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Aunt, nieces, look forward to reunion after surviving same hurricane 1,450 miles apart

By Doug Kates

Back in May of this year, On Top of the World resident Terri Mikszenas was delighted to play host to her niece, Tyler Farmer, who was visiting from the Virgin Islands, where she lives and is employed.

Tyler and her son, Malik, enjoyed everything On Top of the World had to offer visitors, plus they took in local entertainment, went shopping at all the malls, dined at local restaurants and overall had a great time.

Tyler even found time to review real estate listings, perhaps with the idea of moving to Clearwater, herself, some day.

Terri cherished her time with Malik, who, despite being only 5 years old, was overwhelmed with the spaciousness and beauty of On Top of the World.

Malik, so curious about the area, asked Aunt Terri, "Do you have tsunamis in Florida?"

Terri replied, "No, why do you ask?"

Malik explained that back home in the Virgin Islands, where tsunamis are very possible, school children are required to learn safety drills in case a tsunami warning is issued.

Aunt Terri saw a great deal of fear in Malik's face when he talked about tsunamis. She then asked Malik, "Do tsunamis scare you?"

Malik answered, "Yes."

Listening to Malik give his answer, and seeing the look on his face, will be a moment Terri will never forget the rest of her life. She had no idea that four months later, Malik would experience a similar fear - one Terri would also experience - despite being 1,450 miles apart.

On Sept. 6, in her Englander condo on the west side, Terri stood in front of her television set and watched the news as Hurricane Irma approached the Virgin Islands.

Not only were Tyler and Malik back home on the island, but Tyler's sister, Jessica, was also there.

All Terri could think about was Malik's fear of Mother Nature and she was wondering how he was handling a class 5 hurricane.

Terri said she would have given anything to be there to protect Malik and give



him hugs, but instead, all she could do was send Tyler and Jessica text messages with weather updates, provide emotional support and hope for the best.

Fortunately, this story has a good ending.

From the time Irma hit the Virgin Islands to late the next day, there was no communication between Terri and her nieces.

Terri never left her phone. She did laundry to occupy her thoughts. She watched the news and waited for any word at all.

Finally, Terri's cell phone "dinged." It was a text message from Jessica.

"Mom and I are safe ... trying to reach (Tyler). Heard she is OK through word of mouth."

Jessica had to climb to the top of a business' roof just to get a cell phone signal to send the message, but that effort brought overwhelming relief to Terri.

Jessica went on to write that she was helping those who were injured and she was giving out her clothes to those who had none. She said there were no police,

no one in authority and no one to help.

She also had not heard directly from Tyler, although she would keep trying.

It wasn't until two agonizing days later, three days after the hurricane went through, that Terri finally received a cell phone message from Tyler.

"We're safe!" the message stated.

And to be honest, the message didn't even need to say anything else.

Those two words brought so much relief.

Tyler's message did continue. It read, "Don't know where to go. It's so scary here. The place is destroyed. People are desperate."

But most importantly, Malik was OK, too.

Ironically, now it was Terri's turn.

As soon as Jessica and Tyler began providing bits of good news, Irma passed the Caribbean Islands and began heading west.

Weather forecasters then started predicting the remaining path of the storm. Amazingly, the same storm that went over Tyler, Jessica and Malik was now headed



Pictured at left is On Top of the World resident Terri Mikszenas and niece Tyler Farmer during Tyler's recent trip from the Virgin Islands. Pictured above is niece Jessica Farmer, sending a 'thumbs up' photo home to show everyone she was OK after Hurricane Irma. The building in the background used to be an international customs office.

directly for Terri and her husband, Dick, more than 1,450 miles away.

Irma was going to bring hurricane-force winds to Pinellas County.

Now it was Terri's turn to prepare and her turn to advise family about the upcoming storm.

Fortunately, all the messages she sent out were good ones. On Top of the World got very lucky.

Terri, Tyler, Jessica and Malik all survived the same hurricane.

Days after Irma finally passed, Terri received a follow-up message from Tyler. It read, "although we have homes safe for habitat, there is nothing left on the island ... no one has food, water or power. Gas is on the island, but reserved for working crew-vehicles only."

Neither Tyler nor Jessica could locate their bosses. They made a decision they were going to leave the island and come back to the States, but they had no one left at work to tell they were going.

The nieces left the Virgin Islands by ferry boat just ahead of Hurricane Maria and flew back home to Massachusetts.

Terri hinted a reunion might take place in the near future - up north or in Florida - but the time for that reunion won't come soon enough. There is a 5 year old who is going to get a very big hug from Auntie, and compared to the last hug, this one will be longer and harder.

Community comes together



Life is messy.

We maybe have plans for September and Mother Nature has other ideas.

So it goes, we roll with what comes at us.

To that end, your Board is very thankful that there was no loss of life or serious structural damage from Hurricane Irma.

True, the community had a major “demossing” and several grand old oaks toppled (onto a few cars).

In the scheme of what could have been a five-alarm disaster, we were all incredibly fortunate.

Last year at this time, it was Hermine and rain, rain and more rain.

I count us all very blessed.

Before the storm, I put out a message on the community Web page explaining that given the magnitude of Irma, we may have been looking at a time consuming recovery. First item is to clear the roads for first responders, then access building damage and rate priorities, and inspect the utility infrastructure for possible problems.

When it comes to individual service requests, they are scored on severity, stabilized as needed, and resolved at the soonest possible time.

I ended my message by asking for patience and kindness to each other and to the workers who have left family to rally to the needs of the community.

Apparently, that message came through.

I saw many residents assisting with small debris pick up, as well as checking on their neighbor’s welfare.

True to form, the community demonstrated its capacity for caring.

Storms and protracted electrical outages are periods of high stress.

Interestingly, challenging times can bring out the very best instincts in people. The opposite may also be true. However, I can honestly say we saw more caring, kindness, and patience than expected.

This really is a wonderful community!

Not surprisingly, we had numerous clamshell awnings torn from buildings. Others were weakened even more by the wind-driven battering.

In previous articles, residents were warned of this potential damage. A deadline of July 1, 2018, was set for removal of these awnings. After that date, your Board will require awning removal prior to approving any sale and transfer of the condo. The Board’s first concern is the safety



(OTOW News photos by Barbara Rice and Doug Kates)

Pictured above is one of many trees which fell at On Top of the World during Hurricane Irma. This photo scene was memorable because the tree uprooted a cross walking sign in the grass.

of the residents of this community.

After events like this, mowing takes a back seat to general clean-up. But, of course, with so much rain and heat the lawns grow at a crazy rate. It’s a strange cycle to be caught in.

In any case, it took the better part of the following week to get back to a normal maintenance schedule, as much as normal is after so much rain.

A little dry weather was welcome at the end of the month so work crews could finish the cleanup and then catch up on the grounds work that couldn’t be performed because the ground was so saturated.

Association News

By now you should have received a letter from the Association that the Annual Audited Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, 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. Also included in this mailing is a census information sheet.

In order for our condominium community to remain a 55-and-older community, in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Act and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, 80 percent of the apartments must be occupied by at

least one person who is 55 years of age or over.

This is also a good time to update the Association on your emergency contacts, which we have provided space for on this form. Please take a moment to fill out the census information sheet (on yellow paper) also included in the September mailing, and return it in the stamped, self-addressed envelope enclosed for your convenience.

Alternatively, you may obtain this form online at www.otowclearwaterinfo.com. A fillable form is located under the “Association” tab. Once the form is complete, hit the “submit” button and your form will be emailed directly to the Association.

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 Aqua Managers. 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 Community Service Office. Look for the display advertisement in this paper for more detail.

Upcoming Projects

The majority of painting projects will be pushed back at least three weeks during storm recovery operations. In fact, the majority of construction, roofing and large projects will also be delayed until storm recovery is completed.

General Reminders

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit.

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to weather Hurricane Irma



A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community.

Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company.

Thanks for your advance cooperation.

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the management company works towards 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.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, this 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 stone at the earliest convenience.

Very relevant to the recent hurricane, the Inspection Services Department is continuing to inspect remaining awnings with compromised connection points to the building common element. In light of what we've experienced during Hurricane Irma, we expect the remaining majority of awnings will be removed.

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

The removal of plantings located

above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing.

The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas.

Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires a modification request for any landscape alterations. Many times decorative rocks or landscaping are installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator.

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings.

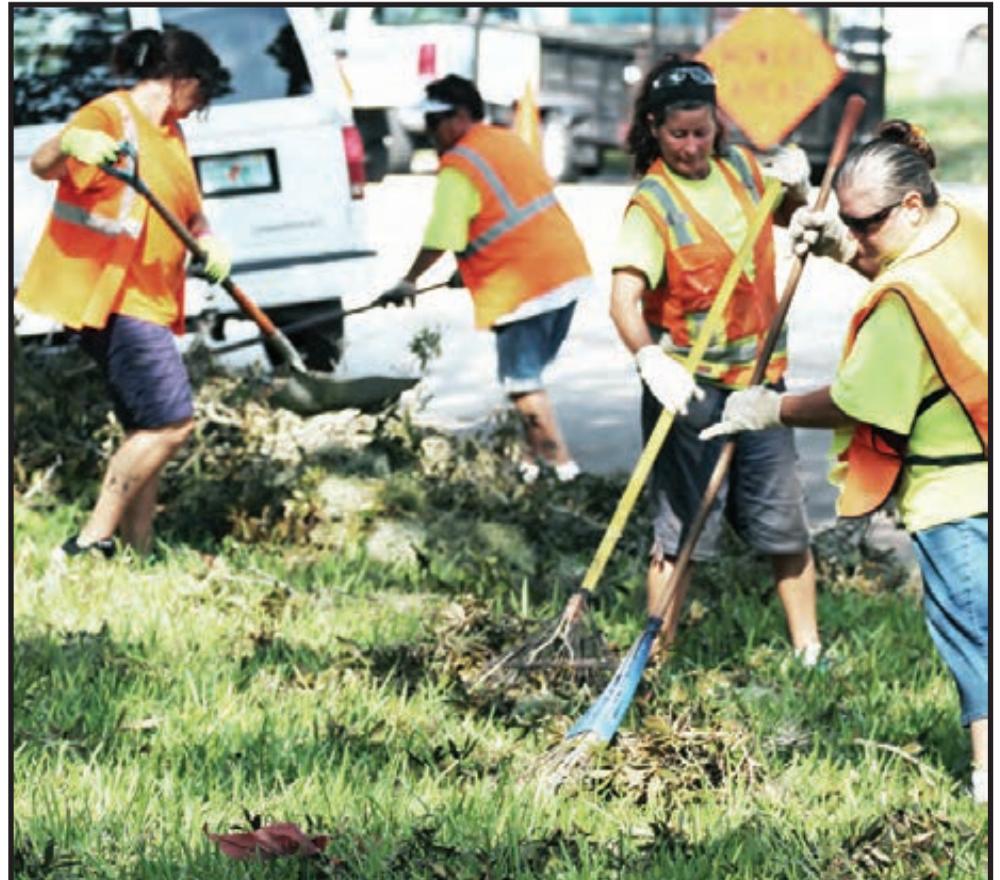
These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards. The management company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills - be it propane, charcoal, or electric - are not permitted on any balcony areas as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

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



On this page, OTOW cleanup crews are helped by residents in getting roads cleared.



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.

On Top of the World should be able to open portions of East Activity Center in October

By Doug Kates

Hurricane Irma will best be known for her 70 mile-an-hour winds, but ironically, she will also be remembered for slowing down renovation work in the East Activity Center.

Once the hurricane set a path for the Tampa Bay area, vendors, as well as On Top of the World personnel, had to cease work on the activity center in order to complete hurricane preparations. Building materials were delayed due to transportation issues and availability.

As a result, the renovation schedule was pushed back.

“Because of Irma, we have been faced with several setbacks,” said Assistant General Manager Dessa Barabba. “But we do anticipate opening some areas on a limited basis.”

The Fitness Center, library, exercise room and Good Karma Cafe will reopen in early October.

The east side pool, lapidary room and woodshop will remain closed because window work to the Veranda Room and newsroom has been pushed back.

“There will be a lift truck on the pool deck,” Dessa said. “For the safety of residents, we can’t have traffic on the pool deck while windows are being installed.”

No date has been set for reopening the pool.

If everything goes smoothly in the month of October, the Auditorium, Veranda Room, Starlite Room, Art Room and newspaper office could reopen in early November.

“We truly do appreciate our residents and their patience and excitement surrounding this project,” Dessa said. “The positive that comes out of this experience is we’re going to far exceed



Pictured above is how the auditorium looked once the checkered-style floor tiles were removed. Residents should be pleasantly surprised to see what comes next.

their expectations with the finished project.”

Clubs and groups have been very co-

operative moving and switching to different rooms, dates and times. OTOW appreciates everyone working together and

being understanding.

By early November, everything should be back to normal.

2017
Fall Festival
 OTOW
Senior Expo

Saturday
Nov. 4
10 am -
2 pm
East
Activity
Center

Free Entry
Gift Bags

Food Vendors
Home Improvement
Medical Assistants
OTOW Clubs

Computer Club launches new services for residents

The On Top Of the World Computer Club has started two new services for the benefit of members and other residents.

On the first Friday of every month, club member Phyllis King is in the Learning Lab to assist users with their Kindle readers. She also provides help with using Facebook. The sessions aren't classroom teaching. They are hands-on teaching on a one-to-one basis.

Similarly, every Monday morning, Joe Wisinski is in the Learning Lab to help with iPhone or iPad questions. Limited help is also available for Android-based phones and tablets.

All teaching sessions are free and run from 8:30-10 a.m. They



are open to all OTOW residents. Anyone who takes advantage of these opportunities should bring their phone, tablet, Kindle, or laptop computer. Be sure the devices are charged, and if they

are password protected, make sure you know the passwords.

These sessions run concurrently with the club's regular computer assistance sessions, which take place in the Learning Lab from 8:30-10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

These meetings are also free, and no appointment is necessary.

The Learning Lab is in the West Activity Center on the west side of the building near the swimming pool.

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Learning Lab. Some meetings consist of technology-related presentations from club members or outside speakers.

Other sessions are Q and A, with club members sharing their knowledge with each other.

Visitors are welcome.

For more information about the Computer Club, go to our official Website: www.otowcc.com.

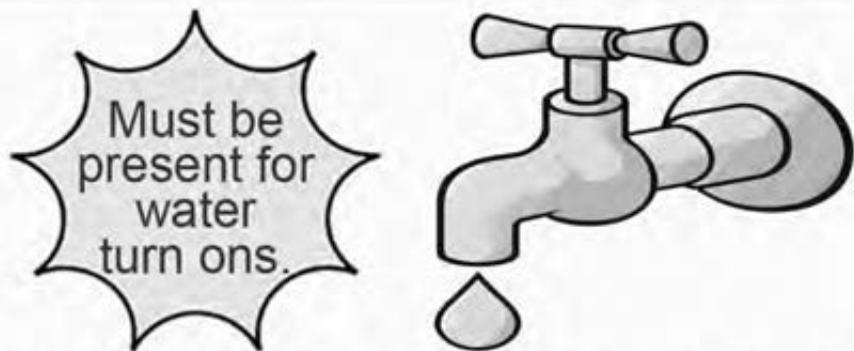
We are also on the Box Office Website, which is now easier to use. You can bookmark our club page. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click "Enter" and "Club Pages." Once inside Club Pages, bookmark it.

Want to learn how to improve your OTOW club or group Box Office web page? Get a password from Doug Kates in the newspaper office and see Joe Wisinski at the computer club.



Have questions about your iPad or Kindle? Come to the Learning Lab for help.

The next AAA Driver Safety Course has been scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Nov. 16 and 17, 9 am - 12 pm in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. The October classes had to be canceled due to renovation delays.



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

- (1) CALL: 727-799-3417 (Option 6)
Messages are retrieved Mon-Fri, 7-5 p.m.
- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Community Service Desk from 8:30-3, Monday-Friday.
- (3) Go Online to 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

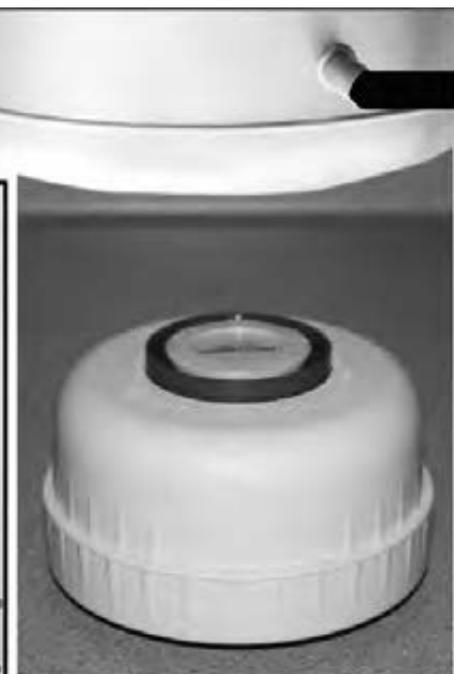
Service Policy

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.

EAC Renovation Updates

- visit the Community Service Office
- view your online OTOW newspaper
- visit the Box Office Website at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com
- watch OTOW-TV on the Box Office when back on the air
- watch for building bulletin board notices

Available In The Community Service Office



Open Monday-Friday 8:30-12 12:30-3

OTOW Wants You To Know



Product Recall: Flushmate III Pressure-Assisted Toilet Flushing System

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a recall and expanded recall on Flushmate III Pressure-Assisted Flushing Systems.

Due to uncontrolled pressure, your toilet tank lid can lift off and shatter. The impact can create shattered parts and possible lacerations to anyone nearby. The pressure release can sound like a small explosion.

More than 453,000 toilets have this system. Most were installed in toilets from July 2009-April 2011. Units are rectangular, black, two-piece vessels made of molded plastic. Vessels can be found in American Standard, Copperfit, Crane, Ecotech, Eljer, Gerber, Kohler, Lamosa, Mancosa, Mansfield, Orion, St. Thomas, Universal Rundle, Vitra, Vitromex, Vortens and Western Pottery toilets. The recall was issued in 2012 and again in 2014.

If you believe you have one of these systems, stop using immediately. Turn off water supply to your unit, flush the toilet to release internal pressure and contact the company for a free repair kit.

For more information online, go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2016/flushmate-expands-recall-of-flushmate-iii-pressure-assisted-flushing-systems>. Please contact a licensed and insured plumber if you believe you may have one of these units installed in your unit.



Potentially Hazardous Surge Protectors

The "Type 2 Surge Protector" (Supco Model SCM 150 and Sycom Model SYC-120/240-T2) may pose a fire hazard. The product does not comply with Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Safety Standards and is not authorized to bear the UL mark in the United States.

The manufacturer is Sycom Surge Inc. Labels on the device include "SUPCO," "SCM150," "SYCOM" and more.

For a complete list view online:

<http://www.ul.com/newsroom/publicnotices/ul-warns-of-potentially-hazardous-surge-protectors-release-no-16pn-10/>



Haz-to-Go Collection Event



On Top of the World

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 10-1 - West Activity Center

Thursday, Oct. 19, 10-1 East Activity Center

Cooking Oils • Fertilizers • Fluorescent Bulbs

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• Paint Thinners • Pool Chemicals

• Auto Batteries • Cell Phones • Laptops

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• Surge Protectors • Rechargeable Batteries

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Fax Machines, VHS/DVD Players, Radios, Keyboards

The original singing King of Cowboys

Gene Autry was discovered singing in a telegraph office in Oklahoma by Will Rogers.

Will told him he should go to Hollywood where he could make some big money singing in the movies.

So, Gene took off for Hollywood. He became a song writer, singer and King of the Cowboys.

Hollywood gave us a heavy dose of cowboys and Indians in the early days of movies. Thousands went to their favorite movie house to see Westerns on Saturday nights.

Gene was their favorite.

When the song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was turned down by all the well-known singers at the time, Gene

recorded the song and it became the second most popular Christmas song of all time - second only to "White Christmas."

During WWII, Gene left Republic Pictures to join the US Army. He was the only officer allowed to wear cowboy boots with his uniform.

When the war was over, Gene returned to Hollywood and signed a contract with Columbia Pictures. Roy Rogers had taken his place at Republic Studios and there was a new King of the Cowboys.

Gene recorded and wrote hundreds of songs, appeared in 93 movies and had his own radio show called, "Melody Ranch," heard every Sunday on the CBS network.

He was a savvy businessman, retiring from films in the early 1960s and became a multi-millionaire from his investments in hotels, real estate, radio stations and the California Angels baseball team.

In 1992, the Angels were reportedly worth more than \$320 million.

Gene had many friends in Hollywood and an avid supporter of Dwight Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan.

When you walk the Hollywood Walk of Fame, you will see five stars with the name Gene Autry - two more than anyone else.

The original singing cowboy died in October 1998 in Los Angeles at the age of 91.

Walter Balderson



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Ingredients

For Garnish:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 Portobello mushroom
cut into 3/4 inch pieces
(about 1 1/4 cups)
- 1/2 cup scallions
cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 15.5 oz. can
Boston or Navy beans, drained
- 1 handful cherry tomatoes
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground
black pepper

For the Fish:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 skinless tilapia fillets
- Juice of half lemon

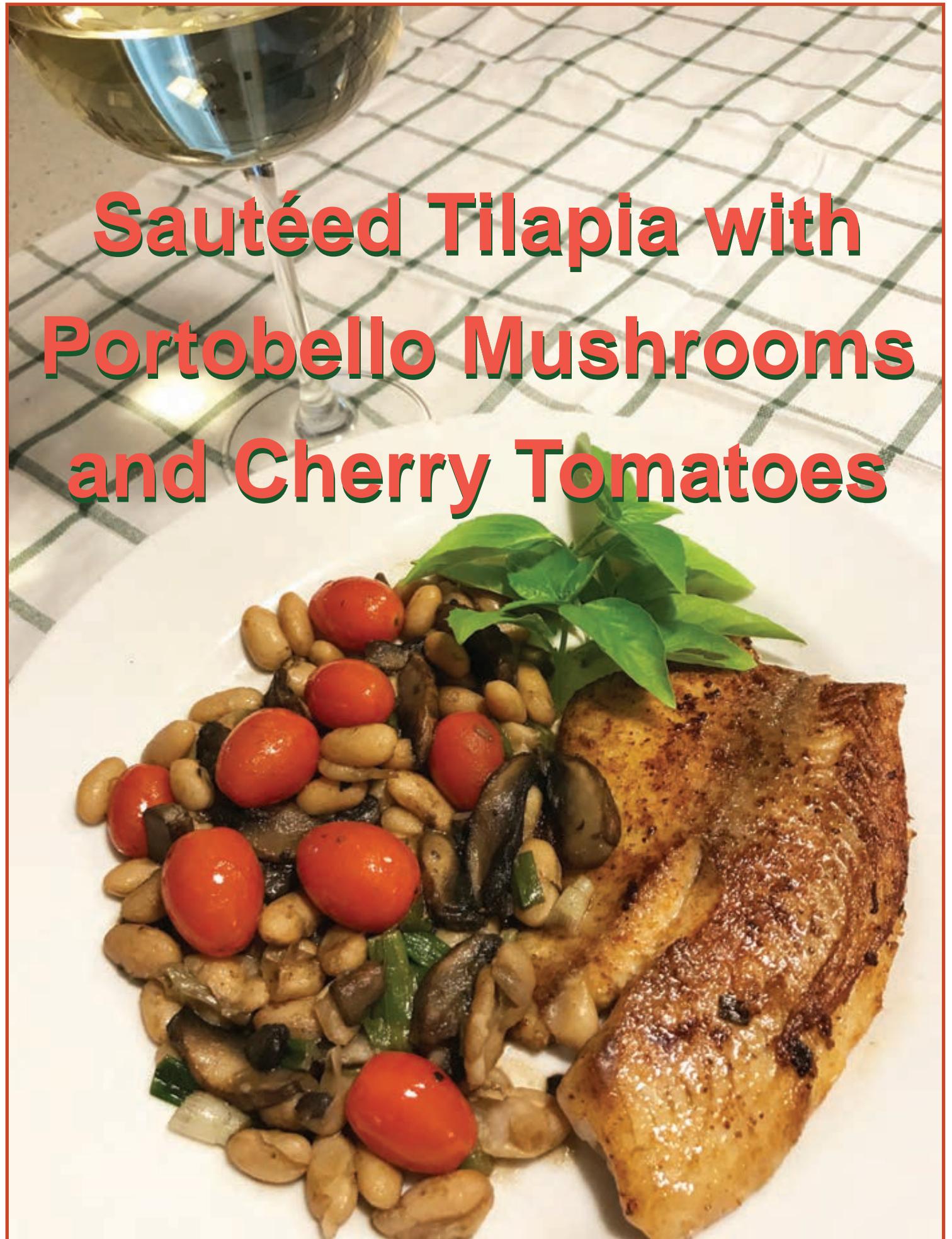
The Perfect Beverage

A German Piesporter Mueller - crisp white wine has flowery aromas which lead to flavors of peaches and pears.

Tip Of The Month

Add a teaspoon of instant coffee granules to hot pork or beef gravy. It adds color and a rich flavor.

*This recipe is online at
OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com
click the Box Office link*



Sautéed Tilapia with Portobello Mushrooms and Cherry Tomatoes

Directions

For the garnish, heat olive oil in a 12-inch skillet. Add mushrooms and tomatoes and cook over high heat for 2 minutes. Add the scallions, beans, salt, pepper and stir for 2 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.

For the fish, heat the butter and olive oil in the same skillet. Sprinkle the salt and pepper on both sides of the fillets. When the butter and oil are hot, add the fish in one layer and cook 1 1/2 minutes on each side. Transfer the fish to a serving plate. Put the garnish back in the skillet to heat through. Spoon the garnish over the fish and sprinkle with the lemon juice.



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Law firms don't just call out of the blue and demand money from you

Hi everybody.

It's Rachel Wagoner here.

Before I get to my usual "Rachel's Dos and Don'ts," I want to warn you about a new scam that my partner, Jerry Colen, and I have been informed about.

The warning came to us from the Florida Bar Association.

The scam works something like this.

You, or someone you know, gets a phone call and the caller (make that the scammer) says he or she is with a law firm.

The scammer then claims you owe the law firm money and demands immediate payment or else serious legal action will be taken against you - blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.

First and foremost, neither I, my partner, nor the law firm of Colen & Wagoner, P.A. ever, ever, ever call and make threatening demands for payment to us or for payment to any client of this law firm.

NEVER.

I've even heard that these scammers call someone from some other city or state and make these despicable demands.

So, if you get such a call, or if you hear of anyone getting such a call, please let us know.



And remember, at all times, you need to have a caller ID on your phone, and unless you are 100 percent sure of who is calling, you should never answer. Just let the caller leave you a phone message.

"Rachel's DO:" Always remember to check your credit card statements carefully before you write a check. If you are not sure about a charge, DON'T be afraid or embarrassed to call your credit card company and ask for more information.

"Rachel's DON'T:" Do not return phone calls from the alleged IRS, United

States marshal's office or a court of law, if someone is demanding you send money.

"Rachel's DO:" It is perfectly OK to use the telephone number on the back of your credit card if you need to inquire about a charge to your credit card.

OK, so here's my question to you.

What are the documents you need to have in order to complete your estate planning so you can sleep well at night?

(Or better yet, so you can relax over dinner and drinks.)

Here's my answer:

The critical documents are

1. a Last Will and Testament
2. a Durable Power of Attorney, who complies with Florida Law and an Advance Directive, which sets out your wishes in the event you are involved in a matter affecting your health and are dealing with a health care provider such as a doctor, a hospital or even a nursing home.

3. Well, what about a Living Trust? Maybe, although more times than not, at least in my opinion, a living trust is not needed, and that's especially true if you want to make things easy for your relatives

or heirs or beneficiaries.

While I'm on the subject of estate planning, let me ask you another question. When was the last time you looked at the deed to your home to make sure it really says what you think it says?

Yesterday? Good for you.

Ten years ago? Um ... maybe you should pull it out and check it to see what it says.

Of course, you only need to do that if there's been some changes in your life since you bought and closed on your home. Think about it.

And since I'm talking about real estate, here's yet another question for you. Should you put someone else on the deed to your home, such as a child or relative?

Since it's your home, you need to think about that question very carefully and only do it after you've consulted with an attorney. By the way, if you are going to talk with an attorney about the title to your home, consider meeting him/her without your children.

Best wishes always: Rachel.

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The November 5 Bingo Marathon has been canceled due to a delay in the East Activity Center renovations.

We have set Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018, as the date for the next Bingo Marathon. Tickets will be on sale starting December 4. Visit our bingo table Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium.

October

Events must be approved by the Community Service Office before appearing on this calendar.

DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

M-Monday, T-Tuesday, W-Wednesday, H-Thursday, F-Friday, S-Saturday, U-Sunday

**Fitness Center, Good Karma Café,
Kitchen/Craft Room and Exercise Room
are expected to reopen in early October.**

BILLIARDS

8-Ball, Mondays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
10-Ball, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
9-Ball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 12:30 pm, Billiards Room
Doubles, Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room
QT, Wednesdays, 6 pm, Billiards Room

BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Rainbow Room

CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

CERAMICS

Tuesdays, noon, Kitchen/Craft Room
Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen Craft Room

CHESS

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

CHINESE PAINT BRUSH

Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Learning Lab

COMPUTER CLUB- All in Learning Lab

M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Gen. Assistance, T'shooting
Saturdays, 8:30 am, General Meeting/Presentations
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Help with Windows 10
Saturdays, 8:30 am, Help with I-Pads and Tablets

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Thursdays, noon, Rainbow Room

CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Rainbow Room

DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Rainbow Room

EXERCISES CO-ED

M,W,F, 10 am, Exercise Room

LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,H,F, 8 am, Exercise Room

MAHJONGG

M, W, F 1 pm, Rainbow Room
Mondays, 4:45 pm, Yellow Room

PING PONG

M,T,W,F 10 am, Sunrise Room

PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 5 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

SAMBA

Thursdays, 6 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room

SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

SLIMNASTICS

M,T,W,F, 9 am, Exercise Room

TAI CHI

M,W,F, 2 pm, EAC Exercise Room
M,W,F 2:45 pm, Beginners, EAC Exercise Room
T,H 5:15 pm, Intermediate, EAC Exercise Room

TEXAS CARD CLUBS

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Rainbow Room
Carol: Wednesdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Rainbow
Mike: Wednesdays, Fridays, 5:30 pm, Rainbow
Ron: Mondays, Thursdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room
Tom: Tuesdays, 6:30, Rainbow Room

WATER AEROBICS

M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, WAC Swimming Pool

YOGA with MARILYN

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10:15 am, Exercise Room

ZUMBA

Mondays, Fridays, 9 am, Sunrise Room

FITNESS CENTER

Mondays-Saturdays 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays 9 am - 8 pm

LIBRARY

Mondays 9-12, Wednesdays and Fridays 1-3

SUNDAY

MONDAY

01	02
03	04 German Interest Gro 2:00 PM - Sunrise Ro
05	06 Chorus Board Meetin 11:00 AM - Kitchen
07	08 OTOW Special Event 10:30 AM - Learning Chorus Rehearsal 10:00 AM - Kitchen
09	10 Chorus Rehearsal 10:00 AM - Kitchen

**CVS will be of
on Thursday**

*This schedule was set before the newspaper went to press.
The schedule may have changed as of October 1 and could change again later in the month.*

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	<p>03</p> <p>OTOW Special Event OLLI Class 10:30 AM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>	<p>04</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Theater Workshop Meeting 6:30 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>05</p> <p>Good Karma Book Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Press Association Meeting 1:30 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Softball Meeting 6:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Kitchen</p>	<p>06</p> <p>Travel Club Meeting 2:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 PM - Kitchen</p> <p>Travel Club Meeting Noon - Sunrise Room Time listed above is incorrect.</p>	<p>07</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Sunrise Room</p>
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<p>g</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Republican Club Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>	<p>18</p> <p>OTOW Special Event OLLI Class 6:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Good Karma Book Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Learning Lab</p> <p>No.72 Valencia Meeting 6:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>Baby Boomers Meeting 5:30 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Kitchen</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Chorus Rehearsal 7:00 PM - Kitchen</p> <p>Good Neighbors Clothing Drive 10:00 AM - East Activity Center</p>	<p>21</p> <p>OTOW Special Event Pet Costume Contest 9:00 AM - Dog Park</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>Good Neighbors Clothing Drive 10:00 AM - East Activity Center</p> <p>Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Sunrise Room</p>
<p>LLI Class ab</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>NY-NJ Club Social 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Coloring Book Club Meeting 1:00 PM - Learning Lab</p>	<p>26</p> <p>No.89 Siboney Meeting 7:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>TOPS Meeting 9:00 AM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>Writers Ink Meeting 12:30 PM - Kitchen</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Lambda Club Social 6:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>Pray For America Meeting 10:00 AM - Rainbow Room</p> <p>Line Dancing 8:30 AM - Sunrise Room</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Bible Study Meeting 7:00 PM - Learning Lab</p> <p>No.53 Nagoya Party 5:00 PM - Sunrise Room</p> <p>Philosophy Club Meeting 10:00 AM - Rainbow Room</p>	<p>All Entertainment Committee events for October have been canceled. The British Invasion concert for Nov. 2 has also been canceled.</p>		<p>This calendar went to press on Friday, Sept. 22. Changes could have been made to this calendar after press time. For the most accurate calendar, view this calendar in your online newspaper. Visit OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com and click the Clearwater link. Look for the front page of the newspaper and download. An accurate calendar is also available on the Box Office. Click Box Office instead of Clearwater. Look for the "Monthly Calendar" link.</p>		

ffering vaccinations in the West Activity Center lobby
y, Oct. 7, and Thursday, Oct. 14, from 8:30-11 a.m.

Join the Good Karma Book Club and share your thoughts about 'The Deep Blue Goodbye'

This month's meeting of the Good Karma Book Club was held on Sept. 7.

We had a great discussion of "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Florida author Zora Neale Hurston.

Several members had read the book previously, but the general consensus was it was better the second time around.

Written in 1937, the story is based in Eatonville, Fla., a small town north of Orlando, which is considered to be the

oldest African American municipality in America.

We all felt it touched on issues that still resonate today.

The Book Club meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Learning Lab at the West Activity Center.

The first meeting is a discussion of the book chosen by the book club group and the second meeting is time to share

what you have personally been reading, like a potluck book share.

This year we decided to read books by Florida authors to get a better understanding of where we live.

In October, we will read "The Deep Blue Goodbye" by John D MacDonald and in November "A Land Remembered" by Patrick Smith.

Please come and join us. You can get more information at the Community Service Office.

The OTOW Library, located on the lower floor of the East Activity Center is scheduled to reopen in early October. Updates will be posted on OTOW-TV channels 98_1 and 732.

You can view our Web page on the Box Office for more updates.

The library will have several new books on its shelves. If you are a full-time resident, a returning Snowbird or a new resident, please stop by and look.

Membership costs \$3 per year and this allows you to take up to six books out at a time for a period of two weeks.

We have a lot of best sellers and focus on fiction. We also sell paperback donated books 3-for-\$1 and hardbounds for 50 cents each.

We accept donations of books that are in good to average condition. Also, we



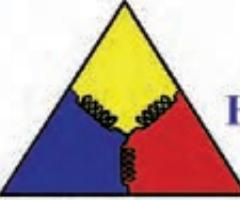
Library

keep a "Free" shelf both in the library and the puzzle room so you can help yourself to any of these books when available.

Hours of operation will be Mondays 10 a.m. to noon, and Wednesdays and Fridays 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. when we reopen.

We will also be adding a shelf with used Good Karma Book Club books in case you are interested in what we have been reading in the past.

Visit the Community Service Office for more information about joining the book club.



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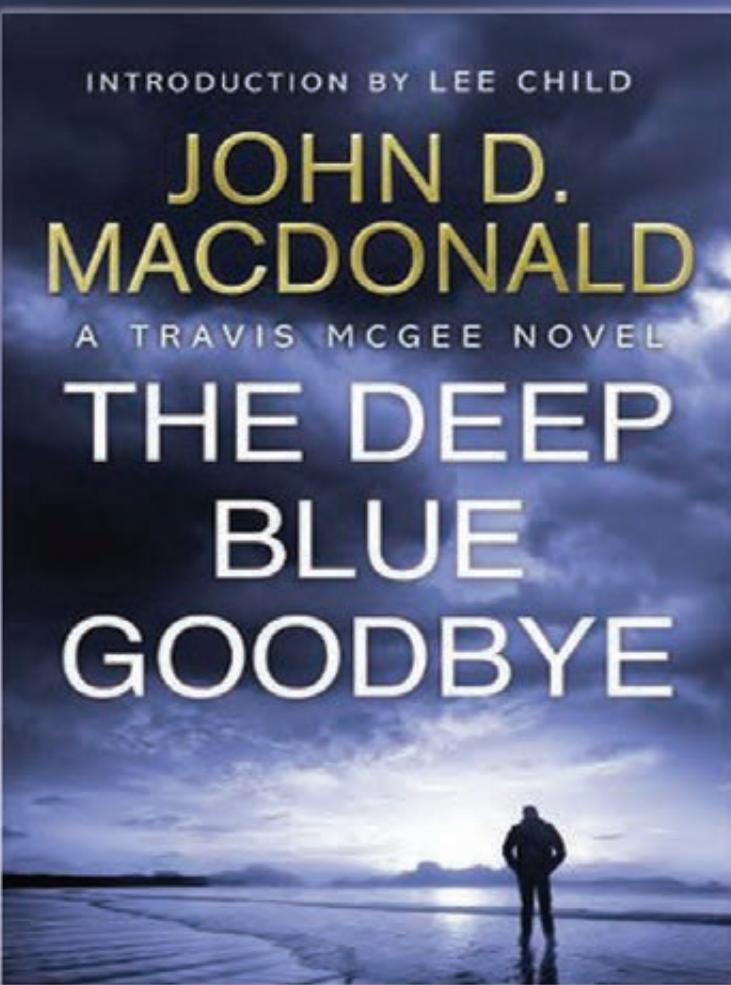
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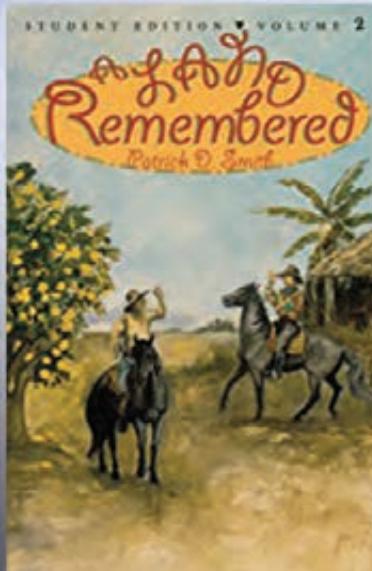
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THE DEEP BLUE GOODBYE

On Thursday, October 5,
from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
the Good Karma Book Club will meet in the
West Activity Center Learning Lab to discuss
"The Deep Blue Goodbye"
by John D. MacDonald.

The book club meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month.
The first meeting is a discussion of the monthly book selection
and the third Thursday is for book share and book-related discussions."

For more information,
visit our Web page on the Box Office.
OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.
Click Box Office, Club Pages
and look for the Good Karma Book Club link.



Coming In
November

The Good Karma Book Club will discuss
'A Land Remembered'
by Patrick Smith,
on Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m.,
in the WAC Learning Lab.
Register for the club by
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The club also will meet
on Nov. 16.



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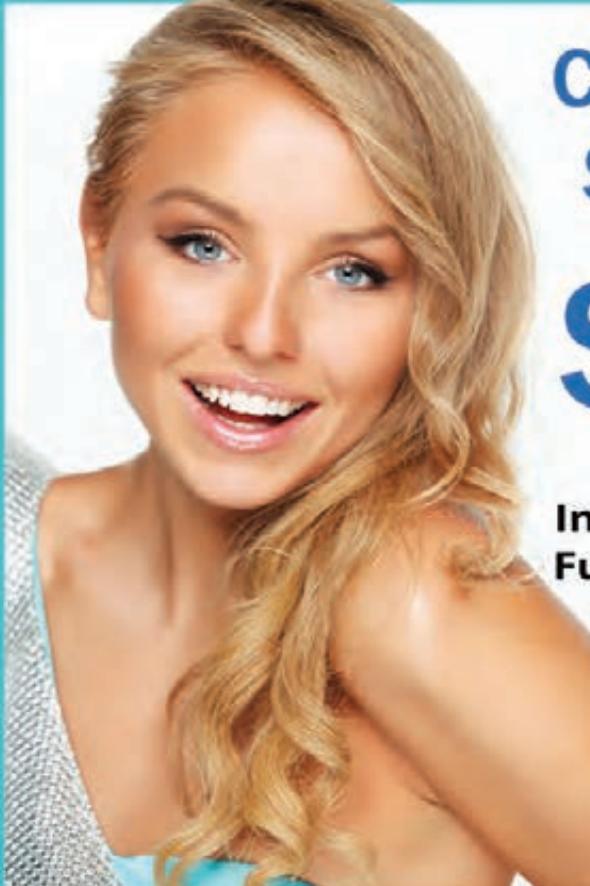
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Press Association meetings in October and November moved to WAC Learning Lab

Press Association meetings in October and November have been moved to new locations as the East Activity Center Veranda Room will not be available in October or early November.

The Thursday, Oct. 5, regular monthly meeting has been moved to the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Meeting time is still 1:30 p.m.

The Thursday, Nov. 2, Writers Workshop will take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. The class will start at 7 p.m. **THIS COULD CHANGE!**

Due to limited seating arrangements in the Learning Lab, veteran reporters who have attended past Writers Workshops, don't have to feel obligated to attend - purely optional.

However, the Writers Workshop is a great class for new reporters to learn basic



Press Association

journalism skills and the newspaper writing style. New club writers, sports writers and building writers are highly encouraged

to attend.

There will be refreshments available.

RSVP the newsroom at 799-3216 to reserve a seat for the Writers Workshop.

At the Press Association meeting in August, reporters asked OTOW News Editor Doug Kates for an easier way to view the On Top of the World Box Office Website.

Those requests have been met.

The Box Office was changed in early September and the biggest improvement is you can now "star" or "bookmark" most pages within the Box Office for easy return access. In the previous version, you always had to enter through the "front door."

The front door, or "enter" page, is actually gone now. You can start your visit by going right to the club pages, schedule pages, the Good Karma Café, library or

thinking games.

Here's what you should do.

On your computer, go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

Next, click the Box Office link.

You will be taken to the new Box Office home page. Save this page under "favorites" or "bookmarks" for easy access next time you want to visit.

Next, visit Club Pages and save this page as a "favorite" or "bookmark." It will save you a couple of steps next time you want to see what your favorite club is doing.

If you desire, visit any other page inside the Box Office and save those pages, too.

You can even save Box Office Bingo under favorites and have easy access to your new, favorite game.

News, Schedules, Announcements

OTOW-TV BACK Channels ON THE 98_1, 732 AIR

Channel 96 is no longer available
To go to OTOW-TV, type channel numbers directly into remote.

OTOW-TV returns

On Top of the World TV is back on the air.

In early September, OTOW-TV resumed broadcasting on channels 98_1 and 732 on your digital converters. Channel 96 is no longer available.

OTOW-TV proved to be a valuable tool during Hurricane Irma because it gave management the opportunity to air urgent alerts and updates within a matter of seconds.

In the future, OTOW-TV will have the latest updates on East Activity Center renovations, club meetings and community bulletins. If any date or location changes need to be made, that information will be relayed to the entire community through OTOW-TV.

Line Dance Club Dance-At-Home videos are back on the air Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 7 p.m. You can learn steps or just enjoy dancing right in the privacy of your home.

Coming in October, the 2017 Jesters show "Thanks for the Memories" will make its OTOW-TV debut on Friday, Oct. 6 at about 8 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 7 and about 8 p.m. Each show was taped from a different day.

Shortly after this movie weekend, OTOW-TV will resume airing a show from the past on Friday nights at 8 p.m. The movies feature past shows by your Jesters Club, Theater Workshop Club, plus past Irish Club parades and Chorus concerts.

In January of next year, OTOW-TV will air a very special presentation for the first time - "25 Years of Laughter" featuring some of the most humorous skits from Jesters and Theater Workshop shows. The 90 minute "movie" contains no solo singers, no singing numbers and no dance numbers. Each performance required at least some memorization.

The On Top of the World newsroom will remain closed in October. The temporary newsroom will remain open on the first floor of the East Activity Center. Our front door faces World Parkway Boulevard.

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The Italian American Club, and other groups, are selling tickets in the West Activity Center on Mondays and Thursday 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Ice cream social rescheduled for Nov. 1

October starts with the Italian-American Club trip to the Hudson Show Palace dinner on Oct 1. We will only have one table, but I am sure we will enjoy it.

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, our club will host an Ice Cream Social in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room.

Start time is 5 p.m.

On Nov. 29, our club will host a spaghetti dinner. The location has been changed, but

the event is still on.

The spaghetti dinner will be 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 29 in the East Activity Center Auditorium if renovations are completed.

If there are any changes, look for announcements on OTOW-TV channels 98_1 and 732.

On Nov. 12 our club will return to the Hudson Show Palace for "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."

On Dec. 3 is our club's Christmas Brunch at the Clearwater Country Club.

On Dec. 17 we are back at the Hudson Show Palace for "A Doo Wop Christmas" show.

Starting in December, our club will begin selling group tickets for Ruth Eckerd Hall shows. There are too many shows to mention.

During East Activity Center renovations, stop by the West Activity Center Sunrise

Room on Thursdays to purchase tickets from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

When renovations are finished, we will begin selling tickets Mondays and Thursdays back in the auditorium.

All Ruth Eckerd Hall shows, Hudson Show Palace events and the Christmas brunch must be paid 30 days in advance. The club needs to give final count and payment at that time.



First rehearsal for holiday concert is preliminarily scheduled for Oct. 6 in Kitchen/Craft Room

By Ilene Bargerstock

It's a wonderful experience to begin walking in the early morning, while it's still rather dark, and watch the sky as the light slowly begins to creep in to claim the day.

Though it's never exactly the same, there is always twice the beauty as the scene reflects on the On Top of the World west side lake. Sometimes the water appears like pink champagne, or pink lemonade. Your choice. It's glorious!

Just makes me feel like singing!

If, like me, you are a fan of a male vocal group from Ireland, called "Celtic Thunder," you have probably heard them sing "A Place in the Choir."

"All God's creatures have a place in the choir.

Some sing low. Some sing higher.

Some sing out loud on the telephone wire.

And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now!"

As far as OTOW Chorus is concerned, God's children in our community have a place in the Chorus, too.

While we don't sing on the telephone wire, we will be singing on a new and im-



Chorus

proved stage in the East Activity Center. We sincerely wish that many of you song lovers out there will join us!

The Chorus Holiday Concert is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. in the EAC.

The music will be inspiring, uplifting and fun for all, whether you are singing with us or listening.

What a positive way to get the winter celebration started!

Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room. We will use the same time/location for rehearsals Friday, Oct. 13, and Friday, Oct. 20, plus 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 23 and 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 30. Watch OTOW-TV

OTOW Chorus Presents

Annual Holiday Concert

Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30 pm

Sunday, Dec. 3, 3:00 pm

East Activity Center Auditorium

Channels 98_1 and 732 for the latest information.

Also look for updates on our Box Office Webpage, which is now easier to use. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click "Box Office" and click "Clubs and Groups." You are now allowed to save or bookmark this page for easy reference to all OTOW clubs.

If you are not computer savvy, please feel free to call our President Carolanne Futej at 727-278-4410 for current infor-

mation.

Prospective members can learn more about the Chorus by calling Caroleanne, or myself, at 727-408-5759. We will welcome your call and be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We would love for you to have a place in the Chorus!

And, by the way, if you decide to take that early morning walk, be safe and don't forget your flashlight.

Spend Friday the 13th socializing at the Lambda Club's 'Retro Night'

By Dave Beaven

Looking forward to a more serene month in October. Please?

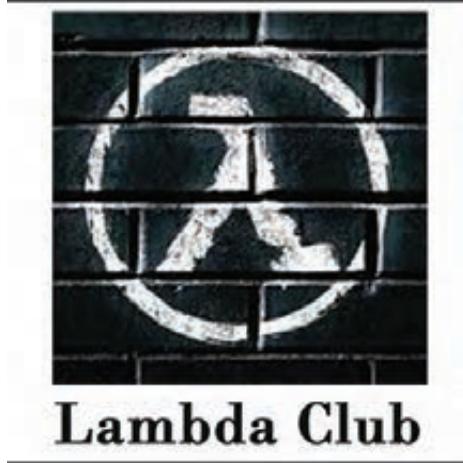
Hurricane Irma really made its presence known here last month, but we were fortunate. Yes, many people lost power for days, food spoiled, condos were hot, stores and gas stations were closed.

And yet, we still had our homes after it all.

On Top of the World lost some trees, but we can carry on a lot easier than many of the folks who experienced Irma.

So for that, let's be grateful and glad that we shared that "good fortune." Now all of us can legitimately say that we are hurricane survivors.

As far as October, the Lambda Club has a busy schedule ahead of it. Our monthly social takes place on Friday, Oct.



13, at 7 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. This month's theme will be a retro one. We're going back 50 years to

the '60s era. Our club boom box will be playing music of that turbulent decade. Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair. How about bell bottom pants? Or you can consider donning sandals, headbands, tie dye shirts, etc.

There are a lot of possibilities.

I look forward to seeing your fashion choices. Meanwhile, the bar will be serving Woodstock Punch. The recipe is groovy, man.

Speaking of recipes, our Lambda members will be serving tasty treats for your enjoyment. And as always, take the opportunity to chat up your old friends and make new ones.

Other special events this month include Game Night on Friday, Oct 27, at 7 p.m. in the Learning Lab. Board games, cards and dominos vie for people's atten-

tion. As usual, the bar will be open.

Lambda is a social club for LGBT residents of OTOW. We are an informal 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 LGBT 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://lambdaclasswater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at: lambdacw@gmail.com. Or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

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Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee



Pictured above is a scene from St. Petersburg Opera's most recent visit to On Top of the World.

After two months with no free donuts, St. Petersburg Opera will fill the void

Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee was canceled in September due to renovations taking place in the East Activity Center. Get Acquainted Coffee also has been canceled in October because preparations for Hurricane Irma put a delay on working on the EAC.

After a two-month absence, Get Acquainted Coffee should return on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. with St. Petersburg Opera providing the entertainment.

You may visit community clubs and local vendors starting at 8:30 a.m. Free donuts and coffee will be given away at 9 a.m. The opera will perform segments from an upcoming show starting about 9:30 a.m. There will also be community news, newcomers and raffles.

For the latest news on renovations and updated community schedules, please watch OTOW-TV channels 98_1 and 732. Information also will be on the Box Office.

Get Acquainted Coffee in December has been moved up one week due to an Association meeting in December. The Good Neighbors date will be Thursday, Dec. 7, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Entertainment will be announced next month.

Upcoming Get Acquainted Coffee Dates

October 12
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November 9
8:30-10:30 am
St. Petersburg Opera
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December 7
8:30-10:30 am
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HAZ-TO-GO

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Thursday, Oct. 19
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OLLI classes start in October and Senior Expo arrives in November



Fall Festival/Senior Expo

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Also, One Blood and F.L.O.W. bus (Florida Licensing on Wheels) will be on site.

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Many clubs have reserved tables outside this year and expo management has decided to hold a contest for the "Best Decorated" table based on the theme of your club. The winner will receive a Visa Gift Card.

See you ALL at the Fall Festival!

East Activity Center Renovations

East Activity Center renovations were tentatively scheduled for completion in early October, but Harvey and Irma have caused a little delay.

Here's the good news. On Monday, Oct. 2, we plan to reopen the following areas downstairs at the East Activity Center: the Exercise Room, Kitchen/Craft Room, Fitness Center, Library and Good Karma Café.

However, all other activities will remain at the West Activity Center until further notice.

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The fall schedule is posted on this page.



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All classes in this ad take place in the West Activity Center Learning Lab

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AUTUMN CLASSES

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute - OLLI - at Eckerd College announces its fall series of 10 selected classes offered at On Top of the World, starting in October and extending through December.

The topics include Florida studies, American history, popular entertainment and personal health.

This is the third set of classes provided to OTOW by OLLI since January 2017. A winter term and summer term previously attracted the participation of residents. "This partnership has proven to be a growing success," said OLLI Director Monica Kile. "We are very pleased to bring these exciting and rewarding classes onsite."

<p>"Building the Tamiami Trail" The Engineering Feat that Crossed the Everglades Tuesday, October 3, 10:30 am - Noon Instructor: Nano Riley Registration Number: 8020 OT</p> <p>"Florida in the Civil War" Tuesday, October 10, 10:30 am - Noon Instructor: Doug Ault Registration Number: 8021 OT</p> <p>"Record Man" How Phil Gernhard put Florida on the Pop Music Map Wednesday, October 18, 6 pm - 7:30 pm Instructor: Bill DeYoung Registration Number: 8022 OT</p> <p>"Mostly True Stories" Tales of Haunted Florida Monday, October 23, 10:30 am - Noon Instructor: Cathy Salustri Registration Number: 8023 OT</p> <p>"Lewis and Clark" Wednesday, November 1, 10 am - Noon Instructor: Pay Byrne Registration Number: 8024 OT</p>	<p>"Will Rogers" America's Favorite Son Thursday, November 9, 6 pm - 7:30 pm Instructor: Rick Kistner Registration Number: 8025 OT</p> <p>"Pursuing Happiness while Dodging Stress" Friday, November 17, 10 am - Noon Instructor: Rich Radcliffe Registration Number: 8026 OT</p> <p>"Judy Garland" Over the Rainbow Tuesday, December 5, 10:30 am - Noon Instructor: Jason Fortner Registration Number: 8027 OT</p> <p>"Vintage Florida" Roadside Attractions in the Sunshine State Monday, December 11, 6 pm - 7:30 pm Instructor: Cathy Salustri Registration Number: 8028 OT</p> <p>"Young at Heart and Thought" Tuesday, December 19, 10 am - Noon Instructor: Rich Radcliffe Registration Number: 8029 OT</p>
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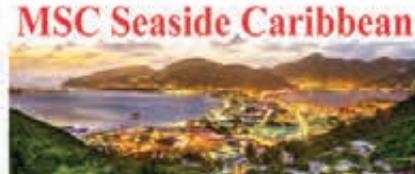
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ACTIVITY REPORTS



Who will win Best Costume at 2017 Halloween Pet Contest?

Did you ever imagine you would see a dog dressed as a mime?

How about a greyhound dressed up as a "grey-vyard?"

In the last two years, these have been the winning entries in the annual Halloween Pet Costume Contest, which takes place at the On Top of the World Dog Park.

This year's contest will take place 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 21.

There are three categories: Most Original, Best Halloween Spirit and Most Adorable.

Plus, there is an overall grand prize.

The contest is open to all OTOW residents and their pets. There is no entry fee. The contest will take place rain or shine, so if it's drizzling out the morning of the contest, we still want you in full costume.

In past years, the contest has featured Scottish golfers, ladybugs, dog fish, angels, pumpkins and more.

Pet owners have also started getting creative. Owners are coming dressed in costume, too.

"Our dog owners have really become creative with their costumes," said OTOW News Editor Doug Kates. "Some costumes are store-bought, but most are the result of personal creativity."

So far, Pet Supplies Plus, Harbor-side Animal Hospital, The Dog House of Safety Harbor and Woof Gang Bakery have committed to the 2017 contest. More sponsors could be added.

There will definitely be first, second and third place prizes in all three divisions, and a grand prize for best costume.

More prizes could be added in the upcoming weeks.

Last year the sponsors suggested giving away a free gift to all contestants as they enter the dog park. This addition to the contest is being negotiated as you read this article!

Photographs from the contest will appear in the OTOW News November newspaper, which will be distributed to residents on Halloween Day - of course!

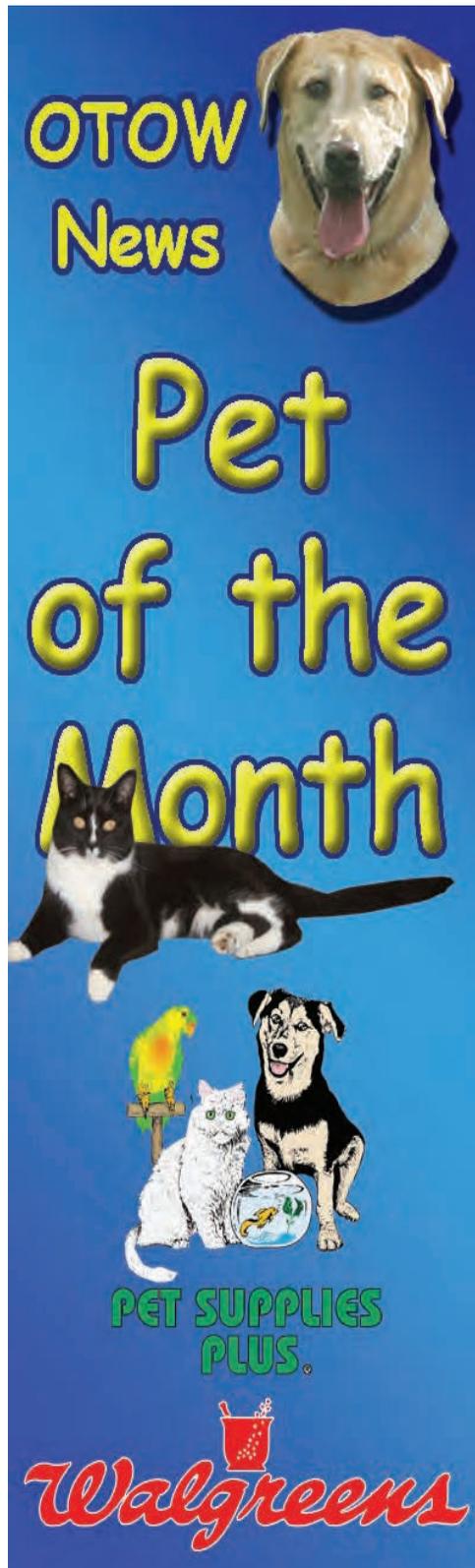
A video will also air on OTOW-TV channels 98_1 and 732 in November.



Pictured above is the 2015 Best Costume winner, Ronnie, who was a 'Grey-vyard.' Pictured at right is the 2016 winner, Buckley, who was a mime. Ronnie is owned by Dave Williams and Buckley is owned by Barbara Rice. Who will be the featured winner at the 2017 Halloween Pet Costume Contest?



If you don't enter your dog in our Halloween Pet Costume Contest, we might have to call the doggy sheriff on you!



OTOW News

Pet of the Month

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Miss Tammi

This is Miss Tammi on her 11th birthday, getting ready for football season with her new present. Her favorite toys are anything plush or anything that can be kicked. Miss Tammi is a rescue dog and is owned by Boots Stanton of the French Renaissance Building. Boots and Tammi have been together since the puppy was 11 weeks old. She weighed only 3 pounds and came here by plane - all the way from Oklahoma. "She won me over immediately," Boots said. "She has been a wonderful dog and companion. She loves all people and other dogs and does not have a mean bone in her body."

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 otow.newsroom@gmail.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. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. 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!

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Director of 2018 show has plenty of professional experience

By Stu Gerstein

“Born in a Trunk” is an old-time theatrical expression describing the children of actors, who go into the profession.

This is certainly true for On Top of the World Theater Workshop’s new director Laurie Fischer.

Laurie has been involved in theater, directly or indirectly, his entire life. His mother, Rosslyn Richards, former OTOW resident, was a professional actress in England and continued her career, both professionally, and in community theatre, when she immigrated to Canada in 1957.

In the past five decades, Laurie has produced, directed and acted in more than 50 productions throughout Canada, including London, Saskatoon and Winnipeg.

In 1997, Laurie and his wife, Cathie, founded North Kildonan Community Players in Winnipeg, Canada.

Since that time, he has produced, directed and acted in 22 musical theater productions, including “Annie,” “Fiddler on the Roof,” “Oliver,” “Godspell,” “The Secret Garden,” “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown,” “Snoopy!” and “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” to name only a few.

This year, Laurie authored his first show, “Moments in Time: A Multi-Media Historical Experience” which debuted at the 2017 Winnipeg Fringe Festival.

“I am pleased and honored to be heading up Theater Workshop’s creative and directing team for the 2018 show,” Laurie stated.

This year’s show is “That’s Entertainment: The



Pictured above, Laurie Fischer does a scene with Vicky Portsmouth during last year’s show ‘The Hideaway.’

Best of New York’s Broadway and London’s West End Musical Theatre.”

Auditions will be held on Monday Nov. 20 and Wednesday, Nov. 22 from 1-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center for anyone who would like to be a part of this year’s show.

Previous singing or acting experience is not necessary - just bring your enthusiasm and a desire to have fun and make new friends!



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Singers: Come prepared to sing one song.

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Actors/Comedians: Bring a short, prepared reading and/or a few jokes to make us laugh!

And, if you don’t want to be on stage, but do want to be part of the show, we are always looking for stage hands, ticket takers, costume makers, etc.

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Boomers keep cool by meeting in northern states or chatting in a community swimming pool



Baby Boomers

By Penni Telleck

The Great Florida-Northern Boomer Railroad was active again this summer.

On this track, Boomers escape Florida's late-summer heat by heading north to the mild backyards of Snowbird Boomers.

Recently, some Boomers met in Erie, Pa. They gathered to spend a delightful afternoon at Lake Erie with fellow northern Boomer friends. On one of the dazzling afternoons, colorful kites flew in the sky.

Other Boomers met in New York State and as far north as Canada.

A group of lady Boomers met in Philadelphia for lunch.

Boomers also beat the heat in Wisconsin.

Yes, it was Boomer to Boomer across the Mason-Dixon Line and everyone stayed cool.

Boomers staying home at On Top of the World also did many cool things.

Boomer bobbing at the lovely West Activity Center swimming pool is a favorite activity. We often see a rainbow-collage of flotation noodles attached to a group



Boomers enjoy cooling off in the West Activity Center swimming pool. Some sit around and chat for hours. Others attempt tricks in noodles.

of Boomers. Hanging onto these buoyant and colorful foam noodles is a refreshing pleasure. Many noodles get together and chat away.

Boomers have gotten quite skilled at working noodles. Some place the noodle behind their heads. Others ride noodles like a horse. Some attempt tricks.

In the coolness of the water, bobbing Boomers discuss valued ideas, like where is the best restaurant for cheesy pizza and does anyone have a Groupon for it?

There has been some talk that this coming winter, the Lady Baby Boomers will be starting a synchronized swimming group. They are currently searching sales on nose plugs and fancy flowered bathing caps.

The Baby Boomer group is a fun social group on the OTOW campus. Boomers are involved in myriad of cool activities that support lasting friendships, healthy activities, making new connections and, best of all, smiling faces.

Boomers seek out experiences to keep them active and enjoying life.

Does this sound like you?

If you'd like to become involved, please join us.

The Baby Boomers will be meeting on Oct. 4 and 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

See you there!

We also have a Web page on the Box Office Website, which is now easier to maneuver. You can bookmark our page!

Next meeting Oct. 12

Local Democrats discuss upcoming elections and get recruited as line dancers

By Donna Lukas

We had a small, but hardy group, that weathered Hurricane Irma for our September meeting.

We were double booked with a dancing group, but we all got along OK. The dancers even tried to recruit some of our male members.

We spent time talking about the upcoming Florida Democratic Party State Conference to be held in Orlando on Oct. 27-29. Pinellas County delegates usually stay at the Parc Corniche Condominiums Suite Hotel, where friends can share room costs.

We also spent time talking about three current Florida elections in process.

Thanks were given to the club members who volunteered for the Aug. 29 St.



Democratic Club

Petersburg mayoral primary. Those phone calls really made a difference! We need to continue those efforts for the Nov. 7 general election.

Volunteers for phone banking were

also requested for the Florida State Senate District 40 race scheduled for Sept. 26. By the time you read this, we should know if Annette Taddeo won that office.

The next election in our immediate area is on Nov 7. On the referendum is "Pennies for Pinellas." If you want to see one of the good things those pennies produce, go visit the Clearwater Countryside library.

Our discussion portion of the meeting focused on "What's Happening?" on the local, state and national levels. It is important to keep informed about what is going on in elections around the country. A good source for making contributions to campaigns for representatives, senators, and gover-

nors is Emily's List. EMILY is an acronym for Early Money Is Like Yeast. It makes the dough rise.

Announcements at the meeting included various calls to action.

If you miss attending one of our meetings, remember to periodically check out the information listed on our club pages on the Box Office at www.ontopoftheworldnews.com. Look for the "Club Pages" link and then click on the "Democratic Donkey."

You can also send us an email at this site or call Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123 for information.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12. Due to ongoing renovations, we will be meeting in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.



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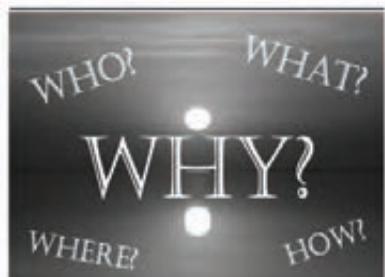
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Philosophy Club

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, West Activity Center Rainbow Room. Any questions? Call Bob Reis at 798-2443.

PRAY FOR AMERICA

is currently meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday mornings in the West Activity Center Rainbow Room.

Open to all residents. The club is a concerned group of residents who "care about our country."

Such discussion topics include terrorism, drugs, crime, the failing economy and moral decline.

The group will discuss issues about family, community and the country, and will pray for individuals and corporate issues.

For more information, call 647-6467.

Philosophy Club, Pray for America, Bonesavers, Water Aerobics and TOPS are all meeting on the west side during renovations. When renovations wrap up, these activities will return to their normal dates, times and locations in the East Activity Center.

Water Aerobics

9 a.m., Daily, WAC swimming pool

TOPS

9 a.m., Thursdays, WAC Rainbow Room

Co-Ed Exercises

Mon, Wed, Fri, 10 a.m., EAC Exercise Room

**TOPS does not have a club fee, but there is an annual national membership fee.*

Bonesavers meet all year round.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m. in the West Activity Center Rainbow Room.

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

Men and women both welcome. We never do floor exercises. Our classes are free. For more information, call Libby at 727-669-1486.



People who ride this Germany to Austria bike trail, stop to read OTOW News!



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Audition set for Oct. 3

Jesters will begin auditions, rehearsals at Dunedin VFW until auditorium opens



Jesters

By Sue Calinski

Calling all Jesters!

Due to East Activity Center renovations, our Cast Call for the 2018 show will be held on Oct. 3 from 3-5 p.m. at the VFW 2550 at 360 Douglas Ave., in Dunedin.

Please note the new location!

All October rehearsals will also be held at this location.

It is important that you attend the Cast Call if you want to be in the show this year. All parts will be assigned based on auditions. If you are unable to attend and want to be in the show, please contact our director, Lee Catalfomo, at lee61951@gmail.com to make alternate arrangements.

Those auditioning will be divided into three groups: singers, dancers and speak-



Cast members for the upcoming Jesters show pose for a picture during an organizational meeting this summer. Rehearsals will take place in Dunedin until the auditorium reopens.

ing parts. You may audition for as many of the groups as you would like.

Singers will be asked to choose a song from a designated list. Dancers can demonstrate their abilities with a few easy dance steps. Those looking for speaking/comedic parts will read some nursery rhymes, showing their own interpretation with expression.

If you have questions about the auditions, be sure to contact Lee at the previous email address.

At our September meeting, the Jesters announced the general outline for the upcoming show, "Oh! What a Night."

The show is packed with singing, dancing and comedy.

Keep in mind, directors and producers know that not all Jesters want to be on stage, so rest assured we have plenty of openings "behind-the-scenes." There will be a lot of props, costumes and sets that have to be created or purchased to keep many people busy.

Or, if you aren't very artistic, we always need people backstage to help with a myriad of tasks. If you want to join the Jesters, we have a spot for you!

As always, the cost to become a Jester remains \$5 for the year. Not only will you be able to experience the exhilaration of being a part of the show, the Jesters also have two lovely dinners for our members. We also often get together informally, laughing and bonding with one another.

Plan on attending Nov. 4 Fall Festival/Senior Expo and register for Canadian Club membership



By Brenda McLaughlan

I was relieved to learn in mid-September that all of On Top of the World had survived the ravages of Hurricane Irma with only minor damage to landscape reported.

There had been issues of downed trees and power outages, but for the most part, Snowbirds were relieved to hear there was little damaged, mostly thanks to the diligence and good maintenance policies of the On Top of the World administration.

We can look forward to our return sometime soon.

Upon your return to Florida, you will immediately wish to obtain a valid OTOW Activity Card to be eligible to join the OTOW Canadian Club, as well as participate in other activities and clubs offered

at OTOW.

New OTOW Canadian Club memberships will be available at the Fall Festival/Senior Expo on Nov. 4 in the East Activity Center parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New and rejoining members will be welcomed at Registration Night on Friday, Nov. 17 from 6-9:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. The membership fee remains at \$5 and membership is open to anyone, Canadian or not, who is in possession of a valid OTOW Activity Card.

Renters wishing to join the club are reminded that they must obtain an OTOW Activity Card from their landlords.

At Registration Night, you will also be able to obtain tickets or sign up for many of the activities hosted by our club.

Copies of the events list will be available, along with a copy of the approved budget for 2017-18.

The evening will include a wine and cheese get-together to allow us to renew old friendships and welcome new members.

Social Games will start on Nov. 2 and continue every Thursday evening from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center Rainbow and Sunrise Rooms.

Our Christmas Dinner will be on Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Ticket sales will start on Nov. 30 at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

Please remember to pack your baseball outfits as you will have an opportunity to demonstrate support for your favorite team.

See you soon!

Flea Market/Craft Show tables now on sale

Good Neighbors Clothing Drive not affected by renovations - bring your used clothing items to EAC on Oct. 21 and 22

By Jim Bjorgo

A huge "thank you" and "job well done" to all the first responders, deputies and Duke power employees for their countless hours of work and dedication after Hurricane Irma.

And to Parkway Maintenance and SCA employees who were put in charge of the massive cleanup efforts at On Top of the World, we extend our sincere appreciation for the work you did to bring us back to normal.

We know your task was almost overwhelming and we want you to know your efforts were truly appreciated.

Enough about the hurricane.

Due to weather delays, remodeling work at

the East Activity Center is going a little slower than expected. Our Good Neighbors Association, as well as other clubs, have not been able to return to normal operations. We are now told normal operations in the EAC auditorium will not be back until early November.

As you can imagine, this has impacted plans for the Good Neighbors Association, as well as other groups.

The Get Acquainted Coffee for September was canceled. Get Acquainted Coffee for October has been canceled. We are hopeful our Nov. 9 Get Acquainted Coffee featuring the St. Petersburg Opera will take place on time. Mark your calendars for this event. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9 a.m., followed by announcements, entertainment and raffles.

The Good Neighbors Association Fall Clothing Drive will take place no matter what happens to renovation work. The dates are Friday, Oct. 21 and Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the front portico outside the EAC. All you need to do is pack up any clean clothing in good condition, pull up under the front portico and we will unload your donations. You don't even have to get out of your vehicle.

Your slightly-used clothing is greatly needed at this time, due to recent natural events. We only donate clothing collected to facilities that give the clothing away. We do not donate to facilities that resell your donations. Good Neighbors Association recently held a meeting for residents who want to volunteer for our fall events. We had a small but eager turnout, but still need more people for our upcoming Clothing Drive on Oct. 21 and Oct. 22. We also need more help for our participation in the Fall Festival/Senior Expo on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. And we need more help for our own Flea Market and Craft Show on Nov. 11.

If you are interested in helping us out, or have a few hours to spare, please see a club member on Monday or Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. We will answer your questions.

If you are interested in purchasing a table for the Flea Market/Craft Show, please note, we are now selling tables 8-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the WAC Sunrise Room.



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If you have questions, please call (727) 725-4048. You must be a resident of OTOW to purchase a table and you must bring your current Activity Card.

In August, Good Neighbors Association announced its new board. We would like to have more residents step up and join the board. More hands make for lighter work. If you are interested, please see any board member for details and more information.



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OTOW Line Dancing is one of the oldest clubs in our community. According to the "History of OTOW Line Dancing" by Cele Radeloff, the club started in 1977.

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We have beginner instruction to get you started. Bring some non-stick, non-marking shoes and an open mind. We'll fill you up with some great music, dancing and friendship.

If you can't make it out to one of our sessions, look for us on the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com where we have our own information page, which you can now bookmark.

You can also watch us on OTOW-TV channels 98_1 and 732 at around 7 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Dance with us in your own living room.

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Jesters, Theater Workshop spring shows to make OTOW-TV debuts

If you missed The Jesters spring show "Thanks for the Memories" or you missed Theater Workshop's show "The Hideaway," here is a very important announcement.

On Friday, Oct. 6, and Saturday, Oct. 7, OTOW-TV will debut both shows on your community television station, channels 98_1 and 732.

OTOW-TV was off the air for most of the summer as updates were made to the entire system. Your community TV channel came back on the air just in time to help inform residents of Hurricane Irma preparations and cleanup.

Now, we're ready to begin airing your favorite Jesters and Theater Workshop shows again.

On Oct. 6 at about 7 p.m., The Jesters "Thanks For the Memories" version one will air, followed about 90 minutes later by Theater Workshop's "The Hideaway."

On Oct. 7 at about 7 p.m., "The Hideaway" will air, followed about 90 minutes later by The Jesters "Thanks For The Memories" second version.

The "Thanks For The Memories" first version was filmed by OTOW News. The second version was filmed by a professional film crew.

After these two shows, OTOW-TV should be back to its regular Friday evening feature, which airs one past show every week at 8 p.m.

OTOW-TV will also air "British Invasion I" featuring a tribute to the Beatles and Rolling Stones on Nov. 2.

Watch for a video from the 2017 Halloween Pet Costume Contest in November.

In December, watch for past Chorus holiday concerts - we will air a different concert each Friday during the holiday season.

In January, OTOW-TV will be proud to present "25 Years of Smiles." This 90-minute video looks back at 25 years of comedy skits and comedy routines done by The Jesters and Theater Workshop since 1992.

The video features no dancing and no singing. Segments were selected based on originality, humor, memorizing lines and acting.

Watch for "25 Years of Smiles" coming up in January.

Also, residents will discover OTOW-TV channel 96 no longer exists. This was an analog channel, which has been discontinued. Channels 98_1 and 732 are digital.



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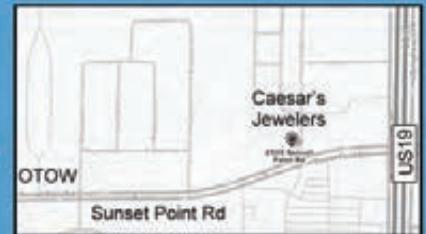
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Snowbirds Line Dancing will begin when auditorium reopens

By Ed Foland

Snowbirds Line Dance classes will resume in November when the East Activities Center auditorium reopens.

There will be no line dancing in October.

Dolly Foland's two-line dance classes will remain the same as they have been for the past several years.

The first hour is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Focus is on popular beginner level dances, plus teaching new dances that are fun and high energy. This class is popular with dancers who enjoy the easier dances.

The second hour is from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and includes more challenging intermediate level dances that are more difficult and appeal to advanced dancers.

Ed Foland has added a new class to his schedule that is designed for people who want to learn to line dance. No experience is necessary. This class is from 8-8:30 a.m. and focuses on the 12 most common steps of line dancing.

This class is followed by his line dance practice class from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The first half hour of class includes simple dances, without turns, while the second half hour includes dances with turns.

Several social events are scheduled for Snowbirds throughout the season and flyers will be available at Snowbirds Line Dance Club classes on Wednesday mornings from 8-11:30 a.m.



When the auditorium reopens, flyers and OTOW maps will be at our table in on Monday mornings from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Schedules are also posted on the bulletin boards in each building.

Membership registration night and a party is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 12, in the East Activities Center.

Membership dues remain at \$10 for the 2017/2018 Snowbirds season.

The 2017 Fall Festival/Senior Expo is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4, and we will be under a canopy in the parking lot handing out line dance info and free OTOW color maps.

For additional information, contact Dolly or Ed Foland at endfoland@aol.com or call 727 417 3272.



Pictured above are two of the current Snowbirds Line Dance Club officers as they appeared at the Entertainment Committee's Halloween Party last October. Doug Springer is a board member at large and Jan Springer serves as vice president of the Club. (Photo by Ed Foland)

Knitters make donation to hurricane relief efforts in Houston

By Cheryl Butcher

I am sitting in my hot condo surviving the effects of Hurricane Irma.

What is there to do when there is no power and plenty of free time?

Crocheting to my heart's content.

Since the On Top of the World Knitting Group has been dislocated from the East Activity Center, we have been meeting in members' homes. Thanks go to Anna Georgiadis, Theresa Mayne, Norma Palmquist and Cheryl Butcher for being such accommodating hostesses.

At our last meeting, Helen Durante reported that her niece in Houston had donated some baby supplies to Hurricane Harvey relief and asked our permission to send some of our lap robes (since they are baby sized) to Houston as well.

We all agreed. Of course, we are always happy to help others.

So Helen sent a large package to her niece to distribute. Little did we realize we might need our own hurricane relief a few weeks later!



If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us. While we do not teach, we do help each other with patterns and/or problems. The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors and receives financial support from them as well as the Coffee Corner.

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

2018 Shows, Dances and Sundays-In-The-Park

SHOWS

Jan. 18 - The Marlins
 Jan. 25 - The Flamingos
 Feb. 15 - Happy "Two Gather"
 March 15 - Divas Thru The Decades
 April 5 - Richie Hayes Show
 April 26 - Boomerz Show
 May 17 - Sequel Show
 June 21 - Bus Stop Show
 July 19 - Unique (Full Circle Band)
 Aug. 16 - Voices of Jazz
 Sept. 13 - Sequel Show
 Oct. 4 - Elliott Smith Magician
 Oct. 25 - Sweet Dreams Patsy Cline
 Nov. 8 - The Mystics
 Dec. 13 - Holiday Show

All dates are Thursdays.
 All times are 7:30 p.m. in the
 East Activity Center auditorium
 Ticket prices are all \$15.
 Reserved seating available
 BYOB

DANCES

Jan. 20 - Unique - Gasparilla Dance
 Feb. 17 - Retros - Valentine's Dance
 March 17 - Bus Stop - St. Patty Dance
 April 7 - Sequel - Easter Dance
 April 28 - Flashback - Kentucky Derby
 May 19 - Unique - Prom Dance
 June 23 - Rebound - Summertime Fun
 July 21 - Bus Stop - Ice Cream Social
 Aug. 18 - At Large - Luau
 Sept. 15 - Flashback - Make A Hat Day
 Oct. 6 - Rebound - Oktoberfest
 Oct. 27 - Flashback - Halloween Dance
 Nov. 10 - Sequel - Thanksgiving Dance
 Dec. 31 - Flashback - New Year's Eve

All dates are Saturdays.
 All times are 8 p.m. in the
 East Activity Center auditorium
 Ticket prices are all \$10.
 Reserved table seating available
 BYOB

SUNDAYS-IN-THE-PARK

Jan. 21 - Louie Bravo
 Feb. 18 - USA Dance
 March 18 - Horse Races - DJ / A Twist
 April 29 - Al Forman
 May 20 - Phil Ferrazano
 June 24 - Louie Bravo
 July 22 - Ralph Rogers
 Aug. 19 - Bitter-Sweet Duo
 Sept. 16 - Elliott Smith, plus
 General Meeting
 Oct. 29 - Fashion Show. plus
 DJ With A Twist
 Nov. 19 - Steve Barlock, plus
 Annual Meeting
 Dec. 23 - Sunday with Santa

All dates are Sundays.
 All times are 2 p.m. in the
 East Activity Center auditorium
 Tickets are free.
 Light refreshments available.

Season Tickets and Packages

Full season show tickets (15 shows) \$210 per person
 Buy a full table for one show (8 people x \$14 apiece) \$112
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 New Year's Eve Tickets \$30 per person

Full season dance tickets (13 dances & New Year's Eve) \$145 per person
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 Buy one table for New Year's Eve dance \$240
 Buy one ticket for four 2018 shows (\$9 apiece) \$36

* Does not include New Year's Eve

The Entertainment Committee does not charge dues and everyone with a valid Activity Card is a member.
 We provide year-round professional entertainment at the East Activity Center for our members and their guests.

All entertainment canceled in October

By Marvin Flam

The Entertainment Committee has been advised that due to Hurricane Irma, the renovation work in the East Activity Center (EAC) is now tentatively scheduled to be completed in November.

As a result of this date change, the Entertainment Committee has canceled the two shows, two dances and Sunday-In-The-Park scheduled for October.

The rescheduled Nov. 2 show, "British Invasion" has also been cancelled.

If you have purchased tickets for any of the shows and dances that were scheduled for September, October or the beginning of November, you can get a refund, or exchange your tickets for another upcoming show or dance in 2017 and 2018.

Contact the Entertainment Committee at 727-449-9243 or email entcom2014@gmail.com for information.

When the renovation is completed, the Entertainment Committee plans on resuming its outstanding schedule of entertainment. Tickets and information will be available 8:30-10:30 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays, in the West Activity Center for the remainder of the 2017 schedule and upcoming 2018 schedule.

We will resume selling tickets in the East Activity Center when renovations are finished.

If you have a 2017 season or ticket package, you will be able to renew and retain your current table and seat for the exciting 2018 shows and dances during

the month of October, starting Monday, Oct. 2. Your reserved table and seat will be held for you until Thursday Nov. 2, at which time, all seating will be available to the public. So come in and get your 2018 seats.

An Annual Meeting will be held at the Sunday-In-The-Park on Sunday, Nov. 19 at which time the election of the 2018 Entertainment Committee Board will be held. The nominees are Kirk Safee, president; Mary Ann O'Neil, vice president; Marvin Flam, treasurer; Marian Leamy, assistant treasurer; Sue Watlington, secretary; Connie McDonald, assistant secretary; Directors: Karen Safee, Brad Day, Lucille Greenhalgh and Pat Catalfomo.

Stay current and obtain up-to-date

information regarding event scheduling, tickets, closures, etc. Call 727-449-9243 or email entcom2014@gmail.com.

Call or visit the SCA office in the EAC.

Check the bulletin boards in the EAC, WAC and your building.

Tune into the Box Office at OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com.

View OTOW-TV channels 98_1 and 732 which are back in service.

The Entertainment Committee thanks each of you for your patience and support during this time.

We look forward to greeting you at our next event. The fun continues into 2018....be part of it!



Entertainment Committee

presents

“Authentic Sock Hop”

Thursday, Nov. 16, 7:30 pm, \$15, EAC Auditorium
Tribute to Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis, Everly Brothers,
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COMING

IN DECEMBER

Thursday, Dec. 7
Holiday Show, 7:30, \$15

Saturday, Dec. 9
Saturday Dance
Holiday Bash
featuring ‘The Retros’

Thursday, December 21
Thursday with Santa

Sunday, Dec. 31
New Year’s Eve Dance
featuring ‘Flashback’

Saturday, Nov. 18
8 p.m., \$10
EAC Auditorium

“Fall Festival Dance”

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Nov. 19, 2:00 pm
Sunday-In-The-Park
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Raffle Tickets

All dates above dependent on EAC auditorium reopening



SPORTS

Thanks to Irma, less tree limbs means your ball now has a better chance of reaching the green

Thanks to Hurricane Irma, your On Top of the World 18-hole golf course is a little easier to play.

With trees, limbs and branches down during the Sept. 11 storm, there is now less in the way to prevent your ball from going straighter and farther.

You have no excuse not to join the Wednesday Men's Golf Association.

Summer is almost over. We hope you all had a great off-season and we will be glad to see you all back in Clearwater.

By now, you've probably heard there are a few changes to the 18-hole course, which took place even before Irma arrived. Some of the holes have been shortened, some sand has been added and we've put a little cushion between a couple fairways and the Pinellas County Trail.

I'm sure you'll enjoy the changes.

On Oct. 18, our association will host a Three Clubs-and-a-Putter Tournament. This will be a shotgun start. Make sure you are ready to join us.

On Nov. 15 will be the annual Guys and Dolls Tournament. A sign-up sheet will be available at the golf course. Don't

Men's Golf League

forget to find a partner and join us. There will be cash rewards. The rain date is Nov. 22.

Our annual Christmas Party will take place on Dec. 13 and will include a four-person scramble. Starting time is 8:30 a.m. Please invite your favorite lady to the party after the tournament.

Our post-season awards luncheon will take place in 2018. The fee is \$8. At the luncheon, we will pass out league shirts and championship awards to the winners.

Our annual fee is \$30. To sign-up on any given Wednesday, be at the clubhouse between 6:45-7:30 a.m.

Our golf association is a great way to meet new friends. Every third Wednesday of the month, we have post-play beverages and food.

Handicaps and winnings are posted each week.

For more information, visit our official Website at otowmensgolf.com or call Dave at 459-9328.



The 18th hole is now a little easier thanks to Hurricane Irma. There are less limbs to grab your golf ball.

OTOW shuffleboard players not far from hall of fame

By Bob Rittner

Where is the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame?

We know that baseball's is in Cooperstown, NY.

Football's is in Canton, Ohio.

Basketball's is in Springfield, Mass.

Hockey's is in Toronto, Canada.

Golf has a Hall of Fame in St. Augustine, Fla.

But what about shuffleboard?

Shuffleboard has one right in our backyard, practically. It is in St. Petersburg, home of the world's largest shuffleboard courts.

The first shuffleboard courts were created at the Mirror Lake Shuffleboard Club in 1924 and the hall of fame address

Shuffleboard

is nearby at 559 Mirror Lake Drive.

This was also where the Florida Shuffleboard Association was founded in 1928 and the rules for the game were standardized.

So now we have an achievement all On Top of the World shuffleboard players can aim for - induction into the next hall of fame class!

Start practicing by joining us on Oct. 2 at 1:30 p.m. to begin your journey.

We will meet every Monday and Thursday at that time through May.



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Bowling registration

The On Top of the World Mixed Bowling League will be starting Friday, Oct. 6, at Dunedin Lanes.

The league meets on Fridays during the winter season and starts bowling at noon.

Preregistration is encouraged. If you would like to register or get more information, please call 736-1282.



SPORTS

In OTOW softball, we don't give out errors, we credit hard work and accomplishments

By Bob Rittner

It turns out On Top of the World softball has been in the vanguard of progressive statistics.

Our league does not recognize errors in batter's records. If you reach base, it is a hit, and if you get to second base or third base, it is a double or triple, respectively, regardless of what the fielders do.

Our statistical record keeping has been that way for almost 50 years.

Progressive statistical analysis is finally catching up to us.

Joe Posnanski, author, journalist and blogger, and one of the most respected and decorated sports writers alive, has recently written about the foolishness of using errors to evaluate hitter's and pitcher's contributions. Here is an excerpt from his blog:

"Baseball is the only game in the

Softball

world, I feel sure, where a scorekeeper determines the worthiness of a play before entering it into the record book. If a quarterback throws a bad pass that deflects off a defender's chest and bounces into the receiver's hand, it is considered a completed pass. Of course, by baseball scoring, it would be identified as a defensive error and marked in the quarterback's record as an incomplete pass."

In other words, if a player gets on base via an error, it counts against his average. He is on base, has not made an out, yet statistically he has made an out, and his average suffers.

And worse, if his at bat came with two outs, and the pitcher proceeds to walk

the bases full and then give up three consecutive home runs, none of the runs are included in figuring the pitcher's earned run average. For statistical purposes, he gave up no runs although six scored.

Since the 1980s, a school of progressive analysts, called sabermetricians, have used logic and research to challenge some long held orthodoxies in baseball. They have demonstrated that sacrifice bunts suppress run scoring, that batting average has little correlation to a hitter's value and that crediting wins to pitchers is an absurdity. And now there is a movement to eliminate errors from batter and pitcher statistics.

While their claims raised a good deal of controversy initially, every big league club now has a well-funded sabermetric department. It is nice to know that OTOW softball can consider itself an ad-

herent and forerunner, in at least one way, of progressive analysis.

A reminder: Our preseason meeting will be on Thursday, October 5 in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center at 6 p.m.

Our first game will be on Thursday, October 12 at 8 a.m. at the Safety Harbor Field, and we will play each Tuesday and Thursday after that until April.

For more information, call either Guy Bertuzzi (723-2307) or Bob Rittner (729-7970).

You may also find softball updates on our Box Office web page, which is now easier to use. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click Box Office and click Club Pages. Now you can bookmark where all our community clubs have Web pages.

Last month to practice before a new season begins Nov. 9

The new golf season for the Thursday Golf League will be here soon.

We are scheduled to begin on Nov. 9 and run for 26 weeks.

New competitions are in the works and this year should prove to be the best to date.

Our membership has increased each year and early indications point to a large participation for the new season. A schedule for the new season will appear in November's On Top of the World newspaper.

Returning Snowbirds may not be able to recognize our golf course upon their return. Hurricane Irma dealt a blow to many beautiful trees, and during the off-season our course was shortened in some locations.

Despite Hurricane Irma and golf course renovations, our off-season play

Thursday Golf

continued.

In week 15, Pat Mahoney was the champion. John Maloof placed second and Dan Hyden was third. Bill Higgins recorded the low gross round. Ron Parham collected two skins. John Maloof and Fred Schick had one each.

A road trip to the Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club was the venue for week 16. The league received a warm welcome from this well-run facility. Bob Schick took first place honors. Karen Oshona was second and Steve Yauk placed third. Clyde Hershberger shot the low gross round. Ron Parham, Fred Schick, Paul Meyers, Joe Wisinski and Len Howell all collected a skin.

We were back to the home course for

week 17. Karen Oshona was the champion. Bill Cook placed second and Bill Higgins was third. David Rodgers took low gross honors and two skins. Harry Barbin and Bill Higgins also collected a skin. The long drivers were Patti Cook, Don Baker and David Rodgers. Patti Cook also made the closest to the pin shot.

Don Leamy was the week 18 winner. John Maloof placed second and Deb Young was third. Harry Barbin had the low gross round. Paul Meyers, Harry Barbin, Bill Higgins, Don Baker and Joe Wisinski all collected a skin. Kyong No, Don Baker and Harry Barbin were the long drive winners. Joe Wisinski had the closest to the pin shot.

The week 19 winner was Hurricane Irma.

Our golf league continues to play all summer. The league welcomes new mem-

bers at any time and all On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Players must sign in between 9:15 and 9:45 a.m. and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week 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 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available.

For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolff@aol.com.

We are also on the Box Office Website. Look for Thursday Golf League.

**The next AAA Driver Safety Course
will be Nov. 16 & 17 in the
East Activity Center Starlite Room.
A form appears on page 51
of this newspaper.**



Travel Club will discuss future trips at Oct. 6 meeting

By Tom Jamrozy

The Travel Club's trip on the Murder Mystery Train was canceled in September due to the path of Hurricane Irma.

Refunds will become available over the next couple of weeks.

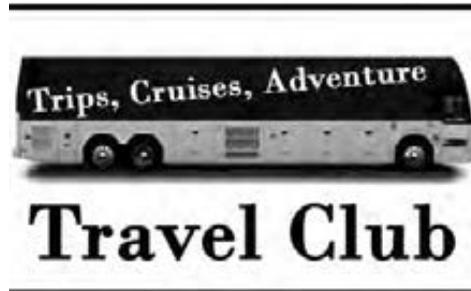
We also have a few rebates that need to be picked up from previous trips. Stop by the sales table to collect yours.

Our next meeting will be held on Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Here is a "sneek peek" of what's coming up.

Our October Lunch Bunch will be held at the Fountain Grille in the Safety Harbor Spa. There is a limit for 24.

Oct. 20 will be a day trip to Mt. Dora. We still have some tickets available.

Our trip to Nashville is sold out and



will be departing on Oct. 29. For anyone who has already been scheduled to take this trip, we will be having a meeting at noon, on Saturday, Oct. 14, in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. At the meeting, you will receive your travel documents, luggage tags and name tags.

In November, the Travel Club meeting has been moved to Nov. 10 due to the

club officers being in Nashville. Time and place of the meeting will be announced.

We have tickets available for three days and two nights to St. Augustine on from Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Please ask about the trip at our next meeting.

In December, we have our annual Holiday Party at the Island Way Grill. Come and join us for good food, door prizes and fun times with great friends. Limited transportation is available.

On Dec. 15, we have a day trip to Bok Tower that Ray Willis reported on at our September meeting. Thank you Ray.

In January, we have a seven-day Caribbean Cruise on the Oasis of the Seas Royal Caribbean Line. Our ports may change due to the devastation of Irma on St. Martin and Maria on Puerto Rico. We

will receive updated information closer to the departure time.

We also have a 17-day Panama Canal Cruise scheduled for in April 2018.

We will continue having our sales tables open on Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room while the East Activity Center is being renovated. We may add Monday tables in October. Watch for announcements.

With 2018 right around the corner, we will be working up new trips for the Travel Club and welcome your ideas and input. If you have a desire to host a trip, contact us at the sales table. Plans, like the weather, can change in the blink of an eye, you just have to be flexible and go with the flow.

TOPS members benefit from educational programs and moral support

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit, international weight loss support group, with a local chapter here at On Top of the World.

The international group was founded in 1948 as a way for members to lose weight with a variety of support means.

At each weekly meeting, members have a private weigh in session, followed by educational and support programs covering topics such as nutrition, fitness and wellness.

The group also has guest speakers.

Club member help by providing positive reinforcement and motivation.

TOPS offers a variety of eating guides, but each member is more encouraged to create a diet plan with their own doctor. You and your doctor should set weight goals, not the club.

TOPS has a Website with much more information and a monthly magazine which comes with membership.

The group at OTOW does not have a monthly club fee, however, the national membership requires a \$32 annual fee and \$3 monthly dues.

The OTOW group is currently meeting in the West Activity Center



TOPS has inspirational guest speakers.

Rainbow Room while renovations are taking place in the East Activity Center. Weigh-ins begin at 9:30 a.m. with meetings at 10:30 a.m.

When renovations are complete, look for TOPS to return to the EAC.

Welcome Back Party set for residents, Snowbirds on Oct. 19

The New York-New Jersey Club Halloween Dance scheduled for Oct. 19 has been canceled due to a delay in East Activity Center renovation work.

We do have some upcoming events we hope you will attend.

On Oct. 24, from 6-8 p.m., the New York-New Jersey Club will host a "Welcome Back Party" in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Coffee and dessert will be served, and you will have plenty of time to catch-up with friends, neighbors and returning Snowbirds.

Also at this event, nomination of new officers will be received.

Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays in October.

On Nov. 15, our club will host a "Harvest Dreams Dance" at 5:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium if renovations are completed.

This dance will feature dinner catered by Felice and will include ham, turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, dessert.

Coffee and ice will be provided. Music will be by Carlo.

Cost is \$17 for club members and \$20



New York - New Jersey Club

for guests. Tickets can be purchased in the West Activity Center in October, and in the East Activity Center when renovations are finished in November

For more information, visit the New York-New Jersey Club Website on the Box Office. Go to OnTopOfTheWorld-News.com, click "Club Pages" and look for the Statue of Liberty.

Harvest Dreams Dance
Wednesday, Nov. 15, EAC Auditorium

Major corporations to merge in the future - and you read it here first

Marge Mayer



Internet Humor

Rumors are, major corporations are going to merge in 2018. Here is what the Internet is saying:

Grey Poupon and Docker Pants may merge together and become POUAPON PANTS.

Polygram Records, Warner Brothers and Zesta Crackers may merge into POLY WARNER CRACKER.

3M and Goodyear may merge into MMMGood.

FedEx may join its competitor, UPS, and merge into FED UP.

Zippo Manufacturing, Audi Motors, Dofasco and Dakota Mining may merge into ZIP AUDI DO DA.

Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush and W.R. Grace Co. may merge into HALE MARY FULLER GRACE.

Knotts Berry Farm and the National Organization for Women may merge and become KNOTT NOW.

Purina Cat Chow and Smith & Wesson may merge and become Kitty Kitty Bang Bang.

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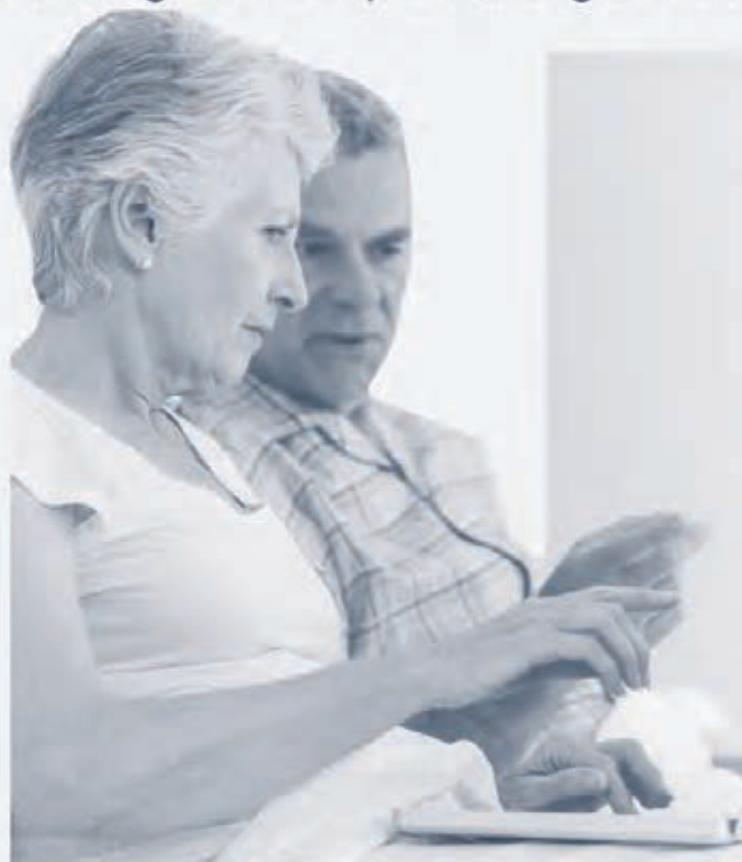
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BUILDING REPORTS



Reporter and friend complete Caribbean vacation only weeks before Hurricane Irma

I hope everyone has recovered safely from Hurricane Irma.

As a Florida native, I will say that we were truly blessed that we ended up on the West side of this storm, otherwise Pinellas County would have experienced very high winds, rain and storm surge causing massive flooding. We don't like to see anyone get hit with a hurricane, but we are thankful we dodged a bullet this time.

Dale Smith and I enjoyed two trips in August. The first trip was to visit friends who have a place on the coast of Maine. I think Dale said he ate 14 lobsters during the week we were there! I wasn't far behind him! We went right down to the docks and got the lobsters right off the boat. The accompanying picture at bottom right is of Dale fishing a lobster out of the tank!

Our second trip was to visit Dale's daughter and son-in-law in St. Johns in the Virgin Islands. We enjoyed the beaches every day and also made a trip over to the British side. We couldn't miss a visit to the famous Soggy Dollar Bar! It was a wonderful week. Sadly, these Islands were hit very hard by Hurricane Irma.

Building 92 had another great dinner



at Cody's Restaurant in September. 25 residents showed up to celebrate Labor Day. It was also an occasion to celebrate the 71st wedding anniversary of neighbors Jack and Nida Angileri, shown here in the top left photo. Congrats to them both!

The next event for Building 92 is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11. The residents will enjoy a Clearwater Beach dinner cruise. Paradise neighbors are invited to join the building. You may call or e-mail Jane Lee at 727-266-4380 or wlee315695@aol.com to participate. Have a blessed day in Paradise!



Paradise reporter Toni Reinwald snapped this photo of an idyllic beach on St. Johns in the Virgin Islands on a summer trip there with a friend, Dale Smith. Little did they know that weeks later this beach would feel the fury of Hurricane Irma.



Jack and Nida Angileri celebrated their 71st anniversary at a September building dinner at Cody's Restaurant.



Dale Smith accompanied Paradise reporter Toni Reinwald on a recent trip to Maine. Here he is with a lobster fresh off the boat.

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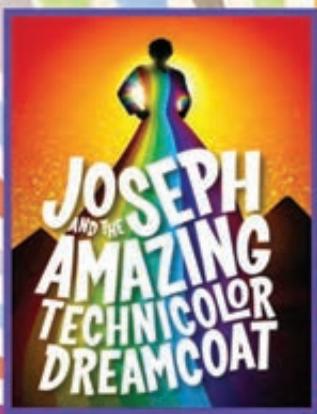
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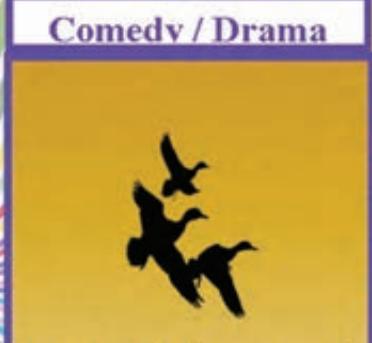
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Granadians love their get-togethers

Our residents love to get together to eat, visit, drink, hang out and just be together.

Even after Irma went through Florida, we were outside visiting — no power — but very thankful that it could have been so much worse.

No building lunch, which was scheduled for 9/11, but many sat out that day and several days after that, so our gatherings continued.

So many wonderful old trees were lost but the cleanup started so we are waiting for our “new normal” to set in.

We are waiting to see what the East Activity Center will look like after all the renovations are completed. We can't wait to start enjoying the clubs, the entertainment on Thursdays, dances on Saturdays, and “Sundays in the Park” in the new and improved EAC.

I have heard from several of the golfers in our building that the large blackbirds that we have here have been interfering with their games. One bird picked up a golf ball and moved it to a different hole than where it was, and they also perch on the bags and peek in the pockets and have been known to steal food out of the bags.

Whether we are eating or just gathering together, there is always new things happening here at On Top of the World.

Couple makes good use of OTOW activities

Gus and Paulette Perrotta are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

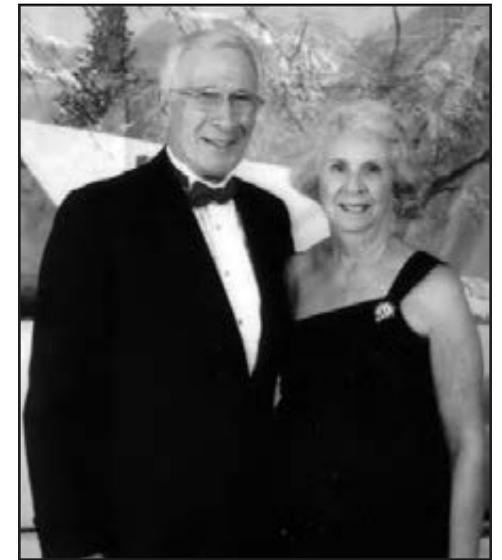
They were married in Massachusetts on a pretty October day. While honeymooning in Miami, Paulette vowed to one day live in sunny Florida. Five years later, they settled in Clearwater, along old Tampa Bay with their two children, Paul and Susan, and Paulette's mom, Emily.

Once settled, they joined Espiritu Santo Catholic Church in Safety Harbor, their second home, 43 years ago.

Paulette worked part-time as a home health aide and later as a pre-school teacher. Gus was in the investment field, working with companies such as John Hancock and Prudential Insurance for many years. Paulette said “It felt like they were in heaven.”

Gus and Paulette have been living at On Top of the World for five years, after giving up their home of 38 years.

Paulette loves to play billiards, and, after practicing diligently, now plays with the men's team. She and Gus also enjoy the swimming pool and spa, loves to cook and



Featured Brahman residents Gus and Paulette Perrotta.

help others. Gus is a part-time mediator for Pinellas County, does lots of volunteer work at church, and enjoys Paulette's fine cooking.

For more than 30 years, they have given Holy Communion each Sunday to parishioners at Mass.

They lost their son, Paul, to cancer five years ago. They have one grandchild in Boston and two grandchildren in San Antonio, Texas.

They enjoy the many activities offered

at OTOW and love to meet new people.

Being active travelers, Gus and Paulette have taken 24 cruises, including voyages to the Caribbean, Bermuda and Europe.

Who says retirement has to be boring? Not here at OTOW!

Trips include wedding, cruise to China

Labor Day has been dubbed the end of summer, even if the calendar date is Friday, Sept. 22.

Usually our full-time residents settle in and wait for temperatures to fall and our part-timers to return. This year is an exception to our regular pattern, as some of our residents took short trips to visit their families and friends.

Shirley Golding took off to Georgia for her grandson's wedding.

Nancy Kennedy misses the fall weather so she headed to Illinois to submerge herself in the cooler weather and revel in the antics of her grandchildren.

Carole Fisher and Phil James' fall trip was a cruise to China.

Finally, Paula and Jim Schelling missed the wonderful barbecue of Jim and Nick's in Birmingham, Ala., in which they used Hurricane Irma as an excuse to return to imbibe!



The building Labor Day party was fabulous as always, with astonishing food and the great fun of the white elephant exchange. Expressions on each person's face, as they unwrapped their selections, could only be described as comical. With fewer summer residents attending, they can be proud of the 59 pounds of food

that was collected for the food bank. With this added to our previous collections we are approaching the halfway mark of our 500-pound goal before the end of the year.

The girls' day out this past month was the "Thrill Room" in Palm Harbor. The theme of the room was “The Great Diamond Heist.” The object: solve the clues to disengage the display that held a giant diamond.

The only hint we'll share is that it involves dodging laser beams and requires competent computer skills.

These ladies, having been to other escape rooms, all agreed this was their toughest challenge thus far.

With the approach of October, the number of social activities begins to increase and we are all looking forward to them.



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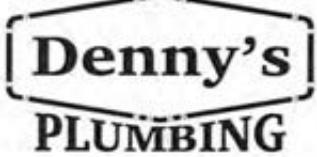
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**A look back at the OTOW News
(October, 1992)**

- A bit of American history touched On Top of the World Saturday morning, Oct. 3, 1992, with a visit from President George H.W. Bush. The president, introduced by Mr. Sidney Colen, was given a warm OTOW welcome by an audience of more than 1,000 plus an army of media. It was a beautiful red, white and blue event, regardless of party affiliation and in spite of the wretched weather. Seeing the president on our stage enriched the memories of most in attendance, or at least gave them something to write home about!
- Our Siboney Building writer, Ethyle Lee, reported that the summer was coming to a close and it was time to start getting back into fall and winter activities. A ladies luncheon was held at the Clearwater Beach Hotel on July 26, 1992. Jane Smith and Janet Crawford were hostesses for the day. Ethyle Lee won the lovely door prize. The clothes that were modeled were very pretty and all the ladies enjoyed seeing them.
- Lapidary Club President Warren Walters sent greetings from his teaching post at William Honand School of Lapidary Arts up in the cool-ish mountains of north Georgia. He also sent word that he was able to offer a workshop on Gem Trees with Sue Hazelden. This was to be held in the Veranda Room of the East Activity Center on Oct. 29, 1992. The workshop was a great opportunity for the members to be creative and get a start on their holiday gift list.
- At the Sept. 5, 1992, Singles Club meeting, approximately 160 members and guests were greeted by their president, Muriel Landau, who called the meeting to order. The Club appreciates the efforts of Tina Fortunato and Anna Sturgis in providing refreshments. Members chatted and visited while The Tampa Bay Harmonica Club assembled the equipment needed for the sparkling program ahead. A short business meeting followed.



Residents of the Swedish Traditional Building dig in at an Italian feast held recently to mark the end of summer.

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Summer is over, so get ready for more traffic and cooler temperatures.

Our building celebrated the end of summer by having an Italian feast featuring meatballs, sausage, lasagna, fresh salad, pie, cake and, yes, vegetables.

Everyone went home a few pounds heavier! Great job ladies (and a few gentlemen). While feasting, our neighbors shared their memories of summer excursions and family visits near and far.

A very good time was had by all. Much talk was about our friends from up north coming back. We've missed them.

Then came Irma....



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But it was more than that. This time we were prepared. In fact, looking back at Hurricane Andrew, before which almost no one prepared to any extent, our preparation for Irma was outstanding.

From the governor down to individual unit owners, we were ready — and informed. Governor Scott made more than 30 interviews to as many news outlets. The On Top of the World Board provided regular hurricane preparedness postings. We checked off each item on our lists: extra water, canned goods, first aid kit, flashlights, etc. We cleaned out our refrigerators and freezers and stuffed them full of anything that could hold water.

Several of us went around each wing of our building to check on Contemporarians who were riding out the storm, and to assure everything outside that could become a missile during high winds was brought in.

Compliance was nearly universal. People moved their cars away from trees. The golf course parking lot was a favored high spot to park unmolested by branches and palm fronds.

We welcomed a fearful neighbor and her bird for the night.

As I write this, 62% of Floridians have no power. That means roughly six million households are dark, humid and hot, with food spoiling. Nearly 13 million people are miserable. We are so lucky to have made it through the barrage with our lights and water still on.

Hey, the sun is out! There’s still a stiff breeze, but our Contemporary world is getting back to normal.



“Bailey the cat” gets acquainted with his overnight guest, as a neighbor and her bird stayed with building reporter Suzanne St. John during Hurricane Irma’s worst winds.

Power and tree trucks rumble into the neighborhood. The elevator is back on!

A favorite neighbor is keeping me posted about recovery progress. Our guest neighbor and her bird are back home.

Irma who?...

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Resident puts precious memories on quilt for grandson

Flamenco resident Jeri Hunter visited her family in Indiana in early July. She attended her grandson's graduation from the fire academy. He had been trying for four years to become a fireman and now works for the Brownsburg, Ind., fire department.

Jeri surprised him by finishing a T-shirt quilt she started making several years ago. She started collecting her grandson's shirts when he was in the eighth grade, some 30 shirts in all.

The reason why it took so long to make the quilt, Jeri said, was because to get the last of his high school shirts was like pulling teeth to get him to give them up!

The finishing touch was the nicely sentimental label which read in part: "...this quilt took me forever to make, so you better pretend to love it!"

The same day of Jeri's grandson's graduation, his brother, who works for Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, turned 21. It was a fun day and night.

The following day she attended another party, this one for her granddaughter who graduated from high school and will be going to college this fall with a full ride scholarship for softball in Illinois.

Jeri and her daughter Trisha did lots of shopping and went to some concerts.

She is glad to be home to rest up. There are three more quilts in the making for her two granddaughters and one for her great-grandson. More precious memories.



Have you met Iris Roman? A resident of the Flamenco building, she was born and raised in New York City. She moved to Palm Harbor in 2014 before moving to On Top of the World. Her hobbies are reading and swimming. She enjoys church activities. Iris moved into the Flamenco April of this year.

She says she loves it here, especially her neighbor Lorraine, who has been a very special helpmate and guide since this is Iris' first time being a home owner.

Ed and Mary Lou Cichon recently moved into the Flamenco. They are from Ringwood, Il., which is outside of Chicago. Ed is interested in American History and Herpetology. Mary Lou likes to swim and knit and read fiction.

They recently retired and are looking forward to enjoying their time at OTOW



Flamenco resident Jeri Hunter, left, presents a quilt, four years in the making, to her grandson upon his graduation from an Indiana fire academy.

and the many activities offered here.

Charlotte Smedley recently organized a ladies luncheon for the residents of Flamenco and their guests at Sea Sea Riders in Dunedin. They all had a good time socializing.

On Aug. 24, the entertainment committee of the Flamenco building put on a wine tasting and afternoon social with lite hors d'oeuvres at the home of Royetta Runyon lead by Dick Smedley.

Topics included how grapes got their names, locations grown, some of the ways grapes get their flavor, the wine-making process, and much more.

We all left with much more knowledge about wine. Dick did a fantastic job.

Upcoming Flamenco building activities will be posted in the core.

Flamenco residents did a great job helping and caring for one another during Hurricane Irma. Thanks to all.

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In the face of hurricane, OTOW residents show their spirit

I am composing this column while waiting for Hurricane Irma to arrive.

I have to comment on the spirit of helpfulness and generosity as folks on Israeli and Jamaican were out and about helping neighbors in securing flower pots, taking in door mats and patio furniture, and making sure that nothing was left outdoors that could turn into a flying projectile.

With some residents gone to safe shelters, and elevator and laundry out of service, the skeleton crew left behind made sure that all precautions possible were taken care of.

I can only hope at this time that we will all manage to come out with as little damage as possible.

October will be better, with phone calls and e-mails of impending Snowbird arrivals coming in. Like giddy children, we await their arrival. And this year we'll hopefully have a "welcome back" party to remember.



Look for some administrative changes, such as reinstating our dues system, as our treasury was happily depleted for the painting of our mailboxes.

As always, we will be looking for some help with social activities, lunches, early start with Christmas party plans, etc. Watch the bulletin board.

By the way, I keep hearing good things about the Eckerd College-sponsored OLLI programs from a couple of Loch Lomond-ers and other On Top of the World residents. If you haven't yet had the pleasure of attending one of the events, you're missing out on great entertainment and thought-provoking information. Much better than that same-old, same-old TV, that's for sure. Let's hope the lectures and presentations continue this fall.

As you are reading this around the first of the month, yours truly will have just returned from a lovely trip to Louisville, Ky., for a special event sponsored by KETV-TV, the local PBS station.

They presented a special preview of Season 4 of "Poldark." The acclaimed BBC Masterpiece Theatre historical drama is based on the 12-novel series by Winston Graham. A member of the Poldark Appreciation Society of North America will give a special talk to introduce the new

season of "Poldark," which is set to air locally on WEDU on Sunday, Oct. 1. More on this in next month's column, along with photos of the event.

If you're not already a fan of PBS-BBC Masterpiece Theatre, I highly recommend you check it out, 9 p.m. Sunday evening.



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Looking forward to fall and (hopefully) cooler weather

Well, the fall is officially here. And the prospect of cooler weather is on the horizon — we hope!

The Baghdad Building ended its summer with a few happenings: Many residents got together for summer lunches, the Baghdad lobby had a subtle facelift (see photo), the annual Building Coordinator's newsletter was distributed, our first Baghdad Exchange is scheduled for this month, and Hurricane Irma came and went.

Residents continue to meet monthly for lunch at various restaurants. Always check the bulletin board for the monthly schedule.

Six new cast iron/wooden benches made their way to the Baghdad Building by the generous donations of many residents. A big "thanks" to Jack Starr and the Portsmouth family for assembling the benches and Al McKay for the use of his engraving machine.

The Baghdad Building Coordinator distributed the first annual newsletter to all residents. If any resident was not here in August, please ask Terrie Starr or Kathleen Clarkson for a copy. The newsletter focuses on discussions by many residents living at On Top of the World and adherence to the by-laws relative to common areas and the trash room.



We would like to thank the Baghdad residents for making a wonderful effort not to place any personal articles in our wrought iron bin.

Items placed in the bin are limited to books or magazines.

This brings us to the Baghdad Building Exchange that will take place on Saturday, Oct. 21. See the bulletin board for updates to the program.

For the few residents that continue to place personal items in the trash room — hold on to your articles and allow our residents to consider them at the Baghdad Building Exchange.

Then, call any of the several numbers available to you that are listed in the



Residents appreciate the subtle facelift the Baghdad Building lobby recently underwent.

Building Coordinator's annual newsletter for pick-up — at no cost to you.

And finally, we all survived Irma! A big thank you to all the residents who protected their neighbor's property due to the storm. It was very thoughtful to see

our new benches placed out of the storm's reach, safe and secure.

I know that we all hope the state of Florida — its people, pets and animals — recuperate with our heartfelt prayers. The Baghdad Building was extremely lucky.

Basic Hurricane Preparation Tips

Know where to go. If you are ordered to evacuate, know the local hurricane evacuation route(s) to take and have a plan for where you can stay. Contact your local emergency management agency for more information.

Put together a disaster supply kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, and copies of your critical information if you need to evacuate.

If you are not in an area that is advised to evacuate, and you decide to stay in your home, plan for adequate supplies in case you lose power and water for several days and you are not able to leave due to flooding or blocked roads.

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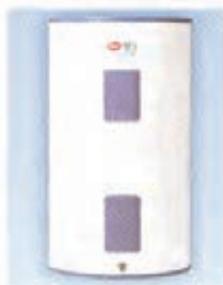
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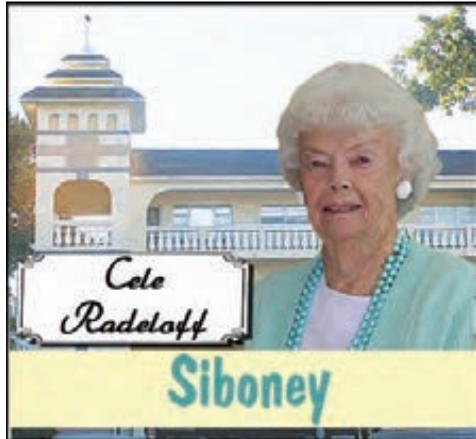
What a wonderful surprise I had at Westchester Gardens Rehab when four lovely ladies visited me, all decked out in their cowboy hats, even bringing a beautiful pink one for me.

They were members of our Line Dancers group: Sheila Bonomo, Lynn Anzalone, Mary Becker and Ellen Gilbert.

They brought music with them and danced to "Kansas City." One of the nurses who was passing by, jumped in line and joined them. As Clint Eastwood said, it "made my day!"

Other visitors included the editor of the OTOW News, Doug Kates, who arrived on Sept. 1 with a copy of the current newspaper, fresh off the press. Also visiting were Evelyn and Marvin Flam, Yvonne Courtney, president of the OTOW Press Association, Jim Lutz, Kathy Ahrens, our karaoke gal, and my two wonderful neighbors, Audrey Decker and Rita Tombari.

We have several newcomers in the Siboney. Let me welcome Diana DeLuca, and Tom and Linda Tarka.



Our next Siboney building meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 26. Watch the bulletin board for location and time. Everyone is welcome.

Since this is my final column, we need a new Siboney reporter for the paper. Please contact Siboney Building President Lillian Foy or Doug Kates, our newspaper editor, at 727-799-3216.

Thanks to everyone for their get-well wishes.

Happy Halloween!



Cele Radeloff, at left, is visited by members of the OTOW Line Dance Club: Sheila Bonomo, Lynn Anzalone, Mary Becker and Ellen Gilbert..

(Ed. Note: The staff and volunteers of the OTOW News thank Cele Radeloff for her decades of service to the paper. Readers will especially miss her detailed reporting of the many dedicated individuals involved in Siboney activities, her support for the Line Dancers and the St. Patrick Parade, and the interesting historical facts she shared about the Siboney and its residents in the building's early days. We wish Cele the very best in the future, and we will miss her.)

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All of us will remember this September

“Try to remember the kind of September ...”

It will be hard to forget the kind of September we experienced this year. Irma, our unexpected guest, arrived with great bluster and, as with any guest to the Azores, we made the most of her visit.

I was very impressed and proud of how we all pulled together to prepare for and clean up after the big event.

Many were pitching in to take in and then put back out patio furniture, moving cars to higher ground and bringing them home again as well as taking in anything that could have become a projectile in Irma's hands.

During her visit, some of us partied while others just stood back and watched the festivities.

Some were actually able to sleep through the entire “shindig.” Even after Irma left, the party continued, outdoors mostly, as celebrants attempted to keep their cool.

Dave Eggleston provided the food as he grilled up the entire contents of his refrigerator and freezer delivering meals to anyone who was hungry. Thanks, Dave.

Note to self: Buy very few perishables if there is even a hint of a return visit by Irma or any of her relatives.

Jean and Joe Spahalski will remember



their 60th wedding anniversary and party over in the Sunshine Room. They had a wonderful reunion as family and friends joined them to celebrate this great milestone.

Marie and Tom Pirrello always remember Sept. 2, as it is their wedding anniversary. This year it was 65 plus one.

As a surprise for both the Spahalskis and Pirrellos, the Azores Card Fairy took flight delivering well-wishes to both of the happy couples.

Russ Heiserman will remember how Irma insisted his sister Sue from Ajijic, Mexico, extend her stay with him and Sy.

Carmel Tomich had the kind of September in Pennsylvania that caused

her to remark to me she was never leaving OTOW again. The next day Irma had her packing her bags.

Bob Kelly and Carol actually left the country to avoid Irma's visit, attending a wedding in Fergus, Ontario, Canada. Never ones to miss an opportunity to explore history, they toured sites along the 200-year-old, Old Erie Canal. At the time of its completion, it was known as the seventh man-made Wonder of the World.

The dinner at Olive Garden was a hit, as always. Twenty of us learned the finer points of twirling spaghetti. Some even managed to leave without a drop of sauce on their clothes to indicate where they had dined that night.

October is the annual Octoberfest dinner at the German Restaurant in Holiday. The sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

We have quite a few October birthdays to celebrate. Maria Morgante, 10/3; George Montavolis, 10/3; John Giancola, 10/9; Mie-Ying Lo, 10/15; Gladys Lundgren, 10/15; Jean Fowlie, 10/18; Ford Gerritt, 10/25 and Maryann Mercer, 10/31.

Columbus Day is celebrated Oct. 9. The U.S. Navy was established Oct. 13, 1775 (just in time). United Nations Day is Oct. 24.

Happy Halloween!



Trick or treat, Irma style

Trick or treat came early in the name of Irma, with nasty tricks.

However as Fran Magnussen wrote, “We all were safe in the fortresses and elevation that Sidney Colen selected and built into On Top of the World.” The treat: we were all safe but for a few trees and some lost power. Most all of us were very fortunate, thanks to Mr. Colen's visionary plan.

Teresa Gates was traveling and visited my beautiful state of Maine. It's wonderful in summer and fall. Charley Coffin was also doing some traveling around Virginia. Many folks are happily back in residence here at the Villa. Watch for postings for cocktail parties soon.

To all celebrants birthday and anniversary wishes to one and all. Happy Halloween. Any news fit to print please sent to me at fresca@maine.rr.com.



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Englander residents help one another weather the storm

Seems like “years ago” that everyone was excited about seeing the upcoming total solar eclipse of the sun on Aug. 21.

Several Englander Building residents gathered together near the center of the building to enjoy this amazing experience — thank you Chickie for sharing your protective eyewear!

Then, just like that and without skipping a beat, we were all watching the weather reports and warnings and preparing for Hurricane Irma.

I'll leave the other venues to report on that, but just want to say how fortunate our building was that we never lost power and had so little storm damage.

Most everyone stayed in residence but welcomed a house guest or two to share the safety and company during the storm.

Susan Marchand welcomed her son's cat while both her sons were called to duty. Jason is a Hillsborough County deputy while Tim serves as a Dunedin firefighter. We sure appreciate their service.

A special “thank you” is extended to Cecelia Springer's son and daughter-in-law, who were on hand to help with the clean-up and used a blower to clean the sidewalk, parking area and several yards. It felt like having a friend show up with a snow plow after a winter storm up North!

The Englander family welcomed two new residents during a recent meet



and greet pizza party. They are Cecelia Springer, with her dog Teddy; and Donna Coleman, her son Brian Coleman and their black lab, Muffin.

Originally from Mississippi and most recently Brandon, Fla., Cecelia worked as a first grade and kindergarten teacher. She moved here to be closer to her son and daughter-in-law in Dunedin. She also has a daughter, son-in-law and twin grandchildren who live in North Carolina.

Donna, a retired special needs teacher, moved to the Englander with her son Brian, who works as a chef. Both are relocating from East Haven, Conn. Another son lives nearby in Odessa; and even closer (as in right across the street), are Donna's parents, long-time On Top of the World residents



Englanders dig in to a variety of pies while extending a warm welcome to new neighbors during a recent meet and greet pizza party.

Tony and Mary Esposito. Welcome to all.

This may be a good time to mention that OTOW will be asking us to clean up and clean out our storage rooms in the fall. Remember to put your name and condo

number on all of your articles. Some of you/us may want to get a head start on this project — that's all I'm saying!

Wishing you all a fabulous fall season!

Birthday honoree is Maryland native

Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

NOTE: Due to building renovations, there is a temporary new meeting location and time. See below for details.

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

Until further notice, the club will meet Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing. We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations. Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own. For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.



Wow, October already, time flies when you're busy, and Valencia building residents have been very busy recently.

First we held a surprise birthday party for Stan "The Man" Morris who celebrated 90 years of living the good life. The party was organized by Stan's good friend, Mike Tubolino. The group met at the Sunset Grill for the occasion.

By the look of the smiling faces in the accompanying photo, it was fun all the way around, and if you look closely you can probably see some of that delicious chocolate birthday cake on some of the faces.

Stan was born and raised in the small town of Aberdeen ("Your Home of Opportunity") in Maryland, just a few miles from Baltimore. Stan and his wife, Charlotte, raised three children, one girl and two sons.

Stan attended the University of Maryland and was in the U.S. Army, having served bravely in Korea.

Being a strong Oriole baseball fan, Stan volunteered with the Little League when his sons played, probably hoping for another Brooks Robinson.

Stan took early retirement from government service in the eighties to be with his wife Charlotte, who was ill at the time, so both moved to Florida.



A surprise birthday party for Stan Morris. Stan is directly under the balloon.



A group luncheon at the Ozona Blue, hosted by Lynda Jones, who is standing directly under the watchful eye of the swordfish.

Shortly after moving to Florida, Charlotte passed away and Stan ultimately moved to On Top Of the World in 2013, much to our benefit.

Once again, Happy Birthday, Stan, and hope you enjoyed the solar eclipse we put on especially for you!

The building luncheon hosted by Lynda Jones was held at the Ozona Blue restaurant in Ozona. It was the first time there for many of us and turned out to be a very good choice.

Actually any place on the water is a good choice for me!

ATTENTION WEST-SIDE DRIVERS

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New residents are welcomed at Espana

We have another new resident on the “even side” of the Espana, Connie Hoskins who came to us from Kentucky.

She is a retired Fayette County school teacher and guidance counselor. Connie has friends living at On Top of the World whom she visited and when she retired, she decided to move here. Connie and I had a great conversation regarding genealogy, which we both enjoy.

Not to be outdone, the “odd side” of our building also has a new resident. Cece Shatz was born in Indiana, but raised in Florida. She was living in Palm Harbor and came to OTOW to visit friends. She eventually decided that she would like to live at OTOW; thus she moved.

Cece is the owner of an Internet talk radio station. The station is WGSN-DB.

Incidentally, Cece has a pet but you will not see her out walking her pet because her pet is a turtle named Tommy.

As I am writing this article we are waiting for Irma to arrive. Just remember that we have two more months, October and November, in which we could possibly get another hurricane.

If we get one (or more), be sure that you think of the many unusual things that you should consider.

Remember that without electricity, ATM machines and credit cards cannot be used, so be prepared to pay cash. I always fill my gas tank every time it is



half-empty. If you don't have one, get a battery-operated radio. Also try to get into the habit of keeping additional household supplies so that you are not hunting for water, batteries, etc.

I must compliment the generosity of many Espana residents. I have been told by some of our residents how other Espana residents helped them get ready for Irma's arrival; about Espana residents contacting single Espana residents to see if they needed anything; residents who walked to another's condo or who phoned others so that they didn't feel alone; and residents who helped others to clear their patios and porches of furniture and plants.

Since the Snowbirds have not all arrived, and some of our residents were on trips as Irma approached, one of our

residents looked after the residents so it was known who would be here when Irma arrived. He had them register so that they could be checked upon in case we had a catastrophe.

Wow — Espana has a great group of residents who look after each other. You all deserve a huge “thank you.”

This month we also have two holidays, Columbus Day and Halloween. Do you remember, many years ago, when we used to dress up for Halloween?

I remember one year when my little town held a Halloween parade on the main street. Since I was a child, I wanted to be Carmen Miranda. My mom made me a costume and I walked in our town's parade. No! I did not receive a prize but I had a ball and will always remember that costume, particularly the head piece.

I am sure that you have some wonderful memories too.

To new Espana residents: The Espana has its own telephone directory. Be sure to get a copy from the building secretary, Sheila Meneilly.

The Espana has two building meetings per year. We will have a meeting sometime in October. The Espana president, Les Meneilly sends e-mails to those who have computers.

If you don't have a computer, please watch the bulletin board for date, time and place.

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2069 World Parkway Blvd. E.
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Local owners may also obtain applications for their tenants from either the Community Service Office or the On Top of the World Real Estate Office receptionist.

This application can ONLY be sent to, or picked up, by OWNERS of On Top of the World apartments and only the OWNER shall process applications for renter Activity Cards.

Extra copies of the OTOW News are available in the East and West Activity Centers.

THE OTOW BUS COMES DIRECTLY TO YOU!

For reservations, call 799-3417, then press #7 of the voice menu. Seating is limited. Make reservations 24 hours in advance.

Reservations for transportation to and from the East and West Activity Centers will be accepted following the schedules listed below.

(Note that pickup times can be anywhere from 30-45 minutes early.)

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See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.
East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday Afternoon

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East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday Morning

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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.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid activity 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 activity 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.

Replacing non-compliant outlets is an essential safety step

Many of us received some rather “shocking” news about our owner-installed exterior electrical outlets, or receptacles. They were found to be not up to code, that is, they were not Ground Fault Interrupter (GFI or GFCI) type devices.

As a result, Pat Gallagher and Russ Andreotti searched for a solution that would benefit many Austrian Alpine residents. Thank you, gentlemen!

Pat collected the final quote plus resident names and details. Ultimately, 23 residents had their non-compliant exterior electrical receptacles replaced.

For most of the work replacing the outlets, the electricians did not have to enter our units. We are now able to plug in lights, fans, radios, or whatever and maintain our safety and peace of mind.

What is the importance of these GFI receptacles? They help protect us from receiving an electrical shock. In fact, they are required by the National Electrical Code in new kitchens, bathrooms, and exterior outlets. Also, in basements, garages, and crawl spaces, but our days of working in those areas are long gone!

Quite a few of the residents in Austrian Alpine have renovated their kitchens and/or bathrooms. Because of



these renovations, many of us already have GFI outlets in these rooms.

For more definitive information, refer to Ken Colen’s well-detailed and illustrated article on GFI/GFCI devices in the September issue of the OTOW News. Look on page 6 of that issue.

On another “current” of thought, there are several new residents in our building and several units on the market. As new residents move in, we ask our Wing Coordinators to contact the new residents and give that information to Joe Santosuosso. Then we can distribute a new contact list.



Typical Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) electrical receptacle for outdoor use. Note the required cover. Interior receptacles are similar, except without the cover. Ground Fault Interrupter (GFI) is another term for the devices.

Check out the classes offered through OLLI in the new classroom in the West Activity Center. There are a variety of subjects, each with a special focus.

Our holiday party at Rumba’s in December is a definite yes. A sign-up list for this event will be posted in November. We can order off of the menu and should

be able to get transportation.

Our new large trash barrels with lids are successfully reducing odors when used correctly, which means lowering the lid when the trash barrel is full.

Thank you again to all of the wonderful volunteers and friendly neighbors in Austrian Alpine.

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L-R: Joe DeMichael, Gladys DeMichael, Cheryl Miller, Gary Miller in front of the Schonbruen Palace in Vienna during their recent "Bohemian Highlights" European tour.

More adventures of our globe-trotting residents

On Aug. 29, about 24 Malaguena residents enjoyed a casual dinner at Cody's Original Roadhouse.

They were seated at a single long table, so everyone was able to chat with their neighbors. They even celebrated the birthday of Alice Langguth, whose 91st birthday was in August.

There is a rumor that some residents threw peanut shells on the floor, a standard practice at Cody's; however, no one gave up any names of the peanut shell throwers.

Joe and Gladys DeMichael and Gary and Cheryl Miller enjoyed a 15-day "Bohemian Highlights" tour of Germany, Poland, Hungary, Austria and Czech Republic. Included sights were Berlin, Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Vienna and Prague.

Highlight moments were visits to Berlin TV Tower, Brandenburg Gate, Berlin Wall, Warsaw Ghetto, Auschwitz Memorial Site, the Salt Mines Exploration, Danube Cruise, Prague by night and the view of the famous Astronomical Clock.

The tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau was one of the main reasons they all chose this tour. It was an extremely meaningful yet sobering experience for all of them. Words on the museum wall say it well: "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." (George Santayana).



Berlin was also interesting and Prague was a favorite. This was a trip of a lifetime for them.

Returning home for six days, Joe and Gladys then made their annual summer trip to Old Orchard Beach, Maine, for a week to spend time friends and family.

On the way back home, they then traveled for two weeks, taking time to stop for two days to enjoy Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, Tenn. They also enjoyed the beautiful Smokey Mountains.

Remember folks, more social events are planned for this year, so check the bulletin boards. If you have an experience, craft, interest etc. that you'd like to share, please feel free to contact me.

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