings their hot meals and a warm

greeting and sincere interest in their well-being.

The meals are planned by a Neighborly Care Network dietician. It is a well-balanced meal with an interesting variety each month. A main entrée, vegetables, salad, bread, fruit, milk, and often a dessert are included.

To volunteer for this rewarding service call Betty and Carl at 791-3861. To sign up for the meal delivery, call Neighborly Care at 727-573-9444.

# Claxton Fruitcake sales begin Oct. 17

Carl & Betty Leiby

The famous Claxton Fruitcakes will be available by the Civitan Club on Oct. 17.

The fruitcake is always a favorite for enjoying by connoisseurs of the very best cake. It tastes great soaked in either liquor or dark chocolate. Just try it! Civitans have the cake available in one-, two- and three-pound cakes. Our cost is reasonable and most stores charge more.

Civitans are proud of their annual financial commitment at the Faculty Breakfast on the first day of school of \$1,000 in "unrestricted" funds to each of the two local schools serving the handicapped.

Members enjoy helping our Civitan Challenger Baseball team parents by serving their commitment in the concession booth at their league games.



## Civitan Club

These parents act as team coaches, pitchers, catchers, and sometimes base runners. There are six teams in this very special league.

New members are always welcome. Civitan literature is available at the Civitan table at the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Come see our display of Claxton Fruitcake.

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**WRITER'S CLASS:** Explore creativity and improve writing skills with Heather Jones, University of Tampa instructor. Wed., October 12, 26; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. fees apply, call for fee schedule

**GENEALOGY:** Exploring the Heritage Quest Website; Sat., Oct. 8; 10 - 11 a.m., Exploring the Ancestry.com website; Sat., Oct. 22; 10 - 11 a.m., Free

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# Do you have a costume for our Oct. 9 party?



## Theater Workshop

By Merle MacDonald

I hope by now you have rummaged through all those old trunks and found your costume for our "Come As Who You Want To Be Party."

You haven't!

What are you waiting for?

You only have a few days left! That's right. The party is Oct. 9 from 6-9 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. You better hurry!

Tickets are on sale at the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and at our General Meeting on Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium for an \$8 donation.

Bring your own choice of snacks and beverages.

## 'Copacabana' DVDs on sale

Theater Workshop is currently selling DVDs from its recent show, "Copacabana." Visit the Theater Workshop booth Mondays from 9-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center, or call Roger at 797-3589 or Mary Ann at 797-3269.

Phil Greek, who sings, plays the ukulele, and gets everyone up on his or her feet with hands clapping, will provide the entertainment.

There will be raffles, plenty of prizes, and themed goodie baskets.

Members who wish to help assemble baskets should meet at the EAC on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 5:30 p.m. Suitable new-item donations for the baskets can be brought to the EAC on Monday or Thursday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. or to the general meeting

Wednesday night.

Costumes do contribute to the fun. They need not be elaborate. They can be as silly or frilly as you wish. If you always wanted to be a doctor, you could wear a white lab coat. If you have secret desires to be a detective, you can bring your magnifying glass or your wrinkled raincoat.

The possibilities are endless.

So "here's looking at you" and hope to see who you want to be.



## Line Dancing

## Sometimes men enjoy dancing more than women

By Chris Nason

Did you know that many couples enjoy line dancing?

Sometimes it's actually the male partner who actually enjoys line dancing even more than his female counterpart. It's a wonderful way to augment ballroom dancing, as well as other styles of dance. Consider giving it a try as a couple or a single.

On Oct. 25 we will be hosting our annual Halloween Party with costumes, refreshments and a raffle. Our Social Committee, headed up by Helen Crombie, will be organizing the fun event.

Please stop by and check us out. Membership is only \$5 for the entire year. Meetings are held twice a week on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Beginner instruction is available at every meeting.

If you would like further information please feel free to call Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Chris Nason at 797-6407.

## 'Welcome back Snowbirds book sale' set for Nov. 6 in activity center library

By Joan Tannahill

Our next book sale will be Sunday, Nov. 6.

This is a mark-your-calendar event.

If you've never been to one of our book sales, you won't want to miss this one. We have all types of books, some of your favorite authors, and some other fiction you will enjoy.

Books that have been donated can cover just about anything. Unlike most sales, our prices remain the same, paperbacks 25 cents and hardbacks 50 cents.

We hold our book sales in the kitchen, next to the library, so there is plenty of room to move around. Check this column next month for time and additional details.

We continue to accept book donations, but please bring them in when the library is open. There seems to be some confusion about the availability



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## Library News

of books in the library. Any books on the coffee table are for anyone who would like them. Books on the desks, tables or the card catalog are books that someone has donated and are not to be taken by others.

We depend on donations to add

to our inventory or to place in our book sales. We know many of them look interesting, but we would appreciate people waiting until we have had a chance to go through the donations.

We always have books for sale, so if you see one you would like, check with us the next time we are open and we probably will be happy to sell it to you.

We're sorry, but we must still refuse books that have been in individual building libraries. We don't want a creepy, crawly infestation.

We are beginning to welcome back our Snowbird friends. We're always so glad to see them wander into the library, ready to check out the new books we received during the summer.

Even though we were closed during August, we still receive new books, so check the new bookshelves.

## Zumba and Tai Chi

The party is about to begin.

Come join us for Zumba on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

"Ditch the workout and join the party." That's Zumba's slogan.

It's a great way to exercise. It's fun and it works. We will exercise dance to cultural music, mostly Latin. We will salsa, cha cha, tango and more – no dance background needed.

You can then stay for our wonderful stress buster and calming Tai Chi class. Tai Chi is an ancient form, an art really. We do Tai Chi and Qigong to beautiful music. It is very healthy and beneficial. Tai Chi starts at 10 a.m.

Classes are held in the downstairs card room. Questions, call Mary at 942-8419.

# Joining Jesters is easy ... attend our Oct. 12 meeting and become a part of our new show

By Fran FitzPatrick  
President

Where are you?

Are you out there still trying to decide if you want to join The Jesters or not?

If you are, why not come on over Wednesday evening, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m. We meet in the East Activity Center auditorium, and yes, we even have free tasty tidbits to go with our coffee after the meeting. You will make new friends and have a terrific time.

We can find a place for you doing something you will enjoy, and, who knows, your talents may shine through enough for you to go on stage and become a star.



## Jesters

Our February 2012 show promises to be the talk of On Top of the World for years to come, and you may become the "Toast of the Town."

We have fun and you will, too.

So call me, email me or simply come on over and join in ... you will love The Jesters because we are "Jest For Fun."



## Art Guild's first meeting of the season - 1 PM, Friday, Nov. 11

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# Returning Snowbirds welcome to join us for a round of golf

It's October, and our Snowbird members are starting to trickle back now.

Imagine leaving us to stew in the heat over the summer!

Actually, Clearwater came out pretty well. No hurricanes or earthquakes here!

Our returning Lambdas and our year-round residents are invited to get out and golf – at least once monthly. We should be able to get up at least a foursome.

As for our non-playing members,



## Lambda

it's never too late to start. Several of us never played golf before we moved here, but we've learned to knock the ball around just fine. So look for a regular golf date to be added to our

monthly calendar.

Lambda is a social club for the gay and lesbian residents of On Top of the World. It is an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular activities include cocktail parties, Sunday brunches, and theater/movie nights. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all gay and lesbian residents in the OTOW community, but we are also open to participation by other OTOW

residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda meets monthly on the second Friday at 7 p.m. in the Crafts Room downstairs in the East Activity Center. If you are interested in finding out more about us, send an e-mail to [lambdaclw@yahoo.com](mailto:lambdaclw@yahoo.com) or call Dave at 727-410-7566. You can also check us out at our Website: <http://lambda-clearwater.blogspot.com>.

## Free hot dogs for new and current members



### NY / NJ Club

By Brad Day

The New York/New Jersey Club welcomes back our Snowbird members.

We will be having our first meeting of the season on Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. We're having "Hot Dog Night" for our members. It will be free to members

and \$3 for non-members. So why not join our club and get the membership, and then enjoy the free hot dogs?

Please don't forget our annual Christmas dinner party, which will be at the East Activity Center on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. Tickets will be available at the activity center very soon.

We will have more in store for our members and friends this year. Like planning day trips and our big annual Luau next February.

Come on down to the hall and see us each Monday and Thursday 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Thank you.

## OTOW Computer Club

By Bob Charpentier

The On Top of the World Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m., downstairs in the main card room at the East Activity Center, first door on the left.

The meeting is followed by a presentation, or a guest speaker, or a beginner's class, from 9-9:30 a.m. We also have a question and answer session in a nearby meeting room for intermediate computer users during the "Snowbird" months.

In addition, we help members with hardware and software problems at the Computer Lab every Monday, from 9-10 a.m. without appointment, and Tuesday through Thursday by appointment only.

The Computer Lab is located downstairs at the East Activity Center, first door on the right. On Fridays, from 9-10 a.m., we will help any member who needs instruction

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### Computer Club

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# Our Website is already bursting with entertaining listings for this season

By John Koning

If this year's Snowbirds season was a horse race, we could confidently say that we are out of the starting gate in record time!

To continue the analogy, we have spent the entire off-season training hard because we want this, our third year, to be the best one yet.

If you have already been to our Website, you know that we have added a whole bunch of new and exciting events.

We have reserved tables at all of Ed Fletcher's hilarious Early Bird



Dinner Theater shows. We have two excellent Caribbean cruises lined up. We have multiple shows at Ruth Eckerd Hall, two trips to the Hudson Show Palace, a trip to the Kennedy

Space Station, air boat rides in the everglades, and a trip to Disney World in Orlando, plus much more.

Visit our Website at [www.snowbirdsotow.com](http://www.snowbirdsotow.com) and click the big blue "Events" button to see what we have in store for you. All of our events are there and we're adding more every week.

If the Internet makes you nervous, stop by the East Activity Center every Thursday morning and browse in person. Our friendly volunteers, led by Sandy Sanborn, will happily assist you. Whatever you do, make sure you

do it soon to avoid disappointment. You can contact Sandy at 727-271-9051 or [ssanborn@yahoo.com](mailto:ssanborn@yahoo.com).

Our first members meeting of the season is Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. followed by a special cruisers meeting at 12:15 p.m. We have invited a cruise expert to enlighten us. As always, you don't have to be a member to attend our meetings.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for our welcome back party on Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and gets you great food, fun and entertaining music by "At Large."

## Dance lessons at three skill levels

Corinne and Jim Rungo, combined, have 50 years experience teaching dance, and this October will mark their sixth month of providing lessons here at On Top of the World.

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Together they bring a unique mix of these two wonderful passions. They offer beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Join them on Tuesday mornings from 10:30-noon in the East Activity Center auditorium. Admission is \$4.

For more information contact Corinne Rungo at 445-9755 or 741-3337.

## Join the OTOW softball team

It's time to get ready for a great season of softball. We will be playing in Safety Harbor every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8-9:30 a.m.

Our first week or two will be hitting and fielding practice so we can get in shape for the season. The season will start Tuesday, Oct 11, and end on April 12. We will have a pre-season meeting at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room, 6 p.m. on Oct. 4.

We are always looking for new ballplayers so if you would like to play and have some fun, come to the meeting or call Tony Caputo 726-9248 or Guy Bertuzzi 723-2307.



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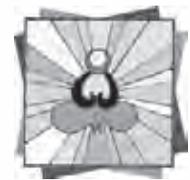
By Bob Reis

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

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

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

Join us on any Tuesday. You



## Philosophy Club

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

## Answers to September crossword puzzle

### DOWN

1. Grass
3. Umpire
4. Robin
6. Kayak
7. Whales
10. Chinese
12. Colorado
13. President
14. Tiger
19. Goose
20. Tennis

22. Eat

24. Tree

### ACROSS

2. Blueberry
5. Flamingo
8. Indigestion

9. Scoop

11. Harry

12. Conditioning

15. Torpedoes

16. Sprigging

17. Blue

18. Decoration

21. Horseshoes

23. Second

24. Toast

25. Raking

26. Twelfth

# You're never alone if you sing with us!



## Chorus

By Dana Garlick

Thank you Ilene Bargerstock for covering for me during the summer.

I appreciated the break. As Ilene mentioned last month, we will begin our rehearsals for the winter concert this month and we would love to see some new faces.

It's a joy to see our friends again when we come back to sing. Some of our members, like Ken Jenner and Carolyn Hunt, have been part of our chorus for 30 years. Mary Ann Mercer joined in 1984. Enid Goodman, Janet Ford and Herb Jordan joined in the early '90s; and in 1996-97, Rita Tombari, Floyd Thrower, and Sally Earley joined. At the end of the '90s, Peetie Fornuto, Carolyn Siegrist, and Gloria Walz came along and have been part of our performances ever since.

We appreciate all the time, effort and camaraderie all of these members and the rest of the membership give over the years.

It is so good to have the advice and experience of long-time members, but it's also good to see new faces and hear new voices joining us in song. Also, newer members like Julia Galpin and Jackie Dooley, and Ann Adams



The On Top of the World Chorus during a recent rehearsal.

and Bernee Krause, and Keith and Eileen Bekofske, and Jim and Evelyn Salta serve as officers and organizers within the chorus.

We hope more people will join us to double our size. Please think about being part of the chorus.

Some things you may not have known:

- What can you carry but weighs nothing? A tune!
- What can you NEVER do

alone? Harmonize!

• What can you never be when you are in a chorus? Alone!

I'm sorry. They were a bit corny. (I made them up.) But that's the best part of chorus: the fun. The next thing: the camaraderie.

Last month, Ilene said it best: Singing in a chorus can be a great way to belong to a group, practice team work and interact with fellow music lovers. At On Top of the World, the chorus

begins getting into the holiday spirit in October when we begin our rehearsals together for our December concert.

As Ilene said, "There's plenty of room in the 'family' for all you singers." We hope you will think about joining us when rehearsals begin on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at the East Activity Center Auditorium. For those coming back a little later, stop in. We're singing mostly Christmas tunes, mostly familiar. Give it a try.

# Join us for a free concert this month

By Katarina Tepesh

Our Baby Boomers group is going to picnic under the stars while taking in free concerts with a mix of familiar symphonics and pop favorites.

The concerts, performed by the Florida Orchestra, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. in Vinoy Park, St. Petersburg.

Free concerts will also be held the following day, on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at Compton Park in Tampa.

Please be sure to bring plenty of canned goods for Tampa Bay Harvest's annual food drive! Collection points will be available throughout the park.

In addition, all of us who are customers at Bank of America have



## Baby Boomers

free access to museums the first weekend of every month.

Baby Boomers are going bicycling every weekend because it's a great form of exercise, fosters an appreciation for nature, and helps build relationships at our On Top of the World community.

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mode of transportation – your body and Clearwater's air quality will both benefit!

We are so lucky to take a walk, jog, skate or cycle on the beautiful off-road trails located in Clearwater: the Ream Wilson Clearwater Trail, the Pinellas Trail and the Progress Energy Trail.

The Safety Harbor Library offered a free seminar to learn how to create our own Website using Weebly Free Custom Websites.

We enjoyed seeing the new film, "The Help," followed by lunch and discussion.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all-volunteers group. All of

us participate with ideas and follow thru on organizing events.

The Baby Boomers group meets the third Thursday of every month and communicates via email listed below. We like to connect on Facebook as well.

Come to our meeting and join a lively group of individuals who are passionate about improving our OTOW community by making it even a better place to live and play.

Our next monthly meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center's Veranda Room overlooking the swimming pool. For more information send an email to Katarina at [katarina2379@gmail.com](mailto:katarina2379@gmail.com)

# First meeting set for Oct. 6 and 'Welcome Back' party is scheduled for Oct. 28

By Walt Copeland

Connie and I arrived back here on Sept. 29, and we're ready for fun.

Our summer was quiet and hot up north (although not as hot as here). We're all looking forward to fall weather and an exciting 2011-12 season.

Our first meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. in the usual meeting place, the card room beneath the Gift Shoppe.



## Pennsylvania

Subsequent meetings will be on Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. Please mark your calendars.

Our Welcome Back party will be on Friday, Oct. 28, in the main auditorium. We'll have a catered dinner at 5 p.m., followed by entertainment.

For Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 28, we'll enjoy a dinner show at Ed Fletcher's Theater in the Italian-American Club on McMullen-Booth Road.

Our annual holiday party will be on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Island Way

Grill next to Clearwater Beach for their famous champagne brunch. We will have gifts for each household and exceptional entertainment thereafter. Seating is limited, so please get your tickets early.

We're arranging future activities and trips that will be announced at our meetings, Good Neighbors and this newspaper.

We hope to see you this Thursday, Oct. 6.

## First meeting will discuss this club's future

By Joyce Wohl

The Shalom Club will start the 2011-12 season on Sunday evening, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center's Sunrise Room.

This will be a very important business meeting, so please try to attend.

It is very important that we have as many members as possible to discuss the future of our club. Our phone squad will contact you about 2-3 weeks prior to our meeting.

For more information contact Joyce at 799-6969 or Shirley at 724-5959.



## Shalom Club

## Yom Kippur begins Oct. 7

By Joyce Wohl

The Jewish New Year began on Sept. 29, followed eight days later by Yom Kippur, which begins on the evening of Oct. 7, with Kol Nidre services.

Yom Kippur is known as the Day of Atonement, the holiest of all Jewish holidays. The intervening days are days of joy and introspection as we look back on our lives of the last year.

On Yom Kippur we fast from

sundown the night before until sundown on Yom Kippur. We spend the day in prayer and ask God's forgiveness for any sins or transgressions that we may have committed during the past year.

We pray for a year when there will be no more natural disasters, when all mankind will be no longer be at war, a day of happiness for all, regardless of race, religion and the country where they reside.



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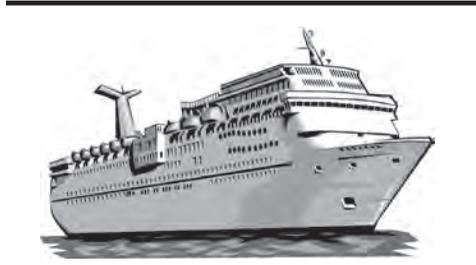
By Jacqueline Kailimai

“Hello” to all our Singles Travelers and to all of those who traveled with us to Winter Haven on the “Jolly Junket” tour in August.

Didn't we have fun?

If you missed it, you missed a treat. There were 40 of us who left the Clearwater area on a comfortable Martz motorcoach, and Audrey Jones was a great hostess. She not only took the time to explain her rules, in a cute little way, regarding the departure of the coach, but she even had a very big surprise for all of us once we got under way.

After arriving at Winter Haven, we boarded a small Pontoon boat on Lake Howard, where we were given a history of the area by our tour guide. We were told about the many residents and the sprawling college campus, as we glided through the various canals under overhanging Cyprus trees and the open Chain of Lakes waters.



## Singles Travel

After this tour, we were off to lunch in a lovely small quaint area that featured many boutiques and restaurants. Then off to the Morse Museum, where we enjoyed a brief film before touring the beautiful Tiffany Chapel, and learning so much about Tiffany's beautiful glass and jewel collection of all variations.

Audrey is sponsoring another trip in October to The Holy Land Experience, so be sure to come out to the next meeting to hear more about



Singles Travel Club members prepare for a boat ride.

it. You may also give her a call at 726-5856 if interested in any of the trips she has to offer.

Your regular reporter, Pat Zorland, will be back at her job next month, and as always, we'll see you at

our regular time on the first Friday of the month in the West Activity Center.

Please contact Shirley Bruccoleri at 726-4619 if you're in need of additional club information.



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Channel 10 news anchor/reporter Janie Porter interviews On Top of the World resident Gloria Walz for a TV feature that aired in September. Gloria enjoys visiting people in nursing homes and adult day care facilities. Filming the interview is Channel 10 cameraman Ben Reiff. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

# OTOW clown sets record straight - she was Gaga before Lady Gaga

By Doug Kates

With music sensation Lady Gaga grabbing a lot of media attention lately, Gaga the clown wanted to set the record straight that she had that name first - for the past 24 years to be exact!

On Top of the World resident Gloria Walz has been making people smile in her clown costume for three decades, but when this Lady Gaga person stepped on the international scene and grabbed a lot of attention, Gaga the clown's rosey red cheeks turned slightly pale.

Gloria emailed a letter to Channel 10 News in Tampa and told producers that that Lady Gaga singer had taken her name.

A couple days later, Channel 10 emailed Gloria back and asked if the station could do a story on her.

Gloria "consulted" with Gaga the clown and "both" agreed to do the interview.

Last month, news anchor/re-

porter Janie Porter and cameraman Ben Reiff arrived at Gloria's home in Modernage and put together a story that aired on Channel 10.

"When (Janie) interviewed me, she asked how I got started being a clown," Gloria said. "Then they wanted to film me putting on make-up and making the transition."

Gloria even did the TV interview in her full clown costume and then went out and made a patient laugh and smile!

Even though Gaga the clown makes an effort to make a lot of people smile, lately she has run into troubled waters.

When Gaga started clowning around, she went to Morton Plant Hospital and asked if she could start a program where a group of clowns could visit patients and make them happy.

Her idea was approved, guidelines were set and a group photo was taken. That same photo was

recently placed on a history wall at the hospital.

But earlier this year, when Morton Plant was making plans for the OTOW Irish Club parade, a new hospital volunteer manager questioned whether Gaga was actually a previous member of the group.

The manager pointed out, if Gaga was an original Morton Plant clown, her picture would have been in the group photo.

To which Gloria responded, "I am on the wall! That was so long ago, I don't look the same. No one recognizes me anymore."

Gloria convinced the manager she was the founder, but to make sure a similar problem doesn't arise in the future, she has been told by parade officials that if she is not allowed on the Morton Plant float, they will find her a special place up front or on someone else's float.

To that news, Gaga smiled!

For now, Gaga has regained a little respect and a little dignity, but the On Top of the World clown is still offended by this other woman using her name.

Lady Gaga, the singer, wears "unique" outfits in public and sometimes uses "adult" behavior on stage. Gaga thinks the other Gaga gives their shared name a disrespectful reputation!

Before the Channel 10 TV interview ended at OTOW, Janie was asked if there was any chance Lady Gaga would end up seeing the news story and learn about the real Gaga.

Janie, smiling ear-to-ear, said she couldn't make any promises, but if she heard anything, she would let Gaga the clown know.

For anyone who missed the Channel 10 interview, it may be available for Online viewing by visiting the Web site WTSP.com. Search for Pinellas clown and click the picture.



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# Busy season kicks off Nov. 18 with registration and first general meeting

By Rollie Lapointe

In following its long tradition, the On Top of the World Canadian Club will again be offering a variety of activities for which its members may participate in this upcoming season.

These activities are provided for all residents of OTOW (one does not have to be a Canadian to be a member).

The club enthusiastically welcomes everyone to join us in the spirit of fellowship and camaraderie at any and all of these events.

Eager to provide strong leadership is this year's executive committee that includes President Marnie Carr, Vice President Andy McEvoy, Second Vice President Manon Cloutier, Secretary Cathy Mills, Treasurer Jill Orchard, Registrar Gisele Goyette and Past-President Rollie Lapointe.

The executive committee is al-



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ways willing to listen to suggestions and/or comments, and their phone numbers and e-mail addresses may be found at our Website: [www.otowcanadianclub.com](http://www.otowcanadianclub.com). In fact, thanks to Webmaster Don Jones, this is where you may check out the dates, venues, coordinators, pictures, etc. of all Canadian Club activities for the upcoming year.

Registration night/general meeting will take place on Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. at the East Activity Center.

During this evening, besides registering for the club (\$5), you may pur-

chase Christmas Party (Dec. 8) tickets, sign up for the always sold out golf tournament (February 2012) and trip to Tampa Bay Downs (January 2012).

A short meeting will take place where an outline of the year's activities will be given. This will be followed by wine and cheese, where everyone gets to be reacquainted with old friends and of course introduced to new ones.

Other activities being offered this year include two other parties/dances: the formal President's Ball (Jan. 27, 2012) and the Spring Fling (March 9, 2012).

The Canadian Club Lawn Bowling Tournament (must be a Canadian Club AND Lawn Bowl Club member) will be held on Feb. 2 and 3, 2012.

Marathon bridge, the highly attended social games nights, social bridge and the new mah jong club should wet the appetite for those who

like a bit of competition in their lives.

As always, we are open to new suggestions, and if a member would like to start a new activity, please contact any of the executive.

Of course, volunteers are always appreciated and taken in with open arms - for example, we do not as yet have a coordinator for our St. Patrick's Day parade. If you would like to take this on, or would just like to volunteer for the many activities, please indicate your intentions at the registration night.

Those of us who are not full-time residents of OTOW begin to longingly look forward to our return to our second home in Florida at this time of year. We anticipate the happiness in meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

The Canadian Club prides itself in providing a venue where all this can seamlessly take place.

# Crime Prevention Task Force to address Irish Club in October

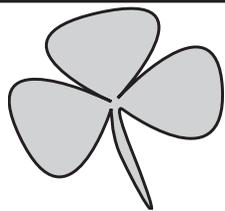
By Mary Ann O'Neil

Welcome back all of you who headed north in the spring. We hope everyone had a safe and healthy summer.

Our club officers are Terry Meyers, president; Jim O'Neil, vice president; Rose Mulhall, treasurer and Liz Buckley, secretary. They would like to invite everyone to our Friday, Oct. 14 meeting at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center. There will be a short meeting to start off the season, followed by a presentation by the Crime Prevention Task Force of Pinellas County.

If anyone sees Betty Eggleton with a proud look on her face, just ask her about her grandson Matthew David Chase, who graduated with high honors May 2011 with an Electrical Engineering Degree from the United States Coast Guard Academy.

In addition to his academic



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achievements, he distinguished himself as an All-American lacrosse player for three consecutive years. As a member of the Academy's lacrosse team, he was voted Most Valuable Player with the highest number of goals, an Academy record. Guest speaker at the Academy's graduation was President Obama. Matthew will be attending Flight School in Pensacola, Fl., for the next two years.

I hope everyone is able to join us at the first meeting of the New Year.

Stay positive and always remem-



ber to forget the things that made you sad, but never forget to remember the things that made you glad!

# Dance, stretch, tone on Mondays and Fridays

Dance, stretch, tone is a class that combines choreographed dance-based cardio with strength training and stretching to tone and lengthen

muscles.

Strength training lessens arthritis pain and exercise boosts brainpower. Classes will be held in the East Activ-

ity Center on Monday and Friday from 11-11:45 a.m. For information on class and proper apparel call Marlene at 474-5944. "Get up and start moving!"

## OTOW Shriners to meet Oct. 4

All On Top of the World Shriners and Appendant Orders are invited to join us at our Oct. 4 meeting in the East Activity Center card room next to the OTOW library.

The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. with fellowship and information to follow.

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## Clothing drive Oct. 18-20

# We want the gifts you never used

By John Kannaly, president  
Welcome back one and all!

Good Neighbors is ready for the fall.

We have a clothing drive set for Oct. 18-20, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the East Activity Center.

Clean out the old and bring in the new - this is a good excuse to go buy some new clothes.

On the morning of Oct. 13, Doris Pinos and the Gift Shoppe will be hosting an "Extravaganza." Bring any

## Good Neighbors



**President John Kannaly**

old gifts you never used or wanted. The Gift Shoppe will "regift" them and proceeds will go towards coffee and donuts for Good Neighbors get

acquainted Thursday mornings.

Always remember, there are many things for you to buy at the Gift Shoppe, from birthday presents to anniversary gifts, or just to celebrate a happy day.

Spend money in our Gift Shoppe and the funds will come back to help this community in many ways.

The annual Senior Expo is just around the corner. Deb Bonomo is handling all aspects of this event. Residents can visit and get free informa-

tion from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5.

At this time I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who have pitched in and done a myriad of jobs. Without you we could not exist.

Please take a moment and think about how you spend your time and if you can spend some of it with us. Volunteer for a few hours a month. We would love to have you.

Thank you for being a Good Neighbor. See you in November.

## Republicans welcome US Senate candidate to On Top of the World

By E. W. Beck

The month of October is remarkable for early darkness in the evening and the chill of early morning, the falling leaves of autumn, returning friends, sweaters, specters, witches and pumpkins of Halloween.

It's a time when we remember knocking on neighbor's doors in costumes to offer a trick if we didn't receive a treat.

Fortunately we live in our community where raking of leaves and the fun of rolling around in them is but a memory.

Our club will meet on Tuesday, Oct 18, at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. Our guest speaker will be George LeMieux - former Florida U.S. Senator and candidate for U.S. Senate in 2012. His topic will



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be his candidacy for U.S. Senate.

George is currently one of seven candidates running for U.S. Senate. The Florida Primary will determine who our candidate will be in the general election.

George was born in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, in May 1969. He attended public schools in Coral Springs, FL, received his B.A. from Emory University, Atlanta, GA 1991; attended law school

at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. and was awarded a Juris Doctorate in 1994; practiced law; elected chairman of the Broward County Republican Party 2000-2002; deputy attorney general 2003-2005; chief of staff to Governor Charlie Crist 2007; appointed on Sept. 9, 2009, to the U.S. Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mel Martinez; took the oath of office and served from Sept. 10, 2009 to Jan. 3.

Senate leaders commented on his high level of activity in the Senate, including the filing of legislation to enact a "balanced budget" amendment in the U.S. Senate. George did not seek election in 2010, returning to the practice of law.

In other club news, this writer at-

tended the Republican State Convention in Orlando, FL, from Sept. 22-24, and reported to our club membership on the events that took place there.

The Republican Club Christmas Holiday Dinner will be held on Friday, Dec. 2 at the Beachcomber Restaurant, Clearwater Beach. Please inquire at our meeting or call 796-5775.

There will be a coffee and cake social at the conclusion of our meetings.

We welcome all our friends and interested parties to attend our informative meetings and interact with our guest speakers and candidates for office in attendance at our events. See you there!

For all club information: call Club President, Erwin Beck at 796-5775

## November meeting moved to Nov. 10

# Great speakers providing information to Democrats

By Rosemarie Totaro

Our August meeting was highlighted by the attendance of Oldsmar Councilwoman Linda Norris.

The discussion centered on state and national issues. Since we have an open forum, members were able to share their views with the councilwoman. Linda is a business woman and a politician, and is someone to watch.

A petition was circulated to support a congressional bill that would grant benefits to the 75,000 World War II Merchant Marines, who served and are often forgotten because they were a separate organization from the military.

The Merchant Marines were a major component in providing and



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supplying our servicemen. They faced death to get the machines of war to their destination. Call Representatives Young and Billirakas to request their support for this bill.

St. Petersburg Times North Pinellas Editor Diane Steinle has spent years searching for the news-breaking and investigative stories that have made her an award-winning journalist.

She was our September meeting guest and was direct in her analysis of the serious problems that prey upon the people of Florida.

Torrey Craig is monitoring the redistricting meetings that are traveling around the state. They will probably not have completed their findings until the March legislative session. It was anticipated that the elected representatives would have met in Town Hall sessions to gather the views of the voters about their main concerns of jobs, cutbacks in aid, and education.

Our energy reporter covered the projects in the schools that have the students involved in installing solar panels. He also disclosed that other states are using solar panels on light

poles. Not only do the panels provide energy for the poles, but the excess goes into the utility line. Our members applauded Councilwoman Norris for Oldsmar being a green city!

When shopping, stop at the service counter and request more "Made in America" items stocked. We can't buy them if they don't sell them!

Thanksgiving will change the date of our meeting to Nov. 10. State representative Rick Kriseman will be our guest. This will give you an insider look at the workings of our state government. Our speaker for the Oct. 27, 2 p.m. meeting will provide a current look at the changes in Medicare and Medicaid. Call 727-797-7927 for information.

# Sometimes greyhounds need foster parents before retirement

By Bill Sharpsteen

I had a lot of nice comments about our guest writer, Neena, telling us about Genie's story. That was a very special greyhound.

Have you ever wondered about a greyhound's life before being fostered or adopted here at On Top of the World?

Usually, puppies are raised on a farm and kept with siblings for over a year. Since they already know how to run fast, at about 12 to 15 months old, they are sent off to finishing school where they learn how to navigate an oval race track and chase the fake lure.

After their schooling they can be entered at a track to be certified to run. If, however, in their maiden race they don't finish in the top four among eight racers, they have to run again until certified or retired early.

That is how Bob Young got Sassy, his 8-year-old greyhound. She tried to win her first race by knocking all the other greyhounds over. This



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strategy is not allowed and thus Bob got her at 15 months old!

When the racers get certified, they can run short or long distances.

The Talented Mr. Ripley, a Hall-of-Fame greyhound I met at his farm, ran both 550 and 661 yard distances totaling 80 races, of which he won 65 of them - more than 81 percent! He only finished out of the money four times, meaning he wasn't in first, second or third place.

The Talented Mr. Ripley truly was a special greyhound. He went on to be a greeter at the Greyhound Hall-of-Fame in Abilene, KS, for a few

years before his passing on Nov. 4 last year at age 11. He was very busy in retirement as he had 1073 offspring.

Most greyhounds aren't this fast or talented. Many are retired as their times drop and we get them for adoption at 2-4 years old. We then have to neuter them, get them a dental exam, and get their current shots. They are housed in foster homes or condos like with Joe Heller, Jan Hanley and your author.

We show our greyhounds every Saturday at Petsmart in the Largo Mall, add them to our Web site [www.Gold-CoastGreyhounds.com](http://www.Gold-CoastGreyhounds.com), and take them to nursing homes and other events.

These are special dogs that can give you a lot of love. Call me to find out more.

We will be in Safety Harbor every third Friday at the corner of Main Street near Second Avenue with others for a music fun-filled evening from 6-10 p.m. Park near the library off Second Avenue North off Main Street.

Bring a folding chair, join us and walk the festival and listen to the music.

We have monthly visits to several area nursing homes! The residents really light up when they see the greyhounds and the greyhounds love the visit for all the petting they get! A win - win!

All residents can attend our no dues club fun meetings. Come and bring your neighbors and friends. Enjoy meeting retired racing greyhounds to pet.

We meet the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are 10 a.m. in Veranda Room No. 2, second floor in the East Activity Center. We will kick off again with a return Thursday Nov 3. Call Bill today at 727-797-7977 to help foster or babysit a greyhound for a day to a week, or adopt a greyhound, donate or volunteer with this group. You will be richly rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!

## Renew your seats now - a new Entertainment season starts soon!

By Rich Hayes, Chair-Elect

October is renewal time! The 2012 Entertainment Committee is looking forward to meeting everyone who is involved with shows and dances for the upcoming year. We look forward to a year of fun and frolic with great shows and exciting and innovative dances.

We are revising the current seating plan to comply with new regulations, so it is even more important for the current season ticket holders to renew your season ticket between Oct. 3-31 in order to keep a similar seat for the 2012 season. If you do not renew by that date, your seat will go on sale to someone else on Nov. 1 and you will have to settle for a different seat. Please, renew now if you want to keep the seat you now enjoy.

Whether you are a season ticket holder or a buyer whose schedule doesn't allow for a full season, we have made it easy for you to contact us and to buy tickets. In addition to stopping by the East Activity Center between 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Monday or Thursday, you can reach us by e-mail at [ac1392@aol.com](mailto:ac1392@aol.com) or by calling 723-0375.

You may also keep up-to-date by regularly checking your building bulletin boards or those in the East or West Activity Centers, or the Electronic Message Boards in the auditorium in the front of the sound booth, or by reading the OTOW newspaper.

Information may also be found on your

computer. We send out a monthly update to your e-mail address. So, if you do not receive our e-mail, stop by and add your e-address to our list. There is no excuse not to know what is happening in 2012.

If you don't want to come alone, get together with a group of your friends and neighbors and car pool.

Our Thursday night shows feature acts from the entertainment capitals of the world. Our dances feature Florida's headline bands. Sunday-In-The-Park is free and brings in a variety of "new talent."

Or come with us on a day trip that can be planned based on where "you" want to go.

These activities will not only give you a chance to catch up with friends you never seem to have the time to see, but will give you a chance to get out and make new friends, too.

Remember, when you come to these events, you not only enhance your own life, but you support your community. Money we make goes back into the community in the form of new tables and chairs, blinds on the veranda windows, decorative improvements, such as the display boards and window treatment in the Starlite room, new lighting and sound equipment upgrades for club use, tinted windows and other enhancements to our community centers.

Check the calendar and join in the fun ASAP! More for your information!

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

The 50-50-90 rule: anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90 percent probability you'll get it wrong.

It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them.

The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.

Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it!



Marge Mayer

### Marge's Humor



# Special Jazz show Oct. 22



**Brad Day**  
 Entertainment Committee  
 Chairman

Here comes October and we're starting to see a few old friends returning to the hall. And new faces we just haven't had time to say hello to yet.

Welcome back!

This month we have an extra special show coming to you. We have been very lucky to book "Pepper," who runs the Clearwater Jazz Festival.

Pepper has been singing for well over 30 years. She is a true professional, who can really craft a song to touch the heart.

On Oct. 22, come listen to "Pepper And Fine Thyme" in a show titled "All That Jazz."

This is also a fund-raiser for the Moffitt Cancer Research Center. Tickets are \$10 each with \$2 of each ticket going to the Moffet Center.

Also going on in October, our first show of the fall season will be Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. We are having "Stayin Alive" with a great tribute to the Bee Gees. The first half of the show will be a trip to the '60s with their Folk-Rock hits. Then the second set gets the disco ball goin'. You just gotta see this. Relive the songs that we've heard all these years.

The following Saturday, Oct. 15, we are bringing back "The Satellites" to rock the house with some classic Rock & Roll dance music. This is the dance to catch this season.

The following day, Oct. 16, Sunday In-The-Park will bring back the Tampa Bay Sax Quartet, featuring a group of super ladies playing some nice music with several different kinds

of saxes.

The third show of the month will be Thursday, Oct. 27. We will have "4:2:FIVE," a fine group of vocalist/musicians making news in the state. Their superb vocal harmony is my favorite part.

The following Saturday dance, Oct. 29, will bring back crowd-pleaser "Flashback" to our stage for our big annual Halloween dance. This one is entitled, "The Witchcraft Dance." We'll have our famous costume contest. We have had some fabulous winners in the past, so get ready now for it.

Tickets are always available every Monday and Thursdays from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Or call me, Brad Day, at 727-953-8930. You can email us at ac1392@aol.com

THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE PRESENTS

## ALL THAT JAZZ



A SPECIAL DON'T MISS SATURDAY NIGHT SHOW AT TABLES (B.Y.O.B.) RESERVE A TABLE FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO HEAR ONE OF OUR AREA'S LEADING LADIES OF SONG. "PEPPER HAS THE QUALITY OF GARLAND COUPLED WITH THE VERSATILITY OF STREISAND AND THE DYNAMICS OF MINELLI."

PEPPER AND FINE THYME

### OCTOBER 22, 2011

SATURDAY NIGHT SHOW - 7:30PM  
 EAST ACTIVITY CENTER  
 \$10 AT DOOR

TICKETS AT EAST ACTIVITY CENTER MON OR THUR 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.  
 INFORMATION - CALL: 723-0375 OR EMAIL: ac1392@aol.com  
 BRAD DAY, 2011 EC, CHAIR

## 2012 ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE REMINDER

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**OCTOBER IS THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR SEASON TICKETS FOR THE GREAT LINE-UP OF 2012 SHOWS & DANCES AT THE EAST ACTIVITY CENTER**



**MONDAY & THURSDAY 8:30-10:30 A.M. FOR INFORMATION CALL: 723-0375 OR EMAIL: AC1392@AOL.COM**

**RICH HAYES, 2012 CHAIR-ELECT**



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**OCTOBER 2011**

BRAD DAY, 2011 CHAIR

**THUR  
13**



**THURS NIGHT SHOW - 7:30PM - \$14**  
**STAYIN' ALIVE**  
**TRIBUTE TO THE BEE GEES & MORE**

**SAT  
15**



**SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8PM - \$8**  
**"AUTUMN LEAVES DANCE"**  
**MUSIC BY THE SATELLITES**

**SUN  
16**



**SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK - 2 PM - FREE**  
**TAMPA BAY SAX QUARTET**  
**REFRESHMENTS - 50/50**

**THUR  
27**



**THURS NIGHT SHOW - 7:30PM - \$14**  
**"4 : 2 : FIVE"**  
**AN INSTRUMENTAL BAND WITH FIVE VOICES**

**SAT  
29**



**SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8PM-\$8**  
**"WITCHCRAFT DANCE"**  
**MUSIC BY FLASHBACK**

**PREVIEW OF NOVEMBER EVENTS**

NOV 10 - GEOGE GALFO'S MYSTICS  
 NOV 12 - UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU DANCE  
 MUSIC BY CALIENTE

NOV 13 - SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK - AT LARGE  
 (BRIEF EC GENERAL MEETING)  
 NOV 24 - THANKSGIVING - DINNER-THEATER

TICKETS & TICKET PACKAGES AT EAST ACTIVITY CENTER MONDAYS & THURSDAYS 8:30-10:30AM  
 INFORMATION: CALL 727-723-0375 - OR - EMAIL: AC1392@AOL.COM



# We may not be pros, but we have more fun

By Joe Spahalski

I am writing this on Labor Day, and in a few minutes the U.S. Open tennis finals will begin in Flushing Queens, NY.

I have been watching on TV all week. One thing different between the pros and amateurs is the speed that they command while on foot. An example of this is one person can cover half the court and two of us can't. Now that is fast.

Another example of the difference is they don't miss! Well, sometimes, or the game would go on forever.

Is there anything we can learn from them that would help us with our play?

Lets start with the first shot of any tennis match, the serve. They hit

## TENNIS

the ball over 100 miles an hour, where we might make it to 75 mph. They toss the ball very high, and, if right handed, they also bring it to the left directly over their head. This creates a lot of top spin, which is needed in order to get the ball over the net and down in the court. On our serves, we toss just slightly over an extended racquet. This puts a backward spin on the ball which slows it down and causes it to bounce up and easy to hit.

The doubles play is not very exciting when the pros play. It is serve, return, another return, and that's it. Perhaps they might make one additional return and the point is made.

Our doubles play is much more exciting. A lot of points are won only after a lot of returns have been made. This is where positioning is important. If we play too far back, you might better expect a drop shot. If we are too close to the net, it doesn't take a fortune teller to tell you a lob shot is coming.

Positioning is critical to making a point. If we are a few steps out of position and near the net, guys like Bill Clark, Walter Balderson, Charlie Mills, Fred Hibbs and Rhu Woon Young will lob. If you stay too far back, then watch out for the drop shot from Fred Hibbs and myself.

Then you have guys who know where to stand like Aldo Delu, who is like a backboard. Anything hit near

him is coming right back to you, like a lob, or a drop shot and/or a bullet shot that you don't expect. Fred Maisolle will drive one right by if you are standing a step too far one way or the other.

The pros don't give up when playing. They are competitive. Well then we also have guys who don't give up either. The competitive ones are Dean Baker, Art Lambert, Bill Carey, Ray Connolly, Bill Lepping, Jack Varnell and Val Varnell. Opposing them, you don't want to let your guard down, or you have just lost a point. One thing we do have over the pros is that we have fun!

Not only in the moment of the game but also by the heckling that goes on from the sidelines.



## Shuffleboard

### New season begins Oct. 3

By Marge Sivek

Welcome back northern friends!

We invite you to stop by the shuffleboard courts, which are located next the East Activity Center near the tennis courts.

We will begin playing on Monday, Oct. 3 at 1:30 p.m. We play on Mondays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Don't worry that you don't know how to play. Come join us and we will teach you the game.

For more information, call Marge at 797-0625

## Ladies will begin play Oct. 11 at The Landings while OTOW course is closed

By Linda Rice

Welcome back to another exciting year of golf at On Top of the World.

We will be starting our golf season a little differently this year. The OTOW 18 hole course is closed until November, so we made arrangements to play at The Landings, Par 63 course in Clearwater until our course is open. The Landings used to be The Airport Golf Course near Hercules Avenue, Gilbert Avenue and Airport Drive.

We will play there Oct. 11, Oct.

### 18-Hole Ladies Golf

18 and Oct. 25. The first week sign-up is at the green house on Oct. 3, between 9-10 a.m. You can also call Joan Yorkery at 725-8388 or write to lindonrice@aol.com.

After the first week, you can call Joan, sign up at the golf course or write to the above e-mail address.

The price is \$19.25 for cart and greens fees or \$16.05 to walk. They have a small league on Tuesdays so our

tee times will start at 9 a.m. Points will be awarded for play using your handicap. The awards will be figured manually and your OTOW handicap will not be affected.

Our first regular meeting will be on Oct. 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunrise Room. The greenskeeper from the OTOW course will be there to talk to us about what has been done to the golf course over the summer.

You may want to take a look at our Web site. The address is otowladiesgolf.web.officelive.com.

## Grand Reopening Golf Tournament

tentatively set for Nov. 7 at the new and improved

### On Top of the World 18-hole golf course

Get a 4-person team together and join us. Be the first to try out the refurbished course. Contact your league president for more information or stop by the golf course. Preregistration will be required for a shotgun start. Food will be served about 3 p.m. Even if you don't golf, stop by for a hotdog and walk the 1st and 18th holes after the tournament. Come see how beautiful your 18-hole course is now!



# Grand reopening on schedule despite rain

By Jim O'Neil

Rain, rain, and more rain has been the order of the day on the On Top of the World golf courses.

Now that the majority of the reconstruction has been completed on the 18-hole course, we will need "mother nature" to cooperate in order for the greens and tee areas to fill-in and mature.

Early in September, gentle afternoon rains were replaced with heavy downpours that saturated the ground, causing some tee box erosion and fairways to flood. Over a 23-day period in August, over 13 inches of rain had fallen. Golf course maintenance personnel worked tirelessly to repair the damage and keep the project on schedule.

Course Superintendent Drew Schattler expressed early concern over the large amounts of rain the course

## Men's Golf

received, but stated he expects the project to be completed on time for golf by Nov. 7.

I believe all he really needs is a little help from "mother nature" so that his staff can re-sprig the damaged areas and manicure the remainder of the 18-hole course. I have been following this course reconstruction from the beginning. There is no doubt that the project will be completed on time, as Drew and his dedicated staff continue their herculean efforts.

Until next time, get in a round of golf whenever you can.

Here is a little food for thought: If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he shot a six or a seven, he probably shot an eight.



Golf crews roll the 10th green in preparation for the season opener on Nov. 6.

## 'Fun Day' Oct. 11 - season begins Oct. 18

### 9-Hole Ladies Golf

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Ladies 9-Hole Golf League officers would like to welcome back everyone and hope you all had a healthy and enjoyable summer.

We will have a "Fun Day" of golf on Tuesday, Oct. 11, starting at 9 a.m., so dust off those clubs and come out to meet new friends and renew old friendships.

Ladies, this is the time to chat with your neighbors and friends from other activities, and get them to join the 9-hole league. Tell them to come out for fun and exercise.

Our regular league play will officially start on Oct. 18. Don't forget to check the shack window for tee times.



From left to right are Treasurer Barbara Sensale, President Fran Pitman, Vice President Mary Ann O'Neil, and Secretary Nancy Parlato.

## Men's Thursday golf league ready to get started

The men's modified, handicap, golf league begins play on Thursdays at 11 a.m. this fall.

Men will hit from the blue tees and play by USGA rules. Each week points will be awarded based on finishing order and Match Play tournament seedings will be determined by points.

This season the league plans on adding a stroke-play tournament and skills challenge. The league is also excited about playing on the improved course.

Our league is open to all OTOW residents. If you are interested in joining or have questions, please contact Paul at 474-2344 or email [blackdoggolf@aol.com](mailto:blackdoggolf@aol.com)



### Mixed Handicap Sign-ups

The On Top of the World mixed handicap bowling league will be holding sign-ups noon on Friday, Oct. 7.

Bowling will take place at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Ralph Wells at 797-0336 or Jim McHugh at 953-7139.

### Wednesday Ladies Sign-ups

The On Top of the World Wednesday ladies bowling league begins Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Experience is not necessary. For more information, contact Jackie Kail at 499-8613 or Geri Corcoran at 799-9052.



# SPOUNTS

## West Side defeats East Side in team tournament



### Que't Billiards

By Barb Sundberg

On Aug. 17 the Que't Ladies Billiard Club held a doubles round-robin format tournament.

Becky Balderson and Terry Drake took the first place slot. Second place went to Elizabeth Asselta and Barb Sundberg. A playoff game for third place was held on Aug. 24 between the teams of Judy Garvey and Margo Lindsay; Helen Crombie and Ellen Frederick; and Rashanee Turner and Jean Doane. We all watched these very exciting playoff games as Rashanee and Jean took third place. We appreciate all the help from Andy Suhar who was the referee during this fun tournament playoff.

On Aug. 31 we held a round-robin format, team tournament won by the West Side Team of Kay Mahoney, Judy Garvey, Reva Heymann, Elizabeth Asselta, Rashanee Turner and Helen Crombie.

The East Side Team was repre-



Pictured from left to right is the winning west side team of Kay Mahoney, Judy Garvey, Reva Heymann, Elizabeth Asselta, Rashanee Turner and Helen Crombie.

sented by Becky Balderson, Jean Doane, Terry Drake, Ellen Frederick and Barb Sundberg.

At the Sept. 14 club meeting, Andy Suhar reviewed "round-robin" format procedures. Each week two ladies will have an opportunity to set up tables and run the tournaments using this format. Andy also reviewed official 8-ball rules.

Our club is celebrating its second-year anniversary this month. Congratulations ladies! We will be seeking

nominations to serve on the executive board for the coming year. Let's all get involved.

If you are interested in learning the game of pool, or improving your hand and eye coordination, bring your activity card and come join us at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings in the West Activity Center Billiard Room. Free instructions and the necessary equipment are available with the help of Frank English, founder and instruc-

tor, Andy Suhar, program coordinator, Will Schafer, program assistant, Terry Wittman, instruction coordinator and Ed Solivan, instructor.

Judy Garvey is president of the Que't Ladies Billiard Club, Ellen Gilbert is the vice president, Barb Sundberg is the secretary and Margo Lindsay is the treasurer. Members at Large are Mary Henry and Kay Mahoney. Helen Crombie and Reva Heymann are alternate Members at Large.

### Give a round-robin a try



Andy Suhar and Will Schafer look over paperwork for an upcoming round-robin pool tournament. Both the women's Que't Ladies Billiard Club and men's leagues are now using the round-robin format. The men's 9-ball league is hosting a round-robin event at 1 p.m. every Tuesday in the West Activity Center. You don't have to be a member to play, but you must have an activity card.

## Denny Balderson wins 3 tournaments last session

Denny Balderson picked up victories in three of the last nine tournaments and has earned Player of the Month honors.

The previous session started Aug. 11 with Joe Doire defeating Larry Wells for the first round-robin victory, but Denny also got off to a good start with a third place finish.

Two weeks later, Denny faced Bob Eads in the finals and notched his first win, and seven days later met Hugo Orantes in the finals and notched his second win.

Denny picked up another third place effort in week seven and won the final event with a victory over Tony Baker.

No one else won more than two tournaments.

Hugo Orantes beat Mario Rodriguez in week two. Joe Doire was third.

Bart Gooch won in week three.



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Hugo was second and Ray Digulio was third.

Joe Doire defeated Tony Baker in the finals for week six. Hugo was third.

Larry Wells defeated Tony Baker in the finals for week seven.

After two consecutive second place finishes, Tony finally broke into the win column in week eight. He defeated Terry Wittman in the finals while Joe Doire was third.



Denny Balderson is the men's player of the month.



# BULLETIN BOARD

## Tai Chi

Ruth teaches Tai Chi here at On Top of the World. She is certified and has been teaching classes here for more than seven years.

The name of her class is Butterfly Tai Chi. She, and many of her students, have experienced a transformation. She feels that the Butterfly represents transformation.

Beginner classes are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the East Activity Center exercise room, close to the Library.

For more advanced classes, check your OTOW calendar or call Ruth 709-0841 (cell) or 726-0336 (home).

## Bonesavers

Do you want to prevent bone loss?

Come join our class which meets 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the East Activity Center lower level, opposite the library.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises that were developed by Tufts University in an effort to prevent further bone loss. We never do floor exercises. There is no charge for this class.

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

## Water exercise luncheon

The annual fall luncheon for the morning water exercise class will be held at the Dunedin Golf Club on Friday, Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The all-inclusive price is \$20. For further information contact Nancy Brady at 727-729-6086 or at the East Side Activity Center swimming pool Monday to Friday from 9-10 a.m.

## Morning exercises start at 8 a.m.

Start your day by joining us in the lower gym room of the East Activity Center at 8 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility and strengthening the body's core. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as all major muscle groups.

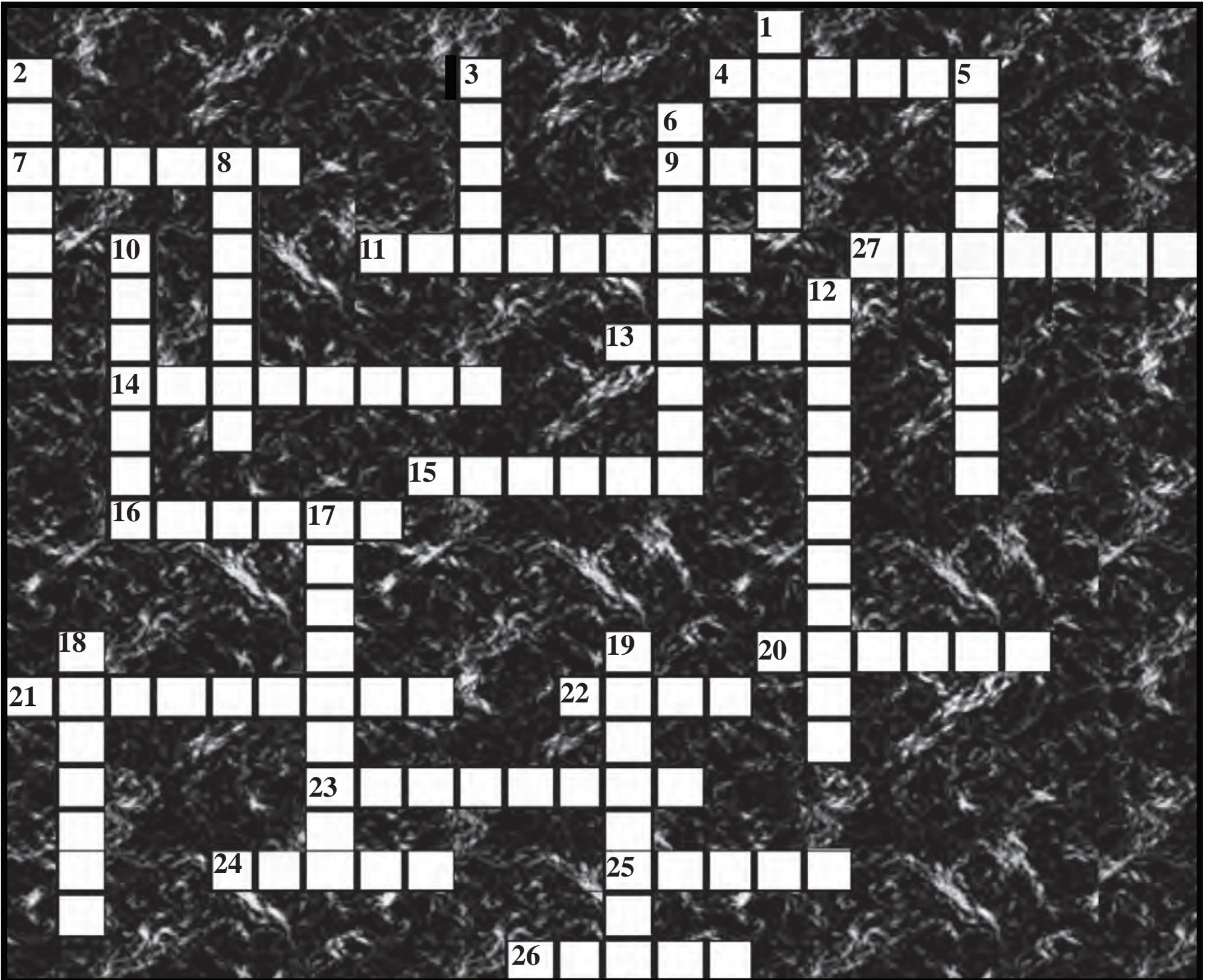
On Wednesday and Friday mornings also bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes while we work on improving muscle tone.

Join Ingrid Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. for her half hour class.

As always, our classes are free and open to everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214 or Ingrid Durhan at 727-796-9414. We extend birthday wishes to Cecile Christopher on the 9th, Nora Kazanovich on the 21st, and Myrna Oakley on the 30th. Mina Osborne is celebrating her birthday the entire month of October! Hope you each enjoy your special day!

# Have you been reading OTOW News?

Answers to this puzzle will appear in the November edition. Answers to the September puzzle are on page 26.



**You can find the answers to the questions below by reviewing the previous month's newspaper. The number in ( ) indicates the page number the answers appear.**

**ACROSS**

- 4. This OTOW building has a new building reporter. (12)
- 7. According to Marge's Humor, the only thing that gets better with age is \_\_\_\_\_. (32)
- 9. Sharon Evans will teach what kind of painting class starting this month? (21)
- 11. Anyone rehearsing for the David Letterman Show audience must report to what ballroom? (14)
- 13. According to Marge's Humor, "Double Jeopardy" is when one woman teaches another woman to \_\_\_\_\_. (32)
- 14. In September, Lambda Club members gathered and watched what movie? (23)
- 15. Your building can enter a holiday contest in December. Judges will be looking at \_\_\_\_\_. (12)
- 16. Back in September 1973, this class was offered at OTOW. (48)
- 20. Good Neighbors will be hosting a \_\_\_\_\_ Expo on Nov. 5. (33)
- 21. In what country will you find the Great Barrier Reef? (48)
- 22. OTOW will soon be opening a new park. The main

- beneficiary of this new park are \_\_\_\_\_. (5)
- 23. This month, Good Neighbors will be collecting \_\_\_\_\_ for charity. (4)
- 24. Line Dancing veteran Geirgia Jensen in is charge of the \_\_\_\_\_ at each session. (29)
- 25. The Snowbirds Club will be taking a trip to this island in December. (25)
- 26. This card is given to anyone who shows up at the East Activity Center before 6:15 p.m. on Mondays. (5)
- 27. Ashley was once missing for several hours. Where was this Austian Alpine cat finally found? (39)

**DOWN**

- 1. Middle East Moorish resident Phyllis Butler made a 9/11 Memorial. What type of memorial was it? (1)
- 2. Austrian Alpine resident Kathy Ahrens had an unwelcome visitor during a recent camping trip. What was the visitor? (52)
- 3. In September, the Entertainment Committee took

- residents to a Rays game. What state was the opponent from? (35)
- 5. An important ingredient when making Chocolate Sheet Cake. (14)
- 6. Siboney resident Audrey Jones has visited 58 of these. (26)
- 8. Volunteers who work backstage will mainly be working on what part of a theater production. (22)
- 10. Orizaba resident Filip and Dusita George recently returned from a trip to \_\_\_\_\_ where they saw beautiful cathedrals. (41)
- 12. Siboney resident Ed Uhl flew combat missions in Vietnam. What did he mostly fly in? (17)
- 17. Baby Boomers Club member Cheryl Reese makes \_\_\_\_\_ out of seashells. (24)
- 18. Mandalay resident Bob Backland held this title with the U.S. Navy. It means, enlisted officer. (43)
- 19. If you ride the zip line in Honduras, that means your journey started on a \_\_\_\_\_. (53)

**OTOW NEWS**  **Walgreens**   
**PET OF THE MONTH**  
**BEL OF THE MONTH**



My name is Barklee and I'm a mini wire-haired dachshund.

I live in the Rizal Building with my mom and dad, Judi and Larry Richardson. We moved to On Top of the World last March. My summer home is in Springfield, Ill.

I turned 2 years old in May.

Last May I had a birthday party, with doggy cake and presents for all my doggy guests. Six of my friends and their owners came to my party. We had a lot of fun.

I love to go for walks at OTOW, because there are so many squirrels and birds. I'd really like to play with them, but they keep going up in the trees, and I haven't learned to climb yet - but I'm working on it!

When I was 6 months old, I went to obedience school where I graduated second in my class. Dad says, "don't ask how many dogs were in the class."

I'm looking forward to many more years at OTOW.

## Do you know someone who wants to be the Pet of the Month?

Each month OTOW News and Walgreens are going to feature a "Pet of the Month."

Any pets living at OTOW are eligible to enter the contest.

One pet will be featured each month.

To enter your pet in the contest you must have one perfectly clear, large color photo of your pet, along with background information on why you think your pet should be chosen as our monthly celebrity

(maximum 200 words). Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of

Belcher and Sunset Point roads. If you are the winner this month, just bring this newspaper and an original pet photo to Walgreens to receive your prize. To enter, email your pet's best photo and information to: [bootss@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bootss@tampabay.rr.com). Include your name, your pet's name and the building you reside in. Good luck!

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*If you do not have a computer, contest entries can be dropped off at the OTOW newspaper office during our business hours.*

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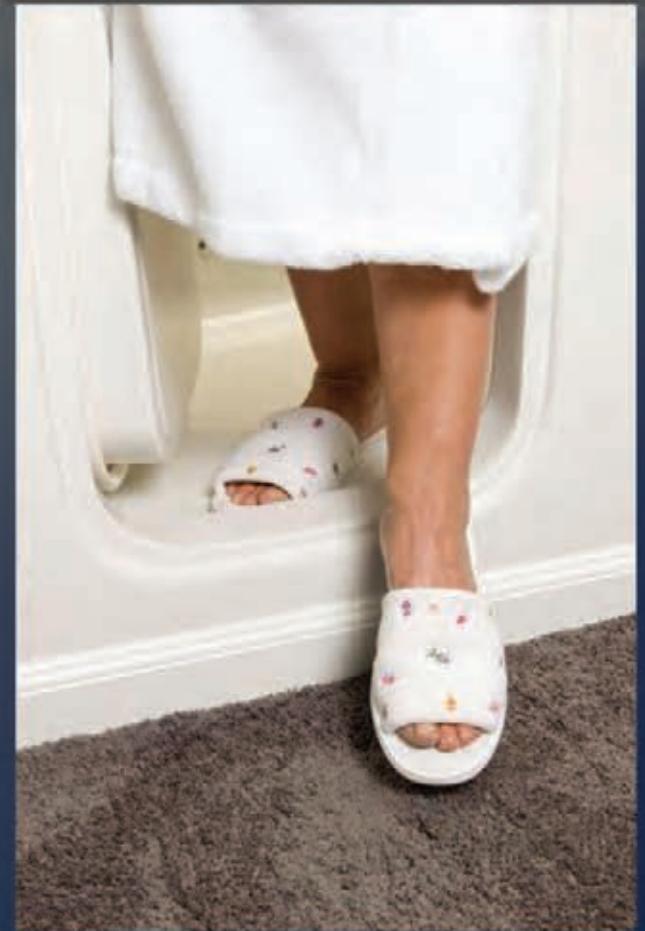
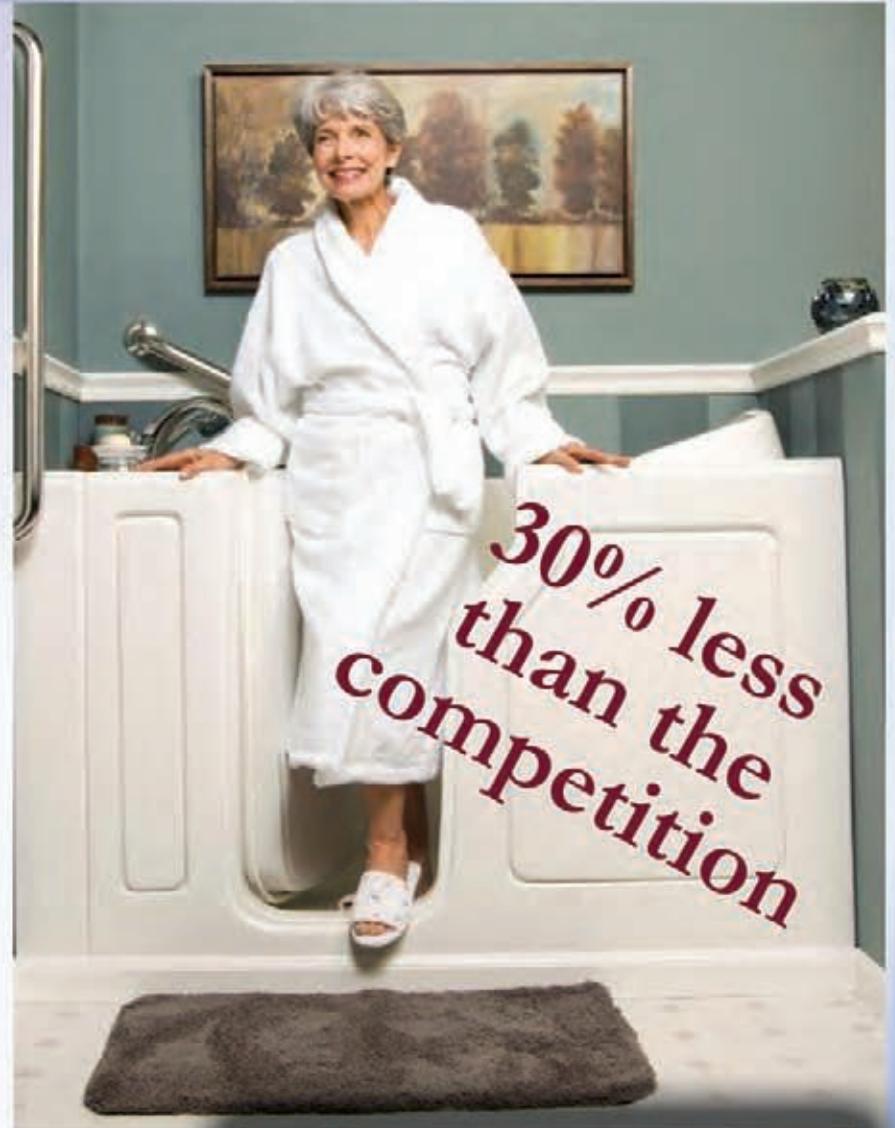
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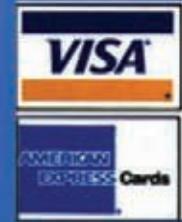
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## Couple emigrated from Belarus following WWII

# From Russia, with *much* love

By Diane Cavanaugh

It was love of their children, and the love of freedom that brought Michael and Lilia Bensonoff to the United States from Belarus (Russia).

They met when the stove in Lilia's apartment had broken. In the city of Minsk, 80% of the buildings had been destroyed during World War II, and the rest were in disrepair.

Michael came to the apartment as an engineer and noticed how lovely Lilia was, despite the fact that she was ill. He thought, "That is one pretty woman." The following day, he found an excuse to go back again. He checked on the stove to make sure it was working properly.

Lilia's father was impressed. He invited him to his company's New Year's Eve party... the rest is history. They were married three months later and have been married 55 wonderful years. I think that is called "love at first sight."

They wanted a better future for their children. Lilia's brother lived in Schenectady, N.Y., and had written about America. Their heartbreak was that their oldest son was married, with a child, and his wife would not leave Belarus to move to the U.S.

However, seven years later they came to visit the U.S., and the next day they decided to emigrate to America.

The road to America, however, was quite rocky. When Michael told his boss he would be leaving, they cut his salary in half. The Belarus government only let them take \$240 per person. They were told they were "traitors" and would be unhappy in America because Americans were "capitalists" and "capitalists" didn't take care of people the way they did in communist governments. They warned them they would starve and no one would help.

When they boarded the plane, they were told "they had no country and no citizenship," and could never come back. Then they flew them to Rome and abandoned them. Michael and Lilia contacted a representative of the U.S. government, and they gave them a loan for the cost of airfare to New York.

In Schenectady, her brother helped find them an apartment, but they had nothing. The synagogues and churches gave them bedding, pots and pans, furniture, clothing and food. They were impressed with the kindness of the Americans. They wanted to become



Michael and Lilia Bensonoff enjoy their frequent walks to the OTOW lake and pier.  
(Photos by Diane Cavanaugh)

U.S. citizens as soon as they were able. They had come on permanent visas, and in five years they were proud American citizens.

Although they were very educated, (Michael was a management construction engineer and estimator, and Lilia was a mechanical engineer—metals), they struggled to find work. For example, they were used to the Metric system of measurement, not the Imperial system used in the U.S.

Michael spoke Russian and a "little" German, and Lilia spoke Russian and a "little" English. They took classes in English in order to assimilate and help them find jobs. When Michael was offered a job as "Assistant to the Superintendent" they were excited. He wore his suit, and Lilia's mother bought him a new briefcase. He worked in the office doing paperwork. At the end of the day, the superintendent told him to "dress more casually" the next day.

When the next day came, they gave him a shovel and bucket, and he realized he would be "manual labor." But they were grateful. Michael was accepted into the labor union with benefits.

He was making \$7 per hour, and that was a good wage!

Lilia got a job, not as an engineer, but doing drafting in an architectural firm. She continued her education and got certificates in drafting and AutoCAD. They later moved to Connecticut, where she worked for 11 years as a mechanical engineer at a power plant that made boilers.

When their youngest son moved to Tampa, they followed him to Florida. He started his own computer programming company. Their oldest son lives in Boston and is employed in computer programming, also.

Michael and Lilia's smiling faces can be seen each morning as they do their walk around On Top of the World. Lilia teaches line dancing, plays piano, does karate, has performed in "Jesters" and tutors a child in the Russian language.

Michael is a devoted member of the Chess Club and plays regularly.

Michael and Lilia are happy they made the decision to move to America. They stated they have met many wonderful people here, and "May God Bless America!"



Michael and Lilia Bensonoff on the balcony of the South Seas building condo.

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# Wisconsin family reunion brings back fond memories

Our building captain, Jill Urquhart, took her annual trip to Wisconsin, and it was filled with memorable moments. Jill's husband, Harry stayed home holding down the fort until her return.

Jill has a dear friend in Milwaukee with whom she stayed at the beginning and end of her trip. Over the years, Jill and her friend have gotten very comfortable with each other and have fun whether they shop, go out to eat or just stay at home talking.

From Milwaukee, Jill went to Manitowoc for a family reunion. Her brothers and their families always get together for several days at this time of year at their family cottage.

The cottage was built by Jill's grandfather many years ago. As Jill and her brothers grew up, they spent every Sunday at the cottage, when the weather allowed, with Grandma and Grandpa, an aunt and uncle and all the cousins. It was a glorious tradition.

The cottage has since been handed down to Jill's generation and is co-owned by several of her cousins. The first Sunday of her visit has become a traditional family reunion which includes the families of the cousins. It is food for the soul to see everyone and reminisce about the good old days and catch up on the new events.

The cottage doesn't have hot water or a shower so Jill stayed at a friend's lovely home in the evenings. She and Jill, plus Jill's cousin and another friend all graduated from high school together and have remained close friends through the years.

They have tried to get together every year for at least part of a day, but three years ago they decided to spend a long weekend together in Door County, which is a resort area in



Wisconsin. They talk, go out to eat, talk, shop, attend an outdoor play, talk some more and have a wonderful visit.

Jill is so proud that they have nurtured their friendship through all these years. They are truly friends of her heart and soul. Jill told me she thinks they know her better than she knows herself!

From there, Jill went to Appleton to stay with another cousin for a day. Her cousin retired this year so they were able to get in more talking... about the cottage and grandparents and everything else they could think of.

Jill then went back to her friend in Milwaukee for the last leg of the trip. On one of the evenings she got together with an ex-coworker and his wife. Jill hadn't seen them for about 16 years, and it was wonderful to catch up on the events of their lives.

Jill returned with wonderful memories and anticipation for her visit next year!

We extend birthday wishes to Farrell Malandro on Oct. 1. Inge Greicha will turn 70 on Oct. 22, and Helmut Mader will celebrate his birthday on Oct. 28. Happy Birthay Farrell, Inge and Helmut. Enjoy your special day!



Bob and Karen Early and grandchildren in front of the White House.

## Family gets to view America's Capitol up close and personal

The above photo is of Bob and Karen Early and their grandchildren, who certainly had something special to report to their class about how they spent their summer vacation — a trip to Washington, D.C. in early August.

As you will note by the building in the background, they saw the White House, among other things. Their sightseeing trip included the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, the WWII Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial.

A good night's rest and then onto the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, the Capitol and the Smithsonian Museums of Natural History, American History and Air and Space.

On their trip back to Florida, they toured Luray Caverns in Shenandoah, Va.



Marguerite Laskowski

## Roman Byzantine

The natural waterfall Sliding Rock was a big hit in Brevard, N.C. The slide is a 60-foot natural rock slide with a nearly seven-foot-deep pool at the base.

Then they stopped to visit Bob's daughter who lives in Woodstock, Ga. This was not only a special vacation for the children, but an educational one as well. I want Karen and Bob to be my grandparents next summer!

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# Put on your best costume and have some fun

October is all about scary movies, spooky costumes, and freaky stories. It's about a night for goblins, witches, and ghouls to come out and have a good ol' time. A time to bob for apples, carve jack-o-lanterns, dress up in the scariest garb, and head off to a Halloween party.

And what really makes this day special? Getting free candy just for dressing up in a crazy costume. And how many of us take advantage of this opportunity for sugar overkill and annoying our neighbors? (Halloween is definitely a win/win tradition.)

Columbus Day and the Canadian Thanksgiving holidays both fall on the same day (Oct. 13). October is also National Pizza Month, if turkey at this time of the year doesn't make you tingle all over.

My son recently visited from California. As he hadn't been here in a while, I thought it best to give him a refresher course on our great state.

1. When giving directions in Florida, you must always start with the words, "Take the I-75, take the I-4, or take the I-95..."

## Allen Winston

### Ottoman

2. I-275 (Tampa area) will always be under construction... that's the law and there is nothing anyone can do about it. Period.

3. We measure the distance we travel in time — not miles.

4. If you travel more than 5–10 miles on any road in any part of Florida without seeing an orange barricade, you're lost!

5. If you miss your exit on I-75, I-4, or I-275, one of the "perks" of being a senior citizen... it's perfectly acceptable to back up. (Just kidding!)

6. Once the light turns green, only three cars can go through the intersection, eight more on yellow, and four more on red.

7. Flip flops, tank tops, and baggy shorts are also known as business casual.

8. Everyone knows how to spell Okeechobee. There is an Okeechobee

Lake, Town, County, Boulevard, Street, and Avenue somewhere in this state.

9. There are three types of dolphins in Florida: mahi-mahi, Flipper, and a football team.

10. Floridians know how to dress in layers. It will be 97 degrees outside, but inside any restaurant, business or movie theater, it's 65 degrees.

Did you know in Ohio, it's against state law to get a fish drunk (how do they know when the fish is drunk?).

They keep telling us to get in touch with our bodies. Mine isn't all that communicative, but I heard from it the other day after I said, "Body, how'd you like to go to the six o'clock class in vigorous toning?" Clear as a bell my body said, "Do it, and die!"

Our Snowbirds will once again be descending upon us to change calm into chaos (enough said).

For everyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month, congratulations. For the rest of us who aren't, be thankful our numbers remain unchanged.

Have a great October, everybody!

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## Building's holiday luncheon set for Dec. 14

The August building luncheon was attended by 11 Chetniks at Umberto's of Long Island.

That day, after the luncheon, the Zolkowers attended a bris for a new great-grandson in Largo.

Helene Parker Spragg had a new great-granddaughter. The baby's mother had just graduated from Anglican Seminary and will be teaching. Congratulations to all these blessed families.

It was decided at the luncheon that our December Holiday Luncheon will be celebrated at the Island Way Grill on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.

Our September luncheon was held at Kally K's. More about that in my November column.

We welcome Judy O'Loughlan,



who bought a unit in our building along with her companion, Joseph Tancredi. Judy, originally from New Jersey, moved here from St. Petersburg.

She is presently an assistant manager at First Bank. She has three children in the area and one in Rhode Island.

She also has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Joseph is a retired contractor. He has two daughters, one in Belleair and one in Salt Lake City, and one granddaughter.

On Aug. 13, John and I had a table of friends at the annual dinner-dance held by the Entertainment Committee. Fran Fitzpatrick did a great job. It was catered by A and N, and really was the finest Italian food south of New York City. The music by "Richie V" was great. I haven't line danced since my new hip operation last year. With some encouragement, I got up and danced the Electric Slide. That made my night!

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# Giving a hard-working resident his due — a month late

*(Editor's Note: In the September issue, the report for The Gables was to have included a mention of building resident Remo Melucci.*

Unfortunately, during the editing process, Mr. Melucci's name was left out of the story. Here are the original paragraphs, as written by building reporter Margaret Copland and submitted for the September issue):

"It is time to recognize Remo Melucci for his splendid work in putting down mulch on both sides of our building which neatens and beautifies our grounds. A great big "thank you" for all your work in the summer heat.

"A man of many talents, he also repaired the park benches in our first floor lobby so that they would not be removed by the maintenance department and single-handedly removed all the artificial plants and hanging baskets which had been tagged by removal by maintenance.

"We give a great big "thank you" for all your work, Remo, to keep our building in accordance with the "rules and regulations."

Here is the building report for October:

As I write this, there is the faintest hint of fall in the air. After a long, hot summer, most of us will be welcoming



**Margaret Copland**

## The Gables

cooler temperatures and the return of our winter residents. We will be saying goodbye to the beautiful little yellow ground cover flowers on the Belcher medians until their return next spring.

Our ladies had their monthly luncheon, and good food and company were enjoyed by the small group of only four. Everything will pick up during the months ahead. We enjoy these monthly outings for the social time provided and really get to talk to our neighbors rather than just a hello in the core.

The Nielson family, including son Ryan, were here for a few days after Sandy attended a seminar in Orlando. Unfortunately, it rained most of the week, but they still enjoyed their time here, including, among other things, a wonderful time for dinner at Rumba's – their first time there.

Remo Melucci, a resident of our building, will be named for the excellent volunteering he did this

summer in beautifying our grounds and repairing and clearing all the items marked by Maintenance for fixing and/or repairing. Last month's article attributed the work to an unnamed maintenance worker.

Margaret Copland attended a Daughters of Scotia national convention in East Hanover, N.J., for a week in September. Three others from On Top of the World were among attendees.

We enjoyed going into Manhattan by bus for dinner and a Broadway show and also a Mystery Dinner Theater which was at the hotel.

This year our local lodge, Susan Blair #255 of Dunedin, sponsored the Boutique Shop to produce funds when we will host the convention next September in Orlando.

We are all looking forward to having the census increase when everyone returns to The Gables. Summer is a time when our building seems, at times, devoid of the hustle and bustle of activity, all of which we will welcome.

A "Grammy" is especially proud of her grandchildren, recently having had news that her grandson has received a \$650,000 grant over the next five years to study how to employ chemistry and chemical biology to enable the

production of inexpensive solar energy for our country.

He is an Associate Professor of Chemistry and Chemical Biology at Cornell University in Utica, N.Y.

His sister and her husband, both M.D.s, received word that both received their first choices for Fellowships starting next June, she in epidemiology at Massachusetts General, and he in hematology at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute at Women and Brigham's in Boston.

Both are in the last year of residency at Women and Brigham's, so they won't have to relocate for their Fellowship. The proud "Grammy" is yours truly!

Time to close with the "same old, same old" adage to be kind to yourself so that you may show kindness to others – be good to yourself and others. All 'til next time.

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## Big surprise awaited grandkids at end of a wonderful visit

“Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.”

I have survived my visiting twin teenagers. I had two big surprises for them and I milked the time before finally telling them, at the last minute, of each surprise before telling them.

In the mornings I would give out small clues as to what it might be and that drove them crazy. I finally told them the night before I took them to Bush Gardens.

I was saving the big, big surprise until the very end of the visit. In the interim we had been fishing in Treasure Island with dear old friends, had been to the beach, swimming at the pool and went to the movies.

Then came the day before they were to leave. I sat them down and told them that I had been evaluating them all week, (they rolled their eyes), and went into my spiel about responsibility of taking care of belongings, being responsible for your actions, etc.

They must have been thinking (OMG) (please stop with the lecture) I am sure. At right is a photo of a totally surprised set of teen-age twins when I told them that my car “Rosy” was for them. They live in the mountains of S. Carolina, so at 16 you really need some wheels.

I also learned a lot from them. They taught me something I swore I would never do, did not want to, did not think it was necessary, hated the entire idea of it, ran into my room to get away, but in the end the kids won out, and they taught me texting.

Also, I had bought a new camera and of course did not know how to



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The twins give a big “thumbs-up” after learning they were getting a car.

operate it. They had it figured out in five minutes. Different generation.

I’m grateful of course as I think we all should keep learning new things. I know more about Facebook than I care to know; I am up on all the rap singers; pizza is a main meal I’m told; and everyone stays up till 1 a.m. texting. Gosh I feel so out of date, but they keep you young in spirit and I had a blast.

Another lovely visit from family, my daughter and her husband came down Sept. 6–9. They came to drive the car back to S. Carolina that I had given the twins.

My son-in-law went to college in Tampa and wanted to come back and visit Clearwater Beach, his favorite



Jim and Maureen Bjorgo's family celebrated Jim's birthday in Illinois with a unique “cupcake tower,” made of more than 100 cupcakes.

beach in the world. We celebrated my daughter's birthday and in general had a short, but sweet visit.

Maureen and Jim Bjorgo went on another adventure north to Illinois. They took their time driving to see all the sights, stopped in Georgia and bought some Adcock Pecans for their daughters (The only kind that Jim's mother would use).

They stopped in Effingham, Ill., at the Firefly Grill for lunch. Their granddaughter works there but unfortunately was not on duty when they arrived. Food was great, all fresh ingredients, chicken salad made from Amish Free Range Chickens, and the owners of the restaurant grow all the herbs and flowers used for the restaurant.

While in Illinois, they saw most of their children and grandchildren.

The family threw a 70th birthday party for Jim. Several old friends whom they had not seen for a while and one surprise friend showed up. The food was delicious, including Lou Mainati's Chicago deep-dish pizza, Popeye's fried chicken, salads and other goodies. The youngest daughter made a cupcake tower with over 100 cupcakes of several flavors and decorations.

They stayed at their son's home, which they helped christen, as the family had just moved into the house.

Soon it was time to come home. On the way back they stopped in Statesville, N.C., and visited Maureen's aunt and cousins. No time to visit NASCAR race shops on this trip. Maybe next time.

I hope everyone had a safe and fun Labor Day, I know I did. I saw a movie, dined with old high school pals and enjoyed the day.

## We welcome this Buckeyes fan

Hello from building #34, Hawaiian Towers. Welcome back to everyone from their other homes.

Let the fun begin, now that all the clubs have started back up. You just have to pick up the On Top of the World newspaper and decide what you would like to do. I know there is something for everyone to do. If not, then just be happy and enjoy your day by doing nothing.

Charlie Griffith is one of the newer residents in our building. I had a few minutes to sit down and talk to him about his life and his thoughts on OTOW. He is a retired farmer from Findlay, Ohio, with two daughters and a son, plus two grandchildren, five sisters and four brothers. All are big-time Ohio State Buckeyes fans!

Charlie has traveled all over the state of Florida for 50 years. He finds OTOW the best of all — the price, the easy ways to get around, so much to do, and of course the friendly people.



Maybe some of you would like a little article about a trip, a special day, or just something fun you would like to share. Just write it up or tell me and in the paper it will go. Remember: only good or happy news!

Keep your eyes on the bulletin board for the happenings in the building.

Enjoy your month full of ghosts and goblins. Happy Halloween!

## An open letter from reporter

The September issue of *OTOW News* was the first in which our building was featured in quite a number of years. I had been our building's reporter for a number of years but gave it up several years ago when personal problems and other volunteer duties made it too difficult to continue.

I now find I have sufficient time to do this and, with your help, I will write a column of good news each month. Of course, if one of you would like to do this job, I would gladly and gratefully step aside.

However, the only way I can do this is if you will let me know what it is you are doing. We are all neighbors and are naturally interested in what is happening in your lives. Share your happy occasions, interesting trips, joyful reunions with friends and

Mike Kaplan

### South Seas

family, etc. In this way, we will get to know one another.

All you need do is drop by Unit #15 and talk to me about what you would like to see in print, or drop me a note if you would rather. If I'm not home when you stop by, just leave your note between the storm and main doors.

In years past, South Seas was one of the most socially active buildings in all of On Top of the World. It would be great if we could make it that way once again. Hope to hear from all of you, especially our relatively new neighbors.

## THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the *OTOW News* (Part 30 — October, 1973)

*By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler*

- The On Top Of the World general meeting was held. A record turnout was set with over 400 people attending.
- The Verandah Shoppe planned to be opened from 10 to 4 o'clock starting Oct. 1.
- Ladies' cold waves, for all kinds of hair, were available for \$9.95 at the Suncoast Beauty Salon in Harbor Square Shopping Center.
- It was hoped that the 14 Muscovy ducks would soon be laying eggs. Due to the high cost of feeding them, many residents have offered to make a donation towards the expenses.

**See you in November, 1973!**

# These unwelcome 'visitors' could not leave soon enough

Many of our residents have taken trips this summer, and I am sure that they all had a great time but two of our residents had a spectacular time.

Ruth and Jim Osborne went to Myrtle Beach, S.C. They were enjoying themselves until they were informed that a visitor named Irene was going to drop in. They weren't happy about her impending visit, but said that at least Irene had the courtesy to give them advance notice that she was coming.

Ruth and Jim discussed and debated what they should do – leave Myrtle Beach and come back to Florida or stay and wait for her arrival. They knew that Irene was also visiting northern Florida on her way to them, so they decided to stay put even though they really didn't want Irene to visit.

So, off to the store they went with a list of things that they felt were imperative for them to have when Irene arrived, such as canned and packaged foods, candles, flashlights and, of course, extra batteries. Being from Florida, they were aware that when a guest like Irene arrived, you had to take in the patio furniture.

Instead of coming directly to Myrtle Beach to spend time with Ruth and Jim, Irene decided to spend her time a little east of Myrtle Beach, but she sent Jim and Ruth a gift of heavy rain and strong, gusting winds which blew down many big old trees. She also took out their power for a while, just so that they could use their new flashlights.

Ruth said that the thing that amused her most was watching men using umbrellas while playing golf as they also enjoyed Irene's gifts.

Ruth and Jim told me that they were glad that they stayed in



**Clare  
Pebworth**

## España

Myrtle Beach instead of coming home early via the roads to northern Florida, where Irene was visiting prior to coming to visit them.

Irene was not the only weather-related visitor that Ruth and Jim had this year. This spring, while they were in Chattanooga, Tenn., without notice, an un-named guest called a "tornado" arrived. It missed their house by one mile, but she knocked trees down everywhere. We are glad that the Osbornes are home, safe and sound.

Corn season is now here and it is very inexpensive. Being from Pennsylvania, I thought I would share with you what I do with the fresh corn on cob. I take a big pot and put a large mixing bowl upside down in the pot. I then add about two inches of water and bring it to a boil. I then put a layer of the corn, in the husks, in a single layer, on top of the mixing bowl and put on a lid. I let it steam about five minutes, then remove the corn.

I then shuck each ear and use a sharp knife to cut the corn from the cob. Put the corn into plastic bags and into the freezer. When you eat it, it tastes like you are eating fresh corn on the cob!

This month is Halloween, so get those decorations out.

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## BLESSED VIRTUES

*By Madeleine Wanda*

Love is the most important virtue  
That we can ever attain,  
Combined with faith and hope  
Life will not be lived in vain.  
Love: we learn it as a baby  
Upon our mother's knee  
It grows with us  
As the leaves on the trees  
As honey is made from the bees.  
With love, hope and faith come easy  
All three make life sublime  
As we walk this long, long journey  
Doing God's work all the time.

## FALL COLORS

*By Alma W. Hudson*

The panorama view  
Is a scene to behold  
God paints the trees  
In orange, red and gold  
  
The colors that are sculptured  
On the highway we drive  
Makes you deeply grateful  
That you are alive  
  
You are in such awe  
Over the beauty that you see  
You are completely convinced  
It can only come from Thee

## A POEM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (SHARE)

*By Alma W. Hudson*

When you are growing up  
And are at any age  
There's nothing quite as nice  
When you turn each page  
As to desire each to like you  
So be courteous to all  
Show respect and high regard  
Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall  
You will never be sorry  
They'll know you are the best  
They will all know in a hurry  
You can live up to any test

## SMILES

*By Madeleine Wanda*

Why do you make me smile?  
One that lasts quite a while.  
It helps me walk quicker, too  
All I can say is thank you, God bless you.  
A smile is like the sun after a storm  
Followed occasionally by a beautiful rainbow.  
Lovely is the pleasant smile  
That helps me travel another mile.

## CHANGEUP

(THE RETIREMENT SONG)

*By Pete Ferrero*

I'm so sick of the sound saying it's six o'clock.  
My system's getting set up for a shock.  
With less hours at work, more minutes to play,  
The time is now prime to redesign days.  
After so many years spent running this race,  
From this moment on, I'll turn down the pace.

It's time for a changeup,  
To adjust and rearrange up  
And to think of something strange up,  
Far away from the same.  
Throw life a little changeup.  
Turn something sort of strange up,  
Then revamp and rearrange up,  
Some new rules for the game.

I'll rise from the rut and ruin the routine.  
There are faces and places too seldom seen.  
I want to take what seems fast and make it go slow,  
Sow some new seeds and wait while they grow.  
Today hangs no hint of hurry on me.  
My God, it feels so good to be free!

It's a maturation graduation,  
Finding fun and fascination,  
Spending time that's free, not cash for stuff.  
When really is enough, enough?  
'Cause money comes and money goes,  
But time, my friends, just flows and flows.

It's time for a changeup.  
I'll take and give in an exchange up,  
For a remote and rugged range up,  
Somewhere still left to be found.  
It's time to stymie speed with a changeup.  
Reroute the way which I arrange up,  
In an uneven exchange up,  
Bound around an alien ground.

When we use our days just as they choose,  
They look not a lot likely to lose.  
I'm going to gather my clocks and harvest their hands,  
Then give them to God and reap what He plans.  
Only He knows what tomorrow will bring,  
But, I'm certain and sure it won't be the same, same old thing.





Dawn Rubia

## Flamenco

### Snowbirds are making their way back

Some of our Snowbirds have returned, and others will be back soon. Several of them live on the East Coast, so we all hope they were not affected by the recent earthquake or hurricanes.

I talked to Shirley Crowder to see what her summer was like. She said she went home to Indiana as usual to see her family but had to cut short her visit because she fell in the kitchen while making lasagna for the grandchildren. She broke her wrist in two places, but she said she is doing well now and is happy to be back. We're glad you are back and felling better too, Shirley.

Two of my readers on the east side of On Top of the World have asked for more jokes. So the following are for Kathy and Ed and anyone else who likes silly jokes.

A man walked into a Florida bar with his alligator and asked the bartender, "Do you serve lawyers here?"

"Sure do," replied the bartender.

"Good," said the man. "Give me a beer, and I'll have a lawyer for my 'gator."

Then there were the two older gentlemen sitting at the pool. One said, "My wife asked me what I was going to do today. I told her, 'Nothing.' She said, 'You did that yesterday.' I said, 'I know. I just didn't get it finished yet.'"

Happy Halloween!

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#### OTOW Press Association Meetings

**When:** First Thursday of each month

**Where:** East Side card room

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.

All reporters and those who contribute to our newspaper are requested to join us. Sign in at the desk when you arrive.

**Next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 6**

## Featured neighbor keeps busy with cooking, bowling, golf and Brazilian embroidery

Hi, neighbor, how in the world R U? Let's meet Marge Jacobs, who moved here from Pittsburgh, Pa., to Florida in 1976 with her two sons, Kevin and Robert.

Pittsburgh is 94 miles west of Philadelphia, a city rich in American history. Marge recalls as a child being able to sit on her porch and look into downtown Pittsburgh, with a view of the river and the steel works.

She says that area has changed completely. The view now is of superhighways, the Steelers football stadium, and a new baseball field.

I asked why would anyone leave the state of "brotherly love" to come to the "sunshine state." Her reason was that her parents were living in St. Petersburg, so Marge packed up the boys and followed.

She first worked at the Juvenile Court, Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, and then as a mail carrier with the Clearwater Post Office for 20 years before she retired. She's a good friend of our present mail carrier, "Smiling John" Klimovich and attends the luncheons for retired P.O. personnel.

Both of Marge's sons graduated from Pinellas Park High School. Kevin lives in Clearwater and is employed by Valpak as a mechanical technician. Robert is a retired U.S. Air Force Master Sergeant. While in the Air Force, he was classified as a "load master." I



Tom Brennan

## Swedish Traditional



Featured resident Marge Jacobs has lived in Florida since 1976.

asked, "What is a load master?" Marge explains: It has to do with loading heavy equipment (jeeps, tanks, guns, ammunition, etc.) onto large USAF cargo planes and helicopters, keeping the load balanced and secured so that it doesn't shift around during flight.

Robert went on to obtain his Master's Degree in Education

and is currently teaching at Palm Harbor Academy. His wife Kim is a kindergarten teacher at Plato Academy in Clearwater.

Marge has four grandsons (two from each son) and one granddaughter (Robert's daughter, born as he was retiring from the USAF).

Marge's activities include Monday night (she can't win at) Bingo; Tuesday is ladies golf; Wednesday she bowls, and Thursday she does Brazilian embroidery in Dunedin. She showed me some of her beautiful handiwork. "Brazilian" is a 3-dimensional embroidery technique. Her display of nine flowers where the faces lay flat and the petals stand up was very impressive, indeed.

Marge saves Friday, Saturday and Sunday for family and also does her home cooking for the children and grandchildren then. She says she enjoys cooking and crafts, especially with her granddaughter.

I asked if she had anything to add. Her answer: "Most of all I appreciate my good neighbors and friends at OTOW?"

Thanks, Marge, for such an interesting story. May you continue to have many more happy family days!

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Hey, neighbors, here's a question for you: What does a 20-year-old man want to wake up to? (Answer in next month's issue.)

## OTOW residents will soon have use of some of the best golf courses in the area

Have you checked out the progress that is being made on the 18-hole golf course? When the workers are finished in November, we will have a five-star course comparable to any in our area.

Aren't we lucky to be able to play anytime we want to on either a nine-hole or 18-hole course at no additional cost?

We have several people from the Fujiwara Building who play on a regular basis regardless of the heat and sometimes even when it rains.

Just remember, it's time to get off the course at the first clap of thunder as lightning is right behind it. And we are the lightning capital of the world!

Geoff and Shirley Windisch returned from a three-week trip to Iowa to visit family and friends in Waterloo, Lake Mills, and Forest City, where they celebrated with a big family reunion.

## Char Flach

### Fujiwara

They also stopped in Albert Lea, Minn., for another family reunion. The next leg of their trip took them to Kansas City, Mo., to visit Fujiwara residents Joe and Janie Reiter for a few days of visiting, shopping, and taking advantage of local sightseeing and museums.

Neal and Jean O'Brien returned from Murphy, N.C., where they have rented the same cabin in the mountains for 12 years. Their little dog, Gypsy, enjoyed the trip also. They saw a lot of wildlife during this trip and an abundance of deer along

the roads. Their next trip will be to visit their daughter in Taos, N.M., for a few days.

It's always nice to see poems in our newspaper written by our own Alma Hudson, who is a member of the International Poet Hall of Fame. Alma has written several poem books and also cookbooks filled with delicious recipes. Keep up the good work Alma!

Sue Morse was visited by her 10-year-old granddaughter from Atlanta this summer. Let me tell you, Sue is one proud grandma! Besides the usual local sightseeing, they visited "Winter" at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, went shopping for school clothes, and ate at some fun places.

Guess I better save some news for next month. Enjoy each day here on earth that God gives us, folks.

## New resident settling in with daughter, three cats

Welcome back to all our seasonal residents – we missed you! Hope you are ready to hit the ground running, as all the clubs, social events and activities have already been planned and will be starting up this month.

Our golf course has been under construction and we are all waiting for the announcement that it will be ready for play as early as November.

The west side tennis courts have been removed and On Top of the World's first dog park is being developed with roaming room for Rover and seats and shade for Rover's owner.

We have a new addition to our Englander family... a big welcome is extended to Susan Marchand and her daughter Molly. They arrived in the heat of the summer with their three elderly cats and they are all still settling in slowly but surely. The Marchands moved here from Dunedin, but hail originally from Memphis, Tenn.

Molly is in her last semester at St. Petersburg College and will graduate from the nursing program at the end of the year. Susan also has a son who is a Dunedin firefighter and another who is a Hillsborough deputy.

They were a very active family in Dunedin's drum corps,



Terri Mikszenas

### Englander

bands and highland games and have traveled to Scotland more than once to enjoy the country and its offerings.

We wish you many happy years in your Englander home and at OTOW!

Please accept this writer's apology... I mis-wrote in my last column saying that Frances and George Spalazzi were returning to Illinois, when in fact they never lived there! Frances and George are originally from New York and never lived in Illinois – but they do now! We wish them well and will miss seeing them walking all around the community and city.

Wishing you all a very happy Halloween and the beginning of a new and exciting "Snowbird season" at OTOW.

## Birthday celebrated in style

It is hard to believe that we are into fall. The hurricane season has only two months to go, and our winter residents are starting to return home. Mae Hansen and Pauline DiNardo are here. Welcome home!

Joe Donnelly, Dolly Donnelly and Bernice Tokarski were the guests of Joe's daughter and family from New York and his son and family from Indiana, for a weekend at the Don Cesar Hotel in St. Petersburg. The occasion was Joe's 80th birthday! They rented a room on the top floor of the hotel where a birthday buffet and cake were served. The room had a terrace from which they could view both the bay and the gulf. They all had a super weekend.

Terry Redmond has a year-old parakeet named Buddy Boy. Terry had him on his shoulder when he and his mother Barbara walked the family dogs. The bird decided to explore and hopped off Terry's shoulder and ended up under the Hoopers' car on Canadian Way.



Margaret Doran

### Middle East Moorish

No amount of coaxing could get the bird to come out. The next day, Terry was over on the Canadian Way side and saw his bird sitting on a car. He went home, got the cage, and when he opened the door, the bird hopped in. A happy ending for both Terry and Buddy Boy!

We said goodbye to Connie Britton.

I drove to Beverly Hills, Fla., and joined 40 of my relatives who live in the surrounding area, for a family reunion at the Ale House in Crystal River. It was great to see everyone again.

That's all for October. Have a happy Halloween!



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**Fritz  
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## Valencia

### *Sign up now for October dinner meeting*

Fall has arrived. September was not all that bad either. It is great to be alive!

The entertainment at Good Neighbors was outstanding at the September get-together. You could sit there with closed eyes and just imagine seeing Simon and Garfunkel. Please bring them back. We are hoping for another surprise at October's Good Neighbors.

Our core has become a very lonely area since it has been sanitized. No more colorful flowers and plants to brighten the core, but we will adjust.

We are again into our hurricane season. It is good to be prepared, but remember – in my 50-plus years that I have lived in the Dunedin/Clearwater area, not one has come ashore in Clearwater.

The ladies' September luncheon was held at Ivory on S.R. 580 and Belcher. All were satisfied. Thanks, Lil. The men went to Lucky Dill Deli on Alt. 19 in Palm Harbor. The only plate that was licked clean was the one that held the cheesecake!

Be sure to sign up for our Oct. 20 potluck dinner in the Sunrise Room at 6 p.m. Residents' concerns will be aired at that time. Harmony is the strength of all societies.

Welcome back, Fran, Martha and John.

Mama sez: Why does it take six weeks to lose five pounds but only one day to gain it all back? (It must be the "Bloody Marys".)

## Reporter fondly recalls Lee Roy Selmon

September is the month where our world changes. School buses slow our progress as we drive from one important place to another important place. Football takes over the weekend and Monday night TV.

The month starts off with a big holiday, reminding us that summer is over and fall is upon us. Tennis world championships are determined.

It is also the month that we take time to remember the tragedy of 9/11 and honor those brave men and women that gave all to save others. Yes, September is the month that reminds us of how our world has changed.

Here in the Tampa Bay area, we lost a remarkable citizen: Lee Roy Selmon, a man I first heard of while teaching at Oklahoma State University. Every year we play O.U. in something called the "Bedlam Series." Lee Roy gave us a fit as mighty O.U. devastated our Cowboys year after year.

Lee Roy moved on, and on his way to being inducted into the Football Hall of Fame, he created a lot of good as a citizen, business man, and contributor to charities that developed young people. Good job, Lee Roy.



**Russ  
Heiserman**

## Azores

So far in September we have seen a lot of hurricane activity start off the coast of Africa and follow a path that misses us. Irene did give us a reminder of the devastation carried by these storms. Our complacency can get us in a lot of trouble if the course of one of these storms changes to include us. Be prepared!

We have been blessed with a lot of rain during the first part of this month. The folks in Texas and Oklahoma could sure use some of our good fortune. It is hard to visualize fires burning so many homes. Between the flooding in the North East and the dry, hot conditions in the West we are really lucky to be right here.

While I'm writing this, Tom and Marie Pirrello are cruising the Mediterranean, celebrating their

anniversary. I'm hoping they will share the details of their adventure in next month's article. We look forward to their safe return.

Elsie Colvin reports that her grandnephew Bill Merrill and his new bride with her two teen-age daughters, all from Las Vegas, visited her before continuing on to Naples to visit his parents. They promised to drop by on their way home to take Elsie on a shopping trip and a great dinner out. Elsie says she feels so blessed to have such a caring grandnephew.

Marilyn Goode had recent visits from her niece Eileen from Tallahassee and her "so-called daughter-in-law," Celeste, from Chatham, N.J. The girls love to come and visit with Marilyn and get caught up on their girl talk and eating out. Marilyn looks forward to their visits and hearing all the latest of the goings-on in their lives. Marilyn is also being the good neighbor and helping Veto Kuprevich with his packing. More on this later.

If you have news, drop it in my envelope or come by for a cup of coffee and let me know what is going on with you. Your news makes our article each month.

## Reviewing our residents' summertime doings

As we begin to welcome back our Snowbirds, this might be a good time to fill everyone in on some of the summer doings.

I am pleased to report that 12 brave souls ventured from their air-conditioned units to attend our August luncheon at Red Lobster. For a while I was afraid I was the only one still in town.

Another lunch was planned in September at Chopsticks Super Buffet and we are considering an early dinner at Cody's in October.

Nov. 16 will be our pot-luck supper and business meeting in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center. Keep your eye on the



**Merle  
MacDonald**

## American Gothic

bulletin board for information and sign-up sheets.

I am now getting feedback on what our residents were up to this summer. It seems that Eleanor Arnold traveled to Royal Oak, Mich., to attend the high school graduation of her granddaughter. A party honoring the graduate was held outdoors under

a huge tent and was attended by approximately 100 guests.

Bob and Donna Osborne, snowbirds, surprised us July 4 by attending our barbeque with their son, daughter-in-law and grandkids. They were passing through on their way to the east coast for a Disney cruise.

My son and grandson from Alabama spent a week with me in August. We went to John's Pass, visited the Ringling Museum in Sarasota and explored Busch Gardens in Tampa.

I still can't believe that my son took the 5-year-old on the Scorpion roller coaster. Even though my grandson was scared stiff when it went upside down, he still declared it to be his "favorite ride."

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Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.



Gladys Carignan, at left, spent time in New Hampshire at a lakeside cottage with her family, including her daughter, center, and friend.

## Holiday party set for Dec. 4

It's not too early to think about our December Holiday Party. Chairwoman Rose Marie Totaro has it planned for Sunday, Dec. 4, at Johnny's Italian Restaurant on Rt. 590. After the 4:30 dinner, everyone is invited back to the building for a dessert party. More information will be announced soon. Reservations will start Nov. 15.

New Hampshire was the destination vacation place for Gladys Carignan and family (see photo, above). A lovely rental cottage on the lake served as home base. They visited with many friends and family. A trip to Meridith, Maine, and rocky Rockport, Mass., was also on the agenda to view some magnificent scenery.



After returning to Clearwater, Gladys went to North Carolina to help her granddaughter choose a wedding dress for her wedding, which is set for April, 2012.

## Be careful who you let inside

I would like to remind all building residents not to let unknown vendors, salespersons or other such individuals into your home unless you're absolutely sure of who they are. A favorite tactic of thieves is to insinuate themselves into homes, then make off with valuables, money, etc. Again, please be careful who you let in your dwelling.

John and Eleanor Shearer took off for North Carolina on Sept. 1 for the pleasure of attending their grandson's wedding on Sept. 3. It rained at the rehearsal dinner outdoors, so they all ducked into the house and finished. All had a great time.

The wedding day weather was fine for their outdoor wedding. The bride was beautiful, the groom was handsome. They danced all night. A good time was had by all. They drove 600 miles for the wedding.

The Polynesian building's Christmas luncheon will be on Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. at Red Lobster. A room will be reserved for us. Each person will get his/her own check. An 18% gratuity



will be added. The sign-up sheet will be posted in the near future.

Al and Elsie Jane Anderson went to Connecticut to see Al's sister and Elsie Jane's sister. They were gone for a few days. They are now back home.

I received a note saying someone's son visited them. They enjoyed the visit very much. But they didn't sign their note, so I'm sure you will understand why I didn't include your name.

Again, before I sign off, please all of you fine people, be safe and don't allow strangers into your home.

## Interesting trips plus a lovely wedding are recent highlights

Congratulations to a special couple: Casa Verde's own Lani Sirna and Leon Trehan, who were married recently at St. Michael's Church. While their wedding was very private with only family and a few close friends in attendance, there was a large celebration a few weeks later.

In conjunction with Lani's 85th birthday, her children helped her celebrate both special occasions while allowing the families to become better acquainted with their new step-father and step-grandfather.

Lani's daughters from Philadelphia and New York, along with their families, her daughter and son who live here, celebrated with a dinner at her son's restaurant in Ybor City. In addition, there was a bar-b-que picnic and general family fun.

Lani and Leon have decided to live here at Casa Verde. So, on behalf of the Casa Verde family — we wish Lani and Leon a happy prosperous married life filled with beautiful things and sweet memories.

Welcome back to Olive Pocius. Accompanied by her brother, who had been visiting here, Olive took a two-week cruise across the Atlantic. First stop was the Azores, then on to Lisbon, Portugal. From Portugal, they went to Cherbourg, France.

After a tour of Omaha Beach at Normandy, they visited the American cemetery, which honors all those that died in the D-Day Invasion. Olive was privileged to take a tour of Sainte Mere-Eglise, one of the first towns liberated by the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions.



Mary Lou Kelly

### Casa Verde

Next stop was Le Havre, France before heading to Dover, England where they disembarked the ship. Renting a car, they drove to Scotland.

The rest of the time Olive stayed with her brother in Scotland in the remote village of Hightae, just six miles from Lockerbie. Of course there were side trips to Wales to visit old friends. Although the weather was typical Scottish weather — too much rain and wind — the countryside was glorious with lush green hills and dales. All in all, it was a great trip to be remembered and treasured.

Winnie Stafford went to a family reunion in Albuquerque. She was happy to see all her children and grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews she had not seen in some time. The scenery was breathtaking. Being with extended family is always special.

Remember, elections are in November. It is never too late to toss your hat into the proverbial ring. All offices and positions are up for grabs. Self-nomination at the November meeting is encouraged.

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## Reporter discovers many aspects of Winter Park

Our "Last Tuesday Lunch Bunch" is growing nicely, but we would welcome more and more residents to sign up on the bulletin board announcement and meet briefly in the core, or join us at the designated restaurant.

It's a great way to become familiar with another of the many quite excellent places reasonably nearby and to try some "new" food items.

In August we had two tables at Chopsticks and really enjoyed the large variety of many veggies, meats, fruits and desserts. And several of us used chopsticks and did a neat job of it. I'm told that I don't look like I'm holding them exactly correctly, but I do manage to accomplish the task.

Liz Bohl, who recently hosted her daughter and young grandsons (who loved the beach), has made her own trip to visit. Liz expressed her belief that our own Clearwater Beach is the best she has seen anywhere. Now that her travels are ended, Liz is ready to resume her high-level bridge activity.



Jane  
Haynes

### Loch Lomond

Another excellent bridge player, as well as a quilter, is Marilyn Miller. Marilyn has enjoyed her customary family reunion where several sisters all gather at the home site in Missouri.

New neighbors of the past year are Josephine Woodland and Walter Thompson. They owned and operated a mobile home community before moving, several years ago, to Sun City Center. Since moving to On Top of the World, they have worked hard to upgrade the front and back patios of their unit and have planted lovely shrubs and flowers.

Speaking of lovely plants and

flowers, I recently enjoyed a day trip to Winter Park, just about 30 minutes beyond Orlando. Three beautiful lakes, joined by man-made canals, were chosen many, many years ago as a site for development of a very elegant hotel and resort to attract settlement by wealthy northern industrialists who were coming to become winter residents of our state.

Over the century since, many elaborate estates were built along the lakefront and remain 'til today. Their beauty has been maintained, and their owners have contributed to the city of Winter Park, which indeed has several well-planned parks, a modern commercial center and a big Methodist Center.

The second big aspect is the Morse Museum, the site of the largest collection of Louis Comfort Tiffany's variety of artistic works. It's a full day's enjoyment with lots of memories.

It's time for the "social season" to get going. Join in.



Linda  
Rozenbergs

### New World French

## Michigan figures big in recent travels

As I write and submit this article, I am in Paw Paw, Mich., for a short visit. Regretfully, it is cold (40's) and the leaves have not yet begun to change colors. However, on the bright side, no humidity.

I am looking forward to being back in Florida by the time you read this, to be there for my favorite month, October. So, my friends, here's to more moderate temperatures, no hurricanes, open windows and watching the Bucs have a winning season. Happy October to all!

Jan Guyton spent some time with her son and his family in Michigan, and got to visit with friends and family in her former stomping grounds in the Flint area. She enjoyed spending time outdoors in one of the two months in which Michigan has nice weather. She joined Dan and Debby for a weekend in Traverse City, one of the most beautiful summertime cities in the Midwest.

Judy Boley also thoroughly enjoyed her annual Michigan trip to visit son and his family in the Detroit area. They spent quality time boating and appreciating lake living. Welcome home, Judy.

The lovely Reta and Gene Carney had a short but sweet visit from their niece, who also has a place at On Top of the World.

Don't forget to check the bulletin board for upcoming building events such as the ladies lunch and possible Halloween picnic.

## Monthly luncheons gaining in popularity

Our September meeting was held Sept. 13. Plans were made to enjoy our monthly lunch get-together at La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant on Saturday, Sept. 17th. We plan a visit to a new place each month.

On Aug. 13, residents enjoyed a visit to Red Lobster. Nearly a dozen people enjoyed a great lunch and lots of good conversation.

On Sept. 11, at 8:15 a.m. Chris and Mary Casey, English Gothic building captains, held a 9/11 memorial service on the Ecuadorian side of the building. It was attended by many appreciative residents. Their two grandsons (Boy Scouts), along with their father, raised the flag to half-staff while the Star Spangled Banner played in the background. We all held small American flags.



Edna  
Androvette

### English Gothic

Chris spoke on behalf of the 9/11 tragic event, and Mary said a prayer. A moment of silence was held at precisely 8:46 a.m. Let us **never** forget. Coffee and donuts were passed around and people remembered exactly what they were doing and where they were that horrific morning 10 years ago.

On Sept. 20, Betty and Ben Benvenuti celebrated their 62nd

anniversary, and in August their first great-granddaughter was born. In October they will welcome a great-grandson. Congratulations, Betty and Ben!

Our Northern and Canadian residents will soon return and we welcome them back and hope their summer was healthy, happy and fun.

This reporter just returned from her first cruise to Cozumel, Honduras and Grand Cayman Islands. Motion sickness took over on some days, but I did enjoy the tours to the above areas.

Remember, the essence of all health begins with joyful living and we do have this at OTOW.

Columbus Day will be celebrated this month, as will a day for goblins, witches and ghosts!

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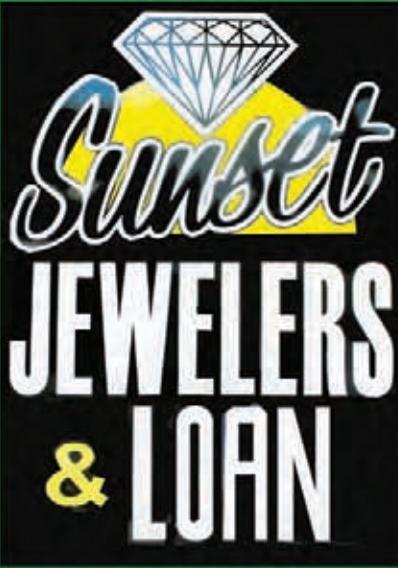
## ATTENTION

When you take trips one day or more, do not park in parking spaces other than your own.

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Thank You!

**Happy Halloween from the staff and volunteers of the OTOW News!**



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# Traveling resident can now add more push pins

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Welcome back to many of our Snowbird friends and neighbors. We have missed you and hope you had a great summer.

Our neighbor, Charles (Chuck) Crone was on the go again, recently returning from a trip up North. Chuck flew to Providence, R.I., where he took one of the American Cruise Line Ships to Bristol, Newport and Block Island, all in Rhode Island. The ship also stopped at New Bedford, Newport, Martha's Vineyard, Fall River, Maine, and then back to Providence.

Despite the fact that Chuck did his cruising during hurricane Irene, he reported only a one-day delay in port. Chuck was fine with the delay and had a great vacation. He can now put some more push pins on his U.S. map of places he has visited. This map hangs on his wall in his condo (see photo.)

The On Top of the World Press Association is holding a Holiday Lights Contest for any building that wishes to participate. Our building captain, Gerri Jaeger, thought it would be a great idea for us to do it and have some fun together.

The winning building will be chosen Dec. 15 and announced in the January issue of the paper. The prize



**Arlene  
Bergen**

## Rila Renaissance

will be a trip by bus to the Hard Rock Casino with a slot voucher and \$5 lunch voucher. Look for more information on the building bulletin board.

Building captain news: We will be having a pizza get-together for our building downstairs in the lobby on Oct. 19. Please save the date. Look for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the lobby.

It would be great to get a large attendance. This is a great time to welcome back our Snowbirds and see many neighbors who have been busy for the summer. At this time, Gerri will be discussing the Holiday Lights Contest with us and we will make plans on when to decorate.

Gerri will resume collecting the aluminum cans. She will post a notice when to start. Please wash out the cans and, if possible, crush them before placing them in the barrel. Please



Charles "Chuck" Crone with his push-pin-covered map marking his various travel destinations over the years.

do not put them in plastic bags or place other trash in with the cans. Any funds collected will be added to our building treasury. Thanks for your cooperation.

Remember to periodically check the bulletin boards in the lobby. There is usually important news from our building captain and the On Top of the World Association.

I would like to have an article from our building every month. I cannot

do that if I don't get news from our neighbors. If you have any news for our column, please leave a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board. News could be about a new neighbor, a birth, a new pet, a fascinating and interesting story or a great recipe.

I would like to do a feature story on any of our neighbors interested in being interviewed. Many of our residents have fascinating stories.

Have a fun Halloween!

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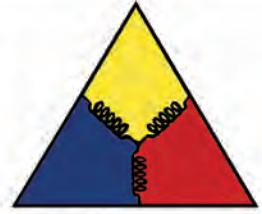
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It's a football weekend with Mickey and Gary Planton, and Laurie Cole. Of course, "Sugar" is there, too, at left. (Photo by Gloria Clifford.)

## Keeping up to date with the good folks at Rural French

Hi, I'm back. May we never forget 9/11. God bless our fire and police departments and all those involved with that horrible day. To the families who lost their loved ones, we're proud of your contribution – not money, but lives, tragically.

I joined the Plantons' (true Buckeyes) indoor tailgate parties nearly all Labor Day weekend. Football, football and more football!

The photo above is of Mickey and Gary Planton, and Laurie Cole. Can't forget "four paws," namely Sugar. You will notice the table was empty of yummy food, but the goodies were on their way either out or in.

I'm still looking for birthdays, trips or visitors. Let's hear from you all.

Our large steps at the back of our building look so pretty surrounded by plants and lights at night. Thank you,



**Gloria Clifford**

### Rural French

On Top of the World, for the steps, and Gary for the lights.

Arlene Bergen (not from my building but another reporter) may be in rehab, but we still expect you to do your column, so there!

Remember to get your ideas together to make our building the best Christmas display at OTOW.

Be good to one another. God bless. We are all in the same storm but different umbrellas!

## Reporter is back in action

I'm back — had a short detour.

Jerry Krepelka celebrated his 87th birthday with his nice neighbors, Linda Mathewson, Doris Prekopa, Audrey Decker and this reporter. We shared a beautiful cake and ice cream with Jerry and his wife Agnes. I don't know if he appreciated our singing, though!

Audrey Decker traveled to Maryland to see her granddaughter off to college. She writes, "It may be 'warm' in Maryland, but it's also beautiful this time of year. The flowers are in bloom and the gardens are ready for harvesting. The vegetables from my family's garden made for great meals, as did the Maryland crab cakes. Being with family and friends, even if only for a short time, is always a good thing in the land of 'The Runaway Bride,' which was filmed there."

Laura Evans is really improving her golf game with a little help from Doris Prekopa, who is on hiatus because of a sore shoulder.

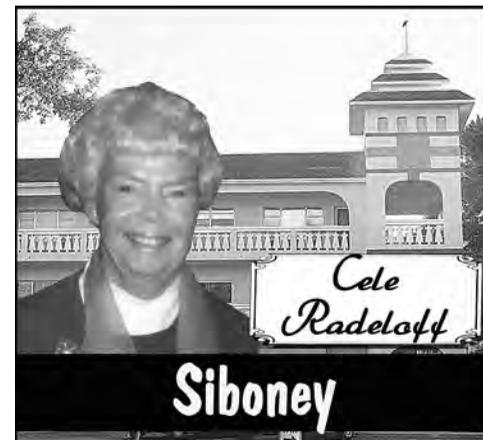
Maureen Chitnus recently returned from Barcelona after a three-week stay. She spent time with her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren, who live there.

Barcelona is a charming city on the Mediterranean. Although a very modern city, most of its buildings are very old-world. They visited the Pablo Picasso museum, viewing many of his early works.

Then it was off to Manhattan to attend the U.S. Open at Arthur Ashe Stadium. Her son lives in New York, and this has become an annual trek for Maureen, and she loves it!

Our new Press Secretary, Gloria Walz, is also a clown, known as "Gaga" — yes, before Lady Gaga!

She was filmed putting her makeup on and was seen on Channel 10. But I received a personal visit from her, and my granddaughter who was



here from North Carolina, took her picture. She cheered up a lot of patients. Thank you, Gloria!

Watch the bulletin board for all the upcoming events. The first building meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m.

I do hope we'll get in the lighting contest. In former years, it was fun, and we were so proud of the Siboney as evidenced in the trophy case in the core.

I'd like to thank all my friends and neighbors for their cards and prayers and dedicate this column to two wonderful friends, Audrey Decker and Rita Tombari, without whom I would not be here.

Be kind to one another. Good health to all.

Happy Halloween!

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Regina Dietrich

Aug. 1 (PM)

Regina Dietrich .....	3350
Nancy Savelle .....	2690

Aug. 1 (PM)

Sergio Pistella .....	4400
Chet Czczot .....	2010

Aug. 3 (PM)

Sergio Pistella .....	5540
Jane Child.....	3400

Aug. 4

Nancy Savelle .....	4870
Regina Dietrich .....	3950

Aug. 5 (PM)

Sergio Pistella .....	3230
Jane Chile.....	2950

Aug. 8

Naoma Harper .....	4260
Julie Solfronk .....	3810

Aug. 8 (PM)

Sergio Pistella .....	3900
Chet Czczot .....	2570

Aug. 10 (PM)

Sergio Pistella .....	3220
Chet Czczot .....	2300

Aug. 11

Anita Brunozi .....	4320
Nancy Savelle .....	3900

Aug. 12 (PM)

Sergio Pistella .....	4440
Jane Child.....	2720

Aug. 15

Naoma Harper .....	3730
Nancy Savelle .....	3080

Aug. 15 (PM)

Sergio Pistella .....	4100
Kathy Schamel .....	2870

Aug. 17 (PM)

Sergio Pistella .....	4350
Bunny Posan .....	2350

Aug. 18

Regina Dietrich .....	3160
Julie Solfronk .....	2780

Aug. 22

Marilyn Miller.....	3170
Naoma Harper .....	2980

Aug. 22 (PM)

Sergio Pistella .....	4760
Kathy Schamel .....	2870

Aug. 24 (PM)

Sergio Pistella .....	3730
Bunny Posan .....	2400

Aug. 25

Regina Dietrich .....	4600
Verna Olson.....	4060

Aug. 26 (PM)

Sergio Pistella .....	3000
Bunny Posan .....	2690

Aug. 29

Naoma Harper .....	3430
Marilyn Miller.....	2870

Aug. 31 (PM)

Sergio Pistella .....	5280
Bunny Posan .....	3230



EAST SIDE  
Fran Milanec

Aug. 11

6800 (1st Place).....	Bertie Lewis
6610 (2nd Place).....	Madelyn Thome
Double Pinochle.....	Cliff Lawrence, Jackie Powers

Aug. 18

6880 (1st Place).....	Bertie Lewis
6750 (2nd Place).....	Julie Hofmaster
Double Pinochle.....	Ken Doolittle, Peggy Kane
Took All Tricks .....	Madelyn Thome, Ken Doolittle

Aug. 23

6690 (1st Place).....	Alice Langguth
6650 (2nd Place).....	Julie Hofmaster

Aug. 25

6730 (1st Place).....	Ed Fronzoni
6650 (2nd Place).....	Charlie Christ
Double Pinochle.....	Marge Garvey, L. O'Conner, Jeanne Sanders

Aug. 30

6790 (1st Place).....	Ed Fronzoni
6630 (2nd Place).....	Jeanne Sanders
Double Pinochle.....	Peggy Kane
Took All Tricks .....	Jeanne & Richard

Sept. 1

6570 (1st Place).....	Alice Langguth, Larry O'Conner
6210 (2nd Place).....	Chet Czczot
Double Pinochle.....	Gloria Mitchell
Round House.....	Alice Langguth (2x)

Sept. 6

6790 (1st Place).....	Bertie Lewis
6260 (2nd Place).....	Ann Reed
Double Pinochle.....	Ann Reed, Helen Gonzalez
Took All Tricks .....	Gloria Mitchell, Gwen Nolan

Sept. 8

5620 (1st Place).....	Peggy Kane
5500 (2nd Place).....	Helen Gonzalez

Sept. 13

7380 (1st Place).....	Jay Occhuzzo
6910 (2nd Place).....	Ed Fronzoni
Double Pinochle.....	Jay A. Occhuzzo
Took All Tricks .....	Jay A. Occhuzzo, Phyllis Horaz



WEST SIDE  
Bertie Lewis

*West Side Pinochle is on hiatus for the remainder of the summer. We will announce when play resumes.*



Mondays, Wednesdays  
& Saturdays

Walter Balderson, Director  
(Top leaders listed for each playdate)

Monday, Aug. 15

N/S: Julienne Workman, Beverly Gibbo
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W: Betty Sagun, Jana Parker
Liz Bohl, Nita Akers

Wednesday, Aug. 17

N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman
E/W: Dorothy Ehlers, Liz Bohl
Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine

Saturday, Aug. 20

N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
Julienne Workman, Beverly Gibbo
E/W: Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch

Monday, Aug. 22

1 Betty Johnson, Paul Streigle
2 Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
3 Orletha Van Etten, Joan Moore

Wednesday, Aug. 24

1 Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
2 Jana Packer, Bob Zeman
3 Jean Rhame, Joan Moore

Saturday, Aug. 27

N/S: Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W: Julienne Workman, Kay Ralston
Ella Van Dorn, Jean Rhame

Monday, Aug. 29

N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
Betty Sagun, Jana Packer
E/W: Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Bob Zeman, Karen Russell

Wednesday, Aug. 31

1 Lu Erskine, Georgia Jensen
2 Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
3 Jana Packer, Bob Zeman

Saturday, Sept. 3

N/S: Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
Jana Packer, Bob Zeman
E/W: Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
Joan Moore, Julienne Workman

Monday, Sept. 5

N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
Orletha Van Etten, Joan Moore
E/W: Sally Hill, Walter Balderson
Betty Sagun, Jana Packer

Wednesday, Sept. 7

1 Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
2 Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
3 Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine

(Continued in next column)



Mondays, Wednesdays  
& Saturdays

(Continued from previous column)

Saturday, Sept. 10

N/S: Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
Jana Packer, Bob Zeman
E/W: Sally Hill, Georgia Jensen
Eleanor Wiley, Dorothy Ehlers

Monday, Sept. 12

1 Nita Akers, Liz Bohl
2 Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
3 Karen Russell, Betty Sagun

Wednesday, Sept. 14

1 Bob Zeman, Jana Packer
2 Jane Child, Philomena Vescovi
3 Jean Rhame, Jean Moore

Saturday, Sept. 17

N/S: Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman
Jana Packer, Bob Zeman
E/W: Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Betty Sagun, Karen Russell

Monday, Sept. 19

1 Nita Akers, Liz Bohl
2 Julienne Workman, Beverly Gibbo
3 Kay Ralston, Thelma Wishnek

Wednesday, Sept. 21

N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Orletha Van Etten, Evelyn Reece
E/W: Beverly Gibbo, Julienne Workman
Dorothy Ehlers, Liz Bohl

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE

EAST SIDE – Thursdays

Diane Bigelow – Maxine Murray

Aug. 25 Winners

1.....	Arnie Engelbert
2.....	Maxine Murray
3.....	Norma Neiland
4.....	Ron Murray

Sept. 1 Winners

1.....	Joyce Engelbert
2.....	Marvin Bruning
3.....	Ron Murray
4.....	Maxine Murray

Sept. 8 Winners

1.....	Marvin Bruning
2.....	Arnie Engelbert
3.....	Ron Murray
4.....	Maxine Murray

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Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM (May- September)
Monday - Saturday	8:00 AM – 6:30 PM (October- April)
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM – 6:30 PM (October- April)
Spa	
Tuesday- Sunday	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Monday	Closed for cleaning
Fitness Center	
Monday- Saturday	7:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sunday and Holidays	9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Monday & Thursday	12:30 - 2:30 PM Closed for cleaning

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## This still-active 99-year-old has seen and done much

We have a really significant birthday to look forward to this month in the Mandalay family. Ralph Baxter is due to celebrate his 99th birthday!

What is even more amazing is that he is in such good shape at his age. He still drives a car, plays golf, reads the newspaper, keeps up with politics, runs his own affairs and orders his own medicines. His son and daughter-in-law moved in with him this year and are eager for him to get the recognition and good wishes he deserves.

It is so interesting to think about all the changes Ralph has seen. He grew up on a farm, had a Model T as a youth, served in the Navy during World War II, had a long career in the Postal Service (he retired in 1980) and was married for 70 years (his wife passed away last year). So let's all wish him Happy Birthday!

On a different note, amazing coincidences happen sometimes. My husband Carl and I were returning from a family funeral in Chicago and had to change planes in Cincinnati. We were in a row of three seats on a side. I was by the window, Carl in the middle seat, and another woman was in the aisle



Reva Heymann

### Mandalay



Ralph Baxter celebrates his 99th birthday this month with family and friends.

seat. About halfway through the flight, the woman leaned over and asked me, "Do you play bridge at On Top of the World?" It's a small world!

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## We can just call it 'A Silent Love Affair'

The year was 1975, the month was September. The place, Syracuse, N.Y. Margo Robson and her dear friend Pat Bundy were being treated to a free dinner and concert tickets by Pat's husband, who was unable to attend due to business matters.

He asked Margo if she would accompany his wife. How could she resist? Life was lean in those days, so she jumped at the chance.

What ensued became not only a stellar evening but a long-time love affair and obsession with the feature attraction, "Arnold George Dorsey." For the first time in a long time, Margo reacted like a swooning teenager from the 1940s. She had a son in college and a daughter recently graduated, but that didn't stop her.

Coming home from the concert on Erie Boulevard, they turned on the radio and, lo and behold, "After the Loving" was playing. They stopped in at a local bar/restaurant for a late night snack. As they sat down, the juke box immediately began playing, "After the Loving." Her children, Debbie and Brian continued to raz their "mum" by giving her a 78-rpm record of "After the Loving" as a Christmas present that year.

Fast forward to September 8, 1979, and Debbie Marie's wedding day at St. Ann Catholic Church in Manlius, N.Y. She was to marry Scott Keith Burr that day. The couple recently celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary. But



Engelbert Humperdinck and Margo in 2009.

I digress. Brian walked his "mum" down the aisle and the organ played "After the Loving."

Over the years, Margo has attended many of Arnold's concerts, whether it be in Syracuse, Buffalo, Fort Myers or in the Tampa Bay area.

An almost comical coincidence happened in February of 2009. Margo was scheduled to take her first cruise, and a first-row seat to see her Arnold in concert at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater.

The 1975 concert was also a front-row seat. She had a recent consultation with her doctor and feared she might have to cancel the concert, but the good doctor told her to enjoy herself and tend to health issues later.

Now, Arnold picks one female audience member to join him on stage. With the luck of the Irish, Margo was picked. It was a dream come true. Margo almost fainted from sheer delight. Thankfully, she didn't.

Although she had seen this part of the concert in years past, when she got up on stage, it was as though it was happening for the first time. She was oblivious to what was coming. To quote Margo, "he is a sweet, soft-spoken gentleman."

He tied his red handkerchief around her neck as part of the act, and he made Margo promise not to sell it on eBay. She still has it framed and next to the picture of her great grandson.

Her feelings now are as strong as they were in 1975. In case you haven't guessed, the light of her life is none other than... Engelbert Humperdinck.



### SWIMMING POOL RULES DON'T EMBARRASS YOUR GUESTS! Know the Rules and Abide by them!

- Show Recreation card.
- Shower before entering pool each time. Persons using suntan oil are asked to remove it with soap and water in the shower rooms prior to entering the pool.
- All children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Children under the age of 2 years must wear swim diaper.
- No children in pool area after 3:00 PM.
- Throwing of balls or other objects is prohibited both in the pool and around the pool area.
- Running and horseplay anywhere is prohibited.
- Pool hours:  
Adults 9:30 AM to dusk.  
Young people - under 15  
12:00 to 3:00 PM
- No pets in pool area.
- No food or drinks in pool area.  
Bottled water allowed.
- No air mattress or inner tubes.
- The pool facilities are for the use of our residents.  
Special permission must be obtained from the office for local visitors (other than house guests)

## Winter residents beginning their return

All our Snowbirds have not yet returned, and one couple, the Jacques, departed (for health reasons, not for the rain storms). But we are glad that Fr. Lara has returned from his three-month visit to Spain.

It pays to keep in touch with our neighbors at On Top of the World. While visiting one at our nearby Emeritus Assisted Living Home, Helen Martin (lately of Brittany Farmhouse) I recognized one of our Saratoga residents across the table. It was Tom Bracken of OTOW News photographer fame and his daughter, Carol. Ginny Bracken was temporarily in the hospital.

The following day I took him a copy of the news and had a wonderful visit with him. Thereby I was afforded a complete story of his life, which I discovered has been full of many careers and honors — too many to relate here. I was glad to get to appreciate him more than when we were under the same roof.

Walking our dogs together one day, Kay Land told me more about her and Don's recent trip to Indiana to visit family. I learned that they are now the proud parents of three children,



four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren (one born while they were there). That should keep them busy this Christmas!

Our peripatetic co-chairman, Roger Nicoll, has filled me in on his recent absence of about two weeks. He spent a happy time visiting several cousins in South Carolina, especially shopping for bargains with coupons and gardening. He is always in demand, as in his life here.

We are also glad to welcome back Fred and Sally Hibbs, who had been spending three months in Pennsylvania, near Gettysburg. Of course, it being their former home, they enjoyed visiting with family and friends. Fortunately the weather for them was not too bad, such

as the floods and a small earthquake.

Travel each way took two days. They needed a half-day just to unload and reorganize.

A visit from Maria Hurt gave me an early look at the planning of a grand trip in 2012. Also, they have learned of the birth of a great-great-grand-niece born Aug. 27 at 8 lbs. 15 oz. Their trip will be to Italy, where they expect to take a ferry from Venice to Croatia to view the 11th century B.C. antiquities. Their great-nephew is working on his M.A. and Ph.D. in Nepal and Tibet.

Now we're looking forward to our fall Saratoga meeting, to which all of us including our renters and temporary residents are invited. It is scheduled for Nov. 4, a Friday. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the core bulletin board for volunteer set-up and clean-up.

We may bring salad, veggies or dessert and contribute \$5 (\$3 for temporaries) to the treasury for the main course. As usual, this will be held in the Sunrise Room on the West Side. Laurie Wookey, Chairman, and Marella Cassels, Secretary, will be on deck again. Of course, Pat Wookey will be back from Canada also.



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# Recalling Halloweens of old Resident is long-time member of Dunedin Fine Arts Center

Can you remember "Hallowe'en Sweet Swap?"

*Our kids go there and yours come here;  
As imps and ghosts and dolls appear,  
What calm parental nerves it takes,  
Exchanging pounds of stomach aches.*

Those were the days. And the memories are precious. But now they are all grown up with children of their own, and we turn our attention to other things. Those October days are so precious, and we look forward to all the breezes that fall brings.

So glad to see many of you at our August dinner at Rhumba's. Now I hope to see more of you at Bon Appetit on Sept. 24 at 4 p.m. I think I enjoy the fellowship more than the food. I would like to see more of our new residents at these get-togethers.

Alice Markus was in Arizona visiting with family. She says that is where all her little grandchildren live and they grow so fast she likes to visit them often. This time they were able to celebrate four family birthdays, plus Alice had hers too while there. She enjoys the celebrations and just seeing them all.

Laura Miles says hello and that she missed being with the group at our last outing.



**Val  
Kastner**

## Melbourne

Hope she is able to be with us this month.

Pat Stevens called me from Michigan and said she would be with us soon. She has purchased one of the units and needed to get her mailbox activated. So I'm going to have another Michigan living close. Welcome, Pat.

Three of my nieces were in from Michigan and North Carolina. It was also my brother-in-law and sister-in-law's anniversary, number 61 (John and Shirley Kastner). We had an indoor picnic with ham, potato salad and ice cream pie. We enjoyed looking at pictures of all the offspring in Michigan and just being together.

I was hoping for more news this month, but maybe I can do better next month if you all just let me know what is going on in your lives. I am looking forward to our new residents moving in and the return of the Snowbirds.



**Jan  
Stiffler**

## Old World Spanish

home, named, "Whimsy," for several years and have given tours to raise money for charity. One year silver Mylar covered the entire property and one year everyone was invited to hang messages of peace on lines strung across the property. This year the charity will be the Safety Harbor Art and Music Center.

The volunteer architect, Grant Genova, specializes in building with recyclable materials and is excited to get started on this project. If you have any recyclables, please let me know and I will pick them up.

As always, I am interested in what you are doing, where you are going and letting others know about our lives here in Old World Spanish. Give me a call or email me at [OHpink2@aol.com](mailto:OHpink2@aol.com) when you have any story ideas.

Thank you to our maintenance department for the super job cleaning the floor in our core. The flooring installed last year cleans up very well and again looks like new!

Carol Rosefelt was the star at the September "Coffee and Conversation" event at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. She demonstrated the versatility of acrylic paints on canvas, paper and Yupo paper. The styles covered abstraction to post-impressionism. Carol is a long-time DFAC faculty member and instructor of the "Acrylic Painting for All" class at the center.

Neva Gamble took a train trip to Washington with the Singles Travel Club. More on that event next month. I hope she brings back some pictures to share.

Bud Cruikshank spent two weeks with his family in Chicago.

I will be gathering recyclable materials to decorate the Bowling Ball house in Safety Harbor in December. The house is located between 12th Ave. and 13th Ave. on 3rd St., N. Our group is already gathering two days a week to make holiday decorations to be installed around Dec. 17.

Kiaralinda and Todd Ramquist have decorated their Safety Harbor

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**JANUARY 12**



**3 MEN  
AND A  
MAESTRO**

**JANUARY 26**



**THE  
FABULOUS  
VAN-DELLS**

**FEBRUARY 9**



**THE  
WORLD  
FAMOUS  
PLATTERS**

**FEBRUARY 23**



**THE  
ATLANTIC  
CITY  
BOYS**

**MARCH 8**



**SHAE  
LAUREL**

**MARCH 22**



**RICK  
LARRIMORE**

**APRIL 12**



**COMEDY  
NIGHT  
WITH  
TED & PAT**

**SEPTEMBER 27**



**CHUCK  
KING  
HYPNOSIS & MAGIC**

**OCTOBER 11**



**PAUL  
TANNER  
SINGER-IMPRESSIONIST**

**OCTOBER 25**



**LOLA  
AND THE  
SAINTS**

**NOVEMBER 8**



**COVER  
TO  
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ISLAND SOUND**

**JANUARY 26**



**HIGH  
JINX  
COOL BREEZE**

**FEBRUARY 11**



**LOVE  
STORY  
THE SATELLITES**

**FEBRUARY 25**



**HAPPY  
GO  
LUCKY  
REBOUND**

**MARCH 10**



**ROMAN  
HOLIDAY  
TREASURE  
ISLAND SOUND**

**MARCH 24**



**THE  
OSCAR  
AT LARGE**

**APRIL 14**



**EASTER  
PARADE  
FLASHBACK**

**APRIL 28**



**APRIL  
IN  
PARIS  
SAX 5TH AVENUE**

**MAY 5**



**CINCO  
DE  
MAYO  
RICHIE V**

**JUNE 9**



**ISLAND  
IN THE  
SUN  
SINCERELY YOURS**

**JULY 14**



**SING YOUR  
WORRIES  
AWAY  
VOICES**

**AUGUST 11**



**AUGUST  
MOON\*  
AT LARGE**

**SEPTEMBER 29**



**THE FRESHMAN  
FLING  
REBOUND**

**OCTOBER 13**



**MOONLIGHT  
AND  
PRETZELS  
SINCERELY YOURS**

**OCTOBER 27**



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**NOVEMBER 10**



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**DECEMBER 8**



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# MONTHLY CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 1 - 31

1	Sat	6:00 PM	S	Singles Club Meeting
3	Mon	6:30 PM	S	Photo ID's
4	Tues	10:00 AM	C	OTOW Shriners Meeting
4	Tues	6:00 PM	S	Mens Softball Meeting
5	Wed	7:30 PM	A	Theatre Workshop Meeting
5	Wed	1:00 PM	A	Good Neighbors Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
5	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Capistrano Building Meeting
6	Thurs	1:30 PM	C	Press Association Meeting
6	Thurs	10:00 AM	C	Pennsylvania Club Meeting
6	Thurs	10:00 AM	V's	Greyhound Club
7	Fri	9:00 AM	CL1	Photography Club Picasa Class
7	Wed	9:30 AM	L-Blue	Bitter or Better Motivation Workshop (Every Wed.)
7	Fri	2:00 PM	S	Singles Travel Club
7	Fri	9:00 AM	Starlite	AARP Driving Course
8	Sat	6:00 PM	S	Rainbow Club Meeting
9	Sun	6:00 PM	A	Theatre Workshop Costume Party
10	Mon	2:00 PM	S	German Interest Group
10	Mon	8:30 AM	V's	Blood Pressure Screening
11	Tues	9:30 PM	C	SHINE Medicare/Medicaid Workshop
12	Wed	7:30 PM	A	Jesters General Meeting
13	Thurs	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get-Aquainted Coffee/Opera
13	Thurs	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: Bee Gee's Tribute Band
14	Fri	6:00 PM	A	Irish Club Meeting
14	Fri	7:00 PM	K & C	Lambda Club Meeting
15	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
16	Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee: Sunday in the Park
17	Mon	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear & Eye Screening
17	Mon	7:00 PM	S	España Building Meeting
18	Tues	7:00 PM	CR	Bible Study
18	Tues	9:00 AM	East Rec Portico	Good Neighbors Clothing Drive
18	Tues	7:00 PM	V's	Republican Club Meeting
19	Wed	5:30 PM	A	Italian Club Meeting
19	Wed	9:00 AM	East Rec Portico	Good Neighbors Clothing Drive
20	Thurs	9:00 AM	East Rec Portico	Good Neighbors Clothing Drive
20	Thurs	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
21	Fri	9:00 AM	East Rec Portico	Good Neighbors Clothing Drive
22	Sat	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee: Jazz Show Cancer Fundraiser
23	Sun	7:00 PM	S	Shalom Club Meeting
26	Wed	6:00 PM	A	NY/NJ Club Meeting
26	Wed	7:00 PM	S	Siboney Building Meeting
26	Wed	9:30 AM	S	Ladies 18-Hole Golf General Meeting
27	Thurs	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: Amazing Acapella
27	Thurs	2:00 PM	Starlite	Democrat Club Meeting
28	Fri	5:00 PM	A	Pennsylvania Club Welcome Back Party
29	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance

### CALENDAR KEY

A	Auditorium
C	Card Room
CR	Craft Room
CL	Classroom
K	Kitchen
L	Lecture Room
R	Rainbow Room (W)
S	Sunrise Room (W)
V	Veranda

***Yom Kippur***  
***Saturday, Oct. 8***

***Columbus Day***  
***Monday, Oct. 10***  
***(Observed)***

***United Nations Day***  
***Monday, Oct. 24***

***Halloween***  
***Monday, Oct. 31***

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# DAILY CALENDAR

## MONDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 8:30 ..... Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales  
 9:00 ..... Water Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Wood Carvers Class  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:00..... Dance, Stretch & Tone Class  
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge  
 11:30..... Contract Bridge  
 12:00 P.M. .... Jim R.'s Pinochle  
 1:00 ..... Crafters Group (2nd Monday)  
 1:30 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)  
 1:30 ..... Shuffleboard  
 2:00 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Level I)  
 5:00 ..... Jim R.'s Poker  
 6:00 ..... Ron's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 6:30 ..... Bingo  
 7:00 ..... Euchre

### West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. .... Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Photo IDs  
 9:00 ..... Chess Club  
 10:00 ..... Mens Exercise Class  
 12:30 P.M. Gym closed 12:30-2:30 for cleaning  
 12:30 ..... Mah-Jong  
 5:00 ..... Mah-Jong  
 6:30 ..... 8-Ball Tournament

## TUESDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Ladies 18-Hole Golf  
 8:00 ..... Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles  
 9:00 ..... Water Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Lapidary  
 9:00 ..... Horseshoes  
 9:00 ..... Caring & Sharing Group  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:30 ..... Ladies 9-Hole Golf  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 10:00 ..... Philosophy Club  
 10:30 ..... Ballroom Dance Class  
 11:00..... Yoga  
 12:00 P.M. .... Jim R.'s Pinochle  
 12:00 ..... Library  
 12:00 ..... Ceramics  
 12:00 ..... Dancercise  
 1:00 ..... Poker  
 1:00 ..... Canasta  
 1:00 ..... Line Dancing  
 1:00 ..... The Music Group  
 5:00 ..... Min's Poker

5:00 ..... Pinochle  
 5:30 ..... Dominos  
 6:30 ..... Bob B.'s Poker  
 7:00 ..... Bible Study Club

### West Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .. West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning  
 8:30 ..... Exercise Class  
 1:00 P.M. .... 9-Ball Tournament  
 6:00 ..... Mah-Jong

## WEDNESDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Weight & Strength Training Class  
 8:00 ..... Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Water Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Sewing Class  
 9:00 ..... Zumba  
 9:00 ..... Tai Chi  
 9:00 ..... Good Neighbors Veterans Project  
 9:00 ..... Good Neighbors Craft Workshop  
 9:00 ..... Veranda Consignment  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 9:30 .. Bitter or Better Motivational Workshop  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 10:30 ..... Cribbage  
 11:00..... Tap Dance Class (Beginner)  
 11:30..... Tap Dance  
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge  
 12:00 P.M. .... Jim R.'s Pinochle  
 1:00 ..... Painting Pals  
 1:00 ..... Social Bridge  
 1:00 ..... Double Deck Pinochle  
 1:30 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)  
 2:00 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Level II)  
 5:00 ..... Lela's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Pete's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Sheila's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 6:00 ..... 500 Card Game

### West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. .... Exercise Class  
 10:00 ..... Mens Exercise Class  
 12:30 P.M. .... Canasta  
 6:00 ..... Don's Poker  
 6:30 ..... Ladies Que't Billiards Club

## THURSDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Exercise Class  
 8:00 ..... Mens Tennis Doubles  
 8:30 ..... Entertainment Com. Ticket Sales  
 9:00 ..... Water Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Lapidary  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 10:00 ..... Aerobics  
 11:00..... Yoga

12:00 P.M. .... Jim R.'s Pinochle  
 12:00 ..... Bob B.'s Poker  
 12:00 ..... Contract Bridge  
 12:30 ..... Euchre  
 1:00 ..... Drawing Class  
 1:00 ..... Writers Ink  
 1:30 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Beginner)  
 1:30 ..... Shuffleboard  
 2:00 ..... Butterfly Tai Chi (Level III)  
 5:00 ..... Pinochle  
 5:00 ..... Jim R.'s Poker  
 6:00 ..... Ron's Poker

### West Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .. West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning  
 8:30 ..... Exercise Class  
 12:30 P.M. Gym closed 12:30-2:30 for cleaning  
 2:00 ..... Chess Club  
 6:00 ..... Pinochle  
 6:30 ..... Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

## FRIDAY

### East Activity Center

7:00 A.M. .... Coffee Corner  
 8:00 ..... Weight & Strength Training Class  
 8:00 ..... Mens & Womens Tennis Doubles  
 8:00 ..... Bonesavers Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Water Exercise Class  
 9:00 ..... Ceramics  
 9:00 ..... Pinochle  
 9:00 ..... Computer Help  
 9:00 ..... Slimnastics  
 11:00..... Dance, Strength & Stretch Class  
 12:00 P.M. .... Jim R.'s Pinochle  
 12:00 ..... Pinochle  
 12:00 ..... Library  
 12:00 ..... Dancercise  
 1:00 ..... Mah-Jong  
 1:00 ..... Social Bridge  
 1:00 ..... The Music Group  
 5:00 ..... Lela's Poker  
 5:30 ..... Pete's Poker  
 6:00 ..... Contract Bridge

### West Activity Center

8:30 A.M. .... Exercise Class  
 10:00 ..... Mens Exercise Class  
 1:00 P.M. .... Chess Club  
 6:00 ..... Shirley's Poker

## SATURDAY

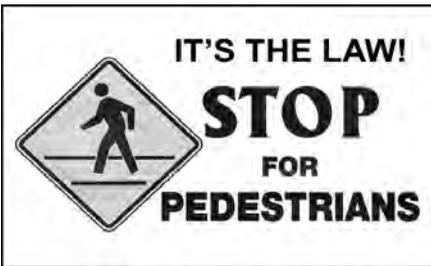
### East Activity Center

8:00 A.M. .... Mens Tennis Doubles  
 8:30 ..... Computer Club Meeting  
 8:30 ..... Line Dancing  
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge  
 12:00 P.M. .... Min's Poker  
 12:00 ..... Putting  
 1:00 ..... Casual Bridge

## SUNDAY

### East Activity Center

4:00 P.M. .... Putting



# Flags flew at many OTOW buildings, including Orizaba, in observance of 9/11

Welcome back to all the Snowbirds. I notice that the parking lots are getting more and more crowded. Fay and Ray Howell, Jackie Blair and Ed Fournier, John and Elinor Van Dyke have all returned to Florida for the upcoming beautiful weather.

The returnees for the most part enjoyed their time away but were caught in delays and disruptions on the flights back. I guess that is what we pay the increased costs for.

During the past month (September), we had occasion to remember the infamous date of Sept. 11, 2001. It was especially gratifying that there were so many flags on display at our complex, a day to give honor and recognition to



Linda Ledesma and Anne Spell enjoy each others' company at a recent luncheon.



Howard Bergendahl

## Orizaba

all those who gave their all. All of us were touched in some way.

The word has spread that a dog park will soon be located in the area where the tennis courts were removed from the West Side.

The Wednesday Breakfast Club and the monthly luncheon will expand greatly with the return of our seasonal residents, and happily so.

Dean Martin was once quoted as saying, "If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt."

Hank Aaron said that it took him 17 years to get to 3,000 hits in baseball. He claims he did that in one afternoon on the golf course.

Happy birthday greetings to Ingrid Hadley-Jones and Helen Williams.

Anniversary greetings to Joe



Winter residents Jackie Blair and Ed Fournier are obviously happy to be back in Florida at OTOW!

and Burdell Kashinski and to Ingrid and Tom Jones.

Bernadette Rittner and Sherry Hokansen are both recovering nicely from recent surgery. Good to see Marty Pfauth sitting guard at the north side of the building. She greets all arrivals and is feeling much better. Marty, as always, is accompanied by her faithful companion, Diva.

Ann Spell is hosting this month's luncheon and it is sure to be a fun time for all involved. All residents should check the bulletin board and sign up.

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# OTOW BUS SCHEDULE

**For reservations, call 799-3417, then press #7 of the voice menu. (Seating is limited. Make reservations 24 hours in advance.)**



**NOTE: OTOW BUS SERVICE IS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF OTOW RESIDENTS WITH A VALID ACTIVITY CARD**

**Monday "Specials"**  
See Posting in Bus

**Wednesday Morning**

**Thursday Morning**

**Friday Morning**

Paradise.....	8:00
Bldg 64.....	8:05
Bldg 75.....	8:10
Bldg 88.....	8:15
Bldg 56.....	8:20
Bldg 61.....	8:25
Bldg 48.....	8:30
Bldg 37/43.....	8:35
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**Tuesday Morning**

**Wednesday Afternoon**

**Thursday Afternoon**

**Friday Afternoon**

K-Mart, Countryside Mall

Publix (Sunset Pt. & U.S. 19)

Publix (Sunset Pt. & Belcher Rd.)

Walmart

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- This service is provided to you at no charge.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with a reservation only. And only at the designated pick-up locations.
- "Special" pick-ups are prohibited.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- If you live on the second floor of a building without an elevator, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the bus staff will carry your bags to your front door. They are strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- Grocery or merchandise bag limits or size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- Daily grocery shopping time limit is 90 minutes. Other time limits are posted and announced by the driver.
- If space allows, residents with proper ID may catch a return ride home on the bus. You must get on at the designated pick-up location.
- Residents who appear intoxicated will not be permitted to board the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
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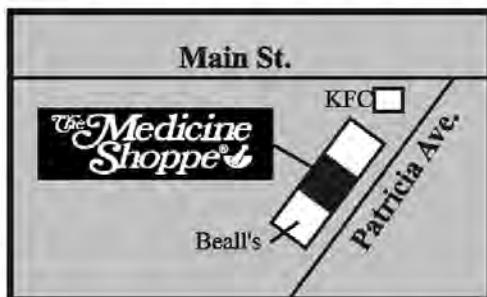
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Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue.

Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

### FOR SALE

Pressure cooker, never used \$20; Oreck air purifier, like new, needs filters, \$40 (new \$145); men's raincoats, good condition, size large \$10-\$15. 796-7890

Queen-size bookcase headboard \$35; four-shelf cabinet w/doors \$20; two 4-lb. barbells \$10. 474-6323

Lady's bicycle, never used \$50; sofa and love seat, vinyl and leather \$300. 797-3951

40" round beveled glass table, no scratches (kept covered), has four armed chairs/casters covered in black material \$300. 726-8622

Misc. items for sale from two households: antiques, recliners, chests, mirrors, tables, framed pictures, computer desk, glassware, etc. 724-0192

37" Sony Vega television with stand \$100 OBO. 916-0180

Weslo exercise bike, like new \$50. 669-8188

Household items: Kitchen set, Duncan Phyfe sofa, small sofa, microwave table, book case, paintings, misc. other items. 726-8622

Men's golf clubs and pull cart \$70; women's Western boots, size 8, almost new \$45; car lighter plug-in refrigerator \$35. 475-8536

Curio cabinet, 30" W x 12½" D x 72" H, light oak, glass shelves, lighted, excellent condition \$150; also large collection of giraffes. 400-6006

Brother electric typewriter, very good condition \$20. 797-1893

Apartment-size Kenmore top-load washer (Model 110.44722400) and front-load dryer (Model 110.88870110), priced to sell at \$110 for the pair. 543-3790

Queen bed frame, headboard, high chest, piano, electric recliner, floor lamp, sewing machine, rocking chair, two end tables, chairs. 698-6634

Pet carrier \$5; typewriter in case \$20; bath seat \$5; fax machine \$20; dog clipper set \$10; sports chair \$3; med. animal cage \$35. Call after 5 p.m. 669-5433

Four solid maple bar stools \$10 each. 797-3537

Ladies' bowling ball, 8 lbs., blue w/bag, shoes size 7½ \$15; men's bowling ball, 13 lbs., black w/bag, shoes size 11 \$15; National mah-jongg \$50. 797-8355

Christmas tree, 3-ft., lighted, used once, cost \$46, now \$25; several strings of lights \$1 each; centerpieces \$2 each; 60-year-old glass dish \$3; plus more glassware. 726-7179

ProForm Crosswalk 380 treadmill, digital display, used twice, like new \$250. 726-8286 or 723-4322

100-percent wool rug, 98" x 63", rose and blue colors, perfect condition \$150. 797-8906

Golf cart, remote-control, battery-operated \$400. 797-2450

Barter/trade depression glass: pink, blue, green, let me see what you have; also 10 Mason jars, good for canning fruits & vegetables \$1.25 ea. 474-5040

Homemedics foot bath, like new \$15; Holmes air purifier for small area, has extra HEPA filter \$15. 480-9456

### WANTED

Men's bicycle. 674-1733

### LOST AND FOUND

Prescription eyeglasses lost in hallway at West Activity Center on Aug. 22.  
If found call 723-1932 or 641-1932



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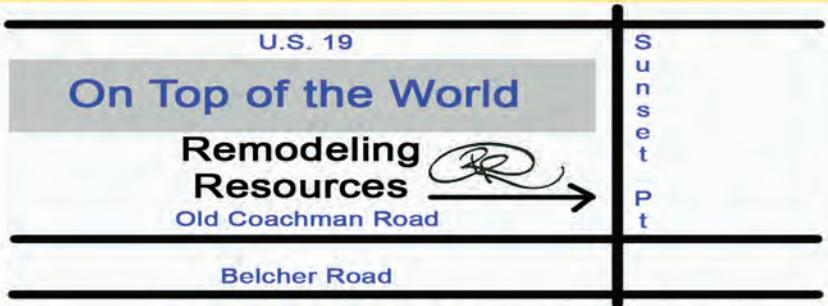
**WANTED:** The On Top of the World Press Association would like to borrow someone's portable movie screen for the night of Nov. 3. A representative from the Press Association will pick up the screen from your condo on Nov. 2 and return it to you on Nov. 4. If you have a portable movie screen the Press Association can borrow, please call Doug in the newsroom at 799-3216. Leave a message if no answer.

**WANTED:** The On Top of the World Press Association is looking for one piece of furniture someone may be preparing to throw away. We are looking for a table approximately 20" wide, 90" long and 28" tall. Must be in good condition. If we can take it off your hands, call Doug in the newsroom at 799-3216. Leave a message if no answer.

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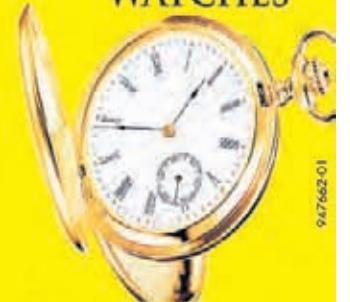
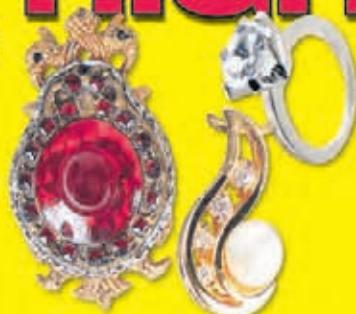
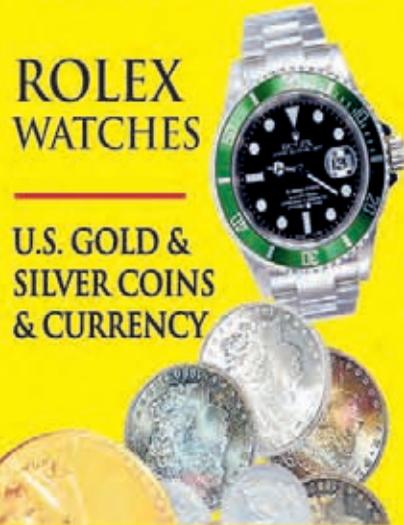
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