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## OTOW resident will give tennis pointers at McMullen Center anniversary party

By Doug Kates

Will Rhame took up tennis when he was 15 years old.

By the time he reached 18, he was already giving lessons.

Forty years later, Will is still giving lessons and he will be more than welcome to give On Top of the World residents a few pointers if they stop by the McMullen Tennis Center on Saturday, Oct. 17, during its own 40th anniversary party.

"I just love the game," said Will, who has been an OTOW resident for five years. "I enjoy teaching tennis because I enjoy seeing people have fun and get better at the game."

The McMullen Tennis Center has eight clay courts, six hard courts and offers pickleball. Will teaches the game for any skill level and said you are never too old to play.

"Tennis is all about focus," he said. "Most of us are multi-taskers, and to focus on one or two things is difficult. It takes practice."

Will's lessons also come with another type of lesson - a life lesson. During his teaching tenure here, he publishes weekly life lessons on such topics as trust, listening, focus, character, fear and anger.

He requires his young students to read out loud their weekly life lesson to their parents.

Then, all the life lessons come together and are followed on the tennis court. If something happens, where a group needs to be reminded of a lesson, it is done so as a group and not on an individual basis.

"Teaching tennis is extremely rewarding," Will said. "Anytime someone learns something, it's a big high."

The first lesson is how to love the game.

Will, who is also an author, is a



On Top of the World resident Will Rhame has been teaching tennis lessons since he was 18 years old. Pictured above is Will at the McMullen Tennis Center, which celebrates 40 years in the Clearwater community on Oct. 17.

former player at Jacksonville University and University of North Texas. He is also a former tennis director at Innisbrook.

The anniversary party at the Mc-

Mullen Tennis Center will include demonstrations, lessons, possibly a guest appearance from a pro player, a pie-throwing contest and the opportunity to play.

Refreshments will be served 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

McMullen is a pay-per-play facility that does offer season memberships or discounts for regular players.



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# Opera Tampa coming here Nov. 12

The other day, while passing through the Community Service Office, I was taken back by a resident who, while having an obviously bad day, managed to maintain a smile and friendly manner in their exchange with one of our Community Service Coordinators.

This surprised me a little because just a few seconds prior to that exchange was an equally upset resident, who did not match smile for smile, but scowled at them instead.

While both received the same good, quality service, it reminded me that not everyone remembers to be kind and patient to one another. Everyone has, from time to time, things that happen in our lives that cause us to pause and struggle. What is important is the way in which we project that to others we come into contact with.

I think we should all try to perform a random act of kindness to brighten another's day, particularly when working with the wonderful staff at the Community Service Office. That smile you give just may come back to you.

## Safety Seminar

The Personal Safety and Consumer Seminar was held on Sept. 23. It was presented by the Pinellas County Department of Justice and Consumer Services and the Pinellas County Sheriff Office.

It was a huge success!

We had more than 60 residents in attendance and the feedback was all positive.

Residents learned valuable information, like how to avoid being the victim of a scam, product and consumer safety, and keeping your community safe.

We are planning another event like this possibly as early as mid-January and it will be held earlier in the day.

If you have suggestions on topics



or events you would like to see please stop into the Community Service Office and let us know.

## Up and Coming Events

Opera Tampa will be performing at Good Neighbors Coffee Thursday on Nov. 12.

Please plan to attend this very popular performance.

The Florida Licensing Bus on Wheels, or FLOW, will be at the East Activity Center parking lot on Friday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There is a SHINE seminar on Thursday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. until noon. This event is scheduled in the East Activity Center auditorium.

The next Haz-To-Go event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on both Tuesday, Oct. 27 at the East Activity Center parking lot and Thursday, Oct. 29 at the West Activity Center parking lot. Flyers will be posted at each of the Activity Centers.

## Spa and Tennis Courts

The spa upgrades are almost complete and residents are really seeing the difference!

We have received many compliments from residents. Thank you for your positive feedback.

If you haven't had the opportunity to see the renovations, please plan to do so. The new door to the spa is pending installation.

We appreciate your patience dur-

ing the East Activity Center tennis court repairs. We are currently working with the vendor for tentative completion timeframes.

The vendor has reminded us that they need three to four days of clear skies. Any repairs made during any rain days would cause additional damage to the courts and further delays. Updated notices will continue to be posted.

## Reminders

Smoking is prohibited 25 feet from the East and West Activity Centers.

When smoking, please maintain this distance from all centers. SCA staff will be reminding residents when necessary. Remember to discard all extinguished butts in the proper receptacles. We ask for your cooperation in adhering to this request.

The East Activity Center pool area is transitioning this month to a non-smoking pool area. There is a designated smoking area located outside the pool gates at the north parking lot by the pond. For your convenience, benches will be placed there for seating. The West Activity Center pool will be transitioning to non-smoking as well, as soon as an alternate smoking location is determined.

## Emergency Number

The emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number in the event of a building emergency such as water intrusion into your unit and elevator outages. For a life threatening emergency please dial 911.

The phone number to submit a request for service in the common area is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a work ticket such as reporting general building issues in the common area only. Please do not leave emergency information on this

line as this will delay the amount of time it takes for us to respond to your request. All other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service related will require you to visit the Community Service Office in person.

## Activity Card Reminders

When renewing your recreation card, or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued ID such as driver license or passport and a current piece of mail indicating your name and property address.

You must bring your valid recreation card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request.

All guests must be accompanied by a resident anytime they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool. As a reminder the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities. All noncompliance issues will be immediately directed to the On Top of the World Association to address.

While the SCA staff works diligently to maintain clean facilities your assistance is also important, please remember to utilize the showers prior to using the pools or spa. Suntan lotions, creams, sunscreens, and other topical lotions and sprays can upset the chemical balance in the pools and spa and cause the filtration systems and chemicals to work harder to maintain the water.

## SCA Staff

As always, I would also like to 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.

Work wrapped up in late September at the On Top of the World tennis courts. Pictured at right, the vendor seals an area which was patched after repairs. The next phase was repainting and then the courts were reopened to residents.



# Dryer weather provides better

We will all welcome a dry period in the weather, 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.

2015 may prove to be one of the wettest on record for On Top of the World. Generally, we have fared well with a few exceptions. One being the tennis courts. Saturated soils and high ground water have created a situation of undermining the tennis courts base. That has been resolved, but the contractor is unable to complete the repair because the material needs a three day dry cure time. I haven't seen three dry days in several months.

Not to worry, October is usually a dry month. We hope that brings the needed break to complete the work.

The other area of delay was being able to finish drain piping under the spa at the West Activity Center. Again, high ground water made finishing the connections difficult. By the time you read this, that job should be complete.

The new resilient flooring was completed at the West Activity Center fitness center. The multi-station fitness machine was installed in mid-September.

Finally, for the last few years, your Board has heard from many residents asking for the pool areas at both activity centers to be designated as non-smoking areas. Beginning in October 2015, these areas will become non-smoking, including "vaping" or smokeless devices. Designated areas for smoking will be provided outside the pool deck areas.

The ongoing improvements your Board has undertaken are being done solely for the benefit of current and future residents. This push to improve has generated very positive comments from residents. Your Board continues with its commitment to your community.

## Association News

By now you should have received a letter from the Association that the Annual Audited Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, 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.

## Prevent Expensive Losses

October is a great month to check the condition of your water heater. This appliance is usually silently working away...until it starts to leak.

You may not notice the leak until you hear from an angry downstairs neighbor or you flood your own unit.

The Association is responsible for the area between the units. By the time you hear from a neighbor about flooding, you have already flooded the Association's property.

Each individual owner is responsible for the damage to their unit and contents, your neighbor's damage, and damage to Association property.

Water damage can be very expensive to repair primarily because it is rarely contained in one unit, even more so if you've failed to keep your homeowner's insurance in place.

The water heater, like your air conditioner, is the owner's responsibility to maintain, repair, or replace. If your water heater is more than 10 years old, it needs replacement. If you don't know the original install date, then it probably needs replacement.

If your water heater is less than 10 years old, an excellent and very affordable early warning device is the Water Alarm™ from Gizmode. If you can successfully put batteries in a flashlight, you can operate this small device. It really is that simple to use.

The device has a small sensor that you place under the water heater. If it contacts moisture, the alarm sounds and provides warning. This device is available at cost, through our service department. Look for the display advertisement in this paper for more detail.

## Upcoming Coming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing: The front of Building 16 and Building 27 are scheduled to have new paint coatings applied in October. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect

scheduling.

Railing Improvement Projects: Building 18 will be the next structure to see crews associated with the hand railing improvement project. The anticipated start date for this project is estimated to be the last week in October at this point.

As with the other railing projects, a licensed contractor 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. Notices will be posted in advance of the work so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

Construction, Roofing, and large scope projects: As was stated in the July edition of OTOW News, Duke Energy will be upgrading numerous power transformers that provide power to the community before the end of the year. The next transformer upgrade will take place in mid-November and will affect the residents in Buildings 25 and 26. Residents should expect power interruptions of up to eight hours while the equipment change is affected. Duke assures us that their crews will do everything to limit the amount of time the power flow is interrupted.

The potable water service line improvement project should be complete as of this update, however minor landscaping work may need to be completed at the buildings that were affected. These activities should conclude by late-October.

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents: Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to the second- and third-floor walking surfaces. Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs.

This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work.

These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative.

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating.

The end result is intended to provide a long lasting walking surface on the balcony as well as returning the look to its originally conveyed color scheme.

The management company will post notices on affected building's bulletin boards concerning the dates crews are expected to commence the work. Please be aware of caution and wet paint signs in and around these work areas.

## Inspection Services Division

The Inspection Services team, in conjunction with the Parkway Construction Department, will continue prepping buildings scheduled for new paint coatings in the current improvement cycle.

This has been an ongoing endeavor throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hangar brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

In keeping with association rules, these items will be removed without notice. Residents are kindly asked to seek association approval before affixing anything to the common element in the future.

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2015/2016 improvement cycle.

The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor.

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# conditions for upcoming projects

We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department as the management company works toward the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community.

The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but has the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

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.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper.

The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

Awning inspections are still in full swing. The Inspection Services Division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further



This is what can happen to a clamshell awning in a wind storm. Clamshell awnings do not meet building code and must be replaced. If you have any questions, contact the Community Service Office.

damage to the community.

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.

As a reminder, the Clearwater Fire Marshall's office confirmed the management company's focused efforts in the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in

outside stairwells of buildings that present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

The management company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills are not permitted on any balcony areas, be it propane, charcoal, or electric, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

While clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top of the World, these efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately. If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you. Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice. Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

## Test, replace batteries in smoke alarms

The National Fire Protection Agency, as well as FEMA, recommends you test your smoke alarm at least once a month.

You can do this by pressing the test button located on the alarm one time to be sure it is working.

It is also recommended you change the batteries in your smoke de-

tor one time per year. A good time is Jan. 1 or when you set your clocks back or ahead.

If you have not replaced the batteries for your smoke alarm in the last year, we highly recommend you do so.

Wired smoke alarms require circuit breakers be turned off, and the alarm disconnected from its location

on the wall or ceiling. A small plastic door must be located. It is usually on the bottom of the alarm. This is where the battery compartment is located.

Some alarms will require use of a screw driver to access the department. Others can easily be pulled open.

Smoke alarms generally use 9 volt batteries.



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# Be aware of contractors going door to door soliciting, offering deals

Last month a construction company dropped off several young men to solicit their services in the On Top of the World community.

The men arrived in an unmarked white van and immediately started going door to door offering window replacement services.

An observant resident contacted the Community Service Office, which, in turn, quickly contacted the Inspection Services Department. Jim and Kevin from the inspection team quickly intervened and advised the young men they could not solicit in the community. They also advised them if they wanted to work within the community they needed to register with the Association and provide license and insurance information.

After a heated conversation with the supervisor of the young men, the supervisor reluctantly agreed to pack them up and they left the community.

Unfortunately, while they were on site, they were able to contact two residents. They attempted to sell a resident four windows at a special price of \$10,600. The resident advised them she could not pay that much so



they lowered the price to \$9,800 and offered her an even lower price of \$8,400 if she paid today. When the resident protested again they offered a price of \$2,714 and the young man circled and underlined this amount on the invoice. The resident thought this sounded like a good deal to go from \$8,400 to \$2,714 so she provided the gentleman her credit card.

What she didn't realize was, the invoice stated the \$2,714 was a down payment for the original quote of \$10,600. Two days later, our resident turned in her application for the window installation to the Inspection Services Department. Upon review of the paperwork, Jim and Kevin noted

the high cost of \$10,600 for four windows as well as the fact the vendor did not submit their licensing and insurance paperwork.

They followed up with the resident and realized she thought the window cost was \$2,714. She immediately contacted her son, who in turn contacted the company, and cancelled the contract. He also disputed the charge on her credit card.

The second resident involved with this merry band of scammers let them into his home. He felt their prices and products were overpriced and asked them to leave. They would not leave his home until he threatened to contact the police.

Thanks to the observant resident that reported the solicitors, along with the assistance of Jim and Kevin, we were able to save a resident a substantial amount of money.

I do hope this helps you realize the benefits of this important department. Not only do they inspect specific work a vendor performs, the process of modifications helps keep unscrupulous contractors out of the community.

Bottom line, be aware of door to

door solicitors. If you see or suspect someone is going door to door in the community, please report this information at 727- 683-6981 (Community Service Office).

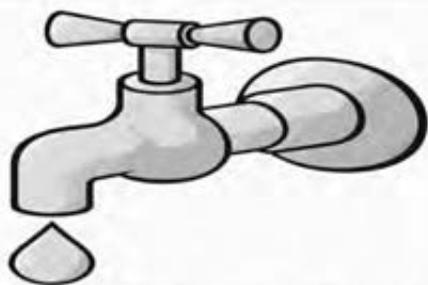
In writing about the efforts by the Management Company, I'd be remiss if I didn't give a shout out to Joe E., Parkway's master electrician, for his outstanding dedication and service to the OTOW Community.

Late at night on Aug. 17, one wing in Building 96 lost power when an 800 amp breaker failed without explanation.

Joe worked until 3 a.m. trying to return power to this building. Early the next morning he was at the electrical supply house in Tampa to pick up a replacement part. The electric was restored by 11:30 a.m. the next day.

A big "thank you" also goes out to Ken Carter, the lead electrical inspector with Pinellas County. He was instrumental in allowing Parkway to pull an emergency permit and have it inspected the same morning.

It's dedication and teamwork that sets this Management Company apart from all others!



Did you know there are 4 ways to turn your water on or off?

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Messages are retrieved Mon-Fri, 7-5 p.m.
- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Community Service Desk from 8-3:30, Monday-Friday.
- (3) Go Online to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) and fill out a service request.
- (4) For emergency service, call 799-1115 from 6-9 p.m. weekdays and noon-9 p.m. on weekends. A \$35 payment (by check) will be required

### Service Policy

Residents must provide a date and time for service. A minimum 2-hour service window exists. Field personnel answer requests from 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. weekdays and 7:30-11:30 a.m. weekends. There is no charge during normal business hours. You must be present in all circumstances for your water to be turned on. Your signature is required.

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# The famous stage drunk, who never drank

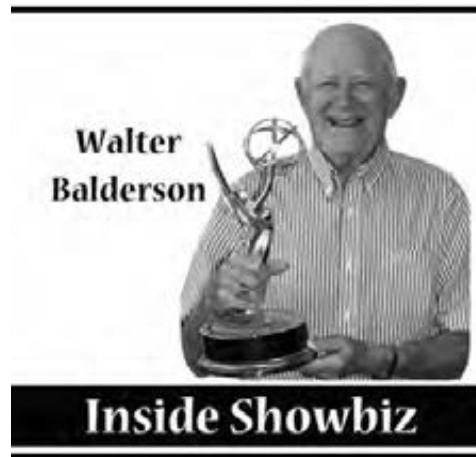
You will probably remember Frank Fontaine as the bartender, Crazy Guggenheim, on the Jackie Gleason Show.

However, long before that, he was a stand-up comedian who appeared on the Jack Benny Radio Show as John L.C. Silvoney.

Frank was a favorite in clubs and appeared at movie theaters when they used to have a stage show following the movie.

I first saw him at the Capitol Theater in Washington D.C. when he was touring with Vaughn Monroe and his orchestra in 1943.

On the Jackie Gleason Show, he



played the inebriated character. Crazy Guggenheim. in the "Joe, the Bartender" skits. His trademark was a blue-

eyed grin with the same silly laugh.

In 1953, Frank appeared in the movie "Scared Stiff" with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. The character was much like the Guggenheim character.

Frank had a very good singing voice and released an album in 1963, including songs he had sung on his many appearances with Gleason. Some of those songs made it to the Top 10 on Billboard's Top LP chart in 1963.

Fontaine and Foster Brooks were the two most noted for their drinking roles. However, in real life, neither drank.

Frank was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1920.

He died of a major heart attack on Aug. 4, 1978, in Spokane, Wash. He had just completed a live stage benefit show, accepted a check for \$25,000, which he planned to donate for heart research, when he collapsed and died.

He was interred at Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford, Mass., near his last residence.

**Editor's note: Walter Balderson's new picture shows him with an actual Emmy he won in the 1970s for TV production.**

## NOTICE

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

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

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.

## Garbage room, not junk



Above is an actual photo of an actual garbage room at one of our On Top of the World buildings. You may notice cardboard boxes, an unused television set, paint cans and other thrown-out materials. These are not items which are supposed to be stored in a garbage room, nor are these items supposed to be thrown out with regular garbage. On Top of the World is hosting a pair of Haz-To-Go pickup days this month. You may drop off hazardous or recyclable materials on your designated day. Residents on the east side should go to the East Activity Center back parking lot on Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents on the west side should go to the West Activity Center on Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must be an OTOW resident to participate.

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## Potato chips not permitted at new club's meetings

Healthy Living Club will meet the second Wednesday of each month from 7-7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room.

On Top of the World's newest club offers courses, talks, events, trips and activities, with a focus on healthy living and aging well.

The programs, many of which are proven to be successful and are at no cost to us, encourage healthy eating and practicing needed levels of physical and intellectual activities to boost physical, dietary, emotional and cognitive well-being.

In short, the Healthy Living Club will promote a variety of ways to take better care of ourselves and have fun in the process.

The pilot course, Healthy Eating Every Day (HEED), includes interactive activities, healthy options when shopping for food, nutritional information, and how to develop practical strategies for taking charge of personal goals. Enthusiastic instructor Clark Perry coaches up to 20 participants per class toward improving eating and activity habits with personally set goals.

HEED is provided through Community Aging and Retirement Services (CARES) of Pinellas and Pasco Counties.

Additional free courses will start in January 2016 and will be open to all On Top of the World residents with a current recreation card. To learn about upcoming activities or to make suggestions for specific events, come to the first meeting on Oct. 14.



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# Art Guild welcomes new president

By Judy Mills

Can you believe it's October already? Time certainly does fly!

Our season will officially begin next month, but we still have plenty of fun things to do this month. Come on over and check us out!

On Tuesdays, Wendy Colquhoun is teaching Chinese Brush Painting, which is a beautiful Asian form of art. These classes are in the Art Room from 12:30-4:30 p.m. The cost of this program is \$5 for members. Please call her in advance so she brings enough supplies. Her number is 723-7504.

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

Penny Page is our new president. She moved here in 2012 and lives with her fiancé, Rick Dusek. They are getting married next month and we all send our best wishes!

Penny enjoys painting with oils and has exhibited and sold many of



her pieces. She is also an avid woodworker.

Membership in the Art Guild is \$15 a year, which starts in November. Dues are used to pay presenters, expenses of the annual art show and refreshments at our meetings. There are a lot of new and exciting things coming up for our next season; you won't want to miss out!

The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. Feel free to call me if you have any questions at 773-6788. Come join us!



Penny Page, right, and her fiancé, Rick Dusek, stand with a painting called 'A Potter's Work' which will be hanging in the downtown New Port Richey Art Gallery for the month of October.

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# Neither Medicaid nor a nursing home will take your house

SCAM ALERT: Some of my clients have been receiving telephone calls from persons claiming to be with the State of Florida Department of Transportation.

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The callers apparently claim that money is owed to the Department and must be paid at once, or an arrest warrant will be issued.

The callers even get abusive.

I believe, everyone should know better than to respond to this, but apparently, some folks who might have been on a toll road just pay up.

The real Department of Transportation will never call you and say you owe money. You must never talk with these scammers. Just hang up the phone and if they call back, don't answer.

Q. My Father is a widower and he is beginning to have health issues.

Although he is managing all right at this time, sometime in the future my sister and I will want to have him move into an assisted living facility. And sooner or later he more than likely will need to be in a nursing home.

Because of this, we think it best to have him transfer his home to us so that Medicaid can't take it. He doesn't want to do that and he feels it is best to keep his home in his name alone.

We have read your newspaper column and we would like to know what you think.

A. If I understand the real purpose of your question, it is to have me tell your Father what he should do, specifically, that he should give his home to you and your sister.

Since your father didn't ask for my



opinion, I think I should not answer what appears to be your question for him.

However, I am going to discuss your comment about wanting to transfer the home to you and your sister "so that Medicaid can't take it."

What I am about to say won't do any good and I know it. However, Medicaid does NOT take anyone's home. Let me repeat myself: Medicaid does NOT take anyone's home.

They NEVER do that.

If a person applies for Medicaid benefits, he or she either IS or IS NOT eligible for those benefits. And eligibility depends on the Medicaid applicant's income and on his or her non-exempt assets.

Non-exempt assets are basically stocks, bonds, cash, real estate but not counting the homestead, and certain additional assets that are counted when applying for Medicaid benefits.

Did anyone see what I wrote about the homestead? I said it is not counted for determining Medicaid qualification. It is what is known as an exempt asset for determining Medicaid eligibility.

I'm a cynical guy. So when children say to me that they want to protect their parent's homestead so that Medicaid won't take it, what I get from that is what they really want is to take it from their parents so that they, the

children can have it.

I'm not opposed to legal Medicaid planning.

To the contrary, I am in favor of it.

However, taking an exempt asset, which is what the homestead is, and giving it to the children (or anyone else for that matter) is not, it seems to me, to be wise planning.

That seems especially true when the parent is presently living in the home and is managing all right at present. And by the way, a nursing home does not take a homestead, either. Nursing homes are a business. You pay. You stay. You don't. You won't.

Q. My financial planner is out of the State of Florida. My late husband and I have had him for well over 30 years. We started with him when we lived in (a Midwestern state) and were working. He always did well for us and even took care of our IRS returns; and is doing well for me, now that my husband has passed on.

I attended a seminar about six months ago and then made a separate appointment with the person who gave the seminar. He looked over my financials and said I was paying quite a bit to my financial advisor and he suggested that I could turn over my income tax information and he would handle it for me. I can always use more income, but wonder what your thoughts might be.

A. I don't see a question here, and anyway, I do not give financial advice. I give legal advice.

However, as a personal opinion - and that's all it is - it seems to me, if you have someone who is giving you good advice, be it financial, legal, medical, income tax, or anything else, why do you want to go somewhere else?

Nothing is for free.

We have to pay for the services we

get. There's no free lunch no matter what might be told.

So, if those services are helpful, why not continue with same person who's providing them? I would.

Q. If I only want to leave income-only to my children and then their children and then their children's children, how long can I keep it going without having to give out the entire principle of my estate?

A. This would be what is known as a dynasty trust and in Florida you could hold off a final distribution for 360 years which seems to be quite a long time.

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**WRITERS WORKSHOP****It will take a group effort Nov. 5 to teach Chilly how to be a newspaper reporter**

Let me introduce you to Chilly.

Chilly is the newest reporter to the On Top of the World news staff. He will be covering Building 99, the Antarctica Building.

Chilly has no journalism experience. He has little story-writing experience. He has never written pieces on deadline, never actually interviewed someone and has never had a photograph published.



What Chilly does have are bad writing habits.

On Thursday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m., Chilly and other OTOW News writers are invited to the annual Press Association Writers Workshop in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

This event is for anyone, like Chilly, who is new to our newspaper staff, or will be covering a building, a sport or a group this winter.

The workshop is also open to veteran writers who want a fun refresher course, want to improve their writing skills or want to become more aware of journalism guidelines.

With the help of the current news staff, we are going to take one hour to teach Chilly how to be a reporter. We are going to start with basics, move on to rules, point out bad habits, and end with how to write the perfect story.

Most important, we are going to have fun!

There will be no quizzes and no homework, but everyone is encouraged to bring a pen and pad and take notes. The whole idea is to learn something new and use your new knowledge to write better stories. It is hoped no one forgets what they learn as soon as they walk out the door.



Chilly will be writing for Building 99 - the Antarctica Building - starting this fall season.

Beverages and snacks will be available.

The workshop is not mandatory, but every building who has a writer, every sport, and every club or group, should really make sure their reporter attends.

Every year, our staff learns something new.

The next Press Association meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the Ve-

randa Room.

The news staff will be updated on the upcoming OTOW News Pet Halloween Costume Contest on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 9 a.m. and the annual Holiday Lights Decorating Contest this December.

We will also discuss where to hold our annual holiday luncheon, Thursday, Dec. 3 in the afternoon. OTOW tries to support local advertisers.

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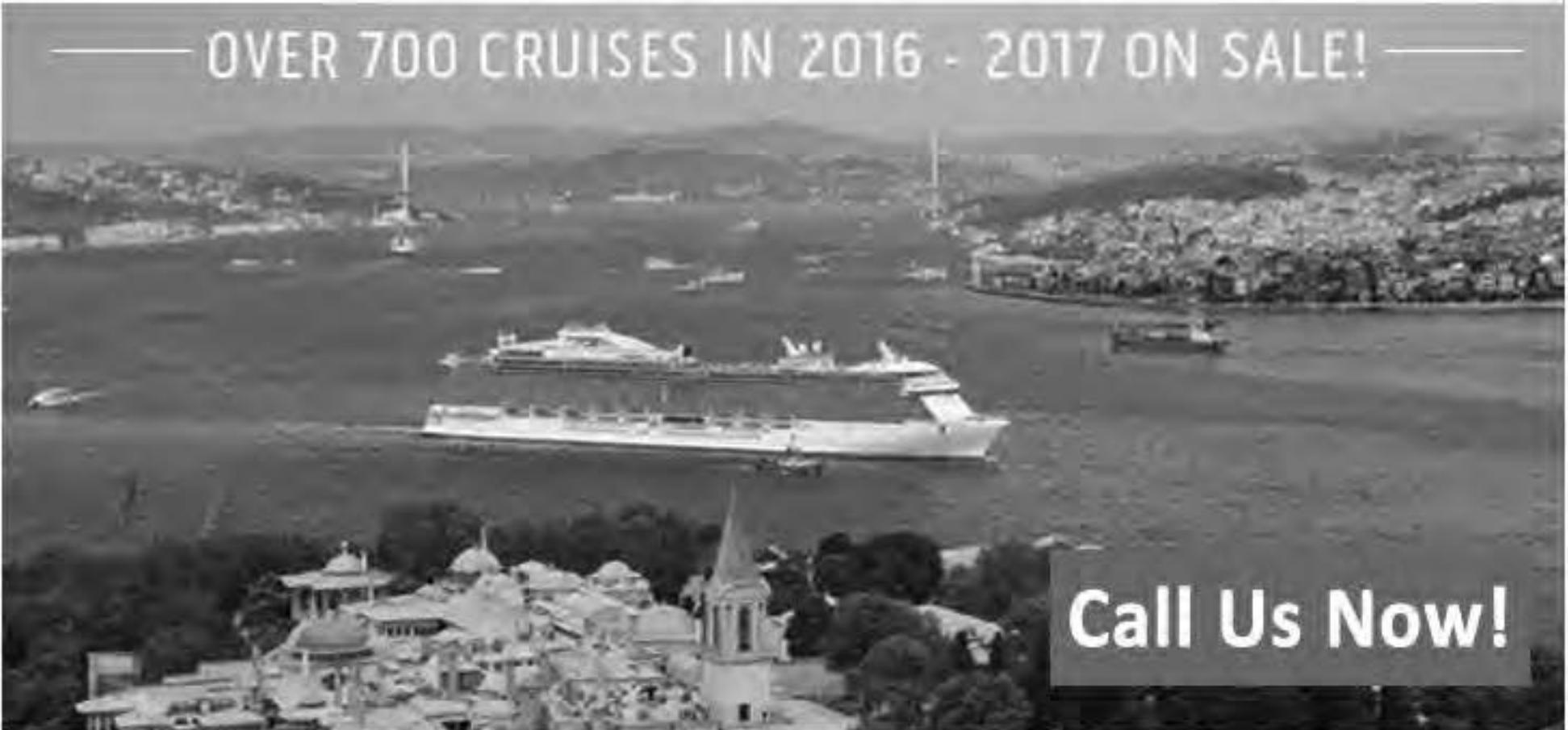
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# Senior Expo will have raffles, health benefits, refreshments and a lot of good information

By Dessa Barabba

Mark your calendar for the 2015 Senior Expo hosted by the Community Service Office and Good Neighbors.

This year's event will be huge!

The Expo is set for Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parking will be available at the Denmark street parking lot and the SCA shuttle bus will transport residents to and from the West Activity Center, East Activity Center, and Denmark parking lot during the event.

Parking will also be available in the East Activity Center south parking lot and north parking lot, but is limited as most spaces will be reserved for vendor parking.

Walgreens will be providing flu shots for those residents who need them. Medicare covers the cost of the immunization for many seniors. If the shot isn't covered under your plan, Walgreens has advised that the cost would then be \$31.99. They will have waivers and billing sheets available for residents the day of the event

and they will handle all billing issues at the store level. Look for their tables set up in the Starlite Room and plan to get your flu shot that day. Additional information can be picked up at the Community Service Office closer to the event date.

Give-away bags will be passed out while supplies last. You can pick up your bag from a member of the Community Service Office when entering the event from the front lobby doors at the East Activity Center or at the Community Service Office table located outside by the vendor tables.

Please remember bags are limited to one per person. All residents who receive a gift bag will also get their hand stamped for entry into the event.

Pinellas County's Operation Medicine Cabinet will be hosting a table again this year. Any resident who has expired or unused medications, please bring them with you and drop them off at the appropriate vendor table during event hours.

At their request, please safely remove medications from bottles and

place in zip lock bags. Liquids should remain within their original containers and the caps secured with tape. Remember to remove labels from the bottles and destroy them. This is the best way to dispose of your unwanted medications!

One Blood will be onsite for this event so please plan to make a blood donation.

Also, attending this year is Charlie Tulum's Dos Tacos Food Truck. They will be offering a variety of food options for purchase, such as chicken or fish tacos.

Both vendors will be parked in the East Activity Center north parking lot along with our outside vendors. Additional information regarding One Blood can be picked up in the Community Service Office closer to the event date.

The Good Karma Cafe will be providing coffee and donut combos for \$1 and Good Neighbors will have hot dog, chip, and water combos for sale for \$2. Both will be located in the Art Room. Dining tables will be

set up for your convenience inside the Art Room and at our vendor location outdoors.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the indoor lobby entrance and if you donate a non-expired canned good item for a local food pantry you'll receive one additional raffle ticket.

There will be two large raffles, brought to you by Good Neighbors, at 1:30 and 1:45. Entry for these raffles is at the Community Service Table. Tickets are \$1 each. For all raffles you must be present to win.

Voluntary pet and service animal registrations will also be available at the Community Service Office table. Registering your pet provides us important information and may assist you in locating your lost pet. Also, by registering you will be entered into a drawing for a Pets Supplies Plus gift certificate.

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# 'In the Unlikely Event' now available at your library

By Katy Gerritt

Autumn is finally here and with it comes cooler weather and lots of new books to read.

We have novels, thrillers and mysteries this month by some favorite authors.

New titles include, "The Naked Eye" by Iris Johansen, "Nemesis" by Catherine Coulter, "Code of Conduct" by Brad Thor, "All the Single Ladies" by Dorothea Benton Frank, "Naked Greed" by Stuart Woods and "Speaking in Bones" by Kathy Reichs.

We also have "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee, "A Southern

Girl" by John Warley, "The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George, "Ever After" by Jude Deveraux, "The President's Shadow" by Brad Meltzer and "The English Spy" by Daniel Silva.

Another interesting novel is based on the true story of three plane crashes in the winter of 1951-1952 in Elizabeth, N.J.. Titled "In the Unlikely Event" by Judy Blume, the story is about the impact that this event had on several residents of the town.

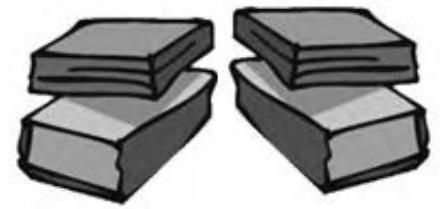
Judy also will be a featured author at the Times Festival of Reading, which will be held from 10-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the University of

South Florida, 140 Seventh Ave. S., St. Petersburg. Admission is free of charge.

The On Top of the World library is now open three days a week: Monday 10 am-noon, and Wednesday and Friday from noon to 2 p.m.

Our First Friday book sale will resume with special deals on that day, but we always have great buys on gently used reading materials.

We also ask if you know of new authors or books that would be a good addition to the library. Please let us know. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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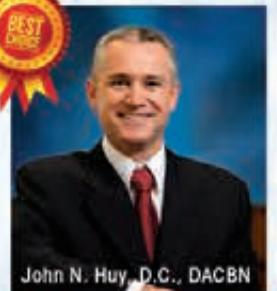
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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## Exciting trips coming up

# Travel Club stops by to say 'hello' to President Carter



By Terri Mikszenas

Our first group from the Travel Club has returned from visiting the Jimmy Carter National Site in Plains, Ga.

Everyone said this trip was amazing and perhaps one of the most educational and best journeys yet!

The group was excited to have their picture taken with former President Carter. R. Pearl Gershon gave him a big hug and now she says she will be saving that dress forever.

Where have we heard that story before?

A second group of OTOW residents will leave here Oct. 23, and although President Carter's has announced he is fighting an illness, we have been informed he and his wife are anxious to receive us for our second visit.

We are well on our way to another exciting winter season for the OTOW Travel Club. There are a lot of new and exciting trips on our calendar, including the Ybor City Cigar History Tour, the Victorian Christmas Stroll at the Henry B. Plant Museum in Tampa, an eight-day cruise to Cuba, as well as trips to the Sunken Gardens and Kennedy Space Center.



Our club travelers cleared through bomb sniffing dogs and United States Secret Service inspection, before visiting the home and church of President Jimmy Carter, our 39th President of the United States. From left to right, are President Jimmy Carter, R. Pearl Gershon, Don Michel, Fran Zaloski, Mary Garrett, Dulce Boyce, Jane Lee, George Tucker, Hessa Klassman, Bill Lee, Natalie Silva, Marilyn Whelan, Larry Amburn and Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter.

We'll be celebrating Veteran's Day in our red, white and blue at the Armed Forces History Museum in Largo, and just before Easter, our club has planned a three-day trip to Orlando's Holy Land Experience.

Our February five-day cruise to Key West and Cozumel has also created a lot of excitement. There's still

time to come aboard!

And there are a lot more trips and adventures planned, but not enough room in this column to describe them all.

Please stop by the East Activity Center on Monday or Thursday mornings, 8-10:30 a.m., to get the details, join the club and/or buy a ticket or

two.

You are welcome to join us at the monthly meeting on the first Friday of the month in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

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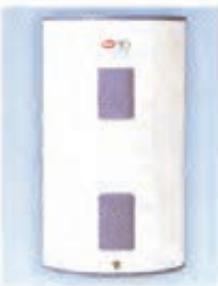

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# Knitting group may not know anything about snow and cold, but they know how to make scarves

By Phyllis Butler

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9-11 in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

We have been meeting there for many years and have knitted and crocheted many lap robes and shrugs, and while we have made many people happy with our products, occasionally, we develop projects in other areas.

Last month, we received several donations of yarn from residents who no longer needed it, for which we really thank them.

This enabled us to participate in a project that we had just heard about. It is called "Scarves for Troops" and is part of a larger project called "Operation Gratitude" which operates out of California.

This project collects scarves for our troops assigned to cold weather stations during the winter months. Boxes, with all kinds of goodies, are sent to our troops on a regular basis. but in the winter, goodies include the handmade scarves.



Our members voted and we decided to participate, so for the next few months we are going to be making scarves for our troops.

Around Thanksgiving, we will package them up and see just how many we were able to produce.

Each scarf will have a personal note from us as representatives of Good Neighbors.

We think it will be an exciting project, which started in August. We were able to produce 112 scarves by Sept. 10. We are aiming to produce 500 by



In the front row, left to right, are Laverne Iorio, Helen Duranti and Song Brooks. In the back row are Adele Pokrzywnicki, Iris White, Cheryl Butcher, Pauline Segall and Anna Georgiadis. Missing is Phyllis Butler.

Thanksgiving.

The Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors, and receives financial support from them, as well as from the Coffee Corner. We really appreciate their help.

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

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# Our newest map is a great way to help navigate through On Top of the World



## Snowbirds Club

Along with the new Snowbirds season at On Top of the World comes a new OTOW community map.

At first glance it looks the same as its two predecessors, but this one is different. It is the first one that is made possible entirely by the membership of the Snowbirds Club.

In the past, financing for this full color street and building guide had to come from outside our community. This issue is different. We are proud to say that this time the cost is borne entirely by the club and through your participation and support.

So, thank you for supporting our club and for helping us provide it completely free of charge to anyone in our community.

What you might not know is that the map is a valuable resource for emergency responders who can find our streets and buildings difficult to navigate.

Stop by the Snowbirds Club sales desk and pick up a free copy. While you're there, check out the exciting and

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extensive list of events we are offering this season.

Join us Oct. 23 at Fletchers Dinner Theater for "Fox on the Fairway." It is sure to tickle your taste buds and your funny bone, all in one evening.

Our Oct. 24 Mount Dora Craft

Fair bus trip will provide a great day out with the added opportunity to get a head start on your holiday shopping.

Our Oct. 30 Mote Aquarium bus trip is an exciting way to check out the Sarasota area.

You can also travel with us to oth-

er enticing Florida and area destinations with our Biloxi Casino bus trip, our St. Augustine Christmas lights bus trip and our Punta Gorda Christmas lights bus trip and cruise.

The Snowbird Club is your place for travel, adventure and fun.

## BACK FOR ANOTHER SEASON!

### OTOW Art Guild Drawing Class

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We meet in the Art Room every Thursday 1-3 p.m.  
All Art Guild members are welcome - class cost \$3/session

## Bingo marathon

The next Bingo Marathon will take place Sunday, Oct. 18, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Doors will open at 10:30 Sunday morning with games starting at noon.

We'll have the usual goodie bag at the door. Lunch will be provided with the same menu - fried chicken.

We're hoping to get upwards of 125 people and hope you will all be able to come. Ticket prices will be \$30 in advance. No sales at the door and no refunds.

Check out our sales table every Monday and Thursday morning at the EAC from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and come join the fun in October.

Also look online at the Bingo page on the OTOW Box Office Website.

That was a short summer vacation!

# Who's ready for \$1 burgers and kayaking?

By Ron Clement

Ahhh September.

Fall is in the air up North and the kids are back in school everywhere.

Here at On Top of the World, summer-like temperatures will continue for another month or so. After the rainiest season in a long time, we are all hoping it will dry out soon.

Still, those of us who live here year round wouldn't trade it for any other place on Earth.

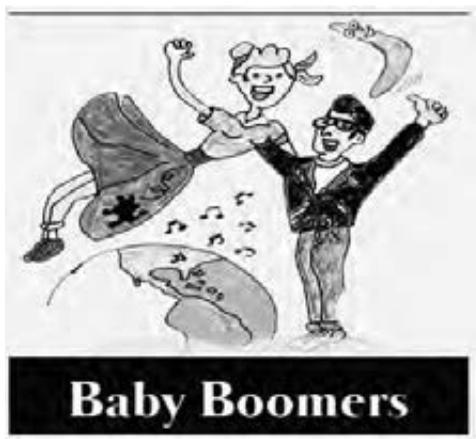
The thunder and rain may have kept us away from the pool on occasion, but we persevere.

Soon the migration of the Snowbirds will begin and OTOW will be buzzing with the energy of friends returning for another season.

For the Baby Boomers, this means golfing on Mondays and enjoying dollar tacos and margaritas after.

We will need a larger table at Bar Louie's for Tuesday dollar burger night.

More of us will take to the bike trails with the "Slow Spokes" on Fri-



day mornings and the serious bikers on Saturday Mornings.

As the weather cools a bit, the ranks of our recently formed kayaking group will swell. We will plan road trips, like we did last year, to the Ying Ling Brewery.

Ahhh, yes October. It means that all this fun and activity is just around the corner.

Sound like fun?

Well come on out and join in.

The OTOW Baby Boomers Club is an association of friends, commit-



The Boomers are experts when it comes to finding dollar burgers and margaritas, but when it comes to golfing, a few of us can still use a few pointers. Here's us getting ready for the fall.

ted to staying active and enjoying life. We meet on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, 5:30 p.m., at the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Please Note: In months that the

first Wednesday falls on the 7th, our second meeting is held on the fourth Thursday. For October that means our second meeting will be Thursday, the 22nd and it will be held in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room at 5:30.

## Join us for first Chorus rehearsal of season Oct. 6

*"Music – the other non-addictive, mood-altering, non-substance.*

*Ask your doctor if music is right for you.*

*Common side effects include, but are not limited to, uncontrolled head bobbing, toe tapping, finger snapping, selective hearing impairment and persistent melody flashbacks."*

By Ilene Bargerstock

I have no idea who wrote the description above, but I like it!

Of course, you can receive some of the benefits of music just by listening. However, there have been studies that conclude the best results are achieved by singing.

Guess what?

You can get started right here and now. Come to the On Top of the



World Chorus first-of-the-season rehearsal on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Our director will distribute the music for our Holiday Concert and we will sing through each piece just once.

We are each given a folder and we take the music home with us.

Regular rehearsals begin Monday, Oct. 12, 10-11 a.m., in the EAC Large Card Room and will continue each Monday morning and Tuesday evening thereafter.

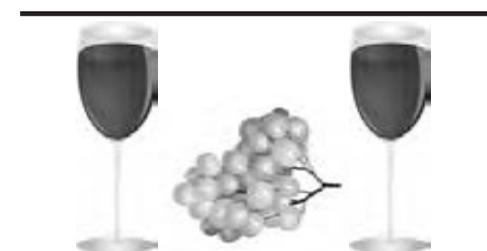
We work hard, but our director makes it fun and we laugh a lot.

Concerts for this season are scheduled for Dec. 12 and 13 and April 2 and 3.

One Tuesday each month we have refreshments during our break and enjoy getting better acquainted with each other.

I hope I have given you some idea of what to expect. If you would like more information regarding joining Chorus, give me a call at 727-249-5759. If I can't answer your questions, I will direct you to someone who can.

Looking forward to reconnecting with our members who, along with me, have endured the record heat of this summer. And to those of you, who still choose to go north for a time, hurry back! We miss you and pray for your safe travel.



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## Ice cream social set for Oct. 21

By Jerry Kaplano

Welcome to all our returning Snowbird friends!

Autumn is in the air. We have many interesting activities in store.

On Oct. 21, we will have our ice cream social.

On Nov. 18, we will have our welcome back spaghetti dinner catered by A&N.

We are also planning for a Christmas Brunch at the Safety Harbor Spa in December.

Please stop by the East Activity Center on Monday or Thursday between 8:30-10:30 a.m. for more information.

See you there!

## Pennsylvania Club's final meeting Nov. 5

The Pennsylvania Club will not have an October meeting as the club is going to close.

No one has stepped forward to be president.

The final meeting will take place

10:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 5. All club assets will be taken care of at that time.

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**Antonina Wuthrich**  
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**Iris and Max Freitas**  
from Massachusetts



**Elena Goletz**  
from Pennsylvania

(OTOW Photos  
by Mary Lou Wall)

## Breast cancer walk Oct. 17

By Barb Sundberg  
Just a reminder that our third annual trip to the St. Petersburg Breast Cancer Walk is set for Saturday, Oct. 17.

Come meet other On Top of the World residents in the East Activity Center parking lot at 8 a.m. We'll car pool it together to



Vinoy Park.

Many of you know former resident, Julie Naran-

cich. She lost her sister, Mary Jo, to breast cancer several years ago.

In 2012, Julie and one of her daughters participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in St. Petersburg. Julie chose this particular walk because all the proceeds raised go directly

to breast cancer research.

In 2013, seven OTOW residents joined Julie and one of her daughters in this Breast Cancer Walk. Last year we tripled the number of walkers from our community to 21.

So come join your friends, neighbors, and fellow

survivors. It's a very moving experience. If you cannot walk, we'll accept your donations in support of this worthwhile cause.

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If you have any questions, please call Barb Sundberg 847-946-4214.

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Each day we work different muscle groups with a challenging routine so you won't get bored. 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. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises at the end of each class.

In addition to the above, come try our fun fitness workout on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. in the large card room right after the 8 a.m. class.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214.

## Bonesavers Classes

Bonesavers continues to meet all year round.

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We may meet in the Yellow Room, located across from the Good Karma Café, until renovations are finished.

Bring water and a towel. Be prepared to challenge yourself, have fun and burn some calories.

We don't do floor exercises.



## 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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By Esta-Lee Schwartz

Diane Nelson, the Pinellas County Tax Collector, is coming to our Oct. 20 meeting.

There are some interesting new programs, which can be rolled out, and I am sure Diane's presentation will be enjoyable and enlightening.

Congressman Gus Bilirakis attended our monthly meeting on Aug. 18. Accompanying him was his Chief of Staff Liz Hittos.

Close to 50 people attended.

Rep. Bilirakis serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Sub-Committee on Commerce Manufacturing and Trade, the Sub-Committee on Health, the Sub-Committee on Communications and Technology, the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, and the Sub-Committee on Health.

Gus was elected to office for District 12 in November 2006.

At our meeting, Gus discussed many interesting issues, plus he said he is willing to listen to concerns and questions from our community.

One member present was a retired officer, and when we were discussing immigration, he brought up a personal issue. Our member was immediately assured that Chief of Staff Liz Hittos would handle the concern for him.

There were no issues off the table.

Gus is an advocate for all things veteran affairs. Often times the closest place to go is 30 to 40 miles away.



Congressman David Jolley talks to On Top of the World residents during a Republican Club meeting in September. (OTOW photo by George Swiderski)

He believes our veterans should have a choice of finding private doctors and is an advocate of provision 160, called the advocacy act. This is to help find cures or treatments for rare diseases.

On Sept. 15, Congressman David Jolly spoke at our meeting.

David represents Florida's 13th Congressional District, which covers most of Pinellas County. He won his



election to the U.S. House of Representatives in March of 2014.

To improve the effectiveness of Congress, David has formally called on Congress to be in session more days and to require that a work week in Washington actually be a full week.

More details will be available in November's article.

An update regarding Mary Jane Lofton's "Fallen Heroes Tag" project, also will be in the November article. Exciting news is expected.

Republican Club meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month in the East Activity Center Craft Room starting at 7 p.m. Doors are open at 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome or pay the \$5 annual due and become a member of our club.

For further information, find our club page on the Box Office Website, email [suemarvlaz@gmail.com](mailto:suemarvlaz@gmail.com), or Facebook us at Ronald Reagan Club.

## Ping pong expands

On Top of the World ping pong now has four tables and a new schedule heading into the fall season.

Residents may play Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room and Fridays, 10 a.m. in the Large Card Room after renovations are completed.

Ping pong plays two tables at a time, side by side, and they are singles and doubles games.

All residents are welcome to attend and encouraged to have some fun.



# First day for Vegas auditions set for Oct. 17

By Lillie Scheifen

With our annual show many months away, it seems there would be nothing new to report in our monthly report.

But there is business to be taken care of, auditions to be held, and people to contact to ensure all goes smoothly.

The first round of auditions will be held by President Will Peterson at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 17 at the East Activity Center. We hope to see you there. All you need is your talent and energy and we will provide the rest, including encouragement.

The main theme of our show is "Las Vegas" with its many magnificent buildings, enough brilliant lights to illuminate half the world, its non-stop action and glamour, and money flow-



ing like there is no tomorrow.

Vegas started as an idea and a dream that almost came to fruition for a notorious mobster named "Bugsy" Siegel. Bugsy felt there was a gambling mecca to be forged out of a barren desert, a place where people would come from near and far to be enter-

tained and to entertain. A place that would make untold millions for Bugsy and his Mafia bosses. He got the blessings of the bosses, and after many mishaps and cost overruns, the beautiful Flamingo opened for Christmas in 1946.

But as fate would have it, the weather turned ugly and the expected crowds didn't materialize.

Shortly after, the Flamingo closed and Bugsy's dream ended. So, too, did his life.

However, this opened the door for organized crime and for years, organized crime controlled the operations in Vegas.

How ironic that Bugsy was right, after all, but the only mention of his dream is a small plaque outside the current Flamingo Casino, located in

the heart of the gambling capitol of the world.

So many famous people owe their starts and success to the dream of a gangster - Wayne Newton, Frank Sinatra and his Rat Pack, Elvis, Steve and Edie, Don Rickles, the famous Wedding Chapels and on and on.

So, we have a rich history to use for our show.

Of course, we will use our own recipe and bake a cake you may find hard to resist!

Our next meeting is Wednesday Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the East Activity Center, with the Board meeting at 7 p.m. Dues will be accepted and are still \$5 a year. Bring your OTOW I.D. cards to all meetings. We are also at the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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# Broadway: A Night to Remember Auditions start Oct. 14 for Jesters new show

By Sue Calinski

Fall is officially here, and The Jesters are gearing up for our annual show.

This year, we will be presenting "Broadway: A Night to Remember," which is being written and directed for us by Mike Albano.

Tickets for "Broadway: A Night to Remember" will be on sale soon at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings. Tickets are only \$5 per person!

We are expecting a high number of sales, so you may want to get your tickets as soon as possible before they are gone.

On Sept. 9, The Jesters held their first General Meeting of the year, during which we welcomed several new members.

It was also nice to see many familiar faces return, and it looks like this will be a fun-filled and exciting year for us all.

Our next General Meeting will be on Oct. 14, from 7-10 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. We always appreciate new members, so please come to the meeting and see what we're all about!

We are holding auditions on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 3-5 p.m. and Thurs-



day, Oct. 15, 1-3 p.m. in the EAC Veranda.

If you can sing or dance, we would love to have you at our auditions and become a part of our group!

Singers should select a favorite song from a Broadway show, and bring your own music if possible.

We are looking for back-up dancers, as well as those who are ready to be stars!

If you can tap dance, we highly encourage you to try out!

So warm up those voices and dance shoes, and come on out and show us your special talent!

We are also in need of those who can help create scenery, work backstage, assist costumers, and any number of other tasks that go on behind the scenes. It's a great way to "get your feet wet" and give us a try!



In photo at right, Mike Albano and Joanne Merrick are Sonny and Cher in the 2014 Theater Workshop show.

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# Wood shop does not sit still - it keeps building and building



## Fixers Club

By Joe Borcynski

The Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club began about 1975 as a wood-working shop for residents here at On Top of the World.

The club started with a used table saw and a few hand tools, but it is now a well-equipped wood shop with nicely maintained power tools, a helpful and conscientious supervisory staff, a wealth of shop accessories, and a friendly bunch of men and women.

Over the years, the club has divided into two - the wood shop, and toy shop - but still managed by the same executive board. The membership averages 100 per year, 50 full-time residents and 50 seasonal.



Pictured above are restored shop benches with some of the work done this summer. (Photo by Jim Calamas)

The wood shop has undergone a significant metamorphosis in the last 20 years. Perhaps most significant is the presence of shop supervisors,

who are present whenever the shop is open. This provides a club presence that brings three main benefits.

- First, the safety and health of the

club members is promoted. Seven dust collectors used for sanding and sawing is one benefit.

- Secondly, the risk of injury is reduced by using safety devices complying with state law.

- Thirdly, members maintain the machinery and tools.

To quote Jim Calamas, the current president of the club, "The importance of supervisors is vital and I urge members to take on the position."

Doug Erickson says, "The shop refit has been done by dedicated workers. The work done this summer is an example. The next 20 years will likely see the introduction of computer operated machines, the use of plastic and wood mixtures, and more efficient dust collection and noise abatement."

The Fixers Club has grown into a stable, self-sustaining group, that will be an integral part of our community in years to come. All residents are welcome to visit the shop and see what we do, and to consider how the club can be a benefit to you and your neighbors.



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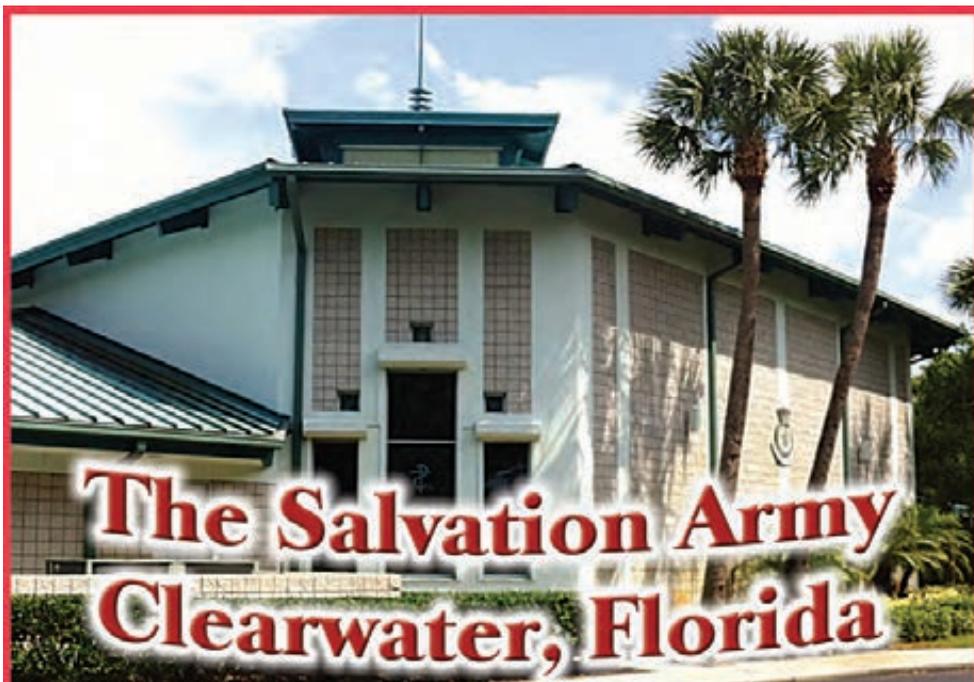
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# This fall, join us on the dance floor or practice in your own living room

By John Koning

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Sometimes the winter crowds can be annoying, but such is not the case at line dancing.

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Numbers have slipped since then, but during the last couple of years they are rebounding steadily.

There's still a lot of room for more, so why not stop by and give line dancing a try?

We meet on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. and Tuesday afternoons starting at 1 p.m.

We offer beginner instruction to get you started. Whether you want to dance or just watch, we guarantee that your toes will be tapping. By its nature, line dancing music is catchy stuff!

You can also check us out from the comfort and privacy of your living room couch. Our dances are televised on OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732 on Monday mornings from 9-9:30 a.m., Monday evenings from 6-6:30 p.m., Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11 a.m. and Wednesday nights from 7-7:30 p.m. All start times are approximate.

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# Democrats discuss distribution of wealth last month, protecting natural resources this month

By Donna Lukas

At our last meeting, we talked about how happy we looked in the September newspaper photo of our club celebrating Medicare's 50th birthday.

Was it happiness about having good health insurance or anticipation of eating the cake?

Only those in the photo know for sure.

If you weren't at our September meeting, you missed a really good participatory discussion of the movie "Inequality For All."

In the movie, professor and former US Secretary of Labor Robert Reich, asked three questions. What is happening in terms of distribution of income and wealth? Why? And is it a problem?

Our group's consensus, that the widening gap is a current problem,



## Democratic Club

was supported by handouts of Tampa Bay Times newspaper articles stating that the broad-based plunge in real wages is a scary trend and a drag on Florida's economy.

Whether you are a political conservative or liberal, this movie is very enlightening. If you haven't seen it, there are many DVD copies available in Pinellas County libraries.

Other handouts included identi-

fication of five candidates endorsed by Emily's List in the "Take Back The Senate" campaign, and AARP encouragement to contact our current senators asking them to co-sponsor a bill (S.31) titled the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2015. Negotiating prices for prescription drugs could potentially save billions of dollars.

Who are the elected officials and/or candidates who support preservation and protection of natural resources?

What is the status of the lawsuit against the Florida Legislature for misappropriation of Amendment 1 funds that were intended to acquire and restore conservation lands?

How dangerous is the fracking technique of oil extraction to the Florida water supply?

A guest speaker from the Demo-

cratic Environmental Caucus of Florida will help answer these questions at our Oct. 8 meeting, which will be held at 2 p.m. in a new location: the Art Room on the upper level of the East Activity Center. Come join us for another lively discussion.

As this year comes to a close, we are looking forward to 2016.

We need more members to help us support candidates in the 2016 elections. And we need members to offer their services in providing our monthly meetings.

If you have an interest in becoming an officer or a committee member, please contact Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123. In any case, please join us at our monthly meetings.

By sharing information, experiences and opinions, we become better informed and capable of making decisions in political matters.

## Learn how you can help a school as a volunteer

By Jane Lee

Our local schools need your help if you are willing to donate an hour or more a week of your time.

If you like working with children or doing clerical work, and you are interested in meeting others living here at On Top of the World, who share your passion, come and join the Classroom Volunteer's Club.



## Classroom Club

We are meeting 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 22 at the Starlite Room. If our room is taken for driver's education class, then we will meet in the Art Room.

There are many opportunities to reach out to the community, whether you like to help the librarian, or collect box top coupons for education.

Contact Jane Lee at 727-266-4380 or wlee315695@aol.com or Barbara Mooney 727-754-3686 or barbamoooneya@gmail.com for more information.

You can also learn about our meetings if you visit [www.on-top-of-the-world-news.com](http://www.on-top-of-the-world-news.com), click the Box Office link and look for Classroom Volunteers under the OTOW Clubs section.

## Oct. 28 meeting

# Pizza and a scary story

By Jane Lee

We hope you had a great time at our sports party in September. Everyone seemed to get into the spirit of naming the football clubs. Hopefully you made some new friends.

Our next meeting will be on Oct. 28 and it will be a pizza party. You must buy your ticket for \$2 in advance so we know how much pizza and soft drinks to order.

You are always welcome to come to our meetings if you are a member of our club, but we can only serve those who bought a ticket in advance so our food doesn't run out.

You are also reminded to BYOB.

We will have our famous On Top of the World storyteller, Will Peterson, tell us about Sleepy Hollow. This meeting is very close to Halloween so, if you want to dress up for the occasion, feel free to do so. At this meeting we will nominate officers for the next year. We want to keep our momentum going and to bring you many exciting events to enjoy in the future.

We will not meet in November because of Thanksgiving, however, our next big event is a Christmas party on Dec. 4. This party will begin at 5 p.m. There will be a dinner dance and the cost for this event is only \$15. Everyone will need a ticket for this because it will be catered by Felice's and the menu will include a ham or turkey dinner. Our DJ will be Eddie Dean.

Everyone is welcome to join us no matter where you come from in OTOW. Our regular meetings are at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center. If you can come early and want to assist or act as a host or hostess, we would appreciate the help.



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# Opera Tampa, clothing drive and cancer presentation top October events

As we approach the start of the fall season, events are picking up here at On Top of the World and our schedule is becoming more full as each day passes.

On Oct. 8, we invite all residents to Good Neighbors Thursday for a free coffee and donut, hear updates on current happenings and enjoy free entertainment from Opera Tampa, plus our usual raffle of goodies.

On Oct. 16, 17 and 18, our annual clothing drive will take place. We will be collecting gently used, clean, men's and women's clothing for redistribu-

## Good Neighbors



### President Jim Bjorgo

tion to needy folks without cost to them. Items may be brought to the East Activity Center these days from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Oct. 20, the American Cancer Society will present "What We Can

and Do For You," an informative hour from 10-11 a.m. in the EAC Starlite Room. Join us and hear what we can expect from the American Cancer Society.

November will also be busy with the Senior Expo on the 14th, our annual flea market on the 21st and our annual craft show on the 28th.

With all of the events forthcoming the next two months, we remind all of you that it takes planning and manpower. The Good Neighbors Association needs help from anyone willing to assist.

If your desires are to help, please come to the Good Neighbors table outside of the Gift Shoppe in the EAC, Mondays and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m.

We also want to welcome back those early Snowbirds, whom have returned to the friendly faces of OTOW.

Welcome, glad that you all could come back. Enjoy your stay in sunny Florida.

Do you have questions about OTOW, come to the Good neighbors table and we will be pleased to help you out.

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# Our next social is influenced by Halloween - dress in attire from the opposite sex

By Dave Beaven

Life is a drag.

This phrase can be understood in different ways.

If there is a lot of stress going on, we can feel dragged down by it. But there is another meaning of drag. When one dons clothing of the opposite sex, that person is said to be doing drag. They are straying outside of the lines that society draws around us.

October means Halloween, which is the time of year when a lot of these boundaries are loosened. A time when people are allowed to cut loose and wear what they want. So, for this month's Lambda social, we are having a Drag Party.

On Friday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Sunrise Room, I invite you to join us in taking a walk on the wild side.

What drag suits you?



## Lambda

Me, I see myself with a little eyeliner, a bit of lip gloss, some concealer (for those bags under my eyes.) It's a start.

What lines will you cross?

There is no judgment on this night - only applause.

Don't worry, the bar will be open if you need a little liquid courage to get up on those high heels.

Just remember, it's past Labor Day, so white is out!

Now, I know that some of our

male Lambdians will never consider doing drag. And, in fact, they will probably consider skipping this party altogether.

But don't!

For you, my solution is to wear a different type of drag. May I suggest a hypermasculine look. I'm thinking lumberjack flannel or construction worker ripped T shirt or biker leather.

Vroom!

Of course, these looks would also be quite appropriate for female attendees who wanted to do male drag.

Like I said, no judgment.

As usual, we will have refreshments prepared by our member chefs. Can't wait to see your outfits. Ta-ta for now.

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.

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 webpage:

<http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at: [lambdaclw@yahoo.com](mailto:lambdaclw@yahoo.com) or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

We are also on the Box Office Website.

# Welcome back party Nov. 20

By Rick McLauchlan

For those up north, the month of October means contemplating our return to our winter homes in beautiful On Top of the World.

The first event of the OTOW Canadian Club 2015-16 season is Registration Night, which is confirmed on Friday, Nov. 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

This will be a welcome back session we will introduce the new Club Executive and Event Coordinators. We will have a schedule of events for the year and a copy of the approved budget for you to take away.

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

This is a time to renew your Canadian Club membership for the upcoming season.

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

Remember that 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 of On Top of the World, are reminded that they must obtain an OTOW Recreation Card from their landlords.

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 Home Owners Association's representatives and this is done for our mutual benefit.

Social games will start on Nov. 19 and continue every Thursday evening from 6-9:30 p.m. in the EAC Large Card Room, Craft Room and kitchen.

Primary ticket sales will take place on Nov. 24, from 8-10:30 a.m. in the Starlite Room for our Dec. 9 Christmas dinner.

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# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

## Tickets for 2016 shows and dances go on sale starting November 1

By Marvin Flam

At the September Sunday In The Park, the proposed 2016 executive board nominations were presented to the well-attended, brief, Entertainment Committee general meeting.

The proposed slate of nominees will be posted in the activity centers and the election will be held at the EC annual meeting, Sunday, Nov. 8.

Any On Top of the World resident who wishes to contest the nominees for any office, shall present their intent to seek office, and their qualifications, to the secretary, in writing by no later than Oct. 8.

Candidates shall be interviewed by the nominating committee by no later than Oct. 22 to confirm their qualifications and nomination.

Prior to Sunday In The Park, the 2015 year and proposed changes for

**Tickets On Sale**  
**Mondays**  
**8:30-10:30 am**  
**Thursdays**  
**8:30-10:30 am**  
**EAC Auditorium**

2016 were reviewed. In 2016, the EC will present a show, a dance and a free Sunday In The Park each month, year round, with live entertainment.

Both the shows and dances will use a table seating arrangement. Both allow the guest to bring refreshments of their choice and the EC provides ice and coffee.

For the dances, each guest gets a free raffle ticket and may win a prize! All tickets purchased in advance are reserved, so reserve a seat for yourself and share time with newly-met neighbors and friends. Enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment listening or dancing to the music.

This truly makes living in our community a lot more fun!

Well it's that time of the year for all 2015 show and dance season ticket holders to renew their priority seats for 2016. You are guaranteed seating if you renew during the month of October. The EC is adding shows to the 2016 lineup so check with us.

Here's breaking news: 'The Brits Are Coming!' in October. It will be show-lounge table seating.

More news, in April, the Suncoast Symphony is coming to OTOW.

Entertainment Committee representatives are at the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. to provide you with information and sell you tickets to any 2015 show and/or dance in advance, including New Year's Eve.

Starting Nov. 1, all tickets for our 2016 year are available. There is no increase in ticket pricing for 2016.

In addition to single tickets, we have special ticket packages for all the shows and dances.

Check us out on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732, on the OTOW Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and all the bulletin boards.

Call us direct at 727-797-1761.

Keep sending us "Wishing Well" suggestions. They have been terrific and we enjoy hearing from you! Thank you.

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**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**



**OCTOBER 2015**



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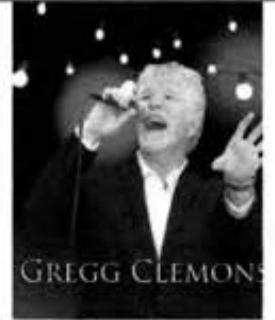
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THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW - 7:30 PM - \$15 AT THE DOOR

**GREGG CLEMONS SHOW**

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GREGG CLEMONS

**SAT  
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SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8 PM - \$10 AT THE DOOR

**PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN DANCE**

THE LOUIS BRAVO DUO WILL PROVIDE THE MUSIC  
COME ENJOY! WALK & TALK LIKE A PIRATE!



LOUIS BRAVO

**SUN  
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SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK AT THE EAC - 2 PM - FREE

**SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK**

PATCHINGTON FASHION SHOW & THE DJ WITH A TWIST  
FREE LITE REFRESHMENTS – BUY A TICKET TO WIN AT THE RAFFLE!



PATCHINGTON FASHION SHOW

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HAVE A SHOW CHANGE AND ARE PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT:

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THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW – 7:30 PM - \$15 AT THE DOOR

**THE BRITISH INVASION**

A TRIBUTE TO  
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BEATLES/STONES

**SAT  
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SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE - 8 PM - \$10 AT THE DOOR

**HALLOWEEN DANCE**

FLASHBACK IS BACK TO PROVIDE THE MUSIC  
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**PREVIEW  
OF  
NOV  
EVENTS**

NOV 5 - THURSDAY - PAUL TANNER SHOW - SINGER-  
IMPRESSIONIST IN A RETURN ENGAGEMENT  
NOV 7 - SATURDAY - VETERANS DANCE - REBOUND  
NOV 8 - SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK - ANNUAL MEETING -  
THE SEQUEL DUO - FREE AT THE EAC



# Public signs you have to read twice

Actual sign posted at a golf course in Scotland:

## Preparing For The First Hole

1. Keep your back straight and knees bent
2. Form a loose grip
3. Keep your head down
4. Stay out of the water
5. No singing, humming or sound effects
6. If you are taking too long, let others go ahead
7. Don't stand directly in front of anyone
8. Keep quiet while others around you prepare
9. Don't take extra strokes
10. Zip up, flush, wash hands, dry, and proceed to first tee.

## More Signs

“Toilet out of order – use floor below.”

“Automatic washing machine: Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.”

“Bargain basement, upstairs.”

“If you took the step ladder yesterday, please return, or further steps will be taken.”

“After tea breaks, staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.”



“The farmer will let you cross his field for free, but the bull will charge.”

“We exchange anything – bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife and purchase a wonderful bargain.”

Sign on door at health food store: “Closed due to illness.”

Sign along safari road: “Elephants, please stay in your cars.”

“If you have children, and didn't know, there is a day care center on first floor.”

Marge  
Mayer



**Internet Humor**

## Annual HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST Returns In December

Photos taken  
Dec. 7-11.

Online Judging  
Dec. 18-20

Call the newsroom  
when your holiday  
lights are ready.

## Tim Rush gives back to our retired servicemen in need



Tim Rush  
as a Knight of Columbus

By Barb Sundberg

The many faces of Tim Rush.

Tim is a past president of the Men's Billiard Club.

On a Tuesday night, a couple of months ago, Tim and his fellow Knights of Columbus members attended The Assembly of the 4th Degree Installation of Officers.

Among the activities of this group are Patriotism, helping our veterans with wheelchairs, toiletries, books, food, shelter and clothing, and especially helping our homeless veterans with temporary housing, where necessary.

Tim is also a deputy rep helping the homeless and disabled veterans at Bay Pines Hospital in St. Petersburg.

Being a veteran himself, this is Tim's way of giving back.

He is a product of the Marine Corps air wing, where he served six years total active and reserve duty. We can't thank Tim and his fellow Knights

of Columbus members enough for their dedication and support to all our veterans.

Tim attended LaSalle College and moved to Florida in 1985 after spending most of his sales and management career in the student travel business for a company in New York City.

In Florida, Tim worked part-time doing portrait fund-raisers for volunteer fire departments in eastern Hillsborough and Polk counties through Olon Mills.

The portraits were taken at the fire houses. When the family made a donation, they received a free portrait certificate.

Tim lost his beautiful first wife of 48 years in 2004, but was lucky to find love again and remarried two years later.

They have five children (three girls, two boys), 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



New members welcome

# Before a new season begins, please review league rules and update your recreation cards

By Terri Mikszenas

Welcome to the 2015-2016 Ladies 18-Hole Golf Season, or as some of you like to call it, the “Hit and Hunt & Swing and Swear” season.

Our officers, President Ellen Fier, Vice President Jackie Woloszyn, Treasurer Sherry Ivey and Secretary Gail DuCharme are already planning a fun season for us.

Our league plays every Tuesday morning from Oct. 6 through the end of May, and all women residing at On Top of the World with a valid recreation card are eligible to apply for membership in our league.

Joan Yorkery is this year’s membership chairperson. If you would like to join or just want more information, please call Joan at 727-725-8388. She’ll be happy to meet with you to explain the rules and regulations of our league and get you started as a new member.

If you’re already a league member, and missed signing up, please contact October’s monthly chairperson, Terry Kuplen, at 725-3046 for an open tee time.

On your first day of play in each new golf season, you will be asked to present your up-to-date OTOW Recreation Card to the starter in the green house for verification that you have golfing privileges. Please bring your

recreation card with you each Tuesday as no one is officially allowed on the golf course without one.

If the ranger checks and you don’t have your card, you may be asked to leave the course immediately.

Renters must obtain a coupon for play as well and returning members are required to have their dues paid to Sherry Ivey before play is allowed for the season.

If you haven’t already picked up your winnings from last season, please see Carole Lacey or ask at the window on Tuesday morning.

The Guys & Dolls Tournament, sponsored by the men’s league, is scheduled for Nov. 11. Please keep an eye on the bulletin board for future details. The men’s league especially welcomes our league ladies without partners and will match you up with their league members without partners.

As always, we ask that you read the bulletin board thoroughly and frequently for important and timely changes and activities. Contact names and numbers are posted on our league bulletin board at the golf course.

The calendar of events on this page will guide you in planning the season to the fullest.

Have a great season!

## Ladies 18-Hole Golf League

October 6			First Day
October 21	9 am	Kitchen	Board Meeting
October 28	9:30 am	Sunrise Room	General Meeting
November 10			Fun Scramble & Rules
November 18	9 am	Kitchen	Board Meeting
December 2	9:30 am	Sunrise Room	Holiday Brunch & General Meeting
January 19			Charity Golf Tourney
February 3	9 am	Kitchen	Board Meeting
February 10	9:30 am	Sunrise Room	General Meeting
February 16			Jack & Jill Tourney
March 14&15			Championship, Handicap Tournament
March 30			Spring Luncheon
April 13	9 am	Kitchen	Board Meeting
April 20	9:30 am	Sunrise Room	General Meeting
May 24			Last Day

## *Les Whynot, two aces this summer*

# Which 3 clubs do you want this month?

By Peter Milner

Wow, it’s October already.

Where did the summer go?

Some of our old friends from places unknown are trickling in and our numbers will start to increase through the fall.

I recently returned from three weeks in New England and now realize the difference between Northeast golf and Florida golf. There is no such thing as a 40 foot bump-and-run. I don’t think there is a place on the

## Men’s Golf

golf course where there is 40 feet that is level or straight. Get it up high and down quick or you are hitting the same club twice in a row.

The weather was in the 70s and no rain.

What?

While I was gone, Les Whynot

aced his second hole-in-one of the summer. On Aug. 19, Les holed out with one swing on the 16th hole. He managed this feat with his 7-iron while Ken Nield and Marc Schell watched with sheer amazement. Les used his 150 yard club and came up one foot short to ace the 149 yard hole.

I’ve never even witnessed a hole-in-one never mind getting one. Great shot Les.

According to our schedule of events, our monthly tournament in

October is a “3 clubs and a putter.”

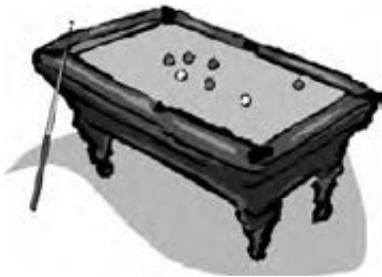
You have a couple of weeks to figure which three clubs to use and go out there and kill it. On that day, we will have refreshments following play.

Even though the weather will slowly start to cool down and some of the humidity might go away; don’t forget to hydrate. Freeze a couple bottles of water the night before play and drink a little after coming off each hole.

Enjoy the golf and don’t forget the handshake after the last hole.



## *Jasmine Rigas focuses energy on billiards and ping pong to stay active and healthy*



### **Que' T Billiards**

By Reva Heymann

The tournament for August was, as usual, done without any help or advice from our instructors.

First place was won by Ellen Frederick. Helen Crombie and Rashanee Turner tied for second place.

From time to time, we introduce some of our members. This time the focus is on Jasmine Rigas. She is an exuberant, outgoing, fun lady, who is an intense, but joyous, friendly competitor.

She really gets into games and gives her all.



Pictured above, from left to right, are Rashanee Turner, Helen Crombie and Ellen Frederick.

Jasmine grew up in New York on Long Island, which, when she was young, was mostly rural and a great place for a kid.

While she loved living there, she

had health problems, which were exacerbated by the cold climate. Finally, she decided to move to Florida.

This turned out to be a good decision since many of the problems

caused by the cold were alleviated. By determination and will power, she has cut down on medications, and tries to handle some of her remaining problems by exercise. She feels good most of the time, and when she doesn't, toughs it out and doesn't let it stop her.

Before retiring, Jasmine was a technical administrative assistant to the vice president of a database company and had responsibilities involving group power point presentations, tutoring employees, organizing travel arrangements, payroll, etc.

Besides the billiards group, she has gone into ping pong with terrific energy and enjoyment. When she misses a shot or is disappointed in her moves, she can be heard cussing herself out in fluent Greek (to the amusement of bystanders.) She tries to encourage and support other players.

Jasmine is also a pet-lover. She has recently adopted Max, a friendly dog, a mix of boxer and Rhodesian Ridgeback breeds.

## **New recruits last season should strengthen club membership, competition for 2015-16**

By Bob Laplante

October – what a great month!

It welcomes the autumn with its cooler, dryer weather; sees the animals prepare for winter, and most importantly, sees the migration of the Snowbirds from the northern USA and Canada.

Nowhere does this impact a community as it does On Top of the World in Clearwater.

The social activities return to full swing, the clubs return to full membership and the sports facilities fill to capacity.

This is especially so on the Lawn Bowls rinks.

Last year, bowlers returned to a temporary closure and a loss of play-

### **Lawn Bowling**

ing time for the entire autumn playing season. However, the completed renovations had the courts return to capacity play for most events and even regular games attracted enough to fill the courts to capacity.

With the number of new members trained at the end of the shortened season, the club looks forward to a competitive, yet very social year.

The annual past president's dinner dance will have "going to the movies" as a theme.

Glitter at the Oscars, homage to a favorite character, or even dressing

as a favorite actor, will provide those so inclined to make the February date even more enjoyable by coming in costume.

Stay posted for when tickets go on sale!

This summer has seen success for members in the off-season. Sandy Wall is off to play in California and Jackie Bedard won title honors at the Ontario Provincial tournament.

Continued good luck to both of you.

Any other off-season success stories will be reported in the future.

For those of you who would like to learn a bit more about the sport of Lawn Bowling, drop by the courts when someone is playing. It is great

for seniors as it can be played by anyone with a modicum of flexibility and strength.

Delivering the bowl the length of the court is not too difficult, as long as the proper technique is used.

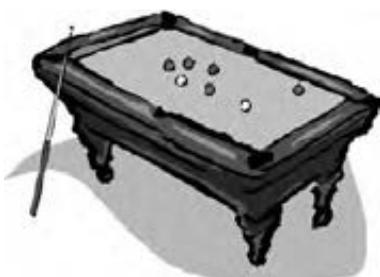
The club will arrange for trainers to introduce new players to the game and have them practice to see if the game remains an option as a great activity.

A good percentage of players were first introduced to the game at OTOW. The two ladies mentioned as having success this year were two such cases. The club really caters to both the social bowler as well as the player who wishes to be more competitive.

Give it a try!



## Don Sorensen goes undefeated for 10-ball title



### Billiards

At the Aug. 25 10-ball tournament, in A Flight, Don Sorensen walked away with first place by winning every game he played.

Congratulations, Don. Wow, what a great achievement.

Dave Williams took second place. In the B Flight, Terry Wittman captured first place, Nick Sapienza took second place and Bill Griffith settled for third.

#### 10-BALL

On Tuesday evening, Aug. 11, in A Flight, Denny Balderson took first place with Tony Baker claiming second place. In B Flight, Joe Ventimiglia captured the first place position.

On Aug. 18 in A Flight, Denny Balderson took first place and Don Sorensen claimed second place.

In B Flight, once again, Joe Ventimiglia captured first place with Nick Sapienza claiming second place.

On Sept. 1 in A Flight, Denny Balderson took first place. After a playoff between Ed Ramirez and Dave Williams, Dave claimed second place. In B Flight, Bill Griffith captured first place. After a playoff between John Fier, Vinnie Martinez and Terry Wittman, John took second place.

On Sept. 7, in A Flight, Joe Gora took first place with Mario Rodriguez claiming second place. In B Flight, John Fier walked away with first place with Vinnie Martinez taking second.

#### 8-BALL

On Monday, Aug. 17, in A Flight, Dave Williams took first place, Tony Baker captured second and Don Sorensen claimed third. In B Flight, after



Pictured above are the top finishers from the Sept. 14, eight-ball tournament. From left to right are Gene Baranowski (second, A Flight), Joe Gora (third, A Flight), Dave Williams (first, A Flight) and Nick Sapienza (first, B Flight).

a playoff, Craig Burnette captured first place, Danny Brust took second and Joe Gora settled for third.

On Aug. 24 in A Flight, Dave Williams took first place. After a playoff between Tony Baker and Don Sorensen, Don captured second place with Tony settling for third. In B Flight, Howard Wilson walked away with first place honors, John Fier captured second and Craig Burnette settled for third.

On Aug. 31, in A Flight, after a playoff between Joe Gora and Joe Wisinski, Joe Wisinski captured the first place slot with Joe Gora settling for second. Don Sorensen took third place. In B Flight, Vinnie Martinez took first place, Nick Sapienza claimed second place and Joe Ventimiglia settled for third.

On Sept. 8 in A Flight, Joe Gora captured first place with Don Sorensen claiming second. In B Flight, Vinnie Martinez took first place again, Nick Sapienza claimed second and John Fier settled for third.

On Sept. 14 in A Flight, Dave Williams, was first Gene Baranowski took second and Joe Gora claimed third. In

B Flight, Nick Sapienza walked away with first place honors. Joe Ventimiglia took second. No playoff was held for third place between Ron Baltrunas, Vinnie Martinez, Ray Quirion and Barb Sundberg.

#### 9-BALL

On Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 18, Joe Gora walked away with first place honors. After a playoff between Ron Blaettner, Bob Eads, Eddie Ramirez and Joe Ventimiglia, Ron claimed second place.

On Aug. 25, Eddie Ramirez captured first place with Bob Eads taking second place.

On Sept. 1, Joey Ventimiglia took first place honors with Tony Baker claiming second.

On Sept. 8, after a playoff, Ron Blaettner captured first place with Tony Baker settling for second.

On Sept., 15, Dave Hill walked away with first place with Eddie Ramirez taking second.

#### SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Aug. 13, the league played 8-ball singles with Mario Rodriguez

capturing first place in the A Flight and Dave Williams settling for second. In the B Flight, Nick Sapienza walked away with first place. There was a three-way tie for second place between Craig Burnette, Vinnie Martinez and Terry Wittman. No playoff was held.

On Aug. 20, the league played Scotch Doubles with the team of Craig Burnette and Joe Gora capturing the first place slot. Second place went to the team of Nick Sapienza and Terry Wittman, and third place went to the team of Tony Esposito and Dave Williams.

On Aug. 27 the league played Scotch Doubles with the team of Tom Portsman and Mario Rodriguez taking first place, the team of Joe Gora and Nick Sapienza taking second place and the team of Craig Burnette and Joe Wisinski settling for third place.

On Sept. 3 the league played singles. After a playoff in A Flight between Eddie Ramirez and Dave Williams, Dave took first place with Eddie settling for second. In B Flight, Joey Ventimiglia captured first place. No playoff was held between John Fier and Terry Wittman for second.

**The Morning Mixed Bowling League starts 11:45 a.m., Friday, Oct. 9 at Dunedin Lanes. If you wish to join, call Beverly at 978-790-3351.**



## *A warning to squirrels and birds ...*

# Opening day arriving soon this month

By Bob Rittner

Stickball, our summer replacement game, had a very successful season this year with 18 people participating at one time or another.

We switched from a taped strike zone to a board, and introduced a number of people to the quintessential New York City game.

Games of the month: Back to back games demonstrated the volatility of baseball/stickball scoring.

In game one, a slugfest, the team of Joe Farrell and Don Kutchinski roared back from a 5-0 deficit to score 10 unanswered runs before Al Palum-

## Softball

bo and Bob Rittner scored two more in a game that ended 11-7.

The comeback was launched by a barrage of doubles from Joe and three home runs from Don, whose total of four are the only four-baggers ever hit in the stickball league.

In game two, a pitcher's duel, Ray Woolsey, Allan Bendert and Bob Rittner eeked out a run in the first inning on three short singles and a walk.

The run held up until the ninth when a double by Don Kutchinski was followed by a walk and three singles by Don and his partner Joe Farrell to give them the 2-1 win.

The game was marked not just by stellar pitching, but by sensational catches from Ray Woolsey, who raced in to grab a sinking line drive. Don one-handed a screaming drive far to his right.

Now we return to softball. We play in Safety Harbor every Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9:30 a.m.

The poet Siegfried Sassoon wrote: "The drooping cherry orchards of

October Like mournful pennons hang their shrivelling leaves Russet and orange: all things now decay."

But Sassoon did not play softball at On Top of the World. October is when all things come alive and spirits flutter like cheerful pennons in the wind.

Our first game is on Thursday, Oct. 8. We welcome new players. Just show up and we will include you in the game. If you join our club, we have a snazzy team shirt and hat waiting for you.

Call Tony Caputo at 726-9248 if you want additional information.

# What will your strategy be as a new mixed golf season gets ready to begin in November?

A new season for the Thursday Golf League will start in November.

Snowbirds are already starting to filter in and golfers are experimenting with new techniques and equipment.

Don Baker, a right-handed golfer, is now putting "left handed" with quite a bit of success.

Long-hitting Clyde Hershberger carries four putters in his bag. He likes to limit each putter to 10 putts per round.

Dave Pittenger says his short game has improved since he started playing with soft balls.

Ron Parham recently celebrated birthday 71, which coincidentally is the same number of fairway woods he owns.

Regardless of equipment or technique, the important thing to remem-

## Thursday Golf

ber is we are fortunate to be playing golf. Play with integrity and have fun.

The league's "off-season" is winding down. Week 13 winner was Dutch Michael, who edged out Don Hunter in a tiebreaker. Fred Schick placed third. Don Hunter also took low gross honors and one skin. Don Leamy took two skins. Paul Meyers, Dutch Michael, Ada Culbertson, Steve Yauk and Dan Hyden all took one skin each.

Dutch Michael continued his good play and took first place in Week 14. Don Baker was second and Paul Meyers placed third. Don Baker had the low gross round. Clyde Hershberger collected two skins. Dutch, Patti Cook

and Bill Cook took one skin each.

Week 15 champion was Bill Cook. John Maloof placed second. Paul Meyers was third and also carded the low gross round. Skins were collected by Steve Yauk, John Maloof, Ron Parham, Paul Meyers, Don Leamy, Patti Cook and Bill Cook.

Patti Cook, John Maloof and Don Baker were the long drive winners. Don also had closest to the pin.

Our course was closed on Week 16 so the league played at the Clearwater Country Club. Deep rough and wet conditions proved to be quite a challenge. Patti Cook fought through it all and took first place. Dave Pittenger place second. Don Sorensen was third and also took low gross honors. Only two skins were taken by Patti Cook and Paul Meyers.

The Thursday Golf League welcomes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Players must sign in between 10-10:15 a.m. Play begins as soon as groups are selected.

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 using the USGA Stableford format. All skill levels play on an equal basis.

Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available. Please visit our spot on the OTOW Box Office club page for league details.

# Shuffleboard season starts Oct. 5 - just head over!

It's October and there is one thing for certain at On Top of the World. It must be the start of shuffleboard season!

Yes, our first match will be Monday, Oct. 5, at 1:30 p.m. We also play

## Shuffleboard

on Thursdays at the same time, so consider joining us either day, or both days, through early spring.

No experience is necessary, and we have all skill levels represented. It's a nice low-impact activity offering a little fresh air and some social interaction.

So dust off those sneakers and

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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](mailto: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 entries, 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



## Eight weeks in an RV makes a great summer trip

Recently, Austrian Alpine residents Norita and George Evans took to the road and camped at the Thousand Trails Campground in Clermont, Fla., near Orlando, along with good friends in their own recreational vehicle (RV).

Together, they celebrated Norita and George's great grandson's birthday and enjoyed the company of two of their granddaughters and two additional great grandsons. Their Shih Tzu, "Beethoven," lovable, and stubborn as a mule (as described by George), enjoyed the RV park too and made many new four-legged friends.

Norita and George have been RV camping since 1999 in RV's ranging from a 25-foot travel trailer to two fifth-wheelers attached to trucks to two Class A motor homes to their current Class C motor home.

Including their Florida trips, Norita and George have traveled and camped through Ohio, Michigan, and New Jersey.

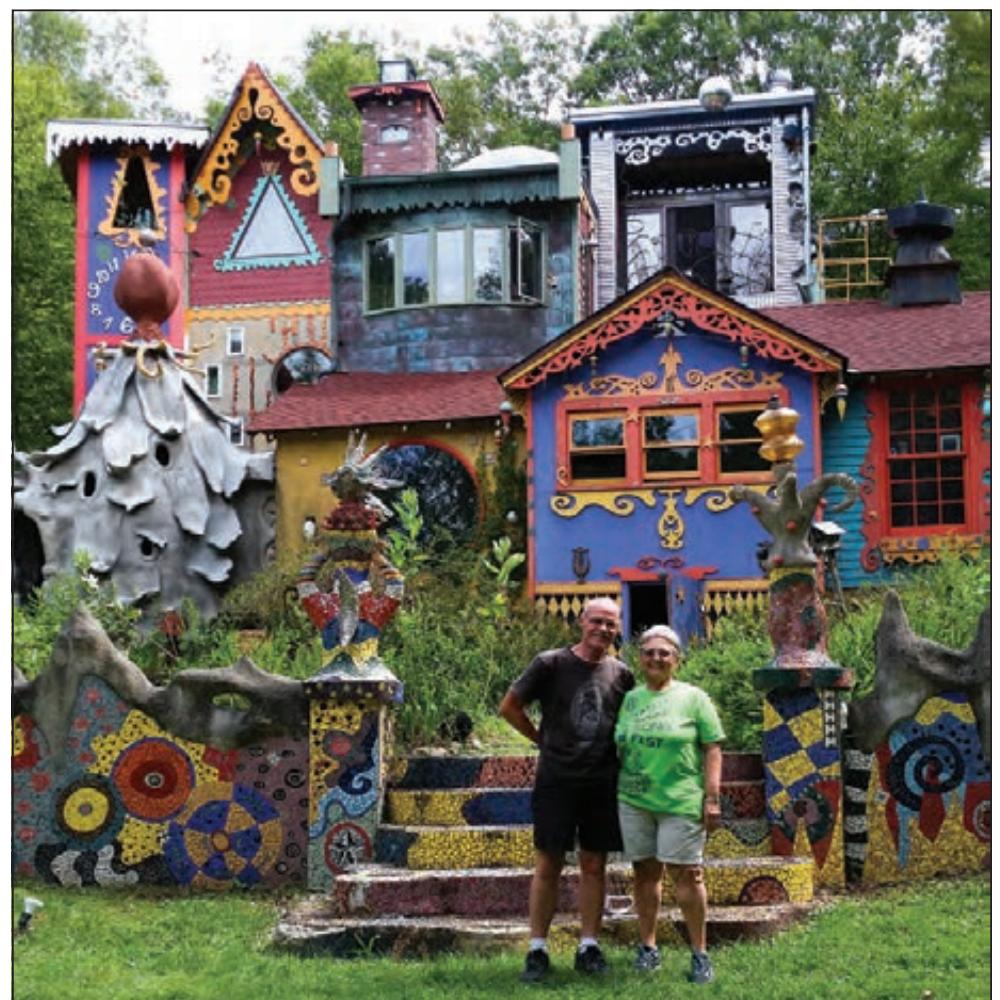
Jan and Steve Stiffler ventured beyond the Florida state lines, to the rolling wheels of a 13,000-mile round



trip. This RV journey to Alaska and points in between was on Steve's bucket list. On their first stop in Ajax, Ontario, they visited with On Top of the World friend Betty Dean.

Next, they drove their RV across the Trans-Canada Highway to the Alaska Highway to reach White Horse in the Yukon, resting overnight in camping resorts.

As they traveled through the Yukon, the Stifflers turned onto the Klondike Highway and drove north to Dawson City. Jan kept an eye out



In Sandyston, N.J., Jan and Steve Stiffler, while visiting friends there, visited "Luna Park," the famous house built by "madcap artist" Ricky Boscarino. The locally-famous "whimzy house" in Safety Harbor is similar to the home in Luna Park.

for black and brown bears, numerous bison, and moose.

At the end of the Klondike Highway is the Top of the World Highway and the highest northern border crossing to the United States (see photo at far left). "You are in the clouds," the border guard explained to Jan, "not fog."

As they journeyed through Alaska, memorable activities included panning for gold in Chicken, spotting wild animals along the road, and hiking in Denali National Park.

On their way back through the United States, the Stifflers explored a number of parks and visited friends in several states.

In Pennsylvania, they were entertained by OTOW friends Gary and

Maureen Smith, who were leaving the following day for Italy and Greece.

Next, they helped set up a large party for artists in Sandyston, N.J. Safety Harbor artists and friends Todd and Kiaralinda were also there, at the Luna Park home of madcap artist Ricky Boscarino (see above photo of Jan and Steve in front of his house). This wildly unusual house is similar to the "Whimzy House" in Safety Harbor. After eight weeks on the road, Jan and Steve returned to their hiking and kayaking jaunts of Florida.

The September Austrian Alpine building dinner was well-attended at Outback Steakhouse. Thank you, Jim Trenton, for putting it together!

Our next dinner and a social will be posted on our bulletin board.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF JAN AND STEVE STIFFLER



(Top) At the end of the Klondike Highway begins the "Top of the World" Highway and the highest northern border crossing to the United States. This sign reminded Jan and Steve Stiffler of OTOW, of course.

(Right) Jan and Steve pose at a marker at North Pole, Alaska, near Fairbanks.





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# Reporter enjoys nostalgic visit to her hometown in Pa.

“Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in his shoes. That way if he gets angry, he’ll be a mile away and barefoot!” — *Unknown*

We recently had a “hat party” along with some delicious food. The “hat people” shown here in the photo at far right are so much fun. They include Dick Fratus, Don Gutterman, Beth Gutterman, Ray and Carolyn Danen, Jerry Devault, Dawn Fratus, Joyce Sinda and Jean Walker.

Dick Fratus thought he looked better in my red and white striped sunbonnet so I let him borrow it. After a few “Alabama Slammers” we started to play Wii bowling. All had a wonderful time.

Thanks to On Top of the World, for the new railings outside our building. The railings enhance the outside of the building along with the fact that the railings are much safer than the old ones.

I had a wonderful week at the end of August. I went home to Pennsylvania, to my old village that celebrated its 200th year. Ate lunch with all of my majorette friends, hung out with my best friend in school (see



Sally Simmonds poses in front of a race car owned by the father of her friend of many years, at right.

photo above). We are standing in front of her father’s retired race car. We have known each other since we were



Swiss Alps “Hat party” celebrants included Dick Fratus, Don Gutterman, Beth Gutterman, Ray and Carolyn Danen, Jerry Devault, Dawn Fratus, Joyce Sinda and Jean Walker.

9 years old, and in general we both had a wonderful time.

Cooking tip of the month: Store spices in a cool, dark place, not above

your stove. Humidity, light and heat will cause herbs and spices to lose their flavor.

# Big Oktoberfest in the works for Azores

I love these months that start with a holiday. And this month not only started with a great holiday, the holiday was followed by football season kicking off. Hard to ask for better than that.

Sy and I returned from our cruise on Sept. 5 and drove home from Miami. It took a while to register just why an extraordinary number of cars were pulled over by state troopers. Then it registered — Labor Day weekend.

Our cruise was delightful with Sy getting to do much of her Christmas shopping in Belize City. The weather was good, the food great and the shows fantastic. Warning: even the water on those cruise ships is fattening! Good to be home.

On Sept. 11, 2001, our world changed. We at the Azores raised our country’s flag to remember the horror of that day and to honor the heroism of the first responders and others.

On the evening of Oct. 17, some 20 Azoreans gathered for a Greek dinner at Dimitri’s in Tarpon Springs. The food and service were great.



Marie Pirrello arranged that delightful outing. After dinner she announced that there will be an Azores Oktoberfest and to watch the bulletin board for details. She has found a place that does Oktoberfest properly with an organ, an accordion, and loud singing.

We had two other special days to celebrate this month, Grandparents Day and the birthday of the United States Air Force. The USAF became a separate military organization on Sept. 18, 1947. Prior to this time it was the

U.S. Army Air Corps. Happy birthday!

This month I attended my 66th high school reunion, the class of ‘49 in Enid, Okla. We had planned to have a reunion last year, but oilmen had filled all the hotels in the area. Our main meeting was on Sept. 19.

The weekend was also used to celebrate The Cherokee Strip land rush of 1893. At noon on that day, thousands of settlers rushed for free land. Both of my grandfathers were in the land rush and staked their claims.

It was good to see that Tom and Marie Pirrello returned safely from their trip to California.

Speaking of Tom, we got back to the serious business of Tuesday night poker and thought we could catch Tom while he still had jet lag from his trip. Mistake — he obviously slept on the plane!

Please try to discover that secret place that I have for Azores news items. It seems to be well hidden, but I’m sure you are clever enough to find it. More next month.

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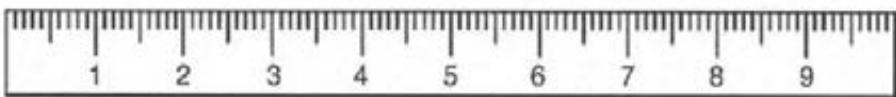
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## Resident attends rigorous Tai Chi workshop in Tenn.

Congratulations to Ruth Pittman on receiving her Clear's Tai Chi Internal Push Hands Instructor Certification.

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Thirty people attended the workshop, 25 men and five women. Ages ranged from the low 50's and below. Ruth was the oldest participant, but she held her own, based on 15 years of practicing Tai Chi. Fourteen of those years were spent teaching Tai Chi at On Top of the World.

Ruth tells this story: "I was pushing a large man who asked if his 60-year-old mother could take this class. When I told him I was 80, he could not believe it and had to sit down.

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Ruth teaches Tai Chi at OTOW. Call her if you have comments or questions at 727-726-0336.



In response to your many requests for my Dump Cake recipe, here it is:

2 cans of cherry, blueberry, pineapple or apple filling (use one or different fruits)

1 box yellow cake mix

2 sticks margarine (about 1/4 lb.)

Grease a 9" x 12" pan.

Put fruit filling on bottom.

Sprinkle dry cake mix over the fruit.

Cut the two sticks of margarine on top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

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During a summer trip up North, at left, Wally and Marguerite Laskowski pose in front of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. At right, their newest (and third) great-grandchild, a boy, is pictured with their granddaughter in Buffalo, N.Y.

## Vacation trip included a stop at Pro Football Hall of Fame

Our two-week journey up North included visiting with family members and a long overdue trip to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

The stop in Ohio was on our way to Buffalo, N.Y. As my husband, Wally, and I are avid football fans, we have always wanted to see our Buffalo Bills team represented in the Hall of Fame (see photo). We were not disappointed. It is a great place to take children, who are interested in football.

Continuing on to Buffalo, we were thrilled to see our newest third great-grandchild born in June. Our granddaughter is pictured here with her new son. The other two great-grandchildren are busy little people and don't seem to mind a crying newborn in their midst.

After a much overdue visit with our son and his family, my sister and her family and many friends, we headed to Kentucky. Our grandson (pictured at right) works there on a horse farm.

Next on our list was a stop in Georgia to stay a few days with our daughter and her family. On the trip back to Florida we were able to purchase some wonderful Georgia pecans. The most delicious pecans were the ones



During their summer drive, Wally and Marguerite Laskowski visited their grandson, who is presently working on a horse farm in Kentucky.

covered in chocolate. They only lasted a short time! Nice to go away and great to get back home.

"Till We Meet Again."



### A look back at the OTOW News (October, 1990)

By Cele Radeloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz

- This and That from Jan's Desk: Volunteers have been the backbone of On Top of the World from its beginnings. Thanks to all who help.
- OTOW Library celebrated its 20th birthday. It started November 1970. Congratulations!
- Square dancing is back and starts on Oct. 3. A free lesson will be given. Lessons last about one and one-half hours.
- "Historiography" — Gerald Ford visited OTOW while campaigning for president. Police, firemen and Secret Service were everywhere. He captured the audience with remarks on domestic and foreign affairs, without notes or stumbling.
- The Participation Club – We're back in business. Won't you join us? The prejudice, other peoples and their cultures group opened their first fall discussion on Sept. 11 at 10:30 a.m. with a discussion on Iraq.

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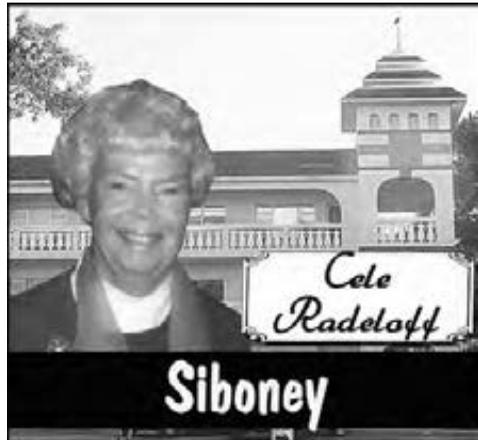
We have monthly building meetings, monthly pot-luck parties in the core, monthly luncheons and occasional breakfasts at First Watch.

Each month we take turns creatively decorating the core above the mailboxes, according to the current season or occasion. At Halloween we all come in costume and at the Christmas and Hanukkah parties, our neighbors provide the entertainment.

Many of you remember Fred Neiman (from the Chorus) who was our beloved emcee most of the time. We loved his storytelling, jokes and rendition of "Sara, Sara" and other songs. Even the Line Dancers performed for us.

The camaraderie was terrific. A large group of men golfed three times a week, enjoyed shooting pool weekly and the ladies had their bridge and Mah Jongg games. Nowadays, the girls play dominoes.

Years ago, Siboney Resident Al Paolin started the OTOW Christmas Lights Contest, and provided the trophies. Our building won first place in 1988 and in four other years. We also



took sixth place once and six honorable mentions: All are displayed in the trophy case in the core.

Stability was an important factor with Rita Tombari serving as treasurer for 17 years and Ethyle Lee as president for eight years. She also wrote the Siboney column for many years before this reporter.

We've also had difficult decisions to make over the years, such as installing and later removing carpets in the walkways, the murals on the walls, and the complete renovation of the storage building shelves and ensuring a permanent space for each apartment. We worked harmoniously and got the jobs done. (To be continued next month with our numerous trips and excursions.)



Siboney residents enjoyed the ambience and menu at Papa's New York Diner recently. They were warmly greeted by the owner (standing, in background), and their waitress.

In September, 11 of us celebrated Ethyle Lee's 93rd birthday at Papa's New York Diner. The owner, Moe, was very gracious and treated us like royalty. We were served three trays of assorted fruits, courtesy of Moe. Our waitress, Rosalind, was terrific. Instead of a birthday cake, Bob and Barbara Stone, ordered cheesecake for all of us. The portions were huge! To top it off, everyone in the diner joined us in singing "Happy Birthday" to Ethyle. We highly recommend Papa's New York Diner.

Incidentally, Ethyle, Rita Tombari,

Violet Orr and this reporter are the only original owners still in the building.

We had several newcomers join us at the luncheon. Roxanne Heintz hails from St. Louis. She has three daughters and we welcome her.

Also, Joe and Dale Morrissey have moved into Fran Peck's unit. They lived in Largo for over 30 years so are familiar with the area. Joe loves photography, making him a great addition to the Siboney.

Watch the board for details on our 30th anniversary party, Oct. 25.

Happy Halloween to all!

## Long-time building reporter Fritz Kocka retiring

Last month's Valencia outing, hosted by Hal and Donna Hahnan, was held at Cheddar's at Roosevelt Blvd. and U.S. 19 (see photo).

Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres were served prior to lunch. All 20 in attendance had an enjoyable time. Check the bulletin board for future outings.

It is with a heavy heart that I have decided to retire as the Valencia building reporter for the OTOW News. It has been my pleasure to associate with such a dedicated group of people. Thank you!

Mama sez: Some women get excited about nothing, and then they marry him!



(The staff and volunteers of the OTOW News thank Fritz for his regular newspaper submissions and superb dedication over the years. Best wishes in your future endeavors!)



These Valencia building residents had a great time at a recent luncheon outing at Cheddar's. The function was hosted by Hal and Donna Hahnan. (Photo by Valerie Martin)

### ATTENTION OTOW 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.
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### A Note For Dog Walkers

- When picking up after your dog, do not throw plastic bags down the storm drains. This is against the law.
- Be sure to always clean up while walking your dog.

## 50th anniversary held in the Blue Ridge

Hello to everyone at On Top of the World, and welcome back to all those who have been away.

Time to start our new season, and there is plenty to do!

The Entertainment Committee has already started their fall shows, and they still have enough seats for other upcoming shows. Don't forget those dance tickets. And get that costume out (or maybe no costume) for the big Halloween Dance.

If you want to join a club or find out something about any of our OTOW clubs, just make a trip to the East Activity Center on Monday or Thursday mornings. Don't forget, most club and activity information can be found in this newspaper.

Speaking of newspapers, would you like to be part of the OTOW News team? Building reporters are being sought. If you don't have a current reporter for your building, come to one of our Press Association meetings (usually the first Thursday of the month in the Veranda Room at 1:30) and talk with Doug Kates, the editor. Or you can call him at 799-3216.



Bob and Leslie Waring (see photo) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 21 by going to Asheville, N.C., in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Bob and Leslie enjoyed the cool mountain air and marveled at the lovely scenery.

The highlights of their trip included a pontoon boat trip onto Lake Lure, dining at the historic Biltmore Estate and walking through the Vanderbilt mansion and gardens. Congratulations to you both, Bob and Leslie!

As for the rest of you, get out and enjoy yourselves!



Leslie and Bob Waring, residents of Hawaiian Towers, celebrated their recent 50th anniversary in Asheville, N.C. and the nearby mountains and lakes.

## New OTOW residents warmly welcomed

The Bavarian Chalet would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest residents, Jim Ampela from New Jersey, Elaine Freeman and her brother Mark Freeman, originally from Tennessee, and Joe Foley, originally from Texas.

We hope you will enjoy your new home. We'd love to see you at our upcoming events so please come out and meet your neighbors!

Trying to stay cool in the heat of a tropical summer isn't easy, but for a few of us, we've found some fun ways to beat the heat.

I, for one, have discovered I truly enjoy the dolphin cruises taken out of St. Petersburg or Clearwater Beach. It's still hot in the sun, but once the boats get moving, there's a great sea breeze.

Most often, our excursions are successful, and we can watch the dolphins playing in the wake of the boat. They love to frolic in the surf, and since we don't usually have a lot of large waves in our coastal waters here, they especially enjoy the ones created by the boats as they zip through the water (see photo). It's a fun time for all ages, and makes for great photography opportunities, which is right up my alley!

I love the boats and being out on the water, so this gives me a great excuse to grab my camera and go!

Joanne and Bob Wallend spent a wonderful week in Captiva as they vacationed with their daughter, son-in-law, and their four grandsons, who traveled in from Dallas along with their



Dolphin emerges from the surf in the Gulf of Mexico. (Photo courtesy of Denise Miller)

other son, his wife, and two grandsons, who came in from Phoenix.

They were blessed to have a week of sunshine in Captiva and spent a relaxing week on the beach and in the hotel pool at the South Seas Island Resort and the Tween Waters Inn.

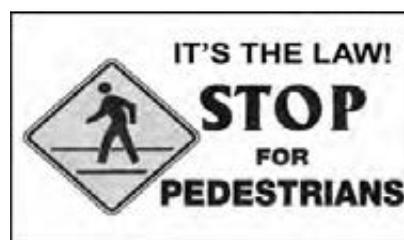
The boys went fishing and caught flounder and trout, which made for a delicious dinner.

One of the highlights of the week

was the Hermit Crab races at the Tween Waters. Fun and laughter made this event something not to miss if you are vacationing in Captiva.

The week ended here at their condo, where they were joined by another daughter, her husband, and their granddaughters, who live in Trinity, Fla., rounding out the family reunion.

Keep an eye on the bulletin board for an upcoming building social!



### ATTENTION OWNERS WHO RENT OUT THEIR UNIT

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# This 'farmer's daughter' was a powder puff queen

By Cecile Sangiamo

Terri Farmer Mikszenas' parents, Maurice and Helen Farmer (former residents of On Top of the World), introduced her to stock car racing when she was a young girl.

They would take her and her brothers every weekend. And, as children, they would watch and usually fall asleep on the bleachers from the loud hum of the engines and the evening air.

"I grew up before women's liberation. In my house, it was a man's world", said Terri. "We rode horses, mucked the stables, bailed the hay, fed the animals and rode go-carts and snow mobiles.

"And, there were cars! Always cars. My brothers tuned them, fixed them, oiled them and souped them up. I could identify any car by its fins, fenders, style or tail lights. I had to learn this because with four brothers, you didn't get to change the subject from automobiles more than three times a year."

Terri's oldest brother was the real race driver in the family. In the Groveland, Mass., Pines Speedway and Hudson, N.H. race track circuit, he was known as "Big Moe" Farmer and has been honored in the Hall of Fame of the United Race Drivers Association.

Terri and her friends went every week to watch him race, and had a cheering section just for him. When the race was over, Terri was usually the one to give advice on when he should have cut down, when he should have passed or how he could have maneuvered to avoid the pack. He always told Terri, "Someday, you'll be out there and I will tell you what you should have done."

One night, when Terri was only 19 years old, the announcer said that there was going to be a powder puff race. The women were going to take the track. He also said the Farmer's Daughter had challenged all the other women to a race, and that she said there's no puff too tough for her!

"My mother asked me if I'd signed up. I quickly said that I hadn't. But, the announcements continued until it was clear that somehow and in some way I was expected to race," explained Terri. "Since my maiden name was Farmer, who else could it be?" And, who else would have done this except her brother Big Moe! He gave Terri her race name: "The Farmer's Daughter."

The powder puff races were always last on the evening's agenda. The race drivers were afraid the ladies would wreck their cars before they had the chance to race that evening. The three



Following the 1965 Hudson Powder Puff Derby, Terri received her trophy from this fan.

cars that were lined up for Terri that evening had crashed. Bold as heck, off she went to the pits looking for a car!

The top driver of the season told Terri she could use his car if she could work the heavy-duty, double clutch. Next thing she knew, she was being pushed out onto the track after the first lap had already started. She remembers nothing that happened while she was on the quarter-mile oval track except that another car crashed into her and sent her into a sand banking.

The force caused her to accelerate back onto the track where she found herself in second place at the end of the race. From then on, it was sweet victory all the way. She never lost again during her four years of racing.

Terri said it was like being in another world. "There's no windshield on the car, the wind was blowing in your face. All those junky cars are in front of you, and it's so exhilarating to squeeze in between just for the surprise factor!"

Terri's mother never said "don't race," she just said, "You're not going out there again are you?" Terri's dad would walk her to the pits before a race to give her a little advice. He would say, "You don't have to pass every darned

car in sight" and Terri would answer, "Then how can I win?"

She was the first woman to receive a trophy at the United Race Drivers Club and later was prodded into racing as a regular with the men. Terri was smart enough to decline their offer and quit while she was ahead!

To this day, Terri still loves driving but she's quick to say she is no longer racing and no longer squeezing in between cars either!



Terri receives the checkered flag and winning trophy from Kenny Fossa for coming in first place in the 1966 Hudson Powder Puff Derby.



In 1966, Terri was the first lady to receive a trophy at the annual United Race Driver's Club Banquet.

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# Summer a perfect time for weddings and road trips

Summer seems a perfect time to travel outside of Florida, and this one is no exception for several residents of Viking.

My son and daughter-in-law traveled to Boston with me for my daughter's wedding (see photo). The newlyweds have been together for 13 years, so it seemed like it was time (though I didn't mention that).

The wedding was held in the Mass Audubon's Habitat Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, a very beautiful setting, complementing the beautiful bride. It was also a time to reconnect with relatives we hadn't seen in years.

One of the highlights of the trip for my son was the tour of the Samuel Adams Brewery. They give away a lot of free beer. We also visited the hallowed grounds of Harvard where my daughter is a librarian. I wish my daughter and new son-in-law continued happiness!

Three other residents of Viking took a westward road trip to Colorado. Pat Drake is from Colorado, where most of her family still lives. Not wanting to make the trip alone, she was able to recruit Sandy Sanborn and Brenda Shapiro. This also made it possible to bring along Pat's two dogs, Little Bit and Bubbles.



Reporter Patrick Ellingham traveled to Boston recently for his daughter's wedding. The bridegroom's brother, shown in the background, conducted the ceremony.



OTOW residents Brenda Shapiro, Sandy Sanborn and Pat Drake took a lengthy road trip during the summer, covering much of the South and West. They are shown here at Red Rocks National Historic Landmark in Colorado.

This was an ambitious undertaking, and they went through or spent time in Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kansas and, of course, Florida and Colorado.

They visited the Red Rocks National Historic Landmark (see photo) and other sites, like the top

of Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuous paved highway in the U.S., at an elevation of 12,183 feet.

The highlight for Pat was visiting with her brother Steve and family in Northglenn, Colo. The 4,000-mile trip is one they won't soon forget.

Summer isn't over yet. There is still time to take a trip of your own!

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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.

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## Snowbirds' welcome party set for Oct. 22 in the core

Building activities are full speed ahead in October.

The "Welcome Back Snowbirds Core Party" will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22. Chicken will be served and side dishes will be provided by residents. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

An important building meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29. Pizza and desserts will be provided. We need to elect a building secretary and treasurer. We also need to discuss and decide on a building Christmas party. There will be a sign-up sheet for that meeting also. Every Chetnik resident should attend.

Muriel Landau, our former treasurer, is settled in at Regency Oaks and is very happy there.

In August, Phil Meissner and his brother drove to Pelham, Tenn., to see a cousin and talk about family genealogy. They then visited Civil War fields in Franklin and Nashville. They spent two days at Lookout Mountain and Chickamauga, also important battles of the Civil War. All of these



battlefields are presented from the viewpoint of the South (very different from the North viewpoint).

In September, Phil spent two weeks in Montreal, Canada and Maine and various places in New England with his traveling companion of 35 years.

A reminder to dog owners: The Halloween Dog Costume Contest will be held at the Dog Park 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 17.

As I mentioned last year, Halloween is really the holy evening before All Saints Day, which is a holy day of obligation for Catholics.



Reporter Fran Fairfield's son took this dramatic nighttime shot of the Portland Head Light in Maine. It won third place in a Northern New England AAA magazine photo contest and was printed across two pages in a recent issue.

## Hospice fashion show will feature models from OTOW

Boooo! — it's Halloween month, so buy your favorite candy and fill a bowl by the door for "trick or treaters."

And it's also a handy place to grab a snack!

Things are starting to hum at On Top of the World, with Snowbirds arriving and clubs starting their new season. Even with the added traffic, it's nice seeing familiar faces about, catching up with friends and meeting new ones as well.

Everyone seems to have a smile at OTOW, and with good reason. We do live in Paradise. Just look around!

A luncheon and fashion show will be held at the Dunedin Country Club Oct. 30 to benefit Hospice. The models are from OTOW, and most are from the aerobics swim class.

The event is \$20 and tickets will be sold only in advance at the East pool from 8:30-9 a.m. and 10-10:30 a.m. until Oct. 29. See Charlotte Smedley. Please note: No tickets will be available at the door. The event starts at 11 a.m. There will be door prizes. Lunch choices will be chicken parmesan, beef stroganoff and salmon. The fashions being modeled will be available for sale after the event.

Hospice is a terrific organization and deserves support so please plan to attend. For more information, ring 727-444-0147.



We were in Maine for Labor Day, and being in Maine with pals always involves lobster — lots of lobster. Everyone but the lobsters had a fine time!

Our son Mike's image of Portland Head Light at night, shown above, was displayed on two pages of the AAA Northern New England magazine fall issue. Mike took third place for his photo and was awarded a lovely piece of luggage as well as some gift certificates to Best Western properties. Mike has shared his image with us. The luggage will get used when he joins us for Christmas.

Happy Birthday and anniversary to all October celebrants.

If you have news please forward it to me for inclusion in next month's article. Send it to fresca@maine.rr.com.

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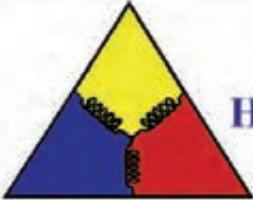
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# Summer was spent in Arizona golfing, sightseeing

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Our World travelers are home after another great trip!

Our neighbors, Gerri Jaeger and Richard Maxwell spent most of the summer traveling. They rented a house in Utah near the Arizona border.

Richard went several times to Arizona to golf. He said "the air was so great I could breathe easier even though it was very hot." When he played eighteen holes, there was not a drop of sweat on him.

Gerri and Richard walked through canyons and caverns. Some of the places they went to were Bryce, Zion, and the Navaho Reservation. In Page, Arizona, they went to Antelope Canyon (see photo). The vacation was wonderful and so relaxing. They took their time sightseeing.

There will be a Haz-to-Go collection trailer coming this month. They will be collecting, at no charge, old paint, pesticide cans, old batteries, TV's and computers. This will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Activity



Center parking lot, and on Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Activity Center parking lot. Someone will help you get the items out of your car.

Saturday, Oct. 17, marks the date of the annual Halloween Pet costume contest. If you have a pet, it would be fun to enter. It will take place in the Dog Park on the west side. If you just want to go and watch the parade and judging, come on over. It will be a fun morning. You can find more info in the ad on page 34.

As I mention nearly every month, I enjoy writing these articles. If you



Gerri Jaeger and Richard Maxwell experienced the beauty of Arizona and the surrounding areas during much of the summer. Here is one of their views of Antelope Canyon, near Page, Ariz.

have any news about a great trip, a graduation, a special anniversary or birthday or a birth, etc., please let me know. Leave a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board or call me.

We hope our neighbors have a Happy Halloween. Many of the clubs will do something for Halloween as well as the usual October Halloween dance. Try to go. It is a lot of fun!

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# Summer of family events brings joy to Capistrano residents

This was a busy travel summer for our residents.

Karen Johnson traveled to Texas to spend time with her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. They enjoyed time on beautiful Padre Island.

Janet Stafford attended her grand-niece's high school graduation party in Cleveland, Ohio (see photo at far right). The party was held at Janet's brother and sister-in-law's home and was themed for the University of Vermont, where the graduate will be heading this fall.

Donna Zappin was in Jupiter, Florida for her daughter's wedding. The bride and bridegroom hosted a boat cruise for the rehearsal dinner and then were married the next day on the beach at sunset. The ceremony was witnessed by a small intimate gathering of family and friends.

Dave Britcher attended the weddings of two of his grandchildren this summer. On July 5, his granddaughter was married in Newport, R.I. (see photo at right).

Dave was only home in Clearwater for a short time and then he traveled to Corunna, Mich., where his grandson was married. The wedding was an extremely well-attended event with 255 guests at the wedding and reception. A special touch at the reception was that all of the meat for the reception was provided by the bride's father, who is a North Dakota cattleman.

We'd like to welcome our newest neighbor, Millie Vabre. Millie was born



Capistrano resident Dave Britcher enjoyed being at the wedding of his granddaughter in Newport, R.I. in July.

in Puerto Rico and lived in New York for many years. In 1986, she relocated to Pinellas County, where she worked as a nurse at Morton Plant Hospital for 18 years.

Millie has four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She likes to sing and travel, and she is looking forward to



Janet Stafford (at far right) had fun at a high school graduation party this summer in Cleveland, Ohio, for her grand-niece (at front). Also shown is Janet's nephew and his friend.

participating in the many activities and events offered in our community.

Marvin Maziarz held a meeting with the building social club board members recently. A nominating committee was formed for the purpose of identifying and nominating board members for the upcoming year.

Tentative possible dates were

identified for the November meeting, during which elections will be held, as well as for the December meeting, which is the annual holiday dinner. These dates will be based on availability of meeting rooms. The notice of the November meeting will be posted on our building information board as soon as possible.

## Alaska cruise and tour was 'magnificent'

Marie and Aldo Delu have returned from a cruise to Alaska.

Catherine Haubenreich joined them on the trip. The three of them flew from Tampa to Vanguard, Canada, when they boarded the ship *Grand Princess* to start their tour.

One of the stops was Juneau. Juneau is the capital of Alaska and the governor's mansion is there. They enjoyed seeing the ice fall from the nearby Mendenhall Glacier. They toured Glacier Bay National Park, known as one of the "crown jewels" of the National Park System. The park encompasses over three million acres.

They took the famous train to Mount McKinley (since renamed Denali). Catherine said that the scenery was magnificent. Marie said she looked for animals such as bears, moose, elks, etc. There was so much fog over Denali that they could not see the top. Aldo said the animals were all hiding at that point. They spent two days at Denali Park, home of the former Mount McKinley, and were fortunate enough to be able to stay at Capt. Cooks Hotel.

They also toured Ketchikan, Skagway and Anchorage. All three told



me that the scenery and trees were spectacular. Before they flew home they visited a zoo in Anchorage to see native Alaskan animals.

I must add that Catherine Haubenreich has now moved to Regency Oaks. She was one of the Espana original residents. This was a fantastic trip for a marvelous lady. We will miss you, Catherine!

This article is being written in September and will be printed in October. Hurricane season will not end until the end of November. Please be aware that we may not get a hurricane, but we may get some severe storms with high winds.

To those residents on all three floors of our building who have furniture and plants on their porches, patios, and balconies, please realize that high winds can blow your items into a neighbor's windows or even your own windows. Please take your items inside of tie them down in case a storm heads our way.

Years ago, I purchased a marble table for my patio. Several days later, we were going to have a storm. I brought my chairs inside but I left the table on the patio. The winds picked up this huge marble table and threw it into my bushes. The table, only a few weeks old, got pretty chipped up. That table now sits next to the building, and when we are to get a storm, I put bricks, etc. on top of it.

To those on the second and third floors who have plants, etc. on the balconies, please realize that if a plant blows into your window and breaks it, the water from the rain may travel downstairs and soak the condo beneath you. Please be a considerate and good neighbor.

Let's hope we have a calm October and November with no big storms!

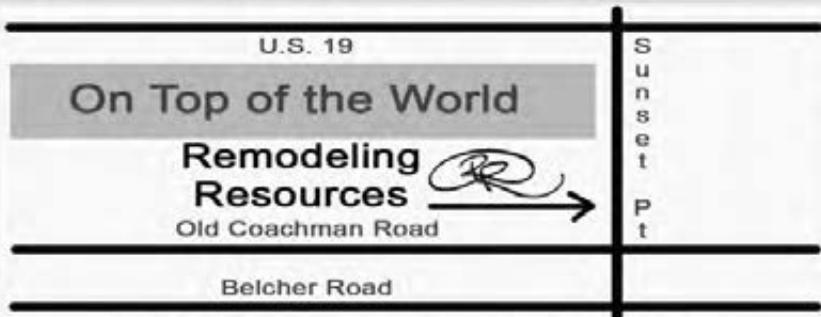


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# Nagoya ladies find a great spot for holiday shopping

The Ladies Luncheon was held on the second Tuesday of September, which was the 8th.

It is always a pleasure to get to visit and bond with our neighbors. The ladies who attended were delighted with the menu at E&E Steakout Grill on Indian Rocks Rd., Belleair Bluffs.

They spent time starting Christmas shopping afterward in the quaint gift shops and visiting thrift stores that were all close by. Because they didn't have time to do all they wanted, they would like to repeat this restaurant and location for shopping.

Please join us; a permanent invitation is on the bulletin board with details. We would love to have new neighbors join us!

On Saturday, Sept. 5, we had a potluck dinner at the home of Sandy and Jim Ropp, our building captains (see photo). We had chicken, ham, and a wide array of specialty dishes that each person brought.

We played bingo with prizes and



had a great time visiting with each other. A big "thank you" is extended to Jim and Sandy for opening their home for this event.

Our "Welcome Back Coffee" will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17. We will have a variety of treats to go with our coffee while visiting with each other.

We will also hold the "White Elephant Sale" at that time to benefit our building budget for future events. For those items that you have that are



A potluck dinner was held recently at the home of building captains Sandy and Jim Ropp. Residents agreed that a good time was had by all.

in nearly new condition — that you are not using — you are welcome to de-clutter your home while benefiting our building budget. Please watch our bulletin board for more information and a sign-up sheet.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
04 2:00 PM - Auditorium Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	05 10:00 AM - Art Room and Starlite Room Snowbirds Club Meeting and Tickets 10:30 AM - Veranda Entertainment Committee Board Meeting	06 9:30 AM - Starlite Room Good Neighbors Healthcare Advice	07 5:30 PM - Starlite Room Baby Boomers Meeting	08 1:30 PM - Veranda Press Association Meeting	09 2:00 PM - Starlite Room Travel Club Meeting	10 8:00 PM - Auditorium Entertainment Committee Dance
11 2:00 PM - Auditorium Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	12 2:00 PM - Sunrise Room German Interest Group Meeting	13 7:00 PM - Art Room Healthy Living Meeting 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room Jesters Board Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room Jesters Meeting	14 7:00 PM - Art Room Healthy Living Meeting 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room Jesters Board Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room Jesters Meeting	15 6:30 PM - Starlite Room Procrastinating Quilters Meeting 7:00 PM - Auditorium Procrastinating Quilters Meeting	16 7:00 PM - Art Room Irish Club Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room Lambda Club Social	17 8:30 AM - Starlite Room Procrastinating Quilters Meeting 1:00 PM - Sunrise Room Theater Workshop Show
18 9:00 AM - Auditorium Bingo Bingo	19 11:00 AM - Crafts Room-Kitchen Chorus Board Meeting	20 9:30 AM - Starlite Room Good Neighbors Healthcare Advice	21 9:00 AM - Crafts Room-Kitchen Ladies 18 Hole Golf Meeting 10:00 AM - Auditorium SHINE Healthcare Advice 5:00 PM - Auditorium Italian Club Social 5:30 PM - Sunrise Room No.11 Casa Verde Meeting	22 7:30 PM - Auditorium Entertainment Committee Show 8:30 PM - Sunrise Room Baby Boomers Meeting	23 8:00 PM - Auditorium Entertainment Committee Dance	24 8:00 PM - Auditorium Entertainment Committee Dance
25 6:00 PM - Auditorium Snowbirds Club Party 2:00 PM - Sunrise Room No.89 Stoney Party	26 6:00 PM - Auditorium NY-NJ Club Social 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room No.89 Stoney Meeting 8:30 AM - Sunrise Room Ladies 18 Hole Golf Meeting	27 6:00 PM - Auditorium NY-NJ Club Social 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room No.89 Stoney Meeting 8:30 AM - Sunrise Room Ladies 18 Hole Golf Meeting	28 6:00 PM - Auditorium NY-NJ Club Social 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room No.89 Stoney Meeting 8:30 AM - Sunrise Room Ladies 18 Hole Golf Meeting	29 7:30 PM - Auditorium Entertainment Committee Show 8:30 PM - Sunrise Room Baby Boomers Meeting	30 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room Lambda Club Social	31 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room Lambda Club Social

## Events in Large Card Room have been relocated for majority of October For Everyone

Club and Group Ticket Sales, Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 am East Activity Center auditorium  
Coffee Corner, Mondays through Fridays, 7-10 am, East Activity Center Coffee Corner  
Bingo, every Monday, 6:15 p.m., East Activity Center auditorium • Philosophy Club, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Veranda Room



### Classes and Crafts



#### ART GUILD

Chinese Paint Brush, 12:30 pm, Tuesdays  
Painting Pals, 1 pm, Wednesdays  
Drawing Classes, 1 pm, Thursdays

#### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Veranda Room

#### DANCING

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, EAC Auditorium (Jazz)  
Wednesdays, 11:30 am, EAC Auditorium (Tap)  
Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room (Social Dance Lessons)

#### CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

#### CERAMICS

Tuesdays, 12 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room  
Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

#### CHORUS REHEARSALS

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Auditorium

#### COMPUTER LAB

Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m., Small Classroom  
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Computer Room (Kitchen in October)

#### GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS

Wednesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

#### HEALTHY LIVING CLUB - HEALTHY EATING CLASSES

Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Art Room

#### JESTERS REHEARSALS/AUDITIONS

Tuesdays 3 pm and Thursdays 1 pm, Auditorium

#### KNITTING

Wednesdays, 9 am, Veranda Room

#### SEWING

Wednesdays, 9 a.m., EAC Starlite Room (starting Sept. 23)



### Exercises



#### AQUA AEROBICS

Mon-Fri, 9 am, East Pool

#### BONESAVERS

Mon & Wed & Fri, 8 am, Large Card Room or Starlite Room

#### CO-ED EXERCISE

Mon & Wed & Fri, 10 a.m., West Gym

#### FAT-BURNING WORKOUTS

Tuesdays, 9 am, Large Card Room

#### LADIES EXERCISES

Mon-Fri, 8 am, East Gym

#### LINE DANCING

Tuesday, 1 pm, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

Saturday, 8:30 am, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

#### TAI CHI

Mon & Wed & Fri, 1 pm, East Gym  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 pm, East Gym

#### SLIMNASTICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, East Gym

#### SNOWBIRDS LINE DANCING

Thursdays, 8 am, Sunrise Room

#### YOGA

Tue & Thu, 11 am, East Gym

#### ZUMBA

Mon & Thu & Fri, 9 am, Large Card Room or Yellow Room



### Traditional Games



#### BILLIARDS

Mondays 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room  
Tuesdays & Fridays, 1 pm, 9-Ball, Billiards Room  
Tuesdays, 6 pm, 10-Ball, Billiards Room  
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Que'T Ladies Billiards, Billiards Room  
Thursdays, 6 pm, Scotch Doubles, Billiards Room

#### CANASTA

Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Small Card Room  
Fridays, 6:30 p.m., Small Card Room

#### CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room  
Thursdays, 11 a.m., Large Card Room

#### CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Classroom

#### DOMINOS

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Small Classroom

#### MAHJONGG

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Rainbow Room  
Mondays, 5 pm, Rainbow Room  
Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room  
Wed & Fri, 1 pm, Rainbow Room

#### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Mon, Wed, Sat, 11 am, Large Card Room or another room

#### PING PONG

Mondays, 10 am, Sunrise Room (until after renovations)  
Tuesdays, 10 pm, Sunrise Room  
Wednesdays, 10 am, Sunrise Room  
Fridays, 10 a.m., Sunrise Room (until after renovations)

#### PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 6 pm, Large Card Room or another room  
Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Classroom  
Thursdays, 5 pm, Large Card Room or Yellow Room  
Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Classroom  
Sundays, 12:30 pm, Large Card Room

#### RAMUCKU

Wednesdays, 6 pm, Veranda Room

#### SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room  
Thursdays, 6 pm, Veranda

#### TEXAS CARD GAME GROUPS

Mon & Thu, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Ron)  
Tuesdays, 6 pm, Poker Room (Tom)  
Wednesdays, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Carol)

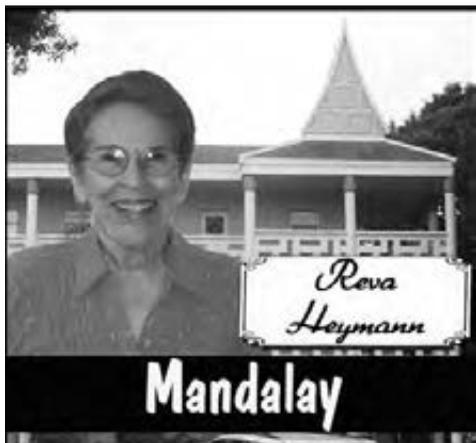
We have revised the schedule above to reflect summer activities.

If a time, date or place for an event on this page is incorrect, please notify the newsroom so we can make the change for next month.

Certain activities will return in the fall and we need one month's notice to get it back on this page.

Anytime you add an event, you must follow procedures with the Community Service Office. This includes reserving a room.

Thank you for your cooperation and keeping this page as accurate as possible.



## Residents and family quick to help out

Residents of Mandalay are not intrusive, but they do show interest and concern about each other.

My husband had some recent health issues and many neighbors have asked how he was or offered to help if we needed anything.

Most unexpected and heartwarming, Marion Scott decided to brighten what looked as though it would be a sequence of dark, rainy days by purchasing a beautiful bouquet of flowers to give us. The flowers are bright and cheerful and look terrific but, even more, her thoughtfulness makes me smile whenever I look at them.

My son and daughter-in-law visited from Atlanta to see us. She is an excellent cook and baker and took it on herself to provide our dinners in order to try to tempt Carl, who had little appetite, to eat. It really made a difference. We are looking forward to my other son and daughter-in-law who are planning to come to see us at the end of the month.

The new program of ping pong has been going like gangbusters since it started. The players collected enough money to buy new ping pong tables themselves once they got the okay from On Top of the World to store the tables.

Mandalay residents are looking forward to the return of the Snowbirds. The parking lot has been looking so bare, with only the full-time resident's cars being here.

Several apartments have been sold or rented lately, but the new residents haven't yet moved in. We will try to welcome and introduce them when they show up.

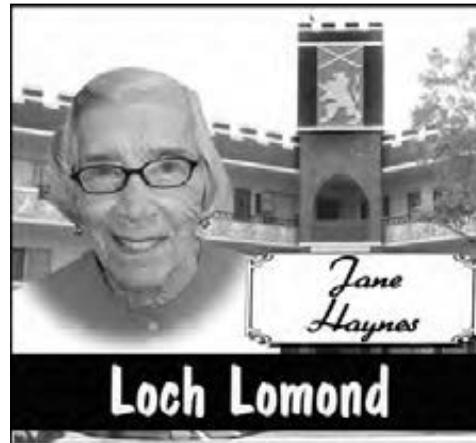
## Building prepares for pet costume contest

I hope all of you dog owners are preparing to have your wonderful doggie costumed and entered in the now-annual OTOW Halloween Pet Costume Contest.

It will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 9 a.m. at the On Top of the World Dog Park. With our many enthusiastic "parents" and lovable dogs, our building should have a big turnout.

Categories include best spirit, most original and cutest.

Registrants, of course, are limited to OTOW resident families. You do not have to pre-register — just be prompt. Judging will begin right at 9 a.m. So let's have a big turnout of Loch Lomond dogs and all of us friends who enjoy them every day as they make their circuits around the building or around the block. Best wishes and have fun!



Sophia Kugeares enjoyed her usual visit with family and friends in Michigan. And, as always, Sophia helped organize a high school reunion, and with lots of support, caught up with many old friends and acquaintances. (Sophia is also a great one to help organize our building activities, too.)

And others who have been away will soon be returning, so if you have any ideas for Loch Lomond's social and business activities, let us know.

Phil and Linda Woods organized the August luncheon. We had a fine get-together at Varsity Club — such a good menu and great conversation.

As always happens, Christmas luncheon or dinner plans need to be made soon so that we can secure a date and place, so mention ideas to your friends.

You can leave written ideas in the cute box below the bulletin board, or call anyone to get the ball rolling, because (unbelievably) another "cool season" will soon be upon us.

It's great to get together again. Keep in touch!

## Grandchildren excel at Univ. of Florida

One of our Grecian Classic residents has been living on Top of The World for eight years.

Elaine Blackstock is originally from Tulsa, Okla., and is a proud grandmother of four grandchildren, of which two live in Florida and attend the University of Florida (see photo, right).

One grandson received national attention when he scored an unusual touchdown in the University of Florida-Georgia game last year. That play turned the tenor of the game around so that Florida won 38 to Georgia 20.

He was often the ball holder for field goals. But, this time when he received the ball he ran with it instead of holding it for the kicker.

He lettered four years in football and had an excellent grade average and was selected as "Mr. Orange and Blue" (the Florida colors) He is now attending the University of Florida Medical School.

His brother has been on the field at the same time as he is the center



snare drummer in the band who sets the timing of the band. He says he has done this so many times that he just knows it. He also signals when the band starts playing during the games.

Both brothers have two cousins who graduated from Harvard College and graduate schools. One of them, following graduation at the top of her class, from Harvard Medical School is now interning at Massachusetts General Hospital.



OTOW resident Elaine Blackstock is a proud grandmother of four grandchildren, two of which attend UF and are shown here.

The other will graduate from Harvard Architecture School with future plans to work in New York. This grandmother has a lot to be proud of. Thank you for sharing your grandchildren's accomplishments with us!

I hope everyone enjoys the October fall weather and all the month's festivities. Stay safe!

## Help us protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

Within the past few years, individuals featured in this newspaper were contacted by phone that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers. However, the phone call was a scam to try

to get the grandparents to fork out large sums of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of children or grandchildren in stories. All resi-

dents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere — not just at On Top of the World.

If you get a call that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information. Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious and you think it may be a scam, call the police.



# 'Vacation of a lifetime' as couple is awed by Alaska cruise

Len and Cheryl Howell, along with friends and family members, enjoyed a 10-day cruise aboard Oceania's 650-passenger *Regatta* from Seattle to Alaska (see photo at far right).

There were port stops in Ketchikan, Wrangle, Juneau, Hubbard Glacier, Skagway, Sitka, and Victoria, Canada and then back to Seattle.

Len and Cheryl walked through the quaint towns and shopped. Highlights of the excursions were two floatplane rides through the snow-covered mountains and landing on a lake in the mountains to take pictures of the unbelievable scenery.

They took a jet boat ride around and through the icebergs, went on a whale excursion, a beautiful wildlife excursion and concluded with a horse-drawn carriage ride through lovely Vancouver, British Columbia.

Len and Cheryl reported the food onboard the *Regatta* was fantastic, the service was first-class, and they would recommend Oceania Cruises highly. This was truly a vacation of a lifetime.

Bonnie White enjoyed spending a week over on Florida's east coast visiting with her adorable grandson.

Nine of us enjoyed great conversation and food for our

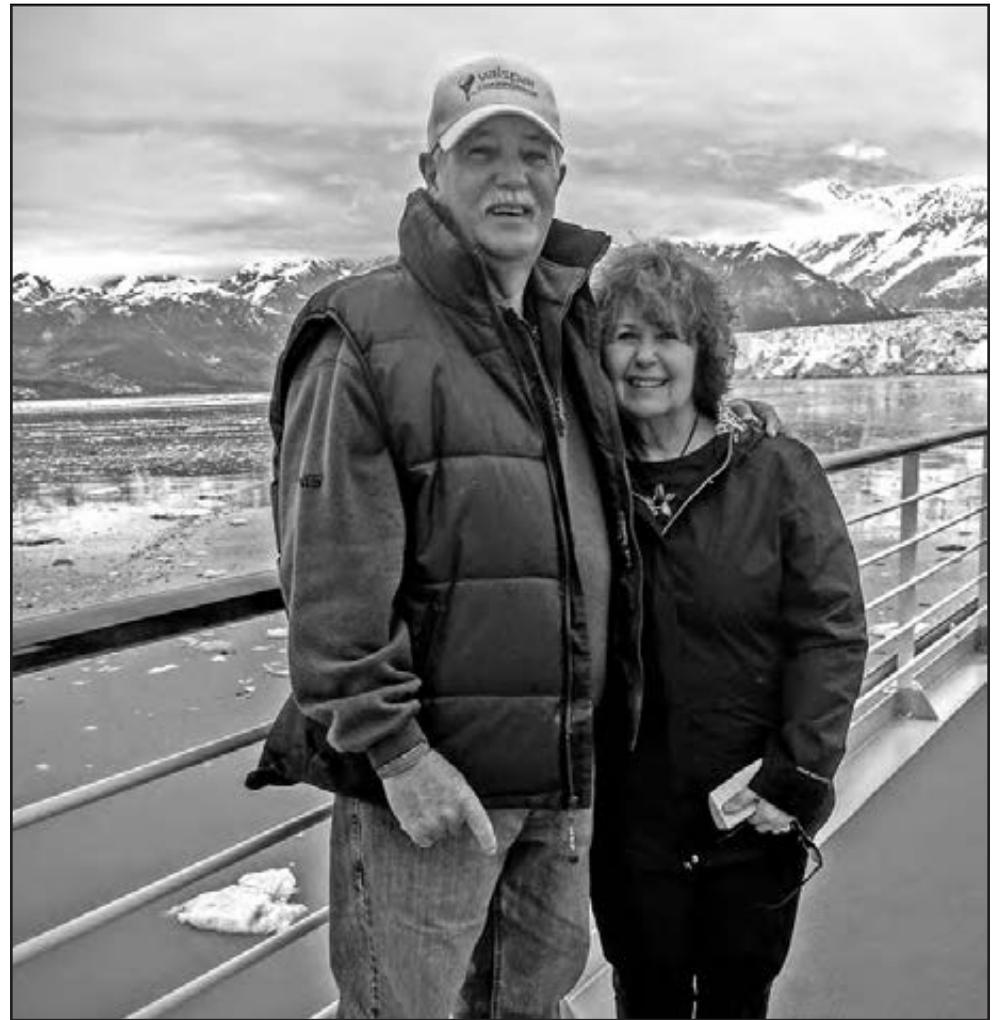


September building lunch at Johnny's. Mark your calendars for 3 p.m. on Oct. 24. We'll be gathering for our pre-Halloween lunch at the Brown Boxer at 26111 U.S. 19 and Countryside. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

There will be no building lunch in November.

Our holiday building celebration has been set for Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. A private room has been reserved at Kally-K's in Dunedin. More details will follow but because our December calendars fill up quickly, we wanted to give everyone a heads-up.

Keep checking the core bulletin for more details.



Len and Cheryl Howell recently enjoyed a 10-day Alaskan cruise aboard the 650-passenger Oceania *Regatta*. Family and friends accompanied them on the trip.



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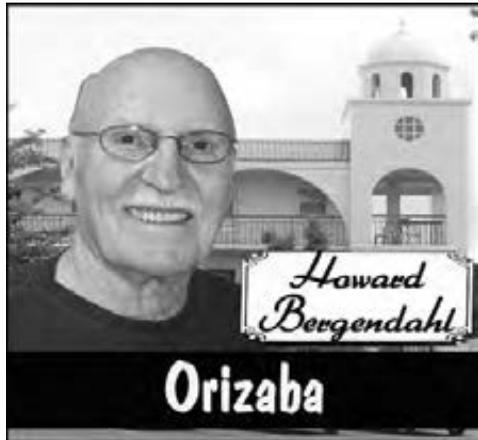
# Good time to insure storage rooms are inspection-ready

The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain, but the rain in Florida falls everywhere — just ask the people in the flooded areas!

Thankfully we are at On Top of the World, where the rain washes our cars. The reports speak about hurricanes and tropical storms, but we talk about inconveniences like a too-wet golf course or a pool unused because of lightning. The rain also cools the air a bit, and this we can all enjoy.

In an effort to keep everyone up to date, remember that this month we celebrate Columbus Day, National Boss Day, United Nations Day and Halloween. The United States Navy was established on Oct. 13, 1775.

Jim and Lynn Anzalone recently welcomed their daughter and son-in-



law as residents of Florida. The new residents moved to the Orlando area. The Anzalones visited them there and helped with the transition. Welcome to the sunshine state! It is also time to wish Jim Anzalone a belated happy birthday

that he celebrated on Sept. 18.

The lunch hosted by Linda Ledesma at the Lucky Dill was enjoyable and delicious. The September lunch was hosted by Jackie Blair and was held at the new Cody's Roadhouse. The Wednesday breakfast group is still meeting and anticipating the additional members coming from up North.

Jackie Blair will be visiting the new arrivals to our building to compile emergency call numbers that will be used only under dire straits. Please welcome Ms. Blair and supply the information she requests, it may be beneficial to you in the future.

The OTOW Association has visited our storage rooms and notified residents who are in violation of storage rules. If you are one of the residents

notified of a violation, please upgrade your area at the earliest opportunity.

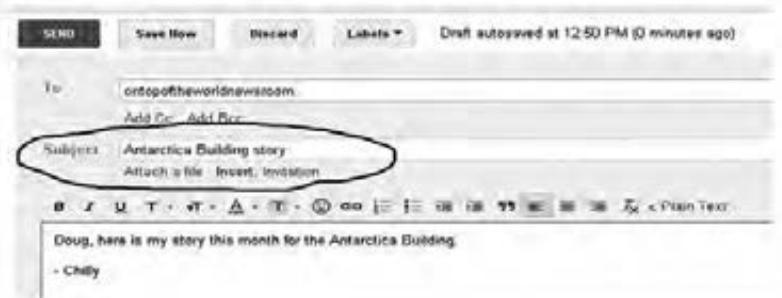
The Association has also posted information in the core about utility company shutdowns to upgrade electric connections to the building. Please look for and read these memos, since they will affect the use of the elevators and electricity in the building.

Two elderly gentlemen were sitting under a tree when one turned to the other and said, "Slim, I am 83 years old and full of aches and pains. You are about my age; how do you feel?"

Slim says "I feel like a newborn baby." A newborn baby, what do you mean?" "Yep, no hair, no teeth and I think I just wet my pants."

## 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.**



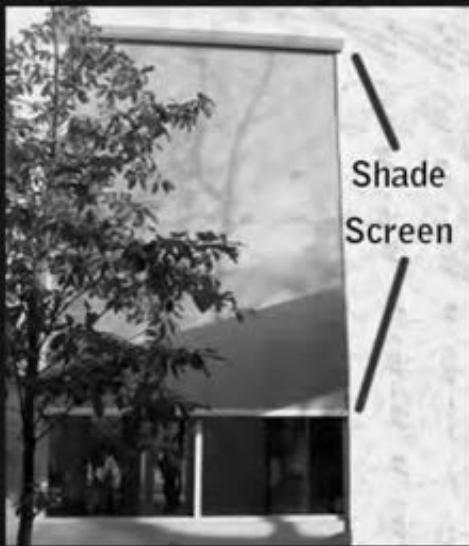
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**Tuesday Morning Specials**

See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

**Tuesday Afternoon**

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.  
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

**Wednesday Morning**

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

**Wednesday Afternoon**

Aldi (Sunset & Lawson)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

**Thursday Morning**

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

**Thursday Afternoon**

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

**Friday Morning**

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
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## Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid recreation card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- If space allows, residents with current recreation cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.

## Seasonal Residents-Temporary Address Change

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for a temporary change of address as you move to your seasonal address. You will still need to make a temporary change of address through the U.S. Postal Service for your regular mail service.

# OTOW Change of Address Form

Building # \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Forwarding Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Forwarding Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Leaving OTOW Home: \_\_\_\_\_



You may mail this form to : On Top of the World Condominium Association Inc.  
2069 World Parkway Blvd E,  
Clearwater, Fl. 33763

Complete a new form in the future if your return date is unknown at this time.



Pictured here are five siblings of the Solivan family. OTOW resident Ed Solivan (second from right) attended a family reunion in Pennsylvania recently.

## Family reunions help bring relatives together in love

Some of our English Tudor residents are back from their travels.

In August, Laurie Cavanaugh and her daughter flew to New Hampshire to visit Laurie's sister and brother-in-law. Then they drove to Laurie's mother and husband's home in Maine. The flowers there were in full bloom, especially the clematis. They had a great trip with Laurie's daughter spending a few weeks extra before returning to Clearwater.

Jo Ann Dameron drove back to get her "little bit of heaven" in the Shenandoah Valley in September. Making the trip extra nice, JoAnn planned a family reunion.

She planned the location and food and invited all from her condo. Being the great planner that she is, it all went perfectly, including the weather. There had not been a reunion for 15 years, so the family was ready to go all out and have a good time.

Speaking of JoAnn, she has asked that you keep in mind our food drive in November. She also is planning on a building birthday party with a cookout in early November. The date for the cookout will be announced on the bulletin board.

Due to the rain on Labor Day the donated flags were not displayed as they are just glued on the dowels and



we wouldn't be able to use them again if they got wet.

Ed and Marilyn Solivan started their trip with a drive to Jacksonville and caught a ride with Ed's sister Marge and her husband to Fogelsville, Pa., with a short stopover in Virginia. Then it was on to Ed's niece's house in Catasauqua, Pa., for a family reunion. The last one was about 7 years ago, so everyone was primed for a good time, including 16 of them having dinner at a restaurant in Catasauqua.

Ed claims he was the "quiet" one at the reunion and just listened to everyone else. We would have to see that one!

Pictured above are five Solivan siblings who attended the reunion.

Have a great Halloween and get lots of treats!

## OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number. Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. *If the submitters's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.*

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. We cannot accept ads over the phone. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

### FOR SALE

Men's right-hand golf irons, Ping "Black Eye" #3 thru #9 plus wedge & sand \$250.  
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Ladies' Cobra golf clubs (woods & irons) \$65; golf cart \$15; Callaway "Big Bertha" \$35.  
847-722-3383

Lovely condo furniture for sale: area rugs, cream couches, chairs, beautiful cream buffet. 797-3951

Leaded glass beautiful decanter w/4 matching cocktail glasses and tray. Great gift or for your own enjoyment \$49 OBO. 726-4571

Dirt Devil vacuum cleaner w/attachments \$20; Brother VX1120 sewing machine w/pedal & book \$35; typing chair w/arms; wall mirror w/birds. 726-6383

### WANTED

Spinnet piano wanted. 791-1264

Ladies' new two-piece slack suit by Tahari, peach top & beige slacks, size 2 petite \$60; pet clippers w/vacuum \$20; Ellis Island plate w/hangar \$20. 692-7028

Table lamps \$5; crystal wine decanter with 6 glasses \$15; round table, clothing, kitchen utensils. 799-3086

Matching sofa, loveseat and chair with pillows \$200. 203-434-3410

Queen sleeper sofa, 76", light-colored flowered design \$195; dinette set, round glass table top 48" with two chairs \$85. 475-9167

Beige metal card table & chairs \$25; Royal portable typewriter, works and looks new \$25; Revere 8mm projector \$25. 797-2882

"Caddytek" Superlite Deluxe 3-wheel golf push cart w/umbrella & beverage holders, like new, used twice \$60. 210-7518

Toshiba laptop w/Windows 10 \$160; Samsung HW-J7500 curved soundbar and subwoofer, new in box \$500 OBO (cost \$600 new). 400-5739



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