



Can your pet win a costume contest?

Everyone meet Luke - a resident of the Azteca Building and a Shitzu-Maltese who likes to dress up as a bumblebee for Halloween.

Luke is the On Top of the World Pet of the Month for October and currently joins nine other community pets in the OTOW News annual Pet of the Year contest to be held in January.

Luke has also become an influence for a new contest, which will be organized by the Greyhound Club and Pet Supplies Plus of Clearwater.

On Saturday, Oct. 20, at the OTOW Dog Park, the Greyhound Club will organize a Halloween pet costume contest for community dogs.

Residents are asked to dress their dogs in costume and bring them to the park at 11 a.m. Judging will be at noon.

A panel of judges will decide four winners and Pet Supplies Plus will donate the prizes.

Greyhound Club President Bill Sharpsteen said Luke has inspired a great idea and this could become an annual event if residents participate.

Luke, 3, lives with his mom, Anne Girard.



Luke

He was a Christmas puppy and came to live with mom and dad when dad was very sick.

Luke believes he helped both parents get through a tough time because after dad went "home," Luke moved with mom to keep her company at On Top of the World.

"We love it here!" Luke said, through a translator.

"I love all the green grass and all the smells. I meet new friends every day when we take our walks.

"The Great Pumpkin day will soon be here

and I'm ready. Don't you just love treats!"

Luke joins Spirit, Max, Ozzy, Gizmo, Pearl, Little LuLu, Beethoven, Pebbles and Sophie as 2012 Pet of the Month winners. Two more pets will join the list before Pet of the Year voting takes place in January.

Anyone can review the Pet of the Year candidates by visiting <http://www.ontopoftheworld-news.com/cc/home.php>.

The winner will be decided by voting on the Internet.

If your pet is not registered for Pet of the



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Halloween Dog Costume Contest

Month, photos will be taken after the Halloween contest.

For details on the Greyhound Club costume contest, see page 44.



Zach McNatt from Pet Supplies Plus shows Gina Vittetoe, Bart and Jetti some of the Halloween costumes available for dogs.



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A chill may come, but life at OTOW is heating up for this winter

By Kenneth Colen
Chairman

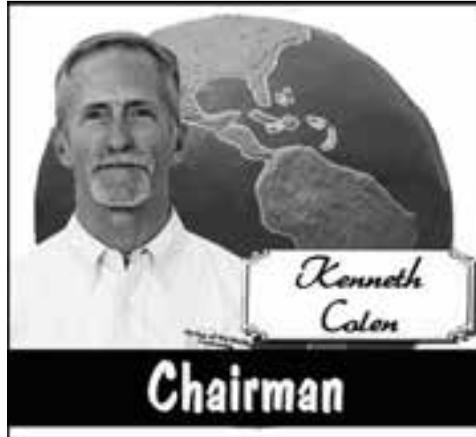
The recent change in the weather has certainly been appreciated. The mornings are cooler and the evenings, although coming sooner, are pleasant. We are in a welcome dry period following substantial rain in late August and early September. Maybe the lawn growth will slow down as well. Not to worry though, we have a great deal to keep us busy.

Work is progressing on the completely renovated tennis courts. The multiple-ply resilient surface is being applied. Rain has been no small factor in the delay. Fencing is up and the lighting is being installed. We hope to have that completed in late October.

2012 State Constitutional Amendments: You will find a full listing of these amendments in this edition of the World News. Unfortunately, the amendments to the State Constitution never seem to get the full scrutiny by voters that they are due. Most of the proposed amendments have been put there by the Florida House of Representatives and Senate. The amendments represent the majority partisan perspective.

Speaking of perspective, the Florida Constitution will have been amended 16 times in the last four election cycles. Arguably, many of the provisions just don't belong in the Florida Constitution. The amendments are the basis for laws in this State, so it behooves each voter to closely read and understand the language of each amendment and the impact they may have, both positive and negative, should they pass.

Later in this edition of the News, you will find a summary recap of the amendments in a table form.



The actual amendments are very lengthy and difficult to understand. In an attempt to distill down to the essence, I have provided the summary short title and a very brief explanation and impact overview for each of the amendments. To be fair, there is no substitute for reading the entire language, which is available at the Florida division of election website, <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/constitutional-amendments/2012-proposed.shtml>. Dive in!

For the fiscal analysis of amendments 2, 4, 9, 10, & 11 all dealing with property tax reductions and their impact on a "tax collection challenged" state, I relied on the revenue estimates made by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research at <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/constitutional-amendments/index>. I have also provided a tally of the reported cost to the State. The League of Women Voters estimates that the combined loss in revenue to the counties and state would amount to over \$1 billion dollars in the first three years. That can be a sobering thought in a time of State and local cut backs.

For a very well-reasoned overview of all the amendments, I also

recommend checking out the Collins Center at <http://collinscenter.org/2012/amendments/home-2/>. I have included a condensed excerpt into the general synopsis. I would encourage you to also read the wide range of articles in the media available on the web that discuss the proposed amendments and their history.

Association News: By now you should have received a letter from the Association that the Annual Audited Financial Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 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 – please be sure to state your building and unit number on your request.

Work Progress Outlook (remember, all dates are subject to change):

Painting/Waterproofing: Building 48 – Front Elevation should be starting in late October. All start dates are approximate and depend on the weather.

Electrical improvements: Installation of new center core stairwell lighting fixtures – X buildings only should be nearing completion by mid-October. Thermal Imaging on meter bank inspections – all buildings will be starting in October. This process uses technology to identify hot spots in circuitry that may need attention.

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: Structural Inspection and correction program across property to determine condition, then affect repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc. is ongoing.

Roofing: Large scale reroofs are current and no new projects are scheduled until later in 2013.

Floor Tile Replacement: 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: No paving is scheduled until May of 2013. This season just past saw a great deal of work completed.

Utilities Projects: Parking lot stall number re-stenciling are ongoing, as are water meter box number re-stenciling. Reclaimed water expansion project on the west side of property will be starting later in the fall. Additionally, replacement of aging potable water mains will be starting in October as well. The majority of this work will entail directional drilling to minimize open trenches.

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.



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SUMMARY RECAP

2012 Florida proposed constitutional amendments

There is no substitute for reading the entire language of each amendment. The Florida Division of Election website, <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/constitutional-amendments/2012-proposed.shtml> has the full text. For an in-depth review of the fiscal impact of amendments 2, 4, 9, 10, & 11 all dealing with property tax reductions, go to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research at <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/constitutional-amendments/index>. For a very well-reasoned overview of all the amendments, I also recommend checking out the Collins Center at <http://collinscenter.org/2012flamendments/home-2/>. If these amendments are successful, they will have a very real impact on your life. If you do not fully understand the amendment, the safest position may be to vote “no.”

Amendment #1 Health Care Services

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage.

COMMENT: This amendment was placed on the ballot by the Florida legislature as a rebuke to President over the Affordable Care Act. If passed, this amendment would be preempted by Federal law.

Amendment #2 Veterans Disabled Due To Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount

Expand the availability of the property discount on the homesteads of veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury to include those who were not Florida residents when they entered the military and schedule the amendment to take effect January 1, 2013.

COMMENT: This amendment has as its goal a worthy objective. The State Constitution currently allows an additional property tax exemption for combat wounded vets. This amendment change removed the condition that the vet was a Florida resident at the time of service.

The Revenue Estimating Committee estimates the following combined fiscal impact on both school and non-school taxes are as follows: -\$2.4 million in 2013-14; -\$4.9 million in 2014-15; and -\$6.2 in 2015-16. The recurring impacts of lost revenue are greater. The impact upon all voters is a total of \$135 million lost over three years, plus continuing losses. At some points that lost revenue will need to be made up in some way, shape or form by counties within this State.

Amendment #3 State Revenue Limitation

This proposed amendment to the State Constitution replaces the existing state revenue limitation based on Florida personal income growth with a new state revenue limitation based on inflation and population changes.

COMMENT: This amendment would set a state revenue limit each year based on a formula that considers population growth and inflation instead of using the current method of calculating the revenue limit based on personal income.

Supporters say this amendment would make government more efficient. Critics say that during tough economic times, when tax revenues drop and there is a greater need for government services, this amendment would make it impossible for agencies to meet demand, even when there is available revenue. Further, it may threatens funding for critical government services like health care and education.

Amendment #4 Property Tax Limitations; Property Value Decline; Reduction for Non-Homestead Assessment Increases; Delay of Scheduled Repeal

This amendment provides that the Legislature may, by general law, provide that the assessment of homestead and specified non-homestead property may not increase if the just value of that property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1, subject to any adjustment in the assessed value due to changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property which are assessed as provided for by general law.

COMMENT: The Collins Center describes this lengthy amendment as “Reduce the maximum annual increase in taxable value of non-homestead properties from 10 percent to 5 percent; provide an extra homestead exemption for first-time home buyers; allow lawmakers to prohibit assessment increases for properties with decreasing market values.”

The Revenue Estimating Committee estimates the following combined impacts to revenue of both non-school and school taxes from each of the four separate components of this proposed amendment: A reduction of -\$279.98 in 2013-14; -\$492.5 in 2014-15; and -\$564.98 in 2015-16. Over three years, that is a loss in state tax revenues of -\$1,337,460 from the tax base at a time when local governments are struggling to provide basic services.

Amendment #5 State Courts

The State Constitution authorizes the Supreme Court to adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts. The constitution further provides that a rule of court may be repealed by a general law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

This proposed revision requires Senate confirmation of a justice of the Supreme Court before the appointee can take office. If the Senate votes not to confirm the appointment, the judicial nominating commission must reconvene and may not re-nominate any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the Senate.

COMMENT: This proposed constitutional revision injects the Legislature into the court system in a very fundamental way: it would allow the legislature to obtain power to overrule a Court rule with a majority vote.

An additional change would deal with how State justices are appointed. Under current law, the Governor appoints a justice of the Supreme Court from a list of nominees provided by a judicial nominating commission. That commission is composed of respected members of the Florida Bar and lay persons. Appointments by the Governor are not subject to confirmation. Judges stand for review through periodic elections.

To put this into perspective: “do we really want State Supreme Court Justices to be subject to the whims of the legislature?”

Amendment #6 Prohibition on Public Funding of Abortions; Construction of Abortion Rights

This proposed amendment provides that public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This prohibition does not apply to an expenditure required by federal law, a case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or a case of rape or incest. This proposed amendment provides that the State Constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution. With respect to abortion, this proposed amendment overrules court decisions which conclude that the right of privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the State Constitution is broader in scope than that of the United States Constitution.

COMMENT: At first blush, this amendment is couched in language which would appear to deal only with State funds being used for abortion. However, a serious examination of the language will reveal that its real purpose is to restrict our constitutional right to privacy thus raising a second, more disturbing question: whether modifying a provision in the state constitution that guarantees a right to privacy for every Floridian – would affect abortion law in the state.

The second question is more consequential. In 1980, Florida voters passed a constitutional amendment that says, in part: “Every natural person has the right to be let alone and free from governmental intrusion into the person’s private life...” The intent (of that amendment) was to limit government intrusion into the private lives of individuals.

(Source: Collins Center for Public Policy 2011© | Legal/Privacy 801 3rd St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701)

Passage of this amendment and eliminating the current right to privacy we all enjoy could conceivably interfere with your ability to determine the end of life decisions that you may need to make for yourself or your loved ones.

Amendment #7 Removed from Ballot

Amendment #8 Religious Freedom

Would provide that no individual or entity may be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding or other support, except as required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and deleting the prohibition against using revenues from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

COMMENT: This amendment is couched in language that seems to protect religious freedoms. In fact, this amendment would fundamentally change church-state protections and religious freedom protections that are currently in the Florida Constitution. It would remove the longstanding ban on taxpayer funding of churches, synagogues, mosques and other religious institutions and replace it with completely opposite language prohibiting state or local governments from withholding money based on religious belief. (Orlando Sentinel April, 2012)

The idea of the State funding private institutions without the benefit of public oversight and accountability to the taxpayers is very problematic.

**Amendment #9
Homestead Property Tax Exemption for
Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran of First Responder**

Authorizes the Legislature to provide by general law ad valorem homestead property tax relief to the surviving spouse of a military veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty or to the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. The amendment authorizes the Legislature to totally exempt or partially exempt such surviving spouse's homestead property from ad valorem taxation. The amendment defines a first responder as a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic.

COMMENT: This amendment has as its goal a worthy objective. The amount of relief is unspecified and is ultimately up to the legislature to enact. However, the lost revenue to individual counties throughout the State of Florida may be profound.

The Revenue Estimating Committee estimates the following impacts: The conference adopted an indeterminate negative impact due to the need for adoption by the electorate and implementation by the Legislature. For (the implementing legislation) SB1058 and HB95, the conference adopted an indeterminate negative estimate. Should the electorate approve the proposal, the impact of SB1058/HB95 on school and non-school taxes would be a loss of \$1.2 million over the first three years.

**Amendment #10
Tangible Personal Property Exemption**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to: (1) Provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, school districts, and other local governments on tangible personal property if the assessed value of an owner's tangible personal property is greater than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000. This new exemption, if approved by the voters, will take effect on January 1, 2013, and apply to the 2013 tax roll and subsequent tax rolls. (2) Authorize a county or municipality for the purpose of its respective levy, and as provided by general law, to provide tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance. This is in addition to other statewide tangible personal property tax exemptions provided by the Constitution and this amendment.

COMMENT: This is another example of an amendment that if passed, would result in a dramatic loss of revenue to the individual counties in Florida.

The Revenue Estimating Committee estimates the following impacts: The conference adopted an indeterminate negative estimate, due to the need for the electorate to approve the measure, and for the Legislature to pass implementing legislation. Based on the 2011 millage rate of 17.67, ad valorem taxes on these assessments applicable to the 2013 tax roll are expected to amount to -\$20.2m, composed of \$11.4m in county taxes and \$8.8m in school taxes. The combined negative impact is a loss costing the counties over \$61million over three years.

**Amendment #11
Additional Homestead Exemptions;
Low-Income Seniors Who
Maintain Long-Term Residency on Property;
Equal to Assessed Value**

Would allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption equal to the assessed value of homestead property if the property has a just value less than \$250,000 to an owner who has maintained permanent residency on the property for not less than 25 years, who has attained age 65, and who has a low household income as defined by general law.

COMMENT: This is another example of an amendment that if passed, would result in a dramatic loss of revenue to the individual counties in Florida.

Recognizing this may appeal to many, it is fundamentally flawed because it creates a tax payer subsidy for seniors that may meet the requirements.

The Revenue Estimating Committee estimates the following impacts: The conference adopted an indeterminate negative impact. Should the electorate approve the proposal and all the individual jurisdictions pass the necessary ordinances, the potential cost is estimated to be \$27.8 million lost over three years.

**Amendment #12
Appointment of Student Body President to the
Board of Governors of the State University System**

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to replace the president of the Florida Student Association with the chair of the council of state university student body presidents as the student member of the Board of Governors of the State University System and to require that the Board of Governors organize such council of state university student body presidents.

COMMENT: No cost estimate for implementation could be found on this one. However, requiring the legislature to establish new systems will inevitably have a tax or funding impact.

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NOTICE

**Important bulletin for all residents
of On Top of the World**

A new standard has been implemented for sealants that will affect window, awning, and air conditioning contractors performing work for residents at OTOW.

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!**

Entertainment and donuts every second Thursday

By Nancy Davis

Labor Day has come and gone and activities are picking up here at On Top of the World, so be sure and read your monthly and weekly calendars each month in our newspaper.

Also, check for new and updated events on OTOW-TV channels 96 and 720 for current information.

The Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee is still a fun event for all new residents, as well as all other OTOW residents. We have free coffee, donuts and door prizes, and we have some great entertainment for the upcoming season.

At our Oct. 11 meeting we will feature German music. We also will have with us a representative from



Shine with information regarding upcoming changes with Medicare and Medicaid. Also present at our meeting will be a representative from FTRI with phone equipment for people with hearing problems. Please read the

more detailed articles regarding these programs on this page.

At our Nov. 8 meeting we will present Tony Mancini, a talented singer.

At our Dec. 13 meeting we are planning a nice holiday program and we hope to have Opera Tampa back soon.

Be sure and join us at 9:30 a.m. every second Thursday for free coffee and doughnuts, followed by a 10 a.m. meeting, free entertainment and door prizes.

For information and tickets for all OTOW club events and trips, visit the East Activity Center Auditorium on Monday and Thursday mornings between 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Amplified telephones

Do you have a hearing loss? Is talking on the phone a problem for you?

FTRI is a free service to Florida Residents with a certified hearing loss. You could be eligible to receive a free amplified phone. Cordless and corded phones are available for those with mild to severe hearing loss.

A representative from FTRI will be at our Oct. 11 Get Acquainted Coffee in the East Activity Center Auditorium from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us at our fun event and see if you qualify for a free amplified phone.

If you have any questions, call Nancy Davis at 799-2734.

SHINE will be here to give healthcare advice

As most of the Baby Boomers are turning 65 this year, they must deal with the reality of Medicare, the process of enrolling and all the choices they need to make.

The SHINE program works with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Area Agency on Aging to assist elders in Florida with

unbiased, free, confidential healthcare advice. They are highly trained volunteers who keep abreast of all Medicare rules and changes.

A representative from SHINE will be present at our Oct. 11 Get Acquainted Coffee.

Medicare beneficiaries, once again, will have the opportunity to

make changes to their Medicare Advantage plan and Medicare Prescription Drug plan from Oct. 15-Dec. 7. You are urged to shop and compare plans in order to find your best fit.

Shine representatives will be back on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 2012 Senior Expo. Informational flyers will be available.

Finally, a special meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 6, in the East Activity Center large card room from 8-11:30 a.m. with Jan Rauer presenting. She is a Florida state SHINE trainer and very knowledgeable person when it comes to the Florida Senior Healthcare Program. No reservations are necessary.

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Crews are busy catching up after record rainfall over the summer

While I am reluctant to write about the weather, I would be remiss not to acknowledge the impact on our property from the summer season rain events.

While we are still in the throes of hurricane season we are finally beginning to see a little less humidity and some cooler temperatures.

The community is still recovering from the historical rainfall amount this summer. The saturated ground has created numerous challenges with the Progress Energy underground electrical utilities. You may have experienced unexpected power outages as a result. Many of the utility repairs were temporary while permanent repairs are scheduled by Progress Energy as weather permits.

If your building is impacted, you will be notified via posting on your bulletin board, in the elevator of your building, as well as on the community news channel 96/720. We will provide as much notice as possible.



Over the past few months, many construction projects were also delayed by the weather, particularly those that require multiple steps and/or days for drying. The last thing we want is an open roof or back of a building at a time when we are experiencing numerous rain events.

Temporary repairs have been made with construction crews working diligently on completion of these projects. Emergency roof repairs are ongoing so any reroofing projects will

commence in January.

Many window and door clamshell awnings were compromised during the summer storm events. Those awnings which present a safety hazard, and/or those creating damage, must be removed.

Landscape maintenance was also impacted with the back courtyards of many buildings mowed on an extended two week cycle due to ground saturation. For the most part, tree pruning and tree removal have remained on schedule, with the exception of a few trees impacted during the summer storms.

The tropical vegetation has responded favorably to the extra water, however, the accelerated growth has impacted potable water lines, irrigation lines and damage to patios, sidewalks and parking areas. The result is the lovely bushes and landscape behind or in front of your unit may need to be removed to address these ongoing concerns.

While the golf course clubhouse received interior renovations this summer, the golf courses experienced intermittent closures and the loss of several trees and landscape material. The crews have worked hard during the past few months to keep sections of the course open and in good playing condition.

Rules of the Road

Last but not least, I want to remind everyone to pay attention to "no parking" areas throughout the community. In particular, please do not park and block the front entrance under the awning at the East Activity Center.

Please obey directional signage posted in the parking lots. All parking lots are a one-way design.

Bicycle racks are provided at the Activity Centers. Please utilize these designated areas for bicycle parking and do not chain your bicycle to handicap parking signs and stairwell railings.

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Fountain of Youth might be at the Detroit airport - for lunch anyway



Ever been to the Detroit airport? En route to a vacation in Western New York, I stopped in a Detroit airport restaurant for lunch and discovered airport management requires everyone purchasing an alcohol beverage to get proofed - no matter what your age.

I ordered one beer and was asked to show my license. I gladly cooperated, smiled, and even felt young again handing my ID over to my waitress.

Next to me, an elderly couple walked in - the guy was a little gray and probably didn't have as much hair as he did 50 years ago. He and his wife asked for a bottle of wine ... and guess what? They both got proofed.

To my surprise, the guy got very upset. He told the young waitress there was no reason for him to show his ID, but she insisted quoting airport policy.

Words were exchanged, but at his wife's encouragement, they both reached down and found their IDs.

I chuckled because the waitress even proceeded to examine the IDs as if she was a bouncer ... then she handed the IDs back and lunch continued with no further problems.

What's the moral of this story?

If you get proofed - don't com-



Tampa jockeys Pablo Morales (7) and Ronnie Allen Jr. (6) battle for second place at Presque Isle Downs in Erie, Pa. The horses were Ace Jordan and Secretsofthemind. *(Photo by Doug Kates)*

plain!

Or, if you ever have a gloomy day, and are feeling a bit old, fly to Detroit, have lunch or dinner at the airport, purchase a glass of your favorite wine, and prepare to feel young again!

At least for a couple of minutes.

After Detroit, my vacation continued with a visit to the Presque Isle Downs horse racing track in Erie, Pa., where I thought I was going to have an advantage over everyone else in attendance.

You see, back in May, the horse racing season at Tampa Bay Downs ended for the season and many of the Tampa jockeys went to Erie to compete for the summer.

I figured, since some of the jockeys were from Tampa, it would be a cinch for me to win a ton of cash.

On the afternoon I arrived at the track, I reviewed the jockey roster and saw many familiar names, including Pablo Morales, Scott Speith, Hu-

ber Gomez, Ronnie Allen, Mike Allen, Willie Martinez, Ricardo Feliciano, Deshawn L. Parker and Walter De La Cruz.

Unfortunately, the Tampa jockeys, who are known for winning, must not have known I was at the track because they didn't have a very good night.

Instead of winning a lot of money, I ended up making a little donation to the track's financial department.

Deshawn Parker, who is a fairly new jockey, had a great night with two wins. I just wish he would have alerted me before the night started. Walter De La Cruz and Ricardo Feliciano also had a win, but I didn't pick them.

My favorite jockeys (the ones who are known for winning races) Pablo, Huber and Ronnie, did not win a single race that day. I'll have to have a little chat with them when Tampa Downs reopens in December.

Based on the race results alone,

I probably would have left Presque Isle Downs a little upset since the local talent let me down, but during the evening I also met track handicapper, Katie Mikolay, and from that point on, nothing could have made the visit disappointing.

Katie is from Chicago and definitely knows horses. She was very friendly and even signed my program. I would have asked Pablo, Huber and Ronnie for their autographs, but I got Katie's autograph and that was all that mattered ... if you know what I mean.

Later in the vacation I also went golfing for the first time in two years. Everything went great except for a hole when I almost hit someone on an adjoining fairway. The angry guy looked at me and accused me of delivering a message from his ex-wife.

Just to be safe, I decided not to go get my golf ball and that was my second donation for the week.

No, I didn't know his ex-wife.

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‘A Day at the Spa’ goes to winning building in this year’s Holiday Lights Contest

By Doug Kates

On Top of the World News is proud to announce a new sponsor for the second annual Holiday Lights Contest.

The Safety Harbor Resort and Spa has agreed to donate a one-day pass to 54 residents from this year’s winning building.

“A Day at the Spa” will take place on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2013.

Escot Bus Lines, which helped sponsor the event last year, is back again this year and will pick up residents from the winning building right in their own front yard.

Residents will enjoy a short, but sweet ride to the Spa, where they will have 4-5 hours to enjoy three spring-fed pools, two indoor jacuzzis, a Turkish steam room, a Finnish dry sauna, a ladies plunge pool, weight room, cardio room, fitness classes, tennis courts and locker rooms.

Plus, the prize-winning residents can purchase extra services for a 20 percent discount and receive 50 percent off a membership enrollment fee.

“A Day at the Spa” will cap off with a free, private lunch at the Spa, and an Escot bus ride home in time to watch the first football playoff game of the afternoon.

The Safety Harbor Resort & Spa is very excited about this opportunity to sponsor our Holiday Lights Contest. The Spa also plans on starting a shuttle service to transport residents to its facility once a week.

Last year eight buildings pre-registered for the Holiday Lights Contest. The winning building was Mallorca



The winning building in this year’s Holiday Lights Contest will be able to send up to 54 residents to the Safety Harbor Spa to enjoy the amenities for an afternoon.

and 54 residents took an Escot bus ride to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino for the afternoon.

This year the winning prize was brought closer to home.

Any building wishing to enter this year’s contest must do so by having a representative visit the newspaper office no later than Nov. 20.

The building must establish a contest captain and keep track of the 54 most active residents during decoration efforts. The contest captain can

substitute other residents or family members to reach 54 people.

Contest judging will take place Dec. 14-16. Last year the judges were members of the Press Association. It has not been decided yet who will judge the contest this year.

Judging forms will be returned and counted no later than Dec. 18. The winning building will be announced in the January edition of OTOW News, which will be distributed to residents on Dec. 31.



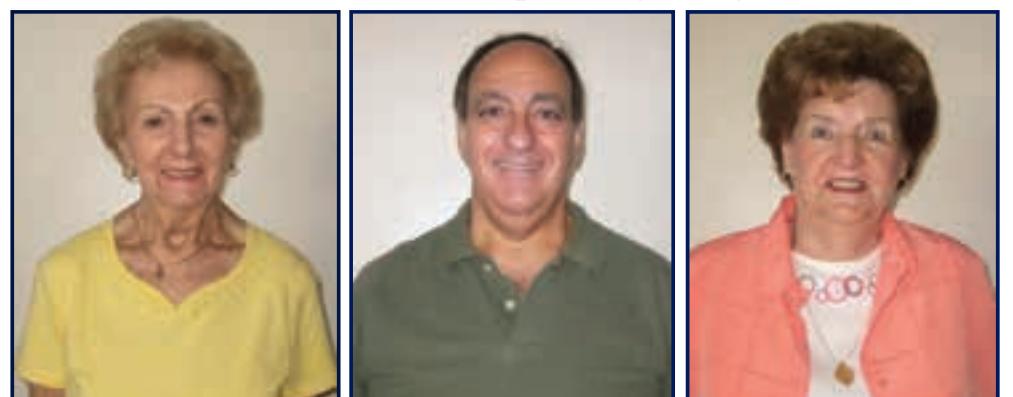
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Newcomers

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Left to right: Dorothy Algozzina and George Algozzina of New Jersey and Gertrude Bengyel of Wisconsin

Press Association gathering Nov. 1 is most important meeting of the year

Each year, the On Top of the World Press Association meeting in November is the most important gathering for reporters and staff.

Two years ago the Press Association used its November date to hold its first night meeting and at the same time added a workshop so writers could improve their skills.

That meeting two years ago was well-attended and the meeting last year set the best attendance mark in recent years.

The next meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 4, in the East Activity Center large card room. The upcoming November meeting/workshop will take place 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1 in the EAC Veranda Room.

The meeting is open to building writers, club writers, sports writers and proofreaders.

"This meeting is very important because we get to review a lot of material and we get to share many basic lessons on how to be better writers," said Editor Doug Kates.



Press Association

"It's great we've had big crowds the past two years, but we need another big crowd next month because there is a lot of material to cover."

The On Top of the World community newspaper has made many changes over the past four years, but those changes were successful because people attending Press meetings listened, took notes and improved their skills.

"Each month, the newspaper staff gets many compliments," Doug said, "and it's basically because of our monthly meetings that we keep getting better."

Still, even though building writers, club writers and sports writers are

all invited to each monthly meeting, many writers choose not to attend. Some said the afternoon meetings were not convenient.

In an effort to improve attendance, the Press Association approved three night meetings for the upcoming season. November is the first night meeting. Two more will follow in January and March.

In an effort to get record-setting attendance for the November meeting, Doug said any combination of building, club or sports writers arriving together will be rewarded with a small prize. This can be a building and club writer arriving together; a building and sports writer arriving together, or a club and sports writer arriving together.

The November workshop will include a presentation, which will include going over style guidelines, newspaper rules and ideas for coming up with new stories.

Reporters can also ask questions or make comments.

This is also a good time for residents to attend who might want to be future writers.

"We have 50 buildings who are left out of our newspaper every month," Doug said. "What many residents don't realize is they are only asked to write a minimum of three stories a year. This can easily be covered with a welcome home Snowbird story, a building holiday story, or a special luncheon or dinner. Plus, reporters can write feature stories about the people who live right in their building."

"No one has to have professional writing experience and no one is going to get fired. The monthly meetings are here to teach and guide."

If anyone wants to know if their building needs a writer, contact Doug in the newsroom office at 799-3216.

Anyone attending at least three Press Association meetings and writing at least three articles, qualifies for the Appreciation Luncheon in April. Last year nearly 40 writers qualified for the free meal and celebration.

*To advertise in our November edition, checks must be received by Oct. 15**

***The normal deadline for purchasing ads is the 15th of each month, but our color ad space will likely sell out before the 15th. Black and white ad space could also sell out before the 15th.**

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Patsy Cline's greatest hit was a song she was not too crazy about

When Patsy Cline was 13 years old, she was hospitalized with a throat infection and rheumatic fever.

When she recovered, Patsy was left with one of the most famous contralto voices ever to come out of country music.

Born Virginia Hensley in Fore, Va., Patsy was considered one of the most influential, successful and acclaimed female vocalists of the 20th century.

Patsy was introduced to music by singing in churches and was influenced by such stars as Kay Starr, Jo Stafford and Judy Garland. She had perfect pitch, even though she was self taught and could not read music.

Patsy appeared in 1956 on Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts on CBS-



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TV in New York and he claimed to have discovered her.

After a successful recording of "Walkin' After Midnight," Patsy recorded "Crazy," which became her signature song. The song was written by Willie Nelson when he was down on his luck. He sold it to Patsy's producer for the ridiculous sum of \$100.

Patsy hated the song, but was

convinced to record it by her manager and producer. "Crazy" became her biggest recording ever.

Patsy had many No. 1 hits and some songs that crossed over into the pop field. She was the first female country artist to appear at Carnegie Hall, the first to headline her own show in Las Vegas and be featured at the Hollywood Bowl.

As an artist who truly held her fan base in extreme regard, she would stay for hours after a concert to chat and sign autographs. Many fans became life-long friends.

On March 3, 1963, Patsy gave three benefit performances for a country DJ who had just died two months earlier in an auto accident. The closing song that night was a rousing rendi-

tion of "I'll Sail My Ship Alone," not knowing it would be the last song she would ever sing.

After the performance, Patsy went back to her motel, slept for the night and checked out at 12:30 p.m. the next day. Arriving at the airport with three other country artists, she boarded a small plane to head back to Nashville. The pilot was her manager, Randy Hughes, who had no training in instrument flying.

The plane hit a terrible storm, took a nose-dive and crashed near Camden, Tenn., just 70 miles west of Nashville. All aboard were killed.

Patsy's watch had stopped at 6:30 p.m., the estimated time of the crash.

She was at the height of her career when she died at the age of 30.

Are you at risk for water intrusion?

*OTOW is urging unit owners to
inspect the interior of their condo property.*



Many residents have reported water problems due to:

- Improperly sealed replacement windows.
- Old windows that do not close properly.
- Improperly sealed exterior air conditioner service panels.

OTOW encourages all unit owners to have a trusted individual conduct a thorough inspection of your unit as soon as possible to prevent any further water-related damages.

Ten tips for avoiding scams and scam artists

Q. I can tell from your lectures in Ocala, as well as from reading your newspaper column, that you are constantly concerned about scams perpetrated against we elderly citizens. Can you give us some of your most favorite tips for avoiding being scammed?

A. I'd love to do that.

(Alas! There are so many scams and so little time. Sigh.)

Here are a few tips:

No. 1. Get a telephone answering machine with caller ID and NEVER answer the phone if you do not recognize the caller or the calling number.

No. 2. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER answer the phone if the ID says "Unavailable" or "Private Number." And yes, I know that sometimes, someone you want to speak with will have a "private number." So what! Let that person or the "unavailable" person leave a message, if it is a call worth considering.

No. 3. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER let anyone inside your home who you do not know or who you have not invited to your home beforehand. This is one way that unscrupulous sales people gain entry. It makes sense to have a screen door with a lock so when you open the door, the person can't just walk inside. Unfortunately, no matter how nice someone at your front door appears, you must assume that he or she is there to scam you. Otherwise, perhaps they might have been willing to set up an appointment rather than just come to your door unannounced.

No. 4. Ignore all letters from companies or persons who offer you "free" inspections. Offering you



something for "free" is a way to gain entry to your home. It will wind up costing you money; and you might get harmed financially.

No. 5. Ignore any letter that says you need a certified copy of your deed. You NEVER need a certified copy of your deed. And I mean NEVER!

No. 6. Ignore ALL requests for contributions to a charity that you never heard about beforehand — especially if it's a telephone solicitation or a knock-on-your-front-door solicitation. Under NO circumstance should you allow someone to come to your home to pick up a check for a charity. If you want to contribute, do so ONLY by sending your check by mail. If you are told that a charity needs immediate help, throw away such a request. If a charity you don't know needs immediate help, it's probably too late anyway and more than likely it's probably a scam.

No. 7. Be fearful of giving out personal information to anyone.

No. 8. If you get an email from your bank or from any bank or from your credit card company or from PayPal, etc., etc., and they give you a story about someone trying to access your account or that your account is

about to be closed, just ignore that stuff. If you are not sure, do NOT ask questions by replying to an email. Use phone numbers on the back of your credit card or go directly to your bank to find out if there really is a problem.

No. 9. If by chance you are involved in an accident or some other matter involving the police, do NOT respond to the solicitation letters you get from attorneys. It's best to seek advice through referrals from friends or from your personal attorney.

No. 10. If you go to a "free lunch" seminar, keep in mind that the objective of giving you a "free lunch" is to get you to spend a lot of money by buying whatever product the "free lunch" seminar speakers are promoting. And keep in mind that age old wisdom: There's NO free lunch.

Q. What is a QIT?

A. It's a Qualified Income Trust. It is used in situations where someone who needs Medicaid benefits has too much income to become eligible for those benefits. It is a way of enabling someone to qualify for Medicaid benefits once the QIT has been funded with income. A QIT is a very sophisticated document and it's best if it is drafted by an attorney who is familiar with them.

Q. I've seen on the Internet where there are companies that offer legal documents at prices that are much less than my attorney would charge for the same documents. Please comment.

A. There was an article I read that, if memory serves me, was in a

local Tampa area newspaper that investigated some of those documents. The article reached the conclusion that most folks are far better off going to an experienced attorney for both the legal advice and the legal documents that might go with that advice. To me it's pretty simple. The documents are probably cheap - that's why they are inexpensive.

Q. If I marry my Significant Other, do I have to leave something to his children if he dies before I do? He says I do.

A. I say you don't!

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1 tablespoon vanilla extract	16 soft caramel candies
6 large eggs	1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped apples, peeled
3 1/4 cups all-purpose flour	Vanilla ice cream (optional)

Just in time for Halloween, this spice Bundt cake has soft caramel candies and bits of apple baked throughout. Serve slices of this scrumptious cake with caramel sauce and/or vanilla ice cream.

Caramel sauce (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 325°F (160°C). Grease and flour a 10-inch tube or Bundt pan.

2. Unwrap and cut each caramel into 8 pieces.

3. In a large mixer bowl cream butter, powdered sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a

time, beating well. Gradually add flour, cinnamon and allspice to egg mixture. Blend at low speed until thoroughly combined. Stir in caramel pieces and chopped apples.

4. Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 70 to 80 minutes or until cake

tester comes out clean. Cool upright in pan for 15 minutes before inverting onto a wire rack to cool completely. Serve cake warm or cool.

5. Serve with ice cream and caramel sauce, if desired.

Makes 12 servings.

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Your Association strongly urges an inspection of washers and dryers installed in any condominiums built prior to 1995, in particular, those units located on the east side of Belcher Road. If your unit is located on the west side of Belcher, you may also be impacted if a washer and dryer were added after purchasing the unit.

The Association strongly urges you to contact both a licensed, insured plumber and electrician and arrange for an inspection immediately. Corrections to these potential hazards are the unit owner's obligation.

Forward any documentation from the inspection to the OTOW Condominium Association, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E, Clearwater, Fl., 33763. A copy will be retained in a permanent file for that unit. If work was undertaken to correct the problem, such remedial work must be described in the documentation. Only documentation received from a licensed plumber or electrician will be considered valid.

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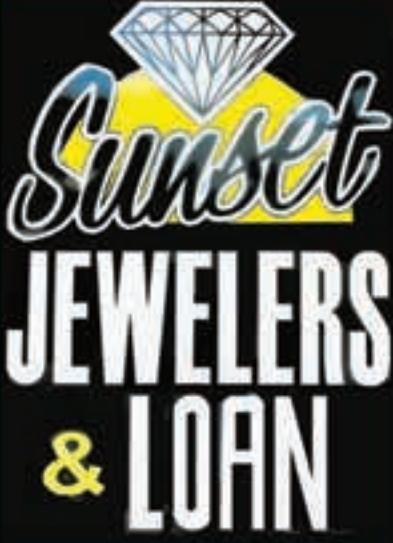


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Overall, the new courts will have six rubber layers and one final coat. When each layer was applied, the original color was red, but the color darkened when it dried and hardened. When the final layer is applied and dried, the courts will be painted blue with gray stripes.

The layers of the tennis courts are not a new invention, but not used on most courts. Seven layers of this material will provide residents with a cushioned surface which is easier on knees and ankles.

“We believe that On Top of the World tennis players will be very pleased with the multi-ply resilient surface,” said Chairman Ken Colen. “We initially had our misgivings about the surface when we first began research-

ing it. There was no way to tell how it would be received by the players, and more important, if it was ‘knee friendly.’ There is, after all, a great deal of sudden stops and changes of direction in tennis.

“We tested the surface on a very limited basis in Ocala. Based on positive comments from players, we expanded the program. A side benefit we have found is that the surface wears well and can withstand the elements better than a more conventional surface.

“With the addition of lighting, we hope the players will enjoy the opportunity for extended play.”

OTOW Tennis President Becky Balderson confirmed the players are excited.

“The courts are going to make life here at On Top of the World even more enjoyable,” she said. “We will feel like pros with these new courts, and we can certainly play longer with the lights available.

“The safer, softer, cushioned design of the court will encourage those players who have joint problems to keep on playing tennis.”



At top, “Roper” applies a liquid rubber layer from a drum. Below, “Bobby” and “Joe” spread the rubber evenly over the court. In the background you will notice new light poles over one of the courts.

(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

There's a lot of new noodles in the EAC soup!

Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

By Doris Paino

Hi Good Neighbors!

Well, here we are in October and it amazes me how fast time flies.

Our annual clothing drive will take place Oct. 16-19, so clean out your closets. The drop off will be at the East Activity Center front entrance, the same as last year.

Clothing will be accepted from 9 a.m. to noon.

The annual Senior Expo is coming together for Nov. 3 and about 15 vendors have made commitments. We are looking forward to another successful event. If you want to volunteer to assist at the Expo, contact me in the Gift Shoppe.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, we will be holding a straw draw, but we have not received many gifts. If more gifts aren't donated soon, we will rethink



The morning water exercise class shows off some of the new noodles purchased by Good Neighbors. If you don't know what a noodle is, here's a hint: They come in blue, red and green colors.

the event. We are looking for gifts you received, but never opened or never used. Maybe someone else will enjoy them!

On that same day, we have some special entertainment scheduled, so please stop in and see us.

Good Neighbors would like to announce it has recently purchased 50 noodles!

Not the noodles you eat... floating noodles for anyone who exercises in the pool every morning. Hopefully, these noodles will last longer than the

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Baby Boomers work Republican Convention and attend speech by our Democratic President

By Katarina Tepesh

During the recent Republican convention in Tampa, some Baby Boomers volunteered. Others are devoted Democrats and jumped at the chance to hear President Barack Obama speak at the Seminole branch of St. Petersburg College.

A few of us, who managed to get tickets, got up at 5:30 a.m. and, without breakfast, joined a long line of thousands of people to pass through tough security. We received plenty of water to keep us hydrated while mostly standing to hear an inspiring speech by our President.

The crowd consisted of children and other senior citizens. We were a mix of all ethnic backgrounds in heat which reached 91 degrees.

Driving back home, we stopped at one of the first restaurants we saw, which happens to be a Jewish Deli. The lunch never tasted so good!

We also enjoyed dinner at "Nauti Nancy's" offering sea food dishes at reasonable prices in addition to blues music every Tuesday.

On Saturday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.,



On Top of the World Baby Boomers were among the crowd that listened to President Barack Obama during a visit in September.

our group of Baby Boomers is going to "Pops in the Park Concert" by Florida Orchestra at Vinoy Park, St. Petersburg.

Our group also enjoys attending street festivals in downtown Clearwater and nearby Safety Harbor or Dunedin.

We are looking forward to the 33rd annual Jazz Festival featuring

Bonnie Raitt and other blues and rock and roll musicians Oct. 18 - 21.

The purpose of our Baby Boomers group is for OTOW owners to meet and socialize by attending cultural events and do group sports activities within the Tampa Bay area.

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



Baby Boomers

us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events. In addition to meetings, we communicate via email, Facebook and Channels 96/720.

We have two monthly meetings: first Wednesday and third Thursday in each month. Therefore we are meeting on Oct. 3 and Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. at East Activity Center Veranda room followed by a Happy Hour at the Varsity Club or Cody's.

For more information send an email to Katarina at katarina2379@gmail.com

OTOW resident talks about plans for Florida House run



Democratic Club

The Democratic Club will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Oct. 25, and the guest speaker will be one of our own residents who is running for a Florida House seat.

Ben Farrell is seeking the seat for District 67. The meeting is 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Ben will focus on "investing in our public education system," strengthening the middle class by creating 21st century jobs, and closing corporate tax loopholes. He believes in Medicare, not Vouchercare. He also will promote alternative energy development and present ideas to better protect our beautiful Florida coastline.

After Ben's address, all those at-



Ben Farrell

tending are invited to participate in a question and answer session.

Refreshments will be provided by Lenny's Restaurant.

Our September meeting featured Dr. Lawrence Florianai, who spoke about Affordable Health Care for Florida seniors. The meeting was well-attended by our residents.



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Two celebrations on tap: Beertoberfest and Halloween

By Dave Beaven

October already?
This year is flying by!

It was just the other day that we held our Jazz Cellar party at our September meeting. Members came to listen to jazz and poetry, drink wine, and check out our art show.

It was cool, man.

And now we are looking forward to cooler weather.

For October, our meeting theme is Beertoberfest. Our members will be invited to bring in some of their favorite beer for tasting. We will also have light appetizers to fortify them in their efforts. German music will be playing



Lambda

as atmosphere. Perhaps someone will even do the chicken dance?

This month, we also want to celebrate that other big holiday, Halloween. Lambda will be having a Scarefest with lots of ghoulish treats. Costumes are encouraged. We are also arranging

a special entertainment for that evening. Stay tuned for details.

Apart from that, there are many occasions for our members to get together in October. Check out our Webpage for a complete schedule.

Lambda is a social club for our gay and lesbian residents of On Top of the World. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include cocktail parties, dine-outs, game nights, and 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 our gay and lesbian residents in the

OTOW community, but we also welcome 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 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crafts Room. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

You can contact us by e-mail at lambdaclw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

Residents celebrated Isaac's passing with game of bingo

By Brad Day

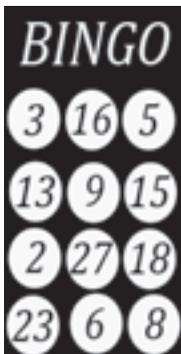
I'd like to give a big "thank you" to all who helped spread the word that we played bingo on Labor Day, Sept. 3.

A usually scheduled holiday, we opened to allow folks to come play because we missed out on the week before. That's when Isaac gave us all a wake up call about the hurricane season still being around.

We were expecting a small showing, but it turned into a mostly normal night. Word of mouth, phone calls and the Singles Club got the word out.

So thanks to all those who gave us a big helping hand. And thanks to all who attend every week.

From here on in, it looks like clear sailing until the holiday season. We will eventually close to allow everyone to visit with family, buy gifts and all the other things we do to celebrate my favorite day of the year. But until



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then, please remember to be here by 6 p.m. every Monday night at the East Activity Center to play bingo.

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Attend a meeting to find out how you can help a teacher

Always Educators continue to meet at the West Activity Center on the third Tuesday of the month at 11 am.

The purpose of the group is to reach out to the community by volunteering at schools and community centers that service children.

We also would like to invite to our meetings those at On Top of the World who are already volunteering at schools in the area, or who are assisting teachers or administrators.

OTOW residents don't have to go to the school to help - there are many things that can be done from your home to assist a teacher.

Come to a meeting and make some new friends who share the same interests that you do. We have no dues and you are invited to come whenever you are available. We especially welcome new neighbors or those returning for the winter.



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Theater Workshop to host Tampa Bay Opera to help raise money for March's show

By Merle MacDonald

A new Theater Workshop season is getting off to a dazzling start.

At the first general meeting on Sept. 5, the theme for the annual show was revealed.

The show, "OTOW Theatrical Museum" will be presented on March 15, 16 and 17 and will showcase the workshop's performances through the years. It will be a trip down memory lane with featured skits from bygone days, while it pays tribute to the outstanding music, songs and dances accompanying them.

An upscale, gala event, will spotlight the performers as they dazzle the audience with their talents.

In December we have planned a fabulous night at the opera, which will help our club raise money for future expenses.

Yes, a night at the opera.



Theater Workshop

Tampa Bay Opera will appear on the East Activity Center stage on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center for an \$8 donation. Proceeds will help fund the live music, costumes and scenery for the March show.

For all you Snowbirds who are

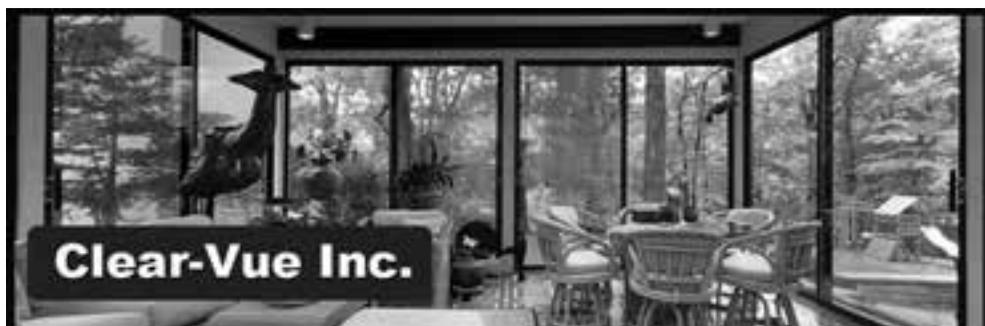


A scene from a Tampa Bay Opera performance. (Photo provided by Tampa Bay Opera)

just returning, please note that the general meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month (next will be Oct. 3) and are now at 7 p.m. in the EAC

auditorium.

The annual dues of \$5 are now due. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.



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Join us Oct. 20 for a hot dog party

By Mary Widman

We were happy to welcome our members and guests to our ice crème social meeting. There were 39 people in attendance, plus two guests, and one new member.

A big "thank you" to our hospitality chairperson, Sally Shevlin, and all the members who always help to set up for our special events. We do appreciate all of you.

On Oct. 20, our club will hold a special hot dog party served with beans and sauerkraut. Price for members is \$3. Tickets will be sold on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center.

Our holiday luncheon will be held at the Beachcomber Restaurant where we will be able to order from the menu. Transportation will be provided by the Jolly Trolley for \$10 for paid members and \$15 for guests. Please



Singles Club

call President Dorothy Carpenito at 796-4460 if you have any questions.

If you know any member who is ill, contact our Sunshine Lady so we can send a card. Call Mary Widman at 796-1184.

Our next meeting is Saturday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all there. Come join us – meet old friends and make new friends.

Blood pressure program resumes

The blood pressure program in the East Activity Center will resume on the second Monday of each month, from October through April.

The next program is Oct. 8. Blood pressures will be taken from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Veranda Room.

Volunteers, who can donate two hours a month, are also needed to help run this program. On Top of the World residents with a nursing background would be especially welcome. Contact John Kannaly at 669-3988.

Pet of the Month photos will be taken about noon, after Halloween Pet Costume Contest, Saturday, Oct. 20, at the dog park.

If you are new to OTOW, give line dancing a try

By Julie Narancich

If you are interested in joining our line dancing group, a \$5 membership fee will provide you with four hours of line dancing a week for the entire year.

Not only is line dancing great for the mind and body, the cost is a real bargain!

For our current members, now is the time to renew our annual membership fee. Mary Becker will be collecting the membership fee from our members. Please remember to present your On Top of the World identification card along with your money to



Mary. This is a great time to learn some of our dances if you are a new resident at On Top of the World or a little hesitant about trying line dancing. We have great individual instruction and provide moral support,

so please join us every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium

The beginner lessons start at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for 30 minutes. The beginner lessons are extremely helpful.

We welcome everyone, so bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

For any questions regarding Line Dancing, please contact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.

Hope to see you soon!

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Beware of 'mystery shopper' scam

When the weather up north begins to turn cooler, scammers go south for the winter.

Scammers can also be outside this country and will still attempt their illegal tricks.

Recently, residents began receiving letters from a "Mystery Shopper" group asking your help to evaluate Wal-Mart and Western Union.

The phony group sends you a package, including a check for about \$2,500. You are required to spend some of the money, but then must pass along the remaining funds to the next "Mystery Shopper." Turns out, the next shopper is actually the scammers in the Philippines, and if you following their directions, you end up giving them your checking account information.

The group also sends you a letter that says not to tell anyone you are a

"mystery shopper." Well, guess why? They don't want to get caught.

Never transfer money to someone you don't know, especially outside this country. Never give out your personal bank account numbers or addresses. Once you send money, it is virtually impossible to get it back.

Also be wary of phone solicitations for such services as carpet cleaning. The way the scam works is a pleasant woman on the other end of the line offers you a "special price for OTOW residents." The twist is that they have boldly lied by telling you "they were approved by On Top of the World." In some cases, hucksters go door to door trying to trick you.

News flash: Your Board has never approved solicitations from outside vendors.

Proceed at your own risk with telephone scam artists - even more so if someone shows up on your doorstep uninvited.



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Pennsylvania Club has full agenda for next four months

By Walt Copeland

We're glad to be back to On Top of the World and the Pennsylvania Club will hold its first meeting of the season on Thursday, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Please attend as we have many entertaining functions planned, as well as others in the works. Each meeting we serve coffee and pastries.

Our Welcome Back Party will take place 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7 in the EAC Auditorium. Dinner will be catered and there will be entertainment.

Thanksgiving will be celebrated Thursday, Nov. 22, at Ed Fletcher's Dinner Theater. The group will present "A Bed Full Of Foreigners," a side-splitting farce. Cost is \$35.

From Sunday, Nov. 25 through Wednesday, Nov. 28, our club will be taking an exciting four-day, three-



Pennsylvania

night bus trip to Biloxi. Accommodations will be at the Beau Rivage with four buffets and \$50 free play. Cost is \$179 per person double occupancy and \$279 for single travelers. Please reserve your seat early.

On Sunday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3 we will be in St. Augustine for the wonderful "Holly Jolly" Christmas excursion to view their magnificent, decorative light display. On the second day we will go shopping! This is a bus trip and we will be staying at a lovely hotel overlooking the ocean.

On Sunday, Dec. 9, we will go to the Island Way Grill for our annual Christmas and holiday champagne buffet with unlimited food from noon to 3 p.m. We'll have gifts from Santa for each household, plus entertainment. Transportation is available for a small cost.

On Feb. 3 we've arranged an exciting cruise aboard Carnival's dream ship for eight days and seven nights. Cabins start at \$639.49. We'll depart from Port Canaveral and visit Nassau, St. Thomas and St. Martin, the French port. Prices include port charges and government taxes, plus a shared cocktail party. Passports are required. Deposit is \$250 and final payments must be completed by Dec. 1.

Also in 2013, we are planning a Groundhog Day party, trip to the dog racing track, Valentine's Day party and more. Attend our meetings for updates.



Philosophy Club

What's Your View?

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 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.

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Art Guild is not looking for great artists - just those with the desire to improve

By Jean Doane,

You may have seen pictures of Denny Balderson in the Billiards Club section of this newspaper.

Denny is quite the expert pool player. He eliminates balls from the table in machine gun-like fashion and is a master of complex banks, caroms and combination shots.

Denny has another passion as well. He would like to add art to his list of accomplishments.

Denny joined the On Top of the World Art Guild drawing class last season. He brought his pencil and paper and went to work.

His first sketches were not what he wanted and he thought he might give up the effort, but he continued on in spite of his negative evaluation of his work. Denny was persistent and continued on week after week.

As time progressed, the improvement was obvious to the class and to the instructor, John Fier. The Art Guild Board wanted to acknowledge Denny for his sticking with it and making this effort. The Guild gave Denny a well-deserved certificate for



Denny Balderson receives a 'Most Improved Artist' award from the Art Guild. At left is John Fier and at right is Dale Stackhouse.

"Most Improved" student in the 2011-2012 drawing class.

Maybe there are others out there who will say, "If Denny can do it, so can I."

Be brave! Come and give yourself an opportunity to have some fun and new experience.

The drawing class will begin on Thursday, Nov. 1, and will meet every Thursday afternoon from 1-3 p.m.

through April 2013. The class meets in the Art Room, off the East Activity Center auditorium.

There is a small charge of \$2 per class for some supplies that John Fier will supply.

Bring your own paper for the medium you will be working on and pencils, charcoal, pastels or watercolor paints to work with.

The Guild also sponsors a Paint-



ing Pals session on Wednesdays from 1-3:30 p.m. to work on independent art projects in a well-lighted room with big long tables. It is more fun than working alone and to share questions and expertise. This group has been working all summer on art work.

The Guild's first general meeting of this 2012/2013 season will be on Friday, Nov. 9. Each meeting will consist of a short business meeting and a program or an activity. We always have refreshments and try to expose the group to a variety of art experiences. Put this date on your calendar and save the date. We welcome new members and want the Art Guild to continue to grow and remain an important part of the OTOW community.



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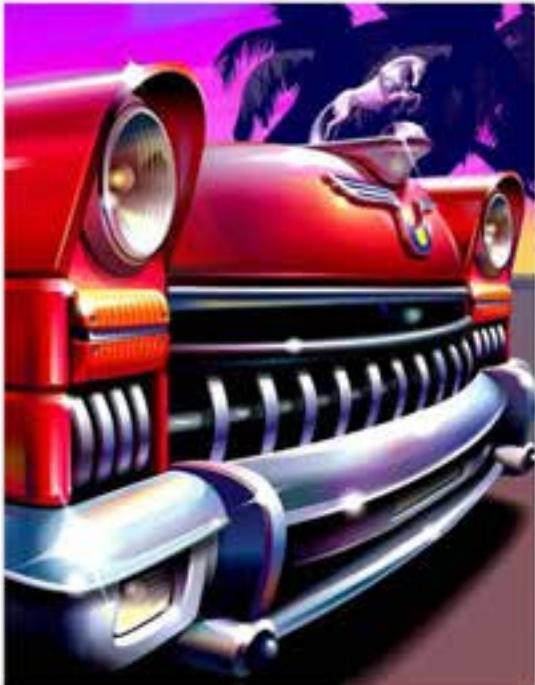
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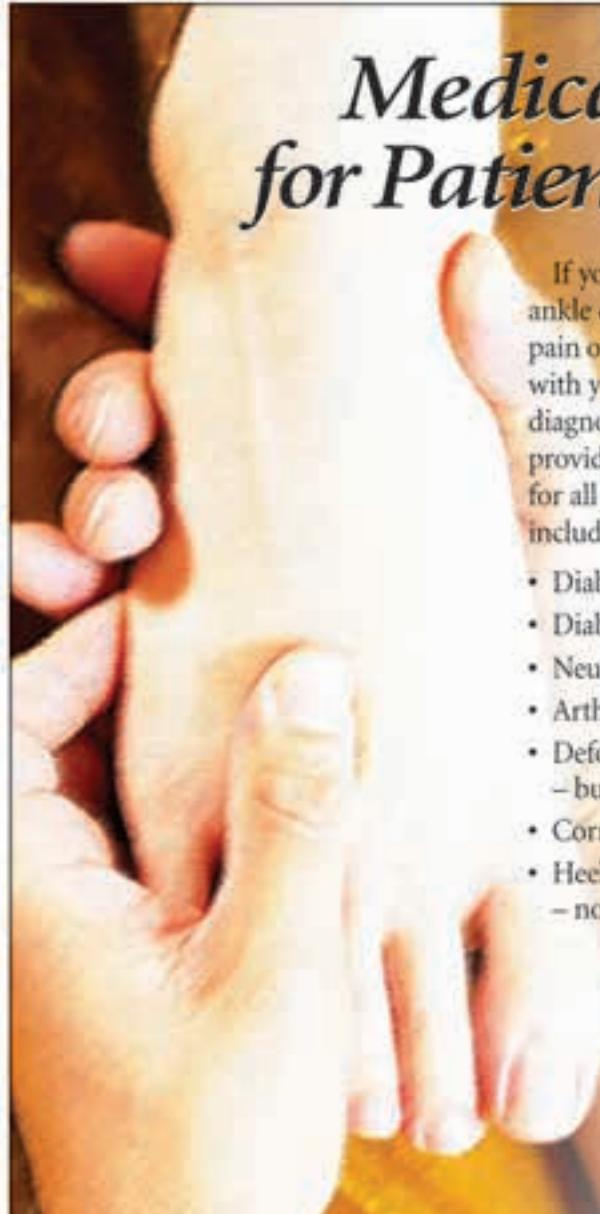
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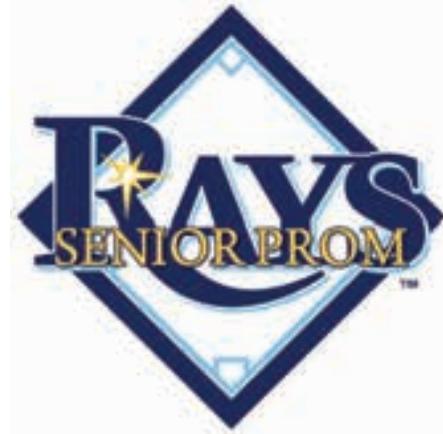
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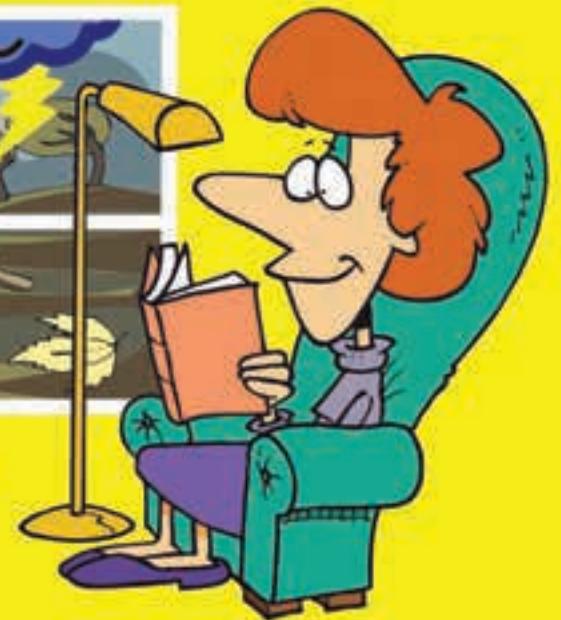
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Men Have More Fun Eating Out

When Laura, Kate and Sarah get their lunch bill back, out come the calculators.

When Mike, Dave and John get their lunch bill back, each will throw in \$20, even though the bill is for only \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

Men Throw Money

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2



Marge Mayer

Marge's Humor

item that she doesn't need, but it's on sale.

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

Men Need Smaller Bathrooms

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337.

The average number of items

in the typical man's bathroom is six, including a toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, bar soap and a towel. The average man would not be able to identify more than 20 items in the woman's bathroom.

Men Don't Worry

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future, until he gets a wife.

Marriage Changes Men

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

Men Rarely Dress Up

A woman will dress up to go

shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

Men Are Natural

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

Men wake up as good-looking as when they went to bed.

Men Are Not Bothered By Offspring

Ah, children.

A woman knows all about her children.

She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears, hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware some short people are living in the house.

Polar Bear exercises set to start new season starting on Oct. 29

Polar Bear water exercises will start Monday, Oct. 29 from 9-10 a.m. in the heated East Activity Center swimming pool.

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End-of-the-year harvest begins with singing, dancing and costumes

October is the time of year we associate with the end of the year's harvest.

Well, you can harvest your money-saving season ticket packages now for next year's lineup of shows and dances; and while you're at it, get your tickets for October's two "Don't Miss" Thursday Night shows.

Singer Impressionist Paul Tanner's show on Oct. 11 will be jam-packed with impressions from the world of celebrity, comedy and music. He has amazed Las Vegas and world audiences with his marvelous vocal impressions and comedy.

Then, on Oct. 25, we will have



Rich Hayes

Chairman

Lola and the Saints, a group that lights up the stage, back with us for another performance. Formed in the Bronx in 1964, they have enjoyed a magnificent career performing Doo-Wop to the

delight of their audiences.

We have two Saturday Night dances scheduled.

The first features Sincerely Yours, who are back again for what we call a Moonlight and Pretzels Dance on Oct. 15. Moonlight and Pretzel comes from the name of an old movie. Why? It just seemed to fit the time of year.

The second dance is our popular Halloween Dance on Oct. 27 with one of our most popular bands, Flashback. They get right into the whole Costume Contest mood and it should be another night of fun and surprises as we marvel and applaud the costumes you'll be wearing in our Costume Con-

test Parade.

We also have our free Sunday-In-The-Park at the East Activity Center on Oct. 14 with Carlo providing the entertainment. We will also have our popular 50-50 and light refreshments.

As for November we have more exciting shows and dances, and we are planning a little Fly-To-Key West-Trip.

The Entertainment Committee and other clubs will also be working together to cater a Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Make your reservations at the Entertainment Committee Ticket Table on a Monday or Thursday morning.

Harvest the fun in October!

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Howard Arcon did not start playing golf until he reached 80 years young

By Pete Milner

Another rainy month has kept the On Top of the World Men's Golf Association pretty much in the clubhouse.

The course has been too wet to play, especially on holes Nos. 7-12. I'm willing to bet that it's been the same for most of the courses in our area.

Golf news has been hard to come by these days. At least our handicaps have not changed.

I had an opportunity to interview another of our senior golfers. Did you know that Howard Arcon will turn 98 years young on Dec. 31?

Men's Golf

Howard has been living at OTOW for about 25 years. He moved here after living in Safety Harbor for many years.

As a young man, Howard lived in the Chicago area where he attended the Henry Ford Trade School. He worked for Ford for a few years before attending the Chicago Aeronautical University, where he earned his papers as an aeronautics engineer.

Howard worked in Chicago for

American Airlines until the company moved its operations to LaGuardia. After 40 years with American, he retired and moved to sunny Florida.

Among Howard's interests have been shooting pool, playing the piano (by ear), and oil painting. He says he has some very nice pieces hanging about.

Howard started playing golf as a mere lad of 80. He was encouraged by a special friend.

Howard says his secret to longevity is staying actively involved in whatever you do.

His top four golfing tips are (1)

keep your head down, (2) keep your eyes on the ball, (3) patience and (4) play as much as you can.

Like last month's interviewee, Jack Smith, Howard is a real gentleman. You will enjoy playing golf with Howard or Jack if you get the chance.

In October, the annual Guys and Dolls Tournament will take place on the 17th. Shotgun start is 8:30 a.m. The tournament is limited to the first 144 players who sign up, or first 72 men and 72 ladies. Rain date for the tournament is Oct. 19.

A special welcome to our Snowbirds returning in October!

Nine-hole ladies' league begins play Oct. 16

The 2012-13 Ladies 9-Hole Golf Association season will start on Oct. 16 and all ladies interested in playing are welcome to participate.

This season promises to be exciting and fun for everyone. Those who are interested in joining our league are encouraged to contact Mary Ann

Ladies 9-Hole

O'Neil at 449-9243 or Connie Saylor at 797-3167 or by joining us on Oct. 16 at 9 a.m. on the 9-hole golf course. Officers for 2012-13 are: Mary Ann O'Neil, president; Connie Saylor, vice

president; Char Flach, secretary; Nancy Parlatore, treasurer.

Schedule for October

Oct. 16 is sign up and play for fun

Oct. 23 Opening Day will feature low putts

Oct. 30 is low gross/low net and 50/50 drawing (don't forget to bring your \$1 to take a chance to win the 50/50).

So ladies, get those clubs cleaned up, practice your swing and get ready for a fun year.

Softball team adding players for this season

It's that time of the year to get ready for a great season of softball.

We will be playing in Safety Harbor every Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9:30 a.m. The fields are located on Ninth Street across from the community center.

Our first week or two we will be practicing our hitting and fielding so we can get in shape for the season.

The first games will start Oct. 9. The season will end April 9.

We will have a preseason meeting Tuesday, Oct. 2, 6 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

We are always looking for players, so come to the meeting and sign up or ask questions. You can also call Tony at 726-9248 or Guy at 723-2307.

Bowling starts Oct. 5

The On Top of the World Friday Bowling League is looking for members to start play this fall.

The first day is noon, Oct. 5. Call Ralph Wells at 797-0336 or Jim McHugh at 953-7139 to sign up or get more information.

Shuffleboard is under way

Shuffleboard resumed in September, but Snowbirds and new players can still join. We play at 1:30 p.m. outside the East Activity Center.

We will start with practice games and have a lot of fun until our Snowbirds return.

Everyone at On Top of the World is invited to join us for the fun. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you!

For more information, contact Marge Sivek at 797-0625.

Summer swimmers luncheon

The summer pool club will hold its annual luncheon on Friday, Oct. 26 at the Dunedin Country Club from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Anyone who exercised with the club over the summer is invited to attend and bring a guest. Cost is \$20 apiece with a choice of chicken, beef or fish. A salad and dessert are included.

Tickets are available at the swimming pool after class, or you can call Nancy Brady at 729-6086 or Lillian Ginn at 791-4080 for more information.



All men and women pool players encouraged to participate in competitive tournament

By Gail DuCharme

Three short years ago, when the ladies first began building into an actual billiards club, the idea was to learn the game, be involved in a new physical and mental challenge, and just learn the joy of playing pool and competing among ourselves.

Since then, there has been much fun, enthusiasm, and camaraderie among the women. They have learned the rules of the game, and received excellent teaching and coaching from Andy Suhar, Terry Wittman, Ed Solivan and Frank English.

Some of the women have competed against the men in the men's league.

The membership has continued to grow and changes each year.

Now something new is in the works. The women are ready to advance to a new level of sportsmanship and competition. The Que'T Ladies



Present from left to right are Andy Suhar, John Fier and Joe Ventimiglia and Elizabeth Asselta. From back to front, Gail DuCharme, Jean Doane, Kay Mahoney and Becky Balderson.

Billiards Club is ready to team up with men from the Men's Billiards League to create a Guys and Dolls Tournament.

Anyone in the men's league or the ladies league is invited to participate in this event.

On Sept. 15, the steering team for the Guys and Dolls Tournament met in the Sunrise Room.

On Oct. 10 the men's league will join the ladies' league for a shared meal and an opportunity to socialize together. The meal will begin at ap-



Que'T Billiards Club

proximately 6 p.m.

The Guys and Dolls Tournament will take place on Thursday, Oct. 18 at a time to be determined. We expect this to be the beginning of fun, competition and sportsmanship among the men and women players.

During the summer, many women continued to participate in Saturday practices, workshops and tournaments. We hope our returning "Snowbirds" will quickly refresh their skills to join us for this event.

Hugo wins three straight 8-ball titles

Joe Ventimiglia couldn't do it.

Bart Gooch couldn't do it.

Mario Rodriguez couldn't do it either.

From Sept. 3-17, Hugo Orantes dominated the On Top of the World Monday Night Eight-Ball League in the Flight A Division.

On Sept. 3, Hugo defeated Joe in the final for first place. Tony Baker was third.

On Sept. 10, Hugo defeated Bart for the win. There was no third place finisher.

On Sept. 17, Hugo defeated Mario for the title. Tony Baker and Roy Sutkowski tied for third.

There was only one other Flight A eight-ball tournament last session. Marc Schell edged Denny Balderson for first place while Hugo was third.

In Flight B there were two tournaments.

Mario Rodriguez beat Ray Diguilio on Aug. 20 and John Shearer was third.

Terry Wittman defeated John Fier on Sept. 10. Gene Baranowski was third.



Men's Billiards

Also last session, there were four Scotch Doubles Tournaments. No team was able to win more than once.

Frank English and Roy Satkowski took the title the first week. Andy Suhar and John Shearer were the runners-up. Hugo Orantes and Terry Wittman were third.

In the second week, Denny Balderson and Cesar Lemos teamed up for the win. Hugo Orantes and John Shearer were second. Tim Rush and Ray Diguilio were third.

In the third week, Joe Doire and Terry Wittman captured the title. Andy Suhar and Mario Rodriguez were the



On Sept. 20 the men's league held an eight-ball tournament instead of Scotch Doubles. Frank English took first place and Joe Ventimiglia took second place. Pictured above, Frank lines up a shot.

runners-up. Hugo Orantes and Joe Ventimiglia were third.

In the final week, Bart Gooch and John Shearer took first place.

Andy Suhar and Mario Rodriguez were second. Hugo Orantes and Joe Ventimiglia were third for the second consecutive week.



New season starts Nov. 1 and we are hoping for dryer weather

The amazingly wet summer continues.

Drew and his crew have done an amazing job keeping the course playable. Hopefully the rains will end and we can look forward to a great new season.

Practice really does pay off. Our week 35 champion was Don Baker and can be found most mornings at the driving range at the Landings. Our week 35 runner-up was Bruce MacPherson and Ron Parham placed third. Only two skins were won, Ken Smith and Don Baker.

The week 36 winner was Don Leamy. Bruce MacPherson was second

Thursday Golf

and Pete Dominguez took third. Don Leamy collected two skins. Paul Meyers, Ron Parham and Bruce MacPherson had one skin each.

Week 37 saw Pete Dominguez take first place. John Maloof was second and Ron Parham third. Ron Parham had the hot hand and collected three skins. Bruce MacPherson had two skins and Paul Meyers took one skin.

Week 38 was a shootout with three players within a point of each other. New league member Ken Smith

came out on top. Ada Culbertson placed second and Paul Meyers was third. Ken Smith, Ron Parham, Don Baker and Paul Meyers won one skin each.

Snowbird JT Norris, visiting for a couple weeks, still remembers how to play the OTOW course, and he was our week 39 champion. Kim Norried won a tiebreaker for second place narrowly edged out Pete Dominguez.

Skins were plentiful. Ron Parham and Paul Meyers collected two each. Don Leamy, John Maloof and Bruce MacPherson had one each.

The Thursday League is a seasonal league. The new season will start

on Nov. 1 and continue through the end of May. Many new events and outings are planned for the upcoming season.

The league is open to all OTOW residents - anyone wishing to try the league before joining is welcome during the off-season. Play begins at 11 a.m. and sign-in starts at 10:30 a.m.

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Lawn Bowling is a sport and venue to be appreciated

By Bob Laplante

Lawn bowling is a very old sport, going back to the 16th century, as a game that became an obsession in the court of Henry VIII in England.

In fact, laws had to be instituted to limit play as it was keeping potential soldiers from their military training.

Who wants to shoot arrows and clash swords when there is lawn bowling available?

This is especially true when wagering, a common practice, was also available.

Although summer sees a great reduction in the activities at the On Top of the World Lawn Bowls, there are still stalwarts who come out and enjoy the game. Mike Cooper, Joe Cassidy, Wendy Colquhoun, Wally Colquhoun, Richard Wilkins, Jack Bolster and Frank Skeith are among these die-hard fans of the game. If you see them, or anyone else playing, and wish to learn a little more about the game,

Lawn Bowling

chat them up. All bowlers are willing to share and promote their game.

A training program will begin early in November to instruct interested new bowlers. A special thanks to Mike Cooper who has assumed responsibilities as person in charge for the summer period.

It is a shame that, unless work is witnessed being done at OTOW, it is not fully appreciated as it blends in to a well-maintained environment. For it to be really noticed, it would have to be neglected and become run-down. Then it would be too late and our community would not be what we have come to enjoy and appreciate.

A great example of this is the attention that OTOW Management gives to the Lawn Bowl facilities. Although club members provide

the daily maintenance of the courts and many refinements to make the grounds functional and attractive, it is the Management that looks after the infrastructure.

This summer, storm damage occurred to the shelter roof and it was repaired. During September, in spite of unavoidable delays due to weather, a major repair was undertaken in leveling the courts, an endeavor that is very important to the players who rely on courts being consistent during play.

This work is akin to the government maintaining the roadways that we use every day. Only when neglected are they appreciated. Be assured that the appreciation of all residents for the work that is unseen, as well as evident, is appreciated.

Maintaining the quality of life that we enjoy is an investment both in the short term as well as the long term. A huge thanks to those who make it happen!

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New season kicks off with line dancing and a new class for teaching men only

By John Koning

We know Snowbirds Club members are smart, savvy folks, but we were surprised at how sharp you really are.

Many of you have been receiving our newsletter and you jumped at the opportunity to buy tickets early by mail. You are the ones who get the best seats on the bus or in the theater. You are a wise bunch!

Meanwhile, over the past few months, the summer Snowbirds or Sunbirds, as they call themselves, have been going strong with casino trips, a cruise and of course, Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Theater.

Our club's general manager, Sandy Sanborn, and her volunteers, have been steering the good ship Snowbird while many of the other club's leaders were off lollygagging around up north. Well, the summer siesta is over and it's time for these folks to get back to doing what they do best – making your On Top of the World stay interesting and fun. Here's how we'll do it:

We'll tickle your toes and activate



Snowbirds Club

those brain cells with our line dancing classes on Thursday, Oct. 18 and every Thursday after that. This year we are introducing a new "men only" beginners line dancing course starting at 8 a.m. Beginners class starts at 9 a.m. and intermediate at 10 a.m. You don't have to be a member to check it out.

We'll follow dance classes with great seats at Early Bird Theater on Oct. 26 to watch the hilarious cast and stuff our bellies with great food.

Next we'll head for Biloxi's IP Casino on Nov. 11, and one week later we'll welcome our northerners home with our famous Welcome Back party.

On Thanksgiving Day we'll enjoy a delicious dinner and fabulous holiday show at the Show Palace. If



Tag for the accompanying photo: Some of the Snowbirds Club line dancers show off their vintage duds. From left to right are Kim Arling, Meg Geary, Debra Champ, Dolly Foland, Carol McAllister, Arlene McNutt, Susan Meyers and Pat Koning.

(Photo by Ed Foland)

you've never been to this show, you don't know what you're missing!

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Canadian Club prepares for another season of food, dances, sports and fellowship

By Rollie Lapointe

Marcus Cicero once said "Life is nothing without friendship." This quote could be aptly applied to the On Top of the World Canadian Club.

The purpose of our club is to allow members to have opportunities for nurturing and cherishing the friendships they have already established, and to explore our diversity as we welcome new members to the club.

Canadian Club members come from all walks of life and from many corners of the world. All OTOW residents are invited to join, and through the fostering of this fellowship, we hope to provide an atmosphere that is both comforting, reassuring and profitable.



We do this by presenting varied activities for members to enjoy. Weekly social games (Thursdays) that involve The Blackout Game and bridge are extremely popular; marathon bridge evenings allow a more sedate (well...perhaps not, by some accounts!) atmosphere to prevail; the annual golf tournament is always competitive; the yearly St. Patrick's Parade

allows us to decorate and dress with pride; lawn bowlers look forward to their annual triples tournament; much pre-race strategy goes into the visit to Tampa Bay Downs.

And, of course, our dances are legendary for their food, fun and atmosphere.

The Christmas Party (December) begins the season followed by the elegant President's Ball (January) and the Spring Fling (March). More details about the activities will be given in the next issue.

The first important event to mark on your calendars now is Registration Night on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. More information about the new season will be given and ques-

tions will be answered.

Also, you may register for the club (\$5 per person) and sign up for a few other activities/dances. A wine and cheese party will follow.

We look forward to 'meeting and greeting' all of you!

This evening will be hosted by our new executive board. They are as follows: Andy McEvoy (President), Rene Careau (First Vice President), Shirley Hunter (Second Vice President), Cathy Mills (Secretary), Jill Orchard (Treasurer), Linda McKee (Registrar) and Marnie Carr (Past President).

Should you need further information, please view our Website and/or call one of the executives.

Season includes 3 shows, 2 dinners and parade

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Welcome back!

Another summer has come and gone, but we all look forward to getting together with friends and enjoying a fun year with the Irish Club.

We welcome our new club officers: Jim O'Neil, president, Mary Skaarer, vice president, Rose Mulhall, secretary and Liz Buckley, treasurer.

Our first club meeting will be Friday, Oct. 12 starting at 7 p.m. at the East Activity Center.

Events that will be sponsored by the Irish Club are three shows with Irish Comedians and singers, two dinner dances, and our annual St. Patrick's Parade.

Our first entertainment event will be on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m., and will feature the incomparable



Danny Justice, who promises to bring much laughter and song to residents and guests of OTOW. Get your tickets early and come enjoy this event with all the members of the Irish Club.

Don't forget to renew your membership in the Irish Club for only \$5 for the year. Check us out on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center.

Rehearsals begin Oct. 2 for show

By John Kannaly

In 1980, Charles (Chuck) Whetsel founded a form of variety show called The Jesters.

Who would have thought that 32 years later, the current version of The Jesters, are ready for another year of "Jest for Fun."

The February 2013 version continues in the mold for song, dance and comedy. We will begin rehearsals on Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. in the auditorium and Veranda.

Although sign-ups for the show have begun, there is still plenty of room for those who are still interested. Please contact our representative at the auditorium on Monday and Thursday from 8:30-10 a.m. for information.

So make the commitment and have a fantastic time. See you soon.

Any questions, please call me, John Kannaly, at 669-3988. "Jest for the fun of it."

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11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 20. Forms will be available and pictures will be taken after the Greyhound Club-Pet Supplies Plus Halloween Costume Contest.

Join us and sing holiday songs as we prepare for our December concert

By Dana Garlick

Singing in a chorus can be a great way to belong to a group, practice teamwork, and interact with fellow music lovers.

At On Top of the World, the chorus begins getting into the holiday spirit in October when we start rehearsals for our December concert.

As one of our members said so well, "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. 2 at 7 p.m. at the East Activity Center auditorium.

For those returning after our first rehearsal, stop in. We're singing mostly holiday songs, the tunes famil-



Chorus

iar to most of you. It's a great time to give us a try.

In addition to singing, we share social times and many of our good cooks share their delectable desserts during our monthly social time. We also have a wonderful pot luck supper after our concerts, or we treat ourselves to a dinner out at one of our favorite restaurants.

Part of the fun belonging to chorus is getting to know one another and also to learn about other musical programs that are in the area. Clearwater and Pinellas County have many opportunities to hear music in all kinds of forms. Some of the people in our chorus are affiliated with these programs.

Local schools and churches often sponsor musical programs. Often they are free or they may ask for a donation to help cover costs. So being part of chorus will give you firsthand information about ongoing musical programs in the area.

For example, in late September, a choral workshop with Dr. James Bass, conductor of the Master Chorale of Tampa, shared ideas on choral warm-

ups and rehearsal techniques. We can all learn some new techniques for getting our voices ready to sing.

Also, a fun event will happen at the First Presbyterian Church in Dunedin on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. when members of the American Guild of Organists present "Pipescreams" organ concert. It's a spooky experience if you use your imagination. Of course, some of the organists also wear costumes and that adds to the imagination.

So come join us this month. Get to know us and find out about other programs of music you may like to hear about. We hope you will come. And for all you present chorus members, "Welcome Back!" It will be so good to see you.



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

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Greyhound Club opens contest to all OTOW dogs

Bill Sharpsteen

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The Greyhound Club is proud to work with Pet Supplies Plus, located at 1500 N. McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater, to sponsor the first annual OTOW Halloween Costume Contest right here at our beautiful, new dog park. The contest will be on Saturday, Oct. 20 starting at 11 a.m. Judges will be looking for “Best of the Show,” “Most Original,” “Funniest” and “Best Halloween Theme.”

“Best of Show” will receive a \$60 gift card and a small gift basket from Pet Supplies Plus.

“Most Original,” “Funniest” and “Best Halloween Theme” will each receive a \$40 gift certificate.

Only OTOW dogs will be eligible to participate. Please bring your IDs.

Pet Supplies Plus will provide all the prizes, so please support them as they support us here at OTOW! Tell their manager, Kristin, the Greyhound Club sent you!

On Sunday, Oct. 7 from noon to 4 p.m. will be our combined greyhound picnic and greyhound reunion.

It will be with Gold Coast Greyhounds and Bay Area Greyhounds, held again at Philippe Park, 2525 Philippe Parkway, Safety Harbor, and Shelter No. 2.

Come experience an all-greyhound event, a nice day in the park and a picnic lunch for \$10 - hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, or pulled pork sandwiches with sides — including drink and dessert. Or if you wish, just pack your own lunch and join us!

Some greyhound adopters sent pictures of their new adopted “babies.” Check them out at www.GoldCoastGreyhounds.com.

Look under the photo gallery for some poses after they are adopted.

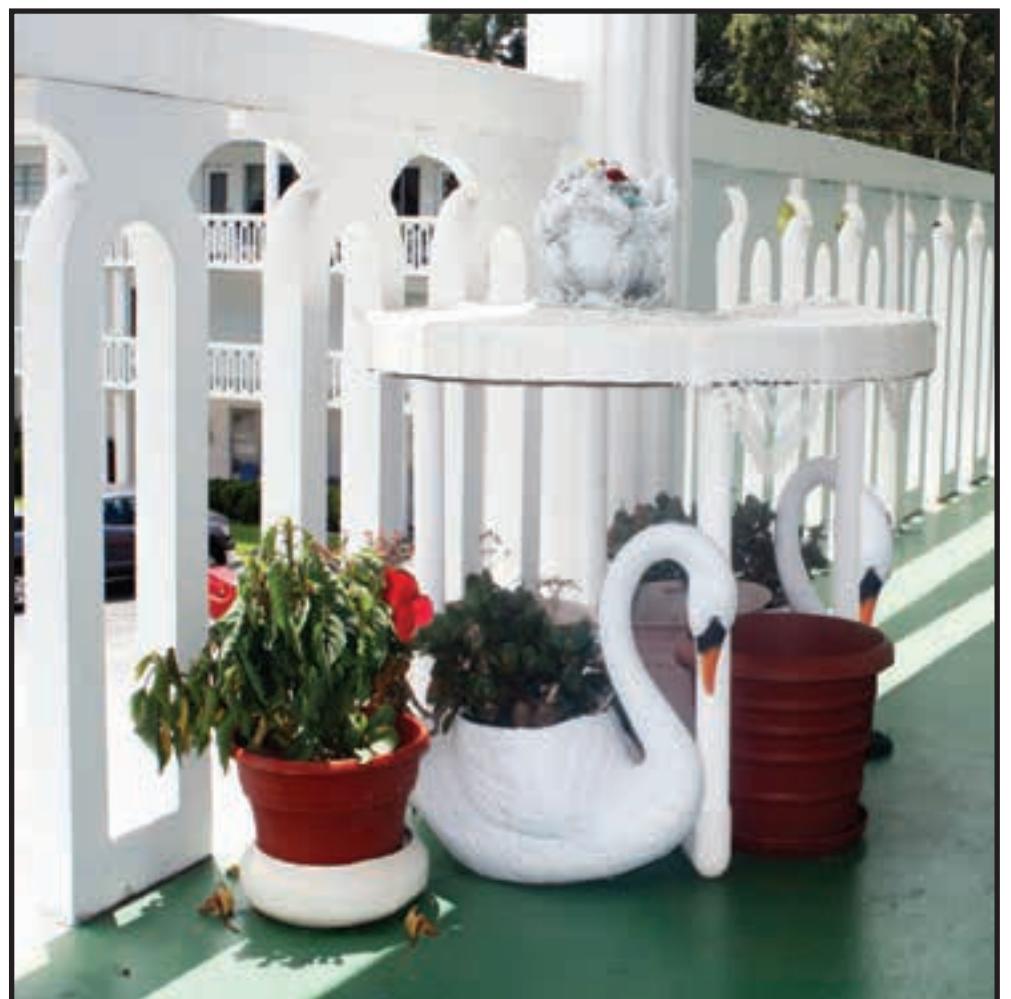
Always remember, we gather every third Friday in Safety Harbor. We set up next on Friday, Oct. 19 at Second Avenue and Main Street to show off the greyhounds for adoption.

Watch for notices on our OTOW Greyhound Club meetings starting again this Nov. 1 at 11 a.m. Call Bill today at 727-797-7977 today 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!



Bart and Jetti ready for Halloween

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH
 Find 10 Differences In The Two Photos Below (answers will appear in next month's newspaper)





This resident's love of helping others did not stop when she moved to OTOW three decades ago

By Tom Brennan

Hi, neighbors. How in the world RU? This month I would like to tell you about an extraordinary lady named Ella Mae Crow. She and her late husband George came to On Top of the World 35 years ago. They were born in 1914 – she in Covington, Ky. and he across the river in Cincinnati, Ohio.

They met in high school and were married on July 24, 1937, in a “small Presbyterian Church.”

George was drafted into the Army during WWII and served three years in India. On December 9, 1943, he sailed on the *SS Mariposa*, a cruise ship converted into a troop carrier, from California to India in 30 days, zigzagging across the Pacific with many stops along the way, carrying 5,977 servicemen.

George was stationed in Ledo-Assam with the “CBI Theater” (short for China, Burma, India operations.) He directed the loading and shipping

of supplies and equipment in Assam to be sent by train “over the hump” into China to our troops.

Ella Mae worked by day and went to college at night, not a common thing for women to do in those days. She was a kindergarten teacher for 25 years and a first grade teacher for 10 years.

At one point there were so many children and so few teachers they closed kindergarten to make room for the first graders. She also taught music and dance before she married.

George worked for the Cincinnati Union Terminal as a control tower operator for 38 years. One of the perks from his job was a complimentary railroad pass, which enabled them to travel through every state.

Here at OTOW, George and Ella Mae helped organize the Jesters 32 years ago. George was president and she was vice president. They were



Ella Mae Crow came to OTOW 35 years ago with her husband, George.

very active in Theater Workshop, Ella Mae being president of that for two years (1990-92). She says George was in most acts and “enjoyed every minute of it.” They also played golf together until his passing at age 92.

In 2008, she marked 30 years of volunteer work for Morton Plant Hospital. She was featured on Bay News 9 television and received the “Viewers Choice Hero of the Year” award.

Every Thursday Ella Mae walks into an old warehouse in downtown Clearwater and spends time sewing hospital sheets, curtains, pillows and whatever needs mending.

Ella Mae and George went “around the world” twice. Along with a group of 25 veterans they made a 22-day trip to celebrate the 50th anniversary of India’s independence from England. The group was treated as celebrities, and Ella Mae remarked her white hair “made a hit.”

Ella Mae and George are the parents of two sons, George and Dennis, who in turn gave them three grandchildren. Now there are five great-grandchildren to add to the family tree.

If you want to meet this interesting lady, you’ll find her on Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Veranda Room, where she joins the knitting group.

Thank you, Ella Mae, for the privilege of interviewing you. You’ve had a wondrous, adventure-filled life. You’re the only lady I know who has sailed the Yangtze River, walked around the Taj Mahal, kissed the Blarney Stone, visited Stonehenge and stood on the Great Wall!

Answer to the September issue: A 60-year-old man wants to wake up “contented.” How about a 70-year-old man?



One of her awards for 30 years of volunteer work at Morton Plant Hospital.

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September slipped away. Where did it go? "Trick or Treat" is almost here. Time to cloak our doors for Halloween. Gives me an excuse to buy my favorite candies.

Who knows... I may have pals come trick or treating and one *must* be prepared. Any excuse to have candy...!

How lucky we were that Isaac spared us a visit. However, it prompted many to have emergency kits at hand just in case. We become complacent living in paradise and an Isaac sort of jogged us to be prepared.

From the looks of the parking lots sprinkled with license plates from "away," a few Snowbirds are returning to their winter nests a bit early this season.

Next month the place will be abuzz with "how I spent my summer vacation." We do throw a wide net traveling, to be sure.

"On The Rocks," our digs on the Maine coast, was a busy place this summer. Visitors included good pals Rick and Dana Garlick from French Renaissance, who helped deplete Maine's lobster supply while on their visit! Lobsters were cheaper than hot dogs in Maine this summer. Many places had specials on dinners: \$8 for one; three for \$15; all you can eat for \$30. Now, if I only ate lobster...



We have our very own Humphrey Bogart and Kate Hepburn in the form of Connie and Jerry McDonald. They actually were on that fabled *African Queen* on a recent jaunt to the Keys, and generously shared their story with us.

The Queen has a rich history. It was built in 1912 in the UK of sheet iron riveted construction for service on the Victoria Nile and Lake Albert.

Director John Houston spied the boat known then as the *Livingstone* and decided it was perfect for his epic film "The African Queen."

After the movie, she continued to shuttle passengers and cargo for the British East African Railroad until 1968.

Found in Cairo in 1970 and bought by an American, it was shipped to the U.S. After her owners' passing, she



Connie and Jerry McDonald shown aboard the *African Queen* docked at Key Largo.

languished, rusting away in the Florida Keys on Marathon Key.

Luckily for the Queen (and us), Lance and Susan Holmquist found her and had a total refit done. Now on the National register of historic places and a tourist attraction on Key Largo, the *African Queen* is all decked out for a new generation to enjoy.

After Connie and Jerry's adventure, I fully intend to rent the movie and then go visit the *African Queen* in person.

I think you all will agree Connie and Jerry look pretty snazzy on the deck of this classic vessel. Thanks for sharing

this great story and photo!

There has been talk of resuming luncheons or "early birds" once a month for our building. So if you see a signup sheet, do give it some consideration. Would be a nice way to catch up with old neighbors and greet new ones.

And dust off them there golf clubs... maybe we should challenge another building in a mini match-up.

I shall whisk away on my broom — happy Ghosts and Gobbles to all!

Remember to send your news to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Till November...



Marilyn Robinson, center, recently celebrated her 80th birthday with her seven children (shown here) and many other family members.

Birthday fete held at Largo park

Taylor Park in Largo was the chosen site for Marilyn Robinson's 80th birthday party.

Most of her seven children, 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, along with her sister, nieces, nephew and friends huddled together in the rain (and some sunshine) to enjoy this special day for Marilyn.

A happy crowd of 53 munched on a catered barbeque dinner and a delicious birthday cake.

We wish you many more happy days with your wonderful family from



such diverse places as California, Texas, Pennsylvania and Florida!



Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

Of all the places to retire, he picked the best

Sometimes I wonder how it came to be that I retired in Florida. At first I thought it was the law. You reach a certain birthday, you have to go to Florida. I checked, and there is no such law.

Then I figured it must be part of my DNA. Your body goes through some subtle changes, and you hear voices in your head urging you to share your golden years with a healthy, fulfilling lifestyle, where you'll be skydiving, running triathlons, and having great sex into your 90s (and not pay any attention to those people releasing pythons into the Everglades).

I could have retired to Phoenix, or Tucson, where everyone has 100 recipes for Mexican food, and you know that "dry heat" is comparable to what hits you in the face when you open your oven door, and the four seasons are tolerable, hot, really hot, and "ARE YOU KIDDING ME!"

I could have retired to California where you make \$250,000 a year and still can't afford to buy a house; where the fastest part of your commute is going down the driveway, and where the four seasons are fire, flood, mud and drought.

I could have stayed (and retired) in NYC, where you think Central Park is nature, and trying to get cross town



by taxi (based on mileage + time) can cost upwards of \$140; where condos go for \$1,400 a square foot (making the typical OTOW one bedroom apartment worth \$1,120,000), and where everyone believes making eye contact is an act of aggression.

I could have retired to Minnesota, where Halloween costumes fit over parkas, where everyone has a dozen recipes for casserole, where sexy lingerie is anything flannel with eight buttons, and the four seasons are winter, still winter, almost winter, and construction.

I could have retired to the Deep South, where you can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store; where "He needed killin'" is a valid defense, and everyone has two first names (Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, Betty Jean, etc.).

I could have retired to Colorado, where you carry your \$3,000 mountain bike atop your \$500 car, and where the top of your head is bald, but you have a nice long ponytail.

I could have retired to the Midwest, where you never meet any celebrities, but the Mayor knows your name, and your idea of a traffic jam is 10 cars waiting to pass a tractor.

Instead, I retired to Florida, where you eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon, where all purchases include a coupon of some kind (even houses and cars), where road construction never ends anywhere in the state, and cars in front of you often appear to be driven by headless people.

Where the combination of warm weather, humidity, hurricanes, swamps, and native fauna that includes alligators, snakes, panthers, bobcats, fire ants, armadillos, spiders, and cockroaches so big they could double as commuter airplanes, make this my own private Garden of Eden.

Our Snowbirds are migrating south. A new "season" is upon us. Our building needs volunteers for leadership, if we are to create a more personal social atmosphere as neighbors and friends. Make it happen. Have a great October, one and all.

Couple's summer getaway spot turning cooler

Well it is October, the kids are back in school, the Republican and Democrat nominating conventions are over, we had more rain and wind, football is back in full swing and Halloween is fast approaching when the witches and goblins will be prowling the streets looking for treats.

In November, the time will change back to standard time where we will gain an hour and the Snowbirds will be starting their return to Capistrano. Wow! Where did summer go?

Don Drake and Patti Jones earlier this summer packed their bags, loaded the dog and cat in the car and headed north to Chateaugay, N.Y., where they have a trailer located on the side of one of the Adirondack Mountains. For those who never heard of Chateaugay, it is a small town about an hour south of the U.S.-Canadian border near Quebec, Canada.

It is also the home of famous McCadam Cheese Company and the birthplace of Oliver Gibson of Gibson guitar fame.

The towns and villages in the Adirondack Mountains have great



weather in summer and very, very cold in winter, with lots of snow.

Don and Patti tell us the apple season is in full swing in early September and they would drive and seek out the apple festivals in the little mountain towns.

Both Don and Patti say the apple products, fritters, apple cider and apple pies are the best ever especially when coupled with the famous McCadam cheddar cheese.

On a short visit to Patti's cousin further north near the Canadian border, they encountered Adirondack cold

weather. Don says he was freezing and could not take advantage of the fishing in the pristine mountain lakes.

The Adirondack lakes are environmentally clean and all the fish are edible. These summer travelers are happy to return to Capistrano and On Top of the World as Don says the weather is starting to turn cold at night already.

Our Julia and Sam Contella did some traveling to Sam's home town of Tonawanda, N.Y., this summer to celebrate a family event. Sam was happy to see his friends and relatives from the area.

Julia mentioned that they made a short trip to Niagara Falls, Ontario, for a quick view of the falls from the Canadian vantage.

Julia or Sam didn't say whether they had an opportunity to enjoy some Genesee beer or the famous Buffalo chicken wings!

Remember let us know if you have any news or special happening that you would like to share with your friends and neighbors at Capistrano.

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Marguerite and Wally Laskowski's granddaughter, at right, with her friend at Magic Kingdom. (Photo by reporter.)

Magic Kingdom a popular spot to celebrate birthdays

It's been said, "Great minds think alike." That seemed to be the case when Donna and Phil Smerz and Wally and I took our guests to Disney's Magic Kingdom. We went on different days, but with the same intention of enjoying the day with family.

The Smerz's son, Flip, and their grandson visited for three weeks. They came to Florida to help celebrate a special birthday, as Donna and Phil's granddaughter wanted to celebrate her third birthday at Cinderella's Castle.

The family stayed in Orlando so they could also go to Sea World. During one of the other weeks they went to Busch Gardens. Golfing and swimming were on the agenda as well. Congratulations to their daughter, Stacy, and her husband who are expecting their third child in February.

Our Georgia granddaughter visited with us for five days. We took our granddaughter and her girlfriend to the Magic Kingdom. It was enjoyable but the day was very hot. By 4 p.m. the girls were ready to shop and then head home.

Another day our granddaughter and I went to see the Mummies Exhibit at MOSI. It was interesting as well as educational. And that's how I spent my summer vacation!

"Till We Meet Again"



Donna and Phil Smerz with their "birthday" granddaughter. They also celebrated at Disney's Magic Kingdom.

Neighbor travels to Ireland to visit land of her youth

Welcome to the month of October — such a great month. So much to do and many people to see and great weather.

By now most of the folks from up North are back. Activities are in full swing. Get out there and start enjoying yourself!

One of our neighbors in our building had a chance to enjoy herself this summer. Genevieve O'Loughlin went home to Dublin, Ireland, to spend some very wonderful time with her family. She still has two sisters in Dublin and many nieces and nephews all over Ireland plus one sister here at On Top of the World.

Genevieve is of Gaelic Irish origin. She is O'Loughlin on one side of the family and McDermott on the other side of the family. The O'Loughlins were a very powerful family and were known as "Kings of the Burrens." Today the McDermott name is ranked as the ninety-sixth most numerous name in Ireland.



Ireland is known for its green hills and lush river valleys. Gray stone walls crisscross the landscape. Country roads and ancient castles stand guard on history rich in color and incident.

The Irish also treasure their folklore and traditional humor.

Anyone in our building who would like to see a story of their own adventures appear in the paper, just print it up and leave it in the mailbox by the waste room or just tell me.

So get out and get going because fall is here!

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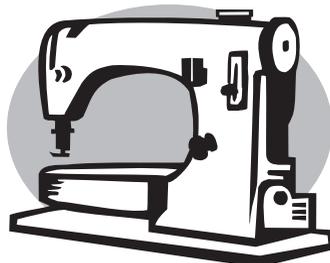
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SEWING CLASS UNDERWAY

By Joan Bates

It's not too late to join the Wednesday sewing class, which began Sept. 26. The registration fee for the five-week class is \$45. Sign up in room A2 in the East Activity Center. The class meets from 9 a.m. until noon.

All levels of sewing are taught. Beginners are welcome. Sewing machines and sergers are available for use by class members. This class is sponsored by Pinellas County public schools and is taught by Joan Bates.



A graduation, some visits and a few trips are highlights

Many of our neighbors have had exciting visits from their family members.

Nancy Gentry's daughter came from Greenville, S.C. Her son-in-law and two grandsons also visited. This was a celebration vacation before Nancy's oldest grandson starts college as a freshman. The family had five beautiful, sunny and warm days of boating and swimming in the Gulf.

Her two grandsons spent a day shopping with their cousins from Safety Harbor. That seems to be the highlight for teens these days! Nancy is looking forward to their next visit.

This reporter and her husband Bill had a wonderful visit from their son and daughter-in-law from Edison, N.J. (see photo at right). They brought their Chinese Crescent dog, Gizmo, and Bearded Dragon Lizard, Wal, with them. We made room for the dog bed, dog traveler and aquarium for the lizard.

It was our son's first visit to Clearwater. Both he and his wife were quite impressed with On Top of the World and the surrounding beaches and sights.

My husband and I watched the animals while our son and daughter-in-law spent the day at Busch Gardens. I was glad we didn't have to feed the dragon the weird-looking worms.

We did walk Gizmo several times. Bill and our son took Gizmo to the new OTOW dog park. The park is a great place and well-shaded for the humans. Gizmo had a great time and made a new dog friend, Frankie.



Bill Bergen, right, with his son and daughter-in-law outside Bon Appetite Restaurant at the Dunedin Marina.

We did a lot of sightseeing and ate in many great restaurants. The visit went fast and we are looking forward to seeing our family again.

Joan Moore's grandson graduated from the Merchant Marine Academy.



Some of Joan Moore's family at her grandson's graduation from Merchant Marine Academy.

He will be going to the University of Delaware to further his education and receive his Ph.D. in Bio-Medical Engineering. Joan is very proud of her grandson (photo at top right) Congratulations! We wish him much luck in his pursuits.

In addition, Joan's son is in Thailand building a huge luxury yacht for one of his clients.

Our building captain, Gerri Jaeger, would like to welcome everyone back from their summer vacations.

Gerri writes "Richard Maxwell and I enjoyed our summer with the grandchildren in Olympia, Wash., and our road trip in our motor home. I will schedule a dinner for everyone before the end of the month. I would like to thank everyone for cooperating with

recycling the aluminum cans, but I can no longer do the collection.

"Thank you to our loyal neighbors who always keep an eye on the condos when someone is away. We are very fortunate to have wonderful friends and neighbors in our building."

Enjoy the fall months and have a Happy Halloween. Go trick-or-treating with some friends. It will be fun and your neighbors will get a kick out of it. Give them a treat instead of you receiving a treat.

Please remember to periodically check the bulletin boards in the lobby. There is usually important news from our building captain and the OTOW Association. If you have any news for our column, please leave in the white mailbox under the bulletin board.

Vets, spouses offered free AARP safe driving course Nov. 2

Want to become a safer driver and receive a 5-10 percent discount on your insurance?

Veterans, along with their spouses or partners, are being offered a free AARP Safe Driving Course from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2 in the East Activity Center. This is a classroom experience – no actual driving. You do not need prior reservations. Just show up and get a refresher on valuable safety tips.

Each month AARP offers a driver's safety class at OTOW, but for November only, this class will be free for veterans and their spouses or partners. Cost to non-veterans is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-AARP members. If you are paying for the class, fill out the form in this newspaper and submit with a check payable to AARP. A photo copy of your AARP membership card must be included.

Welcome new couple originally from Mass.

We have new residents to welcome to the Ecuadorian side of our building. Renee and Paul Chagnon came to us from St. Petersburg, originally from Lowell and Newton, Mass.

They have lived in Florida for 26 years. She likes to sew and make quilts. He likes to cook and enjoys movies. Be sure to welcome them to Modernage.

Recently Nancy and Frank Parlatore traveled to New York to visit family and to celebrate Nancy's and a granddaughter's birthday.

Those of us with a hearing problem try to read the closed captions on the TV. They can sometimes be a source of laughter. Action can go so fast that it is hard to keep up when reading. I don't know how the people printing the closed captions keep up as well as they do.



Here are some of the humorous substitutes I've seen. For Tarpon, Tar Pin; for Bartow, Bar Toe; for Michael, My Cole; for Sarasota, Sarah Sew Toe.

Before long we will see the Snow Birds returning. Keep watch for our bulletin board to see when we will be having our Welcome Back Cookout.

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THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News

(Part 41: October, 1974)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- Entertainment Committee events for October included a trip to Busch Gardens on Oct. 10. A charge of \$7.50 included the trip and all events.
- A Veterans Day Dance took place Oct. 18 for only \$1.75 per person — also a Halloween Dance was enjoyed on Oct. 31 for \$1.75.
- Yoga started Oct. 3. Eight lessons were included for only \$10.
- Future trips include The *Delta Queen* to New Orleans, a Caribbean Cruise and a football trip to the Orange Bowl.
- An OTOW lecture series with the University of South Florida faculty took place this month with lectures at OTOW and USF St. Petersburg. The theme of the programs was “Into The Maddening Crowd: Retirement, Leisure and Overcrowding in Art and Society.”

See you next time!

It's autumn — time to put storage rooms in order

Fall season is here at last. My article for October is to discuss issues regarding the storage rooms. Many questions and concerns have come to my attention regarding this issue recently.

We have been fortunate to have some new residents move in recently; trying to navigate in some of the storage rooms was a little challenging for them. Several people have noticed there are items stored which do not meet the guidelines of the association.

Many have suggested cleaning and organizing the rooms as a priority project.

Bicycles which are locked to the shelves and which are blocking access for others in the same area was an issue for one new neighbor. A suggestion was to ensure all the bikes be identified with names and unit numbers for easy identification.

Several people have recently questioned the amount of space each resident is allowed.

Lastly, there are items stored which consist of old screens, boxes, pieces of paneling, etc. that probably could be disposed of or donated.

Recently I reviewed the rules of the condominium association along with any amendments, which apply. The one, received when I moved in, details Article 17 “Storage Rooms,” which begins on page 6 through page 7. I will copy and attach it to our bulletin board for everyone’s review.

Please do not remove, however. If you need a copy for easier reading, please contact me either by email at e.schwartz@aol.com or phone at 727-420-6091 and I will be happy to print one for you.



Building captains I met explained they have made this a yearly function and get-together to clean up the storage units.

This sounds like a good place to start. I would like to suggest October be our month to meet as I am hoping most if not all Snowbirds will be back.

Our meeting will be one to discuss the issues and decide on a date to implement the agreed-upon changes. Please watch for the posting on the board by the elevator in October.

I hope there will be high participation including those who have been here as long- term residents. Let us work together as “good neighbors” to accomplish this.

Until then, I am always looking for news I can use. Please call me with any human-interest stories. They can be about places you have been, things you have done, special hobbies, interests or talents you possess.

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The completed registration form should be sent immediately to Larry O'Connor at the address in the left column with a check or money order (no cash) payable to AARP.

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR.
Remember, you will not get a wake-up call.



THE PUZZLE

By Alma W. Hudson

It can be a puzzle, this life we lead
 A puzzle that haunts us, that preys on our need
 To love and be loved by someone we adore
 To feel that this love will be shared even more
 But, love is expressed both by word and by deed
 The sweet word, the cross word and the greed
 So, never let anger unloosen your lips
 For loose lips, we've heard, have been known
 To sink ships
 So, the ship of our love, may it always sail free
 Commanded with care, in complete harmony



THE DAYS OF OUR LIVES

By Alma W. Hudson

The days of our lives are lived against
 A backdrop of twenty-four hours
 From morning 'til night and the time in between
 It's all there for us — it is ours
 What we do with this time can be rough or sublime
 Depending on plans that we make
 From sunrise to moonlight to darkest of dark night
 It's waiting for us to partake
 Make use of these hours we're granted
 Plan wisely as life flows along
 Raise up your eyes to those Heavenly skies
 You know you can make life a song
 A song of sweet days filled with laughter
 Of days that are sunny and bright
 A song that begins every morning
 A song that concludes every night
 We're happiest when we're contented
 When hoping life's pattern survives
 There's no better plan yet invented
 For living "The Days of our Lives"



THE GENTLE BREEZE

By Donna Lehman

The flags are waving as if to say,
 "Thank God and a soldier that we are here to stay."

No one can see a breeze,
 But look at the effect it has on the trees.
 They are doing the hula as they clap their leaves.
 Oh, that pleasant cooling on our warm, wet bodies.
 It must be nature's reward for enduring the hot summer sun.
 But, haven't we had fun?
 Though we cannot see the pollen moving about in the breeze,
 It causes many of us to sneeze. Achoo!
 See the tall, thick grass. It seems to prance
 When you look at a glance.
 Did you know the breeze can whistle?
 Listen as it blows through the thistle.
 It can make a kite soar way up high,
 But if the string breaks, you can wave goodbye.

Hold on to your hat,
 Lest it become a doormat.
 It can make a lady with a pretty hairdo
 Look like an animal from the zoo.
 Lady, please! Hold your skirt down.
 That wind is really blowing around.
 Oh, my, this is like a fairy tale,
 Our gentle breeze has turned into a full-blown gale.
 The breeze can also project a missile.
 Oh! Look out, that palm branch missed us by a tittle.
 What's this? It's a hurricane!
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Resident sews quilt for Calif. school athletes

Our Snowbirds are beginning their migration south and slowly returning to American Gothic. In case they were having too much fun themselves to notice, we've been enjoying ourselves too!

In July we had our indoor BBQ that I would say was a success, and we also dined at Norton's Diner. In August we dined at Cheddar's Casual Café and at Rumba Island Bar and Grill in September. I've been so busy I haven't had time to even think about October yet!

As the days start to get shorter, we will probably return to lunches, but there is one date I want you to mark on your calendar right away. That is Tuesday, Dec. 11. That is the date reserved for our Christmas Party at Alfano's.

Rita Bahro is such a busy lady; it is amazing that she had time this summer to plan the Christmas Party.

Rita spent time with family in California where she attended not only her granddaughter's high school graduation, but also an awards ceremony where her granddaughter received the Olympian Award.

At that banquet for coaches and students, the Cross Country team presented to their coach a quilt they designed from team T-shirts donated by the students (see photo). Although the quilt was designed by the students,



This quilt was designed by students at a California high school and sewn by OTOW resident Rita Bahro before being presented to the coach of the school's cross-country team.



the "Granada High School Cross Country Quilt" was sewn by (you guessed it) our own Rita Bahro.

Train enthusiasts, Jim and Louisa Crawford traveled through Colorado for 11 days this summer on a variety of trains pulled by old diesel locomotives. They saw a myriad of beautiful scenery and the Great Sand Dunes National Park.

Kay Gleason spent her summer in Massachusetts and went with family to Old Orchard Beach, Maine, for a weeklong stay.

Next month, hopefully, we will be able to play more of "What I Did on My Summer Vacation." So please do keep me informed.

New couple moved here from Palm Harbor

There will be a building business meeting and pizza party in the Sunrise Room on Thursday Oct. 18. Check the bulletin board for the time. The plans for the building Christmas party will be discussed at that time.

The August building luncheon was held at the Farmer Boy Restaurant. Bill Jacobs regaled us with more of his humorous stories about his five-year stint with the Secret Service, a part of the Treasury Department.

It is always good to see Lil and Murray Zolkower now happily living in Mease Manor. Lil was our building treasurer for many years.

In early September, Phil Meissner vacationed up in Maine mainly to enjoy the autumn leaves which turn color earlier up there.

The building welcomes Bob and Gail Bush. Both were born in Chicago. They met in high school and 10 years later met again and were married a year later.

They have been married 47 years. They have two children, a married daughter in Odessa and a single son in Tampa.



Bob is a professional artist and worked as an art director in advertising. He also worked for an engineering company. He left both enterprises and went on the road as a sales rep for apparel manufacturers, eventually becoming a vice-president and regional manager for Munsingwear.

Following a corporate changeover, he became corporate sales manager for Janisports Retail Division.

He then left the corporate world to start a global sourcing company. Many products were made in Southeast Asia. After 9/11 the company closed.

Today he has a marketing and promotional products company called Condor Solutions.

He has also published a magazine on sailing and boating.

Bob and Gail lived and worked in Chicago and many other states. They lived in Palm Harbor for 18 years before moving to On Top of the World.

In the past, Gail worked for Compton's Encyclopedia and provided questions and answers for "Jeopardy" when that popular TV show first went on the air. We are looking forward to this interesting couple to be very active here at Chetnik.

On Sept. 12, my girlfriends Linda and Rosie and I obtained tickets to see and hear Ann Romney speak at the Largo Community Center. The place was filled to overflowing. We heard her talk from speakers on the outside of the building.

Following her talk inside the venue, Ann came outside to speak to a large overflow crowd and shake hands with those she could reach. My friends and I were fortunate to shake her hand.

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So come visit your recreation center, see the changes and enjoy a cup of coffee at your Coffee Corner!



Long-time resident surprised by lavish 90th birthday

On Saturday, Aug. 25, I was fortunate enough to be invited to a surprise birthday party for Andrew Grillo.

The party was arranged by Andy's wife, Fran, and his daughter, Irene. They contacted relatives and friends from many parts of the country and even a nephew working in Africa.

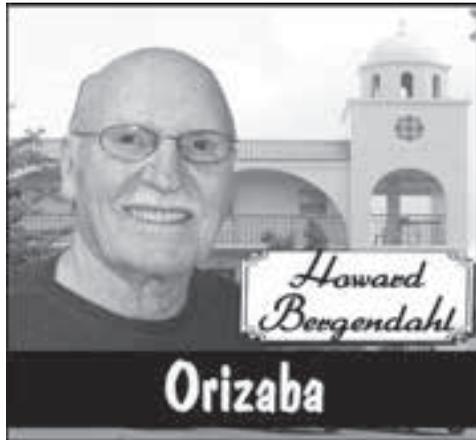
Cakes depicting the various areas of his life were baked by his son, Bruce, and his granddaughter.

Daughter Nicole was responsible for the restaurant and all the frills. I can only say that all of the people involved (too many to list individually) can be proud of what they accomplished.

Andy was born 90 years ago, grew up in the Bronx, New York, and worked at many jobs during his younger days. He delivered milk, worked on the railroad and was in sales for Roma Furniture.

He is especially proud of the years he spent serving his country in the Army during World War II.

Andy and Fran are understandably proud of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. During our conversation, Andy revealed to me that his brother was born exactly one year after Andy and they considered themselves twins. He also said that his brother was an accomplished artist, but I think that should also apply to Andy



Andy Grillo enjoying himself at his party.

when I look at the various paintings he has hanging in the building hallways.



Fran and Andy Grillo at Andy's 90th birthday party, given by members of his family, who traveled from as far away as California for the occasion. (Photos by Howard Bergendahl)

The Grillos' have been owners at OTOW since our building was erected in 1983 and moved here permanently six years later. They have seen many residents come and go and miss some of their former friends but enjoy making new friends.

The music that was played during the birthday party started out low and slow but as the younger attendees

started making requests of the DJ, the music got louder and faster.

Andy was seen on the dance floor several times "shaking his booty" along with his younger family members. The following day was one of relaxation.

A grand time was had by all, and the Grillo family members plan to have a reunion at least once a year. Party on!

Several bird species spotted recently

Mother Nature can sure be entertaining right here in our own back yards. Have you seen the Swainson's Hawk that has been perching in branches in our backyards and on the electric wires along the golf course?

It is a fairly large brown bird with a white breast mottled with darker feathers, and a shrill whistle: *krreeeer*. A few days ago I watched as it caught a small snake and wrestled with it until a complete meal was made of it. I have also seen it catch small birds while flying.

Other people have seen a pair of Sand Hill Cranes on the 9-hole golf course along with their young. The large Pileated Woodpecker has also found a mate — I see them both quite often early in the morning while I'm having my coffee on the back patio.

Boots Stanton recently photographed a coyote in their back yard on the 18-hole golf course.



October brings us cooler weather and the start of golf leagues again. I didn't see as many golfers out this summer with all the rain and heat we had.

Sue Morse's granddaughter was here for a visit before school started. They visited the Clearwater Aquarium, rode the Jolly Trolley to downtown Clearwater to see the movie set of "Winter," had lunch at Tony's and went

back to the Aquarium by boat.

Joe and Janie Reiter have been down several times from St. Louis this summer enjoying the beach, bicycling, and entertaining Janie's sister and her husband. They are fun people, just like we all are.

I'm a big fan of the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team, and have enjoyed watching them with their many victories. Ron Rice has prompted me to learn the rules, regulations, scoring, names of all the players and their positions, and a few colorful words when a bad play was made. Anything that allows scratching and spitting is my kind of game!

Football is next on the agenda. With Ron's coaching, I'm sure I'll learn a few more strategic rules, regulations, and colorful words to lead the Bucs to victory.

I leave you with the following words of wisdom: Keep a song on your lips and love in your heart.

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'Northern Exposure 2012' — now it's off the bucket list

By Charlyn Miller,
Flamenco Building

In July, I joined my family for a cruise to Alaska. It had been on my "bucket list" for several years. My son and daughter surprised me with the fulfillment at Christmastime last year.

Before the trip, my son presented all nine of us with velour jackets, especially made for the trip, with "Northern Exposure 2012 — 35-50-80." This represented my oldest daughter's anniversary, my son's age and my age.

From Tampa to Kansas and on to Seattle (visited the Space Needle) and then to the cruise ship. The change in the weather went from 96 in Tampa to 107 in Kansas and then to 64 in Alaska.

We sailed for two days until we reached Skagway (where the original first discovery of gold was found). The men went fishing early in the morning; the only one to catch a fish was my grandson, the "fish whisperer."

There is a town there named for the mass of reporters who reported gold found; however, all the gold was gone before anyone descended on the area. It's fittingly called "Liarsville."

Here we took a beautiful skyline train trip, over wooden trestles and steep hills, with waterfalls and winding rivers. Truly breath-taking! Some of the family went kayaking — a sport I do not do. Then back to the ship to eat and see some shows.

We sailed during the night and arrived at our next destination, taking



Spectacular scenery in Southeast Alaska, as observed by Charlyn Miller and her family.



Charlyn Miller (center, waving) with family members on their memorable cruise to Alaska.

time to go "crabbin'" on an original boat and captain, both featured on a television program. While on the boat, several crabs, a huge octopus and a turtle were caught.

Then we were taken to a cove where we watched about 50 eagles become enticed with the fish we brought to them. Some fish were even caught in the air. This is a daily trip for the crew, and the eagles look forward to it, as well as the passengers.

Back to the ship and lots of food. That night, several of our group participated in contests and games. My son won the putting contest twice and was told not to try again. He was given a "ship on a stick" to prove his expertise.

My grandsons played basketball, tennis and shuffleboard while the two older ones checked out the girls.

I had the distinct duty of judging a "hairy chest" contest. It gave me the creeps, as I could not bear to touch the contestants. Of course my family took several pictures of me making faces each time I was to touch someone.

The next day we took a helicopter ride and walked on a glacier. I am afraid of heights, so I was pleasantly surprised to find that I thoroughly enjoyed the ride.

That evening we celebrated my granddaughter's 10th birthday with cake and ice cream, along with songs and dancing from the crew.

Then we headed home, stopping at Victoria, Canada, to observe the beauty of the city and do a bit of last-minute shopping before heading home.

Back to Seattle, Kansas and, after a day with my son and his family, back to Tampa and warmer weather and rain.

What a trip!

New venues, times for building meetings

September has been a very quiet month for our building, but October will be very busy since all the Snowbirds will be returning.

It has been decided that our building meetings will no longer be held in the evening in the Sunrise Room. Our meetings will now be at lunch time and will be held in a restaurant.

Our first building meeting will be Oct. 8, and it will be a pizza party. The time is 1 p.m., and the location will be posted on the bulletin board.

Please say hello to our new residents on the southwest wing of our building. They are Laurel and Ocean Dekker. They are well aware of On Top of the World since they lived in the Mandarin building prior to coming to our building.

They are members of the Jesters. Ocean told me that they have lived many places in the U.S. and came to

the visits, rides and phone calls. This shows that we live in a building with very considerate people.

Linda and Don Rice have returned from a trip in their new motor home. Linda said that the other motor home was too big and she didn't enjoy driving it. This new one is easier for her to drive. They recently went to a golf course a little south of Atlanta, choosing that particular golf course because it permitted dogs to ride in the golf carts!

I read in the local newspaper that pepper sprinkled right out of the shaker and applied to a bleeding cut will stanch the blood flow. I have never tried it but will consider it the next time I get cut.

A hint that I use is to put a wooden spoon across a boiling pot of water to keep it from boiling over.

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OTOW from Largo, but consider Hawaii their home.

Ocean was an electrician prior to retirement and Laurel did many things including research in agriculture and handling special events.

Virginia Rudolph is home and is doing quite well. She asked me to thank you all for the cards and phone calls.

Lisa Djadjich is also home now. Lisa asked me to thank you all for

Dates set for Azores fall meeting, holiday buffet

With the lights off at the Azores building on Sept. 19, the Azores Ladies and the Azores Romeos elected to lunch out. The Ladies went to the mall and JB's to combine lunching and shopping.

The Romeos decided on the Tilted Kilt (for the food, of course). A great time was had by both groups. A lot of sharing of summer trip details and just plain neighborly visiting — one of the true pluses of living at the Azores.

It was great to see Marie and Tom Pirrello return safely from their trip to Rockport, Mass., where they spent two weeks with Dolores and John Parham.

They really had an Azores reunion party when Jim and Janet Williams dropped in for a couple of days. They celebrated with a big lobster feast.

Tom and Marie learned that their granddaughter in Cape Cod is engaged with wedding bells to ring in November, 2013. Looks like next fall's trip is already being planned for them.

Our building captain, Bob Kelly, dropped off some important dates for me to mention:

The fall building meeting where event planning and selection of building



officers take place will be held Thursday, Nov. 15. The meeting will be in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center at 7 p.m.

Stand by and watch the bulletin board for information on the Thanksgiving Luncheon.

Sunday, Dec. 16, is the date of the Azores Christmas Buffet at the Countryside Country Club, at 12:30 p.m. Watch the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.

Mark your calendars and try to attend one or more of these functions. Participation is 87 percent of life!

It is cooling down, so I expect to hear more from you "Whack-a-Ballers."

A Halloween poem for you

October's here again. I always think of James Whitcomb Riley's poem, "When the Frost is on the Punkin" when this month arrives. I had to go online to find this poem and had fun rereading it.

*When the frost is on the punkin and
the fodder's in the shock,
And you hear the kyouck and the
gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,
And the clackin' of the guineys, and
the cluckin' of the hens,
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he
tiptoes on the fence;
O, it's then the time a feller is a-feelin'
at his best.*

You may ask what kyouck and guineys mean — go online and find out!

Ten Melbournites and their guests showed up for a late lunch at Chopsticks on July 28. I enjoyed the conversation and catching up on the news, but I ate too much. Hope more of you were able to meet with us on Sept. 29 at Cody's. With this busy life, it is always great to meet with our neighbors.

One of our guests at Chopsticks was Dot Michael, who moved from the Irish Lane side of Melbourne to a place on the west side. She brought one of her new neighbors. She says hi to everyone. She loves her new condo and is enjoying karaoke at the Starlite Room and meeting new friends.



Anita Mazzella loved having her kids visit, She even had three at one time! She got lots of good housecleaning done by them, which she much appreciated.

Alice Markus enjoyed her family in Phoenix. The mutual birthday celebration was great. The children's au pair took her shopping at one of the nice malls. I know she enjoyed that. She is going back this month for her grandson's wedding.

I'm looking forward to a trip to Knoxville for a grand nephew's wedding this month. I'll tell you all about what sounds like an exciting wedding out in the woods next month.

October will see the return of many Snowbirds. We hope to hear about their summer adventures next month.

Boo — have a ghostly Halloween!

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Reporter's husband Dave at Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs original Coney Island location.

Movie stars and gangsters alike were regular customers at Nathan's. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt served Nathan's hot dogs to the King and Queen of England in 1939. (I wonder if she had sauerkraut or relish on hers.)

I will tell you that it got a little out of hand when Roosevelt stated "No man can hope to be elected in his state without being photographed eating a hot dog at Nathan's Famous."

Last year alone, there were 425 million Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs sold!

Mayor Rudy Giuliani declared Nathan's the "World's best hot dog." It has been said that Nathan's is not just a hot dog, it has history and it is Americana!

Boy, it looks like the guy in the photo has had his fill of a few Nathan's. I know he lives in our building, because I have seen him here (he's my hubby!).

This reporter is signing off for now.



Resident reaches 98

Dottie Thomas celebrated 98 years and we all wish her a happy birthday! She and husband Pat had a month-long visit from their son living in Texas.

Congratulations to Elaine and Sidney Roth on celebrating their 34th anniversary!

Hazel and Leo Kelly visited their family in Boston and welcomed their first great-grandchild.

Weekly lunches continue with a steady group, meeting every Thursday, to enjoy the camaraderie and great food Clearwater is known for.

We welcome Suzanne St. John, a semi-retired teacher and enthusiastic English tutor. "One of the things I love about On Top of the World is there are so many educators here! I'm among kindred spirits."

Suzanne has lived year-round in Florida for over 25 years. She is a native of California. "I just look Californian," says the teacher with a wink. "Actually I'm bi-coastal."

Aggie Matthews' daughter and son-in-law are continuing renovation of their condo. Is this the longest renovation at OTOW?

I was invited for the first time to a Tampa Bay Rays baseball game. Still prefer watching tennis! I'm taking advantage of the last days of summer by going swimming at our pool or at our beautiful Clearwater Beach.

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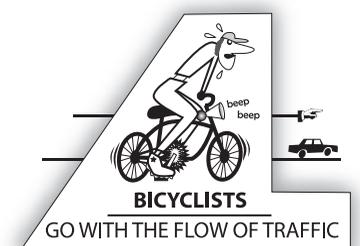
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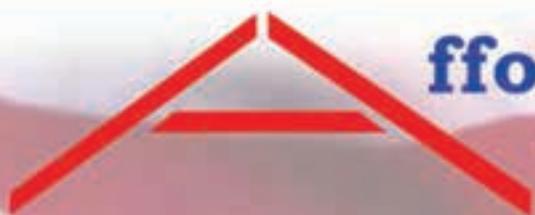
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Humanities professor discovers wonders of ancient Greece

By Sophia Manoulian Kugeares,
Loch Lomond Building

On a recent trip to Greece, I combined business and pleasure.

I captured hundreds of pictures of ancient architecture and places to share with my Humanities students at St. Petersburg College; and shared some once-in-a-lifetime experiences with my grandchildren.

First of all, I witnessed my 8-year-old granddaughter run a 100-meter foot race in the stadium of Nemea, a 2,300-year-old stadium in Ancient Nemea, home of Hercules.

Thanks to the "labors" of Prof. Stephen Miller, UC-Berkley, and hundreds of archaeology students over the past 30 years, the stadium of Nemea, one of the four ancient Pan-Hellenic Game sites, was uncovered.

In 1996, Professor Miller and a group of visionaries also conceived the idea of reviving the ancient Nemean Games. The concept has caught on, and this year over 10,000 "athletes" ranging in age from 5 to 90 years old, from dozens of countries, participated in a day-long series of races.

I filled my average days, wakening to roosters heralding the new day,



Sophie outside the Acropolis Museum.

reminding me to clad my feet in my Nikes and take to my daily hike through the hills of Nemea.

On visits to the seaside resort-spa town of Loutraki, I sipped my morning tea on my balcony, gazing across the Gulf of Corinth at the Acropolis of ancient Corinth, where St. Paul, on his missionary journeys, visited, converted the locals to Christianity, and wrote those two historical "letters" to the Corinthians.

The grand finale of my summer was a visit to the New Acropolis



Ancient Athens is displayed through glass panels underneath the Acropolis Museum.

Museum in Athens. This state-of-the-art museum sits at the foot of the Acropolis and houses thousands of marble statues and architectural elements from the site.

Skillfully excavated, the Museum site itself reveals through glass floors, the remains of the ancient city. The sensation is that of literally walking into history. From inside the museum, broad expanses of window walls allow the visitor to survey the Acropolis as though standing in situ.

My grandchildren came home with glorious stories to tell their classmates during the inevitable "What I Did on my Summer Vacation" assignment.

I am still sorting through hundreds of photos of the "living" ancient land, reminders of my time spent with gods, philosophers, athletes and saints in one of the most beautiful, bountiful and enduring places on the face of the earth, Greece.



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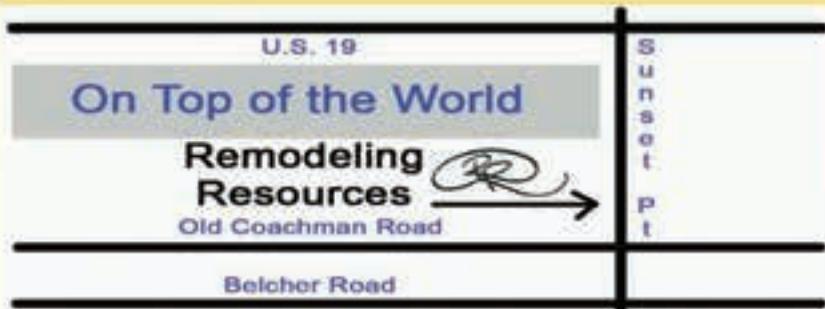


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Happy Casa Verde couples talk about their marriages

In the past few months I have been trying to get those in my building more acquainted with one another. Sometimes those who live on one side of the building don't know much about those who live on the other side. Hopefully, these stories are beginning to help.

This month, I decided to write about the couples who live in the building. I asked people what state they were from originally, where they met their spouse, and where they got married. I guess I thought this might be interesting since I am from New Jersey, my husband is from Washington State, and we met and got married in California 43 years ago when Bill was a Navy officer.

Fred Wilson is from New York and Jean Wilson is from Pennsylvania and they met in Pennsylvania. But they are another couple who tied the knot in California.

Betty and Jim Manard were next door neighbors in New York, and that is the state in which they got married 56 years ago. Two other couples who grew up and got married in New York are Paul and Judy Zuckerman, and Roy and Dorothy Ott. The Zuckermans worked together and the Otts met at a dance.

Ruth and Larry Kahl were next-door neighbors in Michigan who went to Nevada to get married. Another Michigan couple is Barb and Vic Sbordone, but Barb's daughter in Florida introduced them to one another and they got married in the Bahamas.

Ken and Dorothy Rose were



also from Michigan and after meeting in church they were married in Michigan.

Bill Nichols is from Indiana and Madeline Nichols is from Kentucky. They met when Madeline was working in a store in Michigan and that is where they got married (not in the store — in Michigan). They have been married for 66 years. I think that this is most years that someone has been married in our building, although everyone didn't tell me how long they were married.

The Hamiltons are both from Ohio but they met in Florida and got married here in Florida after Ham's sister introduced him to Felicia. Another Ohio couple is Gary and Darlene Ordway who met at a camp ground and got married in Ohio.

The Maisolles are from Europe. Fred is from Germany and Heidi is from Poland. Heidi went to Germany as a refugee and met Fred at a dance. They were married in a little town in Germany called Porta Westfalica.

Raymond Cooper is from Washington, D.C. Meryln, his wife, is

from Winston-Salem, N.C. They met in Atlanta when they were attending the same college, and got married in Raleigh, N.C.

Wally French is another born in Massachusetts and Peggy is another from Pennsylvania. They met at Seminary in New York in 1946 and were married in Boston, Mass., 62 years ago.

Another couple who were married in Massachusetts is Tony and Angela Limosani. They were both attendants in another couple's wedding and that is how they met. They are both Massachusetts natives.

Our couples married in Florida are the Babinis, Schwartz's, and the Mikles.

Carol Babini is from New Jersey, and her husband Dennis is from Massachusetts. They met through a friend here in Florida and they were married in Florida.

Milton Schwartz also grew up in Massachusetts. His love, Phyllis, was originally from Kentucky, but she moved to Florida when she was 16. A friend also introduced them here in Florida and this is where they were married. They have been a couple for 40 years.

The Mikles are relative newlyweds, since they have been married for five years. They both lost their spouses after many years of marriage and then met at the Salvation Army Church here in Clearwater. They knew they were meant for each other. John grew up in North Carolina and Oklahoma and Anne grew up in Kentucky and Massachusetts.

Joyce Woolsey is from Illinois; Raymond is from New York. They were next-door neighbors on the east side of OTOW and, after knowing each other for a year, Joyce had an extra theater ticket and invited Raymond to go. They have been married for six years after tying the knot on a cruise.

Our newlyweds, Lani and Leon Trahan, have been married for 15 months. They met at St. Michael's Church right on SR 580. Lani is from New York and Leon is from Rhode Island. Of course, the wedding took place in Florida.

So, some were married a long time ago; others just recently, but it surely is nice to know how they met each other and where our couples are from originally.

As far as building news, there was a meeting and a pot luck dinner on Aug. 24. A nominating committee was chosen to suggest future officers for the year 2013. Those who volunteered to be on this committee are Ruth Kahl, Ruth Polur, and Barb Sbordone.

The next building meeting will be Nov. 2, when the election of officers will take place. We will also celebrate the new leadership with a pizza party that night.

The building Christmas party will be Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. at the Clearwater Country Club.

On Dec. 1, there will be a "kick-off the holiday season party" with everyone bringing finger foods and their own beverages.

New flag flies proudly, thanks to resident

In the 16 years that I have resided here at New World French, this had to be the quietest Labor Day weekend ever. Quite frankly, I am looking forward to the return of our Snowbirds. It is much more fun to have them with us at our social hour beneath our famous oak trees. The more the merrier!

Even though the weather was very hot this summer, it was enjoyable to sit and chat. Our Judy Boley, whom I have named the "wind Swami," was most successful in summoning the Gulf winds to make our get-togethers quite pleasant.

Speaking of Judy, she reported that she spent the holiday weekend visiting her sister-in-law Eunice in Bradenton.

Bob and Connie Saylor chose to have a round of golf with their daughter Kathy and fiancé Rob, after which Kathy



hosted a cookout at her condo. These four, along with Connie's brother and his wife, planned (weather permitting) to spend a weekend at Sebring playing golf at that destination.

Gin Upton (Virginia #3) came home from a three-week vacation in Minnesota. While there, a family

reunion of more than 50 took place. They came from Texas and Virginia. The highlight of the occasion was Gin's son, who is serving with the Armed Forces in Afghanistan and was able to visit by Skype.

Jan Guyton was a very happy angel as her daughter Pam came from St. Louis for a week's visit.

I.E. Davies and son John flew to Long Island to visit with I.E.'s daughter Leeann. While there they made a trip into Manhattan to see the "Jersey Boys."

Lastly, on behalf of the entire building, I want to thank Maryann Larson for once more replacing our flag, which had been caught on the flagpole and had ripped. I am most fortunate as I have a great view of "Old Glory" flying in the breeze.



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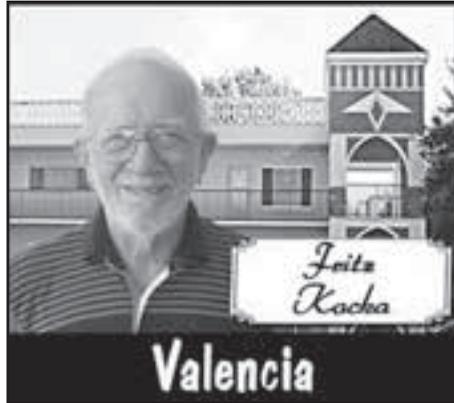
Look around — it's plain that fall is nearly upon us

There is a strange sight on our golf courses. There are people pulling carts with clubs sticking out of a bag, walking down the fairway in the middle of the day. It's a sight that has not been seen since June. I guess fall is really here. Isn't nature wonderful?

The ladies and men's luncheons were held Sept. 13. The ladies went to Johnny's on S.R. 590. All had an enjoyable time. The men went to Country Boy's on Main Street in Dunedin. The food and service were good, and the "boys" talk followed.

On Sept. 16, we attended the show at the Early Bird Dinner Theater on McMullen Booth Road. Our neighbor's daughter performs in the show. She could give Carol Burnett a run for her money.

In October we will have



a potluck dinner in the Sunrise Room. Ya'll come!

It is nice to see some of our winter families are returning. We need volunteers to help in raising and lowering the flag of our country daily (one week every four weeks).

Happy Halloween!
Mama sez: Jealousy is all the fun you think they had.

Welcome our new resident

Welcome to Susan Molinario, from Bridgewater, Mass. Susan has been a Certified Nursing Assistant for 31 years. She started in the VA Hospital at Brockton, Mass., and then Good Samaritan, an independent/assisted living and nursing facility for nine years.

I mentioned to Susan that Fridays are ceramic classes and to check the On Top of the World newspaper for all our activities.

Karaoke time again. We met at the East Activities Center on Sept. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m., with around 70 people attending. It was such a fun night (see photo). Thanks to Kathy and Lenny.

We enjoyed wings, sandwiches, donuts, water, etc. Thanks for all your donations. (Also, please help clean your table before leaving. It's a big help.) Kathy and Lenny finished around 9 p.m.

Next we will meet Oct. 14, then Oct. 28 for a Halloween Bash (costumes are optional).

Reminder: Start thinking about our building Christmas decoration contest. We did well last year, but we need to make this year even better. Think about it, Rural French...

Thanks to OTOW for all the time and work that went into our burned condos. It was a long, hard job for OTOW management and certainly for the owners. It looks like we're getting to the end of this project. Thanks again.

That's all the news. I haven't heard of any birthdays, visits or trips. Maybe next month.

Think about hosting a night out for next month, a chance to just jabber and meet your new neighbors.



Karaoke time at the East Activity Center!

Bye now. Remember, God answers all knee mail. Be good to one another.

P.S. "A body in motion stays in motion. A body at rest stays at rest."

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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

Reporter takes a break to enjoy Rays game

All my spare time has been given over to the two national political campaigns, as for many of us, so it is difficult to change gears, so to speak, and focus on news of the Saratoga building for this issue.

However, I had made up my mind some time ago to sign up for the trip via bus to Tropicana Field with members of my church to witness a ball game between the Tampa Bay Rays and the Texas Rangers.

Our seats were reserved in the outfield and provided an excellent view of the game. It being my first experience in many years, I was in the dark about many things without help from my neighbors. All the bright lights and roar of the crowd created the excitement one expects, but the long waits between plays required much patience.

We had to board our bus just at the critical time, so we missed the final run which brought the Rays to their winning score which we heard as we filed out!

Now for some current building news. We were sorry to learn that our friends, the Hamels, have decided on a new home in Apollo Beach. On their



recent trip home to Connecticut, they were able to sell their old home in just one day! They have put their condo here on the “for sale” list. Barb told me that they have found a new home in an over-55 community, which is separate from the others, and now Connor will have his own yard to run in.

Rosemarie Levins and I had an interesting visit in the core one day recently. She is expecting her two sons in Oregon and Texas, her niece and husband in New York, and her grandson in Texas to be here for a visit this month. Her Texas granddaughter

was here in July. She has another son in Palm Harbor.

Rosemarie and Ingrid Durhan enjoy the German Interest Group, which meets monthly on Mondays at 2 p.m. in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center. They must communicate only in German, of course. Ingrid is now back from Ohio.

We were also sorry to have to say goodbye to Karen and Laurie Holly who have found a small apartment in Clearwater. We shall miss seeing their many family members: young Cody and their “Zoe” from Dunedin.

We look forward to the return of some more of our Snowbirds, the Jacques and the Wookeys from Canada. They will be pleased to see our newly painted building, as are we!

It is good to hear of one of our residents, whose name begins with “W,” who goes to the aid of a neighbor in an emergency. She helps her with shopping or a ride to an appointment or to church.

Jim and Hilda Hamilton have done the same for me and are very busy with their church’s outreach programs.

New neighbors fully renovated their condo

As the saying goes, “The season begins when the Snowbirds fly south.” Well, I don’t really know if that is a saying, but there, I’ve said it! Welcome to the fall season – hope you enjoy it in good health and happiness!

Welcome to our newest neighbors, Dorothy and her son George Algozzina. George may be asked to be a keynote speaker in the future as new people move into On Top of the World. The condo they purchased was just perfect for their needs – or so Dorothy thought!

But George, who admits to wanting a place for everything and everything in its place, submitted hundreds of pages of contracts, certifications, photos, detailed modifications and anything else necessary for all these changes... and got it all approved in just one sitting! Happily, their “job site” is now their “perfect home!”

The Algozzinas, originally from Bloomfield, N.J., moved to the sunshine



state 32 years ago. They moved to OTOW from the Countryside area of Clearwater.

Dorothy leads a very active life as a Hospice volunteer, ushering at Espiritu Santo Church, league bowling with other OTOW residents and a member of a prayer group here at OTOW. She’s already joined fellow Englander residents Esther Vreeland and Darsi Walls at Monday Bingo and is

looking forward to joining many more activities.

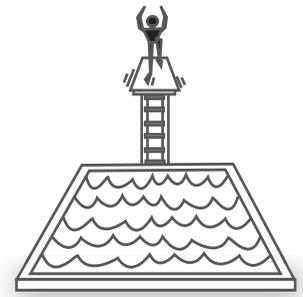
George enjoyed 23 years of his career as divisional training manager with Darden Restaurants — the parent company of Red Lobster and a number of other popular restaurant chains.

For the past four years, George has been the director of music ministry and LGBTQ outreach coordinator at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Clearwater.

It won’t take him long to assimilate into OTOW, as he’s already very active in our community and belongs to many groups and organizations through his outreach work with St. Paul’s.

When George is not working, his hobbies include more music, playing the pipe organ, piano and electronic keyboards; he also enjoys boating, water sports and cooking.

We wish you many happy years here at your OTOW home!



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- Children under age 2 must wear a “swim diaper.”
- Please take all children for frequent potty breaks.
- Pools are closed when gates are locked.

OTOW recommends residents get windows properly sealed now

With the advent of a very rainy summer, some residents have discovered their replacement windows weren’t properly sealed. As a result, rain water got into the interior portions of their condos and caused minor damage.

On Top of the World reminds residents that silicone sealants are no longer approved as a caulking or waterproofing device in this community. If you hire a licensed contractor to seal a window, the contractor must use

an acrylic urethane or polyurethane sealant.

In response to this uptick in window sealant leaks, Mike Moody Painting will assist residents with sealant issues. You must call first to get an assessment and quote.

Properly sealing your replacement windows is a much better alternative than inviting the next rain storm into your home.

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OTOW Press Association Meetings

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Next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 4, at 1:30 p.m.

Plans in the works for building party

A big thank-you goes to Diane Cavanaugh for writing the Flamenco column for September. I really appreciate her willingness to take over when I was unable. Good job, Diane.

Also, thanks to those of you who phoned, visited or sent cards to me. A little encouragement and good wishes go a long way toward a person's recovery. Thanks again!

Charlyn Miller's daughter visited her recently. Be sure to read Charlyn's column this month regarding her Alaskan cruise with her family. What a wonderful way for family to get together!

Nancy Geyer returned from a recent visit to her son's family in New York State. They rented a cabin in the Finger Lakes area for a week. Of course, the highlight of her trip was the time she spent with her 10-month-old grandson, especially the babysitting.

Nancy has pictures on her phone of the little guy walking around the couch and crawling on the floor (the



family's dogs know enough to get out of the way). Nancy is looking forward to a visit from them in April.

Also during her visit, Nancy was able to get together with Anna and Tom Myers, and with her former co-worker and next-door neighbor at On Top of the World, Jeanne Grant.

Now that she's back, Nancy is working on a building/block party in October. No details are available as of this writing, but be sure to watch the bulletin board for the date and time.

I found some political comments for the ages on the Internet, which seem appropriate for the season. Here are some bits of wisdom:

- The problem with political jokes is they get elected. (Henry Cate, VII)
- We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. (Aesop)
- Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber. (Plato)
- Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. (Oscar Ameringer)

I promise more snarky political comments next month. If you can't laugh at the politicians, you have no sense of humor (or you are one).



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MANAGING STRESS – Oct. 25, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Michael Whalen M.A., LMHC presents proven methods to reduce stress and anxiety in your life. Free.

MEDICAL ARTS VOLUNTEERING – Mon., Oct. 29, 1 to 2 p.m.; Learn why volunteer work for medical arts is good for your mind, body and spirit. Free.

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Reporter finds changes to N. Miami Beach after 40 years; also a tasty recipe to try

In August, I went to North Miami Beach after being away for 40 years. What a change! Crossing Collins Avenue (A1A) was serious stuff, and from A1A a view of the ocean was nowhere to be seen.

They've even changed the city name to Sunny Isles. My, how time changes all things.

Betty and Ben Benvenuti just celebrated 63 years of marriage, and Ben has just turned 84 years old. A double congratulation to them both!

On Grandparents Day, Betty and Ben were treated to a home-cooked dinner by their children and grandchildren. It's nice not to be cooking once in a while.

In August, 12 people from our building had an early dinner at the Greek Town Grill in Clearwater. The food was excellent, the service good and the appetizers were fabulous. Give it a try. You won't be disappointed.



Mary and Chris Casey spent the Labor Day weekend in Georgia with their daughter and grandchildren.

On Sept. 29 our building planned a venture to the dog track for the Saturday afternoon matinee and luncheon buffet. Hope we all had fun and were lucky.

Our annual pre-Thanksgiving dinner will be Nov. 10 in the clubhouse. I'm giving everyone enough time to look through your recipes for this very popular potluck.

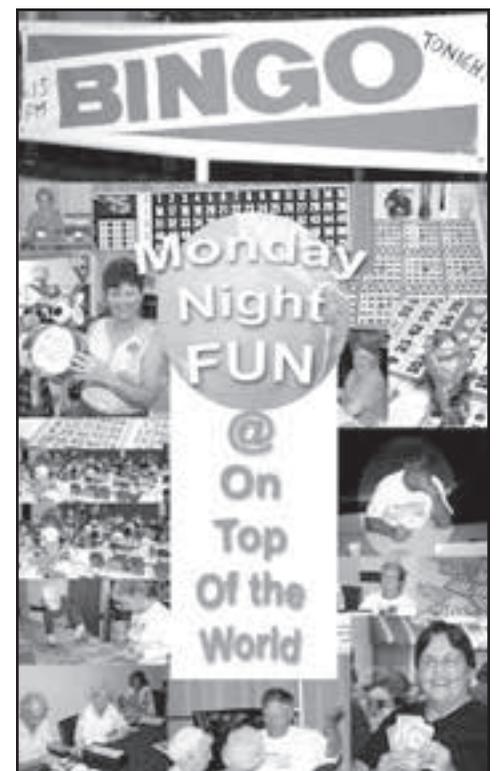
On a safety note: When walking after dark, please wear light-colored clothing and carry a flashlight. Accidents can be prevented. Let's all do our part to remain safe wherever we go.

Here is a great summer recipe from Gail Reece.

Spinach-Strawberry Salad

- 1 bag of spinach
- 1 pint of strawberries
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds
- Dressing
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 1/4 tsp. onion powder
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp. dill weed

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Grandson spends his summer studying in China

Four generations celebrated Ethyle Lee's "biggie" birthday last month. Her daughter, Susan Fletcher, arrived on the 12th from Sevierville, Tenn.

Her granddaughter and her husband, along with two great-granddaughters, came from Tampa to join in the birthday dinner celebration. Also present were Ethyle's nephew and his wife, from Redington Beach. Congratulations!

Our Siboney monthly luncheon was held at Carrabba's. There were 14 of us, and we sang "Happy Birthday" to Fran Peck and Ethyle Lee and also wished Bob and Marilyn Rein a happy 9th wedding anniversary. It was nice to see the couples attending, as it has been



just women all summer long.

Belated congratulations to Nicole Duperre Germain for winning the On Top of the World Art Guild's "Peoples Choice" Award. She was selected as Artist of the Month, and her beautiful

painting was exhibited for a time in the lobby of the East Activity Center for all to see. Great talent!

My grandson, a junior at the University of Rhode Island, recently completed an eight-week immersion program through the URI Summer Chinese School. His travels included Shanghai and Hangzhou, China, where he studied the language and culture at Zhejiang University International College. It was the trip of a lifetime (at age 21).

My daughter Carol just visited me for five days, and we did the usual things – Bon Appétit (with Audrey Decker and Rita Tombari) and beautiful Clearwater Beach. It was too short a visit, though!

Doris Prekopa had a wonderful time in Greenland, N.H., visiting her daughter's best friend from college (the University of Akron) who sent her a plane ticket. Wasn't that nice?

They enjoyed lobster dinners, played golf and even visited a former Siboney neighbor, Eleanor Johnson, in Massachusetts. Gizmo really missed her!

Our Siboney meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. Please attend and welcome back our Snowbirds. They were missed.

Happy Halloween!



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MONTHLY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 1 - 31

1	Mon	11:00 AM	Starlite	Snowbird Club Meeting
2	Tues	6:00 PM	S	Mens Softball Meeting
3	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Capistrano Building Meeting
3	Wed	6:00 PM	V	Baby Boomers Meeting
3	Wed	7:00 PM	A	Theater Workshop Meeting
4	Thurs	10:00 AM	Starlite	Pennsylvania Club Meeting
4	Thurs	1:30 PM	C	Press Association Meeting
5	Fri	2:00 PM	S	Travel Club Meeting
5	Fri	9:00 AM	Starlite	AARP Driving Course
6	Sat	6:00 PM	Starlite	Singles Club Meeting
7	Sun	2:00 PM	C	Wii Bowling (every Sunday)
8	Mon	2:00 PM	S	German Interest Group
8	Mon	8:30 AM	V	Blood Pressure Screening
10	Wed	5:00 PM	S	Ladies Que'T Billiards Potluck
11	Thurs	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee
11	Thurs	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: Paul Tanner
12	Fri	7:00 PM	A	Irish Club Meeting
12	Fri	7:00 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club Meeting
13	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
13	Sat	6:00 PM	Sunrise	Rainbow Club Meeting
14	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke
14	Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee: Sunday in the Park
15	Mon	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear & Eye Screening
16	Tues	11:00 AM	R	Always Educators Group
16	Tues	9:00 AM	A-Portico	Good Neighbors Clothing Drive
17	Wed	9:00 AM	A-Portico	Good Neighbors Clothing Drive
17	Wed	6:30 PM	A	Italian Club Meeting
17	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Valencia Building Potluck
18	Thurs	9:00 AM	A-Portico	Good Neighbors Clothing Drive
18	Thurs	2:00 PM	B	Guys & Dolls Scotch Doubles Billiards Tournament
18	Thurs	6:00 PM	V	Baby Boomers Meeting
18	Thurs	6:00 PM	S	Chetnik Building Pizza Party
19	Fri	9:00 AM	A-Portico	Good Neighbors Clothing Drive
19	Fri	7:00 PM	A	Theater Workshop Welcome Back Dance
20	Sat	5:30 PM	K & C	Singles Club Hot Dog Night
24	Wed	6:00 PM	A	NY/NJ Club Meeting
24	Wed	9:30 AM	S	Ladies 18-Hole General Meeting
24	Wed	7:00 PM	S	Siboney Building Meeting
25	Thurs	2:00 PM	Starlite	Democrat Club Meeting
25	Thurs	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: Lola & the Saints
27	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Activity Night
27	Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
28	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke
30	Tues	6:30 PM	S	Ladies Que'T Billiards Annual Meeting

CALENDAR KEY

- A Auditorium
- B Billiards Room (W)
- C Card Room
- CR Craft Room
- CL Classroom
- K Kitchen
- L Lecture Room
- R Rainbow Room (W)
- S Sunrise Room (W)
- V Veranda



Columbus Day
Monday, Oct. 8



United Nations Day
Wednesday, Oct. 24



Wednesday, Oct. 31

DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 8:30 Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Polar Bear Club (Begins 10/29)
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 11:30 Contract Bridge
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 1:30 Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)
 5:00 Jim R's Poker
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:30 Bingo

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 9:00 Photo IDs
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 12:30 PM...Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)
 12:30 Mahjong
 5:00 Mahjong
 6:30 8-Ball Tournament

TUESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Ladies 18-Hole Golf
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 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 Library
 12:00 PM..... Ceramics
 1:00 Poker
 1:00 Canasta
 1:00 Line Dancing
 3:00 Jesters Rehearsal
 5:30 Dominos
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:30 Bob B.'s Poker
 6:30 Tom's Poker
 7:00 Bible Study Club

7:00 Chorus Rehearsal

West Activity Center

8:00 AM West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 1:00 PM..... 9-Ball Tournament
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Mahjong

WEDNESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Sewing Class
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Good Neighbors Veterans Project
 9:00 Good Neighbors Craft Workshop
 9:00 Veranda Consignment
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Cribbage
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00 Jazz Dance
 11:30 Tap Dance
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 1:00 PM..... 500 Card Game
 1:00 Double Deck Pinochle
 1:00 Painting Pals
 1:30 Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 5:30 Sheila's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:00 Baby Boomers Movie Night

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 1:00 PM..... Mahjong
 6:00 Don's Poker
 6:30 Ladies Que't Billiards Club

THURSDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:30 Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00 Yoga
 12:00 PM..... Bob B.'s Poker
 12:00 Contract Bridge
 12:30 Euchre

12:30 Writers's Ink
 1:00 Jesters Rehearsal
 1:00 Drawing Class
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 5:00 Pinochle
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker

West Activity Center

8:00 AM West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 9:00 Snowbird Line Dancing (Begins 10/18)
 12:30 PM ..Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:30 Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

FRIDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Ceramics
 9:00 Pinochle
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:00 Jesters Rehearsal
 10:00 Hula Hoop Exercise Class
 12:00 PM..... Library
 1:00 Mahjong
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 7:00 Hand & Foot Canasta

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 1:00 PM..... Chess Club
 6:00 5 & 10 Poker

SATURDAY

East Activity Center

8:30 Computer Club Meeting
 8:30 Line Dancing
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 12:00 PM..... Min's Poker
 12:00 Putting
 1:00 Casual Bridge
 1:30 Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)

SUNDAY

East Activity Center

2:00 PM..... Wii Bowling



Regina Dietrich



EAST SIDE
Fran Milanec



Mondays, Wednesdays
& Saturdays
Walter Balderson, Director
(Top leaders listed for each playdate)

(Duplicate Bridge continued
from previous column)

Wednesday, Sept. 5

1. Nita Akers, Adele Ward
2. Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
3. Liz Bohl, Walter Balderson

Saturday, Sept. 8

1. Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
2. Ella Van Dorn, Liz Bohl
3. Ellie Thompson, Walter Balderson

Monday, Sept. 10

1. Liz Bohl, Nita Akers
2. Floyd Thrower, Anthony Simon
3. Jana Packer, Betty Sagun

Wednesday, Sept. 12

1. Ella Van Dorn, Joan Moore
2. Anthony Simon, Floyd Thrower
3. Evelyn Reece, Dorothy Ehlers

Saturday, Sept. 15

- N/S: Lu Erskine, Georgia Jensen
Harriet Sanner, Jane Child
E/W: Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
George Robb, Anne Morreale

Monday, Sept. 17

- N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
Orletha Van Etten, Joan Moore
E/W: Kay Ralston, Floyd Thrower
Anthony Simon, Anne Morreale

Wednesday, Sept. 19

1. Harriet Sanner, Nita Akers
2. Walter Balderson, Bob Zeman
3. Ella Van Dorn, Floyd Thrower

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Sept. 6

- 1..... Fran Milanec
- 2..... Ron Murray
- 3..... June Sweeney
- 4..... Joyce Engelbert & Arnie Engelbert

Sept. 13

- 1..... Fran Milanec
- 2..... Maxine Murray
- 3..... Joyce Engelbert
- 4..... Norma Neiland

Aug. 1

Chet Czczot	3200
Sergio Pistella	2620

Aug. 2

Verna Olson.....	3230
Ella Van Dorn.....	3070

Aug. 3 (P.M.)

Chet Czczot	2790
Kathy Schamel	2430

Aug. 6

Nancy Savelle	3420
Julie Solfronk	2830

Aug. 6 (P.M.)

Sergio Pistella	2930
Jane Child.....	2130

Aug. 9

Nancy Savelle	4110
Julie Solfronk	3860

Aug. 13

Verna Olson.....	3500
Nancy Savelle	2320

Aug. 15 (P.M.)

Sergio Pistella	2460
Chet Czczot	2180

Aug. 16

Van Jones	4330
Kathy Schamel	3800

Aug. 17 (P.M.)

Jane Child.....	3740
Kathy Schamel	2600

Aug. 20

Nancy Savelle	3800
Julie Solfronk	2540

Aug. 22

Regina Dietrich	3560
Mary Spearman.....	3160

Aug. 22 (P.M.)

Chet Czczot	2890
Sergio Pistella	2670

Aug. 23

Van Jones	3460
Julie Solfronk	3380
George Robb	3380

Aug. 24 (P.M.)

Sergio Pistella	4310
Chet Czczot	2970

Aug. 30

Van Jones	3280
Kathy Schamel	3200

Aug. 31 (P.M.)

Sergio Pistella	4600
Kathy Schamel	3000

Aug. 28

6420 (1st Place).....	Bill Jacobsen, Gwen Nolan
6130 (2nd Place).....	Al Lacher
Double Pinochle.....	Al Lacher

Aug. 30

6830 (1st Place).....	Al Lacher
6720 (2nd Place).....	Gene Karlin

Sept. 4

5910 (1st Place).....	Jay Occhiuzzo
5850 (2nd Place).....	Chet Czczot
Double Pinochle.....	Maxine Murray, Al Lacher
Took All Tricks	Maxine Murray, Al Lacher

Sept. 6

6250 (1st Place).....	Eileen Brust
6240 (2nd Place).....	Clayton Hancock
Double Pinochle.....	Gene Karlin

Sept. 11

7050 (1st Place).....	Gene Karlin
6640 (2nd Place).....	Clayton Hancock
Double Pinochle.....	June Sweeney, Gene Karlin
Took All Tricks	Marge Garvey, Peggy Kane

Sept. 13

6360 (1st Place).....	Al Lacher
6090 (2nd Place).....	Helen Gonzalez

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Aug. 8

2300.....	Ann Gehrling
2090.....	Elsie Toth

Aug. 15

2450.....	Muriel Landau
1880.....	Fran Peck

Aug. 22

1810.....	Elsie Toth
1650.....	Ann Gehrling

Aug. 29

2840.....	Muriel Landau
2790.....	Ann Gehrling



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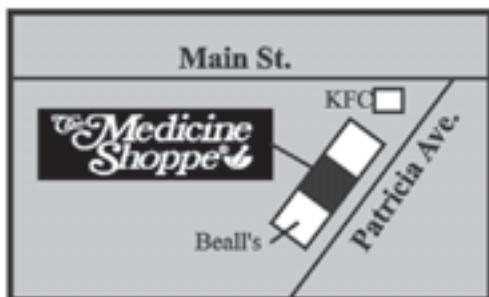
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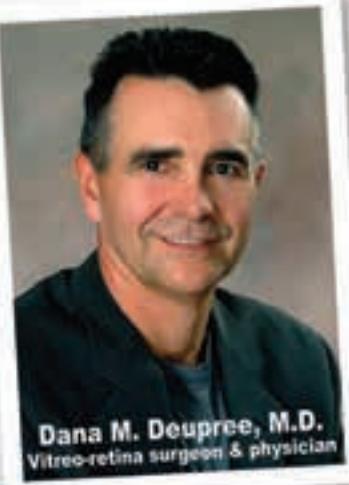
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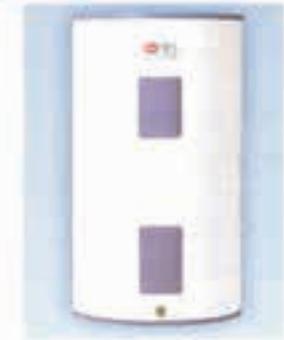
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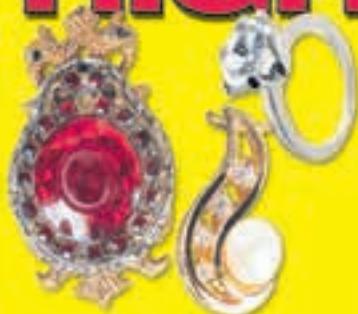
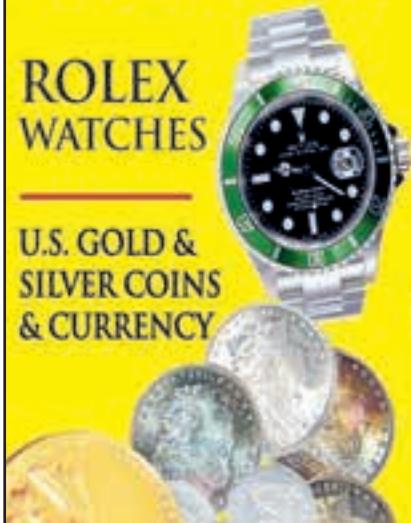
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