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## Halloween will return ... someday



(File photos by Mary Lou Wall)

No Halloween costumes this year, but here is a look back five years ago.



Scenes from 2016



### Entertainment Committee vows to bring back popular dance next year

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Well, well, well. Here we are in October and fall is here.

I could dwell on the fact that the Entertainment Committee had to cancel another Halloween Dance, but I won't. Instead, we found some old photos to remind us that the fun will be back soon.

Remember when our auditorium would fill up with devils, naughty nurses, pirates, aliens, witches and even doughboys?

"Donald Trump" would make an appearance, along with "Hillary Clinton," "Princess Leia," "Rocky Balboa" and more.

Our annual Halloween dance is one of our most entertaining events of the year (OK, next to New Year's Eve). A lot of thought goes into the fantastic costumes that our residents come dressed in. It is always interesting to see what creative costumes arrive at our dance.

Halfway through the evening we stop dancing and have a costume parade and it's always exciting to see who comes in first place.

Even though we are not having our annual Halloween Dance this year, it's not too early to start thinking about a costume for next Halloween.

We are giving you 12 months to prepare, so let's make our 2022 Halloween Dance a very special comeback.

Once all Entertainment Committee activities are allowed to resume, all information will be posted on bulletin boards in the East Activity Center and the West Activity Center, and on your building's bulletin board.

Plus, look for updated information on OTOW-TV channel 732 and on the Box Office (otowboxoffice.com).

The Entertainment Committee has extended ticket refunds to Dec. 15 for canceled events in 2020 and 2021. However, those of you who are unable to return to our community prior to that date, your request will be handled individually. Those of you who are full-time residents and wish to receive a refund, please contact Mary Ann O'Neil at (727) 449-9243 at your earliest convenience to expedite your refund.

Once the Entertainment Committee is back selling tickets for shows, dances and our 2022 Halloween Dance, we will be back in the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Please be careful, stay safe and we will see you soon. The Entertainment Committee will continue to provide outstanding entertainment and support to our community as it has since 1970.



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## Concerns vs. Service Requests

## Need some help? Who do you contact?

Often times it can be difficult to distinguish between a concern and a service request.

Equally as difficult is deciding whether to put something in writing, call the service line, or visit the Community Service Office (CSO).

When trying to decide, a good rule of thumb is to first identify your concern:

- Is your concern about a possible rule violation within the community?
- Will it require action from management company service personnel?
- Will it require additional information or some action on your part, or will it require an in-person visit?

Once you have established this, you may decide on the appropriate course of action that is necessary based upon your specific circumstances.

By being prepared before you visit the CSO, you will ensure that your visit is streamlined and speedy.

As a reminder, CSO staff members are not equipped to deal with disputes between neighbors. However, they are always ready and available to assist you with any of your service-related needs.

#### Disturbance or Interference

The Management Company has received many letters recently and the resounding theme seems to be about neighbors and their questionably bad behavior.

Quoting a section of the Second Amended and Restated Rules, Rule No. 6: Disturbance or Interference: "No occupant nor their guests shall do or permit to be done anything that interferes with the rights, comfort or convenience of any other owner, resident or visitor. No improper, unsanitary, unsightly, offensive or unlawful use, condition or activity shall be permitted, conducted or maintained in the Community by any occupant or occupant's guests, and all applicable governmental laws and regulations shall be observed."

The rule continues and can be viewed in its entirety by visiting the official Clearwater website at [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com). Then select Association and then click Governing Documents.

You can also visit the Community Service Office and request a copy.

#### Three Methods for Transfer of Ownership

There are three methods in which ownership of a condo may transfer to another.

All three methods require the new owner(s) to submit an Application for Approval of Ownership.

Additional requirements are listed in the application packet. All information can be obtained from the official Clearwater website: [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com) under the Association page and by selecting Applications.

(1) PURCHASE A PROPERTY: The



most common method of ownership transfer occurs when a property is sold to another. This is normally handled through a real estate contract between the seller and the buyer.

(2) DEED CHANGE: The second method of ownership transfer is through a deed change. The current owner transfers ownership to another person or they add another person to the deed. The current owner is the Grantor while the person receiving ownership in the property is the Grantee.

(3) INHERITANCE: The last method of transferring ownership is through inheritance. When a condo is inherited, the beneficiary becomes the owner. If the property is to be retained, ownership transfer approval from the Association is required. The title company/attorney should record the deed, Certificate of Approval (COA), and Consent (if applicable) with Pinellas County once the transfer process is complete. The Application for Approval of Ownership may be printed from our Website <https://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com/community-information/> or is available from our Community Service Office.

Whether you are purchasing or leasing a unit, each tenant, resident and owner must interview for approval.

As a reminder, the minimum rental period is six months and one week as no short-term rentals are allowed.

Up to two activity cards are given per unit to approved residents and tenants. For a fee, a third guest card may be purchased if that person is approved to reside in the community.

Once the Association grants occupancy approval, your activity card may be obtained from the Community Service Office for a nominal fee of \$3.

Additionally, to assist in reducing the number of unapproved occupants, your Association appreciates that residents write in with information regarding possible non-compliant persons living in the community.

#### Did You Know Water Softeners

An area of concern that comes up during community compliance inspections is in regard to the installation of water softeners.

As outlined in the Second Amended and Restated Rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association, water softeners must be resin, not ion exchange (salt). The installation of a water softener requires an approval by the Association prior to installation. The application for modification may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office or by going online to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com).

At the time of installation of a new water softener, the old equipment must be removed from OTOW property at the owner's expense. Please do not leave the old equipment in the center core of a building or in the building trash room.

#### Community Service Office

##### After-Hours

The hours for the Community Service Office are posted on the entrance doors.

It is important to understand that the staff does not open the lobby doors after-hours. Please do not shake or bang on the doors. This action could result in breaking the door(s) or becoming injured by broken glass.

Should you need to make a service request, or have other service related needs, you can go online, call the service line, or visit the office on the next business day during normal business hours.

If you have an emergency after the office closes, contact 727-799-1115. In the event of a medical emergency dial 911.

#### Community Service Office

##### Information

The Community Service Office (CSO) hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The office closes for lunch from noon to 12:30, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted.

If your call goes to voice mail, it is because staff is working with someone else. Please be patient. Calls and voicemails will be responded to during normal business hours.

Once the requested service matter is identified, a service order will be generated and submitted to the appropriate department to address the matter.

The goal of the CSO is to make an initial assessment of the request to determine if it is an emergency or non-emergency. Once the matter is assessed, a plan to resolve will be made and work scheduled. Generally, all non-emergency service requests are assessed and addressed in the order in which they are received.

From time to time, it may become necessary for us to contact you with questions or clarification about your request. It is not necessary to report service requests more than one time.

If you have any questions regarding your request and until the Community Service Office reopens, please call the Service Request Line at 727-683-6981.

As a reminder, window and door repair or replacement is exclusive to the unit and is the owner's responsibility. The

Association's responsibility is to the structure and common elements.

#### Activity Card Renewal

Activity cards are issued and renewed at the Community Service Office located at the East Activity Center, first office to your right.

When renewing your activity card, or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and On Top of the World property address.

To renew, you will need \$3 and your expiring/expired card. If you do not have your card, you will need to bring \$25 for purchasing and processing of a new card.

Please stop in the Community Service Office or call the CSO line at 727-683-6981 if you have any additional questions.

#### Service Request Line

If you are unable to visit the Community Service Office, the OTOW phone number to submit a service request is 727-683-6981. Please call for general building matters in the common areas only. Please do not leave health-related emergency information on the service request line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to non-emergency service requests.

#### After-Hours Number

The OTOW after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115 for matters such as water intrusion into your unit. For all other inquiries regarding general matters or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office. In the event of a life threatening emergency, please dial 911. For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

#### OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy.

Simply go to the official Clearwater website and from the home page scroll down to the bottom of the page and the "Sign Up Now" box will be located to the left of the screen. Click to enroll.

You can also sign up from the "Stay Informed" tab located at the top of the home page.

This is without obligation or cost to you. Your email and cell phone numbers are secure, never shared, and never solicited.

Alternatively, you may visit the Community Service Office to apply.

OTOW-ALERTS provide advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community. It is not hyperbole to say some warning may save your life!

# Association Matters: OTOW updates on

As I start to write this article, there are several tropical waves and storms churning in the Gulf and Caribbean and causing us all concerns.

Painfully, recent experience has shown that any hurricane or tropical storm can still be very disruptive to the Southeast. Not just damage from wind and rain deluge, but also with travel disruption and public utility crews exiting Florida to offer needed assistance.

To make a general point about storm events or any natural disaster's effect on this community, when it comes to individual service requests, especially after any catastrophic event, each request is evaluated based on severity and risk to life and property.

The damage is then stabilized as needed, and resolved at the soonest possible time, given all else that may be needing special attention.

It is important that each resident of this community show patience and kindness to each other, and to the workers who have left family to rally to the needs of the community.

Storms and protracted electrical outages are periods of high stress.

To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, in challenging times we must look to "the better angels of our nature."

It does not take a storm event to setback scheduled ground maintenance. Really all it takes are large summer storms to disrupt the schedule.

As you no doubt observe, the lawns and shrubs love the wet, warm weather and respond by doubling their growth.

Put the two things together, and lawn maintenance crews struggle to keep pace.

As I write this article in late September, work is mostly caught up, however that is always subject to changes together with the weather.

## Time for an Insurance Review

Hurricane season is a call to action for each resident to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage on your unit and contents is adequate.

Although it is late in the season, this is when the highest storm activity occurs. If you missed that call, you have another chance. If you believe you can self-insure any loss, please reconsider because the cost of repair or reconstruction may well exceed the market value of your condominium at the time of an event.

It is the obligation of every owner to insure the contents of their unit. Please don't feel you can be "lucky" and go without insurance!

Contents coverage may vary greatly depending what you own and choose to insure. While the condominium insures the building structure, it DOES NOT insure anything of a personal nature owned by a unit owner, including, but not limited to, your furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances, cabinetry, as well as any electrical wiring that services your condominium unit exclusively (the demarcation of association responsibility is the connection to your electrical service panel).

Your individual insurance coverage on these items would cover this type of loss. In addition, all insurance carriers write an HO-6 rider providing for loss assessment coverage in the event a special assessment



for unforeseen casualty losses made by the Association.

The other critical element of a condominium owner's policy is coverage for Loss of Use should you be unable to occupy your condo following a casualty. This coverage is very inexpensive, but can provide funds for living expenses while you are displaced.

Experience has shown that recovery to having a habitable dwelling can range from 18 to 24 months. Please consider having the Loss of Use coverage in your HO-6 policy cover the cost with rent, living expenses, and all that entails, for you to live away from your condo for 24 months.

Why would anyone not want that sense of security that a Loss of Use property rider could provide?

The Community Service Office has handled numerous major leaks from improperly maintained water heaters. The replacement and maintenance of water heaters is the responsibility of the unit owner. In all cases, the owner found out how important having insurance is when faced with paying for the extensive damage to their unit, the adjoining units and the Association property between the units. At the direction of the Association, the Management Company is actively seeking reimbursement from the unit owner for repair work made as a result of owner negligence.

In the On Top of the World Condominium Association, buildings are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The deductible is \$10,000 for any event, per occurrence, including wind/hail related damage. Named storm events carry a separate deductible of 5 percent of the total building value at the time of loss, at each location involved in the loss, subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence.

With respect to flood (rising water), earthquake and flood, resulting from a named storm, all losses, damage and/or expenses arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each, such adjusted loss, there is a \$100,000 deductible.

For more information, please visit [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com). From the main page go to "Association" and then scroll to "Insurance Forms." From there you may download the pdf document entitled: Insurance Responsibility of the Individual Unit Owner.

## Entry Gatehouses

Please take note that the gatehouses

are staffed with uniformed attendants who provide information and directions to both residential and commercial traffic, and help keep the traffic moving along.

These gatehouses do have video surveillance. All vehicles entering the community have their license tags photographed.

If you see anything that would cause you concern or alarm, notify the Sheriff Department's emergency number immediately. The faster the response, the better opportunity there is to work with the Sheriff's Department in providing critical information that may lead to a resolution of your concern.

## Association News

You will be receiving a letter from the Association that the Annual Audited Financial Report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, will be available in October.

Once available, you may request a copy of the report for your building, by writing to the Association secretary at 2069 World Parkway Blvd East, Clearwater, Fla., 33763, or by emailing the Association at [associationinfo@otowfl.net](mailto:associationinfo@otowfl.net) – please be sure to state your building and unit number on your request and how you would like the report – either by email or in paper form.

## Electronic Voting

At the Sept. 17 Association Board meeting, the Board voted to authorize electronic voting for the Dec. 17, 2021, election in addition to the usual mail and in-person voting.

Ballots will be mailed to all residents unless they choose to vote electronically in this election. More information will be available on [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) in the coming weeks.

The first notice of the election, scheduled to be mailed in mid-October, will include more details.

Conduu, the voting software vendor, has arranged to hold three (3) online workshops to assist residents in learning how to vote electronically through their system.

Follow [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) for more details as well as OTOW Alerts (powered by RAVE). Notices will be posted on building bulletin boards, at the Activity Centers and on OTOW-TV Channel 732.

## Cable Update

The Board received a report from PropRev, the consultant engaged to manage the process of bidding multiple interested providers, in providing cable programming and internet services to this community.

The report received on Sept. 15, 2021, reflected that providers have narrowed their bids and detailed the scope of programming offered at the bulk level. Questions remain that the Board believes can be resolved by the consultant before a final deal package can be brought back to the Board very soon for action.

Aside from technology employed by any prospective provider, there is the matter of build-out time and the schedule of building service conversion completion that has to be resolved.

This is not a "flip the switch and get service" proposition. Selecting a new vendor entails a costly over-building of the incumbent carrier, Spectrum, should the selection go that way.

The Board will review all these concerns and select the most responsive provider. Any proposed contract will then require review by Association counsel before final Board action. Stay tuned for breaking news.

## 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 Screamer by Gizmode. If you can successfully put batteries in a flashlight, you can operate this small device. It really is that simple to use. The device has a small sensor that you place under the water heater. If it contacts moisture, the alarm sounds and provides warning.

This device is available at cost, through our Community Service Office. Look for the display advertisement on page 5.

For the more tech savvy, NEST™ makes a dandy digital sensor that will alert you through your phone. Very handy for the traveler.

October is also a great month to have your HVAC (heating and air conditioning) unit serviced by a professional. Aside from cleaning coils and drain lines, they will perform a tune-up to make sure your system is operating at peak efficiency. This also avoids leaks caused by improperly functioning condensate drains.

## Upcoming Projects Painting/Waterproofing

The painting contractor will continue their improvement efforts with the front facades of buildings 25 and 26 scheduled to take place in October.

This work includes a thorough pressure cleaning of the masonry surface, the sealing of any hairline cracks found in the stucco surface, and then the application of a quality paint product. It also includes the repainting of areas such as the trash room, laundry room and center core areas.

As always, please keep in mind that the painting contractor will be operating in close proximity to parking areas and front/rear porches which may require the

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# electronic voting and cable providers

temporary displacement of vehicles or property. Thank you for your cooperation in advance and keep in mind that inclement weather can affect start and completion dates.

The installation of new unit address numbers will continue once the painting contractor completes the recoating of the front elevation of buildings throughout the community. As the painting contractor moves throughout the property, management company crews will be installing new life-safety compliant, reflective unit numbers on the common area wall in proximity to unit front doors.

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the work advising residents of the process and what they can expect. Unit numbers currently attached to the common element wall will be removed by the painting contractor, while numbers installed on front unit doors will need to be removed by the unit owner. If a unit owner wishes, they may contract with the management company for the removal of any old unit numbers for a nominal fee. Please remember that for community standard reasons, all old unit numbers must be removed.

## Construction, Roofing and Large Scope Projects

An infrastructure vendor, under contract to the management company, will be on-site beginning in late September and continuing all through the month of October.

The scope of their work involves a thorough inspection of the east side of property's sanitary sewer system. This type of inspection, also known as an INI-survey, serves the purpose of identifying any problem areas within the system so that they may be remedied once the process has been completed.

As stated, this work will begin at building 1 and move sequentially through the east side until finally terminating at building 61. These crews will be working in close proximity to streets as well as in the rear lawn area of buildings where sewer manholes exist. As with all projects involving active work zones and heavy equipment, please avoid these areas until the contractor's crews have completed their work. Thanks again for your cooperation.

As of this update, the next cycle of railing improvements has been awarded and contracts signed. Next, the projects will enter the engineering and county permitting process. Once completed, an approximate schedule will be put together and the contractor will begin the process of installation. As this article goes to print, it is anticipated that the projects at buildings 68 and 69 will begin sometime in late October.

In most cases, this work entails the removal of the current railing system, followed by the installation of code compliant guardrails and stairwell components. The work involves power tools and other equipment, so please understand that elevated noise levels are a byproduct of the contractor's efforts. We ask that residents please pay close attention to cordoned off spaces as some areas may be closed temporarily throughout the day to allow for the safe replacement of railing elements. Thanks in advance for doing your part while this work is underway.

The management company will undertake its next elevator modernization project at building 86 beginning in October. The elevator will be out of service for 7-8 days

and these improvements will include the remodeling of the elevator cab as well.

Currently, the approximate start date for this work is Oct. 11, pending permitting and arrival of all of the components needed for the work. We include this information in the update because the supply chain for many manufacturers is still being affected by the pandemic. If there is a change to this date, updates will be published to the building and via the community's RAVE messaging system. Please make the necessary arrangements for this outage as the elevator will be unavailable during this improvement process. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Recurring Reminders For All Community Residents

Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to second and third floor walking surfaces.

Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust. Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work.

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

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

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating. The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

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

## Inspection Services Division

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

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

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

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center.

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.

Inspection Services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and water-proofing coatings during the 2021/2022 improvement cycle. The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

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

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

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department 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 have the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper. The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

The Inspection Services division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, they have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community.

As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately, there are new products that do. If you have an

awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

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 - 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 recurring compliance issues at On Top of the World. These efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live. If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately.

If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you.

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice.

Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

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# Email your pet costume pictures by Oct. 10 Voting booth is open Oct. 14-17

This is your chance to vote!

And there are no Republicans or Democrats - just cold noses, waggly tails and whiskers!

The annual On Top of the World News Halloween Pet Costume Contest is online again for the second year in a row.

Starting on Oct. 1, OTOW residents can begin submitting photos of their pets in costume to the OTOW newspaper. All entries must be submitted over email. The address is [otow.newsroom@gmail.com](mailto:otow.newsroom@gmail.com).

All photos must be current pictures. The special contest logo below must be cut out of this newspaper and must appear in the picture with your pet in costume.

You cannot Photoshop, glue or paste the official logo into an old photo.

All photos must be taken this month and the logo must be clearly visible. See sample at right from last year.

No entry will be accepted if the official logo is not in the photo.

As soon as your contest photo is received by the newsroom, the picture will be processed and placed on the official contest website on the Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)).

Anyone from all over the world will

**Dates To Remember**

Oct. 1 - Official contest logo will appear in the October edition of OTOW News. This logo must be cut out.

Oct. 1 - First day to start emailing contest photo entries to OTOW newspaper.

Oct. 10 - Last day to email contest photos.

Oct. 14-17 - Online voting.  
Nov. 1 - Winners announced.

be able to view entries as they are submitted. The deadline for submitting a contest photo will be Sunday, Oct. 10.

Online judging will then take place from Oct. 14-17. The virtual voting booth will close at midnight.

Anyone in the world can be a judge and for the first time you can vote by cell phone. But you can only enter the voting booth one time per device.

To judge just go to the Box Office between Oct. 14-17 and follow the simple instructions listed on the website.

Each judge will be given five virtual Kandy Korns. You will use these Kandy Korns to place your votes. Each Kandy



Korn represents one vote.

You have the option of giving all five Kandy Korns to one pet (5 votes), or you can divide up your Kandy Korns and give Kandy Korns (votes) to different pets.

For example, you can give one Kandy Korn to five different pets, or you can give

three Kandy Korns to one pet and one Kandy Korn to two different pets.

How you vote is up to you just as long as your final vote total equals five.

Judges will not see the names of pet owners. Just photos of pets in costume.

Online judges will only be allowed to enter the virtual voting booth one time per home computer. Once you place your votes and leave, you cannot return.

The results of the contest will be announced in the November newspaper, which will be distributed to residents on Monday, Nov. 1.

There will be no contest categories, but there will be six winners to the six highest vote totals. Each sponsor will give away a prize valued at \$50 or more.

Sponsors for the 2021 contest are Pam Williams State Farm Insurance, Creating Smiles Dental, Harborside Animal Hospital, Woof Gang Bakery, Publix and A Devine Touch home pet services.

Winners will be contacted by OTOW News and prizes distributed.

Each winner will have their picture remain on the Box Office for a full year.

Questions? Send an email to Doug in the newsroom.

Good luck!



## 9th Annual Halloween Pet Costume Contest



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*Happy Halloween Month  
from Daisy & Abby*

Meet Daisy and Abby. They are sisters!

Both are 8-year-old Malteses. They were born in Philadelphia, but moved to On Top of the World last year.

They love living here and enjoy walks each day. The best parts are Halloween day and chasing lizards on the sidewalks.

Besides walks, Daisy and Abby enjoy playing with their stuffed animals. The louder the toy squeaks, the happier the sisters are at home.

Daisy is a part-time driver for UPS. Did you see her picture on page 6?

Daisy and Abby are owned by Ginny McDowell of the Austrian Alpine building.

Each month, OTOW News and Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming 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](mailto: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 at the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age of pet. If the age is not included, your pet will not be eligible. Only one pet per household can win each year, but now two pets from the same household can be one entry. The winner this month will receive a gift card from Woof Gang Bakery in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift cards. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. Voting for Pet of the Year takes place online in January. The winner will be announced each February. The winner receives additional prizes and will be invited to march in the annual Irish Club Parade each March.



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# OTOW Community Activities Calendar - October 2021

## East Activity Center

### CRYSTAL BEACH ROOM

Entertainment Committee Board: Monday, Oct. 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Jesters Board: Thursday, Sept. 9, 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Good Karma Book Club: Thursday, Oct. 21, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Good Neighbors Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am  
 Coloring Book Group: Wednesdays, 12:30 - 2:00 pm  
 Pray for America: Saturdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Chinese Paint Brush: Tuesdays, 12:30 - 4:00 pm  
 Philosophy Club: Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

### LARGO ROOM

Democratic Club Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 14, 2:00 - 3:30 pm  
 Good Neighbors Association: Wednesday, Oct. 6, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Bonesavers: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:00 - 9:00 am  
 World Quilters: Tuesdays, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 TOPS: Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am

### CLEARWATER ROOM

Ceramics: Thursdays, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 Caring & Sharing: Tuesdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Matter of Balance: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-3:30 pm (starts Oct 13)

WOODSHOP: Mondays-Fridays 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

LIBRARY: Now Open Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm



### AUDITORIUM

Republican Club Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
 Line Dance Club: Tuesdays, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, Saturdays, 8:30 - 10:30 am  
 Moving and Grooving Easy Level: Mondays, 10:00 - 11:00 am, Fridays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
 Moving and Grooving Beginners to Advanced: Mondays 11 am - 12 pm, Mondays 12:00 - 1:00  
 Moving and Grooving Beginners to Advanced: Fridays 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Fridays 3:00 - 4:00 pm  
 Moving and Grooving Experienced Level: Sundays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Fridays 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Cardio Dance: Saturdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Snowbirds Club Line Dancing: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Wednesdays (starting Oct. 20)  
 Press Association: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Thursday, Oct. 7  
 SHINE Presentation: Monday, Oct. 18, 1:00 - 2:30 pm  
 Travel Club Savannah Trip Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 13, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

### EXERCISE ROOM

Line Dance Practice: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 7:00 - 8:00 am  
 Ladies Exercises: Monday-Friday, 8:00 - 9:00 am  
 Co-Ed Exercises Class: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10:00 - 10:45 am  
 Hatha Yoga: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:45 am  
 Tai Chi Flow 108: Mondays, 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays 3:15 - 4:15 pm  
 Tai Chi Short Form: Wednesdays, 2:15 - 3:00 pm  
 Qigong: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 3:15 - 4:00  
 Cardio Dance: Mondays 1:00 & 2:00, Wednesdays 11:30 & 1:00, Thursdays 6:30, Saturdays 12:30

### OZONA ROOM

Republican Club Board Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

### EAST ACTIVITY CENTER SWIMMING POOL

Aqua Aerobics: Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 10:00 am  
 Open Hours: Mon - Sat, 8 am - 8 pm, Sun and Holidays, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm (May-Sept)

### EAST ACTIVITY CENTER FITNESS CENTER

Open Hours: Monday-Saturday, 7 am - 9 pm, Sundays and Holidays 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

## West Activity Center

### BELLEAIR ROOM

Theater Workshop Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 6, 6:30-9:00 pm  
 Jesters Board Meeting: Wednesday: Oct. 13, 6:30-9:30 pm  
 Siboney Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 27, 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
 Zumba: Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00 am - 10:00 am  
 Zumba Gold: Saturdays 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
 Zumba Gold Chair: Thursdays 9:00 am -9:45 am  
 Tai Chi Chair: Mondays, Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 9:45 am  
 Ping Pong: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: Thursdays 10:45 am - 2:00 pm

### ZOOM ONLY

Computer Club: Write to otowcc@gmail.com for next meeting

Updates/Corrections to this calendar  
 may be posted on the Box Office: [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)

## Pavilion

Moving & Grooving Registration Party: Friday, Oct. 1, 6-8 pm  
 Softball Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 5, 6:00-8:00 pm  
 Texas Card Game: Friday, Oct. 8, 6:00 - 10:00  
 Veterans Group Picnic: Saturday, Oct. 9, 2:00 - 5:00 pm  
 Karaoke: Sunday, Oct. 10, 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
 Lambda Social: Friday, Oct. 15, 6:00-10:00 pm  
 Line Dance Club Oktoberfest: Saturday, Oct. 16, 5:00 - 8:00 pm  
 NY/NJ Club: Officer Elections, Tuesday, Oct. 19, 4:00 - 8:00 pm  
 Good Neighbors Clothing/Food Drive: Saturday, Oct. 23 10-2:00  
 Bavarian Chalet: Saturday, Oct. 30, 4:00 - 8:00 pm  
 Travel Club Ticket Sales: Mondays, Thursdays 9-11 am  
 Blackout Card Game: Thursdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
 Ladies Bunco: Wednesday, Oct. 20, 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
 Irish Club Pizza Ticket Sales: Mondays, 11 am - 1:00 pm  
 Irish Club Pizza Party: Thursday, Nov. 4, 5:00 (location change)

## Sports

Pickleball: Tuesdays & Thursdays 4-7, Sundays, 9-12  
 Tennis Club: Meets Mon-Sat 7:30-11:00 am  
 Tennis Courts Open to all Residents  
 7 am - 10 pm weekdays, 9 am-9 pm weekends  
 Billiards Room is open for non-league play

**DINNER NIGHT**  
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 4:00-7:30  
 East Activity Center

# Give Blood - Save Lives



Tuesday, Oct. 26, 10 am - 3 pm EAC North Parking Lot

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# What type of paint would you like to try?

By Sue Naylor

Excellent!

You have finally decided to explore your artistic side - the one you never thought you had.

If you are a beginner artist, and contemplating what form of art you would like to explore, my brief outline below will explain a little about the pros and cons of the various mediums. This outline may help you decide which one to choose.

Or maybe you are an accomplished artist looking for a new challenge. Either way the Art Guild welcomes you.



Art Guild

## OILS

The pigments are suspended in linseed oil.

There are many advantages to painting with oils, including excellent colors that blend well together, dry more slowly and hold pigments better. If you make a mistake you can scrape it off with a palette knife and start over.

The cons to working with oils are, they dry very slowly, have a strong odor and it takes longer to clean up.

## ACRYLICS

Acrylics are synthetic paints whose pigments are suspended in water.

Acrylics are water-based so they dry quickly and they are easier to clean up using just water.

Unfortunately, and I can tell you this from experience, if you get acrylic paint on your clothes and it dries, you will not be able to get it out.

## WATER COLORS

Water colors is the simple name, but if you really want to impress someone, tell them you

paint with aquarelles.

Water colors add texture and freshness to your paintings. The paint generally comes in "cakes" or tubes and are relatively cheap. But remember, the cheaper the paint, the less pigment it has in it. If you are using watercolors, you need to plan ahead. Water color paint dries quickly.

## PASTELS

Pastels are tagged as the easiest medium form. They are crayons made of powdered pigments.

Pastels produce vibrant colors, are easy to use with fewer extra materials, come in a variety of colors and can be used with other mediums.

However, pastels can smudge easily and can emit dust.

When I lived in Hawaii, I started taking oil painting lessons. During one of my mother's visits, I got her interested in the same class. The painting at right is one my mom did when she was in her 70s.



## OTOW staff has to eat too

A few times a year, On Top of the World management rewards employees with a picnic at the Parkway offices. The latest picnic took place before Labor Day in September. Employees arrived in different shifts and Chef Shawn was at his 3-foot wide grill making sure there was enough food for everyone. The menu included barbequed chicken sandwiches with a variety of spicy sauces, plus fries, cole slaw and dessert. This was the first time in over a year that employees enjoyed lunch outdoors together as a group because of previous safety guidelines.

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**East and West Activity Centers Room Maps**

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Pavilion Park

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The card came from some company with the name Land Trust in it.

The card seemed to indicate that it was about the sale of the homeowner's home. Kinda scary for the homeowner.

On the card it said to turn it over to the other side, call the phone number listed and then listen to a message.

However, when the phone number on the back is called, the message is that the company involved wanted to buy the woman's home.

In my opinion, this is a scam.

In my opinion, the purpose of this scam is to intimidate you into calling the number on the back of the card so they can then try to get you to sell your home to them — probably well below its market value.

They'll tell you that they'll pay all the costs.

They probably will so long as you take 40 percent or 50 percent less than your property is worth.

Don't call the number. Fight the urge to do so. Don't think you can play games with these people. They know what they are doing. They have their "pitch" down sufficiently to convince you they are offering you a great deal.

They aren't. That's my promise.

Throw this piece of junk card in the garbage where it deserves to be.

Friends, I am going to tell you what you already know. Everywhere we turn these days, it seems that there is someone with some "grift" where they want to take advantage of us or scam us. We must never let down our guard.



Look. If you want to sell your home, go to a reputable realtor. There are plenty of them. They'll want your business and they will work to conclude a sale at a reasonable price. Please be cautious.

Note: My upcoming lecture schedule at OTOW in Ocala is as follows: Oct. 5: Frauds and Scams. This fits in nicely with what I've just discussed, above.

Oct. 12 and 19: The Founding Fathers of our country. This is a two-part history series.

Nov. 9: Gun Trusts, Pet Trusts and Fun Trusts. My law partner, John Beck, will be here to cover these informative and necessary trusts.

Dec. 14: Financial Peace of Mind. This is a discussion of the methods we need to consider if we are to have our financial affairs in order. Rachel Wagoner, John, and I hope you can be there with us.

Q. Where do you get the questions for your column?

A. Interesting question. I used to get them from letters folks would send

— they call it "snail mail" now. I can't remember the last time I got one.

Then, I would get emails. I still do, but not too many that way.

I get a lot of questions from clients. I get some from the two elder law internet listservs I am on — the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys.

One of my law partners, Rachel or John sometimes pose questions for me.

As for the Scam Alerts, well, scams are found everywhere, aren't they?

I write the questions in the Q and A format because so far, it seems to work well with my readers.

My partner, Rachel, uses the "paragraph" format, which seems to work well for her.

John hasn't written a column yet, but when he does, he'll try to select a format that is helpful to the reader.

Q. What is your opinion about annuities for people who are retired and don't want to, or don't know how to manage their money?

A. I think annuities can be a valid estate planning tool for the folks who need them, who understand all of the costs and fees involved, and who are fully aware of the pitfalls involved in owning them.

My main concern with annuities has to do with the way they are marketed to senior citizens, most of whom are well past the stage when they should purchase one as their own estate planning method. It's one thing to buy an annuity when you are much younger, and you can get through the penalty period and maybe even earn some decent return on your money. It's quite another thing to buy one

when you are retired.

Q. I have no children. My niece, who I love, stands to inherit everything I have. Her 23-year-old daughter has lived on and off with a couple of men, one of whom might be the father of her child. Can I protect any of my Estate for that great grandnephew?

A. On and off. I don't doubt it. To your question: Yes, but the answer is too complex for this column. You need to meet with an estate planning and elder law attorney and have him/her set up the appropriate estate plan that protects the child.

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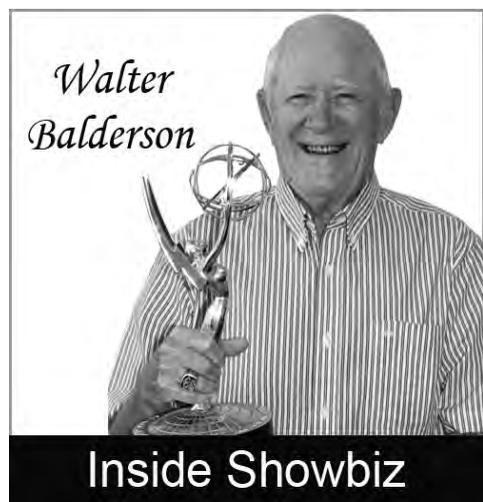
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# Not easy staying on top of the entertainment world

Don Rickles was born in Queens, New York, and began his career as a comedian appearing in clubs in Miami. He was married and had two children.

One night Johnny Carson was in the audience. Don spotted him and began attacking Johnny fast and furious. He enjoyed the routine and they later became good friends. Don appeared on The Tonight Show many times.

Don rapidly became quite popular and was a regular panel member on the Dean Martin Celebrity Roast on NBC. One time, Don was the actual person being roasted.



Don quickly earned the titles of Mr. Warmth and Merchant of Venom.

Don performed at the inauguration of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush, even though Don was a life-long Democrat.

Don became good friends with Bob Newhart and appeared many times on his show.

Don Rickles' final tour should have never happened, however. He teamed up with Joan Rivers and without her there would not have been a tour. Joan graciously gave Don top billing and that was a mistake.

Fans expected Don to come out and be himself, but that didn't happen. He tried hard, but it didn't work.

Joan helped as much as she could, but the hard-hitting jokes were not there.

People attending the final performance had every right to feel sorry for Don. The old Rickles just wasn't there.

Don died April 6, 2017, just a month before his 91st birthday of kidney failure. He passed away at home with family.

In contrast to the end of Don's career, Flip Wilson had the top-rated show on NBC for three years. He did not renew his contract. Instead, he decided to quit at the top. He wanted to be remembered at his best.

# Dinner Night approaching on Nov. 10

On Top of the World's first "Dinner Night" will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot near the pavilion.

Registration is not required. Please, just show up!

Vendors will serve food from 4-7:30 p.m. The vendors are Corvo Bianco Wood Fired Pizza of Dunedin, Sea Dog Cantina of Clearwater and the Bar-B-Q Queen of Clearwater.

Corvo Bianco will be offering Neapolitan wood-fired pizzas from \$7-\$18 in two sizes - 6 inch and 12 inch.

Bar-B-Q Queen will be offering dinner items from as little as \$3 to full-family dinners for \$39.

Sea Dog Cantina meals will range from \$8-\$18.

What about dessert? We all scream for ice cream and I am diligently working on the perfect vendor. I will make an announcement in my November column.

Residents can take their meal home or dine on site. A few tables and chairs will be set up for dining in the parking area and more seating will be available at the pavilion and picnic sites.

The decision to make Dinner Night a monthly event will depend upon resident participation, as we need to satisfy the food vendor quota, so I eagerly look forward to seeing you there!

## Movie Night

Even with COVID-19 restrictions, the response to see the movie "Jersey Boys" on Sept. 21 was overwhelming and surely enjoyed by all.

Thank you to our Good Neighbors Association volunteers for acting as ushers. We look forward to co-hosting future movies with Good Neighbors and, hopefully, reopening the Outpost some time in 2022 for refreshments, snacks and meals.

A few notes about future Movie Nights at the East Activity Center Auditorium. Seating, regardless of the pandemic, will always be somewhat limited because the auditorium is not an actual movie theatre. Yes, we have a projector and screen, but not the type designed to show movies to large audiences. If registration exceeds 50 again next time, we may offer the option to show two movies, one in the early afternoon and a second showing at 4 p.m.

Also, due to some reservation challenges, all movies hosted by SCA will now require registration from the OTOW Clearwater website. The form will be short and simple to complete and have a built in counter to be set at a certain number of attendees. When all seats are reserved, the system will clearly communicate this and reject any additional submissions. We live and we learn!

## CARES – Living Healthy Program Returns to On Top of the World

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls, will commence at the East Activity Center Clearwater Room from 1-3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays: Oct. 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 and Nov. 1, 3 and 8. Classes are free, but pre-reservation



is required. (seats are still available). If interested, residents may contact Theresa Brock directly at 727-862-9291, Ext. 2008 (office) Wednesdays and Saturdays or you can email her at [tbrock@caresfl.org](mailto:tbrock@caresfl.org).

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls will be conducted in eight, two-hour sessions and uses group discussion, problem-solving strategies, videos and gentle physical exercise.

Older adults learn positive coping methods to reduce their fear of falling and remain active and independent. Participants become more confident about managing falls by believing that they can increase their strength, find ways to reduce falls, and protect themselves if they do fall.

## Medicare Basics Presentation

It's that time of year again for our SHINE Medicare Basics presentation.

On Monday, Oct. 18, at 1 p.m. in the EAC Auditorium, review your Medicare options for 2022.

A maximum of 50 residents can participate, first come, first served.

The Medicare Basics presentation will provide information on the basics of Medicare with coverage that falls into four different areas called "Parts" – Medicare Part A, B, C and D, and what they mean to you.

A SHINE volunteer will also be available to answer questions about each part that holds your interest.

## One Blood

Did you miss your opportunity to donate blood in September?

The Big Red Bus will be back and parked at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot again on Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Take this opportunity to save lives! See page 10 to learn how to register or you can also just show up that day.

## Fraud Awareness Day

Tuesday, Nov. 16, is Fraud Awareness Day at On Top of the World.

Pinellas County Consumer Protection and Operation Medicine Cabinet will be on hand for a free drive-thru shredding event and you can drop off unused medications. The event will take place at the East Activity Center southeast parking lot off World Parkway Boulevard East from 9-11 a.m.

The Consumer Protection Fraud Awareness Seminar will bring you up-to-date on the latest swindles and will take place that morning from 10-11 a.m. live at the pavilion (maximum of 50 in attendance).

The presentation, by Consumer Protection Investigator Anna Marie Millet, will be a fun, interactive, trivia-like format. All participants will be eligible to win a raffle prize.

I look forward to seeing you there!

## Helping Hands

### Mobile Food Dispensary

The next food dispensary will take place at the East Activity Center north parking lot in October as follows:

- Tuesday, Oct. 12 at noon.
- Thursday, Oct. 28 at noon.

The event is set to take place on the second Tuesday and last Thursday of the month.

Please do not arrive before 11:55 a.m.

If the weather is not conducive for setting up the pantry, it will not take place or be rescheduled. In the event of a cancellation, residents may visit the Helping Hands Facebook page to see a calendar of nearby events for which they can participate the following day or during that week.

These events are exclusive to our community and proof of residency is required.

Residents must enter at Columbia Drive, receive bags of food in their vehicle's trunk and then drive on through to exit back out on Columbia Drive.

The entire operation should conclude by 1:15 pm. On Top of the World staff will be directing traffic and Helping Hands volunteers will dispense the food.

## Club Room Reservations

Notice to all club and activity representatives – questions regarding previous room reservations:

Some activities have resumed because clubs have found ways to carry on their business under restrictions, but many have not due to the nature of the activity or room capacity.

As mentioned in previous columns, when all restrictions lift, club and activity representatives will have an opportunity to re-establish previous room/time reservations.

When restrictions are relaxed, there will not be a need to line up in front of my office to renew your recurring activity. Rather, simply call or email me to state that you are interested in starting up again. You can call 727-799-2734 or email me at [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com). I will then review your club file to ensure that your annual club paperwork is up-to-date. If not, I will set an appointment with you to take care of it.

The next step will be to complete a Facility Request Form and that is all there is to it!

If I do not hear from you, and another club should request your time and space, I will certainly contact you or the

next established contact for your club to confirm your interest in continuing the prior reservation.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation. Let us continue to count our blessings with the incremental progress we have made since the start of the pandemic. Please stay safe and happy and enjoy the best of our Florida weather that will soon be upon us.

## Activity Office and Reservation Process

The Activity Office operates Monday through Friday from 8:30-noon and 12:30-3 p.m. Reservations are processed Monday through Thursday. In other words, it is not possible to make a reservation for the upcoming weekend on a Friday. Please keep this in mind in planning your events or activities.

Approved resident tenants and owners may reserve the facilities for their celebrations. The pavilion is part of the facilities and a reservation is required. The pavilion seats 50 and if you are planning to have food, a refundable deposit is required, check only, made payable to "SCA" for \$100.

However, the seven grills and picnic tables located at the pavilion park can be enjoyed first come, first serve without a reservation (small groups only).

Residents and guests may not bring lawn chairs or any type chairs to the facilities either inside or outside.

To initiate a reservation please email [general\\_activity@otowfl.com](mailto:general_activity@otowfl.com) or call the activity office at 799-2734 with your name, address, preferred date(s) and time of your event. Upon receipt, the Activity Office promptly reviews the calendar for availability and follows up with you. Once your reservation is set, the next step is to complete a Facility Request Form. To complete the form online, go to [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com).

1. Click on the "Community Activities" tab, scroll down
2. Click on "Forms," scroll down
3. Click on "SCA Facility Online Request form," answer the prompts, sign the form with your mouse and click submit.

This eliminates the need to come in to the office to pick up, complete and sign paperwork.

If your reservation includes food, however, there is one last step to submit your refundable check. For your convenience, residents can drop off checks and all types of completed activity forms to the Community Service Office or in the after-hours secure mail slot at the front of the East Activity Center.

The Activity Office will acknowledge receipt with a phone call or email.

In addition, all printed activity office forms are available for pick up at both the Community Service Office and Activity Office or you can print them from the website under "Form." Please email or call me, Nancy, anytime with questions.

Please note, the Activity Office will be closed from Oct. 4-11. No room reservations will be taken during this time.

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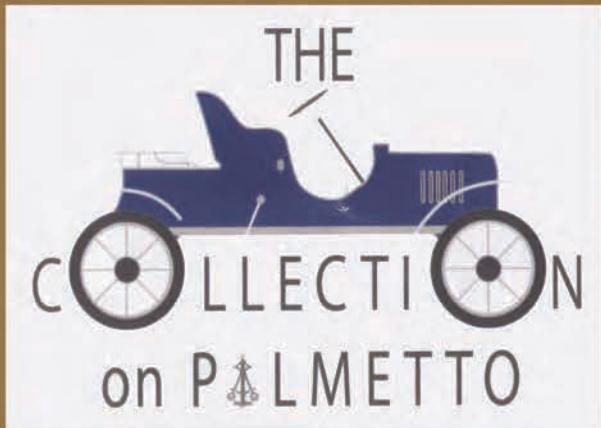
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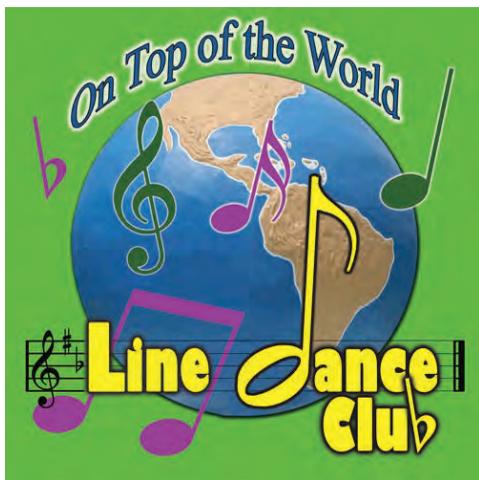
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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## Halloween returns to line dancing



By Leila Walker

Two years ago, more than 40 people gathered for the annual On Top of the World Line Dance Club Halloween Party.

Well, in 2021 there won't be any food or beverages consumed during the event, but there will still be a lot of line dancing to some very spooky music.

So come and join us!

Wear your favorite outrageous costume. There will be easy line dances and Halloween music, including "Monster Mash," "Ghostbusters," "Purple People Eater" and "Thriller."

The fun will be Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 30, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

There will be a signup sheet during regular line dance sessions on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

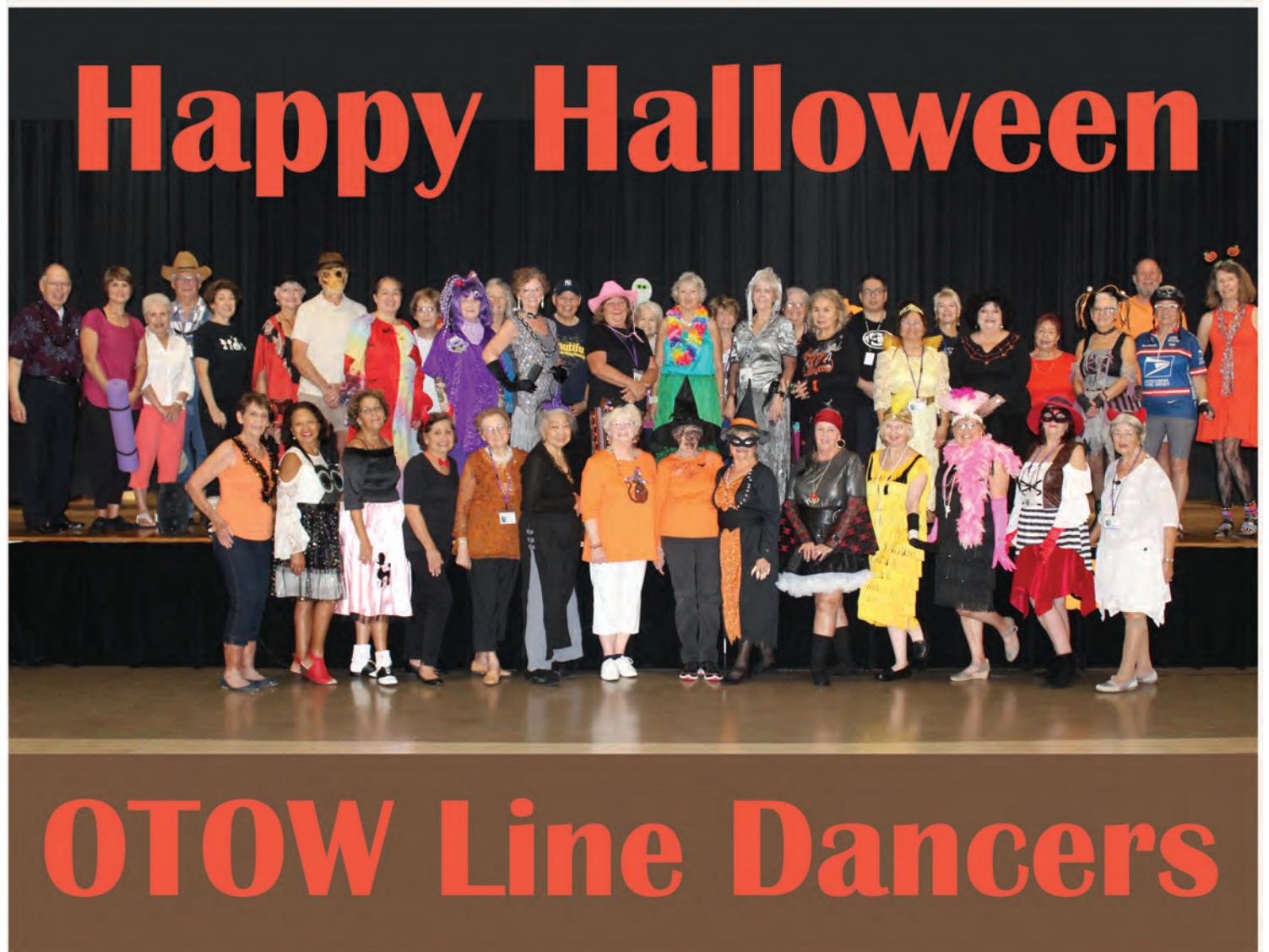
On Top of the World residents can even bring one guest.

We will be doing beginner dances, such as Chilly Cha Cha, All Right on Sunday, Let's Twist Again, and the Electric Slide.

Instructors will carefully review steps with dancers prior to playing the music. You will be able to easily learn the steps and participate in the dance while wearing your favorite costume.

Every guest will be given a refreshment pack they can take home and enjoy after the party.

And our Halloween party will not be our only party in October. The OTOW



These are the witches, goblins and other scary characters who attended the Line Dance Club Halloween Party in 2019.

Line Dance Club will be sponsoring an Oktoberfest party as well!

Oktoberfest will be Saturday, Oct. 16, from 5-8 p.m. in the pavilion. Bratwurst will be prepared on the grills. We have an authentic German chef!

We are asking participants to bring a side dish or snack to be shared with everyone. Also, please bring your own drink.

To cut down on waste and trash, we are asking that you bring your own plate, cups and silverware.

Of course, we will line dance at the pavilion, too. Participants will learn how

to do the Polka! You will learn the dance from an authentic German instructor!

The OTOW Line Dance Club regularly offers classes on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

From 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays, an Advanced Beginner session is being offered. From noon to 1 p.m., an Improver session is offered for more experienced line dancers.

Additional practice sessions are offered from 7-8 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the

EAC Exercise Room. This is the time the instructors practice the dances that are on the Tuesday and Saturday programs.

You can obtain useful information about line dancing and other OTOW activities by visiting the OTOW Box Office at [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com).

You can see demos of some of the dances on OTOW-TV Channel 732, weekdays at 11 a.m.

If you need additional information, contact President Leila Walker at [Leila.g.walker1@gmail.com](mailto:Leila.g.walker1@gmail.com) or text/call 443-845-7842.

## Oktoberfest on Oct. 16 • Halloween Party on Oct. 26

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# Pinellas County School Board member tells Democratic Club that any student can be successful

By Donna Lukas

Ah, wonderful October!

It may signify changing leaf colors in some parts of the country, but for us at On Top of the World, it means the end of a long, hot summer and great weather ahead.

At the September meeting of the OTOW Democratic Club, we were introduced to Caprice Edmond, a very impressive woman. She is a current member of the Pinellas County School Board and is running for re-election in 2022 for District 7.

Caprice is a native Floridian who has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, and Master's Degrees in Elementary Education and Educational Leadership.

She also has certification in Infant and Family Mental Health from the University of South Florida. She is active in the community and has served in leadership roles on numerous committees.

Caprice told us about her long experience of advocating for children in foster care and her experience in serving as a Guardian ad Litem. Her first teaching experience was at a so-called "failure school," and she is a firm believer that all children can succeed with caring and consistent support.

Caprice highlighted several accomplishments of the Pinellas County School District, including provision of laptops for pupils, hot spots for internet access, and more than 25 full-day pre-K opportunities, including partnering with private care providers to make kids ready for school.

There is board involvement with Pinellas Technical College regarding expanding and highlighting trades. There are also legislative meetings with the Pinellas delegation regarding use of solar energy.



## Democratic Club

As you can see from her photo, Caprice is an advocate of mask wearing, too. She stated COVID-19 has affected more than 7,000 students and reduced school staffing for teachers and bus drivers.

In closing, Caprice said, "It has been my honor to serve as your school board member. Since my election I have focused on gaining a better understanding of district operations, reviewing policy, attending professional development related to finance and practice, as well as listening to the concerns of the community. I humbly ask for your support of my re-election to Pinellas County School Board, District 7 during the 2022 election."

The school board has seven members. Three seats represent at-large members and four seats are for single district members.

District 7 is a single district seat. This means OTOW residents cannot vote for Caprice, but we can support her in many ways.

Checks made out to Caprice Edmond Campaign may be sent to P.O. Box 35295, St. Petersburg, Fla., 33705. Campaign information may be found at the website [Edmondforeducation.com](http://Edmondforeducation.com).

During our club meeting we also dis-



Pinellas County School Board Member Caprice Edmond

cussed the potential for a holiday party in December. Because food will not be allowed in either of the activity centers for the remainder of this year, our tradition of a potluck dinner party in the West Activity Center is not an option. After discussing several options, members decided to take a chance on the weather and hold a potluck dinner in the pavilion on Thurs-

day, Dec 9. Our next meeting on Thursday, Oct 14 at 2 p.m. in the Largo Room of the East Activity Center will feature Stuart Berger, a candidate for the Clearwater City Council. You may know his parents who live here at OTOW. Come hear his opinions on the environment and affordable housing. Bring your checkbooks!

## Good Neighbors Association clothing and food drive set for Oct. 23

By Jo Dameron and Sue Trost

Happy fall!

It's time to clean out your closet and kitchen cupboards and donate to those in need.

The Good Neighbors Association's next upcoming event will be our semi annual food and clothing drive on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is a drive through event in the North Parking

Lot next to the pavilion. Volunteers will be in the parking lot to receive your donations. No need to get out of your cars! Leave items in your back seat or trunk.

Our club volunteers will be notified in the next few weeks to help with the food and clothing drive.

On Top of the World has planned a new event for our residents. Dinner night is going to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 4-7 p.m. It will feature several

food trucks.

Please join us for this new and exciting event and support the great food trucks with their tasty offerings.

The Good Neighbors Association will have tables at this event, selling safety vests and blinker lights. The Knitters Group will also have a table to sell their homemade items. We are looking forward to seeing our neighbors again after a long hot summer!

# OTOW JESTERS



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## COME JOIN IN THE FUN!



## OTOW Theater Workshop

The original stage production club at On Top of the World, Theater Workshop, has been making shows for more than 50 years. Our club is open to all residents with a valid activity card. We would be excited to have you join us and showcase your talents on stage with song, dance, comedy or backstage management. Check out our club page on the Box Office: [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)  
 Jump into something fun! You've been hiding too long!

# Theater Workshop's first meeting is Oct. 6, followed by auditions, rehearsals and showtime

By Vicky Portsmouth

Here we are in October and we are ready for our 2022 season!

The 2021-22 Theater Workshop season membership drive is under way and our March show is under construction. We are looking forward to the arrival of friends – past, present and future.

Our first general meeting takes place on Oct. 6 via a video conference. We will start signing up new and existing members for the 2022 season. Dues are \$5. All members must present a valid activity card.

General meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month. For now, we will continue to hold meetings by video conference due to extended concerns caused by the pandemic. We will keep you posted on the opportunity to meet in-person in the future.



## Theater Workshop

If you want to join our club and become a part of the upcoming show, please send us an email and we will send you the link for our next video conference. Our email address is listed at the end of this

story.

Director Will Peterson and his creative team continue to build our March 2022 production. Auditions start in November and continue into January. Rehearsals will start Jan. 3, 2022.

Be aware - a stage show or video production takes more than performers to be successful. Maybe your talent is finding or creating the perfect props, costume, or organizing the stage or auditorium? You would be a welcome addition to our cast. You will find yourself invaluable by being part of the team no matter what you choose to do.

In this production there is plenty of "space" for you!

Our March production is planned to be played-out on stage, as in past years. In the event we determine the pandemic prevents live performances in front of an

audience, our show will be videotaped by OTOW-TV and aired on our community TV channel 732.

Point is - there will be a show - although it could become a movie.

So if you are debating whether or not to join us because you are not sure there will be a show, I assure you, whether live or videotaped, the show will go on!

Get in touch with Theater Workshop and become a member! Email Vicky Portsmouth at this address: vickyportsmouth@hotmail.com or Lori Gerstein at lgcounselor@gmail.com.

By phone, contact Vicky Portsmouth at 727-726-1848.

Stay tuned. Stay safe. We will see you soon!

Please check our Box Office webpage (otowboxoffice.com) for more information on Theater Workshop and our plans.

# Jesters hold first meeting of the season and share plans with all members

By Evelyn Flam

The Jesters first meeting of the season was very productive.

The Jesters' Board of Evelyn Flam, Paige Johnson, Lillian Foy, Lyn Taecker and Claire Farrell met prior to October's general membership meeting and, amongst other items, reviewed rehearsal dates for the upcoming February show.

Then, at the following membership meeting, Evelyn presented a verbal outline of the Jesters' February show, "On Broadway: The Music of Stephen Sondheim and Carole King."

During that meeting, the board responded to members' questions about the new show and explained how they could get a video of last year's show, "BAM! A Tribute to Boomer-Age Music."

The board was pleasantly surprised



when one member asked a question that had nothing to do with the actual show. The question asked if the costumed Jesters could return to help greet our audience



Back in 2017, two Jesters made an appearance in the actual show.

at the door as they used to for many years.

The suggestion was welcomed and will be given serious consideration.

Also being considered is welcoming

an on-stage band, something that was planned for last year's show, but unfortunately didn't fit into our outdoor filming schedule.

The Jesters hope you will attend our Oct. 13 Membership Meeting at the West Activity Center at 7:30 p.m. and become part of the fun. Dues are only \$5 a year.

If you have ideas, can sing, dance, tell a joke, play a musical instrument, or help behind the scenes, (help sew costumes, sell tickets, etc.) you are invited to join the Jesters and have the time of your life.

I will, as usual, leave you with one groaner . . . "What do you call two Broadway shows going out for dinner?"

Answer . . . "A Play Date!"

For more information on our club, contact your nearest Jester, or call us at 727-797-1761 or 609-489-1400.

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Meets 10-11 a.m. Thursdays in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

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**Sing a solo or duet.**

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**You sing. We'll provide the music and words!**



# Writer's Workshop back to Nov. 4 original date

As reporters for your On Top of the World newspaper, you are obligated to print correct information on the first attempt each month.

Well ... OK.

Sometimes there's a problem.

Originally the Press Association's Writers Workshop was scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 4 in the East Activity Center auditorium.

But that date had to be changed due to a scheduling conflict.

Now the Press Association is notifying all staff there is a conflict with our new date, so we are back to Nov. 4 again.

Sorry!

But please take note.

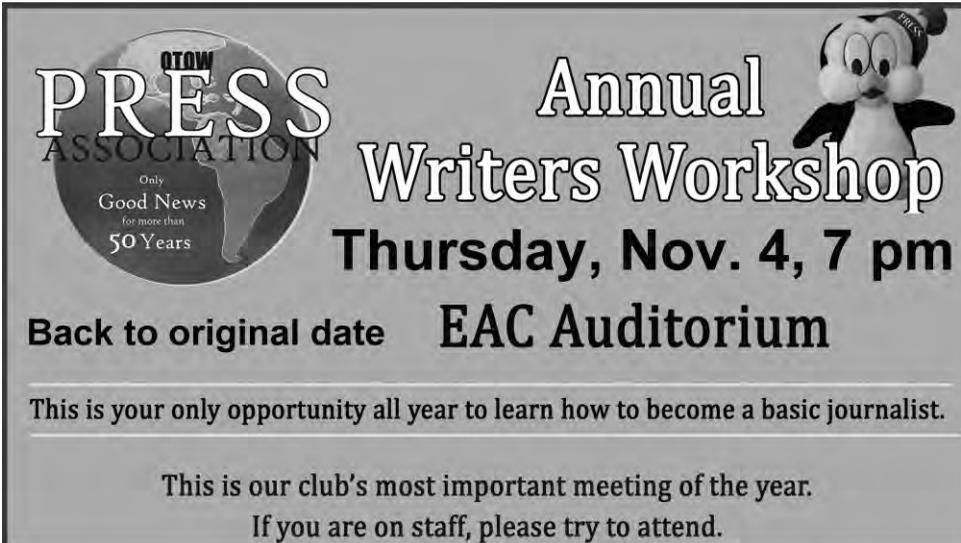
This is our club's most important meeting of the year. It is the only time our editor, Doug Kates, teaches us how to be basic journalists.

The Nov. 4 workshop will begin at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. No food or beverages. You cannot bring friends or family members. This event is for staff only and we are only allowed 50 people.

Why is this meeting so important?

Journalism is not writing a novel and is certainly not the same as sending someone an email or a text message.

Journalism is simple writing, which includes short paragraphs, short stories using proper English and not using symbols to replace words.



**Annual Writers Workshop**  
**Thursday, Nov. 4, 7 pm**  
**Back to original date EAC Auditorium**

**This is your only opportunity all year to learn how to become a basic journalist.**

**This is our club's most important meeting of the year.**  
**If you are on staff, please try to attend.**

We don't use fancy words or technical words most people won't understand.

We are writing for 100 percent of our community residents. Everyone here needs to be able to follow your story.

Doug will go over basic journalism.

The Press Association has its own guidelines, too. We do not write negative stories, bash other clubs, or report on events outside our community unless there is a local connection.

Then there are bad habits. Sometimes we forget about what our third grade teacher taught us in English class. Doug will calmly remind us.

For example, do you remember when

your elementary school English teacher taught you which words get uppercase?

Things like people's names, cities, states, countries, team names, certain dog breeds, etc., get uppercased.

Somewhere along the line of becoming retired, people began thinking the word "free" was a proper word.

Well, Doug will be here to tell us that "FREE" should never be uppercase in mid-sentence and all four letters are never ever uppercase in a sentence.

In fact, there are only a handful of words that are spelled in uppercase letters. One being "OK."

Free is not one of them.

Doug is also going to teach us about Press Association Policy No. 101 - never start your story by talking about the weather.

Please, don't.

There are normally 50-60 stories in each edition of our newspaper. Can you imagine if 50 stories all started out mentioning how wonderful our Florida weather is each fall?

It would be super annoying.

We don't do it.

Reporters only get 300-400 words per story. Please do not lead off by telling us something everyone already knows. Weather reports will be removed from your event.

Plus, you may write your November story in October on a beautiful day, but by the time the November newspaper comes out, it could be cold and nasty.

Doug will talk to the staff about much more and answer all your questions, too.

The Writers Workshop is a must for new reporters, whether you write for your club, your group, your building or your sports league. It is also a good class for staff who are veterans at OTOW News. It's always good to remind yourself how we do things here.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 2, noon, in the EAC auditorium. This will be one hour before our normal meeting time.

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# Communities where people do things together are also safer together

By Dave Beaven

Do you feel safe?

A simple measure of that would be: do you feel secure both inside and outside your own home?

You can take measures like keeping your home and car locked up. You can install security cameras, smoke alarms and fire extinguishers around your home.

Purchasing homeowner's insurance is another way to protect your property.

But what about outside your own home - the surrounding neighborhood?

It's important to consider where your home is located. The other homes and neighbors around you have a part to play



in you feeling safe.

Here are a few things to consider and how they come into play in our On Top of the World community:

(1) Are the homes in your area well maintained? An area that is kept up means that the residents do care about their community. Bad guys look for neighborhoods that are neglected - where people don't care. We are fortunate that landscaping and building maintenance issues are handled ably by our Condo Association.

(2) Do you have caring neighbors? We live in multi-unit buildings here. And since it's a retirement community, there are people around throughout the day. It is to everyone's advantage that we get to know our neighbors so we can all keep tabs on each other's condos in case of any problems. Many buildings have occasional

get-togethers to help introduce people.

(3) Are there social activities in the community? Again, like knowing your close neighbors, participating in community activities makes for a stronger neighborhood that can work together in keeping the area safe. Here we have many clubs and groups that develop ties across the 90-plus buildings in OTOW. Our residents care about their community and each other.

Our Neighborhood Watch group in OTOW is committed to helping everyone in our community to lead their best life. To find out more, visit our webpage at: areawatch2020.blogspot.com.

# Writers Ink will send meeting updates by email

By Lori Gottshall

It seems these days we can't have a conversation or write something without having to mention the pandemic.

Everybody will breathe a sigh of relief when it is permanently in the rear-view mirror.

Then maybe our Writers Ink Club will have a real meeting.

As of the deadline for the September newspaper, Writers Ink was planning

a meeting in the East Activity Center. At that point, we thought herd immunity was just around the corner, but then that nasty Delta variant surge took the wind right out of our sails.

On the better-safe-than-sorry-side, our September start-up meeting was postponed.

Until everyone gets a booster shot, our club feels indoor meetings are just too risky for our immune-compromised

members. Future Zoom meetings are a consideration, but honestly, some of us are Zoomed-out and others of us don't Zoom at all.

Outdoors? The pavilion could have been available for a September meeting, but this is Florida! Some of us would have been dripping, rain or shine.

Writers Ink regrets anyone who attempted to attend our September meeting. We are determined to get back on track and are looking forward to October when outdoor weather will be more bearable.

Since plans are not finalized, anyone who is thinking of joining us should email: terry.m.babb@gmail.com to be put on the email list.

In the meantime, why not try your own hand at a different creative writing style - haiku.

You may have heard of this Japanese

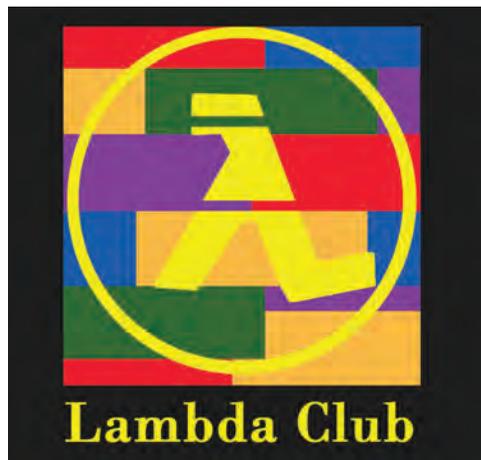
poetic form but might not know the rules. Every haiku has exactly 17 syllables distributed in three lines. There are five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third. It's a great format for fun or for deep emotions like joy or sorrow. There's not necessarily rhyming or punctuation or traditional sentence structure, but a nice cadence is valued.

A simple example:

**Try won't you this poem  
Contemplative exercise  
Might be your tea cup**

If you want to dig deeper, you can Google "tips for writing haiku." I'm sure it will be more fun than the evening news and maybe you'll be tempted to join our group.

# When life throws you a lemon, wear yellow shirts



By Bruce Lovett

Lambda is an organization that helps serve the social needs of On Top of the World's LGBT residents, and their neighbors and friends.

Since the club's inception more than 10 years ago, our mandate has always been comparable to that of this newspaper publication: to be positive.

Our club can best be compared to a glass half full. To quote a famous cliché "if life hands you a bunch of lemons - make lemonade."

Recently, our club got some lemons.

Our regular monthly social got rained out, but rather than admit defeat we waited for a gorgeous afternoon and threw together an impromptu picnic overlooking Old Tampa Bay.

Trust me, no group can throw together an event as quickly as Lambda.

As if by magic, we had hot dogs, two



Lambda members got together on short notice to enjoy an outing overlooking Old Tampa Bay.

Greek salads, and potato, macaroni and tuna salads. There was coleslaw, butter bean casserole and a platter from Publix.

The list goes on, including the piece de la resistance -- dessert. There were Hamantash pastries (a Jewish specialty that has to be tasted to be believed) and little individual ice cream cups.

And the lemonade-theme was certainly evident in the attire as well. Howard Harville and Bob Vallejo arrived with a few of their friends dressed in yellow to a very loud recording of singing canaries.

A fitting beginning to a fantastic time.

As for October's social, Lambda normally does a Halloween-themed party. It's always fun to see the different costumes people wear.

Actually, some people don't need a costume as they're scary enough. I may get punished for that remark, but President Dave Beaven made me print it.

This year's October social will be different because we'll be celebrating a wedding instead.

Dave married his partner, Jack Kilgen, in October of 2020 when things were basically shut down due to COVID-19. Their wedding was a small one - only 10 people in attendance.

This reporter wasn't even invited so he could not report on it. But Dave and Jack promised to hold a larger reception the following October (2021) when things were back to "normal" and vaccines were the norm. Is this back to normal?

So in an effort to turn last year's lemons into this year's lemonade, a wedding party will take place on Friday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. under the pavilion. Lambda members will finally get a chance to toast the happy couple. It's their one year anniversary (traditionally paper) and they are still going strong.

The party will include the usual wining and dining as befits a wedding celebration. There also will be a DJ. for dancing as we all wish them many happy years together in the future.

Should you desire further information about our club, go to our Web page [HTTP://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com).

You can also check us out on the OTOW Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)), or call Dave at (727) 410-7566.

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# Veterans Group barbeque set for Oct. 9

By Pamela Rosenblatt

The On Top of the World Veterans Group got together at John's Pass for a wonderful Dinner Cruise on the Calypso Breeze.

The night was filled with camaraderie and good spirits (the open bar assured that).

The buffet food was abundant and delicious. A wonderful dessert of German Chocolate Cake topped off the night.

For the brave at heart, there was dancing.

Stu Rosenblatt entertained the crowd with his 50-50 raffle hijinks and nearly everyone was a winner. Thank you, Stu, for putting together a fun-filled night out.

The fun is not over just yet. The Veterans Group is holding its annual October barbeque on Saturday, Oct. 9, between 1-5 p.m. at the East Activity Center Pavilion.

Stu will be our grillmaster and will be making some delicious hot dogs and hamburgers.

Dessert will be ice cream sold at 1970's prices.

After the barbeque you can enjoy playing corn hole, cooling off at the EAC pool or joining Stu in the West Activity



Center Billiards Room for some indoor fun.

How do you sign up for this fun-filled afternoon? Simply send an email to [otowveteransgroup@gmail.com](mailto:otowveteransgroup@gmail.com) with your interest in attending and we will add you to the list.

Payment in advance will ensure an accurate head count.

The cost for attending will be \$7 per person which will include a burger, hot dog, bag of chips and a bottle of water.

Hope to see you there!



On Top of the World veterans, spouses and friends took a trip on the Calypso Breeze together. There was food and dancing. (Photo by Richard Diamond)



## Texas Card Game first tournament set for Oct. 8

The On Top of the World Texas Card Game tournament club will host its first meeting and welcome members on Friday, Oct. 8 at 5 p.m. at the pavilion.

The first hour will be an introduction of what the club will be about and there will be a sign up sheet for members.

Other topics to be discussed will be the tournament format as well as the entry fees, rebuys and add-ons.

At approximately 5:45 p.m. we will begin our first tournament.

Masks are optional, but highly recommended.

Players are welcome to bring their own food and drink for the first tournament.

Dues will be discussed for future tournaments whereby the food will be included prior to tournament play.

For more information, please contact Joe DeChiaro at 732-710-0214 or send an email to [joegdechiaro@yahoo.com](mailto:joegdechiaro@yahoo.com).



These are some of the ladies who work out with the Ladies Exercise Group on weekday mornings. In the first row, from left to right are Norma Bastidas, Hope Tera and Joanne Wallend. In the second row are Annisa Dickey and Karen Beaver. On top are Patti Branch, Mina Osbourne and Ute Scheibe.

## Room for you at morning exercise class

Do you need a friendly, hard-working group of residents to work out with five days a week?

Try the Ladies Exercise Group.

The morning group meets weekday mornings in the East Activity Center exercise room. Class begins at 8 a.m. Masks are required when walking in and walking out, but not during the workout.

Each class is different.

On Mondays we start with a 10-minute warmup, including stretching and balance exercises, plus a 30-minute cardio workout and 10 minutes of free weights and a 5-minute cool down.

Tuesdays are fun! We have a cardio dance class with fun music.

Wednesdays start with a 30-minute aerobic exercise class, followed by 15 minutes of weights and 15 minutes of floor exercises. You must bring your own mat.

On Thursdays, class begins with a 30-minute warmup and low-impact cardio program. Then we do 30 minutes of floor exercises which focus on our core and abs.

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**Reservations being taken for Thanksgiving dinner night**

**Snowbirds Club line dancing starts up Oct. 20**

By Dale Stackhouse

It's October! That means cooler temperatures, fall decorations, Halloween, as well as the return of the Snowbirds Club Line Dancing!

Ed and Dolly Foland started the Snowbirds Club in 2009 and this will be their 13th year as co-presidents.

The last time we danced in the East Activity Center Auditorium was in March

2020. Some members joined a Zoom dance group, set up by Ed and Dolly Foland, with the assistance of some volunteers. For several months we signed into Zoom, had a chance to chat with fellow dancers, then were led by Dolly through a number of fun line dances.

Now, at long last, we will be returning to in-person dancing in the auditorium, starting on Wednesday, Oct. 20.

If you have ever said that you couldn't learn to line dance because you have two left feet, Ed's class is for you. In fact, he starts every class by saying, "My name is Ed. I have two left feet and I don't hear the beat."

And yet, the evidence is clear ... before too long there are a whole bunch of people having fun, and yes ... line dancing!

Ed starts his Wednesday 8:30-9 a.m. class with easy dances and no turns. From 9-9:30, some easy dances with turns are introduced. There are always helpers on all sides of the room that you can watch when you turn.

You can request a copy of Ed's booklet, outlining his 12-step program, to practice at home. Email him at [endfoland@aol.com](mailto:endfoland@aol.com) or call 727-417-3272.

At 9:30, Ed relinquishes the floor to Dancin' Dolly, who has been teaching line dancing for 22 years - 12 at On Top of the World. More experienced dancers learn and practice new, easy and fun line dances.

Many of Ed's students like to stay and apply the skills they have learned.

From 10:30-11:30, dances that are more challenging are taught to advanced dancers.

So, as you can see, there is something for everyone. Oh, and may I add, it is a



great place to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones.

The Snowbirds Club offers some other forms of entertainment as well. We have made group reservations at Fletchers Early Bird Dinner Theater in Clearwater, Just For Laughs Dinner Theater in Largo, Adults at Leisure series at Ruth Eckerd Hall, and horse races at Tampa Bay Downs.

We are now accepting reservations by email for Thanksgiving Dinner at Fletchers on Thursday, Nov. 25, as well as a buffet lunch and horse races at Tampa Bay Downs on Wednesday, Dec 8.

Contact Ed Foland at [endfoland@aol.com](mailto:endfoland@aol.com) or 727-417-3272.



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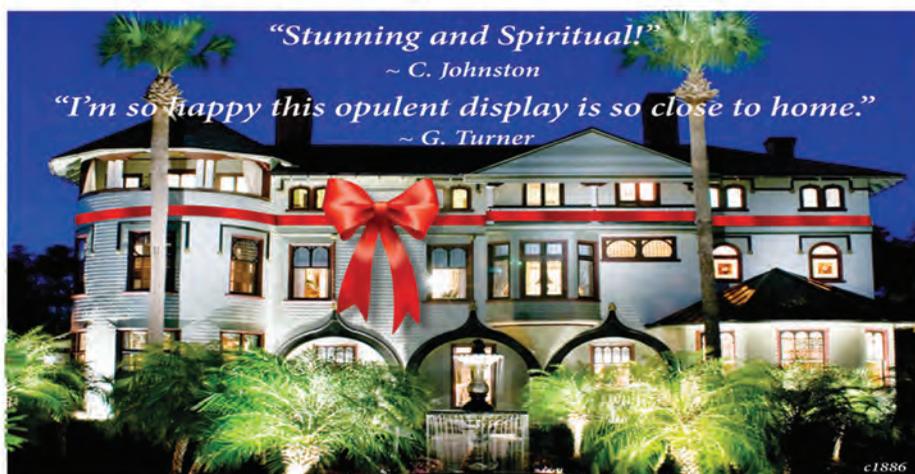
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# Republican Club members take an election class

By Mary Jane Lofton

The 2021 elections are not far away.  
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 Are you registered to vote?  
 Is your address correct on your voter registration card?  
 Have you recently moved to your present address?  
 Do you have a photo I.D. issued in the state Florida?  
 Do you want to change your party affiliation?  
 Do you need to update your I.D. card?  
 Did you know that Florida has closed primaries?



this class are now qualified to register others - Republican, Democrats and "independents."

If you have questions, and especially if you are a new resident of On Top of the World, give us a call at 828-508-7806 or 678-414-5300. We would love to hear from you.

Better yet, join us at our next meeting on Oct. 12 at the East Activity Center Auditorium. The doors will open at 6 p.m. for signing in and socializing. The meeting begins at 7 p.m..

We hope to see you there.

The Third Friday Street Festival in Safety Harbor has become a popular event for our club. Our red tent will be there again on Friday, Oct. 15. You cannot



Republican Party of Florida Regional Field Director Cherie Dunham answers a lot of questions during a class at the Ronald Reagan Republican Club meeting in September. She prepared residents for the upcoming election.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Did you know that if you are registered as an independent voter, or "No Party Affiliation," you may vote in the final elections (November 2022) for anyone on the ballot, however, you may not vote in the primary election when party candidates are selected.

Such a lot of questions!

At the Ronald Reagan Republican Club meeting on Sept. 14, members learned the answers to these and other questions.

Our speaker, Cherie Dunham, Republican Party of Florida regional field director, gave an excellent class on voter registrations.

Club members who participated in

miss us.

Festivities start at 6 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. We need lots of help from club

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## Youthful memories



When some of you read the OTOW News softball report, you find out who hit the home runs from last month. For On Top of the World resident, Al Palumbo (left), reading the monthly softball and summer stickball report brings back memories of a childhood filled with hits, running bases and playing with friends. Al used to play stickball with other OTOW residents, but has long since retired. In September, however, he wanted to say thank you for keeping softball, stickball and memories of youthful days in the newspaper. Al presented OTOW News softball reporter Bob Rittner (green hat) with a puzzle plaque entitled "The Bottom of the Sixth" by Norman Rockwell. Al embellished the puzzle's frame with a softball bat, a stickball bat, a softball, a baseball, a stickball and even a rubber ball to truly capture the memories of days gone by. Bob said he was honored to receive such a plaque. The secret presentation took place in Clearwater where OTOW residents play stickball in the summer. Bob has now been the OTOW News softball reporter for more than seven years and combines his game stories with a little baseball history. He also organizes stickball in the summer so full-time residents can continue to swing a bat in the off-season. Al is also very considerate. In addition to the plaque, he has been known to help residents when they are in need of assistance.

(Photo by Mary Lou Wall)

# Somehow, you have to figure out how to see Mount Rushmore one time in person

By David Berman

During the early part of June, Janice Berman and I, along with Dick and Terri Mikszenas, went on a bus tour of National Parks and Monuments in the west.

We traveled through Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and South Dakota.

We visited three towns that stand out to me for different unique reasons. They are Scottsdale and Sedona, Ariz., and Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Scottsdale, a desert city in Arizona, features a tourist neighborhood called the Old Town. Here shoppers can browse for hours in shops that feature handmade Indian jewelry.

The people we met were very friendly. Most shop owners were second or third generation and had learned their craft from their fathers.

Guess the fact that they were born there explains why they didn't think temperatures in the high 90s were hot. They told us to come back in the summer to experience real heat.

Sedona, another beautiful desert town, is surrounded by steep canyon walls and pine forest. This town is noted for its milder climate plus a vibrant arts community.

Tourists can really enjoy themselves by getting lost in the new age shops, art



galleries and, again, Indian jewelry stores.

We purchased a rock that gives off calming energy. If you place it in your hand and grip it gently, it will begin to vibrate. Very cool!

Jackson Hole is a fun town that features outdoor theatre in the streets. It's not uncommon to see Doc Holiday or Wyatt Earp performing as they lived in the old west.

Also featured is the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar. Upon entering this restaurant, you see three very long bars with a unique feature. Instead of bar stools for seats, there is a long row of western saddles. The bar top is embedded with silver dollars.

What a great experience!

I looked at all the available saddles and chose one I hoped would be comfortable and not give me saddle sores. I started



At this Wyoming bar, everyone sits in a saddle.

talking to the guy on my right and learned we were from the same town in Rhode Island. This led to catching up on news from home. Even though this happens quite often, I am always surprised and delighted to find a fellow New Englander.

The last thing I wish to talk about is the great sculptures of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills region of South Dakota.

This site was completed in 1941 under the direction of sculptor Gutzon Borglum and his son, Lincoln.

The 60-foot-high granite faces depict United States presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.

These presidents were chosen to "Commemorate the founding, growth, preservation and development of the United States of America."

The Federal Government paid most of the \$1 million cost with the remainder coming from private donations. It took 14

years to complete.

The feeling of pride one gets looking at this magnificent structure is overwhelming. You can't help but feel you are standing in the presence of one of man's greatest achievements. If you have been there, you understand my awe. If not, put it on your bucket list!

Closer to home, I am pleased to report that for the first time ever, the On Top of the World Travel Club held ticket sales and registration outdoors in September at the pavilion.

More than 50 residents stopped by to sign up and request more information.

The Travel Club holiday party is coming up on Dec. 9 (see ad on left) and club members will continue to sell party tickets at the pavilion on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. until we sell out.

I am happy to report that sales have been brisk. It has been nice to see the enthusiasm of our members!

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Tickets will be sold to OTOW Travel Club members only.

Each member is allowed one guest.

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Please wear holiday attire to the event.

Questions? Call Dave at 508-951-3927

## Irish Club moves pizza party outdoors

The Irish Club will be hosting a pizza party and recruiting new members on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 5 p.m. at the East Activity Center Pavilion.

Originally, the plan was to be indoors, but food and beverages are still not permitted indoors. So, the event has been moved to the pavilion - same day, same time.

Tickets for the pizza party must be purchased in advance. They are on sale every Monday in October from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the pavilion.



**Irish Club**

# Moving 'n Grooving Club sets Oct. 1 for 'kickoff party' to register new members

By Margaret LeTourneau

In football, kickoff means to start a new game.

In line dancing, kickoff means it's time for you to sign up and start having some fun!

Moving 'n Grooving's kickoff membership drive will start on Friday, Oct. 1, with a welcome back party for members from 6-8 p.m. at the East Activity Center Pavilion.

There will be music, line dancing and cardio dancing offered at the pavilion, along with great food and beverages. The rain date is Oct. 2.

The Moving 'n Grooving Club is unique because it offers a wide variety of line dance classes, as well as a variety of cardio dances.

Margaret LeTourneau teaches line dancing. Hope Tera teaches cardio dance. Between Margaret and Hope, the combined number of classes offered each week is very impressive!

Margaret offers fun and exciting line dance classes for all abilities. Her passion is to offer friendly and comfortable levels of classes that meet the desires of all students.

Her level one class is called "Easy Beginners" and this is where a majority of her line dance students start learning basic 30-line dance steps. This is the perfect way to build one's knowledge and confidence.

Level two Beginner Classes are the most important classes. Once students have learned the basics, they move on to four-wall dances. ("Four-wall" means you rotate during a dance, facing all four walls in the room). The steps you learn in basic class are put to use in Beginner Classes.

Level three is the Advanced Beginners class, which will introduce faster and more complicated dances. Some dances will have restarts and tags, as well as additional steps not taught in the Beginner Classes.

The first three levels of classes provide students with hundreds of fun dances and exciting routines to learn. Most stu-

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To register, sign up before any class listed.

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dents will love the level 1, level 2 and level 3 classes because they present a casual and relaxed way to line dance.

Margaret also offers an experienced level of line dancing that teaches far more complicated steps and challenging dances.

This level is primarily for serious students who have been dancing for years. They are familiar with countless routines and dance patterns. They can easily learn a complicated dance routine that incorporates multiple body spins and turns, as well as flicks, splits, hooks and heel twists ... all at a rapid syncopated speed.

Hope's energetic, entertaining and comical personality creates a fun and in-

spiring atmosphere. You cannot help but have a blast while getting a great workout.

If you would like to join the fun, and have all of these great dancing opportunities, we'd love to have you become a member of our Moving 'n Grooving Club. If you would like to register by email, please send a note to [movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com](mailto:movingandgroovingotow@gmail.com) or you can call Hope at 914-217-9206.

# BLACKOUT

Great news!

Starting October 7 and each Thursday, Blackout will return with games at the pavilion from 1-4 p.m., weather permitting.

Games will take place at the pavilion until the West Activity Center is open for our regular Thursday night games. Residents are welcome to attend and you may also bring a mask. Each week we play, we will also let you know about the playing status for the following week. We may run into an occasional scheduling conflict. Hope to see you there!



Watch for future announcements.



In August, the experienced-level class appeared live on OTOW-TV and on YouTube to a private audience. The broadcast gave OTOW a chance to work with its new television broadcasting equipment.



# Men's Golf Association is back on course

By Barney Hanrahan

It's been more than a year that we have gone without organized golf due to the historic coronavirus, but the Men's Golf Association is pleased to announce we have started up again and we are in full swing.

Effective every Wednesday morning, the league will be playing. Members are returning and we are beginning to look like a golf league again.

The Association played Wednesday Sept. 8 starting with the customary shot gun opening. This means all players are in groups of four starting at all 18 holes to avoid unnecessary crowding at hole one.

There were 28 golfers and we expect the number to increase as new members and existing members return.

It was fun to see all the golfers coming together to play as a group again. As you can expect, there is a special relationship among golfers striving to follow in the shadows of such luminaries as Bobby Jones, Arnold Palmer, Sam Snead and many more.

Before we get to the scoring of Wednesday's game, we think it is important to acknowledge two groups that make playing on the 18 and nine-hole possible.

First, there are the groundskeepers. Those are the men and women who arrive in the early hours to prepare the course. They trim, cut, mow and manicure the course to its perfection.

This group is managed by Golf Course General Manager Corby Ratcliff, and the Golf Course Superintendent Todd Six of Brightview. His crew is Kurt, Ronnie, Jim, Larry, Elise and Jim, plus the men operating the pro shop and marshaling: Jay, Will, Jimmy, Richard and Donnie.

This crew deserves our appreciation for maintaining both courses to a very high standard. Considering the rain in September, they have performed remarkably to put the course in playable condition. They are not just a working crew, but our team.

The second group we need to acknowledge is the OTOW Men's Golf Association officers.

For many of us new to the Association, we would like to introduce our officers. Officers are Jay Schwallie, president; Dave Cox, president elect; Lester Whynot, treasurer; Mark Schell, trustee, Dave Combs, trustee, and Joey Dowe, trustee.

These men manage, schedule, score, and arrange all the activities related to the OTOW Men's Golf Association and without their efforts there would not be Wednesday golf as we now know it.

We thank both groups for their commitment and service.

And finally, what the OTOW Men's Association is about. Scores.

### September 8 Flight A

First place was Mike Crittendon 62, second place Don Hill 69, third Place Lester Whynot 72, fourth place Nilson Sabadin 70.

### Flight B

First place was Marc Schell with a 78, second place Mike Schuyler 79, third place Ken Nield 86, fourth place Gerard Morrisette 88.

### Flight C

First place was Ed Fox 79, second place Harry Crawford 89, third place Jack Gow 86, fourth place Ronald Murray 88.

### Flight D

First place was Joe Ventimiglia with a 96, second place was Les Meneilly 105, and third place was John Fier 112.

We congratulate all the winners

We will bring you future golf scores for each Wednesday in future print.

In conclusion, in the movie "Bagger Vance," it was stated, "it is a game that can never be won only played." How profound that no matter what your score or handicap, we all strive to improve our game.

Good golfing.

## Mask pong



The On Top of the World Ping Pong Club is alive and well and new players are welcome to join on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pictured above are Terry and Phyllis Tetzlaff getting in a game. Our players have a lot of fun and laugh, too. Experienced players, as well as newcomers to the game, are welcome to join. We learn new skills each day. Ping pong is in the West Activity Center Belleair Room You can also just stop by and watch. Everyone wears a mask.

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# Opening morning is Oct. 5 and you can still register

By Gloria Sayer

Another year, another season for one of our favorite pastimes -- golf.

I am looking forward to the start of another On Top of The World Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association season and seeing all you wonderful ladies out on the links.

The first day of golf is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 7:45 a.m. League board members are asking condo owners to bring a check or cash in the amount of \$35 to pay for your yearly dues. Please bring your up-to-date OTOW Activity Card.

Renters with a valid activity card can also join the league, but must visit the West Activity Center each week to pay for their round. Their dues are also \$35.

Players are asked to arrive at least 20 minutes before teeing off. Everyone must sign in at the Green Shack. You may reg-

## Ladies 18 Golf

ister for a chip in tournament, a closest-to-the-pin tournament on No. 15. Both events are \$1.

The league also suggests that you sign up for the following week or even two weeks in advance.

Our October chairperson is Sherry Ivey. Please call Sherry at 727-797-8354 before Tuesday, Oct. 5, if you wish to golf that day.

If you wish to join the On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association, please call Becky West, membership chairperson, at 727-301-8854, to get started. New members must have an up-to-date OTOW Activity Card.

Our league is open to condo owners

and renters with \$35 dues.

After you join, please check the golf course bulletin board for upcoming event schedules, lists of winners and handicap updates.

Our tournament and handicap committee is Sharon Hackenmiller, Gloria Sayer and Becky West.

Thank you to Debbie Figaski, Donna Osborne and Sherry Ivey who will be working the tournament and handicap committee until Becky and Gloria return to Florida.

The On Top of the World Ladies 18-Hole Golf Association also wishes to thank Sherry Ivey for chairing the ladies summer league once again. Sherry has chaired the summer league for several years and it is so appreciated. Thank you Sherry!

The officers for the 2021-2022 golf

year at On Top of the World are President Sheila Meneilly; Vice President Karen Beaver; Secretary Suellen Dowe and Treasurer Verna Lundgren. All the officers are excited to get back to a "normal year" and to plan all the fun events we get to participate in as members of our association.

Our first big event is our Christmas Party to be held at the Countryside Country Club on Wednesday, Dec. 1, chaired by Verna Lundgren and Gloria Sayer. More information to be announced in the On Top of the World newspaper November issue and on the bulletin board at the golf course.

Please come join us for a fun game of golf, and camaraderie to rekindle our old friendships and new friendships. I, for one, cannot wait to get back to normal. How about you? Please stay healthy and safe.

**Press Association  
Writer's Workshop  
7 pm, Thursday, Nov. 4  
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## Fourth hole-in-one

Congratulations goes out to Don Leamy for a hole-in-one on Sept. 11. Playing from the blue tees, Don aced the 160-yard, par 3, ninth hole using a 5-wood. It was Don's fourth ace in his golfing career. The great shot was witnessed by playing partners Harry Crawford and Mike Crittendon.

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Sundays	9 am - 12 pm



Starting Sept. 21 for the winter season.  
Newcomers welcome. Must have a valid Activity Card.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TAI CHI / SHORT FORM</b> (New class)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesdays, 2:15-3:00 pm EAC Exercise Room</p> <p>Ruth is a certified grand master and has been teaching at OTOW for 20 years.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE PERFECT EXERCISE</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">All classes improve balance, strength and flexibility.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>QIGONG</b> Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 3:15-4:00 pm EAC Exercise Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHAIR TAI CHI</b> (New class)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00-9:45 am WAC Belleair Room</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">See calendar on page 10 for Ruth's classes. All classes are \$2.</p>
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# OTOW softball returns Oct. 14 with a preseason introduction meeting on Oct. 5

By Bob Rittner

Softball is back!

Starting on Oct. 14, the On Top of the World softball season will get started again in Safety Harbor at 8 a.m.

All interested people are welcome to join us and we allow two games before asking you to decide if you want to commit the \$50 fee to join the league.

Our season will last until April 14, 2022, with games every Tuesday and Thursday, except for Thanksgiving day.

There is a preseason meeting at the East Activity Center Pavilion on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. where, after serving pizza and soda, we will introduce our league to new recruits and make plans for the coming season.

For information about our softball/stickball league, contact Bob Rittner at 729-7970 or visit us on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

So what did OTOW softball players do during the off-season?

Glad you asked.

Just as TV used to have summer replacement shows for established shows,

## Softball

On Top of the World softball has a summer replacement, too.

Remember when Glen Campbell filled in the summer slot for the Smothers Brothers?

About 10 years ago, summer stickball replaced OTOW softball in the off-season.

And as happened with Glen Campbell, who got a regular show after that, stickball has proven to be so popular it has also become year round.

A decade ago, a few On Top of the World full-year residents organized the first stickball games in an abandoned K-Mart parking lot on Gulf to Bay. At first, there were just six players, but word spread and before long more than 30 people joined at various times.

Stickball is a creative variation of baseball, dreamed up by children who

lacked adequate equipment, fields or faced other impediments.

The rules are slightly altered, but it's still a game.

As children we used pink or "spalden" balls. Today we use tennis balls.

The bats are simply broomsticks or equivalent wooden implements, although apparently you can now buy "official" stickball bats for about \$30.

There is nothing official about stickball, however.

Basically, stickball takes one of two forms, each with its own variations.

The street game has a pitcher throw a bounced pitch to a batter who, once he hits the ball, runs bases which can be telephone poles, manhole covers, trees, parked cars or whatever is available in the street that day. Sometimes, in place of a pitcher, the batter will toss the ball in the air and hit it, or even bounce the ball in front of him and then hit it.

The school yard version of stickball, which we play, chalks or tapes a box to represent a strike zone on a wall, and a pitcher acts exactly as a regular baseball

pitcher does, trying to get strikeouts or catchable balls rather than hits or walks by his skill.

Our strike zone is very large to avoid excessive walks. We do not run bases but determine the nature of hits - singles, doubles, triples and home runs - with distance markers.

Since our initial games, OTOW residents have moved to a field on Montclair Avenue, where there is a small park with a handball court and basketball court that provide both our wall and enough room to play the game.

In September we were back to six players as so many had left for northern climates. When we get even fewer, rather than play a typical game, we did a round-robin format in which each player faces each other in turn as batter and pitcher.

Again, changed circumstances require inventive adaptations.

We now play stickball all year. Friday mornings we get together at 8 a.m. There is no charge to play and the "league" provides all the equipment.

## Ladies

# 9-hole golf starts on Oct. 5

By Nancy Schifferle

The Nine-Hole Ladies Golf League is excited to announce that play will return on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

The best part will be the sheer pleasure of gathering together again.

We hope all league members will have a healthy and rewarding season.

Current members should arrive at the nine-hole course by 8:30 a.m. As soon as four players are there, they will be allowed to start. We will be using handicaps as of March 2020 until new handicaps can be established.

Also in October, we will have our first meeting of the season (date to be announced).

Anyone wishing to join our league, or to obtain more information about us, should stop by the "Little House" on the nine-hole course any Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. and ask for President Carroll Harris.

# Tennis Club members give golf a try and celebrate Italian-style

The On Top of the World Tennis Club ended the summer with an August golf outing and an early dinner at Cafe Alfresco in Dunedin.

Four members showed up to play golf in the summer heat: Bruce McMasters, Joe DeChiaro, Jane Collins and Charles Kovariku.

Two additional members joined us for dinner, Dave and Janice Berman, and we all enjoyed an Italian meal.

The Tennis Club has played every morning for the past eight months and has maintained a safe, enjoyable and friendly atmosphere.

The social activities each month exhibit a camaraderie among all members.

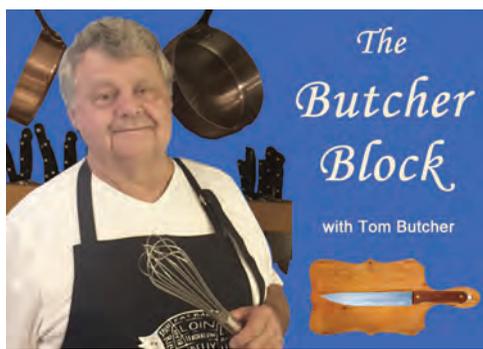
As the summer comes to an end, we will begin planning our November business meeting. All new members are welcome to attend as well as start playing tennis in the morning.

Club play begins at 7:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday.



The OTOW Tennis Club held a special golf tournament just for the fun of it. Braving the heat, from left to right, are Bruce McMasters, Joe DeChiaro, Jane Collins and Charles Kovariku.

# It's Oktoberfest - so let's make our own beer!



First, a little info about Oktoberfest. The annual Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany, is the largest Volksfest (beer festival and traveling funfair) in the world.

It is a 16 to 18 day folk festival running from mid- or late-September to the first Sunday in October, with more than 6 million people from around the world attending the event every year.

Locally, it is called d'Wiesn, after the colloquial name for the fairgrounds, Theresienwiese.

Oktoberfest is an important part of Bavarian culture, having been held since the year 1810. The festival originated on Oct. 12, 1810, in celebration of the marriage of the Crown Prince of Bavaria, who later became King Louis I, to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen.

The festival concluded five days later with a horse race held in an open area that came to be called Theresienwiese (Therese's green).

The following year, the race was combined with a state agricultural fair, and booths serving food and drink were introduced.

By the 20th Century, the booths had developed into large beer halls made of plywood with interior balconies and bandstands. Each of the Munich brewers erects a temporary structure with seating capacities of 6,000 people or more.

The mayor of Munich taps the first keg to open the festival.

Other cities across the world also hold Oktoberfest celebrations that are modeled after the original Munich event.

During all varieties of the event, large quantities of Oktoberfest beer are consumed. During the 16-day festival, for example, 7.7 million liters (66,000 US barrels; 1,700,000 imperial gallons) are served.

Visitors also enjoy numerous attractions, such as amusement park rides, side stalls and games. There is also a wide variety of traditional food available, such as roasted chicken, Schweinebraten (roasted pork), Schweinshaxe (roasted ham hock), Steckerlfisch (grilled fish on a stick), Wurstl (sausages), Brezen (pretzels), Knodel (potato dumplings) and Reiberdatschi (potato pancakes).

Now ... let's make our own home brew.

First, there are some initial one-time startup purchases.

In about 14 days, you can make enough homemade beer for your own Oktoberfest party.

A beer-making kit has all of the equipment you will need to make two cases of your own beer, including instructions. It also includes bottle caps and a device to use to cap your bottles. The kits start at \$85.

Two dozen 12 ounce beer bottles cost \$35 (you can reuse beer bottles you have from drinking local beer as long as they aren't twist off).

So the startup cost will be about \$120, plus the cost of a five-gallon stock pot you will need to buy separately.

Beer making ingredients (hops, yeast, etc.) cost from \$30-\$50. So the total first time cost would be around \$150-\$170. After that, the cost of making your own beer will be just that of the ingredients.

So you might ask, is it cheaper to make your own beer or go to your local brew pub and buy a glass of craft beer.

My experience is that a 16-oz. glass of craft beer at a brewpub will cost from \$5 to \$8. That total cost for a case (576 ounces) would be at least \$180. If you make your own beer, two cases would be between \$30 to \$50 after the initial outlay for equipment.

I found a place in Pinellas Park called Beer and Wine Makers Pantry, 9200 66th Street North, that has everything you need to brew beer. They also hold beer and wine making classes.

The lady I spoke to was very helpful. They have many active carboys of beer

and wine in the making for customers. They have been at this location for more than 15 years and are very knowledgeable.

Now let's make some beer.

Oh wait. I already said that.

## GERMAN ALTBIER NO. 1

### Ingredients (for 5 gallons)

- 7 pounds Amber Malt Extract
- 1/2 pound Crystal Malt, 20L
- 1/2 pound Munich Malt
- 2 ounces Tettnanger (Bittering Hops)
- 1 teaspoon Irish Moss

### Yeast

- First Choice - Wyeast
- Second Choice - Cooper's
- 1 cup dextrose for priming
- 1 grain/hop bag

Place grain (cracked) into a hop bag and place hop bag into stock pot filled with 1 1/2 gallons of cold water. Heat water to 170 degrees.

Turn off heat, cover and allow grain to steep for 30 minutes.

Remove the grain bag. Stir in Amber malt and return to stove. Bring to a boil.

After the boil settles down, add in the bittering hops and boil for 60 minutes. During the last 15 minutes of the boil, add the Irish Moss.

Cool the pot (wort) in a sink of water and ice cubes to cool off.

Transfer to a fermenter bucket, and top off with water to bring it up to five gallons.

After the wort has cooled to 85 degrees or less, add the yeast.

Note: If using the Wyeast, you must pop the bubble in the package 2-3 days prior to brewing to allow it to expand.

After 10 to 14 days, transfer to a priming bucket, add 1 cup dextrose, stir and bottle.

After bottling, let the beer rest for one week before you drink it.

This beer-making kit makes 48 bottles and cost \$30.

Remember, if you would go to your local brewpub your cost would be in the neighborhood of \$200.

This is a very economical way to enjoy beer and start a great hobby.

When I used to live in Missouri, I made my own beer and I enjoyed a lot of it on my front porch with the neighbors.

Prost!

### Beer Fun Fact

Benedictine Monastery Monks in Germany started making a beer called Weihenstephaner in 1040. It is the oldest still-working brewery today. You can find it at Total Wines and More.

Past versions of The Butcher Block and Science of Cooking can be found on the Box Office.

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# Plant-Based Burgers

## Ingredients

- 2 (14 oz.) cans black beans, rinsed, drained
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3/4 cup finely chopped bell pepper
- 1 cup finely chopped yellow onion
- 1 tablespoon garlic cloves, minced
- 2 large eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon barbeque sauce
- 1 tablespoon mayo
- pinch salt and pepper
- 1/2 cup seasoned Panko bread crumbs

## Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees fahrenheit. Spread beans on lined baking sheet. Use two sheets to avoid crowding. Bake for 15 minutes. Cool.

2. Sauté peppers, onion and garlic until soft - about 5-6 minutes. Place in large bowl.

3. Beat eggs. Add eggs and all items except beans. Stir.

4. Mash most of black beans with a fork/mallet or pulse using a food processor. Add to bowl along with remaining intact beans. Thoroughly stir.

5. Form into patties – about 1/2 cup of mixture each and place on parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees fahrenheit for 10 minutes on each side, 20 minutes total.

Yields: Six burgers

Store leftovers in the refrigerator for up to 5 days. If desired, at step No. 5, freeze for future use.

## Disclaimer

This column is not intended to provide medical advice. The reader should consult a physician for medical advice.

Plant-based burgers aren't new. They typically contain vegetables, whole grains, and/or bean base - black beans, kidney beans or chickpeas.

This recipe for homemade black bean burgers is incredible with a dense, meaty texture and pleasing taste.

This is a healthy non-meat option. Its estimated cost is 55 cents.

The secret is to avoid mushy black beans by partially drying the beans in the oven. The other secret is to avoid high heat when cooking them.

## The Science

Let's examine the relatively new plant-based Impossible Burger™ from Burger King®.

The Impossible Burger was introduced two years ago and is also sold in 12-ounce packages in selected grocery stores.

Vegetarians and vegans are not the customer target. Meat eaters are.

In theory, some prefer the Impossible Burger because they believe it is better for the environment. Beef cattle require considerable land and water resources. Some scientists believe methane gas from cattle increases greenhouse emissions and, thus, environmental proponents of the Green New Deal seek to curtail beef consumption.

Yet, other scientists contend cattle account for only two percent of direct emissions in the U.S.

Plus, better breeding, genetics and nutrition have increased the efficiency of livestock production in the U.S. We now feed more people with fewer cattle. (i)

According to Bloomberg, the COVID-19 lockdown created a 264 percent jump in sales for the faux-meat category, likely due in part to people stocking up before quarantine, as well as shortages of meats like beef.

Yet, plant-based meat accounts for less than 1 percent of the meat market at the moment. (ii)

Ironically, dominant U.S. meat processors are directing a portion of their profits to the development and promotion of plant-based meat alternatives.

As beef processing plants reopened in 2021, production was constrained due to revised operations related to COVID-19 and closure of one major meat processing center due to a fire. (iii)

Four meat processors dominate 85 percent of the U.S. beef market. They reaped record profits in 2021 as COVID 19 restrictions eased.

Meanwhile, cattle ranchers are hurting due to lower cattle auction prices and a backlog of about 600,000 cattle that need to be slaughtered, per the USDA. (iv)

Consumers saw record spikes in beef prices beginning in May 2021. Yet, demand remains constant and beef exports are strong.

As of early 2021, a beef Whopper is \$7.29 versus an Impossible Burger at \$8.69 (nationwide). (v)

In July 2021, USDA announced \$500 million to expand meat and poultry processing capacity so that farmers, ranchers and consumers have more choices in the marketplace.

USDA also announced \$150 million for existing small processing facilities to help them weather COVID-19, compete in the marketplace and reach more customers.

USDA is also holding meatpackers accountable by developing plans to expand farmers' access to new markets. (vi)

All of this will require considerable time for the market to rebalance supply, production and profits.

## Health Value

The Impossible Burger has a meaty texture, chars up similarly to beef and is juicy.

But the Impossible Burger is a processed food which

generally has excessive sodium (370 milligrams). Its ingredient list contains few plants and plenty of soy, unhealthy oils and additives.

## Links

(i) [ucdavis.edu/](http://ucdavis.edu/)  
(ii) [forbes.com/](http://forbes.com/)

(iii) [kansascityfed.org/](http://kansascityfed.org/)  
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# BUILDING REPORTS



## OTOW's expert crafter of lovely wreaths: Connie Hillier

By Cecile Sangiamo

What do you do when the world stops spinning?

Connie Hillier and her husband, Rodger, were used to family trips to Illinois and New Mexico.

Then the pandemic hit.

Family trips were curtailed, and like all of us, our night lives changed. No more going to concerts, visiting different pubs and restaurants, and following local bands – some of their favorite forms of entertainment.

Through electronics, Connie and Rodger were able to keep in touch with their clans. Connie did puzzles with her son and devoted herself into becoming a “super cleaner!” With all her spare time, she took up emptying out and re-organizing all the closets.

Rodger took up cooking. He now has a specialty – baked spaghetti.

But one day Connie heard about a class someone was teaching inside their On Top of the World condo: Wreath making. She decided to attend the demonstration and then decided to try her hand at it.

Connie said her first attempt, or novice try, was OK. She made a Fourth of July wreath.

But she wanted to do better.

She went to a dollar store and bought a witches' frame and made a new wreath. It turned out so well, she brought pictures to her morning water aerobics class and said everyone admired the photos.

One lady said she simply had to have the wreath.

Connie has had so much fun taking up wreath-making, she now goes online to watch instructional videos. In fact, the top of the bed in her guest bedroom is now covered with handcrafted wreaths. Each is done in colors reflecting each season or dedicated to a holiday.

Connie says her daughter fears Mom is getting addicted.

Today, each one of Connie's wreaths uses about three or four rolls of ribbon to complete. She shares her new talent with friends and neighbors and is inventing her own new designs.

When life returns to normal at On Top of the World, Connie hopes to sell her wreaths at community festivals and give away wreaths for prizes – maybe when bingo restarts.

Connie and Rodger moved to On Top of the World six years ago. They joined the Baby Boomers Club and went to various outings with other residents. They also learned to play Blackout through the Canadian Club.



Corinthian Kapal resident Connie Hillier shows off one of the many wreaths she designed and created. She learned to make them during the pandemic as a way of keeping busy. (Photos by Cecile Sangiamo)



This is a wreath Connie designed and crafted to present to a bingo winner.



Left: A selection of Connie's wreaths on display. Right: A variety of ribbons she uses.

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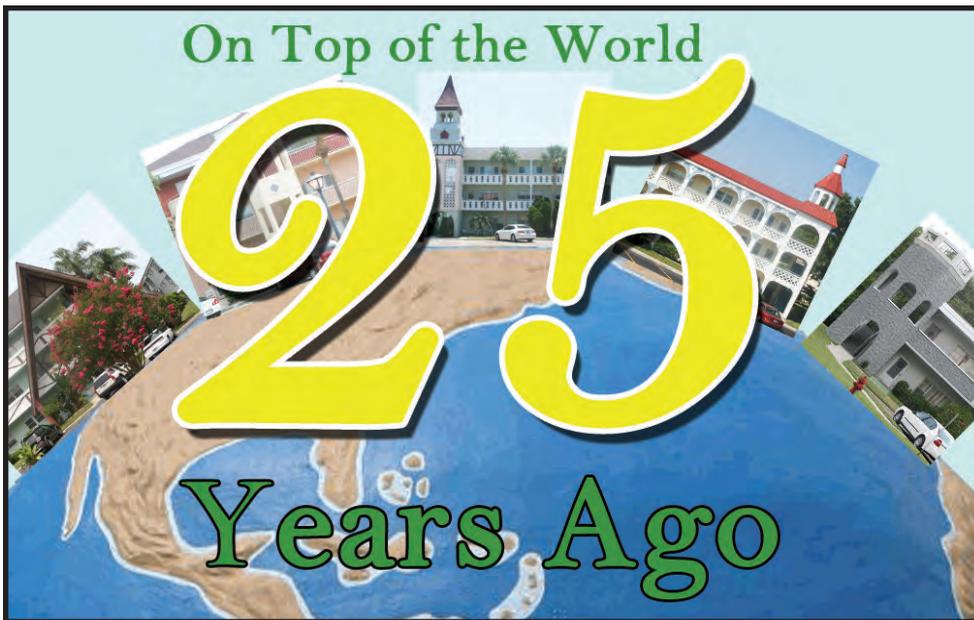
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October, 1996**

- **Nancy Davis' Notes:** Representatives from all On Top of the World organizations, groups and buildings are invited to the East Activity Center auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 3, 1996, at 9 a.m. for the Calendar Day meeting to obtain special dates for the 1997 calendar year. If you need special dates or need to change a date, you will need to attend.
- **Great Lakes Club:** Summer is over, and our fellow residents are returning daily. Now it's time to fill our calendar with all the tempting activities offered at OTOW. Foremost among these is an event you've been waiting for — Oktoberfest. If you're tempted by good food, drink, dancing and great entertainment, this is a celebration not to be missed. Date and time will be announced.
- **Married Women's Club:** I am sure all or most of our Northern friends are back and so we're off to a great start. Mark Oct. 18, 1996, on your calendar for our annual meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Card Room at the West Activity Center.
- **Putting Club:** The Putting Club will begin the season's putting on Oct. 6, 1996, at 4 p.m. We welcome back our friends and hope to see them soon. I saw a bumper sticker the other day. It read, "If you think my driving is bad, you should see me putt." Come and bring a friend. Good putting will reduce your score by five strokes.
- **Softball League:** The OTOW "All Stars" Softball League is getting ready to suit up and get out on the field and play! Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1996, in the Sunshine Room, West Activity Center, at 7 p.m. A decision must be made as to where we will be playing our 1996-1997 games. This is an important meeting because we will need each player's shirt and hat size for our new uniforms. Look forward to seeing everyone there!
- **Old World Spanish:** A belated welcome to Joan Loughry. She has been with us since November of 1995. Joan moved here moved here from Washington, D.C., where she was employed by United Airlines for 35 years. A group of former UAL workers live in the area and have an active retiree club.



**Your pre-storm checklist**

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3. Get an ice chest. Stock up on one week's worth of water and food that won't spoil. Don't forget pet supplies, toilet paper, a battery-operated fan.
4. Refill medical prescriptions.
5. Go to an ATM or bank and get cash.
6. Fill your vehicle with gas.  
Get acquainted with OTOW's rules for using generators.
7. Recharge cell phone batteries and use only when necessary.
8. If you are evacuating, tell people where you are evacuating to and leave you contact information with different people.
9. Bring lawn furniture and outdoor decorations indoors.
10. Make sure you have a first-aid kit, including bandages and ointments.
11. Make sure important documents are safely stored.
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# Social Committee getting down to work for fall and winter

Fall is officially here, and even if we don't have turning leaves and chilly temperatures, we can celebrate. The Social Committee has been busy planning activities for our residents.

Speaking of the Social Committee, we would love to have more members. Right now there are six of us, including Arlene Mansfield, Robin Mansfield (building treasurer), Joni Benedetto, Bonnie Donnelly, Beth Thomas and yours truly. The more members we have, the more great ideas we can come up with.

Our next meeting is on Oct. 13 at 3 p.m. We'd love to see you and hear your ideas. We meet in the second floor north lobby, so bring your chair. Signs will be posted on both bulletin boards.

For October, we're planning a dinner



at a local restaurant on Oct. 22 or 23. Right now the choices are the Pierogi Grill, which specializes in eastern European fare (which you can read about on p. 39 of the September issue of this paper). The other

possibility is the Sunset Grill, with which we are all familiar. Both restaurants can accommodate a group of about 25 people. As soon as we finalize plans, sign-up sheets will be posted in both lobbies.

I know it's early to start talking about the holidays, but they really are just around the corner. The Social Committee is working on where to have our holiday dinner. Currently, we are planning to have it at Alfano's, in Largo, where the holiday dinner was held in 2018. We'll announce the details and post the information on the bulletin boards, as soon as the details are finalized. Local restaurants fill up fast; several we called are already booked up.

Now on another note, would the folks who left the furniture and instant pot in the north rubbish room, please remove

them and dispose of them properly? The items are in the way, and have been there for over a month; no one is going to take them or dispose of them.

For items such as these, there are several junk removal companies who'll come and get the items, or if they are in good shape and are in working order, you can donate them. Dumping bulk items like furniture, appliances, old carpeting, and construction debris is not only against the rules, it is a hazard and an inconvenience for other residents. Thanks in advance for taking care of this.

I'll leave you with this reminder. Please keep your eye on the bulletin boards — that's where we'll post signs and sign-up sheets for upcoming events.

## Let's meet some new neighbors in the Chetnik building



Hello fellow Chetniks, and a warm welcome to the newcomers in the building.

First, let's welcome two new ladies to the building on the Netherlands side.

They are Patty McKay and Chris Cronin. They are sisters and have been living together for 14 years. They are both nurses who have had great careers.

They hail from Maine, and have traveled back and forth from Maine to Florida for years.

Patty loves to play golf and cook. Patty and Chris both love to walk. You will see them out walking early nearly every morning.

They have a dog and a cat who keep them active.

Next let's welcome Mary Clark Ostrowski, also to the Netherlands side.

She was already a resident of On Top Of the World, and comes over from the West side.

Finally, let's all help Claire Bruyere welcome her sister to the Tahitian side of the building. Claire is delighted to have her close by.

As more people are getting out, the monthly luncheons have resumed. Some of the places recently visited were Chili's, The Cheesecake Factory, and First Watch. The highest attendance was 16 persons at The Cheesecake Factory.

More events are coming up, so watch the bulletin board.



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## Rila Renaissance news

First of all, welcome back everyone. Our building has had a large turnover in ownership this year. Please take the time to welcome our many new neighbors.

I am going to try to have a welcome get-together and will post information on the bulletin board. We will also bring back our monthly lunch outing and will post that as well.

Gerri Jaeger and Richard Maxwell (shown above) are not letting COVID stop their traveling. In August, they took the Rocky Mountaineer Train from Denver to Moab and then spent time in Arches National Park.

Richard celebrated his 83rd birthday cruising on AMA Waterways River Cruise from Basel, Switzerland to Nuremberg, Germany in September. It felt so good to get back out and enjoy life.

A reminder that our building needs a reporter for the monthly newspaper. If you are interested, please contact Gerri Jaeger. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and it's not a difficult job. We need you. Wishing you all health and happiness.

(Story and photo submitted by Gerri Jaeger)

# Building honors emergency responders



Our building honored and celebrated our 911 first responders, police and fire departments on Saturday, Sept. 11, by placing “We Remember 9-11” on the wall at our building’s core.

It has been 20 years since this terrible and life changing event occurred. I am sure most of us remember where we were and what we were doing when the attack took place on the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and Shanksville, Pa. This is something we will never forget.

God bless us all and God bless the USA!



Banner and slogan was placed on building wall in remembrance of 9-11-2001.

## BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR COYOTES

In September, a report indicated coyotes may be back in our community.

Please remember these three simple tips:

- Feeding coyotes is illegal. Coyotes will lose their fear of humans if food is left out for them.
- Please secure all garbage cans. Clean up pet food left outdoors and pick up and dispose of any fallen fruit you may see.
- Keep pets in an enclosed area. Do not let your pets roam freely, unattended outdoors. Walk dogs on a short leash.
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## Happy birthday to two Mallorca long-timers

A few months ago I mentioned how long some of our building residents have lived here. Well, the two longest residents are also making records for themselves.

Ginger Currier just turned 99 in September. and Josie Marsiglio turned 98 in August. Next year we hope to really celebrate these two ladies. So watch for the party hats, fireworks and confetti and whatever else we can conjure up to celebrate such memorable years!

In the meantime, many of our residents have finished their summer travels. Dick and Terry Kuplen have been to Texas and New York. Vito Conforti has been back and forth to New Jersey and Daytona Beach Shores, Fla. Wendy Colquhoun has been on a cruise and a grand bus tour of the National Parks of the U.S.

The first seasonal residents have arrived. Veena and Liam Duffey who originally lived in Hawaii came to Florida last year. When they left last spring they followed the craft fair circuit from Tennessee onward to the east coast. Veena makes wonderful crafts here at home, including jewelry. We are happy to welcome them back.

Looking forward to more Snowbirds returning and to meeting any new residents of the building.



Many thanks to Dick Kuplen for helping clear out unwanted items from the garbage room. We must have gremlins who sneak in in the middle of the night as so much stuff piles up and we do not know who it belongs to.

Please treat this room as part of your home and **do not** put things in there that do not belong. A list is posted by the door of the no-nos. Please read it.

Some of us have stayed here and read and sweltered and watched TV so much that we can now recite the commercials for you or at least tell you the product!

Fall and Halloween are nearly here, and then onward to turkey day. Happy Halloween, and don't eat too much pumpkin pie!

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# Multi-generational surprise party for popular Granada resident

Last month, we celebrated a very special lady's birthday with an 85th birthday surprise party! It was for our very own Ms. Norma Anderson.

We gently encouraged her to let us take her to the place of celebration. Although she had her own ideas on how to spend that beautiful day, she finally arrived, very surprised and fun for all.

There were four generations of family and friends. Somehow, everyone kept the secret. What a party! The cake and party goodies were wonderful.

We will be holding our next luncheon on Monday Oct. 6, at the Cheesecake Factory located at the Countryside Mall. Bring your walking shoes. You will want to walk off those fabulous desserts!

As the heat diminishes, the activities resume. We have a very exciting group of residents just waiting to meet you. Join us every third Thursday for "Thursday



Thoughts and Cocktails on the Green." We meet near the core either on the Franciscan or Florentine side. BYOD and a chair.

Mr. Fun has been entertaining us with his jam sessions (weather permitting) in our very own backyard on Sundays at 6:30. Bring your instruments, chairs and your voice. Sing along and have some fun!



Granada resident Norma Anderson (center) delights at having a surprise birthday celebration thrown for her by friends and family.

# Ladies' activities to resume at Bohemia

After months of hibernation, the girls of our building reunited.

They ventured to St. Petersburg to the Fine Arts Museum specifically for the Antioch Reclaimed exhibition. These beautiful pavements and floors from the ancient city were in themselves worth the trip. Following in the vein of time-honored places, the girls lunched at the Vinoy Hotel, which in itself is rich in history.

The girl's Building Bunco has been resurrected. Unfortunately, the Clearwater Country Club has not opened its public rooms yet for play. Dauntless as they are, nothing was going to stop them. They have developed a rotation schedule where some will sit out each month so that others are able to safely meet and play in a condo.

September is the anniversary of the Women's Walking Group. The group began 12 years ago with a simple coffee and the input of eight women as they developed a format for the group. Over the years, the group number has fluctuated up and down



for various reasons, but the constant is that it carries on with three of the original eight still walking and three newer members. It would be impossible to calculate the number of miles these girls have traveled over the years.

One of the September dinners for the building was at the Safety Harbor Spa. The surroundings there are always tranquil and the service was impeccable. The group

also dined at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar. Its casual, easy atmosphere is fun and the food always tasty.

Labor Day, as in previous years, was our Pot Luck dinner. As we have found throughout the years, there is always an overabundance of delectable food, with everyone leaving sufficiently full. After dinner, riotous laughter could be heard when the White Elephant exchange began. One never knows what might be lurking in a beautifully gift-wrapped package.

We welcome to our building Jorge and Aida Maldonado. Jorge is originally from Puerto Rico and Aida from Honduras. They resided in New York and New Jersey before becoming On Top of the World residents. Jorge is a professional singer and has performed with various famous Latin orchestras. Aida worked in the child care area. They have two sons, one who resides in New York and the other in New Jersey. Welcome to you both — we are glad you're here!

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# Summer trips included adventures in Alaska and Texas

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She started in Alaska, fishing for the infamous red salmon, also called sockeye, in the famous Kenai River. She caught her limit, and if you are lucky, she may share some barbecued red salmon with you at a fall, winter or spring picnic event.

Frenchy then went to Austin, where she kayaked the Colorado River, home of North America’s largest urban bat population! The Mexican free-tailed bats leave the Congress Avenue Bridge daily at sunset.

Traveling next to New Braunfels, Texas, she enjoyed tubing the Comal River with thousands of other tubers on Labor Day weekend.

Friend Shayna Underwood had an unusual start to her wedding day with a 5K run for her guests. They wound through the streets and over the Faust Bridge, where “Fear the Walking Dead” was filmed.

The next stop was Natural Bridge Caverns, the largest known commercial caverns in the U.S.

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natural limestone slab bridge that spans the amphitheater setting of the cavern’s entrance. The span was left suspended when a sinkhole collapsed below it. Frenchy spent a morning exploring the beauty of the caverns.

Although she had a fabulous summer, Karen is indeed happy to be back home at On Top of the World, where she will enjoy softball, ping pong, tennis, swimming, biking and all her friends.

Happy adventures!



Who ever heard of the bride doing a 5K race before her wedding? Karen French, at left, in New Braunfels, Texas, doing the 5K with bride Shayna Underwood. (Photo courtesy of Karen French)

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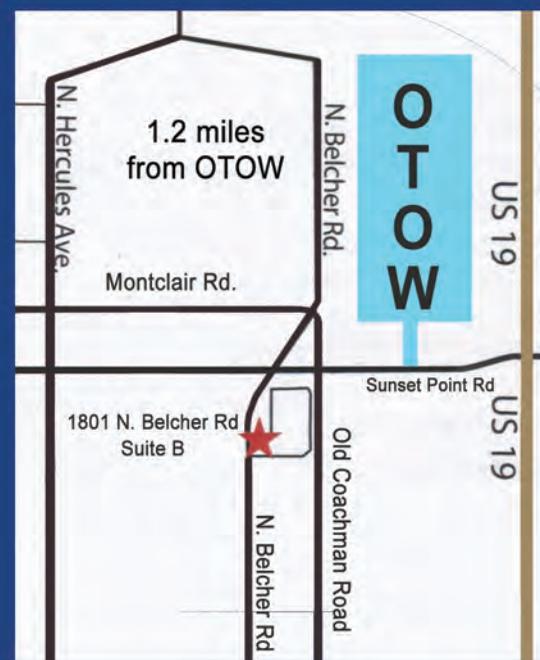
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# 'Three Social Directors' make things click for building

First there was the Three Musketeers! Then the Three Stooges, The Three Amigos and The Three Witches of Eastwick!

And now there are The Three Social Directors of Villa Riviera.

Sharon Flint, Deb Turrisi and Linda Pregonzer have a lot more in common than just being three women in the prime of their lives all residing in the same building. All three are from "New" states (two from York, one from Jersey) and all three first came to On Top of the World as Snowbirds. They all fell in love with the place and are now permanent residents, much to the joy of their friends and especially their neighbors.

As this column and publication has pointed out on numerous occasions, these three take their jobs as social directors very seriously. They have continually used their culinary, organizational and hosting skills to ensure their fellow residents have a good time.

Now that it is October and the Snowbirds are starting to trickle in, the three of them decided they had better get in tip-top shape to handle the pressures of the job.



Linda, being a true Jersey Girl at heart, has been seen jogging around the neighborhood in very interesting sweatsuits. Deb has a daughter who is a fitness buff, and the two of them have been seen on the second floor landing doing hundreds of stomach crunches. As for Sharon, rumor has it that she can bench press upwards of a hundred pounds.

In addition to their individual pursuits, they have been regularly attending the water aerobics at the East Activity Center. Hence the social directors of Villa Riviera have



The "Three Social Directors of Villa Riviera" are shown at water aerobics. Left to right are Deb Turrisi, Linda Pregonzer and Sharon Flint. (Photo by Earl Ballance)

become The Three Mermaids of OTOW.

They decided their first order of business this season is to organize a building hors d'oeuvre extravaganza. They will be following that up with a seasonal decorating party and who knows what else.

To stay in the know, be sure to read this newspaper regularly and keep an eye on the Villa Riviera bulletin boards.

Better yet, if you see Sharon, Deb or Linda, just say "howdy" and ask what's new.

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# New resident put lots of labor and love into garden



Betty Stanville moved from New Jersey to New World French last year.

In fact, she was born in Florida, then moved to New Jersey as a teenager. She went to college, then later taught school in Washington.

Betty moved into a ground floor unit. Nothing had been done to the garden. Slowly but surely, Betty worked on the area, and has made it into a beautiful area, with pretty pots and plants, it makes a very nice entrance to the core of the building, Betty, you did a great job!

A party was held at the building for Labor Day. Hot dogs and hamburgers were supplied by the building, and everyone brought a dish. There was plenty of good food, and a great time was had by everyone.

Rita Plyer, a new resident, is now a new grandmother for the first time to a beautiful baby boy.

Shortly after moving in, New World French resident Betty Stanville rehabilitated her garden into a spot of beauty and charm.

Danielle LaRochelle, a longtime resident is great grandmother for the first time, to a beautiful baby.

Last but not least, please get rid of

your own large items. A couple of ladies in their 70s got rid of several items in the garbage room, then returned back and found more items, including a TV and

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# Azorians logged plenty of trips over the summer

August and September were quiet here at the Azores. The weather wasn't exactly conducive to outdoor socializing. But the abundance of fall-inspired door wreaths around the building is a welcome sign that cooler weather is coming and with it, more time with neighbors.

Debbie and Rod Rivera figured out a great way to beat the heat: They traveled to Hawaii to spend time with their daughter and her husband, who took very good care of them. The trip included lots of hiking, from Oahu to the Big Island. They even hiked around the crater of a volcano. Welcome back, Rod and Debbie. We missed you but we know we can't compete with the Aloha state.

My husband, Kelly, his sister, Terry, and I spent a few days walking the beaches



and parks of Stuart, Fla. A highlight of the three-day trip was a pontoon boat ride along the Saint Lucie River. We also had a nice visit with Azores alums Katy and Ford Gerrit at their new home in Cedar Key.

Bob Kelly took a break from one of his favorite pastimes — watching the impressive August and September thunderstorms — to travel to Naples, Fla. While Naples felt about 10 degrees warmer, it apparently makes up for the heat with its fabulous restaurants. On another trip, Bob enjoyed exploring southern Georgia.

Anne and Jim Rostick had a splendid summer that included celebrating three family birthdays, including Jim's, and beginning the process of renovating their kitchen up north. They also enjoyed a restful week of vacation in Ocean City, Md. — a good thing — because the months ahead include three more birthdays and a baby shower. Oh, and a baby: their grandchild, who is due to arrive in October.

Jeanne Fowlie threw a birthday party

for her two sons, who were born four years and two days apart. All told, the party guests represented four generations!

Here at home in the Azores, there are lots of renovation projects going on. Ann Setkowitz has a new kitchen! Yes, the renovation that began in March is finally finished. Ann is very happy with the results and will not miss the dust. The kitchen is beautiful and just about everything in it was made in the U.S. The next step for Ann is to invite me for dinner!

The Azores building is looking good with a fresh coat of paint. We're anxiously awaiting some repairs and a new coat of paint for our outdoor walkway.

Next month I hope to add some news from our newest residents. Please look for a note on the bulletin board.

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Residents of the Contemporary building enjoy a night out at Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar.

## Monthly Contemporary bingo game has proven popular

Whose turn is it to grill? Nobody from here! Residents took the night off Aug. 16 and headed to Daddy's Grill in Oldsmar for a wonderful relaxing dinner. Lucky for us no one was on clean-up or dishwashing duty!

If you are new to our building or recently returned, we also enjoy a monthly building bingo game outside of our core. What started as a lockdown has become a tradition.

Our first game was held in June, 2020. Prizes, all donated by our neighbors, consisted of paper products, hand wipes, chocolate, wine and books — all COVID essentials. I am happy to report that we have moved on to gift cards to restaurants (still have wine as a prize, though).

Special thanks to our callers Barney Hanrahan and Lester Whynot who both keep us entertained and holding our



breath for that last needed number.

Please read the building bulletin board for updates on our future gatherings. Stay informed and don't miss the fun.

October birthdays wishes to Maria McKleen on Oct. 5 and Barney Hanrahan on Oct. 29.

# Monthly news and notes from Viennese Villa

Happy Halloween!

Karen Beaver certainly has put together some nice events for the Villa. Our latest cocktail party was very well attended.

The Dolphin Cruise is Oct. 12. There may still be room, so check with Karen Beaver on that now.

Trudy Barry's son Michael and wife Annie went to New York to honor Annie's brother, John Burnside, who was a member of the New York Fire Department for the remembrance ceremonies on 9/11 at Ground Zero.

Minnie Bucella visited family in New York this summer. Minnie was there to see the christening of her newest great-granddaughter. Minnie's daughter is here to keep Mom company for a while.

Speaking of family, Eleanor Albano's son Chris is here while he scouts for a new home. Chris sold his Boston home for the Florida way of life. Who can blame him for that? You will see him about wearing a Boston Red Sox cap.

The picture this month is of Lynn Costanza, Rick Poullen, Susan Cheetham and Steve Mazurek. Rick, a former neighbor, has moved back to Kentucky. Recently, he



had business here in Florida and asked to meet for lunch. So it was off to Catches Restaurant in Port Richey where the photo was taken. Was nice catching up with him. He is now off on a grand tour of western state parks. Rick promises to return for a visit as he so enjoyed living here.

Well, boys and girls, that's about it from this corner of paradise. My Maine visit was nice, but it is good to be back. Birthday and anniversary wishes to all who celebrate in October. Until next we meet, remember, any news fit to print, e-mail it to fresca@maine.rr.com.



(L-R) Lynn Costanza, Rick Poullen, Susan Cheetham and Steve Mezurek outside of Catches Restaurant in Port Richey, where they all enjoyed lunch. (Photo by Fran Fairfield)

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**On Top of the World residents welcome to attend our events!**

# Siboney residents prepare for autumn activities

Fall is here at the Siboney building and we are looking forward to some cooler temperatures.

A special thanks to Tom and Linda Tarka for decorating our core with such a beautiful poster arrangement.

Did you receive your information package? The board members worked very hard putting this information together so please read it carefully and also fill out your contact information that is very vital to our buddy book.

The buddy book will help us in case of an emergency that might happen to our residents and we will have all the phone numbers that we need to contact your friends or relatives.

Condo living can be very challenging for many of us moving from a private residence. If you have any questions, please attend our monthly meetings.

Movie night at the East Activity Center was Sept. 21. "Jersey Boys" was the feature — hope you didn't miss it.

Another event is planned for November that will be a dinner held in the parking lot of the East Activity Center. Food trucks will be selling food for all to enjoy. Please look for further information



on channel 732 or look in the OTOW News for November.

Trick or treating in our community doesn't happen, but a few of our neighbors love dressing up in costume, walking the floors of the building and knocking on doors. Surprisingly, they sometimes find candy! I personally love seeing people in costumes. Please have a safe Halloween and maybe next year we will have a costume dance at the activity center.

Please look for information on the bulletin boards and the elevator for meetings and upcoming events in our building very soon.

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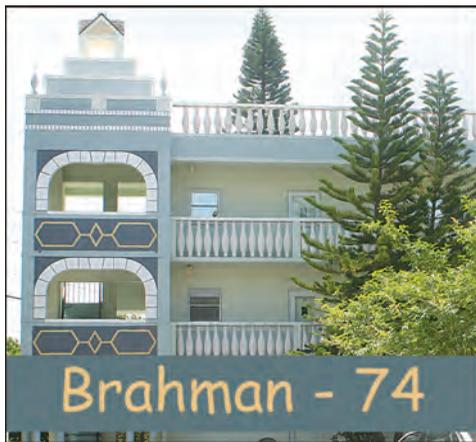
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# Brahman residents descend on nearby pizza place



By Patrick Hayes

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Because of our large turnout, they provided us with a private room. The food selections were enjoyed by all of us.

Over the next two hours we were able to catch up with our many neighbors and lay the groundwork for future events.



Brahman residents enjoy an evening meal at Queen's Pizza Sept. 14.

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