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Library reopens in former Blue Room



By Katy Gerritt

The library has moved!

Not far from our old location, we are now located in the former Blue Room, immediately adjacent to the old library.

We would be very excited to have everyone come out and enjoy our new space, which is light and bright.

The shelves were moved and re-arranged, allowing us to sort through

many years of material. We have saved the best books for our readers.

For those who were not with us this summer, it wasn't a sleepy time in the library. We cleaned out many books that had not been borrowed in a long time, and offered those books to any takers. We had a great turnout!

People also offered our old books to friends, family and the veteran's hospital. Thanks to all who came in

and carried out those books.

We have decided to change the hours of operation starting in October to Monday morning from 9-12, Wednesday and Friday afternoon 12-3. We wanted to offer more hours and see how people like having morning availability. We may also expand later as response demands.

We will continue to have paperback and hardcover sale books and our

First Friday Sale every month.

As always, we are happy to accept donations. We also would like to know if there are any authors you don't see on our shelves, but would like us to stock up on.

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

The recent weather changes have 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. We have a great deal to keep us busy.

Association News

By now, you should have received a letter from the Association that the annual audited Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, is now available. You may request a copy of this report for your building by writing to the association secretary at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard, 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.

Unwanted Solicitations

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

It was recently brought to my attention that many residents are receiving phone solicitations for carpet cleaning. In some cases, hucksters have been going door-to-door. Really folks, this is the oldest of scams. The way it works is a pleasant woman on the other end of the line offers you a “special price offer for OTOW residents.” The twist is that they have boldly lied by telling an owner “they were approved by On Top of the World.”

News flash: Your Board has never approved solicitations from outside vendors. Precede at your own risk with telephone scam artists, even more so, if someone shows up on your doorstep uninvited.

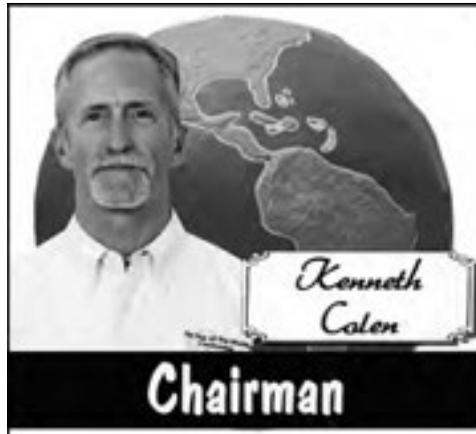
Upcoming Community Projects

Residents in the Paradise neighborhood will be pleased to know that a Request for Proposal (RFP) is out on replacing the gate access equipment.

While we have had good service for many years from the current equipment, the electronics and mechanical components are in need of updating. We will continue to update as we select a vendor for the project.

Painting/Waterproofing

Buildings 43 and 44 will have new paint coatings applied in October. Remember, all start dates are approxi-



mate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Flooring replacements in the center cores are continuing on schedule. Building 87 will have their second and third floors improved in October.

Hardwired smoke detector installations will start on buildings 38, 40, and 41 in October. Management company representatives will continue going door-to-door to advise you of your specific installation time frame (Please be on the lookout for the ORANGE door hanger!).

Again, we appreciate your cooperation. So far, installations have been going along well with only minimal delay.

Utility contractors will begin replacing the potable water lines that service individual units during a two-stage improvement project slated to start at the beginning of October.

These improvements will affect buildings 1 through 10, and the project is scheduled to span four months.

Construction Projects

Spall repairs on walkways at Building 60 should wrap up in mid-October.

The towers on Building 82 will receive some routine stucco repairs, as will the towers on Building 50, in October.

Header and window sill repairs are ongoing as needed, as are sidewalk and walkway repairs. Sidewalk panel replacements (lifting due to tree roots /cracked from other events) at various locations on property will be ongoing this fall (the trees always win).

The structural inspections and correction program (an inspection process by the management’s construction department that affects repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) will continue through the late sum-

mer and fall months. As building’s age, more detailed inspection and assessments are required. Timely reporting of maintenance matters by residents is helpful to the continuing success of this program.

Compliance inspections by the Inspection Services division of the management company are ongoing. Addressing overplanted or unmaintained landscape around all building common areas, and clutter enforcement, is an area receiving attention. This includes the tagging and removal of excessive furnishings placed in the center core, walkways, and end stairwells areas.

Remember, much of the material placed there may actually violate the Life Safety Code by impeding building access (ingress and egress).

Water meter box number re-stenciling is on schedule to be completed by late October

The annual removal of invasive or diseased trees, or trees currently dam-

aging association common property, will continue from September.

Stump grinding and the replanting of county mandated saplings in areas more conducive to their variety, will take place in October and November.

Awning inspections (all buildings) are ongoing. The management company has reported numerous awnings in disrepair or weak attachments. In some cases, the method of mounting has damaged the building to such an extent, that the awning must be removed. As noted in prior articles, the “clamshell” awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office.

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** Be aware, we may sell out all our ad space before the deadline!*

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November newspapers will be delivered on Nov. 1

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***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.**

This month's volunteers:

- Dawn Rubio
- Barb Sundberg
- Arlene Bergen
- Cele Radeloff
- Esta-Lee Schwartz
- Eileen Bianchi
- Theresa Kawalec
- Gloria Clifford
- Barbara Sensale
- Lil Cervinka

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The newspaper office will be closed Nov. 28 & 29

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Mark your calendar. The AAA Senior Defensive Driver Program has tentatively set another class in November in the East Activity Center.

Classes are scheduled over a two day period starting Thursday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon and Friday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Watch OTOW-TV to confirm these classes will take place as scheduled.

The entry form is on page 62 and must be submitted to the newsroom by Tuesday, Nov. 12. The cost for the class is \$15, which is payable at the first class.

The classes scheduled for October have been canceled due to a lack of interest. There were not enough people interested in taken the classes.

As a reminder, the Florida Licensing on Wheels bus, or F.L.O.W, will be on property at the East Activity Center north parking lot on Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you need to renew your license, or simply make an address change, you can do so conveniently without leaving the On Top of the World community.

Also, the Pinellas County yearly Haz-To-Go Mobil collection will be taking place at the East Activity Center on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon and at the West Activity Center on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to



Kate Hartigan, from AAA Clearwater, goes over a helpful safety topic during a class offered at On Top of the World in September. Among some of the topics covered, included the difference between solid and dotted lines on a street, shared turning lanes, what different colors mean on road signs, and warning signs when approaching parked vehicles. The class is scheduled to return in November. Watch OTOW-TV for confirmation. Classes for October have been canceled.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

noon. Items such as paint, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, or household cleaners, can be brought to the specified collection site and dropped off at no cost to you.

Good Neighbors and the Community Service Office will be working together this year to co-host the "Senior Workshop," formerly known as the Senior Expo.

The workshop will be held Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

in the East Activity Center. So, please come out in support of this event. It will be a great opportunity to gain valuable information about a wide range of topics that directly impact residents. The Community Service Office would like to thank Doris Paino, president of Good Neighbors, for her contribution to bringing together Good Neighbors and the Community Service Office for not only this event, but up-and-coming events as well. We

look forward to working with her and Good Neighbors in forging a strong relationship with the community.

I want to take the opportunity to thank residents who have been patient during our renovation projects and to let everyone know that we have some great things coming up - so watch for them!

I would also like to thank the Community Service Office for their great service and the SCA team for maintaining our beautiful facilities.



Pictured at left are some of the new bushes planted along the back side of the East Activity Center. New shrubs also extend along the pool, and fresh, green grass is the perfect finishing touch.

Sunset Garden gets a complete makeover

By Sharon Licata

The Sunset Point Road garden and entrance are in the process of a facelift.

We were unable to salvage the balustrades and a portion of the ornamental work. For safety concerns, those portions of the garden area are in the process of being removed.

The remaining columns, statuary and globe, were being refurbished and repainted in September. Also planned were replacing the sidewalk and restoring the landscape. We appreciate your patience as crews work diligently to complete this project in a timely manner.

Rules of the Road: 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 or anywhere on World Parkway Boulevard.

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

If you ride a bicycle, please park and lock them appropriately. 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.



In the month of September, many items in the Sunset Garden got repainted, including the globe we all love to admire when we drive through the entrance. Pictured above, a painter adds a fresh coat of brown paint to Madagascar. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)





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Writer's Workshop in November will be a requirement for submitting a December story

The Press Association's annual Writer's Workshop has always been a good idea for newspaper writers who want to improve their basic writing skills.

This November, however, the Writer's Workshop will be a requirement for any club, group, building or sport writer planning on submitting a story for the December edition of On Top of the World News.

This will be a requirement for the December newspaper only.

"Our workshop has become a very valuable tool for learning basic journalism," said Editor Doug Kates. "We do not expect our writers to become experts, but we make a strong attempt to eliminate a variety of basic writing bad habits."

The theme for the November workshop will be "Going Back To First Grade," a time when most of us were learning our basic writing techniques.

Doug will use actual story samples to show us some of the bad habits we are using. We will laugh at some of the mistakes, but at the



Press Association

same time, many writers will admit to themselves, "yes, I was making that mistake, too."

For example, in first grade, or later, everyone learned what types of words are written in uppercase letters and which words are written in lowercase letters.

Well, as simple as this sounds, many writers are uppercasing words that should never be uppercase.

The four seasons - spring, summer, autumn and winter - are always lowercase.

The word "free" is always lowercase.

The word "pizza" is always lowercase, unless part of a business name.

And the word "remember" is always lowercase - you can't uppercase

"remember" just because you're trying to emphasize how important it is for your readers to remember something you're writing about!

Your community newspaper also has style guidelines, which every reporter should know. You can't write a newspaper story like you would an email letter. We all have to write using the same style.

Now, if you don't attend this workshop, you will not be asked to stop writing for OTOW News. But there really is no reason not to attend.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 7 and will take about an hour. There will be beverages, snacks and a video presentation. Taking notes is recommended. Asking questions is allowed.

By attending the workshop, you're simply taking a step to make the newspaper better. If you write for a club, building or sport and cannot attend, make sure someone else from your group is there so they can write your December article.

Questions? Call the newsroom.

Next meeting set for Oct. 3

For the first time since May, the Press Association will meet to catch up on old news and prepare for our busy season.

The meeting will take place 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3, in the East Activity Center large card room. Anyone who writes for a building, a club, a group, or a sport, is encouraged to attend. We have a lot to discuss and your opinions matter.

At this meeting, we will meet our newest reporters - and we have a lot of them.

We will also talk about the holiday luncheon in December and the Holiday Lights Decoration Contest in late December.

We will discuss changes in the newspaper, the television station and the Box Office Web site.



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Q. I know this seems silly; but can you tell me the difference between a living will and an advance directive?

A. It doesn't seem silly to me. I think it's a fair enough question.

A living will is an advance directive. Basically, an advance directive is a document that you sign whereby you state, in advance, your wishes in regard to treatment to be given to you in the event you have some kind of health-care crisis.

Another example of an advance directive is a document that states that in the event you can't give consent for some kind of healthcare treatment (or non-treatment, if that be case) then you designate a certain person to provide that consent (or non-consent).

From time to time, I've noticed that some folks are confused about the term living "Will." I understand why. The word "living" sometimes gets confused with a living trust. Sometimes the word "Will" gets confused with a Last Will and Testament.

Simply put, a living will is the document that states (in advance) what kind of treatment or non-treatment you want in the event of a healthcare situation.

Q. What happens if I can't find my Will, either because I lost it or forgot where I put it?

A. This happens now and then. So here's what I tell my clients.

After a reasonable search, if you lose or misplaced your Will, I have my clients call my office and we will reprint the document and have it signed, with the difference only being a different date than the original.



We never "back-date" a document. I don't charge for it, but I don't know what another attorney might do.

Here's what I want you to remember: Everyone loses or misplaces things now and then. Heck, I'd probably lose my head if it weren't stapled on my neck. The important thing is to make sure you have the documents you need, such as a Will or trust, durable power of attorney, and advance directive.

If you can't find them, it makes sense to have your attorney prepare another set of them for you.

Many attorneys won't charge for that, or if they do it would be a minimal amount. (Of course, that's if you were that attorney's client in the first place.)

Q. I am planning to visit my children and will be gone for about five-weeks. Should I take my Will or durable power of attorney or advance directive with me?

A. Great question!

When I travel, I do not take these documents with me. I don't worry about it. Other folks, especially folks who have a known medical condition

that might require medical treatment while out of the area, probably should consider at least taking the advance directive.

The thing is, when I go out of town on vacation, I only want to think about enjoying my time. Thus, I don't worry about getting sick. I believe in preparing for the best, not the worst.

However, this is my personal philosophy, and although it works for me, it might, or might not, work for you.

Q. Are you going to retire?

A. Nope. Not a chance.

Look, I am a very lucky guy. I love my work. I love my clients. I love my staff — three paralegals and an associate attorney. Why would I want to stop doing what I love?

I have represented some folks for as many as 40 years! I even have begun to represent the children of my clients. As I said, I am a lucky guy —and I know it!

Q. I have a Will that was done in 1975 in (another State). My neighbor told me that since I now live in Florida, my Will was no longer valid. Is that true?

A. I have not seen your Will, so this can only be a general answer.

As a general statement, a Will drafted in another State, is valid in Florida if it were signed by the person making it, was dated, has at least two witnesses and was not procured by fraud or duress.

It does not have to be notarized, although it is always best if it is notarized since that eliminates the need for finding the witnesses at the time of the

Testator's demise. The age of a Will is not relevant to its validity.

Q. I am now divorced from my second husband. I got a phone call from his daughter and she told me that even though I am not married to her Father, I still must include her in my Will. Is this true? I don't want to leave her anything.

A. No, it's not true, and by the way, it took me a few minutes before I could quit laughing at her chutzpah.

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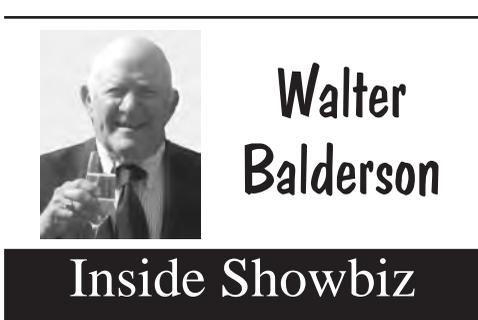
The Hollywood blonde who said she was only loved as an actress

Betty Hutton was 2 years old when her father ran off with another woman. Her mother made ends meet by running an illegal speakeasy in her basement. Betty later learned her father had committed suicide.

Betty, the Blonde Bombshell at Paramount Pictures, had an up and down career. She was plagued with demons all her life, which finally ended her career.

In Hollywood, she began her career as a band singer with the Vincent Lopez Orchestra. Because of her vibrant personality, she was signed to an acting contract with Paramount Pictures.

Even though she made many



movies, her big break came when Cecil B DeMille picked her for a starring role in "The Greatest Show on Earth." Soon to follow was Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun" when troubled Judy Garland was unable to do the role.

Betty was born in Battle Creek,

Mich., on Feb. 26, 1921. Her sister, Marian Hutton, was a singer with the very popular Glenn Miller band all during WWII.

When pills and alcohol took over her life, Betty became most difficult to deal with. Betty signed to make one more film at Paramount, but demanded that her husband be the director. Paramount refused, Betty walked out, thus ending her career with the studio.

Years after her film career ended, those emotional problems still plagued her. She was quoted to have said in 1983, "I tried to kill myself."

Betty re-emerged in the '70s when reporters learned she was working

in the kitchen at a Catholic Church in Rhode Island. She gives credit to a priest for her rehabilitation, but not before she had gone through a \$10-million fortune.

Her one attempt on TV was when she signed to star in NBC's color spectacular, "Satin and Spurs." It was a bomb, not getting one good review.

Betty's final appearance anyplace was in "Annie" on Broadway as a summer replacement.

Betty Hutton, a favorite with the GI's, was married four times, all ending in divorce. She said, "they were all in love with Betty Hutton, the actress, and not with me."

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By this winter, everyone on our golf courses should be yelling ‘A-Ha!’

By Doug Kates

Ever have an “A-Ha” moment on a golf course?

Starting in November, On Top of the World is hoping a lot of residents will experience an “A-Ha” moment.

With the help of three professional instructors from Ocala, OTOW will be offering golf lessons for any resident who wants to improve their game, play the game for the first time, or figure out what they’ve been doing wrong for the last 50 years.

Denise Mullen is the head golf pro at the Candler Golf Course in Ocala. Russ Smith is the assistant golf pro at the OTOW golf course in Ocala. Matt Hibbs is the director of golf for OTOW in Ocala.

Together, they will be visiting OTOW-Clearwater once a month and sharing instruction with residents.

Denise is the one who said, “I love working with people and watching them have an ‘A-Ha’ moment.”

When asked to explain the definition of an “A-Ha” moment, she said many golfers have a flaw in their game which they’ve never been able to fix. Denise listens to people talk about their struggles, but enjoys offering proper instruction to fix the problem. She gets great gratitude when a student takes a swing and realizes that nagging problem has been resolved.

That’s an “A-Ha” moment!

Russ has a similar philosophy, only he gets a personal thrill watching light bulbs go on at the golf course. He explained, when a golfer finally figures out how to correct a bothersome problem, a light bulb goes on and this usually leads to better scores.

“The best part is when someone walks into the clubhouse and says, ‘Russ, I broke 80 today.’”



Matt Hibbs, Denise Mullen and Russ Smith

So, if you want to have an “A-Ha” moment, or want your light bulb to go on at the first tee, you should consider taking lessons from Denise, Russ and Matt this winter.

The instruction will start with basics, such as putting, and gradually build to drills and game play. You don’t have to own clubs. You don’t have to own shoes. You don’t have to be able to hit the ball 300 yards.

Instruction is also designed to help your mental game. These instructors say one of the most common prob-

lems they see every day are people trying to golf like they are still 18 years old. They say, the most important thing, is “be realistic with yourself.”

Matt said no one is going to improve overnight, but with realistic goals, dedicated work ethic, and the desire to get better, anyone can improve and have more fun.

Denise and Russ agreed.

“You get out of it, what you put into it,” Denise said.

“Every golfer is unique,” Russ said. “When we do these clinics, we

will do a broad range of instruction.”

Corby Ratliff, OTOW-Clearwater’s new director of golf, said residents have been asking for lessons for years. Now is their chance to finally learn something new or break an old habit. There will be two clinics on Nov. 15 - the first from 9-10 a.m. and the second from 11 a.m. to noon. Cost will be \$20 per person. Registration forms will be available at the golf course.

The clinics are for residents only - no guests. You must present your new identification card to participate.



Newcomers

OTOW News photos by Doug Kates



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Tips for Canadians before heading south

By Rick McLauchlan

We should be thinking now of how to prepare ourselves for a healthy and safe return to the sunny South.

Here are some suggestions covering health and home:

Health

Arrange for medical check-ups (doctors, dentists and eye specialists). For those of us who have a need for medications, it is advisable to arrange with your pharmacy for an adequate supply of your medication for the length of time that you will be away. Carry with you a detailed list of the medications that have been prescribed. Make arrangements for out of country travel medical insurance.

Home

If you can place your phone, Internet service and television service on hiatus while you are away, it would be the most advisable. If you are unable to do so, make sure your answering machine message state that you "can't take the call" not that you "are away."

Make sure that lights are on timers and that someone shovels the snow to

give the impression you are home.

Turn your water off and make arrangements to have your Canadian residence visited regularly as required by your home insurance policy.

Notify credit card companies of your departure and length of time away. Cancel newspapers and have your mail redirected.

Before you leave for Florida, call ahead to get your Florida home set-up for your arrival by arranging for telephone, television and Internet and possibly other services, such as water softener started on an appropriate date.

Canadian Club Registration Night will be held on Friday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. This is a time to renew your Canadian Club membership for the 2013-

2014 season and sign up as volunteers for various activities during the coming months.

New members are always welcome. The membership is \$5.

Registration will be followed by the General Meeting and then a Wine & Cheese get-together. It's always nice to see "old" friends again and welcome new members.

Mark your calendar, our annual Christmas Dinner and Dance will take place on Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center. Details will follow in the November issue. Check the OTOW Box Office for the latest news from our club: <http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com/EACBoxOffice/pages/boxofficehome.php>. Look for the Canadian Club button.

Try your hand at pencil drawing classes

By Jean E. Doane

Fall is here and our wet, thunderous summer over.

It was great to see nature so lush and green.

Art guild members are looking forward to a new season of activities and continued support of our On Top of the World artists.

The first meeting of the Art Guild will be on Friday, Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. There will be a business meeting, as well as a program and refreshments.

New and old members are encouraged to share your ideas for future activities.

I will announce the program in next month's newspaper.

John Fier will begin his drawing class on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 1-3 p.m. Bring your pencils, charcoal, pastels and paper, and John will provide references for us to draw.

This class is an excellent opportunity to try your hand at drawing and work on your skills. We do have a good time and good company. Some of



Art Guild

John's artwork is hanging in the West Activity Center in the pool room. Stop by and see it.

The Art Guild sponsors an art show in February, which gives OTOW artists an opportunity to show and sell their work. This is a very nice event for the residents and I will be giving you more information next month.

The Guild is also sponsoring another short-term art class this coming season and "Painting Pals" continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 p.m.

All our meetings and classes take place in the East Activity Center Art Room on the second floor.

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Hurricane Tip Page

June is the start of the hurricane season and the time to start thinking seriously about dealing with the risk and inconveniences that may be encountered during and immediately after a storm.

Your Association makes every effort to prepare for storm events by securing potential hazards, protecting buildings and Association related assets, and making sure we have an up-

dated recovery plan.

Key personnel are on-call before and after a storm. Tarps (in limited supply) are kept on hand to secure roofs in the event of damage.

Despite all of our efforts, much of your own safety and comfort depends entirely on you. With that in mind, this page contains key points to help you prepare for a storm event:

Prepare for the possibility of a hurricane

- Designate as a “post-disaster contact,” a relative or friend who lives outside the danger zone. Make sure each family member has been given this person’s address and phone number, and agrees to contact him or her following the hurricane.

- Keep on hand at least one week’s supply of bottled water and nonperishable food items. You should also have available a manual can/bottle opener, a flashlight, and a battery operated radio or television (with an extra set of batteries for each). Make sure these items are readily accessible, so that you can

quickly pack and evacuate.

- Maintain an up-to-date inventory of everything in your home. Taking photos and/or making videotapes of these items may help support the value you place on them. Also, consider storing valuable items at a secure location away from the house.

- Remove furniture from porches or patio, and secure hoses so that these objects do not become dangerous or lethal projectiles during a storm.

- Stock up on items you may need to protect your home or to prevent it from being further dam-

aged after the storm has passed. These items may include, but are not limited to, tarps or plastic, hammers, nails and plywood.

- Make sure your family is trained on how to turn off damaged utilities.

- At least once per year, review your insurance coverage to make sure it is adequate and up to date.

- Don’t forget about your pet. Some evacuation centers do not allow pets. Making arrangements before a storm reduces the anxiety for both you and your pet.

As a hurricane approaches

- Refill prescriptions.

- Make sure your car has a full tank of gas as power outages may force gas stations to remain closed for several days following a hurricane.

- Store important documents and other valuable items in waterproof bags.

- Bring inside any loose items that can be found around the home. Firmly tie down loose items that cannot be brought indoors.

- Tape, board or shutter windows.

- Have enough cash on hand to last at least a full week. Banks and ATMS may be closed for several days following the storm.

After a storm

- Don’t venture outside until local authorities have issued an “all-clear.”

- Continue to check the radio or TV for post hurricane updates.

- If you have evacuated, don’t return until authorities re-open your area. Remember, you may need proof of residency to return.

- Use a flashlight to look at damage. Allow only those people who have been trained, to turn off damaged utilities (e.g. gas) and disconnect damaged appliances.

- Beware of downed power lines and other debris.

- Wear sturdy shoes and clothing to protect yourself. People are oftentimes hurt more frequently after the hurricane than during it.

- Use only bottled water. Unless otherwise advised, assume tap water is contaminated and sewer lines are out of order.

- If electrical power was lost during the hurricane, be extremely careful before consuming food taken from your refrigerator. When in doubt, throw it out.

- Use the phone only for emergencies.

- Conserve water! DO NOT WASH DRIVEWAYS OF DEBRIS. If the power is out and you still have water pressure it is only because the water plant is running on auxiliary power.

During a hurricane

- Stay tuned to a battery-operated radio or television for weather bulletins and important information.

- Follow the orders of local authorities.

- Stay indoors in an interior room without windows (even if you have evacuated, inland locations may still be at risk). If conditions worsen, take shelter in a closet or bathroom and use mattresses to protect yourself.

- Don’t assume the hurricane is over when the wind subsides. The calm may be the eye of the storm, and the worse part may still be on the way.

The insurance process ...

Proper insurance coverage can help reduce the financial burden you may suffer as a result of a hurricane. Here are some additional tips that will make the claims process easier for you and your claims adjuster.

- Don’t alter the condition of the damaged property. Take whatever steps are necessary to protect your property from further damage.

- Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. Provide your agent or insurance carrier all information pertaining to your claim.

- Make a list of damaged or destroyed property. Your adjuster will be able to work more quickly if he or she has a written list to work from. Photos of damaged property may also be useful.

- Keep records and receipts for ALL expenses you incur. Supplies purchased to protect damaged property, or the costs incurred while staying at a hotel while your home is being repaired, may be recoverable.

- Try to be patient. Once you report your claim, your claims adjuster will respond as quickly as possible. Delays may be likely, as hurricanes often uproot signs and deposit debris on highways, severely impeding traffic.

If your electricity goes out

- Use a flashlight – not a candle or match as this is a fire hazard.

- Open your refrigerator only when absolutely necessary. This will help keep food fresh for as long as possible.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

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Progress Energy Hurricane Preparedness
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Printable Hurricane Tracking Maps
<http://www.fiu.edu/orgs/w4ehw/tracking-maps.html>

Baby Boomers growing more active with fall fun



Baby Boomers

By Rita Kress

For September, the On Top of the World Baby Boomers group enjoyed a great Labor Day picnic at Phillipe Park with live accordion music.

We also enjoyed a member's birthday party, held a ladies luncheon, took part in a wine and cheese tasting party, had a nightly pool party and took part in a noodle race at the West Activity Center swimming pool.

We had a fabulous turnout for a fish fry at the American Legion and afterwards danced the night away to the fantastic voice of Louie Bravo.

October will be another fun-filled month.

On Oct. 22, we have planned a Booooooooomer's Halloween Costume Party. On Oct. 28, some of our members will go on a planned five-day



Baby Boomers enjoy the West Activity Center swimming pool.

Carnival cruise to Cozumel and Cayman Islands.

Other activities will include, dancing, dining out, potluck dinners, and bicycle riding ... to name a few.

One future event will take place in November and will feature a Boomerang Welcome Back Party for the Snowbirds. We will have a live band and dancing.

Our meetings are 6 p.m. the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, at the Veranda Room in the East Activity Center.

Meetings for October will be on Oct. 2 and Oct. 17. Anyone interested in joining the Baby Boomers Group is welcome to come to the meetings and should bring their current On Top of the World Recreation Card.

There is no membership fee.

Our meetings usually consist of everyone participating in creating monthly activities. After the meeting, we usually continue with a fun-filled activity, such as dining out, dancing, or visiting a local club or festival for additional socializing.

If you need further information, please email atir511@yahoo.com

Club joins Italian-Americans for holiday party Nov. 15

By Jack Casey

In April, a new board took over and decided to stay active for the summer when most clubs shut down.

During that time, we had several successful and well-supported activities, including a pizza party, wine and cheese bingo, our "Christmas in July" event, and lastly a hotdog party.

Last month we ended the summer with an ice cream social and bingo. See the November edition of this newspaper for details.

On Oct. 20, we have a luncheon cruise planned on the "Starlight Ship" out of Clearwater.

In November, the New York/New Jersey Club is joining the Italian American Club to have a holiday party on Friday, Nov. 15. The menu is sausage and peppers, ziti, roast beef and gravy, potatoes and green beans, bread and butter, and tossed salad.



NY / NJ Club

Be sure to bring your own beverage (BYOB). The entertainment is music by "D.J. With a Twist" (Denise Looney).

Member's cost is \$15 and non-member is \$20. Proof of membership is required with your card from either the NY/NJ club or the Italian American club. The ticket sales for the holiday party will only be sold at the NY/NJ Club table on Mondays or Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center auditorium.



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Hot dog party set for Oct. 5

By Mary Widman

A good time was had by all at our ice cream social during the September meeting.

We are looking forward to our Oct. 5 meeting when we are having a hot dog party with baked beans. Tickets for this event are \$2. Everyone is asked to bring your own beverage. Tickets will be available at the East Activity Center every Monday and Thursday morning between 9-10:30 a.m.

Items for our annual food drive will be collected at our Nov. 2 meeting. Please fill a bag to be given to the food pantry. We will also have a free game of bingo at this meeting.

Plans call for our holiday luncheon to be at the Beachcomber restaurant on Clearwater Beach on Dec. 4. We will order from the menu. Transportation will be with the Jolly Trolley. Cost for club members is \$10, non-members \$15. Tickets for this trip will also be sold every Monday and Thursday from 9-10:30 a.m.

If you know of any member who is ill, please call our Sunshine lady, Mary, at 796-1184. She will send a note of cheer from the club.



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So you really want to know why women take so long in a public restroom - you'll probably be sorry you asked

This column is for every man who has ever wondered why his wife or girlfriend always take so long in a public restroom.

First, when a woman visits a public bathroom, there's always a line, so she just has to smile, take her place in line and wait.

When she finally gets in the door, she has to check every stall to find one unoccupied. If full, and a stall door opens, she will dash in, nearly knocking down the woman leaving.

When a woman finally gets into a stall, rarely does the door latch, so an alternative way to keep the door closed has to be created.

Next, there's no hook on the door for a purse, so time is needed to drape the purse around her neck or secure it from sitting on the germ-filled floor.

She yanks down her pants and assume the "stance," but can't touch the toilet seat because there are no seat protectors left in the machine.

Toilet paper would be an option,

Marge
Mayer



Marge's Humor

however, she notices the toilet paper machine is empty, too.

At this point, the woman remembers a tiny tissue in her purse which she used to blow her nose with. So, she reaches into her purse while trying not to strangle herself at the same time.

The woman crumbles the tissue in the puffiest way possible, but it's still smaller than a thumbnail and not very useful.

Just at that moment, someone tries pushing open the stall door, but because the latch doesn't work, the door

hits your purse, and you are knocked backwards against the toilet tank.

"Occupied!" the woman screams, as she reaches to reclose the door, but drops her precious piece of crumpled tissue into a puddle on the floor.

Then, when trying to re-establish her original position over the toilet seat, she slides too low and makes contact with the seat. She bolts up quickly to try to negate the last action, but it's already too late. The contact has already been made - her bottom has made contact with every germ and disgusting life form living on the uncovered seat.

Now, because of all the sudden movements, the automatic sensor on the back of the toilet has flushed and a stream of water, like a fire hose, has sprayed a fine mist all over the woman's legs.

She finds a gum wrapper in her purse and tries to clean up, but now her hands are a mess and it's time to use the sink to clean up.

Problem is, the sinks have sensors and you don't know how to start the water flow. Nothing seems to work.

Frustrated, the woman spits on her hands and uses a paper towel to dry.

It's almost time to leave, but then a woman in line points out there is a piece of toilet paper hanging on her shoe.

Where did that come from?

Because she is thoughtful, the woman yanks the toilet paper from her shoe and hands it to the next woman in line.

"Here, you may need this," she says.

Exiting the bathroom, the woman sees her husband, or boyfriend, waiting, and he asks, "Why did you take so long and why is your purse around your neck?"

No reason to answer.

Like the guy would understand?

in pairs - while one woman is doing her business, the other can hold

We may be too old for tricks and treats, but never too old for costumes and scary movies

Once upon a time, families celebrated Halloween by putting a carved pumpkin on the front stoop, or porch, or in the front window of their home.

Other than the trick-or-treating, that was as festive as it got.

Today we have tombstones, spider webs, pumpkins, graves, skeletons, zombies, witches, large rats with fake blood in their mouths, decapitations, haunted houses, mummies, ghosts everywhere, costumes, costumes, and more costumes, black hearses, lights dancing to synchronized music all over the place, and "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" on TV for the 47th year in a row (personally, I try not to miss it).

Yesterday's happy memory was scoring an enormous amount of free candy and wolfing it down before breakfast behind Mom's back.

Today's happy memory takes place in a world that's been turned into a Halloween theme park (e.g. Universal Studios), where for a \$91.99 admission fee, you can have a heart attack.

Unlike some other holidays, Halloween doesn't demand you schlep across the country on the busiest travel



By Allen Winston

Winston's World

day of the year, or cook for 25 people, each with his or her own food issues.

On Halloween, dysfunctional family members are not your problem.

Halloween is escapist fun, though I'm inclined to believe that senior trick-or-treating just might have its limits.

For example, dressing up in a hospital gown and walking around at night screaming, "They think I'm crazy, but I'm not" might be a bad idea.

Or screaming, "They deserved to die - they can't take me back," might not be funny either, even though in some cases it might be the truth.

Nor should we be ringing doorbells and saying "pull my finger."

We also have to remember to ask for high fiber candy only.

Touring the neighborhood in a Power Ranger suit with a walker, shows you're young at heart, but falling apart everywhere else.

And what will we have to show at the end of the day for all of our trick-or-treating efforts? Probably a bag full of restraining orders.

We're better off buying the candy for ourselves, getting together with a few friends and neighbors, mixing a gallon of spiked Halloween "Ghoul-Ade," eating some popcorn, and worrying about who's coming to visit for Thanksgiving.

We can watch "Ghostbusters" or "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," and all your guests can get up, and do "the time warp."

In addition to watching movies, we can play games like "bobbing for dentures," (the most sanitary way is to buy completely new sets of dentures for the bobbing bowl rather than throwing everyone's in there.)

And if things get slow, we can also play "Surgical Story Hour," where everyone sits around and rehashes the

goriest details of a surgery that was performed on him or her.

True or False? All witches are women?

Did you know more than 35 million pounds of candy corn will be produced this year? That equates to nearly nine billion pieces — enough to circle the moon nearly four times if laid end-to-end.

Do you know how many colors of M&Ms there are? (Hint: 25).

Did you know Jack O'Lanterns or carved pumpkins originated in Ireland?

Did you know chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters, with Snickers as number one (over \$2 billion is spent annually on Halloween candy).

Orange and black are Halloween's colors because orange is associated with the fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death (oh, goody!).

Do you ever wonder how boring Halloween in a nudist colony must be?

Enjoy the holiday, and remember, there will always be a child in every one of us who is still a trick-or-treater looking for a brightly-lit front porch

Summer heat does not stop Fixers Club improvements

By John Koning

Meteorologists say this past summer has been one of the consistently hottest on record. So who, in their right mind, would venture out of their air-conditioned condo to sweat buckets in the Fixers storage room?

Ray Tabor and Steve Stiffler, that's who.

And what would possess these two, and fellow helpers Joe Miranda and Jim Calamas, to do such a thing?

Before we chalk it up to insanity or some other plausible cause, we might want to also entertain the idea that they are just plain dedicated.

Steve, Ray and the boys have completely gutted and rebuilt the storage area for the Fixers Club. They have redesigned it to be a more efficient use of space and a safer area to retrieve the building materials used to make toys for underprivileged kids.

Although they have been fighting the intense heat, these Fixers have not had to battle the ever present crowds found in the shop during the cooler months. There's a lot to be said for that. If you consider that these guys kept their shifts early and light, this project might not be as crazy as it seems.

When the weather turns cooler, and the rest of the Fixers start filtering in, we can marvel, not only at the workmanship, but also at the sacrifices these guys made in our absence to enhance and improve our beloved wood shop.

The Fixers shop boasts a staggering array of tools for in shop use and an extensive list of tools to sign out.

In addition to our vast array of



Fixers Club

hand tools, like drills, planes, chisels and clamps, we offer heavy duty, professional grade jointers, planers, band-saws, miter saws and sanders.

We even have a shaper and a large capacity lathe.

There is a tool for every conceivable project you might want to take on.

If you are inexperienced with powered woodworking tools, we have some helpful and knowledgeable Fixers to help you get started safely and efficiently. That last statement is most poignant because shop and worker safety is our number one priority.

Do you need some creative inspiration?

Our library includes magazines, books and videos to light your creative fires.

We also have ladies and gents among our membership who have made everything from Murphy Beds and entertainment stands to clocks, bowls, jewelery boxes and model ships and cars.

Click on the Gallery link on our Website to showcase their achievements.

Check us out at www.fixersfiddler-sandfumblers.com or stop by the shop (when it's cooler) and someone wearing an identification badge will be glad to show you around.



Ray Tabor and Steve Stiffler put the finishing touches on the Fixers Club storage closet. (Photo by Jan Stiffler)

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Membership renewal set for Oct. 11

By Mary Skaarer

“Cead Mile Failte.”

Welcome back - Missed you all!!

Another summer has finally ended - where does the time go - and so begins the start up of our new season for the On Top of the World Irish Club.

Many fun events are planned and I can assure you this will be a very enjoyable season.

Our first meeting is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m. at the East Activity Center. Refreshments and light



Irish Club

fare will be offered - membership renewal and registration will be available - dues are still only \$5 for the year.

I am happy to advise you of the following events sponsored by our

club for the upcoming season.

There will be two parties, including music / dancing and good food with well recognized musicians.

Also, there will be two shows featuring Irish comedians and entertainers, who will provide lots of fun and laughter.

Last, but not least, our annual and wonderful St. Patrick's Day parade and dance, will feature genuine Irish music and traditional corned beef.

Not to be forgotten is our very fa-

mous picnic held every year at Philippe Park.

I'm sure you will agree putting all of the above together makes for a great recipe for having fun.

Tickets for the above events will be available every Monday and Thursday morning from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the EAC. Stop by the desk to review the upcoming events, and of course, most importantly, purchase your tickets early to enjoy the benefits of a good table assignment.

Hazardous junk pickup set for November at OTOW

The Haz-To-Go trailer will be visiting On Top of the World in November and will give residents an opportunity to remove household electronic and chemical products which could otherwise pose a hazardous threat.

The trailer will be available to Eastside residents from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the East Activity Center near the tennis courts.

The trailer will be available to West-

Haz-To-Go

side residents from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Nov. 7, at the West Activity Center near the dog park.

Disposable electronic equipment consists of camcorders, CD players, cell phones, smartphones, computers, copiers, digital cameras, DVD players, Fax machines, GPS units, marine

depth finders, microwave ovens, pagers, portable music players, printers, toner cartridges, stereo equipment, telephones, TVs, VCRs and video game players.

Accepted chemicals include, automotive fluids, batteries, cleaners, cooking oils, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs, mercury-containing devices, fuels, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, motor oil, paint, paint remover, paint

thinner, pesticides, pool chemicals, smoke detectors, solvents and wood preservatives.

There is no cost to On Top of the World residents.

For more information, contact Pinellas County at 727-464-7500 or visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities.

Watch for more information in future editions of this newspaper and on OTOW-TV channels 96/720.

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Line Dancing is international at OTOW

By Julie Narancich

The uniqueness of individuals adds strength to our community here at On Top of The World.

While we may have traveled different roads, we have all come together at OTOW and we celebrate our diverse cultures at Line Dancing.

Many of our line dancers came to America from other countries. Those pictured are Lilia Bensenhoff from Belarus, USSR; Bing Sickles from Manila, Phillipines; Sheila Bolster from London, England; Song Brooks from Korea; Sheila Bonomo from Cork, Ireland; Anna Ventimiglia from China; and Ute Scheibe from Berlin, Germany. Not pictured is Taeko Tucker from Japan.

Many line dancers will soon be joining us from Canada and many other countries.

Reminds me of something musician Billy Joel once said:

"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched



by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."

Mary Becker is currently collecting our annual membership fee of \$5 from members. Please remember to present your On Top of the World identification card, along with your money to Mary.

Please join us as any time is a great time to learn line dancing. We have wonderful individual instruction and provide patience and 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 Sat-



From left to right are Lilia Bensonoff, Bing Sickles, Sheila Bolster, Song Brooks, Sheila Bonomo, Anna Ventimiglia and Ute Scheibe.

urday, for 30 minutes.

The beginner lessons are extremely helpful. We welcome everyone and invite you to 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!



Ever wonder where the room is you are trying to find?

So, you're feeling energetic, you're ready to go see the new library, and you're excited about picking up a new book to read.

Then you realize, you don't know where the library is now?

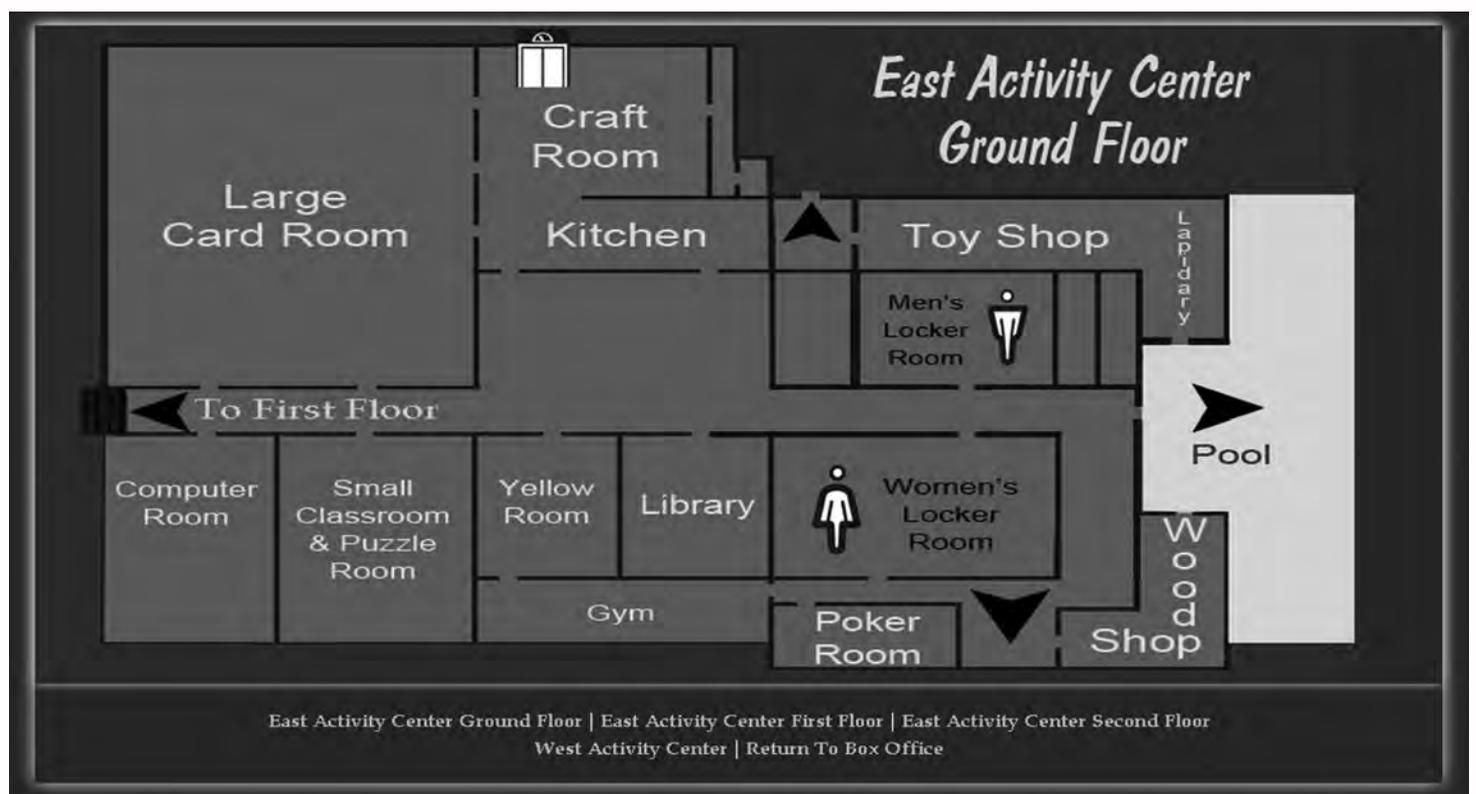
How do you find it?

The answer is simple. Visit the On Top of the World Box Office Web Site where there are floor maps for both the East Activity Center and the West Activity Center.

Not only do the maps show you where every room is located, but you can also click on each room to find out what events are taking place there this month and next month!

The room maps have links to the OTOW newspaper, Community Service Office and even Palm Acre Real Estate and attorney Jerry Colen.

If you've never visited the Box Office site, check it out today.



Pictured above is an actual Box Office page.

You can click each room to see what is taking place there this month.

<http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com/EACBoxOffice/pages/boxofficehome.php>

Spring show will help recall the old days when entertainers helped soldiers forget about war

By Lilli Scheifen

Well, we have one problem out of the way - our correct name!

If you missed it, we are "Theater Workshop" not Theatre Workshop and this was no small feat.

Now, the times of our meetings.

The Theater Workshop meets at 7:30 p.m., the first Wednesday of each month, September through April. The meetings are held at the East Activity Center, unless otherwise noted.

The Board of Directors meets an hour before the regular meetings at 6:30 p.m. Hopefully this should answer questions and end any confusion.

Our first meeting of this year started out with quite a rain storm, and



Theater Workshop

our hardy members were rewarded with delicious cookies at the close of the meeting.

Will and Mary Sundblad have decided on "Swingin' with the USO" as

the name of our 2014 show, and we will be looking for talented people for this endeavor.

As many of you may recall, Bob Hope was the star most connected with the USO, taking his troupe to many continents through the Second World War, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

There was no shortage of performers who wanted to join him, and a few names you may recall are Ann Margret, Raquel Welch and Connie Stevens.

The soldiers were reminded of why they were "Over There" when they ogled the beautiful girls.

And who could forget Jerry (Ge-

rardo Luigi) Colonna, with his large handlebar mustache, bug eyes and comic genius.

The USO provided so many hours of reprieve from the awful reality of war, and the performers gave their all to provide this for our GIs who often, sadly, gave their all.

We can't wait to entertain you with songs, skits and dances of that wonderful era and bring back memories for many of you. Feel free to sing along, if you wish - we may enlist you for our next show!

This is a work in progress, and we will do our best to give you a brief glimpse of that time in the history of our wonderful country.



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www.otowcc.com

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We hold a business session, presentations, and advanced and beginners classes every Saturday morning from 8:30-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center main card room.

We help members with hardware and software issues from 9-10 a.m., Monday mornings, no appointments necessary, or you can schedule an appointment from 9-10 a.m., Tuesday-Thursday.

We will help any member with Windows XP or Windows 7 instruction from 9-10 a.m., on Fridays. Our club offers free Wi-Fi in the EAC, and a computer equipment recycling service to members for a small, modest fee.

The computer lab is located opposite the large card room. By joining our club, you can ask all your computer questions in a relaxed, friendly environment, and your questions may help others with similar situations. You are also encouraged to share your own past computer experiences - both good and bad.



our LOST & FOUND

is overwhelmed with your personal belongings. If you are missing something, please check at the Community Service Office

in the East Activity Center.

8:30-3:00



**Next Press Association meeting is
1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3,
EAC large card room**

Greyhound picnic set for Oct. 27

By Bill Sharpsteen

September was a huge month for adoptions, probably due to the summer vacation and traveling being over for local families.

We had four, prison-trained greyhounds, graduate from the www.GreyhoundAdvancementCenter.org and we got them all adopted!

Another class of 12 greyhounds graduates on Oct. 4 from the Hardee Correctional Facility.

A "greyt," fun event is coming up on Sunday, Oct. 27, from noon to 4 p.m. This will be our combined semi-annual 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. We will reserve shelter No. 2.

Come see an all-greyhound event, a nice day in the park and a picnic lunch for \$10, including hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, or pulled pork sandwiches with sides, drinks and desserts.

Or, if you wish, just pack your



A hungry greyhound looks for the nearest picnic table.

own lunch and join us!

I just heard that Petey D Freeway, our miracle greyhound we wrote about previously, who fell off a transport truck on I75 near Gainesville, will be attending the picnic and available for

pictures. Come and give him a hug!

Always remember, Greyhound Club members meet every third Friday at Third Friday in downtown Safety Harbor. We set up next on Friday, Oct 18 at the corner of Second Avenue and



Greyhound Club

Main Street to show off greyhounds for adoption.

We also continue to visit several ALFs in the county each month to bring cheer to their residents with our "Gentle Giants!"

Please add our OTOW Greyhound Club meetings to your calendar for the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be Nov. 21 at 10 a.m.

Call Bill today 727-797-7977 to help foster or babysit a greyhound for a day to a week, or adopt a greyhound, donate, or volunteer with this group. You will be richly rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!

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Welcome back dinner dance set for Nov. 10



Snowbirds Club

By Sandy Sanborn

It was five years ago this month when the Snowbirds Club started offering charter bus tours, cruises and dinner theater shows for the Snowbirds migrating south for the winter.

The club has grown into a major source of entertainment for all On Top of the World residents.

Newly arriving Snowbirds are invited to stop by the sales and information desk in the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings.

All residents are invited to attend our monthly meeting on Monday, Oct 7 at 11 a.m. in the Starlite Room and learn about our many activities.

The fifth annual "Welcome Back Dinner Party and Dance" on Sunday, Nov. 10, is a must for couples and singles alike that enjoy a casual dress party.

Line dance instructor Dolly Folland will lead line dancing and our signature entertainers, Tim and Lotte of At Large, will provide the dance music and entertain us.

Price is still only \$10 for members. Advance ticket purchase is required.



A large group of Snowbirds enjoying a recent dinner theater meal and show.

For those wanting to do something special on Thanksgiving Day, join the Snowbirds on a bus trip to the Show Palace in Hudson for a Thanksgiving buffet followed by the musical, White Christmas. It will be a day to remember with good food and good entertainment.

Several dinner theater shows are now being offered for Eddie Fletchers Early Bird Dinner Theater in Clearwater and the Show Palace in Hudson.

Abundant information on all Snowbirds events is available on our user-friendly Website, www.snowbirdstotow.com. Click on the big blue

events button, then print out a schedule of events and event flyers. You can also print out a ticket order form and have tickets mailed to you.

We also have a link on the OTOW Box Office Web site.

Contact Sandy Sanborn at 727-216-7922 for additional information.

If you can look anything like a zombie, you are invited to our Halloween party Oct. 11

By Dave Beaven

In October, we start seeing the Snowbirds returning from points north.

Welcome back!

We sandbirds have held things together for you. Just this past month, we had an '80s party. No, not a bunch of 80-year-olds partying down, not that there's anything wrong with that. Rather, we played '80s music, dressed in '80s fashions and reminisced about a time with no cell phones, Facebook, or DVDs.

Why, it was practically the Stone Age!

We also had a trivia contest. Do you remember who the Democratic presidential candidate was in 1984? Or how about what was the 1989 World



Lambda

Series in San Francisco noted for?

If you know the answers, it shows that you're old enough to be here, and that the wheels are still turning in the right direction up there.

If you didn't know, it's OK. Just don't forget your kids' birthdays.

This month's Lambda social has a predictable theme. It's Halloween time, of course. That means costumes

and scary music, and treats and tricks. Our guests are invited downstairs to the East Activity Center kitchen/crafts room on Friday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Sounds harmless enough, but on this day, it will be the Crypt of the Living Dead. Dress in casual zombie. We'll have a zombie fashion show and Halloween music. It will be a scream! Bring something scary good to share.

Lambda is a social club for 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 gay and lesbian residents in the OTOW community, and 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 Club is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda gets together monthly for a social on the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the EAC kitchen/crafts room.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Website: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com> or visit our page on the OTOW Box Office Web site.

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

Jesters have identified seven murder suspects

By Marvin Flam, president

It's time to begin coordinating the various elements and the rehearsal phase of the Jester's 35th annual Musical Variety Show "50 Shades, The Musical" to be presented in February 2014.

After a long summer of dedicated work by the Creative Team, the story line, music, dance and comedy has been determined.

Several exciting and innovative dance numbers are planned. There will be several individual singers, and groups of singers, delivering the usual terrific performances, featuring 100 years of movie music history.

Woven thru this exciting background is a murder mystery that will be investigated by a host of guest detectives who will be assisting the Jesters Lt. Charlotte Chan.

Several movie murder suspects have been identified. Shown in the photo are Stormy "Poison Ivy" Pickering, Joey "The Shark" DiTolvo, Mike "The Kingpin" Albano, Lill "The Twirler" Cervinka, Peg "Nightmare" Nowak, Ted "The Butcher" Pickering and Marv "The Hellraiser" Flam.

They are all dangerous characters to be feared, but in the end Lt. Chan will solve the mystery.

For more than 35 years, the Jesters have welcomed any OTOW resident wishing to participate in our spring production. There is fun and good fellowship. We welcome those who can act, tell a joke, sing or dance, play a musical instrument, design and sew costumes, help with scenery, or work behind the scenes, either backstage or selling tickets or ushering.

You may also contribute ideas.

Visit us on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30



The murder suspects, from left to right, are Stormy "Poison Ivy" Pickering, Joey "The Shark" DiTolvo, Mike "The Kingpin" Albano, Lill "The Twirler" Cervinka, Peg "Nightmare" Nowak, Ted "The Butcher" Pickering, and Marv "The Hellraiser" Flam.

a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium, or come to the first cast meeting Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. or the next Jester general meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. - all in the EAC auditorium.

Show tickets will go on sale the beginning of October. They will be available from Jester members and at the EAC auditorium on Monday and Thursday mornings. General admission tickets will

be \$5 for a single show. Buy early and often. They make great holiday gifts to your family, friends and neighbors.

We look forward to you joining us on this fun experience. Contact me at 797-1761 or email us at jestfun21@gmail.com or visit us on the OTOW Box Office Site for more information.

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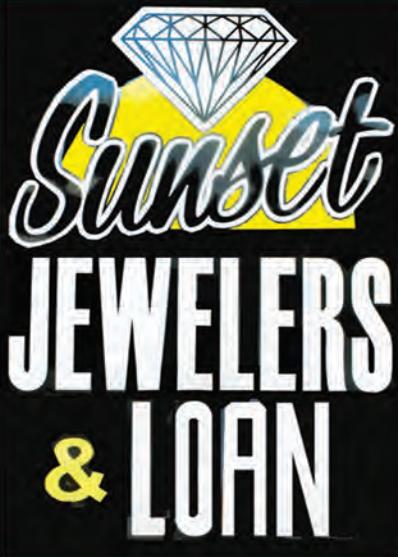
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Getting to Know You

A monthly feature about the people in your
On Top of the World community

by John Koning

There should be a warning sign at the first tee box of the 18-hole On Top of the World Golf Course that reads: "Caution! Participation in this game may lead to romance and dancing."

That's because there are at least two residents in our community who have fallen victim to the golf romance bug.

John Maloof and Ada Culbertson were brought together by golf, which led to romance, ultimately culminating in dancing.

For those of us who grew up in an era when our parents warned us off of dancing for fear of where it would lead, it's ironic isn't it?

Here is how it all transpired.

Ada moved to OTOW after the passing of her husband, whom she had met years ago when she was a paralegal and he was her boss in Westwood-Cheviot, Ohio. The marriage ended her paychecks abruptly, but, before you shed a tear of sympathy for Ada, read on.

The building that housed their legal practice was in the heart of an historical area of town. When the property next door came available, Ada suggested to her husband that he should buy it to alleviate their parking woes. He refused, so Ada bought the property and others nearby.

Over the next 20 years, Ada transformed the neighborhood from an aging eye sore, with a sketchy clientele, into a trendy destination.

Ada filled the roles of landlord, restaurateur and chief visionary.

John comes to us from Lawrence, Mass., once the hub of the American textile industry.

He joined the Navy in 1954 and served his country for the next 20 years in various exotic locales. He finished his career as a master chief petty officer.

During two of those Navy years, John chased and taunted every tropical storm that mother nature threw our way as a Navy hurricane hunter.

Once, he lived every man's dream

of flying faster than the speed of sound in a North American RA-5C Vigilante.

After retirement, John moved to OTOW for a little R&R. That's when golf, romance and Ada caught up with him.

When Ada's OTOW golf foursome learned that John was in need of some friendship and support, they made an inventive personnel change and replaced one of their members with John for a round.

Ada and John bonded immediately and chatted throughout their entire round of golf.

The only improvement Ada would have liked was to beat John's golf score on that day.

John might have done better on the scoresheet, but, when he tried his best romantic approach shot, he landed deep in the rough.

"I don't date," Ada replied pragmatically.

John was not easily dissuaded. He taunted Mother Nature once again when he learned of an enormous beehive in the air conditioner cavity of Ada's unit. Ten bee stings later, John eradicated the bees and captured the fair maiden's heart.

Now that John has Ada's undivided attention, he has introduced her to square dancing and round dancing.

The two golf addicts have discovered another creative outlet for their energy and enthusiasm. They want to provide a place for OTOW residents to enjoy the company of like-minded people in an informal setting, while learning to square dance.

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If you are interested in music, square dancing and good clean fun, you can call John and Ada at 727-796-5024 or email them at jmalooof@tam-pabay.rr.com.



Ada Culbertson and John Maloof



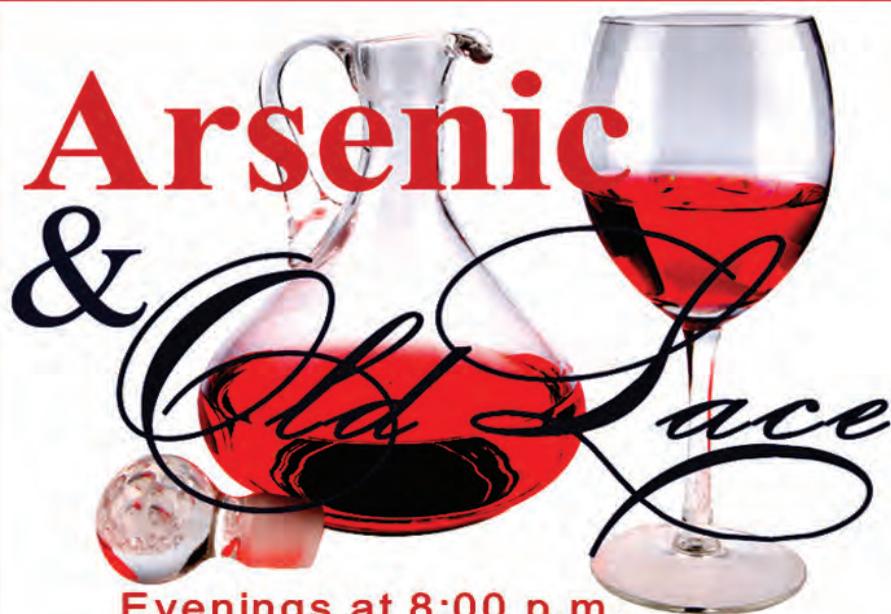
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Itinerary set for 2013-14 season

By Pat Zorland

Our Sept. 6 meeting was held in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

The meeting started early in order to distribute necessary instructions and documents to club members who were taking the Pigeon Forge trip in late September.

All questions were addressed, and after a short time, the regular monthly meeting was called to order.

Copies of changes to the by-laws were distributed and will be voted on at the Oct. 4 meeting. All old business and the financial report was presented, read and voted on.



Travel Club

Audrey Jones presented a list of upcoming trips we will be doing for the next few months: They include a day trip, Oct. 23, to the Lowry Park Zoo and a bus trip, Dec. 1 to New Orleans.

On Dec. 2 we will take a Victorian Christmas Stroll at the Henry B Plant

Museum in Tampa. We will enjoy a delicious meal at the Colonnade Restaurant before the start of the tour

On Dec. 18 we will take a day trip to see a performance of the Radio City Rockettes .

From Jan. 14-16, 2014, we will go on a three-day, two-night trip to Orlando.

From April 2-10, 2014, we will take a nine-day, eight-night trip to New York City by bus.

On Oct. 18, 2014, we will travel to San Antonio for a nine-day, eight-night trip.

From Nov. 30 to Dec. 5 we will spend six days and five nights in Ashville, N.C., and the Biltmore Estate.

Finally, more trips could be added and will be posted on OTOW-TV and in future editions of this newspaper. They will include day trips, overnights and cruises.

For more information, attend our next meeting on Oct. 4 or pay us a visit on Mondays and Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m. at our table located in the East Activity Center. All information on prices for the above trips will be available.

If you are in need of more information on our trips, you can call Audrey Jones at 727-726-5856. We can also be found on the OTOW Box Office Web site.

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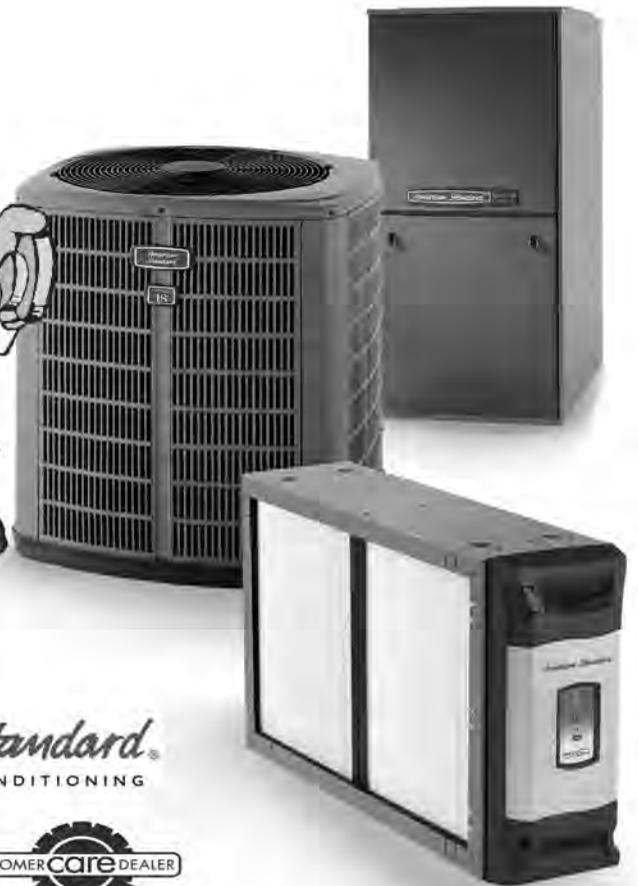
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Rehearsals begin Oct. 8

Research shows singing has health benefits

By Julia Galpin Contella

As choir singers harmonize, their breathing and heartbeats synchronize in time with the music, creating a rewarding feeling of oneness.

That's the conclusion of a new study by Swedish researchers, who strapped heart rate monitors on 15 young choral singers.

The singers were asked to perform three exercises: humming, singing a popular national hymn, and chanting a mantra. Researchers found that the pulses of the singers increased and de-



Chorus

creased together as the music's tempo changed. When the songs required the singers to breath in unison, their heartbeats were especially aligned.

The controlled breathing that

singing demands also seems to have a calming influence on singers.

"Songs with long phrases achieve the same effect as breathing exercises in yoga" study author Bjorn Vickhoff of the University of Gothenburg tells The Daily Telegraph (UK).

In other words, through song we can exercise a certain control over mental states.

"The lungs and the heart communicate with the brain via the vagus nerve, which also helps regulate emotion."

Vickhoff says that link could explain why group singing strengthens solidarity, not just in choirs, but among football fans and work crews.

"When you are singing together" he says, "you are synchronizing with other people, and harmonizing your hearts."

Reminder. On Top of the World chorus rehearsals for the winter concert begin on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Our winter concert is Dec. 8 with performances at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

You do not have to be from Pennsylvania to join us!

By Walt Copeland

We'd like to welcome back all the Snowbirds to another year of new trips and more fun.

Our club is open to all residents of On Top of the World and you don't have to be from Pennsylvania.

Membership is still only \$5 for the year, so stop by the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to renew or join.

Our first meeting is Thursday, Oct. 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the Starlite Room of the EAC.

We'll be selling tickets for our many trips and functions following the meeting. We'll be previewing future ac-



Pennsylvania Club

tivities.

Hope to see you and please watch On Top of the World TV channels 96 or 720, which will cover some of the information on the trips. We also have a Web page on the On Top of the World Box Office Web site.

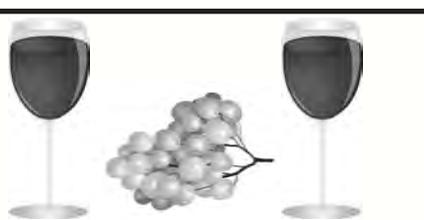
Welcome Back party set for Oct. 16

By Jerry Kaplano

On Oct. 16, we will have a "welcome back" spaghetti and meatball dinner at the East Activity Center starting at 6 p.m. All members are invited.

Tickets are sold every Monday and Thursday at the EAC from 8:30- 10:30 a.m. You can join the Italian-American Club for just a \$4 membership.

On Nov. 20 at 6 p.m., we will have a wine and cheese party, followed by entertainment at the EAC.



Italian American

Softball starts Oct. 8

On Top of the World softball returns Oct. 8 in Safety Harbor.

Games are played 8-9:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through the fall and winter season. The league is open to current and former OTOW residents.

The first two weeks will be devoted to getting in shape.

Our first meeting is set for Oct. 3, 6 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

For more information, contact Tony at 726-9248 or Guy at 723-2307.

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One side of the Starlite Room is filled with Building Reps during the August meeting.

Building Reps discuss contributions to community

A great big “thank you” to all the building representatives who attended the Good Neighbors meeting on Aug. 19.

Of the 91 buildings in the community, 51 were represented. If your building does not have a Good Neighbors representative, one should be found. In addition to greeting new residents to your building, reps also distribute Files of Life and place flyers

on building bulletin boards. If there is no one from your building to pass out Files of Life or display flyers, a volunteer from your building can pick them up at the Good Neighbors table on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in front of the Gift Shoppe in the auditorium.

During the August meeting, reps asked to hold a meeting every month

through the season. Therefore, another meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the Starlite Room. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Good Neighbors is also taking reservations for the upcoming Flea Market and Craft Show. You may purchase a table by visiting the club’s table.

Good
Neighbors



President Doris Paino

Straw draw, clothing drive set for October

Hello, Good Neighbors!

October is upon us and Good Neighbor events for the fall season are about to begin.

The first event is going to be a Straw Draw at the Good Neighbors meeting Thursday, Oct. 10. So far, the gifts are coming in slowly, however, the few we have received are rather nice.

If you have a new item you want to part with, bring it to the Gift Shoppe. If I am not there, leave it with the volunteer clerk in the shop.

The second event is a clothing drive, which starts on Wednesday,

Good
Neighbors



President Doris Paino

Oct.16 and ends Friday, Oct. 18.

Bring those unwanted clothes and we will see they go to a local charity. You can drop the clothing off at the East Activity Center (EAC). Someone will be at the front entrance porch to

take them. Drop off time is between 9 a.m. and noon.

The last event for October is a Flea Market on Saturday, Oct. 19. You can reserve a table for \$15, Mondays and Thursdays, between 9-10:30 a.m. at the table located in front of the Gift Shoppe.

This year the Senior Expo is changing to the Senior Workshop. It is a collaboration between the Good Neighbors Association and the On Top of the World Community Service Office (CSO). I am very excited to mention that a change has taken place

concerning which vendors are permitted to set up booths. This will help ensure residents they receive valuable information from a trusted source.

The Senior Workshop is going to be on Saturday, Dec. 14, so mark your calendar.

Please note the Good Neighbors meeting on the second Thursday of the month will be serving coffee and doughnuts from 9-9:45 a.m. This will allow time to enjoy the treat and be there for the meeting to begin.

Please bear with us and show flexibility as we adopt new changes.

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Express your views

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.



Philosophy Club

Picnic set for Oct. 19 at Philippe Park

Our August meeting featured Jay Alexander, who spoke on the possibility of activating the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to stimulate employment of veterans and high school graduates in the U.S.

We had a pizza party in late September and we thank Bob Grove for bringing us happy days once again.

Plan to attend our annual Democratic Club picnic at Philippe Park on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. We will have music, entertainment, and speakers besides some good food (choice



Democratic Club

of chicken, along with side dishes and desserts). Tickets are \$10. Get your tickets at our Democratic booth between 9-10:30 a.m. at the East Activ-

ity Center on Mondays or Thursdays before Oct. 18. Come to our Democratic Club meeting Oct. 24 and hear Stephen Sarnoff, president of the Communications Workers of America speak.

You will also have a chance to give some input to our club representatives attending the Florida Democratic Party Convention from Oct. 25-28. Remember they represent you and need to hear your concerns beforehand whenever possible.

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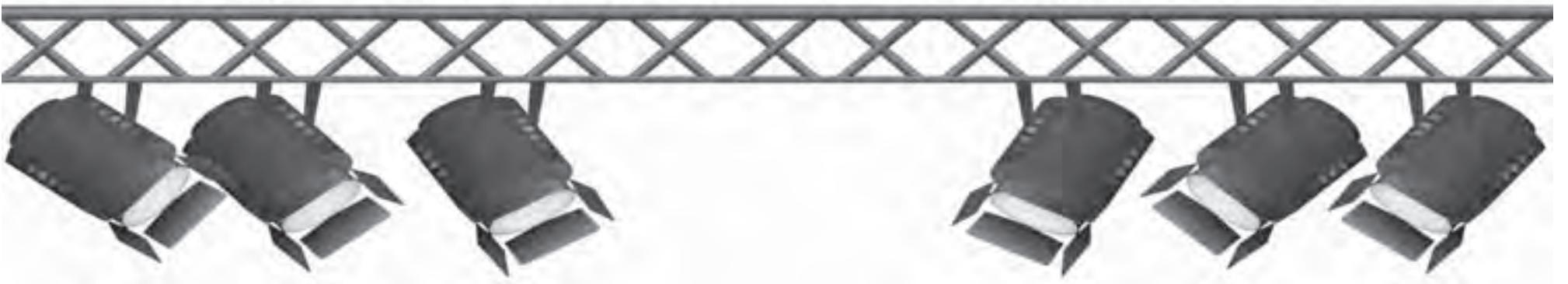
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October starts with golfing, highlights dancing and ends with a fashion show

October has an exceptional lineup of great entertainment, both at the East Activity Center and, this month only, on the golf course.

Our Scotch Doubles golf tournament starts at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 6. It is only \$5 per person, and each team will have two men and two women in a fun format.

We begin October with two shows, including a USO Tribute on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m., which can be best described as one heck-of-a-great All-American revue.

The second show is on Thursday Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. and is called Showtime. It will feature the Oldies to Motown.

These are two shows that will have you enjoying the great music of those eras.

Get on your dancing shoes for two October dances. On Saturday, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m., we'll be featuring Rebound at our Columbus Day Dance, and on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 8 p.m., we'll have Flashback providing music for our Halloween Costume Dance Party.

We have two free Sunday-in-the-Park events at the East Activity Center. On Oct. 13 at 2 p.m., we'll take you on a musical cruise around the world as we feature Fiona.

On Oct. 27 at 2 p.m., there will also be a free fashion show by Patching-



Hazel Kelly

Chairperson

ton, featuring our own lovely resident models. There's a chance to go home a winner if you buy 50-50 drawing tickets when you come in, and there will be free refreshments at both events.

We also invite you to make your reservations for Thanksgiving Dinner here at On Top of the World for only \$24.95. The meal will be catered by Marguerite.

To reserve your seat at a table for our New Year's Eve's celebration, you must purchase advanced tickets for only \$20. Music is by Flashback.

Don't miss out on the Entertainment Committee's full lineup of shows and dances for 2014. October is the time to renew your season tickets and get a 10 percent discount when you do.

For information about 2014 tickets call Tony Baker at 474-2999.



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Official mixed league season begins Nov. 7

The long, wet season is nearing its end and we were fortunate to have at least some of the course kept open by Drew and his team from One Source.

Recently, drier conditions allowed for the entire course to open. The thick rough makes the course play several strokes more difficult, unless you are a consistently straight hitter.

The Thursday League off-season continues and the "Snowbirds" are beginning to show up.

Week 13 winner was Dutch Michael. Paul Meyers was second and Pete Dominguez placed third. Don Baker collected two skins and Clyde Hirshberger and Bruce MacPherson had one each.

Thursday Golf

Week 14 was won by Pete Dominguez, while Don Baker was second and Fred Schick was third. Don Baker, Clyde Hirshberger and Paul Meyers all collected one skin each.

The week 15 champion was Bruce MacPherson, while Bill Cook took second place and Dutch Michael placed third. Don Leamy, John Maloof, Pete Dominguez and Bruce MacPherson collected one skin each.

Week 16 was won by Ken Smith. John Maloof placed second and Paul

Meyers came in third. Don Baker collected two skins. Don Leamy, Clyde Hirshberger and Ken Smith took one skin each.

In his first competition back, Jahn Lawson picked up his first win in Week 17. Bruce MacPherson was second and Don Baker placed third. Bruce also collected two skins. Clyde Hirshberger and Paul Meyers had one skin each.

The start of the official season will be Nov. 7. Many new events are planned for this season and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

The Thursday League is a mixed

league. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format. Our league welcomes new members at any time. Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no weekly sign up. If you show up, you play.

If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

Play begins at 11 a.m. and sign in starts at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday.

We play the course to a Par 67. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available. For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdogolf@aol.com.

League play, first board meeting and first general meeting all take place in October

By Terri Mikszenas

Welcome to the 2013-2014 golf season for the Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association.

Many of our members were away this summer, perhaps enjoying less humid weather and working on their golf swings. Others, like myself, put the clubs away and will have to get back into the swing of things.

Whatever the case, we are happy to begin another season with our first day of play on Oct. 1.

Our league plays every Tuesday morning from October through the end of May, and all women residing at On Top of the World, with a valid Recreation Card, are eligible to apply for membership in our league.

Jackie Woloszyn, our membership

18-hole Ladies Golf

chairperson, will be happy to meet with you and explain the handicap qualification process. Just give her a call at 796-7969 to schedule a time to get together.

The bulletin board near the starter's greenhouse is the most important source of updated information. It is here where you will read each week's starting times, weekly awards, chairperson's contact information, as well as updated handicaps and ringer standings. Please check it often.

For last year's members, who wish to play during the 2013-2014 season, your dues have to be paid before your

first tee time can be scheduled. The annual fee is \$26 and should be given to Sharon Hackenmiller. Please remember to bring your valid OTOW Recreation Card on your first day of play.

If you have not yet collected your winnings from last year, you may do so at the golf course on Tuesday, Oct. 7 or by contacting Linda Rice after that date.

Here are some important upcoming dates for October:

The Guys & Dolls Tournament, sponsored by the Men's League, is scheduled for Oct. 16, so keep an eye on the bulletin board for further details and signup forms for partners and for singles.

The Men's League especially welcomes our league ladies without part-

ners and will match you up with their league members without partners. It is a one-day event with cash prizes followed by food and beverage.

President Sheila Meneilly will hold her first meeting with Board Members on Oct. 21 in preparation for the league's first general meeting of the season.

The first general meeting will take place 9:30 a.m., Oct. 23 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. All members are invited to attend.

Although we hope to have clear skies and dry grass on every Tuesday during the season, 727-698-5898 is the number to call if weather conditions are in question on play day.

Welcome back. Hope to see you all on the links!

Fall tournaments begin Oct. 15 with a fun play day

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Ladies, fall right into the swing of things by dusting off your golf clubs and getting ready for another fun season with the Ladies 9-hole League.

Yes, the hot temperatures, rainy days and soggy course conditions are gone. We are ready to get back into the swing of things.

9-hole Ladies Golf

Club officers for the 2013-2014 season are: Connie Saylor, president; Marge Jacobs, vice president; Char Flach, secretary and Nancy Parlatore,

treasurer.

October events are as follows: Oct 15, Sign Up and Play for Fun; Oct 22, Opening Day-low putts; Oct 29 low gross/low net and monthly 50/50 raffle.

On the last day of every month, we will have our 50/50 raffle for only \$1, so put some "made money" in your golf bag and take a chance on

winning.

Our directory will be distributed on opening day to those individuals who have paid their dues. The directory is very informative with the schedule of events for the year, membership listing and rules.

Until next month enjoy the beginning of Fall and let's get ready to play some golf!

SPORTS

Hopefully the course will dry as the Snowbirds arrive

By Pete Milner

Another month has come and gone and the On Top of the World Men's Golf Association league play seems nonexistent.

One of our members came to sign up for the following week's play and referred to signing up as his weekly contribution to his Christmas club.

There is not much golf news to re-

Men's Golf

port other than our Snowbird friends are one week closer to rejoining our ranks, and before we know it, we will be returning to appointed tee times, dryer conditions and cooler weather.

It will of course be great to see our old friends and get reacquainted.

Please pay attention to our scoreboard for upcoming events. When you read this article, we will be giving thought to election of new officers for the upcoming year, and, believe it or not, getting ready to plan our annual Christmas party.

Think golf, be positive, and con-

tinue to support our association. Come and sign up before 8 a.m. on Wednesday mornings.

For those of you who have continued to play our course on a limited basis, you should have holes No.s 1-4 and 14-18 down to a science. No excuses as to why those nine holes can't be played to par.

As they say online, "LOL.."

On Top of the World. CLEARWATER GOLF CLINICS

SHORT GAME Chipping
Friday, November 15th
 Session 1- 9:00 am - 10:00 am
 Session 2 - 11:00 am - Noon
\$20.00 per person (cash)
Minimum 10 People per session with a Maximum of 20 people per session.

Instructors for these clinics will be one or more of the following, depending on participation.

Matt Hibbs, PGA Director of Golf
Denise A. Mullen, LPGA Head Golf Professional
Russ Smith, Apprentice Assistant
Logan Stringer, Apprentice Assistant

Registration Deadline is
Sunday, November 10 at 5:00 pm
Any questions, contact Corby Ratliff
at the OTOW Golf Shop.




Second ace on same hole

By Corby Ratliff
 Director of Golf

Don Baker scored a hole-in-one on the Par 3, No. 15 hole on Aug. 18. The shot was witnessed by playing partners Vick Ruggiero and Don Leamy. This was Don's second career hole-in-one coming on the same hole.

Odds are 12,000 to 1 for any hole-in-one. Does anyone have any idea of the odds of scoring a second hole-in-one on the same hole?



JOIN US!

OTOW Softball Returns Oct. 8

We play every Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9:30 AM in Safety Harbor.

Our first meeting will be Oct. 3, 6 PM in the Sunrise Room.

First 2 weeks devoted to getting in shape!

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Call Tony 726-9248 or Guy 723-2307 for more information.

Did you know we have a puzzle room?

Did you know putting together a puzzle is good for your brain? Did you know OTOW has a puzzle room loaded with simple and complicated puzzles? The puzzle room is located on the ground floor of the East Activity Center.

Take a puzzle home with you. Return it when you are done. If you discover a piece missing, simply throw the puzzle out, but make sure the missing piece is not on your floor!

If you want to donate a puzzle, simply leave it in the puzzle room for others to enjoy.





Que 'T president's top goals are friendships and smiles

By Penny Page

For the past two years, Becky Balderson has led the Que 'T Billiards Club with grace, resolution and humor.

When I asked Becky why she accepted the challenge to lead our club, she clearly outlined her philosophy saying she had "a strong constitution for ensuring the wishes of our women members. It's about individuals coming together in friendship. It's what clubs are about for me."

Becky said she had never played pool before she came to On Top of the World, but it had always been on her bucket list. She, and her husband, Denny, used to pass the pool room on their way to work out in our gym, and it was quite intimidating for her. She was surprised that it was not so intimidating once she ventured in to join.

Becky has a great respect for the women in our club, who, "at their age, have reached a place where they



Becky Balderson

should be happy in whatever they do. Our goal is healthy competition that brings unity ... a feeling they are a part of something bigger.

Becky sees the future of our club as a place where we are able to come in that room and feel we are walking into family, and where none of us are afraid to express our concerns nor our



Que 'T Billiards

opinions.

Do the women in our club agree with Becky's philosophy?

"Over the last year, many came to me to ask for change," Becky said. "We worked together to create a club that belongs to them. I feel this was a great achievement for all of us.

"Our membership is growing and our club is where they want it to be, where they feel someone is going to truly give their thoughts serious consideration."

What's next for Becky when her term ends in March?

"I will continue to be a part of the board as a sitting past president for a year. I look forward to remaining an involved member.

Becky is also president of our tennis club. You can find her on the courts three days a week.

Besides being an athlete, she is an avid reader and enjoys embroidery and cross stitching. She, and her husband, have two sons and three grandchildren. They love the water and each year they vacation in Fort Myers, where one of their sons got married this past summer.

I can attest to the fact that Becky has made a big difference in our club since I joined last year. Que 'T is a great place to meet women who are fun, talented, and happy. Come join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

In tournament action from September, congratulation to Becky and Judy Garvey for tying for first place. Congratulations!

Baby Boomers wanted!

Welcome back tennis event set for Nov. 9

By Joseph Spahalski

We are on the look out for Baby Boomer tennis players.

They are missing and we don't know where they are?

Please help us find them. They could be male or female, tall or short, chubby or lanky, fast or slow.

If you see one, have them come down and report to the tennis courts at 8 a.m. If you are one of those boomers, why not report for duty?

The On Top of the World Tennis Club has a \$10 annual membership fee. We play doubles tennis.

Tennis

We have changed the scoring rules in order to get quicker participation and less waiting time on the sidelines.

Here is the way it works.

A game is four points, no deuces. The first team to make four points wins. The opposite team now serves. Again, four points. One player exits and a new player enters. The new player starts by serving and after playing four games he will exit. We rotate clockwise.

If one additional player is waiting than there are courts being used, two players enter and after two games, exit. This system allows the constant changing of partners and you don't sit on the sidelines very long.

If, for some reason, a player needs a longer rest break, take it. We can't and won't dictate policy of health or personal needs.

We are starting the new season with a Welcome Back tennis party. The fast and furious party will be held on Nov. 9 at the portico located next to the tennis courts.

This party will host mixed doubles, along with hotdogs, sloppy Joe's and dessert. (You can live on the edge with chile dogs).

Bring your racquets, munchies, beverages, BYOB, and a chair. Tables will be provided.

Sign up at the bulletin board. The event will start at 3 p.m.. This might be the time for all of us to try out the lights. Night tennis here we come!

We are raffling off a Rays afghan created right here at OTOW. Tickets for the afghan are on sale every Monday at the East Activity Center.

August Photo Search Answers

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| 1. Tassel missing on Santa's hat | 4. Bulb changed from green to red | 8. Number of flowers in basket |
| 2. Picture different on Santa's shirt | 5. Basket handle is different | 9. Snowman's face switches direction on card |
| 3. Santa's belt is missing | 6. Snowman's smile turned to frown | 10. Thumb missing on Snowman's hand |
| | 7. Wrapping paper changed on present | |



Ron Baltrunas takes home a gold, silver and bronze in men's 8-ball billiards play



Men's Billiards

Just after a few months of playing in the Men's Billiards Club, Ron Baltrunas claimed a first, a second and a third place finish in the 8-Ball B Flight.

Ron's victory took place on Sept. 16 as he defeated Ed Ramirez in the nightly final. Nick Sapienza was third.

On Sept. 2, Ron reached the finals, but was defeated by Nick Sapienza.

And on Sept. 9, Ron placed third behind Barb Sundberg and runner-up Terry Wittman.

In other B Flight action, on Aug. 19, John Fier took first place followed by Howard Wilson in second place.

The following week, Howard was champion and Joe Ventimiglia was runner-up.

The A Flight had four winners in five events.



Pictured above from the Sept. 9 8-ball tournament are Joe Ventimiglia, Tim Rush, Tony Baker, Barb Sundberg, Terry Wittman and Ron Baltrunas.

On Aug. 26, Hugo Orantes was first, followed by Barb Sundberg. A week later, Hugo defended his title and Bart Gooch was second. Mario Rodriguez and Howard Wilson tied for third.

Andy Suhar was the flight winner on Aug. 19. Ray Quirion was second.

Tony Baker won on Sept. 9, followed by Tim Rush and Joe Ventimiglia.

Denny Balderson was the champi-

on on Sept. 16. Hugo Orantes was the runner-up and Marc Schell was third.

SCOTCH DOUBLES

There were three Scotch Doubles Tournaments last session.

In the first event, Flights A and B were combined into one tournament. Mike Elliott took first place and Tony Baker was second.

On Sept. 5, Bart Gooch and Joe Ventimiglia teamed up for victory.

Tony Baker and Nick Sapienza were second. Ron Baltrunas and Ted Eads were third.

On Sept. 12, Tony Baker and Marc Schell combined for the win. Bart Gooch and Ray Quirion placed second and Frank English and Ron Baltrunas were third.

9-BALL TOURNAMENT

On Aug. 20, Jim Anzalone took first place with Howard Wilson capturing second place.

At the Aug. 27 tournament, Joe Ventimiglia claimed first place with Tony Baker taking second place.

On Sept. 3, Bart Gooch took first place and Ted Eads claimed second place.

At the Sept. 10 tournament, Howard Wilson took first place and Joe Ventimiglia claimed second place.

On Sept. 17, Tony Baker captured first place with Bob Eads claimed second.

If you're looking for something fun to do on Tuesday afternoons, join us at 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Billiard Room. Bring your recreation card, get in on the 9-ball action. We use the round robin format.

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Start your morning with our free exercise class

Come join us for the 8 a.m. exercise class in the East Activity Center lower gym room.

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EXERCISE

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Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes on Wednesday

and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.

Dancercise free in Oct.

Dancercise classes will be free in the month of October.

Classes begin 11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in the East Activity Center gymnasium.

Get energized and have fun with us. Exercise shoes are required.

Blood pressure program starts in October

Starting in October, and running through April, residents can have their blood pressure taken on the second Monday of each month for free right here at On Top of the World.

Volunteers will be taking blood pressure readings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. You must show you new Recreation Card.

Volunteers, especially anyone with a nursing background, are needed and encouraged to help this program for two hours a month.

Questions, or to volunteer, contact John Kannaly at 669-3988.

Slimnastics

What is slimmastics?

Walking, stretching and getting your blood flowing.

We do not do floor exercises.

Slimnastics meets in the East Activity Center gym at 9 a.m. every weekday morning.

Every class is free to On Top of the World residents.

Contract bridge and pinochle lessons offered

We have approximately five different Pinochle groups in existence at On Top of the World.

We have just as many Bridge-playing groups here, too.

You can check this newspaper or the hallway listings to see the variety that are offered.

If you want to learn how to play Pinochle or Bridge, or simply brush up your game, you might consider taking lessons.

Pinochle lessons will be offered 3:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

Lessons will cover single deck, double deck, cut-throat (3-handed), fives and sixes.

Contract Bridge lessons will be offered 3:30-4:30 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the East Activity Center Small Card Room.

No preregistration is necessary for either class. Just show up or you can call 754-6749 for more information.

Prevent bone loss with Bonesavers

Did you know that Bone-savers Exercise helps prevent Bone Loss?

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

both welcome to participate.

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 A.M. to 9 A.M., in the large card room on the lower level of the East Activity Center. We hope to see you there.

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



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Rocky is a 2-year-old chiuaua owned by Dulce Boyce who resides in the Azores building.

Rocky has been living there for one year.

Dulce feels he should be pet of the month because he is pretty and is a very good dog.

He was adopted from a shelter.

Rocky loves the doggie park and his best friends are Frankie, Tessa and many others that frequent the park.

His greatest joy is to be able to run off lead. His other favorite is to carry Dulce's shoes to her, and he never chews them up.



Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to bootss@tampabay.rr.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on entrees, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

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





In the front row, left to right, are Jim Mercer, George Kolitsis, Carl Leiby and Dan Moran. In back are John Fier, Michael Makulski, Paul Miller and Jerry Lemothe. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

This cake is on us!

It's 8 in the morning.

You've managed to take a shower, get dressed and locate your car keys. You've arrived at the East Activity Center and can clearly smell doughnuts and coffee from the auditorium.

A small crowd has gathered. The morning gossip is in full swing. And your biggest decision for the entire day is plain doughnut, glazed doughnut or apple fritter.

From here on in, the rest of the day is all down hill, but have you ever stopped and wondered - exactly how did the coffee and doughnuts get ready in time for your arrival?

Believe it or not, there are actually some On Top of the World residents who have figured out how the coffee is always hot and how the food is already fresh. They realize someone usually has to get up about 6 a.m. every weekday morning to help get the Coffee Corner up and running.

It was those people, those dedicated fans of the Coffee Corner, who helped put together an early morning celebration in early September. The "regulars" chipped in and bought all the Coffee Corner volunteers a "Thank You" cake.

There were nine volunteers on hand for the recognition, including Paul Miller, Michael Makulski, Carl Leiby, Jerry Lemothe, Dave Bowman, Dan Moran, George Kolitsis, Jim Mercer and John Fier.

On this morning, in addition to jelly doughnuts, there was also coffee and cake,



Dave Bowman passes out cake at 8 in the morning!



Carole and Lester Whynot, of the Contemporary Building, sit on their front porch while displaying a little taste of the Halloween season. If you're driving by at night and see a scary pumpkin in lights, don't panic. It's just the Whynot's friendly pumpkin. (OTOW photo by Doug Kates)



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Welcome Back Snowbirds !

New residents met on the Internet, married on New Year's

As I said last October, if you can remember a whole year you are certainly better than I am, as I have trouble remembering an hour ago....

I always think of James Whitcomb Riley's poem "When the Frost is on the Pumpkin." To continue with the verse from another era, 1883 (130 years ago):

*With the risin' sun to greet him from
a night of peaceful rest,
As he leaves the house, bareheaded
and goes to feed the stock,
When the frost is on the pumpkin
and the fodder's in the shock.*

After having to cancel the July outing for lack of people, 19 Melbournites turned out for dinner at Rumba's on Aug. 24. So glad to see new faces and others back with us (see photo at far right). Hope the September dinner brought even more. Let you know next month. Watch the bulletin board!

We want to thank Stormy for the picture of the group at dinner. She reported that she and Ted took a trip to Niagara Falls and Lewiston, N.Y., for Ted's grandniece's fabulous wedding. It was held outside on Lake Ontario.

Bill Carey tells us he and Ginny had a special 15-day trip to the Panama Canal. Know that is a special memory.

We want to welcome Gary and



Liz Thompsen to the Irish Lane side. They previously lived on Ecuadorian Way and Schenectady, N.Y. They were married Jan. 1, 2012, after meeting on the Internet.

They have living with them one cat and one dog. Liz has three daughters and eight grandchildren while Ted has two children and four grandchildren. May they enjoy their time with us!

Sonny and Susan Hunt and Fritz are back with us. Always great to see them. Susan says they are having a blast at the beach. She also reported that she and Wanda Patrick and Frances Rice all had September birthdays. Sorry I missed saying Happy Birthday to you all last month. Hope they were all very special days.

The Valentin's hosted Connie's



Some of the 19 Melbourne residents who turned out for a dinner at Rumba's on Aug. 24. (Photo by Stormy Pickering)

niece and her three children from New York for three days. They were on their way to Orlando but Connie was glad they came, as it had been several years since last seeing them. She says, always sad to say Goodbye!

Happy to see Anita Mazzella and her son John back with us at dinner. She says John is taking good care of her.

But she misses her oldest daughter who was with her for a month but had to get back to Oregon and her life there.

I hear Verna Olson has a special birthday this month. I am hoping to hear more from her so I can report it next month. May you all enjoy what October brings and have lots of news for the November issue.

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Reporter enjoys OTOW Travel Club trip

At the end of July I went to Fort Myers for the Mystery Train Ride along with seven other members of the Travel Club.

We traveled by bus, stopping at the Shell Factory in Fort Myers for lunch and shopping before we went to our hotel. After a couple of hours to rest and get ready for the evening, the bus picked us up and dropped us at the train station.

We had a very nice meal with three entrée selections and while we were eating, a group of actors put on a play. The train went to Punta Gorda and back while we were on board.

We returned to our hotel for the evening around 11 p.m. In the morning we had a continental breakfast at the hotel after which we boarded our bus for a trip to meet a boat for a Dolphin Cruise.

The guide on the boat was very interesting and knowledgeable. We saw



several dolphins; one small pod was feeding at the edge of a small island. We were on the boat for over two hours.

Upon returning to land, we were on our own for lunch. The bus picked us up around 2 p.m. and we returned home from there. I really enjoyed it and I would recommend the trip.

Welcome to our new resident, Pat Campbell, from Lehigh Acres, outside Fort Myers. She has four children and

is retired from a career at the phone company after 25 years.

She volunteered many hours at the New Destiny Workshop Center, which she hopes to continue when established here. She has 18 grandchildren. Five of them are living here with their mom.

My grandson was married to his lovely Jessica. Great wedding, but it was held outside and was it hot, hot, hot!

My granddaughter in Connecticut just got her driver's license.

I have a new "four-paws," whose name is Shadow.

Another little tidbit: Did you know Arizona is the only state in the continental U.S. that doesn't follow Daylight Saving Time?

Before I sign off, welcome to Dottie from St. Pete. Born and raised in Florida, she is anxious to get familiar with the great things there are to do here at On Top of the World.

God bless and be good to one another.



Welcome new reporter for Malaguena

Elaine Gotler, who has done a terrific job reporting for Malaguena for the past several years, has decided it's time for someone else to take over reporting duties. I hope I can do as good a job as Elaine.

I retired from IBM three years ago and am enjoying being retired. My husband, Paul, and I moved to On Top of the World in June of this year and are loving the Florida lifestyle.

I look forward to reporting on the many interesting stories of Malaguena's residents. Call me with any information you may have that may be of interest to our readers: Phyllis King, 727-330-6733.

(The staff of the OTOW News wishes to thank Elaine and Leonard Gotler for their long service as reporters.)

New resident had a varied career history

A hearty "welcome back" to all of our Snowbirds. Chetniks, mark your calendar. On Tuesday, Oct. 29, there will be a building meeting and pizza party at 6 p.m. in the Sunrise Room.

Decaf coffee will be provided and desserts by those volunteering. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The Christmas party and business will be discussed. We have a reservation for Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Island Way Grill. There will be a posting on the bulletin board with more details and a sign-up sheet.

For those of you who do not have the new recreation cards, they are available at the East Activity Center in Community Service Monday through Friday from 9 to 12 and 1 to 3. Have your ID. A picture will be taken and the cost is \$3.

We welcome a new Chetnik, vivacious Jane Lessor who bought Edna Gresham's condo. Originally born and



raised in Chicago, right out of school she went to work for United Airlines in the ground operations area.

Shortly after, she moved to Hollywood, Calif., and worked for Dick Clark for four years, and then she moved back to Chicago.

Jane tired of the winters in Chicago and moved down in the late seventies to sunny Clearwater. Her parents were

living in Green Briar.

She got a job with Great Connections Motor Coach Tours Co. and became a tour director. She met her future husband Reggie who was a driver for the America West Tour. The next year they were engaged. The third year, the same tour was their honeymoon. After that, they bought their own motor coach, a Cadillac of coaches.

For 27 years they owned and operated J&R Lessor Tours. They owned a home in Dunedin for over 20 years.

When Reggie passed away in 2005, the tours weren't fun anymore, so Jane got a job at Becket Lake in marketing.

Later she started her own companion and personal assistant business which she now does only part time.

Jane's up-beat personality and enthusiasm will be a great asset to the building.



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Check it out: OTOW's own surfing canine

It has been a busy summer for Joann Dameron, our Activities Director and Sunshine Lady.

Besides monthly luncheons for our building residents, Joann has planned several exciting things for us to do here at On Top of the World. In October (date to be determined), we will be having an Oktoberfest BBQ in our second floor core.

Also, a Nov. 30 yard sale has been planned. As an added surprise, Noreen Kobus, the Alsace Lorraine building captain, has agreed to share in the event.

A Christmas luncheon will round out the year, date to be determined.

Joann also personally planned and carried out a surprise 90th birthday party for her mother, OTWO resident Molly Dameron, on July 12. Joan picked Dunedin's loveliest waterfront restaurant, Bon Appétit, for a sit-down dinner for 19 invited guests. And in case you're wondering, it was a surprise.

What a challenging job, and she works full time. English Tudor residents are very lucky to have her.

A famous resident of English Tudor now can be viewed on a YouTube video. The resident's name is KoKo, an 11-year-old white poodle owned by Ann Haskel, a three-year resident.

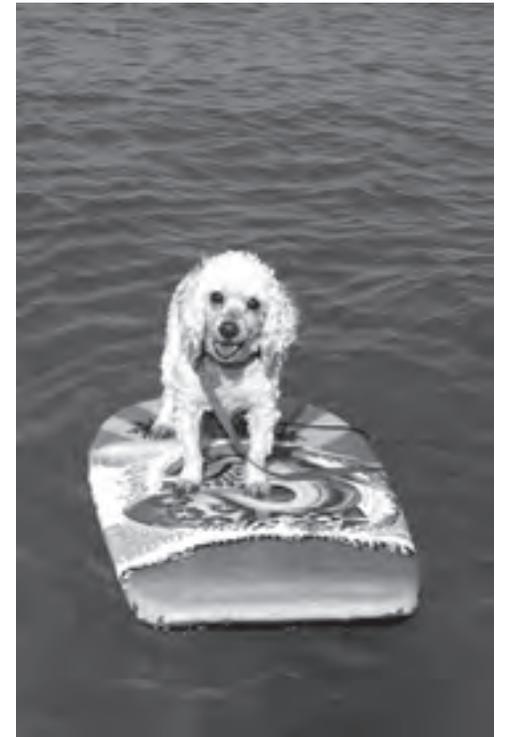


Annmarie trained KoKo starting at three months. At right is a photo of Koko on his surfboard. The link that you can go to if you want to see him dive from his surfboard and swim is: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKGosZCLsrw.

Annmarie, KoKo's owner/trainer, was born in Scotland and her family migrated to Canada when she was a small child.

Ann has spent 18 years in Florida, 12 of them working as an administrative assistant in Tallahassee. She also was on the condominium board where she served as Vice President and President.

She is now serving as Secretary for the Tennis Club and is very active in the club. The Tennis Club's news in the



Koko, the surfing dog, can be seen on a YouTube video at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKGosZCLsrw.

September issue shows her crocheted Tampa Bay Ray's afghan which she donated to be raffled in November for the club.

She is quite talented and creates many gifts and lovely works of art.

Stay tuned to our English Tudor news — we're moving on!

Birthdays, wedding were highlights of northern visit

For the August building lunch, our talented social directors, Lee and Linda Siegal, had us patronize the Ivory Mandarin restaurant. As you might imagine from that name, the cuisine was Chinese.

We had a separate room and filled two large round tables with big lazy susans in the middle that provided munchies with dipping sauces to eat while waiting.

There was a large turnout and a lot of conversation and good feelings. We discovered that the day was Thom Garner's actual birthday and enthusiastically sang "Happy Birthday" to him. Several people had been on trips or were planning family get-togethers and told us about them.

Marion Scott usually goes north regularly to see her family, but this time had a special reason and went earlier than she usually does, first of all for a family celebration of birthdays. Her brother was 93, her sister was 90 and she had her 87th birthday.

Then, her granddaughter's wedding was in store. Both her granddaughter and her fiancé had recently graduated from New York University's dental college. (She became a dental hygienist and her intended became a dentist.)



They had been study buddies to begin with and then grew closer together and decided to marry.

The wedding was held in a beautiful natural setting with trees all around (making a great setting for the pictures of the bride going down the aisle).

The bride wore a gorgeous white dress with a long train. Marion was ushered down the aisle by one of her grandsons (also a nice picture).

It is great to hear about happy occasions like that! Let me know if other trips or celebrations are planned or have happened and I will write about them so your neighbors can enjoy reading about your adventures.



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Don't forget 'National Cat Day'

"Judge each day not by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." (Robert Louis Stevenson.)

Fall harvest time in October means the hard work of growing pumpkins, squash, and gourds, and it is time to show off your harvest. There are white, terracotta, and blue pumpkins which have joined the big orange ones we carve into Jack-O'-Lanterns and display on our front porches. In addition, there are wildly shaped and rich fall colors of squash and gourds which can be warty or porcelain-smooth.

Betty Benvenuti is our building decorator and Doreen and I assist her. I decorate the bulletin board and Betty always put the last trimmings on the board to accent it. Thank you, Betty, for all your hard work and dedication to make our building beautiful for the holidays.

National Cat Day is Oct. 29, and I will introduce our beautiful cats. Chasey, 8 years old is a tabby; Snoopy, 13 years old is a calico; Kelsey, 7 years



old and Max, 6 years old are both domesticated short hairs and Baby, 5 years old is a tortoiseshell.

Katie, 14 years old is a Maine coon cat; Coco Chanel, 12 years old is a rag doll and Bobby Blue Eyes, 12 years old is a domestic short hair.

Our oldest cat is Whiskers, who is 17 years old and is a seal tip Siamese (see photo at top right). Mary and Chris Casey have had him since he was 8 weeks old. Whiskers is quite unique when he shows his appreciation or



"Whiskers" is 17 years old and is the oldest cat in the English Gothic building.

affection — he bites or nibbles, but he is quite lovable. In addition, he climbs up the back of the recliner and gives excellent scalp massages. Thank goodness, he has no front claws!

In July, Mary Casey graduated from Pinellas Technical Education Center receiving a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Chris and Mary celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on July 28, and both of them will be celebrating their 60th birthdays soon, Mary on Oct. 15 and Chris on Nov. 28th.



Missing flag turns up after three days

We had a little excitement at the Valencia last month. One of the two flags we display daily disappeared for three days and then was returned. There is no animosity, and we were happy to get it back.

Our pot luck dinner was to be held Wednesday Sept. 18 in the Sunrise Room. It will be reported on in the next issue.

It rarely happens, but the ladies' and men's luncheon were held at the same restaurant, Lucky Dill Deli, but at different tables. The ladies kept trying to pass their checks to the men's table. The food and service was great as usual.

Watch the bulletin board for October activity.

Reminder! Hazardous junk pick-up, west side Nov. 7 (east side pickup is Nov. 6).

Mama Sez: Any married man should forget his mistakes- after all, why should two people remember the same thing.

Reporter shares Halloween memories

Audrey Jones just returned from a wonderful eight-day vacation in Wolfeboro, N.H., where she stayed with a high-school chum. Her house was located halfway up a mountain with a view of the Ossipee mountain range, Lake Winnepesaukee and even Mount Washington! Sun every day, no rain, warm days and cool-nights. It was a very pleasant change from "flat Florida."

Incidentally, Audrey is planning a one-day trip to the Lowry Park Zoo in October. Check with her on the date and time. Why not join her? Information is on the board near the elevator.

Our Penny Drummond is 70 now and a group of neighbors celebrated with a pizza party on the second floor balcony of the Siboney. She was surprised and appreciated the gesture. We sang to her and wished her many more happy and healthy years.

Next to Christmas, I think Halloween is my favorite holiday. I love dressing up! It started on Long Island when I went around the neighborhood on Halloween in my homemade Darth Vader costume, scaring my neighbors half to death. I didn't talk, just held a card "Trick or Treat" and another card with my name "I'm Cele."

Then I decided to surprise my daughter and her husband who lived across town. My son drove me over and I joined a group of youngsters



going door to door, trick or treating.

Kathy and Bobby were raking leaves in the front yard and I kept going up to them with my blinking eyes and they kept saying "nice costume." Finally, the children were leaving for the next house so I got right in my daughter's face, really scaring her, when she stepped back, looked me up and down, saw my black suede shoes and said, "Oh my God, it's my mother!" I loved it!

In October, 1986, we moved to On Top of the World and as I had joined Line Dancing, I thought everyone would be dressed up for Halloween. I showed up in my ol' reliable Darth Vader outfit and found out that I was the only one in costume! Horrors! I didn't speak for two hours that Saturday morning and no one knew who it was.

I went back to the Siboney building and knocked on many doors, sometimes waking them up.



Siboney residents Ethyle Lee and Cele Radeloff show off their Halloween costumes prior to a night of trick-or-treating.

The building came alive. I went trick or treating on both sides and received treats of candy, apples, cookies, small bottles of liquor etc. Everyone came out and joined in the guessing game — "Who is it?" In later years, Ethyle Lee went with me in her cow costume and we had so much fun. Throughout the years, I've been a clown, doctor, priest, rabbi, nun, cowgirl, cleaning woman, soldier, sailor and Pee Wee Herman! I also dressed up for 15 years performing in the Jesters shows.

So get your treats ready. I'll see you on Halloween!

Don't forget the building meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m., Sunrise Room.

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Words to heed: a celebration of the 'winter' of our lives

"AND THEN IT IS WINTER"

(Author Unknown)

"You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate.

"Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

"But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise... How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off



that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

"But, here it is... my friends are retired and getting grey... they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me, but, I see the great change....

Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant... but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just taking a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

"And so... now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

"But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last... this I know, that when it's over on this earth... it's over. A new adventure will begin!

"Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done... things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

"So, if you're not in your winter yet... let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life... live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember... and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!"

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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.

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

Awaiting return of our seasonal residents

I can't believe it is October once again. Oh, how the time flies when we are having fun!

Fun, right; let's see how I had fun today. Well I had an appointment at 9 a.m. with my primary care doctor, waited in her office till 10 a.m. saw her for three minutes, and then had blood work done.

After that, I stopped by my ear doctor to have my hearing checked, which was on my way to the eyeglass store to pick up my second pair of new glasses within two weeks, since the prescription the doctor gave me for the first pair did not work out.

At 2 p.m. I had an appointment with my arthritis doctor, saw her for 10 minutes, had blood taken again.

But you know what? I am glad I can still get around on my own to get these things done. I am sure many of you can relate.



However, we must remember our neighbors who are not so fortunate. That is one of the many reasons I love living in our Monaco Building.

Everyone is always ready to help their neighbor out, whether it is to pick up something from the store, help carry a heavy piece of furniture, hitch a ride to the doctor or to take someone

shopping. It seems someone is always willing to be there for you. For that I want to say thank you.

Well we all know what October means — it brings us the hope of cooler temperatures and more pleasant weather conditions. And we get to welcome back our northern and European friends and neighbors. We have missed all of you. Your laughter and smiles will brighten up our building over the next few months.

I am looking forward to hearing about your summer, and just maybe you may give me something to write about that we can share with the rest of our community.

We wish a happy birthday this month to John McKinsey on Oct. 16 and to Maryellen Knapp on Oct. 19.

Have a great month! See you next time.

Unique birthday math revealed at luncheon

Hi, neighbors, friends and visitors. How in the world R U? On a sunny afternoon on Aug. 14, we had our monthly luncheon at Countryside Inn on Hwy. 19. There were 24 residents attending including Joan and myself.

We had a choice of ordering from the menu or helping ourselves to a well-stocked buffet. We chose the buffet and shared a booth with Hal and Lynn Alterman. I did a column on this lovely couple in December of '09 and it was nice to get reacquainted. (If my memory serves me right.)

Hal gave me five reasons they enjoyed living at On Top of the World in 2009 and it is true today.

Thanks to Bernice Dow for coordinating this luncheon for the



building. Not only did we have good food but there was a surprise cake for 90-year-old Steve Wakulich's birthday. I learned from Fern (Steve's wife) that she was born on July 17, 91 years ago, her sister Pearl July 18, 90 years ago,

and Steve July 25. Would you believe her mother was born July 16 and her father on July 31? There must have been some real cold nights in the month of November....

Hot off the press: our neighbors Zahava Glickman, Pat Grace and Marge Jacobs earlier this summer went with their friend Magdalene Nawrocky and the Snowbird Club to Alaska. More on their trip in my next column. It makes sense to me that the Snowbirds would go to Alaska and not Africa for a vacation!

Neighbors, be sure to check the lobby's bulletin board this month. Attend the events and find out what your neighbors are up to.



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Photo taken at Michigan's Sandhill Crane Vineyards Winery and Cafe. In the front row are Dorothy Churchill and her son, Brian. In the back row are Dorothy's sister, Ann, and Brian's wife, Judy.

Trip to Michigan revealed the beauty of small towns

Our intrepid building traveler, Dorothy Churchill, was on the road again recently. Dorothy and her sister, Ann arrived in Detroit Aug. 5 for a short, but busy trip to Michigan.

First, her daughter-in-law took them to see a play at the Purple Rose Theater which is owned and run by Jeff Daniels, the movie star. He lives in Chelsea, Mich., a lovely town. They had lunch at The Common Grill, shopped at the Bumbles Dry Goods Store and enjoyed their entire visit to Chelsea.

The next day they went to the Sandhill Crane Vineyards Winery and Cafe. There they enjoyed wine tasting, dinner and live music (see photo).

Another day they traveled to Howell, Mich., where another grandson and his wife live. Saw their townhouse and had lunch at Cleary's Pub. Walked around town, found a candy store that had all the candy you'd ever want.

They left early the next morning for the Churchill reunion at Barnes State Park near Torch Lake where they joined about 150 relatives for a picnic lunch. It was right on Lake Michigan and the weather was perfect. Dorothy's niece, made all the arrangements and it was wonderful. Hopefully you saw the story in last month's issue.

Her son Jim and wife then took them to their home near Lake Huron. On the way they stopped in Boyne City at the Red Mesa Grill. Next day they went to a spirited concert in Mackinaw City.



Next was a car trip to Paradise, Mich., where they visited two lighthouses. Had an excellent whitefish dinner and also viewed the Tahquamenon Falls.

They then went to Lavender Hill Farms near Boyne City for a breathtaking view of the huge lavender fields. On Friday they went to Rochester, Mich., to have lunch with some old neighbors at a restaurant called "Bravo."

They drove by the school where Dorothy used to work, which had been torn down, and also drove by her old home in Auburn Hills.

Sunday they went to see Dorothy's grandson and his wife's new home in Grand Rapids. They also took a tour of the Frederik Meijer Gardens which is 132 acres of gorgeous plants, flowers and interesting sculptures.

Monday, Aug. 19, the last day of their trip brought them to Waterford to see some more old friends before returning home to OTOW tired but happy to have had such a great visit.

THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News

(Part 53: October, 1975)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- The Thursday dinner bus went to the following locales this month: Oct. 2, Beachcomber, Oct. 9, Pappas, Oct. 16, Bohemia, Oct. 23, Island House and Oct. 30 China House
- Busch Gardens was visited on Wednesday, Oct. 8. The price of \$10 included transportation and general admission to all events.
- Eleven women from OTOW modeled for Sears in the new Countryside Mall. Beach attire from the 1880's to the present were featured.
- The Organ Club offered a double feature. Two concerts were performed by young people with unusual music talent.
- Several hundred residents volunteered to make 200 crewel pictures for the new wing at the Morton Plant Hospital. Others contributed \$10 each to help frame the art for the "Picture Project."

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Internet dating site yields a matched (now married) couple

Does everyone remember the song by Karen Carpenter, "Top of the World" in 1973? We have two residents who shared a wonderful ceremony of love on Sept. 14. How coincidental, to live here and the song stating how they both feel. Let me introduce them to you.

Bob Douglas and Jackie Jones are two individuals who had some rough times during their lives and were ready to find a better life with someone they could love and enjoy.

Fate took a hand and at a similar time in their lives, they decided to venture out of their comfort level and try to find a relationship over the Internet on one of the dating sites.

They were both specific about their needs. Jackie wanted a non-smoker, non-drinker who had the same belief systems, who liked to travel, and who liked dining out — a stable man who lived within a 10-mile radius.

Bob wanted very similar things including a decent woman, attractive—again, a good person who lived within a 10-mile radius.

Bob still is working at Lowes full-time, although he is way past retirement age. Jackie says, "He is a survivor with a great personality." He is from Iowa originally and has siblings and no children.

Jackie is a mother of four children with seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Bob's hobby is being an amateur radio operator, who after studying, passed a stringent FCC test in order to



be granted his radio license. He speaks to people all over and as far away as Germany.

Jackie has lived at On Top of the World for a couple of years now and her hobby is plants; she has many in her apartment. She also has no qualms about possibly learning how to use an amateur radio.

One of the things she is most proud of is learning how to swim as a senior. She began lessons at age 69 and really conquered the art of swimming by age 70. She wants to encourage everyone not to be afraid of doing anything anyone has a desire to do and she is here to tell you nothing is impossible.

As they say, Cupid "shot his arrow." After emailing for a short time, they decided to meet. That was back in April. Jackie was confident he was a decent man and he picked her up at her apartment.

They talked for hours and then went out to eat for their official first



Newlyweds Jackie Jones and Bob Douglas cut the wedding cake in the Sunrise Room.

date at Cracker Barrel. Well, as you can tell, it was not long until fate took a hand and they decided they were meant for each other.

In June, they talked about it and he proposed. Of course, she said yes.

On Sept. 14, 2013, Jackie and Bob shared their nuptials with Pastor Jeffers officiating.

The wedding took place at the Sunrise room in the West Activity Center. Jackie says she owes everything

to two special neighbors, Jeanette Rosa and Lucy Jennings, who have helped her through difficult times and encouraged her all the way to the altar.

I can attest knowing them that they are special people, who are there for anyone who needs their help anytime.

They are always good neighbors and friends all the way. We are very happy for the couple and wish them a happy healthy life ahead.

Popular 'Hoagie Night' delighted residents

September, one of the months we at the Azores are allowed to display the American Flag. We were granted permission to display the flag for three days to honor those killed in the attacks on 9-11-2001 and 9-11-2012. Thank you.

On Sept. 26, a large group of Azoreans gathered in the Sunrise Room for "Hoagie Night." Custom made hoagies were prepared by Publix to each person's specifications and delivered by Maryann and Frank Staffieri, along with chips sodas and a little background music.

John and Dolores Parham are among those that returned this month. They spent a few weeks in Rockport, Mass. They enjoyed the abundance of lobster and fried Ipswich clams. They started the trek home visiting family in Long Island, Princeton and Rumson, N.J., Cape Charles, Va., and Charlotte, N.C.

John and Dolores have an abundance of offspring, grand offspring and great-grand offspring. John reports that he put over 4,000 miles on the car,



had great weather and fantastic family visits. Welcome home!

Our building "Sunshine Lady," Carmel Tomich, and husband Victor have returned from a lengthy stay in Pennsylvania. It wasn't planned as a lengthy stay, but an unplanned operation happened. Carmel says she is glad she took the Sunshine Box with her so that she was able to honor every birthday and anniversary that occurred while she was "beached" in Pennsylvania.

Victor is quickly returning to normal as Carmel fills him with great

home cooking. Welcome home.

Petie Fornuto experienced a bumper crop of happiness in September. Her son Anthony visited for a full week and together with her grandson and his wife they had a great time visiting and going.

When Anthony left the other son John dropped by for a quick and fun visit. These boys sure look after their mom. Good job, guys.

Nora Bill reports that her son David visited her for a week. David is currently stationed in Baghdad, Iraq. David and his mom spent a quiet week relaxing together. We all thank you for your service, David.

I thank all those that submitted news clues. It sure makes my job easier. Keep it up, please.

And you whack-a-batters could report on your activities as the weather cools and you spend more time on the course than at the 19th hole.

That's all for this month. Keep your eye on our bulletin board for coming activities.

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75-year-old celebrates by visiting his former Navy ship

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Well, our World Travelers are at it again! Richard Maxwell and Gerri Jaeger spent several months up North traveling and visiting friends and family.

The special part of Richard's vacation was a cruise to celebrate his 75th birthday.

The day of the cruise, Richard and family visited the aircraft carrier USS *Intrepid*. The carrier is permanently docked at the New York Harbor. It was the 70th anniversary of the carrier. Richard served on her when he was in the Navy (see photo at right).

Later in the day, Richard, Gerri, family and friends went on a cruise out of Bayonne, N.J. The Royal Caribbean *Explorer of the Seas* left for a five-day cruise to Bermuda. Thirty-four family and friends went on the cruise to help celebrate Richard's birthday (see photo at far right).

Everyone had a great time and Richard was on the dance floor with his daughters dancing the night away. Several of the grandchildren went snorkeling and some swam with the Dolphins. This was Richard's best birthday celebration ever. Happy Birthday, Richard!

News from our building captain, Gerri Jaeger: "I am happy to be back at On Top of the World and it is wonderful to see everyone. Please check



Richard Maxwell visits his old ship, the aircraft carrier USS *Intrepid* in New York.



Gerri Jaeger, Richard Maxwell and family members enjoyed a five-day cruise to help celebrate Richard's 75th birthday.

the bulletin boards for information on a get together this month. It will be

either a building Pizza party or a dinner at the Ivory Restaurant in Dunedin. I look forward to seeing all of you and to welcome back our Snowbirds."

This reporter wishes all our neighbors a great Columbus Day weekend and a Happy Halloween. Why don't some of you dress up and go Trick or Treating at your neighbors? Instead

of getting a treat, give your neighbors a small treat. Have fun enjoying life!

If you have any interesting news about a family member, interesting trips, new births, a special birthday or anniversary, etc., please let me know. You can leave a note in the mailbox under the bulletin board or many of you know where I live.



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Reporter heads up North to cool off, but finds heat wave

Look, up in the sky! It's not a bird; it's not a plane. It's probably another storm cloud. Hopefully that is not the case and that it is just some of our Snowbirds returning to the roost!

Welcome back! We are looking forward to hearing from you. We want to know what you did this summer.

I sound like your fifth grade teacher, but I know for a fact that some of you have done some pretty nifty things and we can't wait to hear about them. We do hope you are willing to share. You can call me or see me at any time, within reason that is. Midnight and 6 a.m. are not so good times.

This year I tried to get away from the heat in July and went to visit my granddaughter in New York Well, I had my usual "good luck." I left Florida at 89 degrees and arrived in New York to spend five days at 97 degrees. The first night was spent without AC since the unit failed to fit in my bedroom window. My son was exonerated and proved that he does love me. He went out the next morning and bought a portable unit.

While you were gone, we here at American Gothic kept up with the weather by eating up a storm of our own. Mostly we had lunches at places



like Queens Pizza and Lucky Dill, but deviated with an early dinner in August at Peggy O'Neil's.

On July 4, we held our "famous" indoor BBQ in the second floor core, and then loosened our belts a notch in September as we lunched at Eve's Family Restaurant in Oldsmar.

We look forward to you joining us when we go to early dinner at Cheddar's Casual Café on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 4:30 p.m. Please be sure to sign up.

While I am mentioning dates, it's not too early to think about Christmas, so mark your calendars for Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Alfano's. Details will follow at a later date.

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Ecuadorian Way resident William Foster frequently sits on his balcony and watches dramatic summer storm clouds roll in. He happened to be there in August when he took this extraordinary photo of an approaching late afternoon thunderstorm. (Photo by William Foster)



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Orizaba prepares for Snowbirds' annual return

The Snowbirds are coming! It's that time of year again when we look forward to welcoming our seasonal friends to their home away from home.

The traffic may be a little heavier and the restaurants a bit more crowded, but it is worth the inconvenience to spend time with our good buddies.

Tony Brandolino has joined the "Ninety" club. He celebrated his 90th birthday last month and gives the rest of us something to look forward to. I just hope that all those candles on the cake didn't set off a smoke alarm...

Bob and Bernadette Rittner looked the part of doting grandparents when they strolled around carting their grandson. A trip to Busch Gardens was just one of the activities they introduced him to. I am told that Sesame Street will never be the same!

Mike Szekley was discussing his retirement from the Boeing Company and was a little disappointed that they didn't give him an airplane as a separation gift... he did receive (amongst other things) a flashlight, which neither he nor I can understand the meaning of.

Joe and Burdell Kashinsky are both looking forward to healthier, happy days at home.



While having breakfast at a restaurant on Drew Street, I was fortunate enough to witness a bicycle ride to commemorate the hit and run victims who were injured while riding their bicycle built for two. There were hundreds of riders in the procession and it was wonderful to see so many people dedicating their time and energy to a cause so worthwhile.

I was recently visited by my two sons, one from Ohio and the other from New York. We spent some quality time together and enjoyed a road trip to Cape Coral. Their presence here only reminds me how much I can miss family even while living in "paradise."

The Rays have been giving me



A spectacular photo of a summer sunset on Lake Erie taken by Diane Bergendahl.

heartache for the last month and I hope that by the time you read this article they will have straightened themselves out and are in the playoffs. Go Rays!

Maxine says, "My day is backward, I wake up tired and go to bed wide awake."

I know that we have the most beautiful sunsets here and we try to watch them as much as possible,

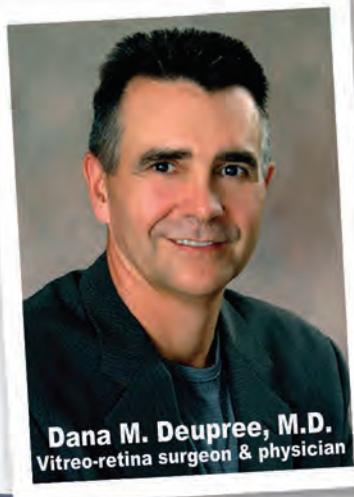
but I have attached a photo of the sun setting on Lake Erie, a sensational view.

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Anniversary celebrated both here and in Scotland

Ryan and Katie Jones, newlyweds from Roswell, Ga., enjoyed a visit with his grandmother Joyce Metcalf recently. Uncle Tim took Ryan tarpon fishing and you can imagine the excitement when Ryan caught one!

Syracuse, N.Y., was the destination for Nick and Mary Spinosa's summer vacation. Syracuse is where they lived and ran a restaurant for many years and also where their son and his two daughters live.

The girls, ages 21 and 18, are attending Elmira College and Saint John Fisher respectively, and were home for the summer so it was a good time for a grandparents' visit.

Nick and Mary also enjoyed time with their son, other relatives and many friends from their restaurant days before traveling to Harwich, Mass., on Cape Cod, for reminiscing, seafood and sea air with Nick's childhood friend from Athens, Greece.

And, finally a visit in Concord, N.C., concluded their road trip before returning to Clearwater, this time visiting with their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters, ages 13 and 10.

Earlier in the summer, we wished Frank and Maureen McGuire a happy 50th wedding anniversary, but I was incorrect as they were actually celebrating their 52nd anniversary. Due to circumstances beyond their control,



Continuing their anniversary celebration in Frank's hometown of Greenock, Scotland, this photo was taken as the sun was setting at 11 p.m.

they were unable to have a party at the 50th mark.

Daughter Tracey of Key West, who didn't want the occasion to



Frank McGuire sang "Because of You" to his wife, Maureen. It's been their love song for the past 52 years.

go uncelebrated, arranged a grand celebration and party for them and invited friends and relatives from near and far.

One of the main features was Frank serenading his wife with their love song, "Because of You" (see photo above). Among the guests was their son, Frank Jr. and his wife Debbie from Nevada, a niece from Bath, England,

a cousin from London, England and many friends and family from New Jersey. They all gathered in the Sunrise Room and Frank wore his kilt in celebration of his Scottish heritage. After the celebration, the McGuires flew to Greenock, Scotland, to continue celebrating with friends and family in "the old country" (see photo at left).

At building picnic, food and appetites were plentiful

The big event for the month of September was our Labor Day picnic, which was organized by Jan Guyton. Twenty people attended the affair.

Hot dogs grilled by Master Chef Ron Toba and a variety of delicious side dishes were devoured with great relish. Many thanks go to Judy Boley and Ralph Wells for setting up the table and chairs.

Judy reported that she went on a Caribbean cruise with several friends. The weather was sunny, the waters were calm and the food and entertainment were excellent. She no sooner returned home than she went to Bradenton to visit her sister-in-law, Eunice.

Gin Upton spent a week in Virginia. The main event was a party to celebrate her son, Pat's retirement from the U.S. Navy after 27 years of service.

Connie and Bob's daughter, Sharon, was here for the holiday weekend. Jan Guyton's son Mike, was able to visit her for several days.



He is a professional truck driver and was fortunate to deliver a load in Tampa and had a few days off waiting for a load which he took to the west coast.

What I am most happy to report is that our Canadian friend, Case Bastmeyer, arrived looking hale and hearty. It has been three years since he was able to come to his Florida home. He is doing fine and hopes to be here at On Top of the World often.

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2	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
2	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Theater Workshop Meeting	Auditorium
3	Thursday	12:30 PM	Good Neighbors Meeting	Starlite Room
3	Thursday	10:30 AM	Pennsylvania Club Meeting	Starlite Room
3	Thursday	1:30 PM	Press Association Meeting	Large Card Room
3	Thursday	6:00 PM	Softball Meeting	Sunrise Room
4	Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
5	Saturday	6:00 PM	Singles Club Meeting	Starlite Room
7	Monday	11:00 AM	Snowbirds Club Meeting	Starlite Room
9	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Jesters Meeting	Auditorium
10	Thursday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
10	Thursday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
11	Friday	7:00 PM	Irish Club Meeting	Auditorium
11	Friday	7:00 PM	Lambda Club Meeting	Crafts Room
13	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
14	Monday	8:30 AM	Entertainment Committee Blood Pressure Screening	Veranda
16	Wednesday	9:00 AM	AAA Driver Course Class	Starlite Room
16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Italian Club Dinner	Auditorium
16	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Good Neighbors Clothing Drive	Auditorium
17	Thursday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
17	Thursday	9:00 AM	AAA Driver Course Class	Starlite Room
17	Thursday	8:30 AM	Good Neighbors Clothing Drive	Auditorium
18	Friday	9:00 AM	Good Neighbors Clothing Drive	Auditorium
19	Saturday	9:00 AM	Good Neighbors Flea Market	Auditorium
21	Monday	9:00 AM	Ladies 18 Hole Golf Meeting	Veranda
21	Monday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Free Eye & Ear Testing	Auditorium
22	Tuesday	5:00 PM	Baby Boomers Party	Sunrise Room
23	Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Meeting	Auditorium
23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	No.89 Siboney Meeting	Sunrise Room
23	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies 18-Hole Golf Meeting	Sunrise Room
24	Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
24	Thursday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
24	Thursday	5:00 PM	Bldg. No.50 Azores Party	Sunrise Room
26	Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Social	Crafts Room
26	Saturday	6:00 PM	Sensational Seniors Meeting	Sunrise Room
26	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
27	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Fashion Show	Auditorium
31	Thursday	6:00 PM	Bldg. No.61 Chetnik Meeting	Crafts Room

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 7:30 Tennis (Womens)Outdoors
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 8:30 Ent. Comm. & Clubs Ticket Sales Auditorium
 9:00 Zumba ExerciseLarge Card Room
 9:00 Library..... Library
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Photo IDs Auditorium
 9:00 Water Exercise Class..... East Side Pool
 9:00 Computer Club HelpComputer Room
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class West Side Gym
 11:00 Dancercize..... East Side Gym
 11:30 Contract Bridge Yellow Room
 11:30 Duplicate BridgeLarge Card Room
 12:30 Mahjongg Rainbow Room
 1:00 Canasta..... Small Classroom
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners Exercise... East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced Exercise... East Side Gym
 3:30 Contract Bridge Lessons...Large Card Room
 5:00 Mahjongg Rainbow Room
 6:00 Bingo..... Auditorium
 6:30 Contract BridgeLarge Card Room
 6:30 Mens 8-ball tournament Billiards Room

TUESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner..... Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Jewelry Making.....Lapidary
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Photo IDs Auditorium
 9:00 Water Exercise Class..... East Side Pool
 9:00 Caring and SharingCrafts Room
 9:00 Computer Club HelpComputer Room
 9:30 Ladies 9-Hole GolfOutdoors
 10:00 Aerobics East Side Gym
 10:00 Philosophy Club Meeting Veranda
 10:30 Ballroom Dancing Class Auditorium
 11:00 Yoga Exercise..... East Side Gym
 12:00 Ceramics Crafts.....Crafts Room
 12:00 Library..... Library
 1:00 Mens 9-ball tournament Billiards Room
 1:00 Canasta..... Small Classroom

1:00 Line Dancing.....Auditorium
 2:00 Chess Games Rainbow Room
 5:30 Dominos Small Classroom
 6:00 Mahjongg Rainbow Room
 6:00 Pinochle CardsLarge Card Room
 7:00 Bible Study Meeting Veranda

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner..... Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Womens)Outdoors
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Sewing Class Starlite Room
 9:00 Knitting Group Veranda
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Photo IDs Auditorium
 9:00 Good Neighbors Crafts Crafts Room
 9:00 Water Exercise Class..... East Side Pool
 9:00 Computer Club HelpComputer Room
 9:00 Zumba Gold ExerciseLarge Card Room
 9:30 Cribbage Games..... Small Classroom
 10:00 Tai Chi ExerciseLarge Card Room
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class West Side Gym
 11:00 Dancercize..... East Side Gym
 11:30 Duplicate BridgeLarge Card Room
 12:00 Mahjongg Rainbow Room
 12:00 Library..... Library
 1:00 500 Card Game Yellow Room
 1:00 Double Pinochle Cards Small Classroom
 1:00 Painting Pals..... Art Room
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners Exercise... East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced Exercise... East Side Gym
 3:30 Contract Bridge Lessons...Large Card Room
 6:30 Contract BridgeLarge Card Room
 6:30 Ladies QueT Billiards Billiards Room

THURSDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner..... Auditorium
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:00 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing Sunrise Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 8:30 Ent. Comm./Clubs Ticket Sales .. Auditorium
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Photo IDs Auditorium
 9:00 Water Exercise Class..... East Side Pool

9:00 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing Sunrise Room
 9:00 Computer Club HelpComputer Room
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise East Side Gym
 11:00 Yoga Exercise..... East Side Gym
 11:30 Contract BridgeLarge Card Room
 12:00 Belly Dancing Class..... East Side Gym
 12:30 Writers Ink Class.....Computer Room
 1:00 Mahjongg Small Classroom
 1:00 Drawing Class Art Room
 1:30 Tai Chi First-Timers East Side Gym
 2:00 Chess Games Rainbow Room
 5:00 Pinochle CardsLarge Card Room
 6:30 Mens Billiards Tournament... Billiards Room
 7:00 Tai Chi Beginners Exercise... East Side Gym

FRIDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner..... Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Womens)Outdoors
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Yellow Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Zumba ExerciseLarge Card Room
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise East Side Gym
 9:00 Photo IDs Auditorium
 9:00 Water Exercise Class..... East Side Pool
 9:00 Pinochle Cards Small Classroom
 9:00 Computer Club HelpComputer Room
 9:00 Ceramics Crafts.....Crafts Room
 10:00 Hula Hooping Exercise East Side Gym
 10:00 Mens Exercise Class West Side Gym
 12:00 Library..... Library
 1:00 Chess Games Rainbow Room
 1:00 Mahjongg Small Classroom
 3:30 Contract Bridge Lessons...Large Card Room
 6:30 Contract BridgeLarge Card Room
 6:30 Hand & Foot Canasta..... Small Classroom

SATURDAY

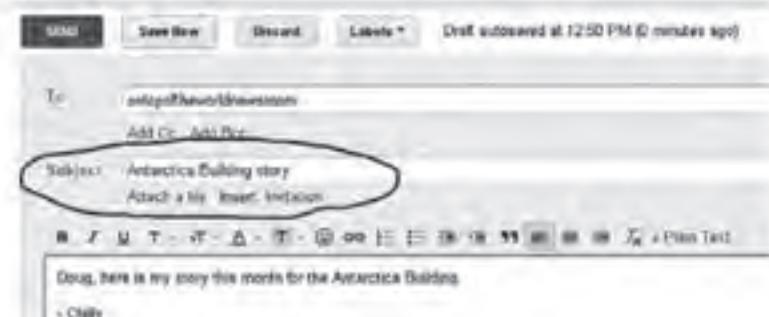
8:30 Computer Club.....Large Card Room
 8:30 Line Dancing..... Auditorium
 11:30 Duplicate BridgeLarge Card Room
 1:30 Tai Chi Beginners Exercise... East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Advanced Exercise... East Side Gym

SUNDAY

1:00 Pinochle Cards Small Classroom
 2:00 Wii Bowling ExerciseLarge Card Room

Attention OTOW News writers ...

When submitting your stories to the newsroom by email, please put the name of your building, group or sport in the subject line of the email.



A potpourri of Capistrano happenings

The weather in the north is starting to cool down. I am told that evenings are getting quite cool, leaves are beginning to get their color, birds are getting fewer and fewer, grass isn't growing as fast and frost is expected any day.

I'll bet the Snowbirds are packing up and getting ready for the annual snowbird migration to sunny Florida and On Top of the World. It will sure be good to see our friends and winter neighbors.

Julia Galpin-Contella tells me that the OTOW Chorus is starting rehearsals again on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. If you ever wanted to sing and never got around to joining a choir or chorus, this is your opportunity. You don't have to audition — you just show up at the East Recreation Center Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. and you're in.

Capistrano resident and neighbor Lillian Santiago is studying for her massage license. Lillian told us recently that she always had an interest in massage therapy and now that she is retired, she has the time to pursue it.



I think there is a building lunch in the planning, maybe a witch's brew or something....

October isn't just for Halloween. Columbus Day and the Hunters Moon and Pharmacists have their week, our sweethearts have Sweetest Day and baloney lovers and bald guys have their day in October too.

If you were born in October, your Zodiac sign says you are charming, perceptive, diplomatic, pleasant and refined. I know some guys born

in October and they have none of those characteristics!

Did you know the Marigold is the October flower and is known as the "pot flower" because of its herbal characteristics? When dried and ground up, it is used as a spice and the dried flower can be used in salads. In ointment form it is good for aches and pains.

Oct. 3 is "Techie Day," so if you see neighbor Tony Sinopoli, wish him happy Techie Day. Tony serves the OTOW community at the Computer Club and serves as a computer whiz for people with computer problems weekday mornings at the East Activity Center. If you want to know more about your computer and its software, the Computer Club meets every Saturday morning in the EAC. Tony, Roger and Joe will be there to help.

Well enough for this month. Happy Halloween, and if you see the custodial guys, wish them Happy Custodian Day on Oct. 2.

See you around.



It takes all kinds of folks to make up a building

With the fires and floods and all kinds of bad weather around the country at this writing, we have not had a visit from a hurricane yet. Of course, there is still time left.

In our building we have all kinds of people. There are those that take pride in the looks of our surroundings, like those that plant beautiful flowers and pick up things others have left around.

Then there are those that leave dog piles and cigarette butts on the sidewalk.

There are those that are so helpful when someone is ill (I've experienced this a few times).

If you would like to get to know more of our neighbors, be sure to attend the eat-out meals. They are posted on our bulletin board ahead of time so you can make plans. Sometimes we go at noon and sometimes later in the day. If you need a ride, be sure to note that when signing in. If you can offer a ride, call someone that has notated they need one.

Some neighbors share their newspaper with others that don't subscribe. It's like our building is a small neighborhood.

Be sure to get in touch with me if you have some interesting news to share in our monthly newspaper. My phone number is 724-5909, or put a note in the white box by our bulletin board.

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This panoramic view is from Great Basin National Park looking back down toward the Great Basin and Baker, Nev. The expansive park is home to sagebrush, aspen, alpine wildflowers and ancient bristlecone pines. Wheeler Peak, more than 12,000 feet tall, dominates.

(Photo by Mike Leonard)

Lots going on during this month of goblins

BOO! Happy Halloween. The month of ghosts, goblins and pumpkins. I do miss the “trick or treat” crowd. Maybe I’ll dig out my broom and make the rounds here....

Unfortunately I was away when Chris Tuttle hosted a luncheon for visiting Maggie Whitaker and her daughter. Connie McDonald served up her delectable and legendary salads and desserts. No leftovers, boo-hoo.

The summer swim aerobics class is winding down, soon to be replaced by Elsie Jane Anderson’s fun-loving Polar Bears. Our pools are so beautiful it certainly would be marvelous to sit around in comfortable chairs on warm evenings chatting with old friends and making new ones.

Pals Rick and Dana Garlick from French Renaissance visited “On the Rock’s” — our cottage on the coast of Maine — in September. The not so “secret word” was **lobster**... and lots of it.



You may know Dana and Rick from their many On Top of the World activities, including chorus, Meals on Wheels and more. They are always ready with a smile and helping hand.

In September, our son Mike attended Photoshop World in Las Vegas and then headed to Great Basin National Park in Northern Nevada for an encore visit. The park is home to Lehman caves and Wheeler Peak,

more than 12,000 feet tall. This is quite the place for outdoors enthusiasts.

Mike, being an avid photographer with a new Canon state-of-the-art camera, captured some amazing images, as evidenced by the photo at top.

The old town of Baker, Nev., near the park entrance, is in a time warp. You can “feel” the old West here for sure. Old photos show cowboys on horseback outside the general store, which is now a restaurant: the Electrolux Café, which is adorned with vacuum cleaners hanging from the ceiling.

Happy Birthday and anniversaries to those celebrating in this month of October.

Any news that fits, please send to me at fresca@maine.rr.com.

Hint of the month: Dishwasher powder or gel such as Cascade mixed with water works wonders on stubborn food deposits in pots, pans or casserole dishes. I always have a little jar handy.

Completes new driver education class

“Welcome” to newcomers and welcome back to our traveling neighbors. We always are glad to see old friends and want to hear about your adventures.

Our new neighbor, Ginny Vann, who lives on the Israeli side, was born in New Jersey but has lived for many years in Clearwater. Ginny worked for five years for the U.S. Government in California, then worked as a Realtor and has also represented the well-known cosmetic company Merle Norman.

Ginny has two sons in Holiday and a daughter in North Carolina. Getting settled in a new place is keeping her busy right now, but she will be active in many activities soon.

On the Jamaican side, the daughter and son-in-law of Rose and Dick Oshaben have moved in next door, enlarging their family circle here. Welcome to them.

Linda and Phil Woods are still settling up the luncheon for the fourth



Tuesday luncheon venue and pasting up the sign-up sheet. It’s a great way to socialize and discover a new place.

Today I completed the two day AAA Driver Education class and found it informative and enjoyable.

The AAA course is similar in format to the AARP course we used to have for 2 three-hour sessions 9-12. The new instructor, Kate Hartigan is the head of the insurance department at the Rainbow Drive office and presents information and

leads a free-wheeling discussion based on booklet questions.

It will probably be held several times during the season. The classes usually fill quickly so watch this newspaper for the notice.

Some neighbors, unfairly place electronics or large objects in our trash room. Please take those items to the Haz-to-Go trailer which will be here in November, or visit www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/haz-to-go/default.htm for information.

Again there is a clothing drive that many of us can support and relieve our closet spaced at the same time. Local charities, when called, will send a truck for large sturdy furniture and clothing throughout the year.

On Top of the World is busy with all-day-long-clubs, a variety of games and instruction, dance exercise, language seminars, so many activities.

Please consider joining and please volunteer your talents or interests.

Keep in touch.



Cool off with this report from Alaska

Ed. Note: Karen French is reporting for Geri Brown this month.

We are all loving the warm water in our swimming pools!

Karen French has returned from Alaska. She was teaching from February through May in Hughes, Alaska, a small Athabascan Indian village of 87 people.

In her school, there are 16 students. She taught preschool through second grade.

In June, July and August — which is the Alaskan summer — she works in the bed & breakfast she owns in Anchorage. It’s called Frenchy’s Adventure Bed & Breakfast.

This year, she had people from Florida, Canada, China, Greece, Japan, England, etc. Most exciting were the three motorcycle gentlemen who drove their Harleys from Ft. Lauderdale to Alaska, and were also making the return trip to Florida!

This busy lady also has three houses and a cabin at the Kenai River in Sterling, Alaska.

The silver and red salmon runs this year were fabulous! The kings are not as plentiful, with many a theory as to why.

We are looking forward to the return of our northern flock. Happy Trails!

— Karen French (for Geri)

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New racing movie stars grandson of España resident

A new movie about drag racing has just been released and it stars Richard Blake. Why is that important to the España? Richard Blake is the grandson of Lill and Herb Cervinka.

Since we are senior citizens, some of us may remember the 1978 U.S. National Drag Racing finals that involved one of the greatest rivalries in drag-racing history, when Snake and Mongoose raced. Their real names were Don 'The Snake' Prudhomme and Tom 'The Mongoose' McEwen.

The film, titled "Snake & Mongoose" (PG-13), tells the previously untold story of how southern California drag racers combined with corporate giants to change the face of sports and ultimately become the most famous rivalry in racing history. Richard Blake plays the part of Mongoose.

Richard said that he spent six



weeks visiting with the real Tom McEwen and they went to all the actual locations that were in the script.

Richard watched and studied films of the original racing events. Although Richard doesn't do the actual race driving in the movie, he said that the one thing that was difficult was learning to drive a stick shift on a 1967 Chevy

for the close-ups.

The film has just opened, so if it comes to this area, go and see it. Oh yes, in order to resemble Mongoose, Richard had put on weight and had to wear a wig in the movie because we all know that in 1978 most men wore a bushy hair style.

Speaking of the Cervinka's, their third great-grandchild, a little girl, was born to their granddaughter.

I was stunned when, on the bulletin board, I saw the picture of a high school football player with a note saying he was Dee Cotter's grandson. My brain went back years and years to Dee babysitting a little boy so I called Dee to confirm, that this grown-up football player was that little boy. Yes it was.

Dee's grandson is now a senior at Palm Harbor University High School.

He is a punter, a wide receiver and a defensive back. The reason his picture was in the paper is because he returned a punt 79 yards to score for his team. At the present time Dominick has received offers from several universities and colleges but has not decided which offer he is going to accept.

Dee also told me that she now has a "great-grandson." He has four legs and his name is Bentley. She said that he is a mixed breed, part lab and part pit bull. Bentley is a rescue and has four fathers who love him dearly.

It's hard to believe that Halloween has come around again. My goodness, where has this year gone?

Have you seen the fabulous fall decorations with which Ellen Fier has decorated her front door and windows? They are complete with orange lights for the evenings. Fantastic, Ellen!



50th high school reunion and car trip mark month

Walt Von Fricken took off in his Lexus over Labor Day. First stop was Ocala, where he visited a friend that he went to John Hopkins University with. Walt came to the U.S. when he was 20 and attended John Hopkins.

Next stop was a brother, Manfred, who practices ophthalmology in Great Falls, Va.. The reunion was at his daughter Barbara's house in Chelmsford, Mass. They were joined by his son, Walt, who flew in from San Francisco.

Before returning, he stopped at Lake Winnepesaukee and listed his place with a Realtor. Walt likes living here in the Bohemia building because of his friendly neighbors and our men's poker club.

Paula Schelling attended her 50th year reunion for Madonna High School in Aurora, Ill. (That location is now a police station.) The students were transferred to Aurora Central Catholic High School. Out of 120 girls, 11 have passed away and the majority are scattered across 27 states.

The day began with a Saturday breakfast, followed by a tour of their old school. That evening, more than 50 (some with spouses) attended an informal pizza party.

The following day, a special commemorative Mass was held in memory of the deceased members, followed by a brunch at a local country club.

Seventy of the girls attended at least one or more of the events during the weekend.



"Not bad for a group of old babes," Paula claimed. "I didn't have an opportunity to visit all my family and friends, but maybe next time," Paula concluded.

Labor Day was a time for family favorites by the ladies. Tasty hamburger and bean dish by Shirley Golding, German potato salad prepared by Friedl Imhoff, meatball casserole by Juta Lane, chicken salad by Irene Carter, brownies by Ellen Marini and pretzel dessert by Carol DeLisle. Many other delicious dishes were appreciated and enjoyed by all present.

Don't forget upcoming October events. First is a welcome back coffee at the Irish Lane Side on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 9 a.m. Bring a non-perishable food item for our pantry.

Then there's the Calypso Queen Luncheon Cruise on Thursday, Oct. 31. Watch the bulletin board for further details.

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OTOW Change of Address Form

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Tuesday Afternoon

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East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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Jack Herbet's family in Albany, N.Y., includes seven children and seven grandchildren, the majority of whom are pictured here.

Residents wrap up their summers with lots of travel

Welcome to October — can you believe it is here? I like to think this is the beginning of our holiday season.

Many of our friends have returned from “wherever,” so let the fun start! Some of the people in our building have enjoyed this past month in lots of different ways.

Shari Anthony spent the past three months just traveling. Three weeks in Miami, a wedding in Destin, and finished off with a visit to see her mother.

Rita Valenti treated herself to 10 days in Albany, N.Y. She enjoyed the company of all her friends, with whom she went to school. They have remained close friends all these years. Rita still talks to them every few days on the phone.

Pat and Jack Herbet also had the pleasure of traveling to Albany. This was for the wedding of Jack's granddaughter. They enjoyed the company of all seven children and seven grandchildren. The wedding was beautiful. They finished their trip by going to the Saratoga race track. No money was won, unfortunately!



Diane Ridolfo was able to enjoy the company of her cousin from New Jersey, Donna Martz. Donna has visited On Top of the World so much that she now owns an apartment in our building. We look forward to Donna being able to enjoy us full time soon.

Rodney McCraw hosted a birthday party for Donna Rotunno, who I am sure is only 39.... The whole building was invited, so the party was well-attended.

The building dinners have started back up, so watch the bulletin board for sign-up information.

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While in London on a family visit, Elizabeth and Malcolm Warren took time out to enjoy an experience of a lifetime: High Tea at the magnificent Ritz Hotel.

London trip offers chance to partake of British tradition

Not a very busy month for the Swiss Alps building.

However, the Warrens, who live up above me and have been my best friends for over 37 years, went to visit Mr. Warren's children in London and did the absolute experience in having "High Tea" at the Ritz in London.

It has oft' been said that "one picture is worth a thousand words." So there are at least 2,000 words worth in the above photo: The place? The exquisite Ritz Hotel in London, England. The happy couple enjoying High Tea there? Malcolm and Elizabeth Warren, who have only great things to say of their experience, from the "everything's exquisite" surroundings to an "absolutely yum" to everything — and, oh those delightful and delicious calories!"

It is now with great pleasure



that I introduce to you new Swiss Alps owners Rhonda and Francis Rineker. They come from Dunedin. When you see them around the building be sure to say hello and welcome them to our building. New additions are always welcome at Swiss Alps.

Humor: Geologist: a scientist with rocks in his head.

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White Speedylock Differential Serger sewing machine, excellent condition, several thread spools and sewing instruction books \$125 OBO. 797-3493

Four comfortable rattan dining chairs with swivel bases and rollers, ecru-colored cushions, top-notch condition \$35 each. 331-4666

New golf umbrella for sale. 796-7890

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Beautiful queen-size floral bedspread, primary color is white with pink flowers & ruffle, just dry-cleaned \$25. 475-9167

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Globe gets fresh coat of paint



When the Snowbirds begin arriving home, they will once again be greeted by our famous globe at the Sunset Point Road entrance, only this time the globe will have a fresh coat of blue and brown paint. The entire Sunset Garden was renovated last month.