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Exercising, sightseeing, three-wheelin’

By Penny Page

We all have our favorite mode of transportation.

Some of us drive, take buses, taxis, planes, trains or ride our bikes.

Or, some of us ride low to the road on a bicycle built for two.

Two of our friends here at On Top of the World found a wonderful way to explore our community and it’s surrounding neighborhoods. Mary Lou McKelvey and Patrick Willis forged a fast friendship three years ago when they found themselves in a situation familiar to many here. They could no longer drive their cars.

Both Mary Lou and Patrick have been riding single bicycles for years. They live on the same street and both have and love animals. Patrick tells me the best part about their friendship is they both have a great sense of humor and a natural sense of adventure.

On their three-wheel bicycle, Mary Lou and Patrick ride all over OTOW and are particularly interested in the many different types of architecture, murals and art in the buildings.

Their bike is a Tandem Recumbent which was purchased on the Internet.

Mary Lou, 85, and Patrick, 75, explain that riding the bicycle is not difficult. It has 27 gears and is powered by two people. They often ride two or three hours. Sometimes they ride to Dunedin, Safety Harbor, or a local park. Their journeys have also taken them to Clearwater, Memorial Park, Sylvan Abbey, and the east and west bike trail.

There is a shopping bag attached to the rear of the bike which makes it convenient to ride to local restaurants and shopping malls.

Patrick was asked if he gets weird stares riding down the road or if people seem to be upset they are next to traffic. He said the opposite. He said they are stopped frequently and people show an interest in purchasing their own three-wheelers.

Their new goals this fall are to ride to Philippe Park and cruise downtown St Petersburg.

They love to make new friends and share stories about their adventures.



Patrick Willis and Mary Lou McKelvey sightsee near the Loch Lomond building on OTOW’s east side.

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New pool tables compliment renovations at West Activity Center Billiards Room

The Billiards Room renovations have been completed!

The new tables have been set up and look great and new lighting was installed which makes the pool room look light and bright.

Please plan to stop by and shoot a game of pool!

EAC Awnings

There will be two additional shade awnings installed at the East Activity Center swimming pool. Installation date is to be determined.

Front Garden Fountains

Renovations at the front garden fountains are ongoing. Please pardon our dust during this time.

SHINE

A reminder: SHINE will host a Question and Answer Medicare Workshop on Thursday, Oct. 16. The event will be scheduled in the East Activity Center Large Card Room from 10-11:30 a.m.

The SHINE program supports the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' mission by providing free and unbiased health insurance counseling through a dedicated network of volunteers, empowering Florida seniors to make informed health care choices.

Please join them for this informative session hosted by Nadine Raver.

FLOW Bus

The Florida Licensing Bus on Wheels will be in the East Activity Center's North parking lot on Friday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

AAA Senior Drivers Course

The next AAA Senior Defensive Driver Course will be held at the East Activity Center Starlite Room on Thursday, Oct. 23, and Friday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon if there are enough people to sign up.

The cost is \$15 and is payable the first day of class.

Additional classes may be offered in the future, but will be based on need and those dates will be announced. Registration forms can be found on page 52 and need to be submitted to the newspaper office no later than Oct. 16



Senior EXPO

Mark your calendar for this year's Senior Expo hosted by the Community Service Office and Good Neighbors.

This year's event will be big!

The Expo is set for Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We will have vendors who have an established working relationship with the On Top of the World community, as well as many new vendors.

Also, this year, the Blood Mobile will be on site for this event, so plan to donate blood. They will be parked in the East Activity Center's South parking lot.

Additionally, the On Top of the World Real Estate office is sponsoring give away bags for the first 500 residents in attendance. You can pick up your bag from a member of the Community Service Office when entering the event from the front doors at the East Activity Center.

Watch for notices to be posted in each building's center core, as well as at each activity center.

Vendors will be raffling off \$25 gift certificates. Raffle tickets are \$1 apiece or five for \$6.

Also, if you donate a canned good item for a local food pantry, you'll receive one additional raffle ticket.

Suncoast Hospice Golfing for a Cure

Save the date - Jan. 13, 2015 - for Golfing for Suncoast Hospice.

The OTOW Ladies Golf Club says to wear your best golf attire and join everyone for a fun-filled day of helping others.

This is a new charity, replacing Rally for a Cure, and will take place on



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SENIOR EXPO

Presented by the Community Service Office and Good Neighbors

Saturday, November 1, 10 AM to 2 PM

East Activity Center Auditorium

First 500 guests receive a gift bag!



Vendors will be raffling off \$25 gift certificates.
Raffle tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5.
Donate a canned food item for charity and receive a free raffle ticket.
The Blood Mobile will be here if you wish to make a donation!

a new date with a new format.

Please watch for more information in the On Top of the World newspaper as the date gets closer.

Opera Tampa

Opera Tampa will be performing at the East Activity Center Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 13, during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee morning. Please come and enjoy the performance.

Reminders

Please remember to bring your Recreation Card with you when using any SCA facility. Plan on showing it upon request from a staff worker.

Please do not place pool chairs or chaise loungers in front of the rescue hooks hanging in the East Activity Center and West Activity Center pool deck areas.

Also, please remember to keep the pool chairs and chaise loungers on the pool deck only. Do not remove them from the deck area.

Please remember that a designated "smoking" area has been established at the back of each swimming pool with the intent that non-smokers would not have to walk through smoke to reach their destination at the pool.

Thank You

I would like to once again thank the SCA staff for their hard work and assistance in maintaining our beautiful facilities.

We think they do a great job, and if you think so, too, please write a note and drop it off at the Community Service Office. Let us know so we can share your good comments with the staff.

Have a happy and safe Halloween.

Opera Tampa coming to OTOW on Nov. 13

Life at OTOW about



Rumor Control!

Someday, I'll meet the person behind the wild rumors that circulate from time to time.

I'd be willing to bet that this is most probably some poor soul with too much time on their hands, maybe even a little liquor on board, a fanciful imagination, a loose tongue, and with an Internet connection.

"NO, On Top of the World, Clearwater, is not being sold to the Germans, an 'investment group', or anyone else."

It's unfortunate to have to write such a disclaimer to put peoples' minds at ease.

It is speculation on my part, but I'm guessing that recent articles in the Tampa Bay Times about condominiums and investors are fueling this rumor mill.

I've got news for you (the World News), these articles have no bearing or relevance for On Top of the World, Clearwater.

In 2004, your Board anticipated such a threat to the integrity of this community. This concern was the genesis behind the adoption of Rule No. 10 prohibiting concentrated ownership by corporate groups.

I'll not put the text of the rule in my next article. You can find it online or in your document book.

Free WiFi

The ongoing improvements your Board has undertaken are being done solely for the benefit of current and future residents.

This push for improvement has generated very positive comments about the new pool decks and shade areas at both the East and West Activity Centers.

One thing we also heard was relating to Internet availability. So great

news! We are making the WAC pool area a Wi-Fi hot spot!

This is a free service for residents, so of course it will be password protected. Show your Recreation Card at the Community Service Office, the Real Estate Office or to an employee checking IDs at the pool, and we will give you the log-in password.

The password will be changing frequently.

Weather

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

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

Association News

By now you should have received a letter from the Association that the Annual Audited Financial Report, ending June 30, 2014, is now available. You may request a copy of the report for your building by writing to the Association Secretary at 2069 World Parkway Blvd, Clearwater, FL., 33763, or by emailing the Association at clearwaterinfo@otowfl.net – please be sure to state your building and unit number on your request.

Unwanted Solicitations

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

It was recently brought to my attention that many residents are receiving phone solicitations for carpet cleaning. In some cases, hucksters have been going door to door.

Really folks, this is the oldest of scams. The way it works is a pleasant woman on the other end of the line offers you a "special price offer for OTOW residents." The twist is that they have boldly lied by telling an owner "they were approved by On Top of the World."

News flash: Your Board has never approved solicitations from outside vendors. Proceed at your own risk with telephone scam artists. Even more



Now, when you go to the West Activity Center swimming pool, you can bring your laptop computer and connect to the Internet using On Top of the World's new WiFi service.

so, if someone shows up on your doorstep uninvited.

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing: Building 60 is scheduled to have its front façade repainted in October. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Railing Improvement Projects: Building 5 is slated for improvements in October, and is currently in the preplanning/permitting stage as of the writing of these updates. Licensed contractors will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails, so please exercise caution in the areas where these improvements are being made. The improvements are estimated to be complete in 5-7 weeks, depending on the scope and the size of the structure.

Flooring Projects: Replacements

scheduled for the month of October include the first floor of building 43, and the second floor of building 53. Please remember that this work is affected in the overnight hours to minimize any inconvenience to the community. Please exercise caution if you find yourself in proximity to these posted work areas.

Construction, Roofing, and large scope projects: Construction department crews will be focusing mainly on small scale building walkway repairs and overall general maintenance across property in the month of October. Sidewalk panel replacements are also an improvement that the construction department will continue to perform throughout the community as the year progresses. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

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to heat up for winter

The structural inspections and correction program (an inspection process by which the management's construction and roofing departments affect repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) continues to be an effective preventative in the ongoing practice of structural maintenance.

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.

Construction crews continue to patch and paint areas in center core and walkway areas from years of unapproved brackets, hangars, and attachments. The Inspection Services Department is currently in the process of inspecting and removing all unapproved additions (screws, nails, plant hangars, etc.). Please keep in mind that ALL additions to the common element require a modification permit. If residents are not sure about what items (like wall mountings) require a modification permit, please stop by the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center and a representative will be glad to assist you.

Inspection Services Division: Parking and vehicle registration enforcement continue to be a focus item

for the management company. Many illegally parked or stored vehicles are located and tagged for compliance each month. The management company asks that all residents make sure that they keep their vehicle registrations up to date to avoid any issues, and report any noted violations to the Community Service Office.

Boat compliance is another area where residents will see an increased presence by the Inspection Services Department. The management company is asking that all residents make sure that they keep current on their boat registrations, as well as ensuring that their watercraft is seaworthy. Many of the vessel storage spaces are already occupied by registered owners, so those looking to inquire on space availability should direct their inquiries to the Community Service Office. Boats considered to be in disrepair will be noticed for non-compliance and ultimately impounded if measures are not taken to correct the issue.

The Inspection Services Department continues to work in tandem with community residents to get building storage and bike rooms in compliance.

Many times residents move and leave unwanted items, use more than their allotted space causing an inconvenience for other residents, or store prohibited items in these areas. Residents

may request a storage room inspection through the Community Service Office if they believe they have an issue.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing. The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future. Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times decorative rocks or landscaping is installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator. Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Clutter enforcement is another item which requires constant monitoring by the management company. This includes the tagging and removal of excessive furnishings placed in the center core, walkways, and end stairwell areas.

Building walkways in particular continue to be an area of violation, as many residents leave chairs, plants, and other obstructions that block egress and impede the emergency activities of first responders. Please help make your com-

munity safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Awning inspections continue to take place by the Inspection Services Department of the management company. The Clearwater area has seen an increase in storms and rainfall the last few years, and as a result, many of the awning attachment points have been weakened to the point where the "clamshell" style awning must be removed to halt any further damage to the structure.

The management company continues to contact owners regarding their compromised older style awnings in disrepair or with weak attachment points.

As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

Landscaping Projects

The next round of tree removal and replantings are currently in the assessment stage. Please keep an eye on your buildings bulletin board for future updates.



OTOW PET HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST (For OTOW residents and pets only)

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Most Original Costume and Best Spirit.

Rule No. 9

Leasing or selling a unit must be approved by the Association

The real estate market appears to be improving and many of you may decide now is the time to sell or lease your unit, especially with the annual influx of winter visitors on the horizon.

Listed below is Rule No. 9 (Leasing and Sales of Units) for your review. The Association takes matters of underage and unapproved tenants very seriously and takes action to insure compliance with the rules stated below:

Rule No. 9**Leasing and Sales of Units**

No unit may be occupied, leased or sold without the prior written approval of the occupant, lessee or new owner by the Association.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Association shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to deny approval of any proposed occupancy, lease or sale, if following the taking of the proposed occupancy, making of the proposed lease or closing of the proposed sale, the unit will not be occupied by at least one (1) person who is fifty-five (55) years of age or older.

As a condition precedent to consideration for approval, each prospective occupant, lessee and purchaser must inform the Association in writing whether the unit will be occupied by at least one (1) person who is fifty-



five (55) years of age or older and each proposed occupant, lessee and new owner shall appear for an interview with a designated representative of the Association.

In no event may any unit be leased in a furnished condition for an initial term of less than six (6) months plus one week, and no unit may be leased in an unfurnished condition for an initial term of less than one (1) year.

The Association has stepped up enforcement of this rule. Our residents have been a great source of help by reporting possible violators. To resolve those owners found to be in violation, the Association may initiate, as well as pursue, any legal action or other lawful means to ensure rules enforcement and to remove from any unit any person whose occupancy has not previously been approved in writ-

ing by the Association.

At times, residents have tried to circumvent the six month, plus one week rule. This rule is in place to help encourage long-term rentals and residency in the community, which in turn helps to provide security and stability.

The Association monitors the Internet and other media channels to catch owners who are advertising short-term rentals. We also report such violators to Pinellas County.

Pinellas County requires a 5 percent surcharge, payable to the county, for any short-term accommodation (rentals less than six months).

This "bed tax" helps the county fund tourism and beach restoration.

Pinellas County and the State of Florida are diligent with their enforcement and collection of monies due.

The On Top of the World community was not designed to operate as a short-term rental or timeshare community. Long-term rentals, individual ownership and residency have provided security and stability to our community for many years.

As a reminder, no child under the age of seventeen (17) years shall be allowed to reside in any unit. A unit owner who owns and occupies his or her own unit may permit one (1) minor only if the minor is at least seventeen years of age and a member of

that owner's family.

No units may be occupied, leased or sold without the prior written approval of the occupant, lessee or new owner by the Association.

Unit owners that want to lease their unit must request an Application for Approval by sending a self addressed stamped, business-sized envelope to On Top of the World Condominium Association, Lease Application, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E, Clearwater, FL, 33763.

Please include the building number, unit number and address of the condominium to be leased.

The Association will respond with all necessary information.

All rental units must be occupied by at least one (1) person who is fifty-five or older. If a lease is renewed, you must notify the Association at the address above.

No leases may be less than an initial term of six months plus one week for a furnished unit and no unit may be leased in an unfurnished condition for an initial term of less than one year.

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



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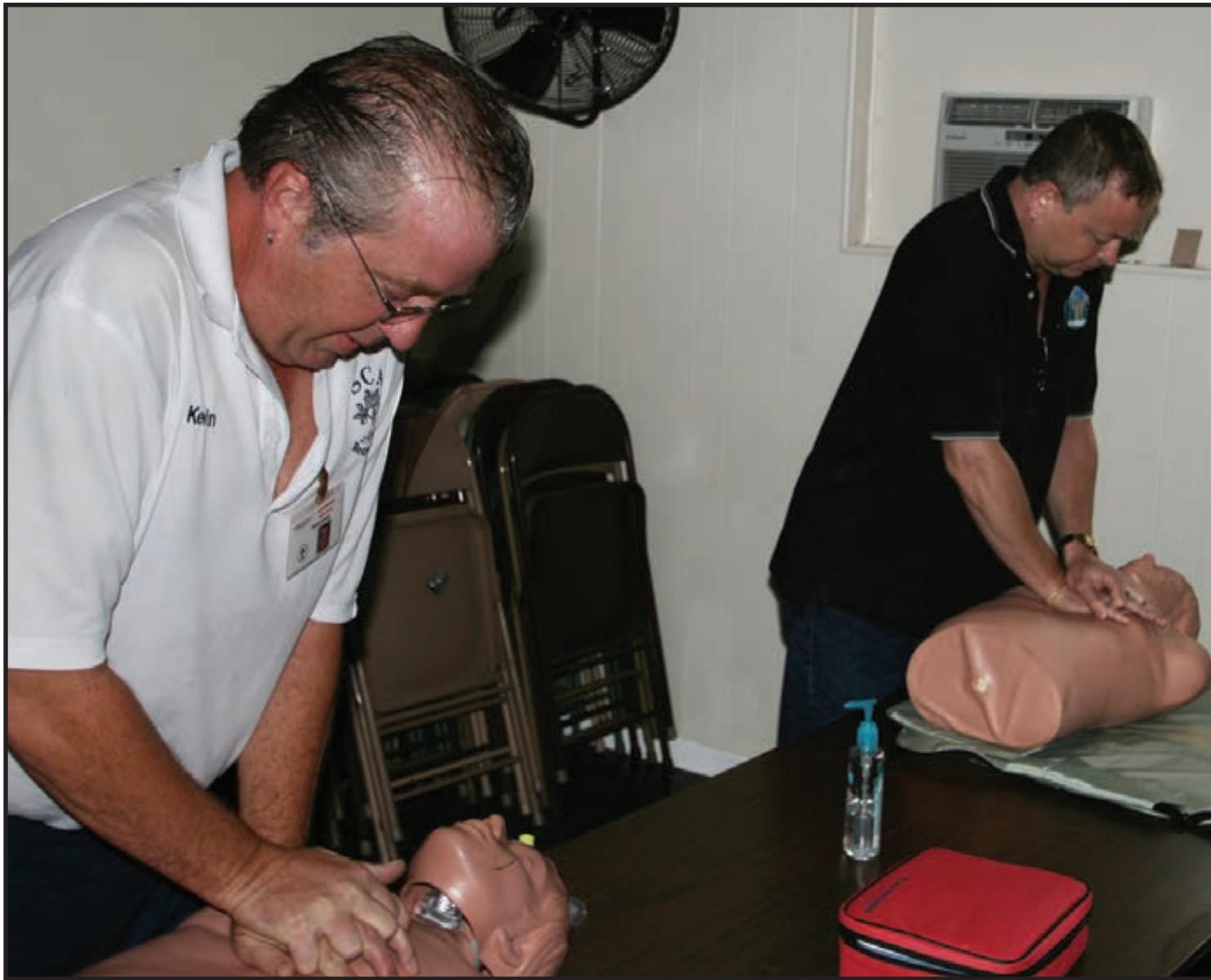






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Happy Halloween - from Our Wild Kingdom!



At left, Kevin Lewis and Doug Kates try their new CPR skills in an effort to save their mannequins. Above, Lisa McAlum celebrates the fact her mannequin started breathing again.

(Photos by Jeremy McGreal)

My new skills - just in case

Two months ago, I was on the phone with a 911 dispatcher during an emergency situation.

The dispatcher told me to get a defibrillator and be prepared to use it.

I said, "what?"

"Defibrillator?"

"I don't know if I have one and I certainly don't know how to use it!"

That was then ... this is now.

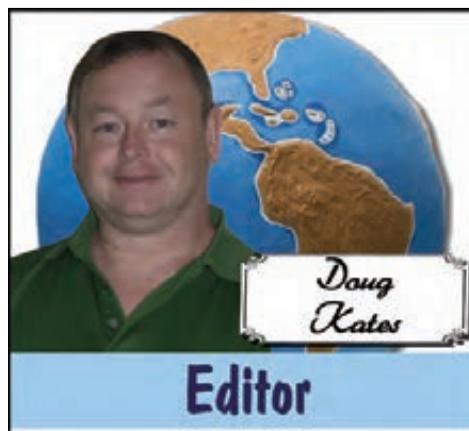
I can proudly say that myself and seven other On Top of the World employees are now newly certified in CPR and defibrillator training.

Out of the employees selected to take the course, I'm not sure why I was chosen, but after my recent experience, I didn't hesitate to go.

Admittedly, I was not ready to handle an emergency on my own.

The course last month consisted of first aid training, CPR training and hands-on experience with a defibrillator. On Top of the World has ordered three such machines and they will soon be available to the staff members who know how to use it.

The last time I was trained in CPR was more than 20 years ago during a



required first aid class at Jamestown Community College in New York.

There were about 25 of us in the class and many students had to share each mannequin.

During that class, the first thing I was taught to do is run my finger through the victim's mouth to make sure there was nothing obstructing air to the lungs. Then it was five compressions followed by a breath of air.

OTOW Safety Instructor Daniel Childress told me this past September that if I use those methods during his final exam, he would fail me.

He explained: Over the past 20 years, the American Heart Association

has learned through research that the most important aspect of CPR is the chest compressions and maintaining a steady flow of blood to the brain.

Where I was once told to do five compressions and breathe has now become 30 compressions and breathe twice.

And the compressions have to be on a quick pace - quick enough to do 100 compressions a minute.

When it comes to trying to save someone's life, Daniel said the chest compressions were the most important part of CPR - even if a choice had to be made between compressions or breaths.

The task of looking for obstructions in someone's mouth has been removed from the CPR guide. The tendency is an object could become more lodged in an airway should my finger go poking around someone's mouth.

There's also the risk of getting bitten.

Here I was, just an hour into my new class, and I was already being told to forget what I learned in the 1980s and concentrate on learning what has now been proven to be a more effective method.

Over the next three hours, I learned about strokes, heart attacks, burns, injuries, bleeding and more.

I passed my final exam and should be receiving a thank you from the American Heart Association in the mail.

You should always call 911 for an emergency or what you perceive to be an emergency. In many instances, minutes count. None of the eight employees who took the course are considered first responders, but we do have basic CPR skills to offer until professional help arrives.

I hope I never have to use the new skills I learned, but at least now I won't be caught off guard if someone does need help.

Special kudos go to OTOW for training eight individuals who are regularly in the community at various hours of the day, and kudos for purchasing the defibrillators, which hopefully sit on an activity center shelf and are never used.

But who knows? The effort was made to be ready.

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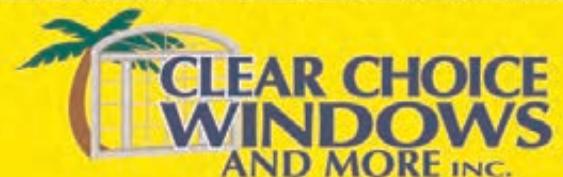


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Don't click links to read an email

Scam Alert: I got an email from a friend of mine. Basically, the email said, "I've sent you an email that you can see by clicking on a link and going to 'Google Drive...'"

Here's what I did. I did NOT click on the link that was there.

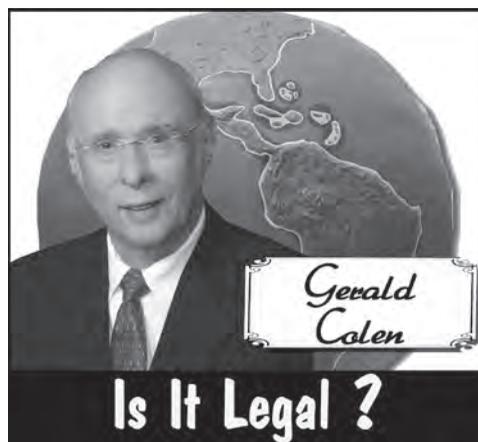
I did not hit "Reply."

Instead, I sent a separate email to the friend, from whom that email came, and guess what? She never sent it.

The email message was a form of phishing, which is a method scammers use to gain access to your computer.

I've said this before, you can't trust ANY email you get where you have to click on an attachment or you have to click on some link. It's just the way things are these days.

Q. If I see something that I want to buy on Craig's List, is it safe to buy



it?

A. I don't know enough about Craig's list to know what they offer and what guarantees are available as to the quality of what you would purchase through that list.

I can tell you this, though, if you are going to meet someone who will give you the item in exchange for your

payment, only meet that person in a well-lighted location and only during daylight hours, and never invite that person to your home nor let that person come into your home.

Q. My neighbor told me that if I want to protect myself from having my children put me into an assisted living place, or even a nursing home, I should have a trust.

The same neighbor also told me that if my children go to court to force me into a home that the courts always rule in favor of the children, but having a trust would prevent that.

My attorney said that my neighbor was wrong and that having a living trust would not protect me from a situation like that anyway.

I'd really like your thoughts.

A. Your attorney knows what he/she is talking about and your neighbor is flat out wrong.

Period.

Further, the courts usually rule in favor of the parent, not the children. Still further, in a court situation like you've outlined, the courts require expert testimony from a physician, such as your family doctor, before ruling one way or the other.

Sigh. I get a lot of questions that start off, "My neighbor told me..." Then, these questions go on to point out that the neighbor knew of someone who knows of someone, where something bad happened, etc., etc.

Please don't rely on information like that!

The best thing to do if one is worried about what the children, or anyone else can or might do, is to sit down with an elder law or estate planning attorney, and discuss the matter.

Almost 100 percent of the time, a neighbor is well-meaning, but not truly acquainted with how the legal system works.

I can only add this: The state of Florida is one of the best states — in my opinion, probably THE best state in the United States for protecting the rights of senior citizens against exploitation be it by children, friends, neighbors, scammers or any other person.

So relax. Please.

Q. My husband and I have been married for (many, many years). He is not doing well and if he doesn't recover, he will have to go into Hospice. His two children, from another mar-

riage, have already made it known that they want to remove things from our apartment when he passes. The title is in both of our names. Can I prevent them from doing that?

A. Yes. You certainly can prevent them from doing that and you should do so.

The best way to do that is to use the wonderful word, "NO!"

Don't be afraid of it. Don't let them tell you about their "rights" to be in your apartment.

If the apartment is in both of your names, as husband and wife, then they don't have any rights unless you choose to give them some.

Note: Just in case they have keys to your apartment, it might be a good idea to have a locksmith come out and either re-key the locks or install new locks.

Q. Some time ago, I promised my granddaughter that I would take her on a cruise. Now, she says she would like to bring her boyfriend along with us. I can't afford two separate cabins and wonder if we could share one cabin with the three of us. What do you think?

A. Um....er....uh.... Will you be able to get some sleep at night?

Gerald R. Colen is an attorney who is a member of both the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys. He concentrates his practice of law in the areas of real estate, elder law, wills, trusts, probate, business law and simple and complex estate planning. He welcomes your questions and comments. This column is not intended to provide legal advice, but is only intended to provide limited information on the specific matters raised in the questions and answers. You should always consult your own attorney for specific advice. Mr. Colen is available for conferences at his law office at 7243 Bryan Dairy Road, Largo, FL, 33777. His phone number is (727) 545-8114. He is also pleased to respond to email at his email address of gcolen@tampabay.rr.com or through his Web page at www.gcolen.com. In Ocala, FL, Mr. Colen is available by appointment for legal conferences at the On Top of the World sales office, which is located near Sid's Cafe.

NOTICE

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

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

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

Detailed information is available at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Writer's Workshop set for Nov. 6

No.

This year's Press Association Writer's Workshop is not going to be labeled a "mandatory" meeting.

But if you want to improve your writing skills, learn our style of writing, or simply refresh what you have learned in the past, then the Nov. 6 workshop is something you should attend.

The workshop will be the Press Association's monthly meeting for November and starts 6:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

Anyone who writes for a building, a sport, a club or a group is encouraged to attend. This is the one meeting each year where we concentrate on



Press Association

improving our writing skills and everyone gets to ask questions.

Last year this workshop set a Press Association attendance record and everyone went home with valuable infor-

mation.

True. Last year the meeting was mandatory and no one was allowed to write for the December newspaper unless they attended the workshop. But this year, it's your choice.

The editors and your board would like to see you there.

At the Press Association meeting on Thursday, Oct. 2, members will be asked to approve the new Press Association bylaws.

The bylaws have been discussed the past two months and On Top of the World has drafted a final version, which is available for viewing on the Press Association Website.

The final version has been online

for more than one month, so legally the final vote can take place at this meeting.

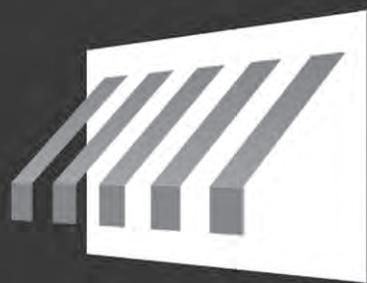
Also, members will be asked to discuss the upcoming holiday luncheon. The Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, sponsor of this year's Holiday Lights Contest, has offered the club one of its private dining rooms for the Dec. 4 luncheon, however, the cost will be a little more than members are used to paying.

This matter will be open for comments and we will decide whether to pursue the Spa or seek another location.

The October meeting and December luncheon both start at 1:30 p.m.

Press Association members

**Read the proposed club bylaws before the Oct. 2 meeting
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Because of her unusual voice, she was the voice for many cartoon characters, including Grandmama from The Addams Family.

Carol was born in Seattle in 1921. Her father was a newspaper editor and her mother was of German decent. Both parents were active in the Christian Science movement.

Earlier this year, there was a big celebration for her 93rd birthday and the 50th anniversary of "Hello Dolly."

Carol was married four times and has a son, Channing Lowe, who is a well-known cartoon artist living in Fort Lauderdale. She was married to her fourth husband, Charles Lowe, for 42 years.

In her later years, Carol has suffered from ovarian cancer and has very poor eyesight. She currently resides in her townhouse overlooking Central Park in New York City.

OTOW-TV SPECIAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

(* all shows about 8 p.m. ** OTOW-TV Debut)

Oct 3: Chorus Spring Concert 2014

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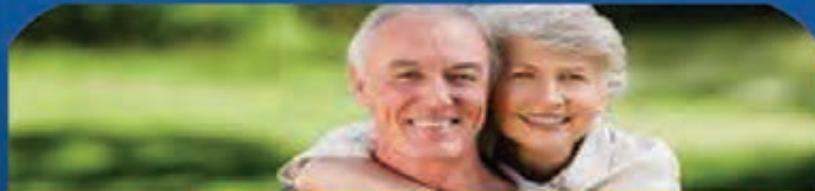
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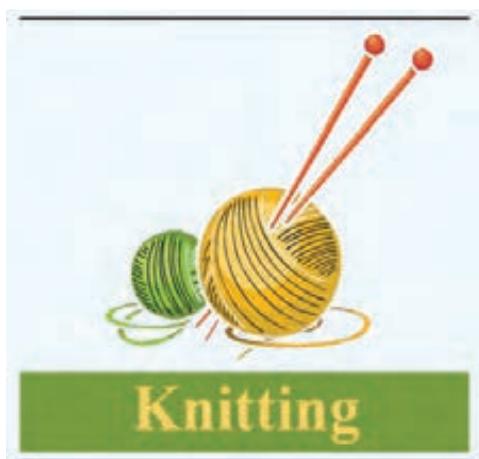
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The Blood Mobile will be here if you wish to make a donation!

ACTIVITY REPORTS



Don't sit home and knit - join us and contribute to good causes



By Phyllis Butler

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group has had a very successful and rewarding summer.

Although many of our members are away, we have managed to continue our weekly meetings and have distributed 60 lap robes and 50 walker caddies to area nursing homes.

Last week, we had a visit from a doula, Karen, who described her business to us. She gave a very interesting talk about how she and her partner attended and helped women who miscarried or lost their babies at birth and how they created "memory boxes" for them.

We were happy to be able to provide her with 50 tiny hats and 40 tiny blankets to help her with this project.

Our group meets 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday in the East Activity Center Veranda.

We both knit and crochet, and, while we don't teach, we do help each other with problems.

All our results are distributed to area nursing homes or the VA hospital.

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Pauline Segal shows off one of her latest creations.

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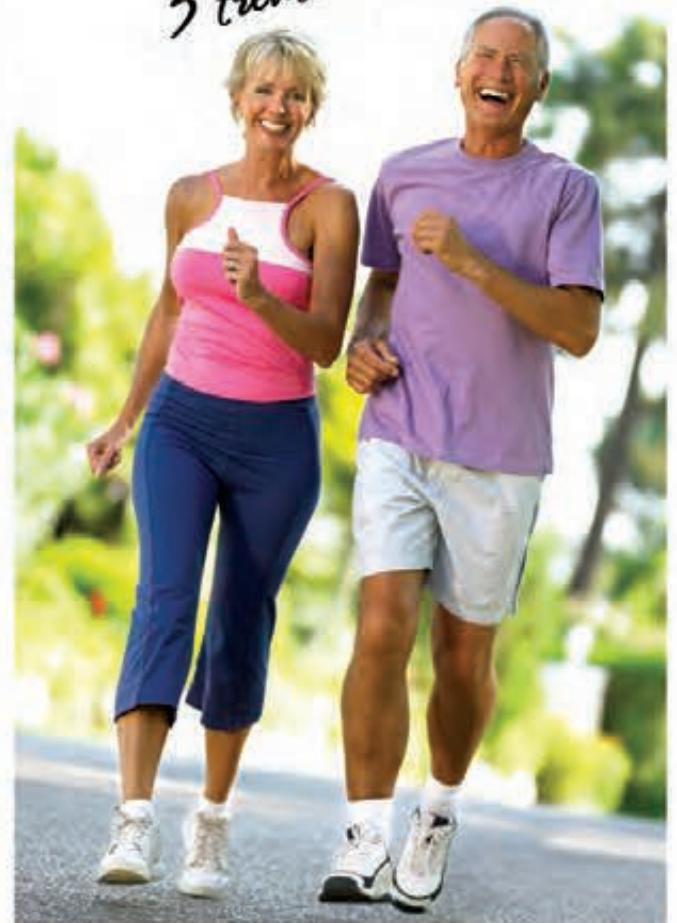
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First casting call set for Oct. 7

By Donna Ryan

Attendees at the Jesters monthly meeting in September were treated to a surprise appearance by one of the stars for next year's show.

Ms. Liberty made a self appearance during the first meeting of the new season and it was a packed house.

She treated all those in attendance to a rendition of her famous ground-breaking "Huddled Masses" speech.

Next year's show is called "Celebrate America" and director Pat Sprouse took center stage and informed everyone on how "Coming To America" will be the centerpiece of the extravaganza.

Show dates are Friday, Feb. 13, 2015; Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015 and Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015.



Jesters President Donna Ryan announced a casting call for Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium for anyone interested in being a part of this historical, ground-breaking performance.

Tickets for "Celebrate America" and the Jesters' holiday party, Dec. 10 at the Countryside Country Club, will be on sale Thursday mornings from

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Our special tickets will be created by Bob Krause.

The Jesters meet 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Holiday party Dec. 17

Registration closing for trip to Biltmore Estate



Travel Club

By Pat Zorland

Despite the rain and thunder, our monthly meeting on Sept. 5 was well attended with more than 40 club members in attendance.

Roxie Maggio made arrangements for our Lunch Bunch to have a September luncheon at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, followed by a tour of the facility.

Our president, Audrey Jones, moved the meeting along very quickly before the rain returned.



Travel Club members celebrate a milestone birthday. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

We are now looking for people to volunteer to be call representatives.

The 50/50 drawing had four lucky winners.

Due to a lack of interest, it was

necessary to cancel the trips to San Antonio, the Giraffe Ranch, and Myrtle Beach.

It looks like a trip to the Biltmore Estate, at the end of November, may be a go. Some people have already signed up and paid. Final payment is due Oct. 10. We seem to still have the same problem over and over again. Members wait until the last minute to sign up and then we can not be accommodated.

This year's Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. There will be van transportation available for the first 22 people to sign up and pay for their dinner. Van pick up will be approximately 3:30 p.m. and you must be on time. The van will not wait for late arrivals.

We celebrated the birthdays of four members.

Upcoming day trips schedule will be as follows:

Oct. 1 to the Botanical Gardens with a picnic lunch.

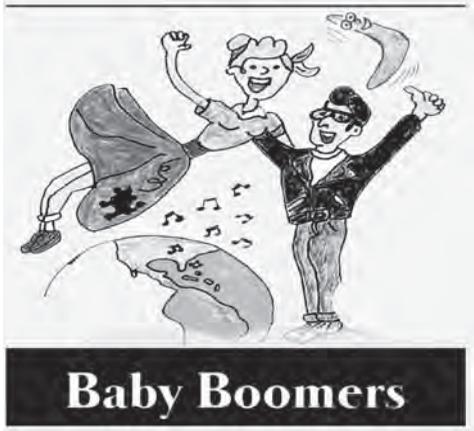
Nov. 6 for a tour of the Gamble Mansion and the Ellington Mall for some shopping.

Our meetings from October on will be held the first Friday of each month in the East Activity Center Starlite Room at 2 p.m.

For more information, stop by our table, which is also located in the East Activity Center, from 9-10:30 a.m. on Mondays. There will be up-to-date information on what is happening with the club.

The next AAA Driver Safety Course is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 23-24, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Cost is \$15. There is a form on page 57 you may fill out to register.

Louie Bravo to add Halloween spirit to spooktacular night



Baby Boomers

By Rita Kress

With his devilish singing style, Louie Bravo will perform at the Baby Boomers Halloween party on Oct. 30.

Louie will sing hits from the '50s through the 2000s, mostly Oldies and Classic Rock and Roll, with a seasoned, wicked, spellbound Latin flair.

His repertoire also includes sounds of Latin, Cumbia, Bolero, Salsa, Merengue and more.

Louie's sorcery will possess the room, making everyone want to unleash themselves to dance and sing out insanely loud to all of your favorite hits.

So metamorphosis into your costume for a spooktacular night and a howling good time of dancing, prizes best female, best male, most original



Louie Bravo at our last dance with member Roxie Maggio.

costumes, plus door prizes and a bevy of great food.

The performance is Halloween Eve from 5-9 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Costume judging will be at 5:30 p.m.

Don't forget to mesmerize us with your Halloween-themed potluck dinner item.

There will be a prize for the most original decorated dessert.

Also, BYBB, bring your favorite bubbly brew.

Costumes are mandatory for this party - no costume, no admittance.

Everyone is invited, but we have a limited amount of tickets that will disappear fast. Tickets can be purchased for \$11, available at our meetings, or contact Rita at 727-600-8529.

Some of our future events include Fancy Smancy Christmas Dinner at

the Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach; a Super Bowl Party; and a Valentine's Dance.

Baby Boomers is a very active group. Members participate in many fun-filled activities, including biking, kayaking, sailing, golfing, deep sea fishing, cruising, dining out, dancing, potluck dinners, holiday parties and picnics.

We also do outings to the theater, museums, festivals, concerts and local day trips.

Our meetings are 5:30 p.m., the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month at the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Any resident is welcome to our 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 future social activities. After the meeting we usually continue with a fun-filled activity such as dining out, dancing, or visiting a local club for additional socializing.

Watch our ads on OTOW-TV and visit our Web page on the OTOW Box Office Website.

Potluck Halloween luncheon set for Oct. 28

By Julie Narancich

Even though Halloween falls a little later in the week, the line dancers will join in the fun on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

This celebration will be a potluck

luncheon at noon and all members will be asked to join in and bring a dish.

Our wonderful hostesses are planning another great event.

The line dancers will also be hold-

ing an annual meeting in November. The date will be announced in the next issue of this newspaper.

We will be electing officers at this meeting, therefore, please be thinking about becoming a member of the board.

Mary Becker is collecting the annual membership fee of \$5. Please present your On Top of the World Recreation Card along with \$5 to Mary.

We welcome full-time residents here at OTOW and will be welcoming back our Snowbirds very soon. The Line Dancing Club keeps dancing through the autumn months, therefore, 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



Line Dancing

fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium.

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

We welcome everyone and invite you to bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

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

Hope to see you soon!





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Fixers looking to put a new board in place

By Doug Erickson

This is a special invitation to members of the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers.

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We have an annual rotating executive board of elected officers. They are a vice president, who becomes the president the following year; treasurer, and secretary.

Those three elected officers, along with the current president and three past presidents, comprise our seven member board.

This management style and updated by-laws were adopted in 2010 under the lead of Steve Sutton. I mention Steve because this is just one of the many improvements he has made. Steve's latest



Fixers Club

contribution is making yarn bowls as shown in the photo.

But sadly, we are losing him. Steve and his wife, Cheryl, are moving to Naples.

The Sutton name has been well known by the Fixers since the early 1980s. Steve's father, John, was instrumental in making shop improvements before, during, and after his presidency. We also have a smoothing plane on display that Walter, Steve's grandfather, made.

The fixers take pleasure in assisting other clubs by building or repairing things like cabinets, shelves and display cases.

You will see some of our work in the auditorium, Starlite room, computer club, art club, shelves in the OTOW bus, coat rack in the West Activity Center, pool cue racks, coffee corner cupboards, bingo cabinet, and past sets for Theater Workshop, The Jesters club, as well as items for club dances and parties.

We also offer a repair service to OTOW residents. We fix or rebuild chairs, drawers, furniture and other articles that can be brought into the shop.

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Steve Sutton with a yarn bowl. Note the large plane on the display board made by his grandfather.



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Canadian Club wants members to review proposed bylaw changes before next meeting

By Rick McLauchlan

For those who returned to Canada, or the upper United States, for the summer, the month of October means contemplating our return to our winter homes in beautiful On Top of the World.

The first event of the 2014-15 season for the Canadian Club is Registration Night on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 5:30

p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. This is a time to renew your Canadian Club membership. New members are always welcome.

The membership is \$5.

Remember, membership is open to anyone, Canadian or not, who is in possession of a valid OTOW Recreation Card. Renters wishing to join the club, or share in the other clubs and

activities, are reminded they must obtain an OTOW Recreation Card from the Association. Please make every effort to obtain or renew your Recreation Cards prior to our Registration Night and remember to carry it with you at all times.

Occasional verification may be done by the Association, especially if attending a function, using a pool or using a facility. This is done for our mutual benefit.

Our General Meeting, which will follow registration, will include a presentation of proposed changes to our Constitution and By Laws to be voted upon at that time. Since the meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15, this article meets the requirement of a 30-day notice to members that proposed changes will be presented for a vote.

The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Establishing a minimum number needed to vote at executive meetings.
2. Establishing who can vote for an absentee executive member.
3. Approval to allow Skype meet-



Canadian Club

ings.

4. Determine who can sign checks for the club.

Details of these proposed changes will be given at the meeting.

A wine and cheese get-together will follow which is a nice time to renew old friendships and welcome new members.

Remember: Social games will take place on Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

Primary ticket sales will take place on Nov. 25, 9-11 a.m. in the EAC Starlite Room for December 10th Christmas Dinner

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Lambdans invited to East Activity Center dungeon for traditional tricks and treats



Lambda

By Dave Beaven

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

Welcome back!

We sandbirds have held things together for you. To help get you in the seasonal mood, the Lambda social for this month has a predictable theme - it's Halloween time.

That means costumes and scary music, and treats and tricks.

Our guests are invited downstairs to the East Activity Center dungeon on Friday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.

Our social will take place in the Large Card Room. Sounds harmless enough, but on this day, it will be peopled by vampires and other ghosties.

Cocktail of the day: True Blood.

The ghouls will be providing special dishes for the party. Mayhem is hard work, and we all must keep up our energy. Join us, if you dare.

In September, we had a Tailgate party. No, we didn't party in the parking lot with our cars. We transferred the party inside the EAC where it was cool!

I had a football game going on TV, but not many were paying attention. They were having too good of a time chatting each other up while sipping on the Touchdown Punch.

Members were encouraged to wear shirts for their favorite teams. We had Gators, 'Noles and Bulls represented. But I also saw Kentucky and St. Louis jerseys in the crowd.

I can report that everyone was a good sport that evening. It helped that we had some great tailgate type food. Thanks for the hotdogs and beans, chicken wings, baloney and cheese sandwiches, etc. Now we need to get to the gym and work it off!

In case you don't already know, Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an in-

formal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc. 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 LGBT 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 fact.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our web-page:

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Travel, adventure and fun set to begin for Snowbirds sixth season



Snowbird Club

By Ed Foland

School buses are rolling, football games are back on TV, the car horns are honking on Belcher Road and the Snowbirds are flocking back to On Top of the World for the start of the Snowbird Club's sixth season.

All of the signs are saying fall is here. It is time to make plans to make the most of your free time during the soon-to-arrive winter.

The Snowbirds Club is your place for travel, adventure and fun!

The energetic volunteers of the Snowbirds Club have been working all summer on an extensive schedule of events. Tickets are for sale now on over 40 events on Monday and Thursday mornings at the East Activity Center.

A large variety of cruises, charter bus trips, dinner theaters parties and concerts are offered. It is important to be an early bird and purchase tickets early as the popular events sell out. Time is getting short for tickets to October and November events, Fletchers and Show Palace Dinner Theaters, Mount Dora charter bus



Jan Springer celebrates after completing a zip line ride on the Allure of the Seas cruise ship. Doris Hammond is on left side of the picture.

trip and concerts at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Mark your calendars for membership meeting and preview of events on Monday, Oct. 6 in the EAC Starlite Room, Express Lane for renewing members on Nov. 2, and Welcome

Back dinner dance and party on Nov. 23. Entertainment will be provided by At Large.

Our Thanksgiving dinner is at the Show Palace Dinner Theater and our Christmas dinner is at Fletchers Dinner Theater.

You can get the current schedule of events on our Website, at anytime and from anywhere. Go to www.snowbirdsotow.com and click on the events button. From there you can print out an events list and a ticket order form and order your tickets by mail.

America is looking for new singers to join Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

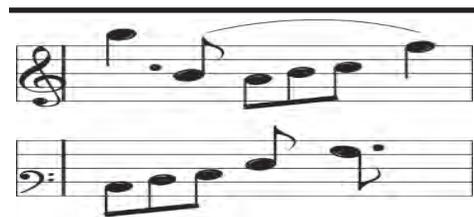
On Top of the World's got talent!

I am a fan of the summer reality television show, "America's Got Talent." This year has been exceptionally good with a wonderful variety of acts from singers, dancers and acrobats to mind-boggling magicians.

The show is approaching the end of its ninth season. In the previous eight seasons, five times the million-dollar winner has been a singer. And, as I write this, three of the six finalists this season are singers.

Apparently, America likes singers.

At On Top of the World, we like singers, too, and Chorus likes singers who enjoy four-part harmonies.



Chorus

If you remember the joy and comradeship of adding your voice with others in making harmonious music in high school, college or church choir, we are waiting just for you!

We don't have four judges - just one energetic, friendly, fun-loving director, along with the rest of us, who are eager to get started in our 45th sea-

son!

Chorus is one of the oldest clubs on campus, providing two concerts each season. This year's Holiday Concert is set for Dec. 13 and 14. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 7-9 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium, and continue weekly on Monday mornings from 10-11 a.m. in the EAC Large Card Room and Tuesday

evenings in the auditorium.

If you are new to OTOW, or have been here a while and just haven't gotten around to checking us out, we would love to have you come to one of our rehearsals. We promise to make you feel at home.

Here's hoping to see all of you on Oct. 7 and having our Snowbird members back home safely.

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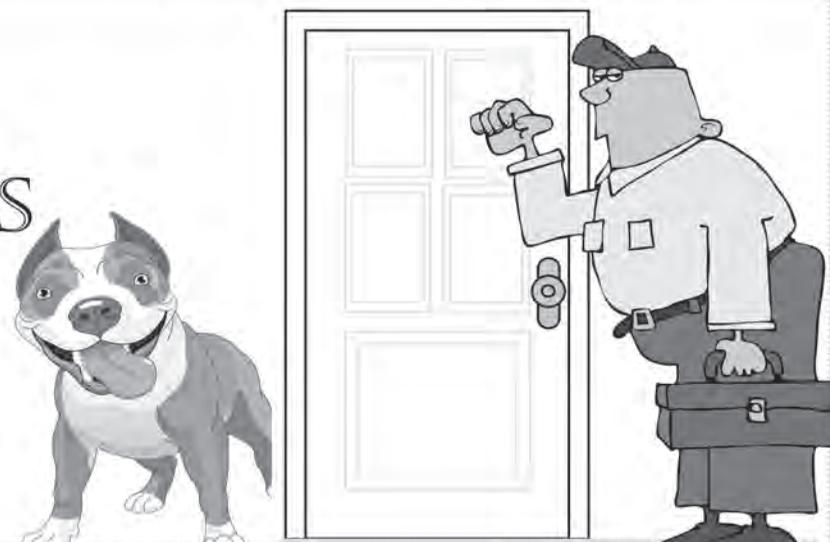


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Art Guild

By Judy Mills

Cooler autumn days are here once again and it sure feels good after the long hot summer.

Art Guild members are looking forward to a new season of activities and meeting new friends.

Currently, we continue to have Painting Pals/Open Workshop, which meets on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. in the Art Room. All are invited and encouraged to join us with your current project.

Also, on Thursdays in the Art Room from 12:30-4:30 p.m., Wendy Colquhoun is teaching Chinese Brush Painting, which is a beautiful ancient Asian art. The cost of this program is \$5 for members. Please call her in advance so she brings enough supplies. Her number is 727-723-7504. Wendy's classes will move to Tuesdays, starting on Nov. 4.

The Drawing Class restarts on Thursday, Nov. 6 and is \$3 for members. Bring your own paper and pencils.

The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. At our



In back, from left to right, are Audrey Lerigo, Margie McClure, Page Wright, Bill Martin and Sabrina Pelzer. Demonstrating at the table is Wendy Colquhoun.

meetings, we have an award for Artist of the Month. The winning project will be displayed in the East Activity Center lobby for one month.

For all the artists at OTOW, we also hold an annual art show towards the end of February, which gives our members the opportunity to show and sell their

work. More details on that to come.

Membership dues are \$15 per year, which is used to pay presenters, expenses of the annual art show and refreshments at our meetings.

The first official meeting of the Art Guild will be held on Friday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. in the Art Room, which

is on the second floor. New and old members are encouraged to share your ideas for future activities.

At our meetings we have a short business discussion, refreshments, voting for artist of the month and an activity or demonstration.

We hope to see you soon!



Newcomers

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)



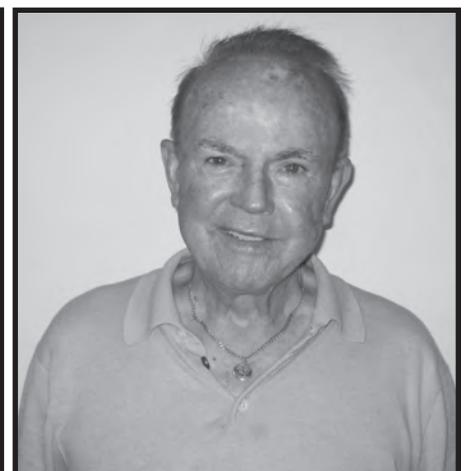
Carl and Rosemary Meyer of Illinois



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These love bugs will make you smile



Theater Workshop

By Lilli Scheifen

By the time you read this, those ugly, pesky love bugs will have come and gone leaving a mess on windshields and car bumpers.

Why do they even exist?

Be not faint of heart, readers. We of the Theater Workshop are going to bring our own, much more welcome, version of the Love Bug, and you will eagerly await your turn to be bitten!

We are presenting our 2015 show in March and the theme is Sailing with the Love Bug, an adventure on the high seas with plenty of music, drama and romance.

Now, who would want to miss this opportunity?

Our new director is Will Peterson. We cannot divulge much more about the shenanigans which will ensue, otherwise there would be no purpose for the show. But take our word for it. You will enjoy our presentation and we are always more than happy to entertain you.

Our current Theater Workshop members are available to talk and avail



Will and Mary Sundblad read from scripts for the 2015 show 'Sailing With The Love Bug.'

you of more information from 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the East Activity Center auditorium, as well as during our monthly meetings the first Wednesday of each month, also in the EAC.

The Board of Directors meet at

6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Please feel free to attend, greet old friends and make new friends. We are a friendly bunch and we want your input.

Thinking about joining our group?

You may think you have no par-

ticular talent, but sometimes we can help you realize those hidden gems lurking below the surface. (We had to dig even deeper to discover mine, but persistence paid off – ha!)

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Season kicks off with ice cream social Oct. 15

By Jerry Kaplano

It's hard to believe it's October already.

Welcome back to many of our Snowbirds!

Don't forget to sign up for our Ice Cream Social, which will be held on Oct. 15. No tickets are necessary, but you must sign up. Cost is \$1 for members, \$3 for non-members.

Our Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19. Tickets are \$7 for members, \$9 for non-members.

Plans are under way for our Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, Dec. 14 at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa for the deluxe brunch from 11:30 a.m.



Italian American

to 2:30 p.m. Tickets should be on sale soon for members at \$30 apiece. Price for non-members is not available at this time.

Sign-ups and tickets are available as always in the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Hope to see you there.



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Richard Stackhouse knows that tune!

Regardless of race, creed or culture, there is little doubt about the power of music over the human heart.

Composer Frederick Delius called music an outburst of the soul, and Hans Christian Andersen wrote, "Where words fail, music speaks."

On Top of the World resident Richard (Dick) Stackhouse is a living, breathing manifestation of that power.

Only minutes into a conversation with Dick, the influence of music over him becomes obvious. It pours forth like water from an artesian well. If you want to know who wrote, or performed, a particular song, Dick is your go-to-guy.

Music was the force that brought Dick and his wife, Dale, together as teenagers in Montreal and it is a tie that binds them after all these years.

Dick recalls being amazed at this girl who actually listened to the flip sides of 45s. According to Dick and Dale, they would lay on the floor of Dale's parents' rec-room floor after school, drinking A&W Root Beer and listening to each others' records.

Sure they did.

Dick is more than simply a music lover. He is an avid collector, who prowls from market to market, and from yard sale to yard sale, in search of his next fix of vinyl; his next hit of melodic magic. He's not a fussy collector in terms of genre. He embraces all forms of music, and agrees with Duke Ellington, who said, "There are two kinds of music. Good music and the other kind."

While he was still a high school student, Dick collected programs from shows like Dick Clark's "Biggest Show of Stars," where a dozen or more big stars like Dion & the Belmonts, Sam Cooke, Paul Anka, Bo Diddley, Fabian, Brenda Lee, Bobby Vinton and Chubby Checker would tour the US and Canada.

Dick and his friend, Bernie Wiseman, would go down to the Laurentian Hotel, where the performers stayed while in Montreal, and they would camp out in the lobby or hang out by the tour bus. Many of the performers were very willing to chat and give autographs.

Dick talked to the great Sam Cooke, and collected his autograph shortly before the teen icon was fatally shot.

Dick bought Chubby Checker a milkshake and rode in a taxi with Clarence 'Frogman' Henry. Dick recalls spending quite a long time talking to Brenda Lee in the hotel lobby. They were both 15 or 16 at the time. Ironically, he envied her career while she craved his normal teenage life.

Dick was originally introduced to jazz by his brother-in-law, Walter Scott, who was a gifted and versatile musician. Dick often uses the soothing sounds of soft jazz to ease his transition to dreamland. He and Dale also love Cajun music, and have made several trips to New Orleans and Baton Rouge to take it all in.

When the Crawfish Festival came to St. Petersburg, it was their favorite day of the year.

The basement of the Stackhouse Ottawa home is a loosely organized store house of pressed vinyl. There are racks



Dick Stackhouse relaxes among a tiny sample of his extensive vinyl collection. Below is part of Dick's collection that isn't vinyl. (Photos by John Koning)

and stacks of LPs, EPs, 45s and even 78s. There are hundreds of records indicative of the generation Dick and Dale grew up in, but the collection runs much deeper than that.

To this reporter's highly original question of how many records are in the collection, Dick threw his arms out, shrugged his shoulders and replied with an equally original answer, "I have no idea!"

His best guess is between 5,000 and 10,000 records. The collection is not as big as it has been. Dick sold some of his stuff on Ebay to recoup the initial investment in records and the high quality sound system he uses to play them.

A mutual love of music has introduced Dick to many other collectors and musicians from all over the world. While living in New Brunswick, he managed to book Canadian folk legend, Gordon Lightfoot, to play for a local fundraiser after reading about the opportunity in RPM Magazine. The year was 1967, Canada's centennial year, and Lightfoot had just finished composing his ballad, Black Day in July – a poignant song about the race riots in Detroit. The song was a hit in Canada but was banned from the airwaves

in the US.

So, as you can see, music has the power to divide as well as unite, often along national, religious and racial lines. Regardless of these beliefs and affiliations, music

remains an unstoppable locomotive that powers human passion. Dick Stackhouse is one music man who will ride this train all the way to the end of the line.



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 - snack foods
 - non-electric can opener
 - cooking tools / fuel
 - paper plates / plastic utensils
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.
- Clothing - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs
- Special Items - for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes
- Radio - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Telephones - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set

- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Important documents - in a waterproof container or water tight resealable plastic bag, including insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Flashlight / Batteries
- Keys
- Books and Games
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items
 - proper identification / immunization records
 - medications
 - ample supply of food and water
 - a carrier or cage
 - muzzle and leash

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

National Hurricane Center
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Hurricane & Storm Tracking
<http://hurricane.terrapin.com/>

The Weather Channel
<http://www.weather.com/index.html>

Progress Energy Hurricane Preparedness
<http://www.progress-energy.com/aboutenergy/stormcentral/index.asp>

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

**GOOD NEIGHBORS
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OCTOBER 9
9 a.m.

Get Acquainted Thursday
EAC Auditorium

OCTOBER 16-17
9-11 a.m.

Clothing Drive
EAC Front Entrance

NOVEMBER 1
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Senior Expo
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NOVEMBER 21
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Flea Market
EAC Auditorium

NOVEMBER 29
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Craft Show

October and November full of a variety of events

Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

Hello Good Neighbors!
We have several great events scheduled for the next two months.

On Oct. 16 and 17 we will hold our annual clothing drive. If you wish to donate any unwanted clothing, please drop it off at the East Activity Center front door from 9-11 a.m.

The annual Senior Expo will take place Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 40 vendors have registered. There will be raffles and gift bags, plus the Blood Mobile will be here.

See our ad on page 16 for more details.

Our annual Flea Market will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21 and our annual Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29. Both events are in the EAC



Al Messina performed live during Good Neighbors' Get Acquainted Coffee morning in September.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

auditorium.

Tables are currently for sale for the Flea Market and Craft Show so you can display your items for both events. Go to the Gift Shoppe from 9-10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays to inquire about reserving a table. You may purchase a table until they are sold out. A

special note, less tables will be available this year for the Flea Market, so don't wait too long.

Good Neighbors' Get Acquainted Coffee morning will be Thursday, Oct. 9 starting at 9 a.m. Steve Wayne will be singing your favorite oldies. If you are reading this, tell your friends!

Bowling starts Oct. 10. See story on page 41 for details.

Hot Dog Nite Oct. 4

By Mary Widman

Two special days in September saw widespread participation from Singles Club members.

The first was an ice cream social with 34 members attending and the second was a boat trip with Sea Life Adventure out of Clearwater with 20 members attending.

Our next meeting is 6:15 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, and will be Hot Dog Nite in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Tickets are \$3 and are only available 9-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the EAC auditorium. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Our November meeting will take place on Saturday, Nov. 1, and will be a game night.

Bring any game of your choice, such as board games and card games. Share, make groups or even make



Singles Club

teams. Join us for what should be a fun evening.

This meeting will also be our annual food drive. Bring with you a bag of canned goods or non-perishable items.

Our holiday luncheon will take place at the Beachcomber Restaurant on Clearwater Beach in December. The date and time will be announced later on OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732, and the November edition of this newspa-



per. Watch for the announcement.

For more information about our club, contact Dorothy at 796-4460. If you know of someone who could use some cheering up, please let us know. Our Sunshine Lady will be happy to send a cheerful message.

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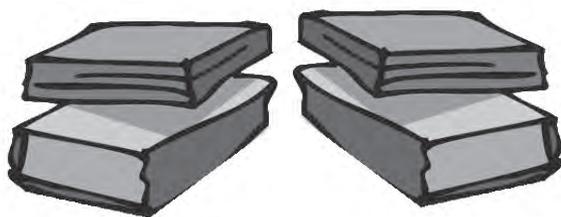
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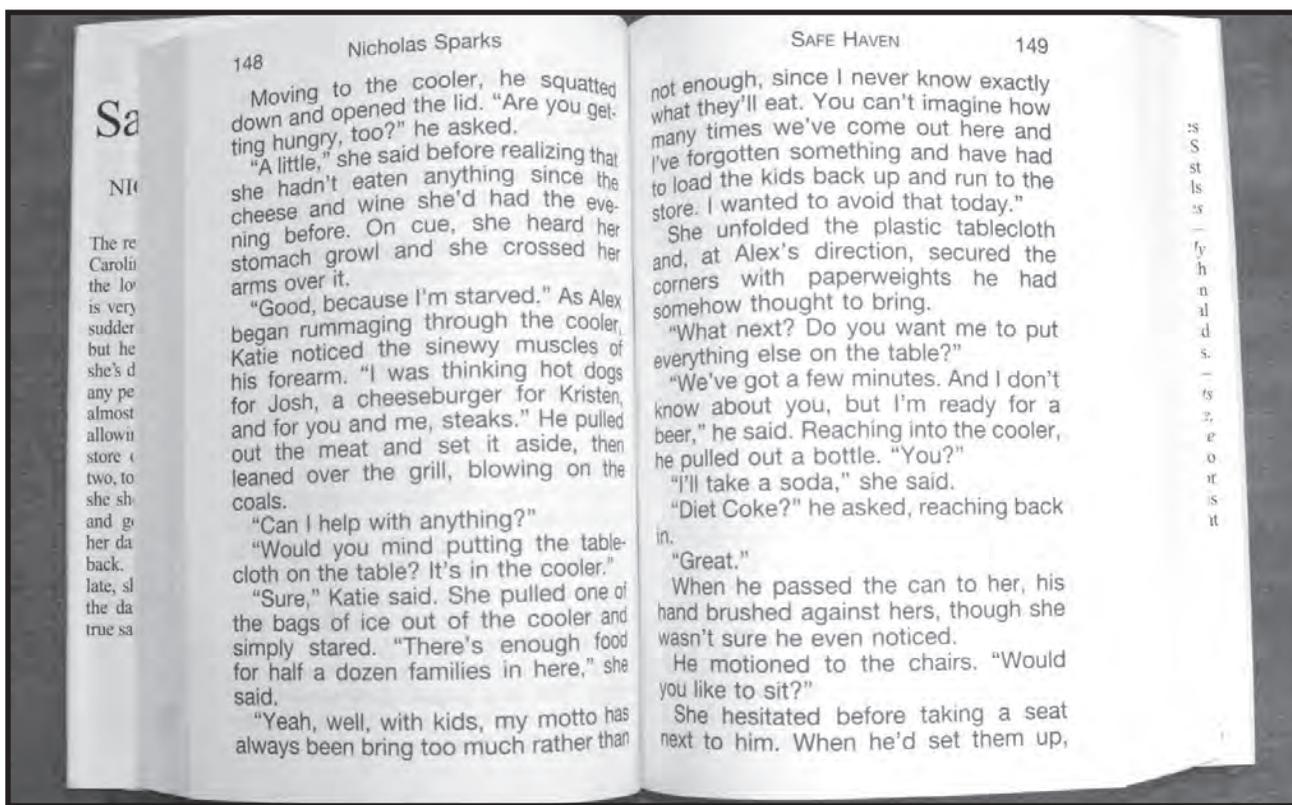
By Katy Gerritt

Cooler days and some of our Snowbirds are starting to arrive. Welcome back!

We've been excited to see our friends returning. We are also noticing an increase in the number of books borrowed in recent weeks, a sure sign of fall.

We have added a few new books and have several others on order. We have "The Heist" by Daniel Silva, "A Perfect Life" by Danielle Steel, "The Girls of August" by Ann Rivers Siddons, "Cut and Thrust" by Stuart Woods and "Close Your Eyes and Hold Hands" by Chris Bohjalian.

Of interest to our members would be the 22nd annual Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading on Saturday, Oct. 25. It will be on the campus of the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg, 140 7th Ave. S. Admis-



This is an example of a large print book.

sion is free. For more details go to www.festivalofreading.com. Many authors attend and speak at this event and it is always a hit.

We will continue with our extended hours, 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays and noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

We are considering to add some early evening hours if our members think it would be beneficial. Tell us what you think.

We also have a large supply of donated books, especially hardbound, so we will extend our First Friday prices through October.

We also have a shelf of large print book, biographies, animal stories and true crime, in addition to fiction and mysteries. Plus, you will find a few free books on our special shelf right inside the door.

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Exercise class welcomes Snowbirds

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Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises. Each day we work different muscle groups with a different routine. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We've added a cardio circuit workout with weights on Wednesday morning as well.

Come give it a try! 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.

Bonesavers Classes

Bonesavers continues to meet all year round.

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises designed by Tuft University. Our exercises help prevent bone loss. We cannot grow new bones, but we can exercise to try to stop further loss.

Men and women are both welcome to attend our classes. We never do floor exercises and our classes are always free.

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

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- KAS Construction



Philosophy Club

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.

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change monthly.*

Planning a trip this fall?

Keep in mind, whale fishing is illegal in Nebraska and Ohio, but you can shoot whales in Tennessee

Planning on taking a road trip across our great land?

Fall is one of the best times of the year to travel (leaves turn, evenings become crisp).

The United States highway network consists of 4 million miles of roads and streets. But before you drive one, there are a few local laws you should be aware of before packing your bags.

In Alaska, waking a sleeping bear for the purpose of taking a photograph is prohibited (not to mention, stupid).

Also in Alaska, it is considered an offense to push a live moose out of a moving airplane (you think?), or get a moose drunk (these people need more of their own species to play with).

In Alabama, you're not allowed to drive a vehicle blindfolded (think about that for a moment).

In Arizona, donkeys cannot sleep in bathtubs (aren't you curious why this law was enacted in the first place?).

In California, no vehicle without a driver, may exceed 60 miles per hour (apparently, the 55 mph limit is OK).

In Aspen, Col., catapults may not be fired at buildings (whew!).

In Connecticut, it is unlawful to walk backwards after sunset, and, you are not allowed to cross a street while walking on your hands.

In Florida, the state constitution allows for freedom of speech, a trial by jury, and does not allow pregnant pigs to be confined in cages.



By Allen Winston

Winston's World

Furthermore, men may not be seen publicly in any kind of strapless gown.

In Georgia, no one may carry an ice cream cone in their back pocket on Sundays (the rest of the week, no problem).

In Idaho, you may not fish on a camel's back.

In Illinois, it is forbidden to fish while sitting on a giraffe's neck.

Also in Illinois, the law forbids eating in a restaurant while it is on fire.

In Iowa, horses are forbidden to eat fire hydrants (?).

In Louisiana, it is illegal to rob a bank and then shoot at the bank teller with a water pistol.

In Maine, no advertising is allowed in graveyards (it's a Stephen King thing).

In Maryland, it's illegal to take a lion to the movies (zebras yes, lions no).

In Massachusetts, no gorilla is allowed in the back seat of any car (the front seat is apparently no problem).

In Minnesota, a person may not cross state lines with a duck atop his head (no comment).

In Missouri, serving booze to elephants is against the law.

In Montana, it is illegal to have a sheep in the cab of your truck without a chaperone (??).

In Nebraska and Ohio, it is illegal to go whale fishing (whales, in Nebraska, and Ohio?).

In New Jersey, it is illegal to wear a bullet-proof vest while committing a murder (ba-da-bing).

In New Mexico, idiots may not vote (they can, however, run for political office).

In New York, the penalty for jumping off a building is death (so if you survive, you have something to look forward to).

In North Carolina, elephants may not be used to plow cotton fields.

In North Dakota, it is legal to shoot an Indian on horseback, provided you are in a covered wagon at the time.

In Ohio, if one loses their pet tiger, they must notify the authorities within one hour (seems reasonable).

In Rhode Island, any marriage where either of the parties is an idiot or lunatic is null and void (apparently for the rest of the country this is not a problem).

In South Carolina, a permit must be obtained to fire a missile (now there's a hobby).

Also, it is a capital offense to inad-

vertently kill someone while attempting suicide.

In Tennessee, you can't shoot any game other than whales from a moving automobile (there's that whale thing again).

The entire Encyclopedia Britannica is banned in Texas because it contains a formula for making beer at home (how to build your own nuclear reactor, however, no problem).

In Utah, it is illegal to detonate any nuclear weapon (collecting them is OK though).

In Vermont, women must obtain written permission from their husbands to wear false teeth.

In Washington, the harassing of Bigfoot, or Sasquatch, is a felony.

In West Virginia, whistling underwater is prohibited (it's also impossible).

And you're not allowed to walk your pet lion, tiger or leopard in public, even if they are on a leash.

In Wyoming, skiing under the influence of alcohol is a no-no (which explains the pile of mimeographed directions to the nearest hospital).

One final note: The IQ and life expectancy of the average American recently passed each other in opposite directions (funny thing, nobody noticed).

Have a nice trip and take lots of pictures.

Source:

<http://www.dumblaws.com/law/1323>

Are you too old to trick or treat?

You know you are too old to trick or treat when ...

1. You keep knocking on your own front door.

2. Your false teeth are not a part of your costume costume.

3. You ask for soft, high-fiber candy only.

4. When someone drops a candy bar into your bag, you lose your balance and fall over.

5. People say, "Nice mask" but you are not wearing a mask.

6. When a door opens and you yell "Trick" but forget the rest of the sentence.

7. By the end of the night you only have a bag full of restraining orders.

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8. You have to carefully find a costume that doesn't dislodge your hair-piece.

9. You notice you're the only Power Ranger in your neighborhood with a walker.

10. You constantly have to take breaks so you can go home and pee.

Halloween Trivia

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|---|-------------------------|
| 1. What do you call a dancing ghost? | A: Polka-haunt-us. |
| 2. What's a monster's favorite dessert? | A: I Scream. |
| 3. When do ghouls and goblins cook their victims? | A: On Fry Days. |
| 4. Which ghost is the best dancer? | A: The Boogie Man. |
| 5. What do goblins and ghosts drink on Halloween? | A: Ghoul Aid. |
| 6. Why did the ghost go into the bar? | A: He wanted some boos. |

Even if you are too old and didn't get any trivia questions correct, "Happy Halloween!"


ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE


Members of the Entertainment Committee sell tickets during a recent Monday morning. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

OTOW Entertainment Committee announces board nominations for 2015

By Marvin Flam

Our General Meeting in September was well attended by many On Top of the World residents.

The proposed 2015 Executive Board nominations were presented by Secretary Sherry Ivey. They are: Marvin Flam, president; MaryAnn O'Neil, vice president; John Fier, treasurer; Marion Leamy, assistant treasurer; Sherry Ivey, secretary; Sue Watlington, assistant secretary, and Mike Albano, Evelyn Flam and Rich Hayes, directors.

The election of the 2015 executive board will be held at the annual meeting on Sunday, Nov. 9.

Prior to the November election, any resident may contest any nomination by presenting their intent and

qualifications in writing to the secretary and be interviewed to determine that they understand and are prepared to carry out the duties of the proposed office they seek.

This shall be completed no later than two weeks prior to the election.

After the business meeting, everyone enjoyed our own horse races, entertainment provided by DJ Denise Looney, and free refreshments.

If you haven't attended one of the Free Sunday in the Park events in the East Activity Center auditorium, you are missing out on a fun time. Mark Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. on your calendar for the next one and come out and have some fun.

During the month of October, all

current 2014 show and dance season ticket holders can renew their season tickets and retain the same seating arrangement for a terrific 2015 season.

On Nov. 1, all reserved seats that have not been renewed, will be available for sale to the public on a first come basis.

For the 2014 fall season, tickets are available for five shows and six dances, including New Year's Eve, which is typically sold out.

Buy your tickets early for the remainder of this year and also for any show or dance for 2015!

There has been no increase in the ticket prices for 2015.

Two cabaret shows have been added to the schedule for April and Sep-

tember at only \$10 per show.

A special thank you to our great executive board and terrific volunteers, who, through their dedicated efforts year round, insure that all our events are fun, exciting and safe.

And another thank you, especially to all the residents, who support us.

For information call: 727-797-1761, or email: entcom2014@gmail.com.

Check us out on the bulletin boards in your building and at the activity centers, plus find us on the Box Office Website at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

We look forward to meeting you at the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. for ticket information.



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Thursday, Nov. 27, East Activity Center auditorium

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



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League grows to 100 members as new season gets close to starting

It seems hard to believe, but the Thursday Golf League will begin its fourth season on Nov. 13.

Starting with a few dedicated golfers, the league has grown each year and currently we have over 100 OTOW residents who play either full-time or occasionally.

Every season, we try to add new types of tournaments and competitions. This year will be no exception. The new year's schedule will appear in next month's OTOW News.

Our off-season play continues. Week 14 champion was Dick Kronawetter. Don Sorensen placed second and Fred Schick took third. Clyde Hershberger had low gross honors and captured three skins. Don Baker had one skin.

Don Baker was the week 15 winner. Jahn Lawson came in second and

Thursday Mixed Golf

Ada Culbertson was third. Paul Meyers carded the low gross score and took two skins. Bill Higgins had one skin.

Dick Kronawetter had a great round and took first place honors on week 16. Fred Schick came in second and Don Leamy placed third. Low gross honors went to Bill Higgins. Ada Culbertson, Dutch Michael, Jim Cawley and Don Leamy had one skin each. Bill Higgins took two skins.

Week 17 champion was Bruce MacPherson. Bill Higgins placed second and also was low gross winner. Bill Cook was third. Don Baker, Don Leamy, Gary Bronson and Bill Higgins all took one skin each.

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 and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join. Players must sign in by 10:30 a.m. and play begins at 11 a.m. every Thursday.

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.

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 blackdoggolf@aol.com.

Tennis

Autumn migration is starting

By Joe Spahalski

One of the activities that Jean and I love to do is go birding.

To explain birding is to take binoculars and a bird book and to go out in the woods, or seashore, and try to identify the birds that we see.

In Florida, spring is a good time to go birding at Fort DeSoto Park or in the Keys because of the migrations coming in from South America and Cuba.

The fall is another time to go birding in Florida as the migration of Snowbirds start to arrive. October starts the very beginning of the migration.

If you watch carefully, you can see them arriving throughout the upcoming months.

The fun starts soon after they arrive and they come out of their nest to play. It is so exciting.

The hot birds, the ones who stay here all summer long, welcome you back.

Another exciting tennis season schedule is coming up very soon.

The annual meeting is scheduled on Nov. 13 at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

A few picnics are in the planning stages, along with some other group events.

The annual tennis tournament will be held in February and sign ups will be in January, so keep checking the bulletin boards for all updates.

We will be testing a new type of contest that should be exciting for all who want a league-type experience.

More to follow on this so watch the bulletin board and future editions of this newspaper for details.

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Mixed teams invited to participate in Guys and Dolls Tournament

By Pete Milner

It's hard to believe summer is gone, although we are still lucky enough to be enjoying summer weather.

Our ranks are again growing as our seasonal friends are starting to return to their winter roosts.

I'm sure, in most instances, it's starting to get a little chilly up north for those early tee times.

October is time for our "Guys and Dolls Tournament." Please go to the huge green scoreboard at the edge of the parking lot for additional information and dates.

The tournament is limited to the first 72 teams, or 144 registered golfers - 72 men and 72 women.

Men's Golf

There will be food, liquid refreshments and a lot of fun after tournament play has concluded.

Prizes will be awarded, too.

An 8:30 a.m. shotgun start will begin the day and I have been assured by a somewhat reasonable source that the weather will be perfect for the event.

There are three events after the Guys and Dolls Tournament that will round out this season's schedule of events.

Election time is almost on us so

if you are planning to run for office, please make your intentions known, in writing. Contact the club secretary as soon as possible. Date for notification is on the scoreboard.

Our next event is in November and is one of my favorites: a "3 clubs and a putter tournament." It's a difficult decision to have to pick just three clubs, but actually, most of us always use the same four clubs most of the time anyway.

Finally, in December, we will play a four-man Scramble.

As usual, our annual Christmas Party will follow with refreshments and music. This will also be an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

As is our usual practice, the gals are invited to join us for the after-golf festivities.

Finally, I wanted to share something I read in the sports section of the Tampa Bay Times. It was listed under the "Tweet Of The Day" section.

Rory McIlroy, who four-putted the par-4 12th hole at the BMW Championship in September tweeted - "Just in case anyone missed my four-putt yesterday, I had to do it again." Two days in a row on the same hole. It just shows you that the best of us have a bad day once in awhile.

Until the next edition, keep your head down and keep on chugging.

Sign up now for Friday Mixed Bowling League - starts Oct. 10

The Friday Mixed Bowling League will begin rolling on Friday, Oct. 10 and 12:30 p.m.

There will be a short organizational meeting before we bowl, so please come a little early. Beverly Morey, our secretary, will be there to get us started. Need directions?

Proceed west on Sunset Point Road to Highland Avenue and turn right onto Highland. Highland then becomes Patricia Ave. The bowling alley is on the right side of Patricia.

If you want to bowl before the league starts, tell the clerks you are with the On Top of the World Friday League and they will let you play at a reduced rate.

Please call Russell at 727-669-7179 to confirm you will be returning or if you would like to join the league. Please leave a message and return phone number.

Barb Michael shoots first ace

On Thursday, Aug. 8, Barb Michael scored her first career hole-in-one on the 110-yard, par 3, 15th hole.

She made this incredible ace with a 5-wood.

Playing partners were her husband, Bill Michael, Bruce MacPherson and Clyde Hershberger.

Congratulations, Barb!

Water exercise luncheon

The East Activity Center Water Exercise Class has scheduled a luncheon and fashion show for Friday, Oct. 31.

The event will take place at the Dunedin Country Club. The cost is \$20.

For tickets, or more information, contact Nancy Brady at 727-729-6086.

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Shuffleboard starts Oct. 6

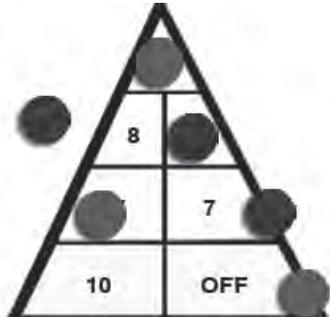
By Kasy Linkevich

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacations and are ready to come back and join our shuffleboard group.

We will start playing shuffleboard on Monday, Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m. From then on, we will be shuffle boarding every Monday and Thursday during the fall/winter/spring season.

The shuffleboard courts are located on the east side near the East Activity Center tennis courts. If you have never played shuffleboard, our experienced players will teach you.

We are looking forward to a new season. If you would like more information, please call Marge at 797-0625.



Shuffleboard

First meeting, first pitch set for early October

By Bob Rittner

“You could be a kid for as long as you want when you play baseball,” said Cal Ripken, Jr.

If you are an On Top of the World resident, this is true for you, too.

Mark Oct. 2 on your calendar as the season opening meeting for the OTOW softball league.

We will come together at 6 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. It will be an opportunity to introduce new players, review rules and decide whether we need any new rules.

And double mark, in bold face, with an exclamation point, Oct. 9 as the date when we play our first game in Safety Harbor at 8 a.m.

Softball

Depending on the turnout, we will either use that morning for practice or we will choose sides and play. From then on, we will play each Tuesday and Thursday morning until April 9, 2015.

Our games end at 9:30 a.m. Some players leave immediately, but others go to a diner for breakfast and post-game discussion. It is always a festive occasion.

If you want more information about the league, please call Tony Caputo at 726-9248.



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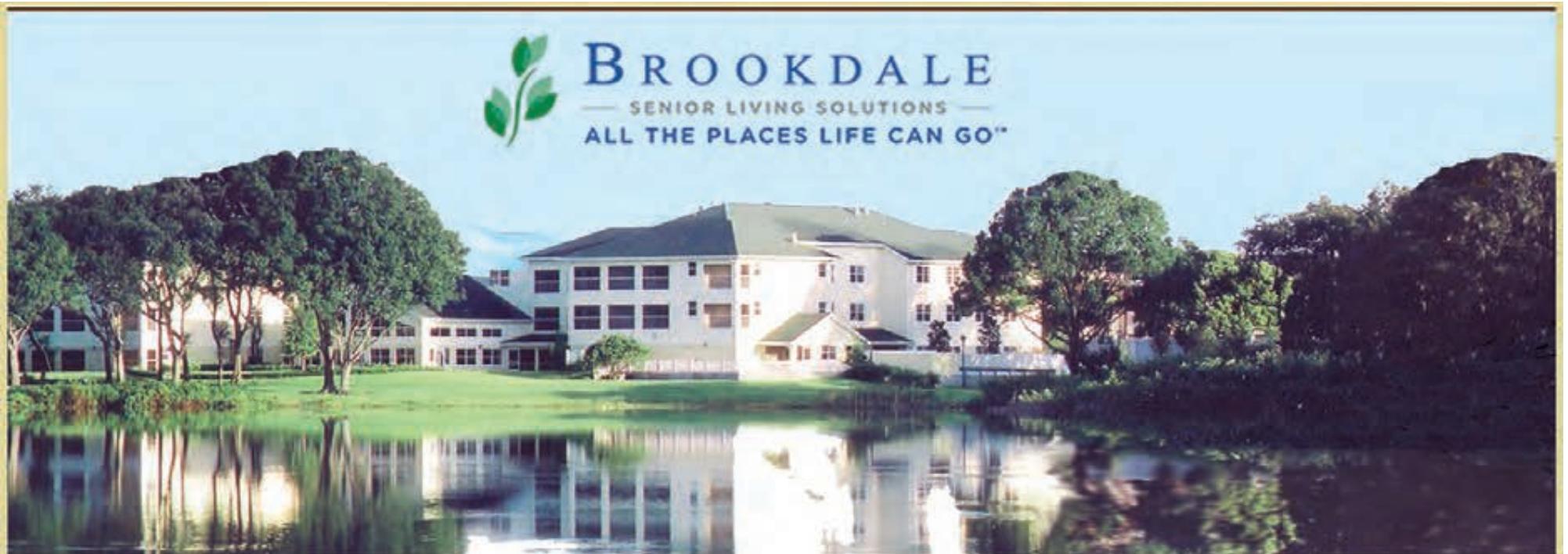
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Pet of the Month



Blondie

Blondie is a long-coated Lhasa Apso, who comes from a pure Champion Lhasa Apso line.

Her grandfather was No. 1 in the nation for the American Kennel Club.

Blondie is 2 years old and is a lot of fun.

Her owner is Patti Lotus-Marqueen. They live in the Alsace Lorraine

Building.

Blondie loves On Top of the World and all of her doggie and people friends here. Blondie and her sister, Brandie, were bought from a breeder in Daytona Beach.

During the summer, Blondie keeps her belly and legs shaved to stay cool. Her long outer hair acts as an umbrella

and keeps her extra cool from the sun and dry from the rain.

Many believe the Lhasa Apso is nature's warning alarm for danger ahead, but Blondie seldom ever barks.

In fact, she has only barked at two people in her whole life.

It's true.

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)



BUILDING REPORTS



Pictured above is the winning entry for the 2013 Holiday Lights Contest. This effort was done by Merlyn and Raymond Cooper from the Casa Verde Building. (OTOW News file photo by Doug Kates)

Annual Holiday Lights Contest switches to two divisions this December

By Doug Kates

As the annual Holiday Lights Contest continues to evolve, there is now good news for residents who live in second- and third-floor units.

You no longer have to compete against your neighbors living on the ground floors!

Last year was a very competitive Holiday Lights Contest, as individuals were able to enter their own condos, rather than compete as a team with residents from their entire building.

But it became clear from the beginning, ground-floor units had a distinct advantage over upper-floor units because there was more to decorate, including trees, bushes and gardens.

This year, there will be two divisions.

Anyone living in a ground-floor unit will compete against other owners with ground-floor units. You may decorate any part of your property as long as you follow On Top of the World decoration guidelines.

Anyone living in an upper-floor unit will be competing against other

upper-floor condos. You may decorate your outside wall, windows and doors as long as the same OTOW guidelines are followed.

There will be two first-place prizes and two second-places.

The Safety Harbor Resort & Spa is back to sponsor the contest for another season, but this year the prize is even better. The Spa will be donating a two-night, two-breakfast stay, plus use of basic amenities for the unit owners who receive the most number of overall votes.

Last year the top prize was one night and one breakfast, so the prize has doubled for 2014.

The other first place winner will receive a generous gift certificate from the Sunset Grill, and second place units in both divisions will also receive gift certificates from the Sunset Grill.

Anyone who wants to enter their condo in the competition must call the OTOW newsroom at 799-3216 to schedule an exterior photograph. Obviously, your decorations must already be up before arranging a picture.

Photos may be taken starting Dec. 1, but no photos will be taken after Dec. 17.

Online voting polls will be open Dec. 20 and 21. Anyone in the world can go to the Press Association Website, see pictures of all the entries and vote for their top two favorite units in each division.

Condos should be judged on holiday spirit, originality and “wow” factor. Any decorations visible from a parking lot should be considered a part of the contest, even if the display is on the interior of a window.

Winners will be announced in the January edition of the OTOW newspaper, which will be distributed to residents on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Last year, some online voters experienced problems with the voting process. Those problems should be corrected. Keep in mind, however, you are only allowed to cast four votes per computer and once you enter the voting site, you cannot re-enter.

Residents in the contest are not allowed to place decorations on top

of hand rails, stairs or hallway floors. Residents are not allowed to use nails or screws when putting up displays. No decorations can be placed on lawns where it hinders mowing. You must never cover up your unit number or make it difficult for emergency personnel to read your condo number. Do not use interior lights outdoors.

If you have any questions about what you can or cannot decorate, or whether a technique meets OTOW approval, stop by the Community Service Office and talk to Rich.

Last year’s grand prize winner will not be eligible to compete this year, but any other OTOW residents may enter.

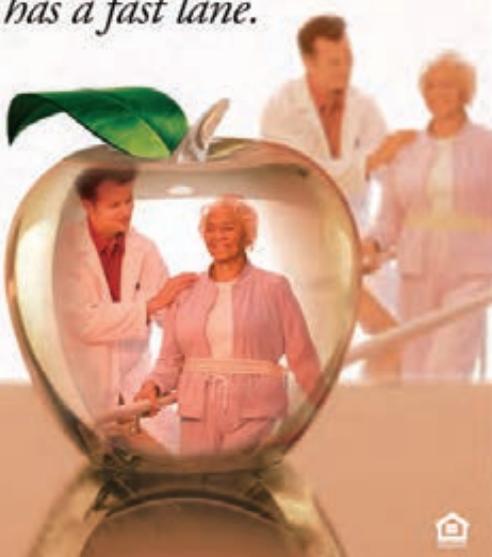
Even if you don’t want to enter the contest, you are encouraged to decorate your unit and help make our community beautiful. At the very least, decorate even a little bit, schedule a photo and have your unit displayed on the Press Association Website for the entire world to see. Last year, more than 30 units were entered.

More information will follow.

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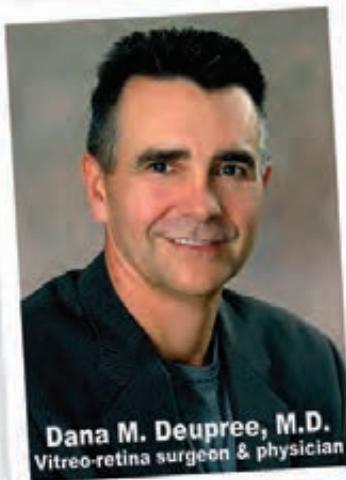
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Dogs on hand to welcome all to afternoon cocktails

Come cocktail time, there's Brandi. Jerry and Carol DeLislie are Brandi's owners. When Brandi's afternoon walk time arrives, she takes control by leading one or the other to the location of our afternoon cocktail hour.

Her contribution is to greet each guest as they arrive at this festive affair. No one is missed. Naturally, she will accept a morsel or two of doggie treats before looking for her next benefactor.

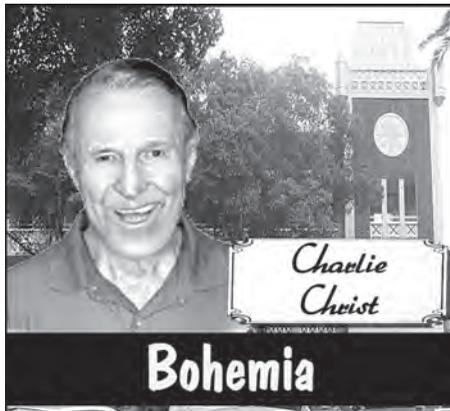
I keep forgetting to bring a treat, but she runs up and gives me the same greeting regardless. I could swear she's smiling every time. Occasionally her buddy Sebastian (Shirley's dog), may join in, but he's more reserved regarding just who he associates with (see photo).

Shirley Golding has memories of the "gathering of the clan" at a lake in New York this summer. "I spent three wonderful weeks with my sons and their wives and families. Good times were centered around boating, fishing and campfires with lots of laughs," Shirley recalls fondly.

Our Labor Day celebration began with a gathering to partake of tasty cuisine shared by our wonderful Jamaican neighbors.

Afterwards, there was a Chinese auction planned by Paula Schelling who was impressed by the quality of the donations submitted. Jutta Lane was a happy camper when she finally received the elephant she wanted to add to her collection. Paula was pleasantly surprised when Shirley returned the slipper mops she wanted after the auction ended.

"Our Walking Group is still



One of a couple of dogs that like to hang out at building events and activities.

together after four years," Paula reports. They've been walking in the mall during these hot summer days, but will be outside at 6:30 a.m. sharp come cooler weather. Every Thursday it's chair exercising at Light of Christ Church Call 797-0793.

Now for the men. Hey guys, Poker Club meets the third Friday monthly 6-9 p.m. Golfing is nine holes on Wednesday-Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Cart or walking is OK. Call Charlie at 754-6749.

See our bulletin board in the core room for activities scheduled for this month.



Marge Sivek (center) is shown with six of her seven children during a trip to Michigan. With such a large family, they have plenty of memories to talk about at their reunion.

Michigan trip was fun for resident and large family

Summer is about over, so our Snowbirds will be trickling back starting later this month.

On Oct. 3, Yom Kippur is celebrated. Then on the 13th is Columbus Day. Have you started thinking about what you will wear to the Halloween party on the last day of October? Do you know who Casper the ghost took to the Halloween party? His "ghoul friend."

Marge Sivek and six of her children and her son-in-law travelled to Michigan in August for a week (see photo above). While in Traverse City, they visited the home on 7th Street that their great-grandfather, John Sivek, built in 1898. Also, they went to the sand dunes and all of them climbed to the top, including Marge!

They drove to Lansing, Mich., for Marge's 60th class reunion from Resurrection High School. They were able to see three cousins while there.



In East Lansing, the freshmen were just starting classes at Michigan State University. They all looked so young. This is the college that Tom Sivek, Marge's late husband, attended in the 1950's.

A good time was had by all. Good, food, good weather for Michigan and a fun vacation with family.

Trips and visitors help make summer more pleasant

I was able to have a nice time with my daughter when she came by to go to Ocala for our family reunion. A good time was had by all, with swimming, BBQ and visiting. We saw some folks that we had not seen for some time, including grandkids, great-grandkids, uncles, aunts and friends.

I also went to Tulsa for a retirement of our former pastor. It was great but as I was on a pass, I had to wait in the airport for 11 hours. Finally, my daughter, who lives in the area, came and got me.

Mary and Charlie had their daughter and grandson with them, and all had a good time. The weather was good, too.

Mel, on our first floor, who gives treats to the puppies has a full calling of



visitors daily. They all know where he lives, their owners following behind.

Ann Gehrling recently returned from Monterey, Calif., where she attended the wedding of her granddaughter. It was a lovely ceremony and reception, held outdoors at Monterey State Park.

The bride was beautiful and the groom was handsome. It was a great opportunity to meet the groom's family, who came from Michigan and Oregon, and also to get reacquainted with the 3-year-old great-granddaughter and to meet the 1-year-old.

The weather was pleasantly cool. Several days prior to the wedding, they enjoyed a bonfire on Carmel Beach, with hot dogs and 'smores.

The next day, after having lunch at Fisherman's wharf, Ann and her daughter took a boat to observe the whales, of which they saw a great number.

It was a wonderful trip! Ann says she's happy to be back with my friends at On Top of the World, even though it is much more humid here.

Several days after her return from California, Ann had a nice visit from her grandson, who is a Presbyterian minister in the Pittsburgh area. A week later her son and his wife came by for a few days. Besides playing a lot of Pinochle and eating sauerbraten with all the accompaniments, they enjoyed a trip to "Winter's" home at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. They also had a chance to savor the food at Chopsticks.

Ann is always delighted to see them come because her son very happily (and ably) takes care of whatever needs fixing. She eagerly looks forward to their next visit.

Many residents are returning. Soon our building will be full again. That's all for now.



From left to right, Penny Page with Pepper, Bob and Rita Maples with Riley, and Helen Martini with Rossi.

Let's meet a few OTOW dogs and their owners

Hello from Rila Renaissance. For this month, you can read about a few of the unique dogs in our building and their owners.

Rossi is a Shetland Sheep Dog (or Sheltie). He is shown at far right in the photo above. His owner is Kathy Martini, and Grandma is Helen Martini of our building. Rossi is here at least half of the time with Grandma Helen. Most of us consider him part of our building. Rossi is 10 years old. Kathy got him as a puppy. He loves to walk around our building and greet the neighbors.

Riley (center pet in the photo) is the same breed. His owners are Bob and Rita Maples. They have had him nine years. Bob adopted Riley at the age of 4 months old. Bob said that particular breed is very smart. Riley knows that every day at noon and at 7:30 p.m., he gets a biscuit or two and food at 5 p.m. If Bob is late for any of those times, Riley will gently remind him that it is time for food. Riley is very calm and attentive.

Pepper, at far left in the photo, is the youngest of the breed. She is 5 years old. Pepper is a herder and needs to run. So her owner, Penny Page tries to take her out back about four times a day and she runs. Penny throws the Frisbee and Pepper retrieves it. Pepper came to Penny in April. Her original owner could not take her to the new apartment he was moving to. So Penny adopted him.

Although the dogs are identical as far as the breed, Rossi is the bigger, Pepper is in-between and Riley is the smaller in size. They are all well-



behaved dogs and we all love to greet them when they are on their walks.

We are doing a great job recycling in our building!

We hope everyone in our building has a great Halloween celebration. There are many Halloween functions that will be going on at the East Activity Center. They are a lot of fun. Dress up in a costume, be imaginative.

I need items for our articles. Any interesting trips, birth, graduations, special anniversaries, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Let me know or put a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board in the core.

News from our building captain, Gerri Jaeger: "Don't forget Oct. 1 is our potluck dinner. It will be held outside on the Florentine side. If you don't want to cook, bring a small dessert, a snack, some rolls, etc."

"Home Depot on U.S. 19 will be collecting recycling materials such as metal, paint cans, electronics, etc. This will be held on Oct. 18. This is a good way to clean out items you need to get rid of."

Rural French residents welcome couple from Ohio

Hi I'm back! Recently we had a great dinner on our third floor, hosted by Randy Matney. Home cooked ribs, pulled pork, chicken salads and her homemade pies. Great time for a well-attended group.

Remember, there is a puzzle room at our library. It's free. Donations accepted. When you finish puzzling just return them and start over again. Some folks find it great fun.

Welcome newcomers Debbie and George Ludwig and "four paws," Kai, a beautiful police dog. They're from Columbiana, Ohio. They have three older children and two grandkids, ages 10 and 15 years.

George is one of 12 children, five boys and seven girls. Debbie is a homemaker and likes to make signs. Can't wait to see her work.

Debbie has been at our pool with her sister, but not for exercise yet. They do a lot of walking. Her sister is also from Clearwater. There are two sisters, two brothers and a 91-year-old dad. Their family were Snowbirds for 25 years. Now they are here to stay.

Did I mention that if you hear music from their condo, it's George playing his harmonica?



Visiting John Scarpa was his sister and brother-in-law who live in Las Vegas. Mary Ann was a previous On Top of the World owner who rented out her units but never lived here. The family has been coming to OTOW since 1973 when the first of over a dozen units were purchased by family members.

Her daughter made a surprise visit from New York so it became a great visit for all.

If there are any news or lunches coming up, let me know.

Tune In to cable channels 96 or 732 for news of many On Top of the World activities.

Be well and be kind to one another.

BIBLE STUDY CLUB

By Bob Reis

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

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center.

Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations. Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

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



Couple travels to several locales to enjoy family time

Our building captain and secretary are finally home. Rod and Ilene Bargerstock have had a very busy and enjoyable summer, having left here on May 3 and not returned until August 11.

In May, their daughter's son graduated from Anderson University in Anderson, Ind., (see photo at right). He has accepted the position of IP Director (management of computer-based information systems) at the International Christian School in Hong Kong. Rod and Ilene were very glad they were there to celebrate his graduation with him.

In June, they spent a week on beautiful Lake Douglas in Tennessee with another daughter and her husband. The two couples share the date of their anniversary, June 11. During this visit they also got to spend time with two grandsons, one of their wives, and two great-grandsons (see photo at far right).

July 4 found them in Lima, Ohio, with their son and his wife, where they had a cookout and enjoyed fireworks at a park.

August brought the 50th birthday of their youngest child, another daughter. Ilene had spent her time putting together an album which contains photos, school memorabilia,



In May, Ilene and Rod Bargerstock attended the graduation of one of their grandsons from Anderson University in Indiana.

news clippings, etc., from her birth until her marriage. Ilene has made one of these albums and given it to each of their children when they turned 50.

Rod and Ilene moved to On Top of the World in 2002. Each year they have spent the summer months



The Bargerstocks, among other stops, stayed a week on Lake Douglas in Tennessee with members of their family, shown here, including grandsons and great-grandsons.

in Indiana. Things have changed for them over the years. Their oldest daughter now lives in Melbourne, and their oldest grandson recently moved to Largo. So they made the decision to sell the townhouse they had in Indiana and are now looking forward to many family celebrations to come right here in the Sunshine State.

My husband and I want to say

a big thank-you to all our neighbors. Hopefully the noise and mess are behind us from our big construction job. Just a couple of small things left. We had an open house on Sept. 4 to thank everyone for their patience and understanding. We did get to meet a number of our neighbors, but want to make sure all of them know we thank them.

THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News

(Part 65, October, 1976)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- For \$13 per person, a trip to Disney World is planned. The fee will include transportation and admission.
- Plans for the next flea market were progressing. Many items were being collected and a bake sale was also planned. A popular item from last year was Calamundin jelly.
- The On Top of the World Chorus fall meeting took place, and the most important item of business was the unveiling of the new concert grand piano. This purchase was made possible by people attending the previous concerts.
- Eight state clubs had reports in the paper. The Canadian Club planned to meet for the first time.

See you next time!

It's not too early to start planning for the holidays

Our Snowbirds are headed back to Florida. The holidays are around the corner. Where did summer go? It sure was a hot one.

Posted on the bulletin board in the core is information regarding our building holiday/Christmas dinner. It's not too early to save the date on your calendar. We all have parties to attend and entertaining to do, but don't get so busy that you miss our dinner.

We have many new neighbors in our building. It would be a good time to get to know your neighbors from the other side of the building.

Gwen Nolan, our building treasurer, will be holding a meeting in the near future. Please check the bulletin board for the date. Please try to make an effort to come to the meeting.

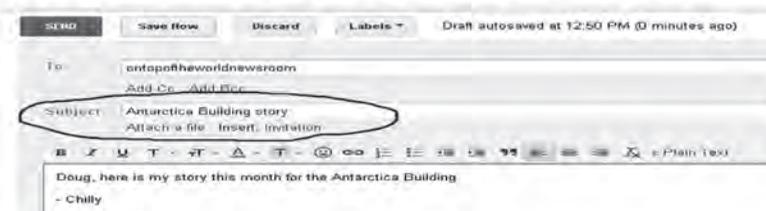


I would be happy to write about your recent trips or new grandchildren or great-grandchildren. Drop your stories in the mailbox next to the elevator on the first floor.

“Till We Meet Again”

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.



Hail to new building captain; wing captains still needed

Kindness is the language the blind can see and the deaf can hear.
— Mark Twain

Good News: Robert Swancy has agreed to take over as our building captain. He will be the keeper of emergency cards and will sell storeroom and bike room keys (\$2.50 each).

Robert will be there to help you with the day-to-day problems. When you need Robert, stop by his unit. If the blinds are drawn shut, then he is taking a nap. Come back later.

It is my hope with Robert being the Captain that we can now entice someone to be the building secretary. We need wing captains so we can get back on track again. Thank you, Robert, for your volunteer spirit!

Please welcome a new owner, Helen Hayden. Helen comes to us from Clearwater. I know you will all welcome her into our building.

The interior area you see pictured here (see photo) is of the Bay News 9 studios. Several friends and I did the tour of the studios of the network and what an interesting time it is.

The technology that goes into getting the weather to us is phenomenal.



The size of the computers and the instruments to make sure they are always on the air and up to date are mind-boggling. We had an hour-long tour of the facility and met up with Josh "The Weatherman" and then ran into Al Ruechel in the hallway. Met Ann Imamaul at her desk writing a story for the news. Everyone was exceptionally friendly and we all had a great time. We even were privileged to see the makeup room. Believe me you don't want to go in there the first thing in the morning!

Upon arriving, the staff goes into makeup with these amazing bright lights so that they can see what they will



Building reporter Sally Simmonds and a group of her friends toured the studios of Bay News 9 recently and were quite impressed with the "behind the scenes" activities.

look like on TV. If they went on without using the lights and used ordinary makeup they would look like they all had the flu. Every detail is covered. There is a strict dress code for even things such as hair-dos and jewelry.

Very interesting tour, you should take it. They will make a tour for six or more.

We've just past Labor Day and can you believe that we are now facing the fall holidays. Happy Halloween to all!

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Active Siboney residents are 'on the go'

Well, it was a month of birthday celebrations in the Siboney.

Doris Prekopa hosted a birthday party for her sister, Penny Drummond, at the Olive Garden with six of us in attendance. Doris' son, Allen, was on vacation and able to join us. Here's to a happy and healthy year, Penny.

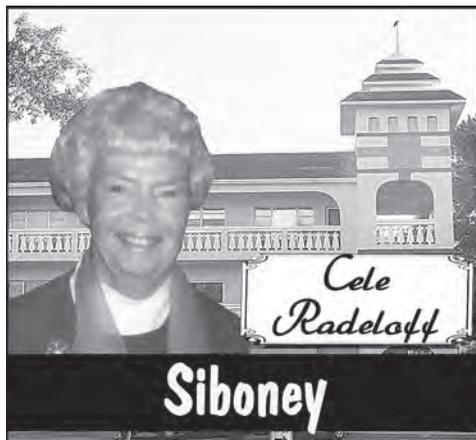
Our monthly luncheon was held at Ivory's, where we celebrated birthdays for Ethyle Lee, Josephine Falzon and Fran Peck, who is now residing at Allegro in Tarpon Springs. Fran's daughter, Bonnie Kelley, picked her up and drove her to Ivory's so she could join us,

Birthday greetings to all and special thank you to Rita Tombari who made all the reservations, as usual.

Maureen Chitnis went to New York City again to attend the U.S. Open for tennis. She and her son saw the two men's semifinal matches, which were both big upsets.

Then they attended two wonderful Broadway shows, "It's A Play" with Matthew Broderick, Stockard Channing and Nathan Lane, and "Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder."

Then it was back to Florida and



our 90 degree heat.

My "anonymous" neighbor treated me to dinner at Cody's to celebrate what would have been her 67th wedding anniversary. Turns out, we were both married in 1947. Many thanks to Connie and her daughter, Karie.

Siboney welcomes back Susan Rausch, who sold her home in upstate New York. Before leaving, she was very considerate to her neighbors. She put a sign on her mailbox that read "big moving van arriving - you may want to move your car." What an understatement! The moving van was huge. The largest one I have ever seen! It's great to see Susan again.

Peg Dugan just returned from Indianapolis. On the way back, her and her daughter took a side trip to St. Louis for a baseball game.

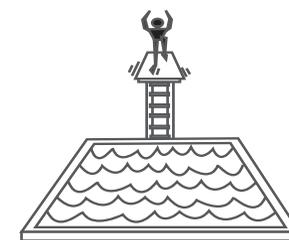
Welcome back, Peg!

Thanks to our Maintenance Department, Siboney doorsteps were painted to match the balcony walkways so everything looks neat and clean.

The next Siboney monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Mark your calendar and please join us. As our sign says, "It's your building and we're nice people." We discuss and try to solve problems in our building. We also have a 50/50 drawing and enjoy refreshments. We welcome suggestions for improving our building.

Next year we will celebrate Siboney's 30th anniversary and we're proud to say we are one of only a few buildings which still holds monthly meetings. Stand proud and join us.

Happy Halloween to all and remember to get your costumes ready. I'll be trick or treating and looking for goodies.



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- Children under age 2 must wear a "swim diaper."
- Please take all children for frequent potty breaks.
- Pools are closed when gates are locked.

Let's welcome two new NWF owners

The months of August and September turned out to be ones with lots of goings and comings for our residents.

For starters, it wasn't a bird, nor a plane, nor Superman, but our own Mike Caramara, who arrived from St. Louis to regale us with his prolific knowledge of anything and everything. I do believe that he knows of and/or has been to every town and city in the U.S.

Bob and Connie Saylor had a great long weekend at Indian Rocks Beach, where there was a gathering of Bob's children and grandchildren. Like most family reunions, there was good food, fun, and games which made for a very nice time.

Judy Boley flew to Holly, Mich., to visit her son, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter. She had two glorious weeks to "catch up" on all the latest news in her family. Also, it



was the first visit to her son's beautiful new home. She especially enjoyed the cooler weather.

Gin Upton entertained her grandson, an Orlando resident, during the Labor Day weekend. She also recently made a trip to Virginia to check on her son. Reta Carney's niece was her guest at this time, also.

Olga McClain's daughter and her newly-adopted son were seen coming and going here at On Top of the World.

We welcome two new owners to our building, Deborah Androette and Molly Woods. Debbie is still a working woman while Molly, though retired as a Georgia school teacher, plans to substitute teach in the county school system if needed.

Our ladies' luncheon took place at the Covered Wagon and our evening get-together was held at the Varsity Club. Both outings were well attended with good food and lots of fun and laughter.

The building angels have had meetings lately to discuss issues and to formulate plans for future events for the next few months. Thus the usual recommendation is for you to check the bulletin boards for any special news.

ATTENTION WEST-SIDE DRIVERS

- As you enter on World Parkway and approach Americus Boulevard, remember to come to a complete stop before making your turn. Do not pass a left-turning car on the right, inasmuch as that blocks the other driver's vision and could cause an accident.
- Remember to make a complete stop when you come to any stop sign within the OTOW community. The other cars and pedestrians around you are depending on it, even though you may not see them. A "rolling stop" places you and others at risk of an accident. Stop, look both ways, and look in front of you. Thanks for being a cautious and safe driver!



Don't forget your Recreation Card. You need it to join clubs and groups. You must show it when using a pool.

A month in Italy is spent at son's lovely hillside farm

By Cecile Sangiamo

I spent the entire month of August on a two-acre hillside farm in Vallebona, Italy, a medieval town with a modest population of about 1,000 people.

The farm is tended by my son, David, and his wife, Muriel. They have two children, a daughter and a son, who help with planting, watering, harvesting and tending to rabbits, chickens and a turkey. There used to be two turkeys, but the mate had an encounter with a fox and ended up in the oven!

The daughter objected to this feast for she became personally attached to the chickens and turkeys at age 8, and became a vegetarian. She knows each chicken by name and is able to identify the naughty ones who eat their own eggs – did you know chickens do that?

The son, 12, is big enough to take a long-handled saw, lean over the edge of the veranda, cut off leaves from a big palm tree, and feed it to the rabbits.

The daughter and son are both in music school and band. She plays the flute and he plays the clarinet. David plays the guitar. Imagine my surprise with the family launched into an ABBA medley, with “Dancing Queen,” “Mamma Mia” and “Fernando!”

David and Muriel do not use pesticides on trees or plants, so all food from their land is purely organic.

Muriel has a number of clients who buy green beans, zucchini, cucumbers,

figs, capers and herbs from her. Every morning I had herb tea, freshly cut from the garden. Muriel also grinds wheat and spelt for making bread, which is also a popular item with customers as well as her parents, who live in the next village.

The winter crop was planted while I was there, so they will soon have cauliflower, broccoli and cabbage. This summer there were onions, peppers, potatoes, and a plentiful and succulent crop of tomatoes. Muriel cuts cherry tomatoes in half and puts them in a glass-covered box in the sun for drying. She does the same with figs, which they will enjoy all winter.

The whole family, including me, sat around a table and opened up a huge pile of green beans. Pots were filled and the beans dried. There were black beans, white beans and green beans.

There are three huge pumpkins growing in the patch and Muriel will make pumpkin soup, pie and pudding. She will slice it like cheese to warm in the oven when the weather turns cold.

David and Muriel have tried growing corn, but the soil and climate does not seem right for it. Muriel takes the small ears, ties them in bundles and hangs them on a clothesline for drying (see photo at far right). She will grind them into corn flour to use in making polenta.

This month, olives will be ready to knock down from the trees for the first



Grandma Cecile poses with her uniformed grandkids in Seborga before they perform in a procession with their school band.



Cecile's son David and his wife Muriel, along with their daughter and son, ages 11 and 12 respectively.

oil pressing. Some of it goes to make soap. Very little goes to waste. David makes wonderful things out of wood and has made many improvements to the house. He also helps neighbors with their woodworking needs.

The farm is nestled 1000 feet above sea level. The 100-year-old, stucco-covered stone house is built into the side of a hill overlooking the valley below. It's a 20-minute roller coaster ride to Bordighera's pebble-covered beach, where I swam in the Ligurian Sea, part of the Mediterranean. The sun was just as hot as in Florida, but I managed to go each week.

Most all activities around Vallebona are outdoors, including concerts and group dinners. Just like Florida, this was a beautiful place to enjoy the beautiful summer weather.



Hanging up corn to dry.



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Perfect season for a Maine lobster feast



Volunteer needed to host Oct. potluck

We are finally getting away from 91-degree temperatures. Our neighbors, who have been vacationing up North, are beginning to return.

Our ladies had a grand lunch at Johnny's Italian Restaurant on Sept. 11. The attendance and menu were outstanding. The bread dipping in garlic and olive oil sauce was the "icing on the cake." Thanks, Lil!

The men's lunch was held at the Golden Coin (near Sunset Point and Highland Ave.). The food and service was excellent, as usual. The attendance was a little light. Attendance might improve if we had lunch in Tampa.

Our September dinner theater outing was cancelled due to lack of interest.

As of this writing, there has not been a volunteer stepping forward to organize our October potluck dinner. Check the bulletin board for details.

One night recently, I was watching the Rays play. It was not one of their better games, so I turned off the TV and walked out to the core. I noticed that the furniture in all three floors was somewhat symmetrical. The sparkle that used to be there is gone. I went back to my apartment and turned on the Rays again — sad...

I am glad to say I live in one of the buildings that displayed our flags at half-staff on Sept. 11.

Mama sez: Any day above ground is a good one!

Boo! and Happy Hallows Eve to all. "Frost is on the pumpkins" and the Snowbirds are flocking south in droves. The parking areas are again sprinkled with license plates from all over. Welcome back Pat and Bill Johnson.

Occasionally you might see a jazzy new black Mustang in our neck of the woods. Lynn Constanza's son visited recently and he went car shopping. Out with the Corvette and in with the pony. More comfortable and room for Sage as well.

Speaking of traveling, Steve Mazurek recently returned from a brother's 50th anniversary celebration held in Oak Brook Terrace near Chicago. Over half the original wedding party was on hand, as were the guests of honor.

Steve really enjoyed seeing everyone who came from far and wide including his favorite aunt, Gert, who is 93 years young. Steve had a marvelous time catching up with brothers, sisters, cousins, sisters-in-law and old pals. They had so much fun another party is planned in two years when Aunt Gert hits 95.

September also found Rosalie Borselli and her four daughters on a memory trip. They flew to Boston, rented a car and drove to the White Mountains in New Hampshire and stayed a few



OTOW resident Rick Garlick enjoys a lobster dinner while on a visit to Maine.

days. They then visited Portland, Maine, and drove along the coast visiting other towns including Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Portsmouth, N.H., Salem, Mass., then back to Boston with lobster on the menu all the way.

Rosalie returned on the 28th having certainly picked the month to visit to see some color with the changing foliage as well as lovely days and crisp nights in the Northeast.

We, too, were in Maine for a while in September, and dear pals Dana and Rick Garlick from French Renaissance visited us in Boothbay Harbor. Of course that also meant lobster... and lots of it! (See photo.) The weather was perfect for their stay.

Early September in Maine can be lovely. By mid-month one knows the season is changing as you get out

sweaters and throw extra logs on the fire to stay warm.

Well boys and girls, I'm tuning up my broom for Halloween. Buy candy... the chocolate candy corn is delish. I may fly by with a wine glass in hand.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to everyone celebrating in October.

Remember to please send any news fit to print please to me at fresca@maine.rr.com

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Salvation Army's highest honor presented to España couple

By Clare Pebworth

In August, 1917, the Salvation Army instituted the "Order of the Founder," the highest honor for distinguished service. The U.S.A. Southern Territory was established in 1927. In the ensuing 87 years, only 13 individuals in the Southern Territory were awarded the "Order of the Founder." In fact, in the 150 years of The Salvation Army, only about 300 people have received this award.

This year, at the commissioning and ordination of the of new Disciples of the Cross session held at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center in Atlanta, Ga., Commissioner James Osborne became the 14th person to receive the "Order of the Founder" and his wife Commissioner Ruth Osborne became the 15th to receive the "Order of the Founder" in the Southern Territory (see photo).

Both are residents of the España Building. Jim is the third generation of his family to become part of the Salvation Army. He became a member partly because of a silent desire within him. Jim has two brothers, who are not members. We all have our independent desires and some follow them.

At the time Jim decided to become part of the Salvation Army, he lived in Washington, D.C., and went to the Training College. In 1947, he was commissioned and assigned to Local

Commands covering Owensboro, Ky., Chattanooga, Tenn., and Miami, Fla. Jim met Ruth and they married in Washington, D.C.

Ruth is also a Commissioner and an officer of the Salvation Army. During these years, she was in charge of the Women's Programs at their locations.

Jim's next move was as Divisional Commander in Baltimore, Md., Washington, D.C., West Virginia, Virginia and Florida.

Next, Jim and Ruth moved to California, where Jim was made the second in command for 13 western states including Alaska and Hawaii. Moving on, he was assigned to New Jersey, where he was appointed second in command for the entire United States.

Did his advancement stop there? No way. Jim was sent to Atlanta to be in charge of 15 southern states and Washington D.C. After that, Jim became the National Commander of the Salvation Army in the United States and moved to its headquarters to Alexandria, Va.

That means for 67 years, Jim and Ruth have been exhibiting their personal qualities in assisting others.

The presentation of the "Order of the Founder" came at the end of the evening's program.

Jim and Ruth were in front of



Salvation Army Commissioners James (at left) and Ruth Osborne were honored with the "Order of the Founder" award recently at a large Salvation Army gathering in Atlanta. General Andre Cox (second from left) and Commissioner Don Bell (at right) made the presentation. (Salvation Army photo by Allison Bristol)

the congregation leading prayers. Ruth said someone tapped her on the back and handed her a bouquet of flowers. She did not know why; then General Andre Cox made an announcement that they were awarding the Salvation Army's highest honor to the Osbornes as recognition of contributions that they have made to advance the message of the Salvation Army.

Ruth told me that she was so surprised and stunned that she couldn't talk and at the time had

difficulty understanding what was happening as thousands of people stood and applauded. As you look at the accompanying photo, you can see how stunned she was.

We all have neighbors and acquaintances to whom we talk and yet we don't realize what all they have done in their lifetime.

Jim and Ruth, who have a married daughter, Connie, make up a rare couple, and we who live in the Espana are pleased that they are our wonderful On Top of the World neighbors.

Summer trips always seem to help reinforce family ties

As I told you last month, we have had many residents going places and/or having company.

I want to tell you about a lady who occupies her time doing something special. It's Marge Griffith. Marge volunteers her time helping kindergarten students learn how to recognize letters and sounds.

She also helps the students recognize shapes, which is important in math. There are all kinds of shapes such as squares, triangles, circles, corners, etc.

Marge volunteers at Sandy Lane Elementary School. Way to go Marge — you are to be complimented!

As many of you know Liliane and Gerry Anderson have moved back to Canada and have sold their place.

I had the pleasure of meeting the fabulous people who purchased the condo, Muriel "Joan" and Stan Klusner. They had previously lived across the road in Queen Victoria, but on the third floor. Joan originally came from England and went to Canada where she became executive



secretary with the Ontario Jockey Club. She then moved to Florida. Stan originally came from Germany and settled in New York prior to coming to Florida. Stan was an antique jewelry appraiser. Stan and Joan met in Clearwater.

Lil and Herb Cervinka have returned from a two-week vacation in Wisconsin. Lil said that she had a great surprise. Her daughter had a party with Lil's relatives, including cousins whom Lil had not seen in 20 or 30 years. Lil's sister-in-law and Lil speak on the phone, but hadn't seen each other in at least 20 years.

While in Milwaukee, they got to see their new great-granddaughter (see photo at right).

Jackie Manfredi has returned from a two-week trip to Point Pleasant, N.J., to visit relatives. On Aug. 13, Jackie's oldest sister turned 93 and Jackie wanted to personally say "Happy Birthday."

While there, Jackie had a ball visiting with her nieces and nephews and their children. Jackie said that it was a great trip and she hopes to do it again next year.

Several people have asked me about the SUV with the two yellow kayaks on the roof and the two bicycles on the back. The car, kayaks and bicycles belong to Carol Keough's daughter and son, who visited Carol for two weeks from Newport News, Va.

Her son has graduated from Virginia Tech and is about to enter dental school. Her daughter is a speech therapist.

Ruth and Jim Osborne have returned from their yearly month in



Lil Cervinka gets to hold her new great-granddaughter during a trip to Wisconsin.

North Carolina. This year they went to Maggie Valley and attended the annual Salvation Army bible conference. (See the feature story on Jim and Ruth at the top of this page).

I have had many comments that I have not given a hint lately. In my column. Well, a hint that I use is to put a wooden spoon across a boiling pot of water to keep it from boiling over.



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Remembering great things about fall

October already — it's hard to believe. People are returning from all over to On Top of the World, so let the fun begin!

The excitement of activities starting back up — clubs, shows, parties, and friendships — so let the good times roll!

October also brings the most beautiful season of the year. All the fall colors are breathtaking. Remember the many things you enjoyed at this time of year: raking leaves (not so fun, but jumping in them was), going on hayrides, carving pumpkins, going to football games, sitting by a nice fireplace... this was all about fall.

I had chance to talk to a couple of people in our building about fall. Rita Valenti misses the fall foliage of all the trees, along with decorating her house for Halloween, especially the front porch. Marianne McGhee misses the fall foliage also, but she mostly misses wearing nice fall clothing.

I am sure there are plenty of things we all miss about fall. The one thing fall brings to us in Florida that we all enjoy is less heat.

I would like to welcome all the new people to our building. Everyone keep an eye on the bulletin board for the happenings in our building.

Happy Halloween!

New couple has some interesting hobbies

What a way to start a month — a long weekend with beach parties and cookouts. Great way to get a break from the rigors of retirement, golfing, napping, volunteering and loafing.

Next, the Snowbirds will start trickling back and fall activities will gear up. Football season opened, so we know where to find the males for the next several months.

Of course, we were faced with grim reminders of 9/11 and the fact that there are forces in the world that resent our freedoms and our way of life. We are grateful for our freedoms and many of us (or our loved ones) have served to help protect these freedoms. Thank you for your service.

I was hoping to report on an exciting trip that Tom and Marie Pirrello took to California during the time of the earthquake there. However, Tom and Marie were south of the action. They report enjoying a very pleasant trip to sunny California with a quiet visit with family. Tom and his brother managed to do a little sailing in the great Pacific and attend a Los Angeles Angels ballgame. Marie and her sister-in-law did what ladies do.

Russ Heiserman and Sayoko Mackey went cruising on the Caribbean Princess sailing to St. Maarten, St. Thomas and Grand Turk. The food and entertainment were the greatest.



Some friends alerted us to off-port parking in Fort Lauderdale. The facility offers very reasonable rates, plus a bus that goes right to the ship. The bus is waiting when the ship returns. If you are interested, go to premierparkingusa.com for details.

John and Dolores Parham returned from a trip to New York to visit family and to help celebrate. I've lost count of this ever-growing family, but understand another member is due to arrive in March. John and his son took a spin in the Atlantic on a 60-foot yacht.

Bettie Warner and Dyanne and Jeff Dulmes organized a great birthday party for John, who celebrated his 91st birthday on Sept. 26. Friends and family gathered to help blow out all those candles. Congratulations, John!

We have a new, very friendly and interesting couple in our building,

Greg and Xil Perez. They moved up from Miami because most of their family lives near Clearwater. They are a Christian family interested in gardening and antiques. Greg has an extensive collection of stone fish hooks made by Native Americans. Xil is interested in getting more information on Tiachi. They both agree that On Top of the World is a great place to live.

Watch the bulletin board for the latest in upcoming building events. Our building business meeting is in November. Please plan to attend and participate in discussing the building's business.

If you hear of any newsworthy stories, let me know — my in-box is right there at the bulletin board.



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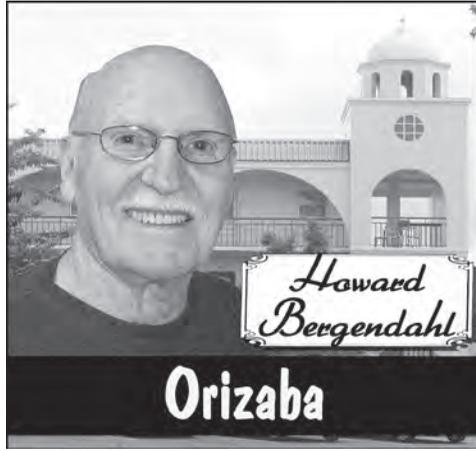
I seem to be repeating myself but where did the year go? I remember that it was New Year's Day of 2014, and it has suddenly come very close to being the year of 2015.

Welcome back to Fannie Batista, the senior member of our residents, from her sojourn to New York, where the weather wasn't always that good. The only people who aren't happy to see her are the ones she plays Bingo against. Seems that she has a reputation for winning.

Word has filtered around that Anthony Brandolino celebrated his birthday with family and friends. Happy 91st to Anthony!

The recycling program instituted by our association is off and running, but I think that the residents need a little more instruction as to the proper disposal of recycles vs trash. One look into the trash room and it is obvious that not all the rules are being followed.

Refer to page 72 of this newspaper for complete information on our "single-stream" recycling program.



Linda Ledesma hosted the monthly luncheon last time out, and a good time was had by all at Longhorn steak house. This month Jackie Blair has set things up for Tiffany's, and a good turnout is expected again.

Good authority has leaked the word that Bob Rittner has been bitten by the golf bug and is working diligently on his game. Fore!

I think it was Lee Trevino who once said that "most golfers shoot five, yell four and write down three on their scorecards."



Kathi Daley's photo taken from Island Estates shows a vivid sunset over Clearwater Bay.

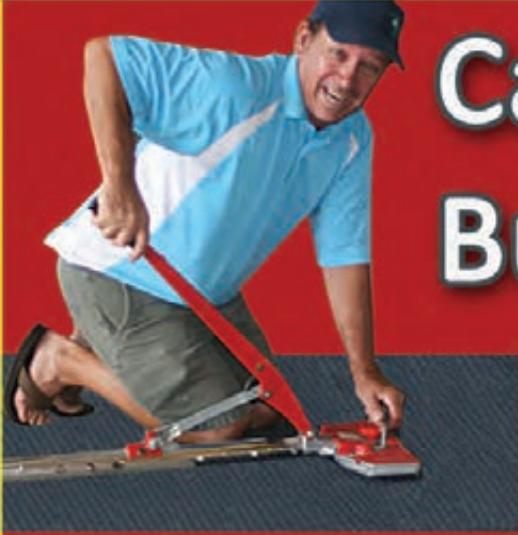
To all the Snowbirds that are returning from their summer locations, we say welcome back!

Heard recently, "You know you are getting old when every conversation

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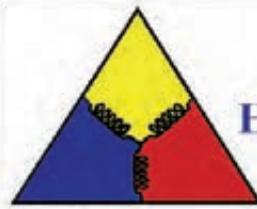
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Reporter Kathy Ahrens (left) and her friend Lois Martin pose with "Bazooka Terror," a harness racing horse which another friend runs in Batavia, N.Y.,

Of birthday bashes and New York harness racing

Happy October, everyone!

Darlene Bentley, our Sunshine Lady for 23 years, and our previous building reporter for 10 years, celebrated her 90th birthday with five friends at Bon Appetit on June 2.

After dinner they enjoyed cake and champagne at Pat and Ginny's lovely condo. Darlene said it was the best 90th birthday she ever had!

This reporter went to visit Lenny Segall in Batavia, N.Y., for 11 days. Len races harness horses there for four months each year. We had a surprise visit from good friends Ron and



Lois Martin. They came to the stables to say hello to the horses and ended up spending the evening at the races.

Check out OTOW-TV Channels 96 and 732

BREAST CANCER 5K WALK

By Barbara Sundberg

Julie Narancich and her On Top of the World Sisterhood will partake in their second annual Breast Cancer 5K walk on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014. Julie lost her sister to breast cancer four years ago. Come on out to the East Activity Center's parking lot at 8 a.m. on the 18th to cheer us on and show your support for this worthwhile cause. Or, if you would like to walk with us, we are carpooling it to Vinoy Park in St. Petersburg. If you have any questions, call Julie at 574-323-4100.

Emergency Contact Info

These numbers or Web sites may come in handy when in a hurricane or other emergency situation. See page 26 for more hurricane preparedness information and instructions.

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- **Banking Issues:** 877-275-3342
- **Pinellas County Humane Society:** www.pinellascounty.org
- **Mail Services:** 800-275-8777
- **Social Security Administration:** 800-772-1213
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- **Attorney General's Price Gouging Hotline:** 866-966-7226
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- **Florida Dept. of Emergency Management:** www.floridadisaster.org
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1	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Art Room
1	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Theater Workshop Board Meeting	Auditorium
1	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Theater Workshop Meeting	Auditorium
1	Wednesday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Starlite Room
1	Wednesday	4:00 PM	Chorus	Large Card Room
2	Thursday	10:30 AM	Pennsylvania Club Meeting	Starlite Room
2	Thursday	11:30 AM	Contract Bridge Cards	Crafts Room
2	Thursday	1:30 PM	Press Association Meeting	Large Card Room
3	Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Starlite Room
3	Friday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Board Meeting	Large Card Room
4	Saturday	5:30 PM	Singles Club Social	Starlite Room
5	Sunday	5:00 PM	Karaoke Singing	Auditorium
6	Monday	10:30 AM	Entertainment Committee Meeting	Veranda
6	Monday	11:00 AM	Snowbirds Club Meeting	Starlite Room
6	Monday	6:00 PM	Building No. 82 Capistrano Meeting	Sunrise Room
6	Monday	6:00 PM	Building No. 85 Espana Meeting	Sunrise Room
7	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Hoosier Club Meeting	Crafts Room
7	Tuesday	3:30 PM	Billiards Board Meeting	Sunrise Room
8	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Baby Boomers Game Night	Crafts Room
8	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Jesters Board Meeting	Sunrise Room
8	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Jesters Meeting	Sunrise Room
9	Thursday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
9	Thursday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
10	Friday	7:00 PM	Lambda Club Meeting	Large Card Room
11	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
12	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
12	Sunday	4:00 PM	Building No. 72 Valencia Party	Sunrise Room
15	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Italian Club Meeting	Auditorium
15	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Baby Boomers Game Night	Crafts Room
15	Wednesday	8:00 AM	Chorus Board Meeting	Crafts Room
16	Thursday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Starlite Room
16	Thursday	10:00 AM	SHINE Community Service	Large Card Room
20	Monday	9:00 AM	Ladies 18 Hole Golf Board Meeting	Veranda
22	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Baby Boomers Game Night	Crafts Room
22	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies 18 Hole Golf Meeting	Sunrise Room
23	Thursday	1:00 PM	Jesters Rehearsal	Auditorium
23	Thursday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
24	Friday	7:00 PM	Building No. 89 Siboney Meeting	Sunrise Room
25	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
25	Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Game Night	Large Card Room
25	Saturday	5:00 PM	Sensational Seniors Meeting	Sunrise Room
26	Sunday	5:00 PM	Karaoke Singing	Auditorium
28	Tuesday	12:30 PM	Art Guild Chinese Paint Brush	Art Room
28	Tuesday	12:00 PM	Line Dancing Party	Starlite Room
29	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Baby Boomers Game Night	Crafts Room
30	Thursday	1:00 PM	Art Guild Class	Art Room
30	Thursday	8:00 AM	Snowbirds Club Line Dancing	Sunrise Room
30	Thursday	5:00 PM	Baby Boomers Dance	Sunrise Room

Yom Kippur
Friday, Oct. 3

Columbus Day
Monday, Oct. 13

Halloween Day
Friday, Oct. 31

Daily OTOW Activities

MONDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's)..... Tennis Courts
 7:30 Tennis (Men's)..... Tennis Courts
 8:00 Ladies Exercise East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise..... Large Card Room
 8:30 Ent. Comm./Clubs Ticket Sales Auditorium
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 9:00 Water Exercise Class East Side Pool
 9:00 Zumba Exercise..... Large Card Room
 10:00 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 10:00 Library Library
 10:00 Chorus Rehearsal Large Card Room
 11:30 Contract Bridge Yellow Room
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge Large Card Room
 12:30 Mahjongg Rainbow Room
 1:00 Tai Chi Beginners..... East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Experienced..... East Side Gym
 3:30 Contract Bridge Lessons . Large Card Room
 5:00 Mahjongg Rainbow Room
 5:00 Poker Group Poker Room
 6:00 Bingo Auditorium
 6:00 Poker Group Yellow Room
 6:30 8-Ball Tournament..... Billiards Room

TUESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's)..... Tennis Courts
 7:30 Tennis (Men's)..... Tennis Courts
 8:00 Ladies Exercise East Side Gym
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Caring and Sharing Crafts Crafts Room
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 9:00 Water Exercise Class East Side Pool
 10:00 Philosophy Club Meeting..... Veranda
 10:30 Ballroom Dancing Class Auditorium
 11:00 Yoga..... East Side Gym
 12:00 Ceramics..... Crafts Room-Kitchen
 1:00 Line Dancing Auditorium
 1:00 9-Ball Tournament..... Billiards Room
 1:00 Canasta Small Classroom
 2:00 Chess Rainbow Room
 3:00 Jesters Rehearsal Auditorium

5:30 Dominos Small Classroom
 6:00 Pinochle..... Large Card Room
 6:00 Mahjongg Rainbow Room
 6:30 Poker Group Yellow Room
 7:00 Bible Study..... Veranda
 7:00 Chorus Rehearsal Auditorium

WEDNESDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's)..... Tennis Courts
 7:30 Tennis (Men's)..... Tennis Courts
 8:00 Ladies Exercise East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise..... Large Card Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Good Neighbors Crafts Crafts Room
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 9:00 Water Exercise Class East Side Pool
 9:00 Sewing..... Starlite Room
 9:00 Knitting Group Veranda
 9:30 Zumba Gold Exercise..... Large Card Room
 10:00 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 10:00 Cribbage Small Classroom
 11:00 Dancercise..... East Side Gym
 1:00 Painting Pals..... Art Room
 1:00 Mahjongg Rainbow Room
 1:00 Double Pinochle Small Classroom
 1:00 Tai Chi Beginners..... East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Experienced..... East Side Gym
 3:30 Contract Bridge Lessons Large Card Room
 6:00 Poker Group Rainbow Room
 6:30 Ladies QueT Billiards Billiards Room

THURSDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's)..... Tennis Courts
 7:30 Tennis (Men's)..... Tennis Courts
 8:00 Ladies Exercise East Side Gym
 8:30 Ent. Comm./Clubs Ticket Sales Auditorium
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 9:00 Water Exercise Class East Side Pool
 10:00 Aerobics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 11:00 Yoga..... East Side Gym
 11:30 Contract Bridge Large Card Room

12:00 Poker Group Yellow Room
 12:30 Art Guild Chinese Paint Brush..... Art Room
 (No class Oct. 9)
 1:00 Mahjongg Small Classroom
 1:00 Baby Boomers Dancing Sunrise Room
 1:00 Mahjongg Yellow Room
 1:30 Scrapbooking Crafts..... Crafts Room
 2:00 Chess Rainbow Room
 3:00 Jesters Rehearsal Auditorium
 5:00 Pinochle..... Small Classroom
 6:00 Poker Group Poker Room
 6:00 Poker Group Yellow Room
 6:30 Scotch Doubles..... Billiards Room

FRIDAY

7:00 Coffee Corner Auditorium
 7:30 Tennis (Women's)..... Tennis Courts
 7:30 Tennis (Men's)..... Tennis Courts
 8:00 Ladies Exercise East Side Gym
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise..... Large Card Room
 8:30 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 9:00 Ceramics..... Crafts Room
 9:00 Slimnastics Exercise..... East Side Gym
 9:00 Water Exercise Class East Side Pool
 9:00 Pinochle..... Small Classroom
 9:00 Jesters Rehearsal Auditorium
 9:00 Zumba Exercise..... Large Card Room
 10:00 Exercise Class West Side Gym
 1:00 9-Ball Tournament..... Billiards Room
 1:00 Chess Rainbow Room
 1:00 Mahjongg Small Classroom
 3:30 Contract Bridge Lessons Large Card Room
 6:00 Poker Group Rainbow Room
 6:30 Hand & Foot Canasta Small Classroom

SATURDAY

7:30 Tennis (Women's)..... Tennis Courts
 7:30 Tennis (Men's)..... Tennis Courts
 8:30 Line Dancing Auditorium
 8:30 Computer Club Meeting.. Large Card Room
 11:00 Dancercise..... East Side Gym
 1:00 Tai Chi Beginners East Side Gym
 2:30 Tai Chi Experienced..... East Side Gym

SUNDAY

1:00 Pinochle..... Small Classroom

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A little excitement peps up ocean voyage

Happy Halloween Capistranins! Wow! I will be writing about Thanksgiving in a few weeks.

A belated congratulations and best wishes to Capistrano residents Tony and Claudette Sinipoli, who recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. The happy couple and their On Top of the World friends celebrated the event with dinner and cocktails at Amici's, reputed to have the best Italian food in the county.

Speaking of Tony, if you see him on Oct. 3, wish him a "happy techie day," as we all know Tony is our resident computer go-to guy. If your computer is broke, Tony can fix it. Or you can join the OTOW Computer Club and get advice from Tony or Roger on how to fix it yourself.

Julia and Sam Galpin traveled to England in mid-August to attend the wedding of a nephew of Julia's. The event took place at the historic Wiston House in the Sussex countryside (see photo at far right). Julia especially enjoyed reuniting with relatives she had not seen in well over a decade.



They enjoyed touring the many historic sites in the area. The group enjoyed the stay even on rainy days. Wedding guests stayed at the historic Wiston House with Sam and Julia enjoying the comforts of the converted stable portion of the now hotel. The Wiston House shown is now used for wedding and conferences.

Karen and I were on our 57th cruise in mid-August cruising on the *Carnival Liberty* to several ports in the Caribbean. One afternoon, the ship stopped and the Captain announced we



While in England for a wedding, Julia and Sam Galpin stayed at the Wiston House in Sussex, shown here.

were rescuing several people drifting in the choppy seas on a makeshift raft.

We were among the hundreds of passengers watching the rescue. A later announcement told they were Cuban nationals and the U.S. Coast Guard would send a cutter to pick them up from the ship, which they did in short order. The chatter on the ship then was everyone wondering what happened to them

If you like mincemeat, Oct. 26 is your day (it's the same day as mother-in-law day). Pasta lovers have their special day just one day before mincemeat day, Oct. 25. Can you imagine mincemeat in the pasta?

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Trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula was welcome break

Elections

*Politicians are the guys
With whom I can't agree;
But statesmen are extremely wise
They think along with me.*

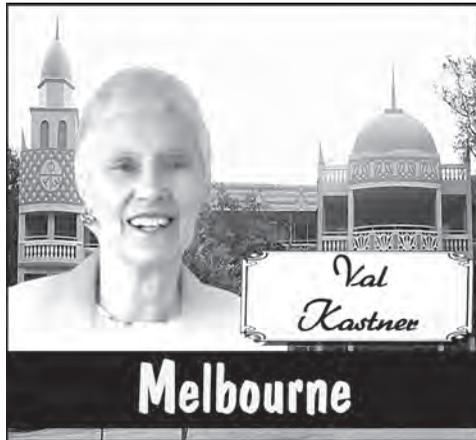
The November elections are on the way. My mailbox and the airways have been inundated with political ads. I'm looking for the statesman among them.

Our luncheon at the Olde Bay Café was again sparsely attended, but we enjoyed the food, the atmosphere and conversation. Some of us stopped at a specialty ice cream place in Dunedin for delicious cones I didn't need.

I'm hoping more of you made the Sept. 20 event at the Farmer Boy Restaurant.

I just returned from three weeks in Michigan. I flew up to Marquette in the Upper Peninsula. My brother picked me up and we motored 26 more winding miles to Big Bay.

There are four stop lights to herd you onto one-way by-passes around



bridges that have to be rebuilt because of the big trucks of a Canadian mining company that has re-opened the old copper mines. Everything is hauled to Marquette to be shipped by rail to their plant in Ontario.

My niece, who works in Marquette, says you need to add at least 3 minutes; wait for each light, and add 30 minutes to the trip.

My brother has a home and three rentals on Lake Independence, which opens into Lake Superior.

I really enjoyed the 70-degree days and 60-degree nights. Also enjoyed the bounty of his garden: raspberries, beet greens, green and yellow beans and more. I had berries on my cereal every morning and delicious pies!

My nephew and his terrible-two's daughter visited for a few days from Rochester, Minn. Another nephew and his wife from the Chicago area also dropped in with delicious fresh-caught fish for his mother to fry.

I could sit in a rocking chair on the front porch and watch out the windows the migrating ducks in a little bay, filling up for their trip south. With a feeder for the Ruby Throated Hummingbirds on the window, there was always something going on to observe.

After two weeks it was off to the Lower Peninsula, via West Branch to North Branch for my 70-year high school reunion. We had a luncheon on Saturday with eight of us. On Sunday we were feted at the over-50 yearly reunion at the high school. I saw two more of my classmates there. I think 10

is great for a class of only 50 graduates in 1944. I even saw one of the girls I hadn't seen since graduation night!

My son, who lives in Detroit, picked me up and we visited the family cemetery in Kingston, Mich. I was able to have lunch with two nieces in our old home town of Northville and visited with my two sisters-in-law in Brighton.

I arrived home exhausted after a great trip. My sister-in-law invited me back for a month next year. Told her, "I'll see."

Since no one left me any news, you all had to hear all about me.

Be sure and celebrate Yom Kipper, Columbus Day and Halloween in October. BOO!

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'Bucket List' western trip included adventure, family

I'm waiting for my e-mail to start singing with all our Englander column stories; so in the absence of any, I will tell you about our own summer vacation.

We've checked off another bucket list item! Dick and I, along with cousins Ray and Marion Bieksha, went white-water rafting along the Clark Fork River in Montana (see photo). Let me just say, at our age, it was frightening, exciting, exhilarating, mind-altering and very wet! I'm not sure any of us were looking forward to getting in that raft, but when it was all said and done, we were so proud of our accomplishment and what we had achieved, we were ready to brag!

Now, let me tell you how we got there. Last year, I decided to try to follow the family tree of my husband's mother, since my own family trees have full branches already. Who knew I would become so addicted to this new genealogy hobby?

On I went through all the ancestry, family search websites — through census files and even obituaries. It was a difficult task, complicated by many variations of their Polish surname. An old family photo led me to search for and find a distant cousin my husband had not seen in 75 years.

He and his family accepted our invitation to visit us here at On Top of the World in November and then graciously invited us to visit them in Liberty Lake, Wash., a few minutes from Spokane.



This stunning sunset, a common sight near Liberty Lake, Wash., is artistically framed by leafy branches of local foliage.

We arrived to tears, hugs and a three-week agenda full of fun-filled activities and menu plans, which included some of the "old" Polish and Lithuanian recipes that these cousins grew up on (see photo at far right).

The northwestern part of the U.S. is stunningly beautiful. We traveled across prairies, fields of canola and



Terri and Dick Mikszenas (the middle pair of the group shown here) ride the white water rapids on the Clark Fork River in Montana during their summer trip out West.

wheat, through mountains, alongside Mt. Rainier, went up in the Seattle Space Needle, and even saw a laser light show on Grand Coulee Dam.

We visited Gonzaga University, the world-famous floating green at the Coeur d'Alene Golf Club in Idaho, and enjoyed many rounds of golf in Idaho and Washington.

We saw dazzling sunsets, the "super moon," fireworks on the Fourth, and even snacked on Washington State's famous Mt. Rainier cherries and huckleberries.

This was, without a doubt, a vacation beyond all expectations and pleasures! And, now back to reality: Welcome to the fall season — hope you enjoy it in good health and happiness!



75 years passed before these two little boys, Dick Mikszenas and Raymond Bieksha, would see each other again.

Along with the building news is a farewell

It's a joy to have things buzzing a bit more around On Top of the World again! Various announcements are popping up on the bulletin boards, fall activities and clubs are gearing up and folks who were away for the summer are returning. Welcome fall!

Here at Flamenco, it is good to see more faces. Some of our residents are now transitioning from being Snowbirds to full-fledged residents! It's great to have Dick and Charlotte Smedley settling in here to stay, calling this home!

You may notice some ladies around here wearing red hats and purple outfits on an occasional Saturday. That would be the neighborhood chapter of the Red Hat Society. Charlyn Miller, Shirley Crowder and Sally Morgan are among a few who venture out to have an enjoyable meal or sightseeing trip with the group. Have fun, ladies!

And speaking again of Charlyn (you remember her grandson started a scholarship fund for a boy in Kansas). Well, now her grandson has received a personal letter from President Obama, praising him for his compassion and



efforts. That is truly a wonderful commendation. Congrats!

Cat news: The Myers' cat, Missy, is back after a summer venture and are they ever glad to see her (ask them about it)! And the Peters cat, Harley, seems to think he is a lion — he likes to sit in the middle of the living room and roar!

We often like to follow the operatic adventures of Stella Zambalis. Stella has recently attended the Highlands, N.C., Fall Festival where she is Artistic Director for the Belcanto Recitals. Her job is to invite a quartet of internationally acclaimed opera singers to perform

there. She also had the opportunity to perform there as well. Proceeds of the event support the arts in Highlands.

Stella loves the event and her role in enhancing the performing and visual arts in that town. Stella has also been performing locally on occasion. We will keep you posted for any upcoming opportunities to go see her!

Lastly, it has been my privilege to write for the Flamenco Building these past couple of years. My husband, Peter, and I have recently decided to buy a home in Dunedin and so will be moving from OTOW.

We have loved our time here and if we could have purchased a condo with a garage or a house here we would have stayed. But, alas, we will be a mere mile and a half up the street and plan to continue to see all of the wonderful folks here often! Please stay in touch with us as we will with you!

Oh, and a happy 80th birthday to Tom Myers!

Editor's Note: The OTOW News and the Press Association thank Nancy for her many months of service to the community by writing this column.



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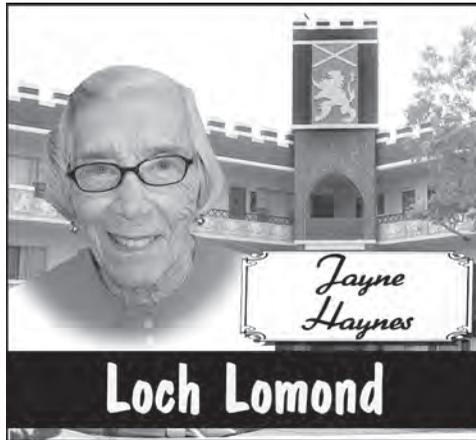
Original OTOW resident moving back to Cape Cod

The socializing season is back and growing. Our "Last Monday Lunch Bunch" is back in gear with eight of us meeting at Johnny's. Participants were Linda and Phil Woods, Lucille Greenhaigh, Lyle Johnston, Sophia Kugeares, Jim Jackson, Patti Branch and Jane Haynes (see photo at far right). And that number will grow.

Our social group will probably expand to 20-plus, as it is easy to plan this particular event well in advance. Linda and Phil check out suggested new places then post a tempting poster of place, date, time, etc., complete with sign-up sheet. On the last Monday of each month we meet at 11:15 to carpool if desired. It's a great time to catch up with your fellow residents.

And residents can also discuss and make suggestions for upcoming building activities. We always can use planners to lead on events, holiday decorating, community functions and other things needed to belong to the community. Shirley Swift put a cute box at the bottom of the bulletin board for serious suggestions if you would care to help.

Speaking of Shirley, she is returning to her beloved Cape Cod! It will take some of us time to realize her leadership



no longer resides here. Shirley and her late husband were among the original couples to reside in Loch Lomond. He accepted volunteer leadership early on, and as the years passed and we needed additional volunteers, Shirley stepped in, although in addition she held down a job in a local dental office until about a year ago.

She has a daughter and son-in-law near her old home, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren nearby. She will be busy as usual. At least she won't have to dig out during the cold weather she grew up in!

Fellow residents: Please consider joining with several others and let's implement some fun. The decorating



Members of the OTOW "Last Monday Lunch Bunch" met at Johnny's recently for lunch. The number of members of that informal group will grow larger as more Snowbirds arrive.

of the core with holiday and patriotic themes needs additional help. Enid Goodman has offered to continue with patriotic themes as she has done for a long time. We need holiday ideas such as Halloween or Easter. Let Enid know if you can help.

The Christmas decorating is usually a coordinated effort because of tree lights, but returning residents are especially prepared for that. Marie and Paul Froeba are great at that.

Sometimes residents move to the West side but do not neglect their original Loch Lomond "roots" and

attend our building events and parties, for which we are glad.

Among the original residents were Bob Earley's parents. Later, Aline and Bob moved into an apartment here, then later moved to the West side. However, we do still see them regularly.

On Aug. 29 they hosted a wonderful good-bye party for Shirley, so once again we shared a wonderful evening of delicious food and drink, friendship, and a gift for remembrance.

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History played a role in featured couple's backgrounds

By Thomas Brennan

Hi neighbors. How in the world R U?

This month I would like you to meet George and Georgina De Pietro and their German shepherd, Lisa. They come from Hudson, Fla., just a few miles north of On Top of the World.

George is an entrepreneur and an outstanding chef. Over the years he has owned many restaurants in upstate New York and New Jersey, including Luigi Trattoria and Carmella and Rose. At Carmella and Rose, he was the cook.

I asked George, "When did you get interested in the restaurant business?"

His reply, "I was raised in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and I worked in my father's butcher shop starting when I was 11 or 12. Those were the days when butcher shop floors were covered with sawdust. It was my job to replace the old sawdust with new sawdust when it got damp and dirty." George also delivered orders to customers on his bike.

George comes from a long line of cooks. His grandmother was on Teddy Roosevelt's cooking staff when he lived in New York City. She was also a cook at "Oscar's of the Waldorf" which is listed as one of the world's best hotels. Many world leaders stay there when coming to the United Nations offices. Our General McArthur resided in the penthouse when he returned from the Philippine Islands.

Georgina Moore came down from Pennsylvania with Sheltie, her miniature collie, to visit her mother, who was living in Hudson. One day, while walking her dog, she ran into George, who was walking his fierce German Shepherd.



Believe it or not, this model train, owned and displayed by George De Pietro, carries a one-gallon load of 100-proof bourbon. Photos by Mary Lou Wall)

"Is she friendly?" Georgina asked. "Yes. And so am I," George responded. This was the start of a romance which led to a very happy marriage.

"We have so much in common," Georgina said. "I love to cook and he was a chef. What's better than that?"

Georgina graduated from Wilfred Academy School of Cosmetology, attending nursing school, worked with Volunteer Nurses of America, and was a distributor of Mary Kay beauty products before coming to OTOW.

Georgina is a "Daughter of Scotia," a secret sisterhood originating from late 1890 Scotland that goes back to the days when England and France were invading Scotland. Her mother, grandmother and cousins have all been members, as it is passed from one generation to the next.

The purpose of the club is maintain Scottish cultures in America. More than 250 members were expected at a national meeting last month. No men are allowed. The only way in is by knowing the password.



George and Georgina De Pietro, OTOW featured residents.

Georgina has a herb garden in her backyard with basil, oregano, rosemary, parsley and mint.

On a back shelf in their Florida room are four, big, glass-carved trains – one steam engine and three boxcars. The trains are a gallon size, full of 100-proof bourbon. George was given this treasure by a liquor salesman many years ago.

George also received a gold and silver chess set from a friend, who was too embarrassed to tell another friend he didn't know how to play the game.

Today, with help from his teacher, Georgina, he can play.

Georgina goes to exercise class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the West Activity Center. She plans on going to art class this fall.

Thank you George and Georgina for such an interesting interview. I look forward to seeing you and Lisa taking walks around the neighborhood.

And George, here is a New York riddle for you. What's white, has 10 wheels and flies? Answer next month.

Chetnik holiday party date and location is set

Welcome back Snowbirds!

Our Christmas holiday party and dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Orange Blossom Catering of St. Petersburg will serve us. The scrumptious menu will be posted on the bulletin board along with the sign-up sheet. It is BYOB. We need at least 30 sign-ups.

I am happy to report that our building captain, Paul Bruyere, is doing well after his surgery in late August. When I saw him, he looked good and he says he is fine, although it will be a while before he gets back to his usual rigorous schedule.

Paul Meissner had a nice visit from his niece in September. She is from Maryland. They enjoyed the fine area restaurants. They also took in the Dali and other museums and art galleries.



Check the bulletin board for a building October meeting.

Most people don't know that Halloween is really the holy evening before All Saints' Day, Nov. 1. It's still a fun night for the children, and costume parties for the adults, despite the ghosts and goblins!

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Wildlife next to the fifth hole of the On Top of the World golf course. Recent visitors included a roseate spoonbill (left), and a pair of cranes. Rabbits, armadillos and other such creatures are seen frequently, and even a coyote has been spotted occasionally.

It's not unusual to spot a variety of wildlife at OTOW

Since we are located at the northern end of World Parkway Blvd. we have a lot of wildlife we can watch.

Early in the morning we see a coyote once in a while. Rabbits are playing on the lawn and armadillos roam around.

A pair of cranes recently visited and the roseate spoonbill feels quite at home here (see photos at top).

I think it's priceless to live in a community like this and we all should do what we can to keep it this way.

On Labor Day we had such a nice potluck with all kinds of delicious food. There were 18 residents in attendance,



sitting in the breezeway with fans running providing nice cool air. A good time was had by all who attended.

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