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## Get Acquainted Coffee returns



The Good Neighbors Association Get Acquainted Coffee took a break over the summer, but returned in September with a popular draw.

Opera Tampa was here!

Jordan Blair, Christine Honein, Vanessa Tompkins and Guillermo Lopez were here and sang a variety of operatic songs. They even danced and did a little acting.

It was a great performance for the first Get Acquainted Coffee of the fall season.

The morning started out with the traditional coffee and donut counter. Everyone who attended was given one free cup of coffee and one free donut. There were community announcements, raffles and introduction of new residents.

On Top of the World clubs opened their information tables and tickets were sold for future events.

On Oct. 13, the barbershop singers "Skirt & Ties" will be here.

This event is free.

In the top picture, Margaret Knight, Judy Hoffman and Therese Berry take care of the coffee and donut counter during Get Acquainted Coffee on Sept. 8. One of their customers was Teri Klingler, right, who also sang the National Anthem and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At right, Jordan Blair, left, Christine Honein, center, and Vanessa Tompkins perform for Opera Tampa. Guillermo Lopez was also there.

Get Acquainted Coffee will take place every second Thursday during the fall and winter seasons. Information tables open at 8:30 a.m. Entertainment starts about 9:30 a.m.



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*The Management Company is working hard  
to ensure elevator performance*

# Factual elevator information

## Elevator Ups and Downs

Nextdoor posts that have recently been shared with the Management Company question elevator reliability here at the On Top of the World Clearwater community.

While reliable elevator performance is a matter of great focus, I want to take the opportunity to address performance of one specific building.

The first thing I would like to note is that the posts don't reflect the hard facts: For example, one frequent poster filed service requests to look at an alleged elevator problem on multiple occasions. Each time the Management Company's elevator mechanic, or the on-call supervisor, investigated the service request, the elevator was found to be working properly.

There was one entrapment report in July, but once again, upon arrival, the report proved false, as the unit was working normally without issue and no one was in the elevator.

Outside of these erroneous reports, the Management Company is not aware of any entrapments, outage problems, or concerns from anyone else, specifically in Building 96 regarding its reliability over the last nine months.

It's also prudent to note that the elevator unit in question passed its recent annual inspection with no deficiencies noted and is operating currently without issue.

Overall, there have been eight (8) elevator-related work order requests since 2016 and 49 work orders requests total overall since 2015 from one Nextdoor poster in that building 96.

To be sure, any company servicing elevators has been challenged getting parts and critical components. This is a national problem. The Management Company has been very resourceful in locating standard parts to keep the 83 elevators in OTOW operable and safe. In some cases, it has encountered exceptionally long times to get critical components (120-plus days in some instances). At present, the Management Company is currently on specialized parts and is rebuilding its reserve parts inventory to ensure reliability.

Again, each time the Management Company responded expeditiously and responsibly.

Even when someone perceives an issue exists where there may not be one, the Management Company is there to respond.

Unfortunately, submitting erroneous service requests wastes Association resources and ultimately drives up costs to all owners.

## Water, Water, Everywhere

If I planned to write about anything this month, I would be lax not to acknowledge the impact on our property from the large amount of rainfall we have experienced.



The community could soon begin recovering, as the saturated ground has created numerous challenges with landscape maintenance.

The back courtyards of many buildings must be mowed on an extended two-week cycle due to ground saturation. These summertime conditions are nothing new for not only the Management Company, but for any business that must rely on Mother Nature to provide weather conducive to continuous outdoor maintenance.

Operating equipment in wet courtyards can cause damage by cutting ruts that damage the turf.

For the most part, tree maintenance has remained on schedule. The tropical vegetation has responded favorably to the extra water, however, the accelerated root growth may impact potable water lines, irrigation lines. The result is the lovely bushes and landscape behind or in front of your unit may need to be removed should your Management Company need to address these concerns.

With the rainy season nearing a conclusion, mowing teams should be able to keep pace with growth, especially with rainfall in the fall months being a fraction of what it is June through September.

It also has been brought to my attention that some residents have been stopping the grounds maintenance personnel and engaging them in conversations. People, if you want the work around your building to be done in a timely manner, you cannot delay the employees and engage them with questions. Being delayed by inquisitive residents and being expected by Management to work a schedule for multiples of buildings are mutually exclusive events.

Please do not interfere with Maintenance company staff.

## Did You Know Parking Rules 101

I want to remind everyone to pay attention to "no parking" areas throughout the community.

Please do not park in designated bike lanes and please don't block the front entrance under the awning at the East Activity Center.

As a reminder, bicycle racks are provided at the Activity Centers. Please utilize these designated areas for bicycle parking and do not chain your bicycle to fencing, handicap parking signs or stairwell railings.

Additionally, please do not store your bicycle in the walkway of your building as this is a life safety concern and a violation of your community's rules. Bicycles must be stored in designated bike rooms or your unit.

Please also obey directional signage posted in the parking lots, as all parking lots are a one-way design.

It is also important to leave visitor parking open for visitors as those spaces are not meant to be utilized for long-term resident parking. Residents with more than one vehicle are asked to utilize street parking, where available.

## Did You Know Fire Alarm Testing Recommendations

Properly installed smoke alarms save lives. It's that simple!

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) recommends you test your smoke alarm at least once a month. You can do this by pressing the test button located on the alarm one time to be sure it is working. It is also recommended you change the batteries in your smoke detector one time per year. A good time is Jan. 1 or when you set your clocks back or ahead.

If you have not replaced the batteries for your smoke alarm in the last year, we highly recommend you do so. Wired smoke alarms require circuit breakers be turned off, and the alarm disconnected from its location on the wall or ceiling. A small plastic door must be located. It is usually on the bottom of the alarm. This is where the battery compartment is located.

Some alarms will require use of a screwdriver to access the compartment. Others can easily be pulled open. Smoke alarms generally use 9-volt batteries.

## 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 and 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 of 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.

## 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 this number to submit a service request only for a general building matter 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.

For a life-threatening emergency, please dial 911.

For a power outage, call Duke Energy at 800-228-8485.

## After Hours

The OTOW emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number, afterhours, in the event of an emergency, such as water intrusion into your unit.

For all other inquiries regarding general issues or questions that are not service related, you will need to come in person to the Community Service Office.

## OTOW Alerts

Signing up for OTOW-ALERTS (powered by RAVE) is incredibly easy. Simply go to otowclearwaterinfo.com 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 provides advance warning of severe weather events as well as other matters of critical concern to the residents of OTOW Clearwater Condominium Community.

# A history of TV service changes at

## Cable and Internet History

The Summit Broadband (SBB) orientation meetings have been moving along very well. I am impressed with the effort this entails across so many meetings.

I have attended several meetings and have heard comments regarding the termination by Spectrum of their broadcast of local, “over-the-air” channels. There seems to be a broad misunderstanding of what is included in the community services fee regarding Spectrum. I believe a bit of history is in order.

Way back in the late 1960s, before cable TV (the good old days, you decide), all anyone had access to was broadcast channels and three networks. If you lived in a single-family home, you either had a “rabbit ears” antenna or an aerial antenna planted somewhere in your yard.

In condominiums, off-air channel reception was via a Master Antenna System (MA).

In On Top of the World, the Master Antenna was this massive thing bolted onto the building roof and connected to a two-pair flat wire. This wire snaked down to the third-floor electrical room and connected up to several amplifiers, that ostensibly boosted signal strength (and sometimes “snow”) and was distributed via two-pair flat wire to each condominium. Some condos still have those old outlets - mine does. Just ignore them, they connect to nothing.

In the late 1970s, cable came to Pinellas County. The Board was approached by a company named Cable Vision which wanted to offer Cable TV to the community. Negotiations ensued and what came out of that was that the developer, On Top of the World, Inc., would allow Cable Vision access over the streets and easements of the community to provide cable to all buildings for no charge, but in turn Cable Vision had to maintain and continue using the Master Antenna system to distribute free broadcast channels to the community.

Because this was free, there were no charges added into the monthly maintenance fee every owner paid at that time.

Cable Vision was also required to install and operate coaxial cable to each apartment in each building. They were then able to offer 36 channels of pay TV (internet wasn't a thing yet) to any interested resident, but again, no fee was charged to the Association, so no fee was charged to residents.

As it is in any growth industry, small and local companies get purchased by mammoth companies that want to acquire instant presence in a lucrative market. Along comes Time Warner Entertainment/Advance-New House Partnership which bought-out Cable Vision. That partnership continued to provide service under the original contract until the contract expiration. They then made the offer to eliminate the antenna-based system and provide the same service, plus some no-cost channels to the Association free of charge in exchange for being allowed to continue cable operations within OTOW.



Later, a decision was made to separate as business partners, and Advance-New House took over operations of the Florida system and rebranded as Bright House Networks.

Bright House Networks provided service until 2016, when Charter Communications acquired Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks, and rebranded the enterprise as Spectrum to become the largest provider in the country.

So here we are today, or at least until Oct. 16, with no-cost local channels, plus a few others, free of charge to the residents through the Association.

Spectrum calls this level of service their “OTOW Bulk cable,” only because it is provided in “bulk” to all condos within OTOW. The vast majority of residents added additional cable services and internet through Spectrum.

Even though the “OTOW Bulk” service entailed no expense to the Association, Spectrum was able to financially leverage their status as an incumbent (in place) provider and sell services to interested residents.

Although the service is provided at no cost, residents upgrading their TV and Internet service are not offered “bulk promotional” rates, only retail promotional rates, which results in higher prices for upgraded services.

It's also important to note that this no-cost TV service, provided by Spectrum, would likely have ended upon the expiration of the current agreement.

To provide the best resident experience and long-term savings, it was necessary to negotiate a new bulk agreement with another provider.

This brings us to today.

Your Board began regularly hearing from residents that they wanted “better” service, at lower costs, with more choices.

In 2018, your Board began negotiations with Spectrum, which went mostly nowhere.

By 2019, we engaged a consultant (specializing in cable systems) to cast a much broader net for finding a compatible service to Spectrum. The consultant brought five companies to the table, including Spectrum, who could provide the most modern means of delivery and lev-

els of services to this community. After several rounds of negotiations, it came down to two providers who could be up to the challenge of providing an optical fiber-based solution to your community.

The rest is now history.

## Cable and Internet Update

The contractors continue making great progress with installation of their fiber lines. As of Sept. 2, they have completed 86 percent of the installation of underground conduit; completed 74 percent of the building molding and fiber runs; completed 45 percent of fiber installations within individual condos; and were unable to access 23 percent of units attempted.

More than 1,700 residents have attended the Summit Broadband Town Hall Sessions (average 88 persons/session). Another 120 people attended the online session.

Sign-up by buildings began Sept. 20 and runs through Oct. 12, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with a lunch break from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. for each session. Please check your mail for the exact day and time for your sign-up. It is important that you show up in the scheduled time for your building as Summit Broadband is needing to do the sign-ups in an orderly fashion.

Summit Broadband understands that there will be scheduling conflicts and missed times. Once they get through this initial round of sign-ups, they will determine how to open a series of sessions for the no-shows.

With the transition to Summit Broadband, on Oct. 16, the off-air “free” (OTOW Bulk, see preceding section of this article) service provided to the community at no additional cost will cease to be available.

Current customers of Spectrum will have an opportunity to continue receiving the same services they are currently receiving on an individual retail basis at Spectrum's current rates.

I caution that anyone wishing to sign-up in the short term for Spectrum service, to cover the short gap until Summit Broadband is fully operational, may wish to only consider Spectrum's retail rate package, as there may be penalties for early termination of service if you buy into a long term contract.

As Summit Broadband starts turning on service to the units they have connected to fiber, Spectrum subscribers may possibly want to terminate their contract with Spectrum in favor of the bulk services provided by Summit Broadband through your Association. Terminating service from Spectrum may be a great cost savings for many residents.

For those residents who wish to retain Spectrum, the service should remain available. No effort is being made by your Association to have Spectrum remove their facilities from On Top of the World. Who you choose for your service provider

is entirely your choice. The difference is that Summit Broadband bulk internet and video services are now included in your monthly Community Services Fee.

One point I want to clarify is that although Summit Broadband offers a “travel” rate, where a subscriber can suspend service for up to nine-months under a retail plan, this will not apply to the Bulk Rate provided through your Association. Because the Bulk Rate is already heavily discounted, this option is not available.

OTOW residents who have established Summit Broadband service will have full access through the IPTV app and to their programming and email while traveling.

On a side topic, the channel lineup is now available for pick up at the Community Service Office or can be downloaded off the community website at [www.otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://www.otowclearwaterinfo.com).

Final channel rollout was delayed as Summit Broadband had asked the Association if they wanted additional channels from the higher pay tiers, added to the basic service. Bottom line is that we put forward 11 channels. Summit Broadband was able to provide 10 of the 11 higher tier channels into the basic service at no added costs to the Association. This speaks to how seriously Summit Broadband values this community and their relationship with it.

## Gate Attendant Update

We have noticed the traffic on Next-door questioning the gate staffing changeover. It mainly falls into the trop of “why are we paying higher fees for this and still seeing (or sometimes not) the same faces.”

Very simply, the current vendor at the gates needed to give their personnel notice of the changeover and the new vendor needed time to hire up qualified personnel.

In fact, the new vendor asked for a price increase because of the higher cost of labor.

As with Summit Broadband, the start-up operational costs are being prorated over the year rather than make a lump-sum change with the new vendor start on Nov. 1.

## Grounds Maintenance Update

We know some people spend lots of time watching their lawns. One of the charms of Florida is the verdant landscapes.

The wet weather, staffing limitations, equipment breakdowns, and delay on repair parts has posed significant challenges. Despite all that, the Management Company is on an 8-10 day mowing cycle, which is really pretty good in the peak of the growing season.

I noticed that the median in Belcher Road looks like a hay field currently. The vendor that maintains that area for Pinellas County is in the same situation as most companies: weather, labor and parts delays.

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# OTOW since the 1960s to today

## Time for an Insurance Review

The recent NOAA update on the 2022 hurricane season was concerning to say the least: 14-21 potential Atlantic storms must be taken seriously.

It has the Management Company re-evaluating their resources for storm preparedness and recovery to ensure they are ready for the challenge multiple storms may pose.

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. However, 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 your furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances, cabinetry and 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 the items listed above would cover this type of loss. In addition, all insurance carriers write an HO6 rider that provides 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 loss, damage, and/or expense 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.

## Upcoming Projects

### Painting/Waterproofing

The painting contractor will continue their improvement efforts with the front facades of Buildings 72 and 73 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 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

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 Building 84 will begin sometime in late October. In this particular case, the work entails the installation of code compliant additions to the walkways railings and complete replacement of all stairwell components in the building. The work involves power tools and other equipment, so please understand that elevated noise levels are a by-product of the contractor's efforts. Dust and concrete slurry are also a byproduct, so first floor residents should be prepared to relocate items on their porches as warranted.

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.



**PREPARE NOW FOR A HURRICANE**

**Your Pre-Storm Checklist**

Sign up for the RAVE alert system from OTOW.

1. Purchase a battery-operated radio and a supply of batteries.
2. Purchase flashlights with batteries. Use caution when using candles.
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 your 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.
12. Don't forget rain gear, blankets and home entertainment.

**WHEN A STORM HAS PASSED**

Do not go outside and clean up property. Let OTOW employees remove limbs and debris.

For more information, visit [www.ready.gov/hurricanes](http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes)

# Recurring reminders for community residents

The Management Company would like to thank the residents who live on the second and third floors for their cooperation in making the On Top of the World community a safer and more aesthetically pleasing place to live by removing their floor mats from these common areas.

The community's response for compliance was astounding, as has been the feedback regarding these efforts. Once again, thank you for your support in this undertaking.

Now that the notification and compliance piece has been completed, the Management Company has begun the laborious process of cleaning the walkway areas where mats were once located, as well as re-painting areas that could not be cleaned to community standards.

As a reminder to all residents, and in keeping with condominium rules governing common areas, any floor mats placed in the second or third floor balcony walkways or center core areas will be removed without any further notification.

Please assist us in keeping these walkway areas clear while making your community a safer and more beautiful place to live!

### Another reminder for all community residents

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

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

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 hangar brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

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

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 at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard.

Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community. Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company. Thanks for your advance cooperation.

Inspection services representatives will also

be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing 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 is installed without the advance approval of the association, and the removal and disposal of these items becomes the responsibility of the violator.

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

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 barbeque grills be it propane, charcoal, or electric, are not permitted on any balcony areas, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most 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.



The On Top of the World bus schedule will now include the OTOW shuttle bus Monday through Friday. The Neighborly Care Transportation bus will continue their Wednesday shuttles to Walmart, along with their Thursday shuttles to Publix. The bus driver only picks up passengers with reservations.

Reservations are first-come, first-served, and can be made from 7 a.m., Monday, thru 1 p.m., Thursday, for any day(s) in the **current** week. However, NO reservations will be accepted after 1 p.m. for the next day to ensure the morning roster can be prepared before staff leave for the day.

When making multiple reservations for your week ahead, please ensure careful planning to prevent the need to cancel. To cancel a ride, please call the bus line as early as possible. You must present your valid activity card before boarding. Please be visible to your bus driver outside your center core.

No eating or drinking on the bus. Shopping time is 90 minutes.

#### \* DAY TRIPS

- Oct. 5-Downtown Dunedin;
- Oct. 12-Downtown Safety Harbor;
- Oct. 19-Clearwater Beach;
- Oct 26-Mystery Trip (residents pick).

## BUS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Effective Oct. 3

### MONDAYS

- 8:15 AM Clearwater Mall (OTOW Bus)
- 12:15 PM Sunset Point 19 Mall (OTOW Bus)

### TUESDAYS

- 9:00 AM Countryside Plaza & Countryside Mall (OTOW Bus)

### WEDNESDAYS

- 8:15 AM Walmart (Neighborly Care)
- 8:30 AM Excursion Day Trip\* (OTOW Bus)
- 11:00 AM Walmart (Neighborly Care)

### THURSDAYS

- 8:15 AM Publix (Neighborly Care)
- 8:30 AM Clearwater Mall (OTOW Bus)
- 11:00 AM Publix (Neighborly Care)
- 12:45 PM Northwood Plaza (OTOW Bus)

### FRIDAYS

- 8:15 AM Sprouts (OTOW Bus)
- 12:15 PM ALDI (OTOW Bus)

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# OTOW News

# Halloween Pet Costume Contest

Saturday, October 8  
OTOW Dog Park  
Arrive between 9-9:45 am  
Judging Begins at 10!

Small Dogs, Big Dogs  
Owners can dress up too!

Judging based on original costumes,  
Halloween spirit and "awwwwwwwww"

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# OTOW Community Activities Calendar - October 2022

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Good Neighbors Association Music Bingo, Sunday, Oct. 16, 5 pm, EAC Auditorium  
 Good Neighbors Association Food & Clothing Drive, Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 am - 2 pm, EAC Pavilion Area  
 Bingo Marathon, Sunday, Oct. 15, 12-5 pm, EAC Auditorium  
 Moving Night: Hocus Pocus, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 4-6 pm, Auditorium  
 Get Acquainted Coffee: Thursday, Oct. 13, 9-11 am, EAC Auditorium  
 SHINE: Monday, Oct. 24, 10:30 am-12 pm, EAC Auditorium  
 Club Information Tables: Monday, 8:30-10:30 am in Auditorium  
 Laughter Wellness Seminar: Wednesday, Oct. 12, 10-11 am, WAC Learning Lab  
 2022 Fall Festival & Expo: Saturday, Nov. 5, 10-2 pm, East Activity Center  
 Press Association Writers Workshop: Thursday, Nov. 3, 7 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium

## CLUB AND GROUP EVENTS

Art Guild Acrylic Painting, Thursdays, starting Oct. 13, 1-4 pm, EAC Largo Room  
 Art Guild Board Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 6, 3-5 pm, EAC Largo Room  
 Art Guild Painting Pals: 1-4pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Art Guild Friendship Painters: 1-4pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Baby Boomers Group: Meetings, 5:30-6:30pm, Wednesday, Oct. 5 and 5:30-6:30 pm, Thursday, Oct. 20, Largo Room  
 Baby Boomers Acoustic Jam: 10 am - 1 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Billiards (8 Ball): 6:30-10pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Billiards (Scotch Doubles): 6:30-10pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Billiards (9 Ball): 1-3 pm, Fridays  
 Bingo: Every Monday at 6 pm (Doors Open at 4 pm), EAC Auditorium  
 Caring & Sharing: Tuesdays starting on Oct. 18, 9 am - 12 pm, Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Ceramics: Thursdays, 10am-12pm, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
 Coloring Book Group: Wednesdays, 12-3 pm, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Computer Club: Computer Help, 8:30-10 am, Wednesdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Computer Club: Meetings, 8:30 - 10 am, Saturdays, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Cornhole: Mondays, 1-3 pm, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Democratic Club: Meeting, 2-3:30pm, Thursday, Oct. 13, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
 Democratic Club: Postcard Party, 1-3 pm, Thursday, Oct. 17, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Democratic Club Happy Hour: 7-10 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 25, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Democratic Club Board Meeting: 2-3:30 pm, Thursday, Sept. 27, East Activity Center Clearwater Room  
 Entertainment Committee Board Meeting: Monday, Oct. 10, 10 am-12 pm, EAC Crystal Beach Room  
 Entertainment Committee Show: Thursday, Oct. 27, 7:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Entertainment Committee Dance: Saturday, Oct. 19, 7:30 pm, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Good Karma Book Club: 10am-12pm, Thursday, Oct. 20, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 High Vibe Tribe: 7-9pm, Thursday, Oct. 27, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 Jesters Board and Membership Meeting: 6:30-9:30 pm, Wednesday, Oct. 12, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Knitting Group: Wednesdays, 9-11 am, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Lambda Club: Social, 7-10 pm, Friday, Oct. 14, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Learning To Dance with Noland: Mondays, 1 - 3 pm, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Line Dance Club: 1-3 pm, Tuesdays, 8:30-10:30 am, Saturdays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Line Dance Club Practice: 7-8am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Moving and Grooving Yee Haw Registration Party: Wednesday, 5 p.m., East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Moving and Grooving Line Dancing: Tuesdays, 9-11:30 am, 1-3 pm Fridays, East Activity Center Auditorium  
 Moving and Grooving Cardio Dance: 12-2:15 pm Mondays, 12-2:15 pm Wednesdays, 9-10 am Saturdays, 10:15-11:15 am Saturdays, EAC Exercise Room  
 New York-New Jersey Club: Hawaiian Shirt Night, Thursday, Oct. 20, 6-8 pm, EAC Auditorium  
 Philosophy Club: 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Pickleball: 6:30-8 pm, Monday through Friday, 9 am-12 pm, Sundays  
 Ping Pong: 10am-1pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Press Association Meeting: 1:30-2:30 pm, Thursday, Oct. 6, EAC Crystal Beach Room  
 Pray for America: Meeting, 10am-12pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room  
 Republican Club: Meeting, 7-9 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 11, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Social Dance: 1-3 pm, Thursdays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Snowbirds Line Dance: Wednesdays, Beginning Oct. 19, 8-11 am, EAC Auditorium  
 Tennis Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 12-1 pm, EAC Ozona Room  
 Texas Card Game Club: 3-10 pm, Friday, Oct. 21, East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room  
 TOPS: 9:30-11am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room (Sept 1 & 29 in Safety Harbor Room)  
 Travel Club: 2-4 pm, Friday, Oct. 7, East Activity Center Oldsmar Room  
 Travel Club Kickoff Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1-4 pm, WAC Learning Lab  
 World Quilters: 8 am-2pm, Tuesdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Writers Ink: 1-2:30 pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room (No meeting Oct. 27 or 27)

## CARDS AND GAMES

Blackout (Canadian Club): 6:30-9:30pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Largo Room  
 Cribbage: 10am-12pm, Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Double Deck Pinochle: 1-3:30pm, Sundays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Duplicate Bridge (Beginners): 9am-12pm, Thursdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Duplicate Bridge: 11:30am-4pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Duplicate Bridge: 11-3pm, Saturdays, East Activity Center Dunedin Room  
 Ladies Bunco: 6:30-10pm, Tuesday, Oct. 11, West Activity Center Learning Lab  
 Mahjongg: 1-4pm, Fridays, West Activity Center Palm Harbor Room  
 Mexican Train Card Game (Dominos): 1-5 pm, Thursdays, Safety Harbor Room (Oct 1-13 Palm Harbor Room)  
 Poker (Alonzo's Group): 6 pm, Mondays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Bob's Group): 6 pm, Tuesdays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Tom's Group): 6 pm, Wednesdays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Carol's Group): 6 pm, Wednesdays and Fridays, Safety Harbor Room  
 Poker (Barry's Group): 6:30-9:30 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays, East Activity Center Ozona Room  
 Samba Hand/Foot Canasta: Thursdays, 6-9 p.m., EAC Ozona Room

## EXERCISES

Aqua Aerobics: 9-10am, Monday through Friday, East Activity Center Swimming Pool  
 Bonesavers: 8-9am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Largo Room \*  
 Co-Ed Exercises: 10-10:45 am, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11 am, Mondays, West Activity Center Belleair Room  
 Hatha Yoga with Marilyn: 10-11:15 am, Thursdays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Ladies Exercise: 8-9 am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Slimnastics: 9-10am, Mondays through Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room  
 Tai Chi Flow 108: 3:15-4:15pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, East Activity Center Exercise Room.  
 Tai Chi Qigong: 3:15-4pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays East Activity Center Exercise Room



## BUILDING EVENTS

Siboney social: Wednesday, Oct. 26, 6:30-8 pm, WAC Belleair Room  
 Orizaba social: Friday, Oct. 14, 4:30-7:30 pm, WAC Belleair Room

## PAVILION

Veterans Barbeque: Saturday, Oct. 15, 12-2 pm  
 Southern Georgian Fest: Sunday, Oct. 16, 3-7 pm  
 Veterans Group Never Walk Alone: Thursday, Oct. 20, 9-10 am  
 Line Dancing Oktoberfest: Friday, Oct. 21, 4-7 pm  
 Karaoke with Lenny and Kathy: Sunday, Oct. 23, 4-8 pm  
 Italian-American Club Picnic: Wednesday, Oct. 26, 12-3 pm  
 Good Neighbors Assoc. Clothing & Food Drive: Saturday, Oct. 22, 10-2

## FACILITIES

**Library**  
 Open 10 am to 12 pm, Mondays and 1-3pm, Wednesdays  
**Woodshop**  
 8 am-12 pm Monday-Friday (membership required)  
**Fitness Center Hours**  
 7 am to 9 pm, Monday through Saturday  
 9 am to 8 pm Sundays  
 (closed 12:30-2:30 Mondays and Thursdays)  
**Swimming Pools (May through September)**  
 Monday-Saturday, 8 am to 8 pm  
 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 8 pm  
**Swimming Pools (October through April)**  
 Mondays-Saturdays, 8 am to 6:30 pm  
 Sundays and Holidays, 9 am to 6:30 pm

# October activities include a spooky movie, SHINE presentation and program designed to bring you benefits of laughter

## Movie Night

The next Movie Night will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 19, and the featured film will be "Hocus Pocus" (1993) rated PG.

Three 17th-century witches, hanged for their murderous crimes, are resurrected on Halloween in modern-day Salem by an unsuspecting boy, who must now figure out how to get them back in the ground.

The director is Kenny Ortega. The cast includes Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Najimy, Omri Katz and Thora Birch. It is a Walt Disney Studio film with a run time of 95 minutes. The movie will start promptly at 4 p.m.

Seating is limited to 70 people and registration is required. To register, please email [general\\_activity@scaclw.com](mailto:general_activity@scaclw.com). Reference the movie and give your name, building/unit number, and your phone number.

If you would prefer to register by phone, please be prepared to leave a voicemail with the same information at 799-2734.

If there are open seats at 4 p.m., residents are welcome, first come, first served.

The movie and popcorn are free! Our Good Neighbors Association will be selling soda and water from the Good Karma Outpost. Please support our Good Neighbors Association, which assists us with this event.

## SHINE

The Medicare Open Enrollment Period is Oct. 15-Dec. 7.

A presentation will take place here on Monday, Oct. 24, at the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Registration is not required for this event.

Did you know that Medicare health and drug plans can change every year?

It is important to review your coverage for changes in things like cost, coverage, drug formularies, and provider and pharmacy networks.

The Open Enrollment Period (OEP) is the time to make any necessary adjustments to your plan to ensure that you have the best coverage to meet your health needs for 2023. Medicare can be a daunting subject, and the Open Enrollment Period only runs from Oct. 15 - Dec. 7.

Take this opportunity to utilize a local, valuable resource by attending the Oct. 24 Medicare Educational Event at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium being held by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program.

The SHINE mission is to provide free and unbiased information about Medicare and Medicaid for beneficiaries, their families and caregivers.

SHINE volunteers do not sell anything. SHINE also educates beneficiaries to protect, detect and report potential errors, fraud and abuse with their Medicare coverage.

To find out more or to schedule an appointment, please call 727-217-8111 or visit [www.agingcarefl.org](http://www.agingcarefl.org) or visit [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org)



## OTOW Farmer's Market

Turner Produce, our vendor out of Plant City has pushed back our restart date to Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, for a variety of reasons.

First, our vendor is committed to bringing us quality produce in season and the best of the Florida season is January through May.

If residents support the Farmer's Market, we can keep this from January through May every year.

The Farmer's Market dates will be posted in this column monthly, on our website and OTOW-TV.

As a reminder, residents registered to receive RAVE notifications will receive a text or an email on the Tuesday before each market.

## Laughter for Wellness

Laughter for Wellness with Kelly Siegel will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 10-11 a.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab.

Laughter Yoga is based on the scientifically proven concept that the body cannot differentiate between intentional or voluntary laughter and real laughter to receive the same physiological and psychological benefits.

Anyone can laugh for no reason without relying on humor, jokes or comedy and one can feel the benefits on the very first session!

According to the yogic concept of breathing, your exhalation should be longer than your inhalation so that you can get rid of stale air from your lungs.

Laughter, as a form of exercise, is a great way to exhale longer.

Laughter can be initiated as a body exercise in a group and with eye contact and childlike playfulness. It quickly turns into real and contagious laughter.

Residents will learn how to create their own joy and have fun doing it.

Kelly Siegel has a Certification in Laughter Wellness and she leads several groups of seniors in our surrounding community and now On Top of the World.

Residents may sit or stand while engaging in these activities.

To register please email [general\\_activity@scaclw.com](mailto:general_activity@scaclw.com) or leave a voicemail at 799-2734. Please give your name, address, building/unit and

phone number and reference "Laughter Wellness" seminar.

## Fraud Awareness Day Monday, Nov. 14

In recognition of Fraud Awareness Week, join Pinellas County Consumer Protection and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for free onsite shredding services from 8-10 a.m. at the East Activity Center off World Parkway Boulevard East.

Please limit five boxes or bags per vehicle. No metal clips or binders. Staples can be shredded.

This is a drive-through event. For your safety, we ask that all patrons remain in their vehicles.

Operation Medicine Cabinet also will be on hand and will accept and safely dispose of unwanted medications.

A free senior scams and crime prevention presentation will follow 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room. All participants will qualify to win a raffle prize.

Scams have become more frequent and sophisticated. Meet Investigator Anna Marie Fiallos and Deputy Chuck Skipper who will tell you what you need to do to protect your money, personal information and family.

## On Top of the World Fall Fest & Expo 2022

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5.

Where: East Activity Center, (inside and outside), 2069 World Parkway Boulevard East

Highlights: Wide variety of vendors inside to name a few: Home Depot, Opera Tampa, The Florida Orchestra, Honor Flight, Pinellas County Operation Medicine Cabinet, St. John's Hearing, Mobility Plus, Tarpon Arts, Able Builders, Department of Transportation and Midway Services.

CVS and the Department of Health will bring vaccinations.

Outside there will be awesome Arts & Crafts vendors and food!

OTOW clubs will also host tables outside and compete for "Best Decorated" table.

There will be free live music and gift bags while supplies last, plus raffles, contests, prizes and more! We look forward to seeing you!

## Declutter, Dispose, Donate or Sell at On Top of the World

With the hot summer behind us, it will be a lot easier to take on projects like cleaning out your closets and storage units. Let's face it, if you haven't worn it or used it in two years, you never will.

## Clothing Drive

Good Neighbors Association Clothing (Drive Thru) will take place at the East Activity Center Pavilion on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Flea Market and Craft Show

The Good Neighbors Association Fall Flea Market and Craft Show will take place at the East Activity Center Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For those treasured items that you would prefer to sell, rather than throw out, you can host a table at the flea market and craft show. To reserve a table, visit the Good Neighbors Association on any Monday or Thursday morning from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Take advantage of the clothing drive, flea market/craft show, free shredding event and Operation Medicine Cabinet to free yourself of clutter by Thanksgiving!

## Bloodmobile

The Big Red Bus will be here on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot (near Lawn Bowls).

Residents can register to donate blood at Nancy's Bulletin Board on the [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) website, in the Community Service Office or just show up before or on your way home.

In thanks, you will receive three gifts - a \$20 egift card of your choice, a Halloween shirt and a mini physical.

See more details at Nancy's Bulletin Board.

A special thanks to the residents who participated last month. The honor roll is as follows:

Camile Karnoutsos, Carmel LeBlanc, David Beaven, Gail McNeil, Hope Tera, Mary Osolin, Paul Flynn, Audrey Fontaine, Carl Turner, Cheryl Lindback, Debra Godfrey, Henry Santos, Laura Donohue, Patricia Fleig, Susan Janiczak

Thank you so much for saving lives! Your donations helped patients.

## Activity Card Renewal

Activity card renewal takes place at the Community Service Office located at the East Activity Center. The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30-3 p.m.

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.

Activity cards will not be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

In addition, for renewal, 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.

Residents can also obtain an electronic access card for the fitness center for \$7 (replacement \$25).

As a reminder, you must bring your valid activity card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. Any noncompliance matters will be directed to the On Top of the World Association.

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**Pet of the Month**



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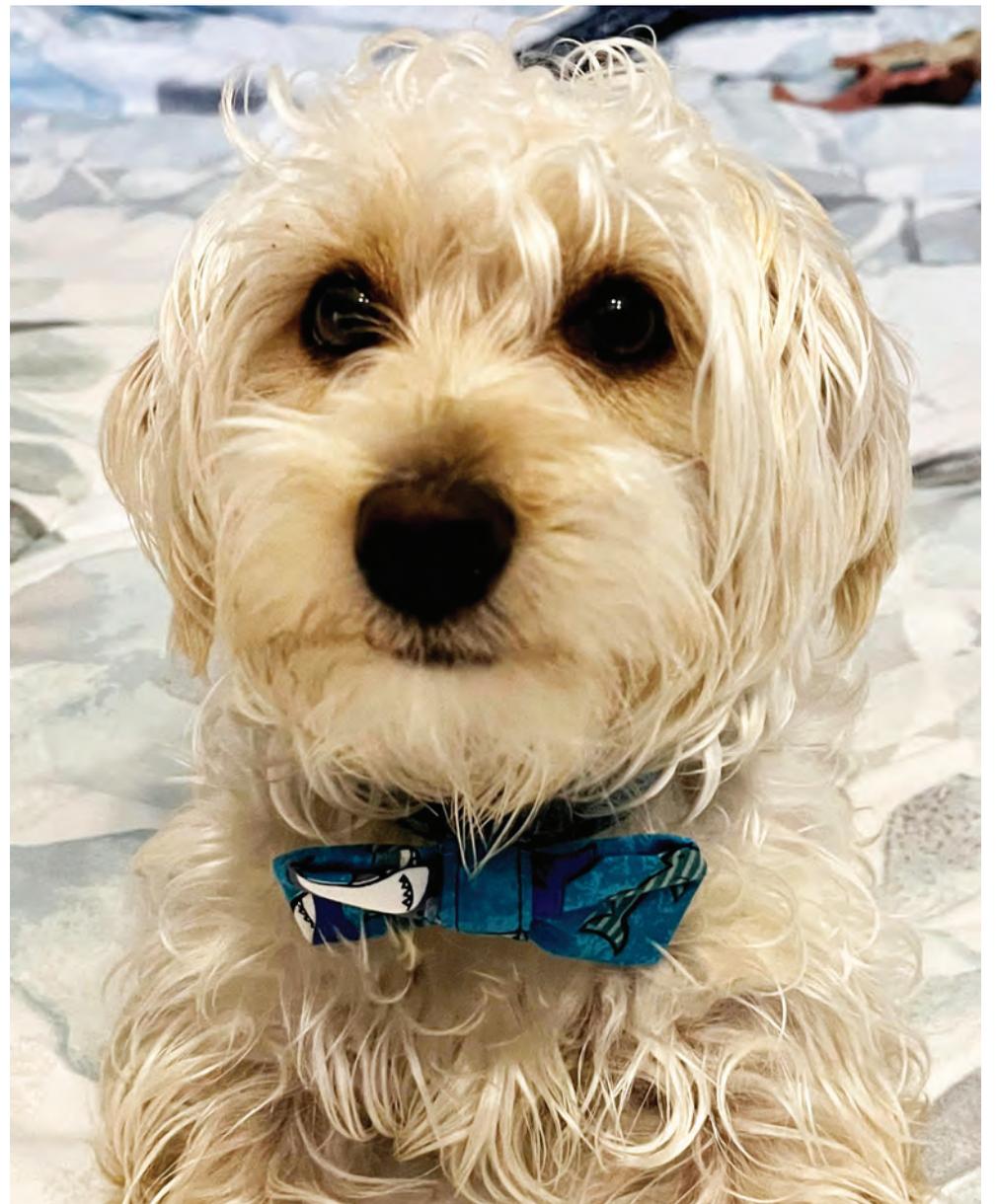
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Luigi is the sweetest dog.

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Since moving to On Top of the World in November 2021, he has made a lot of friends ... and the humans have been friendly, too.

Luigi is almost 2 years old. He is a Morkie breed and is owned by Paul and Kathleen DiLauro of the Queen Victoria 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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When in doubt,  
THROW it out!



# Doobie Brothers tribute band and Halloween dance coming in October

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you are all ready to get back to some great entertainment provided by your On Top of the World Entertainment Committee?

We have had tremendous turnouts for all shows and dances for 2022 and we hope you all will continue to support these events.

The Will Yancy show on Sept. 15 was enjoyable and everyone seemed to have a great time. Yes, our line dancers were out in full force. Thank you all for supporting this show.

Our dance on Sept. 17, featuring a Taste of Love with Bart and Jan, brought great music, great sound system and wonderful voices. Everyone fell in love with Bart and Jan's style of performance.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, there will be a tribute to the Doobie Brothers with J. Todd Plant. This performance is a top-shelf Doobie Brothers tribute band from the Tampa Bay area, whose repertoire spans the many decades and styles of the legendary California group.

So sit back and enjoy the music while this group blazes through a sizzling set of memory-jarring classic hits and album cuts with stunning accuracy and passion.

Halloween will be celebrated Saturday, Oct. 29, with the Shakes Society Band.

The Shakes Society is a seven-piece dance/rock band featuring four horns (sax, trumpet, trombone) and is the most fun and interactive band you'll ever see!

Band members walk through the crowd playing their instruments, dance with the crowd and provide all the energy needed for a fun dance party!

This dance is also our Halloween dance so of course there will be a costume contest. We want to see how creative our residents can be. This dance is



one of our largest dances so come out for a fun evening!

The Entertainment Committee Executive Board election will be coming up in November at our Sunday Meet and Greet. A slate of officers has already been nominated for the 2023 Executive Board. Anyone with a valid activity card can contest any of the nominated positions by presenting their intent in writing before Nov. 10.

The nomination of officers for 2023 is as follows: Karen Safee, president; Charlie Wood, vice president; Tim Beaver, treasurer; Marian Leamy, assistant treasurer; Sherry Ivey, secretary; Lucille Greenhalgh assistant secretary; and Kirk Safee, Sue Carlson, Mike Wood and Mary Ann O'Neil directors.

Prior to Nov. 10, nominations may

also be made to contest any office provided that the nominee has presented their intent in writing to seek office. You must present your qualifications and a copy of your up-to-date OTOW Activity Card by email to: entcom2014@gmail.com.

The nominating subcommittee will interview these applicants and report their qualifications for office to the full board for approval.

The election will take place in November in accordance with the by-laws.

For questions and information call: Karen Safee (215) 431-4799.

Season ticket holders will have the month of October to renew their show/dance tickets for 2023. If you are interested in keeping your current seats, please stop by the Entertainment Committee before Oct. 31.

As of Nov. 1, ticket sales will be open to everyone.

Ticket sales are Mondays and Thursdays between 8:30-10:30 a.m. Show tickets are \$20 and dance tickets are \$10 (except for New Year's Eve which is \$30).

We will have a great line up of shows and dances for 2023, so you won't want to miss any of these!

Just a reminder, New Year's Eve tickets for 2022 are going fast, so if you are interested in attending this big event, now is the time to purchase your ticket(s).

If you have any questions regarding dances or shows, please call (727) 499-9243 or (215)431-4799.

Thank you all for supporting your Entertainment Committee during the summer and let's get ready for the rest of the 2022 season!

**The Entertainment Committee New Year's Eve Dance returns for the first time in three years.**

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# Monthly Calendar

## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



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View our entire schedule online at [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)

## OCTOBER

- 27 Tribute to the Doobie Brothers  
with J. Todd Plant
- 29 Halloween Dance (Costume Contest)  
with The Shakes Society



## NOVEMBER

- 17 The NYCE GUYS – ‘50s, ‘60s, Motown with  
“RAT PACK” Style Humor
- 19 Harvest Dance with The Southshore Cruisers

## DECEMBER

- 15 Sequel Holiday Show presents  
“Sparkling Entertainment”
- 31 New Year’s Eve dance  
featuring Soul Love (9 pm, \$30)



For more information about the Entertainment Committee call (727) 449-9243.

# ‘Coffee with a Cop’ gave residents a chance to learn from law enforcement personnel

By Dave Beaven

This past month, our Neighborhood Watch group and On Top of the World hosted a visit by Deputy Charles Skipper and other community officers from the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office for “Coffee with a Cop.”

Our resident audience got a chance to ask questions about crime prevention and safety matters to the deputies present.

Our guest speakers stressed the importance of reporting crimes, even if they are minor.

They also gave tips on getting good descriptions of people and autos involved in incidents reported that are helpful to responding deputies.

They designated our community as a low crime area due to the fact that it’s a senior community.

Deputy Skipper followed the general discussions with a presentation on avoiding fraud.

Fraud happens to be the number one crime reported here in OTOW. The deputy cautioned people to beware of picking up the phone on unfamiliar numbers displayed on caller ID. Also beware of spam emails.

Popular frauds are “free” cruises, discount cards, sweepstakes winners, etc. The scammers say you won, but then they ask that you send a sum of money to cover taxes and administrative costs.

Other contest scams ask you to purchase gift cards from Walmart or Target even if you are a winner.

Sound fishy?  
Sure does.



But people fall for these scams every day.

Deputy Skipper finished by taking questions from the audience. All who attended learned a lot from his presentation.

In case you missed his talk, here’s a link with more information:

[usa.gov/common-scams-frauds](https://www.usa.gov/common-scams-frauds)

### Be A Good Politician

‘Tis that time of year. You’ve watched the commercials, seen the yard signs, read the news stories. Yes, it’s election time and it’s hard to escape from the noise.

Unfortunately, politics can bring about disagreements between you and your neighbors or even your own family members who share different political views.

Neighborhood Watch has its own point of view on this topic. We feel it’s better to keep the peace rather than to argue.

And anyway, political arguing never seems to change anyone’s mind.



Deputy Charles Skipper talks to residents about ways to avoid being scammed.

So we’d like to offer some strategies you can use to avoid spoiling relationships with neighbors or family members.

Let’s say a neighbor comes up to you and starts badmouthing a politician that you support. First thing you can do is stop and take a breath. Don’t give in to the temptation of immediately jumping into an argument. Instead, start by keeping cool about it.

Then if your neighbor continues his attacks, it is certainly your prerogative to

say, “I guess we’ll have to agree to disagree on this.” Not in a nasty way, just as a matter of fact statement.

The next step is to change the subject. But don’t pick another hot political issue or talk about religion. Rather offer something less confrontational. Try: How about those Bucs? This can put the conversation on a more friendly track.

To find out more about our Neighborhood Watch group, go to our webpage: [areawatch2020.blogspot.com](http://areawatch2020.blogspot.com).

## Important Information

# Summit Broadband

Please be advised that Summit Broadband contractors have started their groundwork in our community.



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Keys dropped off or mailed in will be returned upon completion of phase one. Please note, the dates provided are approximate and subject to change. Upon request, please plan to clear an area as required for an access point. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Dropping Off Keys

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# OTOW Veterans Group is offering a special program in October where anyone who needs a boost can chat with professionals

By Pamela Rosenblatt

Leadership from the On Top of the World Veterans Group is reaching out and asking community residents, do you need someone to talk to? Are you feeling blue? Are you stuck in the past and need some guidance?

If you answered yes to any of these questions and you don't have anyone to turn to, please consider attending an upcoming coffee social at the East Activity Center Pavilion.

No One Walks Alone will take place on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 9-10 a.m.

This is a special event for our veterans, residents and family of residents. Each resident is allowed to bring one guest.

Professionals from the University of South Florida will be on hand to chat with you and share program ideas you can participate in.

This event is also being sponsored by U.S. Army Veteran Frank Cayer.

The pavilion area is full of space to talk one-on-one with a professional. You can chat under the roof, on the dock, on the lawn nearby - there will be plenty of private areas to be honest and share a conversation.

It's a coffee social. You can also come for conversation.

Your Veterans Group is offering this opportunity in October and there is more

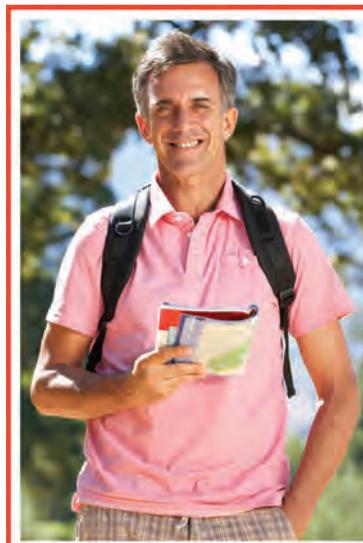


to come. Fall is almost here, the Snowbirds are returning and this group is just getting started.

Our Veterans Group information table is back. A group representative will be available on Thursday's between 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Sorry, no Monday dates.

At our table you can be added to our email group (OTOW Activity Card required), grab a copy of our schedule of events, drop off Veterans Administration donation items (list of requested items at our table), sign up and purchase tickets for our upcoming events and, lastly, get to know us.

Our annual barbeque will be taking



## No One Walks Alone at On Top of the World

Need to talk? Feeling blue? Stuck in the past?

Please attend our coffee social sponsored by your On Top of the World Veterans Group and Veteran Frank Cayer, U.S. Army

Attending the coffee social will be professionals from the University of South Florida, who will be able to provide you with information on programs and resources that can make a difference. There is also a new, nationwide hotline, where you can reach out 24/7 by simply dialing 988.

What: Coffee Social

When: Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM -10:00 AM

Where: East Side Pavilion

This event is open to On Top of the World veterans, residents, family and one guest per resident. No registration is necessary.

place 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 15 at the EAC Pavilion. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at our information table. Hurry! Only a limited number of tickets are available and must be purchased in advance.

In November, look for the Veterans Group and the OTOW Fall Festival and Expo on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the EAC Auditorium.

We will be competing for best decorated display table so come on over and help us decorate! Our theme is red, white and blue. Help us achieve it.

Also in November will be the annual Good Neighbors Association Fall Flea

Market. Come on out on Saturday, Nov. 12 and look for our table. Everything we sell will be given back to our group. This is our major fundraiser for the year.

If you plan on doing any spring cleaning and don't know what to do with old stuff, donate it to our club. We will sell it at the flea market and proceeds will benefit your community veterans.

The last event of this year will be a Pot Luck Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 7. More information will follow and the date could even change. Watch for our article in the November newspaper and on OTOW-TV channel 732.

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# Membership includes Blackout, socials and dinner-dances

By Connie Stanley

Wishing our Canadian friends a harvest of blessings, good health and good times on Monday, Oct. 10. - may you and yours enjoy a bountiful and very Happy Thanksgiving!

A reminder, all persons participating in Blackout must be a Canadian Club member. Tom Jamrozy, the club's Blackout coordinator, submits the following:

"We are very happy to see many new players who have gathered this year. After the training session and practice games the first night, many play like seasoned veterans."

Tom continues to offer training at 6 p.m. on Thursdays in the West Activity Center Belleair Room, and then the game starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. Play continues until approximately 9 p.m. All you need to bring is \$1.25 in change for the five rounds of seven hands. You have the opportunity to win up to \$1 per round depending on the number of players participating.

We pay off the top three positions and the bottom three players move onto the next table. You get the opportunity to meet a lot of people that way.

Bring a beverage of choice and plan on having a good time with your friends and new acquaintances. We hope to see you there! New players are always welcome!

Come and look up the Canadian Club at the 2022 On Top of the World Fall Festival and Expo on Saturday, Nov. 5 for early club registration in the East Activity



**Canadian Club**



Blackout in the West Activity Center has been keeping everyone busy throughout the summer.

Center parking lot.

Membership is only \$5 and don't forget to bring a valid Activity Card.

You'll easily find us at the red and white table from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a Royal Canadian Mountie and some fun little trinkets!

Residents of any nationality are always welcome to become members.

If you don't get a chance to register at the festival, we will be holding our membership Registration Night on Nov. 16 in the East Activity Centre Auditorium starting at 5 p.m. Don't forget to bring a valid Activity Card and \$5.

Anyone who attends and becomes a member will get to enjoy a free wine and cheese social hour. It's an opportunity to

make new friends and renew old acquaintances!

By joining, you may participate in Social Games – Blackout (which runs weekly, year-round), Lawn Bowl Doubles, a Golf Fun Day, a Blue Jays spring training game, a Day at the Races at Tampa Bay Downs, our annual picnic, and enjoy members' pricing for any or all of our three dinner-dances!

Lydia Côté, sales coordinator, will be selling tickets for our Dec. 5 Christmas Dinner Dance. We'll be offering a traditional Christmas dinner with all the fixin's and prices are: members \$35 and guests \$40. Dinner will be followed by a great night of dancing to Grant Hemond and Associates, DJ services.

Also during Registration Night, our coordinators will be ready at the "sign-up"

tables for various events. Your membership not only includes a wine and cheese social on Registration Night, but also a second wine and cheese social at the annual general meeting at no additional cost.

None of the fun can exist without volunteers. On Registration Night, please sign up as a volunteer at the volunteer table because as they say, "Many hands make light work!"

We continually need to add new people to help out and it's a great way to get involved and meet new people.

In closing, I hope that everyone enjoys a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe, happy and healthy Hallows Eve with the little's tricker treatin' - don't eat too much of that sweet stuff!

Safe travels to all coming home to OTOW!

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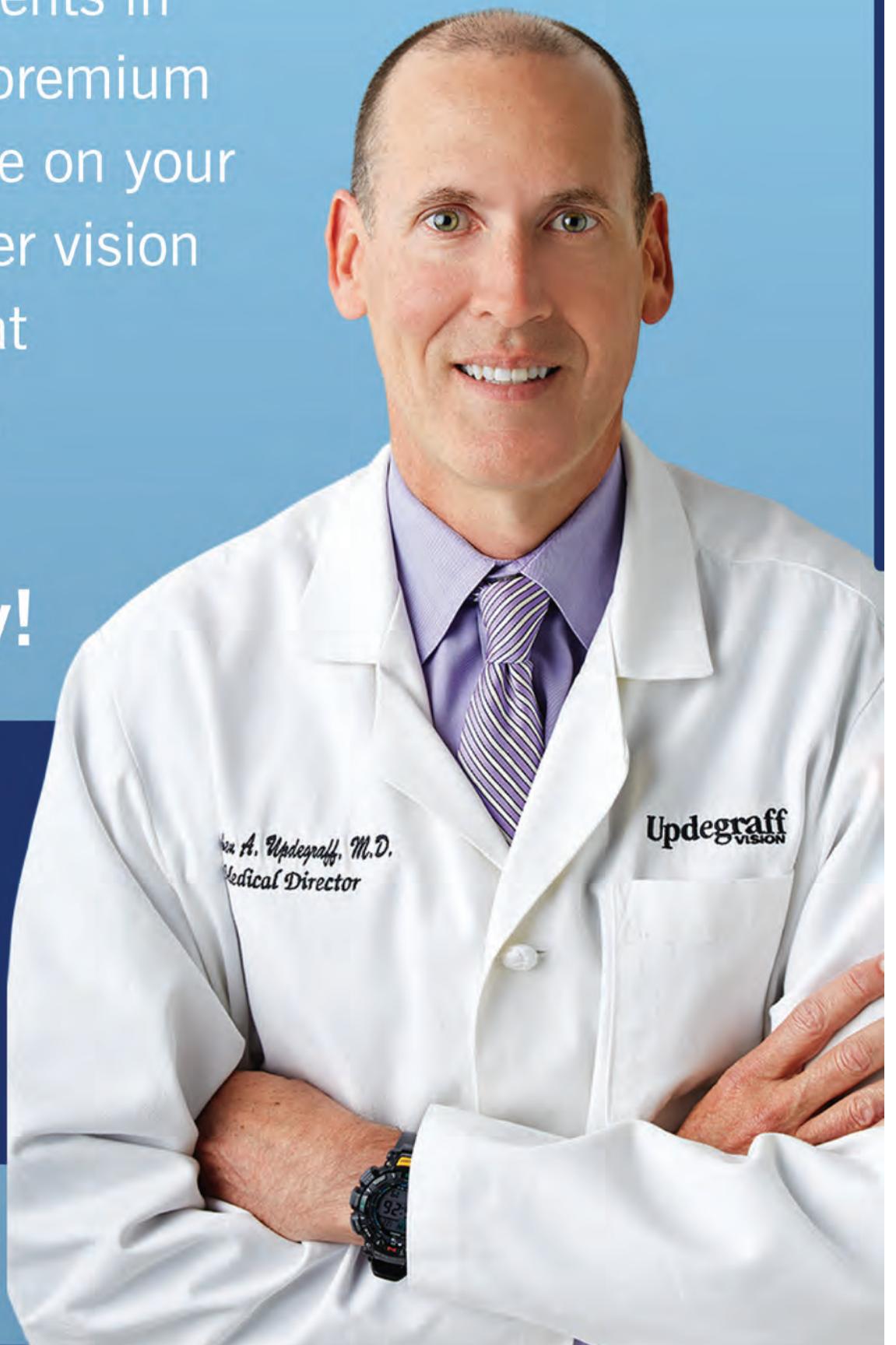
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# Mortgages should not be considered an easy money source for can't miss investments

Scam Alert: One of the ways criminals (well, some call them scammers, but they are just criminals), steal from us is by selling “can't miss investments.”

They convince folks that they have the “can't miss” investment that will bring in a lot more income than can be received from wise investments such as FDIC insured CDs or solid mutual funds, or honest brokerage firms.

Only thing is, you gotta get it now, or it'll be gone very quickly.

An example: My daughter is a special prosecutor with the Florida attorney general's office. She told me a story about a criminal (scammer) who convinced a victim to take out a mortgage on her home and then invest the money with what the criminal said was “can't miss” opportunity.

The result. No investment or a very poor one and all money was lost.

However, the mortgage was still on the home and had to be paid.

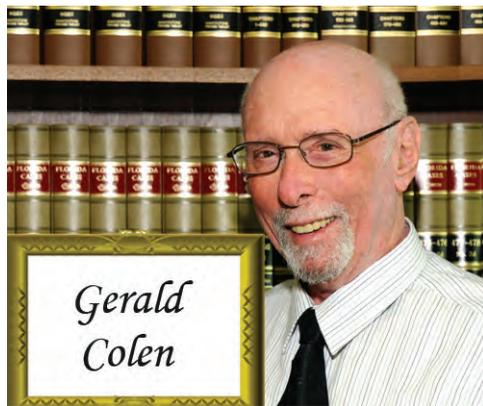
Look folks! That “can't miss” or “absolutely safe” investment that is too good to be true, IS too good to be true.

Criminals (scammers) rely on their sincere voice and sympathetic tone to hook in the victim.

Best defense: Never put a mortgage on your home to use the funds for an investment. Never!

AND never spend any money on the spur of the moment, especially if you are told you must act fast to get the best deal. It's the best deal for the criminal (scammer), but it's the worst deal for you.

Q. My 51-year-old daughter is a single



mother of two children. She recently lost her job and I have been helping her financially. Actually, I've done that for years. My two other children don't care but I am beginning to resent doing it. I am (late70s) years old. I told her I was going to stop supporting her and she said I have a legal obligation to support her, and her two children and she can call the police on me or sue me for support.

I am seriously scared and don't know what I should do.

A. You are not legally obliged to support her. You can stop supporting her at any time, including right now. The thing is, sometimes it takes courage to stop enabling our children. So, what I am saying is that the law isn't the problem at all.

Q. I have three children. I've loaned money to all of them and two have faithfully paid me back or are in the process of doing so. One of them has never paid me anything and when I told him that I wanted him to repay me, or at

least to start repaying me, he said, “just deduct it from my inheritance.”

Can I do that?

A. Yep. You can deduct the entire amount he owes you by a provision in your will or trust if you have one, whereby you say that during your lifetime you loaned your children certain sums of money and two have paid you back whereas the other one won't do it and said you should deduct what he owes from his inheritance.

Then, state that you have calculated the amount owed (plus interest?) to be a minimum of (and put in the dollar amount). Then, you have a couple of ways to solve the problem.

(1) You can leave the same amount your son owes you to each of your two other children. If you do it that way, you will be giving each of those two an amount equal to what your son refused to pay you. \$20,000 to him so \$20,000 each to the other two.

(2) You can divide your estate equally among your three children and deduct that amount your son owes you and leave it equally to the other two.

Example No. 1: I devise \$20,000 to child A and \$20,000 to child B. I devise the rest to my three children in equal shares. Example: No. 2: I devise the sum of \$10,000, to each of my two children, A and B in equal shares. I devise the rest to my three children in equal shares. The difference is obvious.

In example No. 1, you are giving each of the other children and equal amount to what your son refused to repay. In example No. 2, you are only deducting the amount he owes from his portion of your estate and dividing it

equally among the other two children.

NOTE: You MUST discuss this with your attorney.

Q. My significant other and I have been seeing each other for three weeks and we have decided to take a one-month cruise together. We are both in our late 60s. His daughter says, and this is a quote: “I know what is going to go on and it is against the law, so you can't do it.”

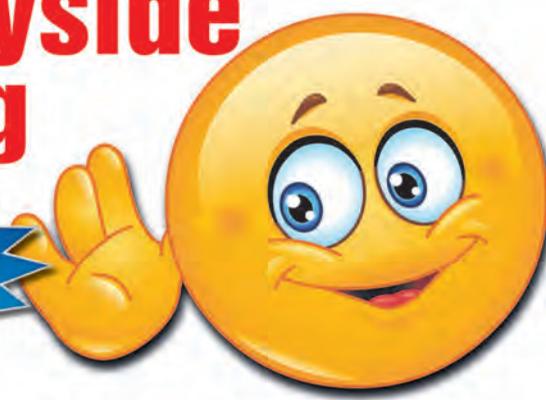
Is she right?

A. Is she right about what?

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# Music Bingo, clothing drive coming up in October



Skirt & Ties performs in our Auditorium



## Newcomer



Katie Bajis of Virginia

By Jesse Tiamson

October and November will be busy months for the Good Neighbors Association.

First, we will have our monthly Get Acquainted Coffee on Thursday, Oct. 13, featuring our local resident, Mike Wood, and his Skirt & Ties barbershop quartet.

Coffee and donuts will be served at 9 a.m. followed by entertainment. Newcomers are welcome to get recognized.

Then our first, much-anticipated, Music Bingo will take place on Oct 16.

Our fall Food & Clothing Drive will take place on Oct. 22.

In all of these events, we will need our Good Neighbors Association volunteers to show up and help out.

Come to the On Top of the World Fall Festival & Expo on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Good Neighbors Association will be involved.

Then our club will be hosting our annual Fall Flea Market & Craft Show in the East Activity Center Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is one of our biggest fundraisers.

Tickets for Music Bingo and tables for the Flea Market and Craft Show are being sold at our information table during

every Monday and Thursday in the Auditorium from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Tickets for Music Bingo cost \$10 for the dinner and game. Tables for the Flea Market/Craft Show cost \$15 for the first table and \$10 for additional tables.

Lastly, we lost two of our board members last month - Vice President Joanne Dameron and board member Joan Sopotok. We not only need volunteers, but we also could use a couple of people to step up and fill these board openings and carry out our mission to help our OTOW residents. Look for us at our information table if you are willing to assist.

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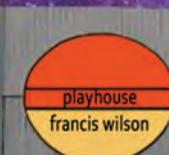
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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## Tampa Bay Times recognizes our community reporters for their 'always good news' stories

Back in March of this year, Tampa Bay Times reporter Tracey McManus was a guest speaker at the Democratic Club monthly meeting.

After that meeting, Tracey took a tour of the On Top of the World newsroom and for the first time saw our monthly community newspaper.

Her reaction? Amazement.

Tracey was very impressed with the number of pages in our newspaper, the number of stories and then was surprised to learn we only print good news - every page for 54 years.

Tracey said she would share our newspaper with her boss.

Five months later, Tampa Bay Times columnist Stephanie Hayes sent an email to Editor Doug Kates requesting a visit to see our operations in person. She made a first visit in early August and then returned for a second visit with photographer Chris Urso just as proofreaders were finishing up the September edition.

After interviewing Doug and staffers Bob Rittner, Joanne Cordes, Tara Still and Glenda Greenman, Stephanie went to work writing a story about what our news staff does here.

The secret was out on Sunday, Sept. 4, when OTOW News made the front page of the Tampa Bay Times. Right on the front page was Bob proofing the September newspaper.

More photos were included on the inside pages, including veteran employee Frank Williams, who helps deliver 5300 newspapers each month to several buildings.

In Stephanie's column, Doug is quoted as saying there is bad news everywhere you go. It's on TV, on the radio and in other newspapers and magazines.

Doug said he and his staff are proud each month to deliver



only good news.

The summer staff included about 60 reporters. That number will escalate to close to 80 reporters by mid-winter.

What impressed Stephanie?

She smiled when she saw bingo was coming back to our community. Also highlighted in her column were food trucks, the Irish Club Parade and our annual Halloween Pet Costume Contest.

How did the OTOW News staff react to seeing our newspaper on the front page?

The newsroom email inbox got multiple reactions. Staffers were glad to get recognized for coming up with good stories every month. Some staffers declared we were famous.

Other staffers expressed surprise we made it on the front page.

Well, guess what happens now?

Back to work.

As you can see, OTOW News was able to publish its October edition with the same great tradition - only good news.

With Snowbirds coming back, and clubs getting back together, the newspaper will even expand a little into the winter months.

For those who are members of the Press Association, there is still work to be done. Deadlines will come early in November and December so prepare ahead of

time.

The Thursday, Nov. 3, Press Association meeting is our Writers Workshop and the most important meeting of the year. This

is the only time Doug teaches everyone how to be a basic journalist and encourages everyone to avoid bad writing habits.

Every person on staff

should be at this meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Our next meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6.

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## First, the good news

Bob Rittner, 79, proofreads the September edition of On Top of the World News. Rittner also volunteers as a sports reporter for the monthly publication.

### Bad news isn't fit to print at On Top of the World.

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ery. Twenty new  
ads had just poured  
in on deadline.  
Twenty. The Sep-  
tember issue of On Top of the  
World News already was a puffy  
60-plus pages, huge for this time  
of year. The snowbirds won't even  
arrive until November.

If you've spent any time in  
Pinellas County, you know On  
Top of the World. It's a 55-and-up  
active living community, not the  
other thing. Ten thousand resi-  
dents drive past a cerulean globe  
sculpture en route to condos fash-  
ioned like chalets and castles.  
They may choose from 175 clubs,  
four tennis courts, two pools  
and so on.

**STEPHANIE HAYES**  
Columnist

The community has one news-  
paper, and it is a good one. No,  
literally. There is zero bad news.  
Nothing approaching critical,  
combative, argumentative. No  
whiff of spindiness, seaminess,  
certainly not the word that starts  
with D and ends with T-H. Not  
even photos of chicken bones on  
buffet tables. No carcasses!

The monthly miracle unfolded  
on an August afternoon under  
a banner that read "Only good  
news since 1968." Through glass  
doors, a yellow note hung from  
the front desk.

There is currently only one per-  
son working in the newsroom. If  
Doug is on the phone, he will be  
with you soon. Have a seat and be  
patient.

That's Doug Kates, editor. He is  
currently the only paid employee,  
buoyed by 80 volunteer reporters  
in the On Top of the World Press  
Association. Doug is 55, but he  
doesn't live here. No mixing work  
and pleasure.

He slapped a palm on a table  
of printouts, working down the  
row like a spokesmodel for a rare  
automobile. Two women leaned  
over the sheets with red pens,  
hunting for typos, clunky words,  
awkward sentences.

See HAYES, 9A

Frank Williams picks up bundles of On Top of the World News to distribute throughout the 10,000-resident retirement community. He's been delivering the papers about six years.

Tampa Bay Times front page on Sept. 4, 2022

# Oktoberfest coming on Oct. 21

By Leila Walker

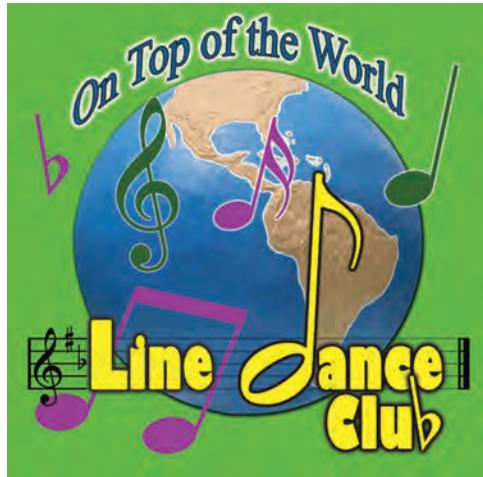
The On Top of the World Line Dance Club will hold its second annual Oktoberfest celebration on Friday, Oct. 21, from 4-7 p.m. at the Pavilion.

OTOW Line Dance Club members and their guests are invited to attend.

There will be no cost to the members, but you are welcome to bring a dish or snack to share. Bratwurst will be prepared on the grill. Bring your own beverages

Line Dance Club regular sessions are held every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Advanced Beginner is from 1-2 p.m. and Improver from 2-3 p.m.

Line dance sessions are also offered every Saturday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC Auditorium. Advanced Beginner dances are offered from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and Improver dances are offered from



9:30-10:30 a.m.

Additional practice sessions are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7-8 a.m. in the EAC Exercise Room. These sessions prepare



This was the scene in 2021 when the On Top of the World Line Dance Club celebrated Oktoberfest at the Pavilion.

you for the dances that will be on the Tuesday and Saturday program.

If you need additional informa-

tion, contact President Leila Walker at leila.g.walker1@gmail.com or text/call at 443-845-7842.

## Keyboard Club tries to restart

Prior to the pandemic, there was a group of residents just beginning to form a Keyboard Club.

Well, that effort is coming back.

A group of residents is trying to restart an energetic On Top of the World Keyboard Club.

But new leadership is needed.

Jo Ann Bethune has agreed to open her condo for early meetings and gatherings to see if there is enough interest.

If membership increases, the club will officially restart.

If you have a love for music and are looking for a good group to join, you have found the right one.

There will be an organ and a keyboard available so you do not need one in your home.

For more information, call (727) 799-5235.

## Irish Club parade set for March 4

By Barbara Rice

On Top of the World Irish Club officers are gearing up for upcoming activities.

A welcome back pizza party will be held on Nov. 10 in the Largo Room of the East Activity Center beginning at 5 p.m.

A festive Christmas brunch will be enjoyed at the Dunedin Golf Club on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m.

The 27th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, sponsored by the Irish Club, will step off on Saturday, March 4, 2023. It is not too early for clubs, organizations and

individuals to begin planning their entries in this longtime community tradition.

Anyone who has suggestions for parade participants who live outside OTOW may contact Parade Chairman Jim Bjorgo at 727-725-4048.

A gala of green will precede the parade on March 2, 2023, at the annual St. Patrick's dinner dance in the EAC.

Officers are also working on booking upcoming entertainment performances.

Details are to be announced once finalized. Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to help fund the parade.



## Jesters 2023 show will have a Las Vegas theme - still time to join

By Evelyn Flam

It's that time of the year when Jesters members are beginning to come forward with a ton of their ideas for this February's show - Vegas Vibes!

The cast is excited to get started on this musical which will be set in Las Vegas. We've been told it will feature the music of the Vegas era with performers like Frank Sinatra, Kenny Rogers, Cher and possibly the all-time favorite, Wayne Newton.

We've also been led to believe that comedy aficionados may be in for a treat with a star like Johnny Carson making an appearance in the Nevada desert.

There will be lots of singing, dancing and even some Vegas showgirls to fill up the stage.

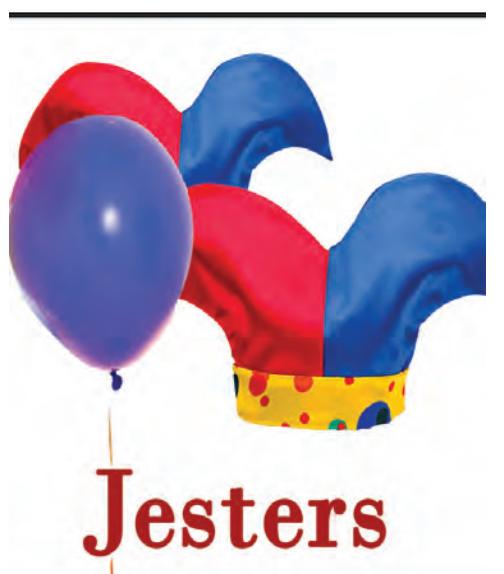
As we've said before, the cast's excite-

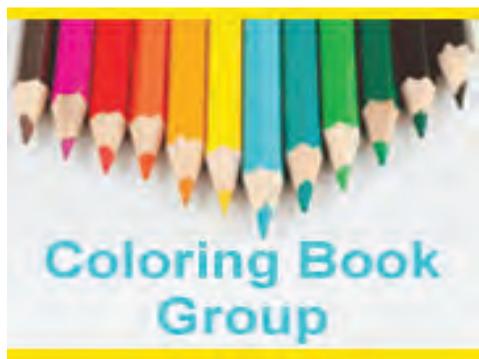
ment exemplifies the marvelous spirit that makes a Jesters show so much fun for both an OTOW audience and Jesters members.

For those of you who have not signed up yet to become part of the cast on stage, or the crew behind the scenes, please attend our next Jesters meeting at the West Activity Center Belleair Room on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.

This meeting will provide a great opportunity to become part of the fun. Jesters will, of course, be selling tickets to the show Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the East Activity Center Auditorium. For more information, please contact Robyn Kumar at 516-662-9640.

Let's get together "Jest for Fun."





# Already excited for next year's coloring contest

By Elsie Paulan

In August, the Coloring Book Club hosted a coloring book contest in On Top of the World News.

The two best entries were featured in the September newspaper.

Weren't those winning contest pictures terrific!

Members of the Coloring Book Club were the judges, but we couldn't pick just one winning entry. They were all very good!

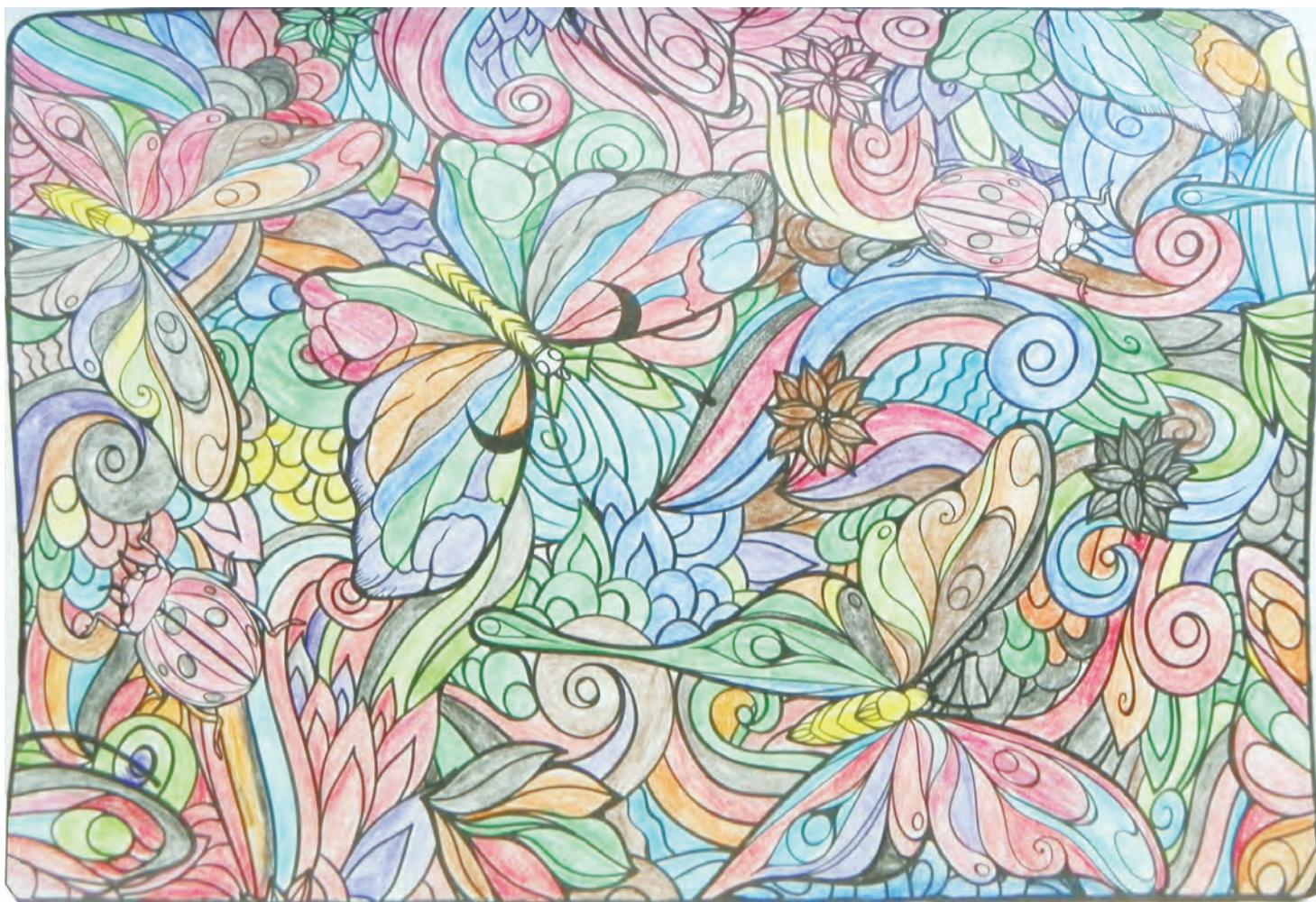
I am so glad that Doug Kates, our newspaper editor, chose to offer two prizes this year. When you have so many great entries, it is hard to choose.

Next year you will have another chance to enter and another chance to win a Hobby Lobby gift certificate so you can add to your coloring supplies.

Our club members are still having fun each Wednesday from noon until 3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room. Join us for the fun.

This month's featured picture was colored by Nina Sposonto. Butterflies are very popular to color, but so are cats and trees, and whatever strikes your fancy.

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# There was a murder and it was up to Travel Club members to find the killer

By Janice Berman

The On Top of the World Travel Club has a lot going on.

We started September with a general meeting and 90 members came to hear President David Berman's newest joke.

We were treated to a talk by Viking Cruise Line representative Mary Trotter. She presented an overview of upcoming cruises, including four different cruising experiences on seven continents.

Judging by a show of hand, many of our members have cruised with Viking and are familiar with the wonderful amenities included in a Viking Cruise.

Lunch Bunch took place on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Bahama Breeze Island Grill in Tampa, which is one of our favorite lunch locations.

This event was well-attended and, judging by the smiles seen and laughter heard, everyone enjoyed the food and time spent together.

Many of us returned home to pack for a Murder Mystery Dinner Train on Sept. 8 and 9. We traveled to Fort Myers for an overnight trip, where we were entertained by a very talented group of actors who



presented a murder mystery show for our pleasure. The train ride lasted 3.5 hours.

The onboard chef prepared a five course dinner which we enjoyed during the train ride from Fort Myers across the Caloosahatchee River and back. The next day we had a two hour stop at the Fleamasters flea market - a truly remarkable place. We arrived back at OTOW just as the rain ended. It was a fun time for all.

Upcoming events include a Mt. Dora day trip, Pigeon Forge and Smoky Mountain show trip, and a holiday dinner and dance.

Come to the EAC auditorium on any Monday or Thursday from 8:15-10:15 a.m. to buy event tickets.

We are now selling group price tick-



On Top of the World Travel Club members order dinner on board the Murder Mystery Train in Tampa. So far so good. No murders.

ets to the Ruth Eckerd Hall Broadway Series beginning with Lerner & Loewe's "My Fair Lady" which will be performed on Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

It is time to assemble a new board of OTOW Travel Club officers. All positions are open. Please consider volunteering. We are going places!



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# Yee-Haw registration party set for Oct. 26



By Hope Tera

The Moving 'n Grooving Club has many reasons to celebrate. Our first official year is coming to an end and what a year it has been!

Between line dancing, cardio dancing, playing cornhole ... you've got up to 14 hours of fun each week.

And don't forget our festive parties!

We recently held our annual meeting, where current officers gave an overview of the past year and elections were held for new officers. All agreed we are on a great track and the future's looking bright.

Our membership drive for 2023 will start off with a Yee-Haw Party, set for Wednesday, Oct. 26, starting at 5 p.m. In addition to registering people to join our club (\$15/year), there will be plenty of line dancing and cardio dancing, with performances by our Star Shine Singers and Retreads (male dance troupe).

The best part of the party, for many, is the chance to relax and socialize with friends old and new.

Studies have shown that exercise and social interaction help keep our bodies and minds in tip-top shape. We've got a few suggestions...

How about trying some line dancing classes with Margaret LeTourneau? She caters to all levels and a great time is guaranteed.

If you are interested in giving your heart a good workout, you can try a cardio dance class with Hope Tera. Looking for a gentler workout? Then a cardio dance light class might fit the bill. The class schedule is listed at right.

There are numerous class cancella-



You have a choice. Join these folks for line dancing or 'put em up' because they have been watching a lot of Western movies. Above are officers for the 2022-23 season. From left to right are Madeleine Fontaine, Ron Huber, Margaret LeTourneau, Viki Payne, Mike Payne and Hope Tera.

tions in the coming weeks/months. Please check the OTOW newspaper and TV station to find out which classes on the schedule will be running on various dates.

The Moving 'n Grooving Club is always welcoming new ideas and new beginnings. If you'd like to check out an inclusive line and cardio dance club that teaches to all levels, guarantees great fun, and promotes an atmosphere of kindness and creativity, please contact Hope at 914-217-9206. You can email her at [movingandgroovingotow.com](mailto:movingandgroovingotow.com) or come to any of our classes to try them out.

You can also learn more about our club on the OTOW Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)). Look for our logo.

As always, we hope to see you on the dance floor.

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# At Cornhole, you get an award for being perfect

By Margaret LeTourneau

If you hear lots of cheering during this sport, there's good reason.

It's not an easy feat to score four bean bags in a row into the cornhole board!

However, we have three players who accomplished this last month!

Congratulations to all!

Joe Ventimiglia, on the very first day of cornhole, surprised us all by tossing four bean bags into the hole! He had already set the cornhole bar of achievement high!

Ron Huber, on the second week of cornhole, nailed it! He too got four in a row! Now, for a 92-year-young gentleman, that's pretty outstanding!

Then, Roger Perry, who has perfected his pitch, accomplished sinking four bean bags in a row ... at four separate times!

How's that for cornhole proficiency?

Cornhole has been an active summer sport. This indoor, air conditioned-activity, has tempted 104 players to try it out.

We average 38 players each Monday from 1-3 p.m. in the West Activity Center's Belleair Room.

The Moving and Grooving Club wanted to offer OTOW residents a comfortable, summer sporting option that promoted sportsmanship. This was a free, summer, trial experiment.

It has been so successful that the Moving and Grooving Club will now offer it year round.

Starting this month, all players will be invited to join the Moving and Grooving Club. It



costs \$15 for the entire 2023 year. This entitles all players to take part in six hours of line dancing a week, six hours of cardio dancing a week and two hours of cornhole a week.

Everyone is invited to our club's kick off membership drive party. It will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 5-8:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center's Auditorium.

More information to come.

If you haven't tried cornhole yet, why don't you pop in and try a game or two?

It's every Monday from 1-3 p.m. at the West Activity Center Belleair Room.

Let's keep moving!

Cheers!



Cornhole winners Roger Perry, left, and Ron Huber receive awards from tournament coordinator Margaret LeTourneau, president of the Moving and Grooving Club. Missing is another winner, Joe Ventimiglia.



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# Live artwork demonstration from Robert Simone



## Art Guild

By Julie Awot

The Art Guild is happy to announce that formal club activities start this month.

We are pleased that Rosemarie Lugg has agreed to once again host an acrylics painting class. The first class is Thursday, Oct. 13. The class will meet each Thursday from 1-4 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room. The formal instruction time is 1-3 p.m. There is ooo ahhh time from 3-4 p.m.

If you would like to try painting, take advantage of Rosemarie's expertise and guidance. You will be amazed at what you produce.

We are still looking for those interested in instructing or demonstrating in any medium. If you have a particular skill you would like to share, please speak to one of us at Art Guild, or email Irene Le Bel at [Imeems@comcast.net](mailto:Imeems@comcast.net).

The Art Guild is looking forward to participating in the On Top of the World Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 5. We will have information and sign-up sheets for our planned events. We also are going to have a super raffle of some of the Guild



'The Three Graces' by Robert Simone

artists' works. If that isn't enough, we are also going to be selling some of the art books we have amassed over the years. We have instruction books, coffee table books, art history books, you name it.

Please stop by and chat with us and have a look.

Next on the agenda, on Nov. 11 is our first Art Guild meeting at 1 p.m. EAC Largo Room. The meeting will be immediately followed by a demonstration by local St. Petersburg artist Robert Simone, who paints lovely coastal and marine subjects. He is going to demonstrate his start to fin-

ish process.

Though we all just want to throw paint on the canvas and call it a masterpiece, it really takes a lot of planning for a successful effort. Robert's demonstration should give us insight into how a professional artist works.

Next up, on Nov. 29 from 7-9 p.m. the Guild is hosting a paint and sip with a holiday theme. The cost is \$25. We will have all the canvas, paints, brushes that you need as well as light snacks. Bring your beverage of choice. We are holding this event in the EAC kitchen and we an-

ticipate that we can accommodate 35 people. You can reserve your spot by signing up at the Fall Fest on Nov. 5 or the Nov. 11 Guild meeting.

The last event I want to highlight in this edition of OTOW News is our Dec. 15 field trip to the Salvador Dali Museum. The fee is \$15 for this event. You must make your reservation no later than Nov. 30. More details to come.

In the meantime, beauty surrounds us and the creative spirit dwells within us all. Why not join the Art Guild and let your creativity flourish?

## Not uncommon for writing topics to reflect time of the year

By Lori Gottshall

The new season for Writers Ink started on Sept. 8. Interestingly, each piece reviewed had something to do with bringing joy to life.

While the topics were similar, the styles varied. Both poetry and prose were represented.

The club has no rules about style or topic. Anything that interests the writer is fair game for content being presented at the meetings. Fiction and nonfiction are both welcome.

Nevertheless, it is not unusual for members to unintentionally focus on the same theme in any given week. Holidays seem to bring out family remembrances. Change of season elicits thoughts about Mother Nature.

And so it goes.

Some of the members adopt a journaling-style to write about vacations and weekend outings. Others are working on family genealogy histories.

Any topic is welcome.

It is important to mention that we do not shy away from the topic of grief. I learned this when I first arrived at On Top of the World in 2007, shortly after my



husband had passed away. The club welcomed me and actually became a virtual support group as I worked through those first sad months in my writings. Over the years I have helped return the favor for others.

We welcome new members and new topics of interest. Meetings are Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the Dunedin Room of the East Activity Center. If you are curious, feel comfortable stopping by to just listen.



## OTOW Canadian Club Registration Night

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, 5 pm, EAC Auditorium

### Any nationality can join the Canadian Club

Events scheduled for the 2022-23 season include:

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# Cheesecake Night welcomes back early Snowbirds

By Will Peterson

The New York-New Jersey Club wants to welcome back all of our Snowbirds. We hope that you had a great summer and are ready to have some good times with our club.

On Sept. 22 we had our Welcome Back Cheesecake Social. We are happy to say that there were more than 100 members in attendance.

We had our nomination of officers and a discussion on club events. A list of the people who were nominated can be obtained at our information table any Monday or Thursday morning in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

Voting will be held at our Hawaiian Shirt Night social in October and nominations will be taken from the floor.

So, please come out and cast your vote.

Joining us at our cheesecake social were some representatives from other On Top of the World clubs who were there to talk about what they have planned for the new season. All in all, the evening was a success and everyone left the building a little bit heavier than when they arrived, but it didn't seem as if anyone was upset.

On Oct. 20 from 5-9 p.m. is our Hawaiian Shirt Night in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Mama Felice will cater and the food will consist of ham with pineapples, barbecue chicken, pasta primavera, sweet potatoes, apple crumb pie, and individual salads will be set at your table and of course water and coffee. Cost is \$25 with entertainment provided by DJs Cathy and Paul.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, come say hello to us at the OTOW Fall Festival & Expo. We will have an outside table.

On Thursday, Dec. 1, is our Ugly



New York - New Jersey Club

Christmas Sweater Party. Cost for tickets is \$25 and the event will be in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Food will be served at 5 p.m. and catered by Mama Felice. The menu includes seafood salad (shrimp and penne pasta in white sauce), chicken fingers and dipping sauce, sausage and peppers, meatballs and salad, and cannoli and cookies. Coffee, ice and water will be available. This evening will feature a new DJ, Les N More.

On Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, we will host our annual Sports Night catered by Mama Felice in the EAC.

Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and will include Mama's chicken strips with dipping sauces, baked ziti, pulled pork, salad to the



Magdalene Nawrocky, left, receives a dessert from Laura O'Connor during Cheesecake Night in September.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

table and bread. Her famous apple cobbler will be for dessert. Water coffee and ice will be available. Music will be by the Kathy and Paul Duo. The cost will be \$23.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, we will host our Mama Mia Night at 6 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium. Come learn about

the movie and characters from the film in a special presentation by one of our residents. There will be snippets from the movie and music from the group Abba. Plan on participating in a sing-along. There will be Greek pastries, coffee, water and ice all for just \$10.



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# Special guest speaker will teach our club members about essential oils



By Laurie LeClaire  
Greetings fellow metaphysical lovers! We have a treat on Oct. 13 with one of our own group members stepping up to share her trade.

Michele Hammerton has been a Florida resident for more than 60 years. She has been involved in the healing arts through various mediums since the 1970s including diet, fasting, massage and aromatherapy.

She has a bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Central Florida and taught massage therapy at Westside Technical College in Winter Garden, Fla.

In 2000, Michele became a certified yoga instructor through the Shivananda Center in Val Morin, Canada.

Michele is also a raw food enthusiast

and became a certified raw food instructor through the Living Light Culinary Institute in Fort Bragg, Calif., back in 2009.

She is passionate about her work and began sharing her knowledge about health and healthy food preparations at several venues in the southeast.

In 2017 she became a Certified Detoxification Specialist through the Herbal Health Club and continues to further her knowledge in the field of natural health.

In 2018 she started taking classes in herbalism to further her study in natural ways of healing with Rosemary Gladstar.

In August of 2018, Michele prepared a meal and gave a talk at the first Florida Fruit Festival at Swank Farm in Loxahatchee.

In 2019 she became a certified Breatharian Healer. Her video has helped many, especially during times of stress. Incorporating diet, fasting, breathing, energy, stones, yoga postures and the like, she continues to share her love for helping others to attain abundant health.

To narrow the topic this month, Michele will focus on introducing uses for essential oils.

Our meeting will be held in the Clearwater Room/Kitchen in the East Activity Center basement level from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13.

You may contact Laurie LeClaire at otowoowo@gmail.com for questions.

**The Big Red Bus will be here on**

**Thursday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the East Activity Center North Parking Lot.**

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**See page 9 for details**



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# Ed Hooper to speak at Oct. 11 meeting

By Carl Turner

Members of the On Top of the World Ronald Reagan Republican Club would like to remind all residents to vote on Nov. 8 regardless of your political party.

At our Sept. 13 meeting, Jim Bjorgo discussed ways each of us can help ensure others can get out to vote.

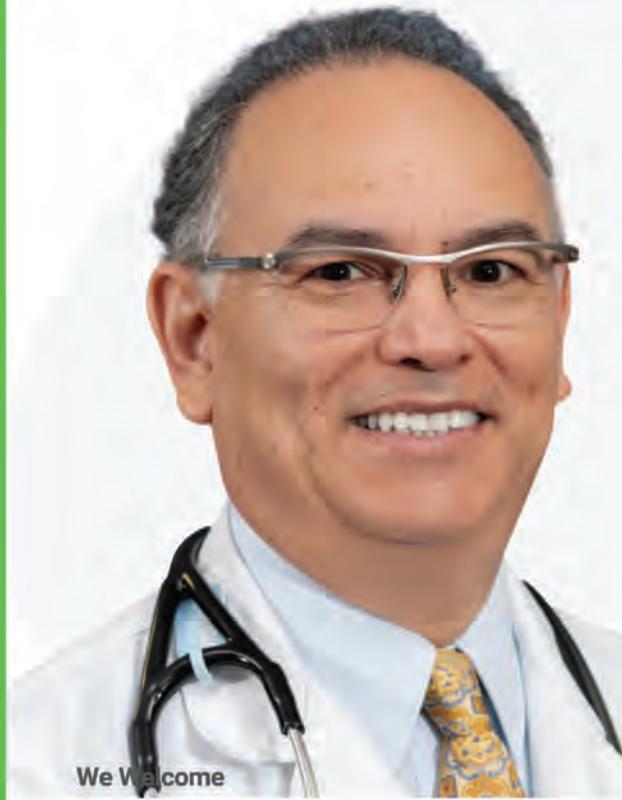
If you would like this information, please visit our club information table on any Monday or Thursday morning.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the West Activity Center. We will have several candidates for the November election speaking, including Ed Hooper and potentially Bruce Bartlett.

Republican candidates that our residents can support include US Senator Marco Rubio, US House District 13 Rep Anna Paulina Luna, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, Attorney General Ashley Moody, Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson, Florida Senate D-21 Ed Hooper, Florida House D-58 Kimberly Berfield, State Attorney Bruce Barlett, County Commissioner D-2 at Large Brian Scott, and School Board D-3 at Large Dawn Peters.

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# Snowbirds Club events starting up in October

By Ed Foland

The Snowbirds Club has announced their schedule for travel, entrainment and line dancing for the 2022-23 winter season.

The first social event is on Sunday, Oct. 23, at Fletchers Early Bird Dinner Theater in Clearwater where we will enjoy dinner prepared by Banquet Masters chef and served hot directly from their in-house kitchen. After dinner there is live entertainment with Beau Jest, a play about Sarah who has a problem...her parents want her married to a nice Jewish boy. What does Sarah do but create a fictional Jewish doctor as her imaginary beau and hires a male escort to play him in front of her family.

The dilemma?

Her charade is a little too successful and she begins to fall for the male escort.

Make plans to join the Snowbirds Club and be seated on the front row of tables.

December is a busy month with a concert at the Largo Cultural Arts Center where Elvis Tribute Artist Dwight Icenhower presents Christmas With The King on Dec. 14.

Tampa Bay Downs is our destination on Wednesday, Dec. 21, to enjoy lunch and watch the horse races.

We end the month of December with a concert "A Salute to Vienna" at Ruth



Eckerd Hall on New Year's Eve.

What kind of vacation gives you more for your money and is more relaxing than a cruise?

We have two cruises scheduled. One in January to the Bahamas and one in February to the Southern Caribbean Islands of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao.

Choose one, or both, and relax, relax, and relax.

Ticket sales at the East Activity Center Auditorium will start on Monday Oct.16, at 8:30 a.m. and continue on each Monday and Thursday morning during the Snowbirds season.

Snowbirds Line Dance classes will resume at the EAC on Wednesday, Oct.19, at 8:30 a.m. and continue each Wednesday until April 19.

Dolly Foland, line dance instructor and choreographer, has been teaching line dance classes for 30-plus years, 14 years



Snowbird Club line dancers participate in a recent Irish Club parade.

at On Top of the World. Her beginner class is from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The dances are fun and are also good exercise for the body and mind.

She teaches improver level dances from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The dances are more complex, challenging and more suited to experienced line dancers.

Ed Foland teaches a class for residents at OTOW who have never line danced before. He starts his 8:30 a.m. class by saying, "Hi, My name is Ed, I have two left feet and do not hear the beat."

The 12-step program is designed so you can learn 12 basic steps and start enjoying line dancing.

This class is well suited to new residents of OTOW looking for fun social

events they will enjoy. Ed's class is free. Partners are not needed to have fun line dancing.

A complete schedule of events is posted on the OTOW Box Office (otowboxoffice.com). Additional events will be posted there as they are added during the season.

To view the Snowbirds Club web page on Box Office, follow these three steps. 1. Go to otowboxoffice.com 2. Scroll down a few pages to Club Web Pages 3. Click on word "Snowbirds Club" or the Snowbirds logo. Our page will open.

Email club contact person Ed Foland at endfoland@aol.com or call his cell at 727 417-3272.

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# Theater Workshop announces title for spring show will be ‘Oceans Away’

By Maxine Sutcliffe

What a great, fun time we had at the Pavilion!

Theater Workshop held a hot dog/hamburger cookout with almost 40 members and “interested” non-members in attendance.

Many signed up to join our club.

The evening started like a Broadway drama. People were arriving for the party, but the Pavilion was locked with no storms in the forecast.

Fortunately, On Top of the World maintenance was in the neighborhood. Someone was on hand to courteously “save the day” by unlocking the gates so the charcoal could be started. Food made its way to the grill with very little delay.

With food, soft drinks, cookies, ice cream and music by Mr Fun himself, we really couldn’t fail.

Our free cookout invitation had been extended to existing members as well as possible interested members from within the OTOW community. We are appreciative of the OTOW newspaper that enables us to convey this kind of information that resulted in several newcomers – some who had not previously even heard of Theater Workshop - to come over to enquire.

So a big “Thank You” here for



OTOW maintenance for being very responsive when we needed you and our OTOW newspaper for conveying our message.

We were also lucky to have our photographer, Mary Lou Wall, on hand who was able to record our activities that fun evening.

The general meeting at the picnic was brief: initially we acknowledged Lillian Foy as secretary (previously “acting secretary” since the board’s inception), and thanked the team who worked hard during August to refurbish the Theater Workshop back stage room, including repairing the cabinets that house our costumes and props.

The show and director for the production schedule for March 10-12, 2023, “Oceans Away” was announced.

The November Fall Festival & Expo is Nov. 5 when we will join the communi-



Theater season isn’t even here yet, but Theater Workshop members got together to enjoy a picnic at the Pavilion. By the looks of it, the show should have a large cast this spring.

ty in the parking area of the East Activity Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. We are in need of a creative team for this event to provide ideas and practical help to design/decorate the Theater Workshop table. Please contact Keith Elder, vice president,

813-731-4530 or email Maxine Sutcliffe, president, at maxjust43@yahoo.com or sign up at our next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 6 p.m., socializing and 7 p.m. for the general meeting in the Bellair Air Room, West Activity Center.



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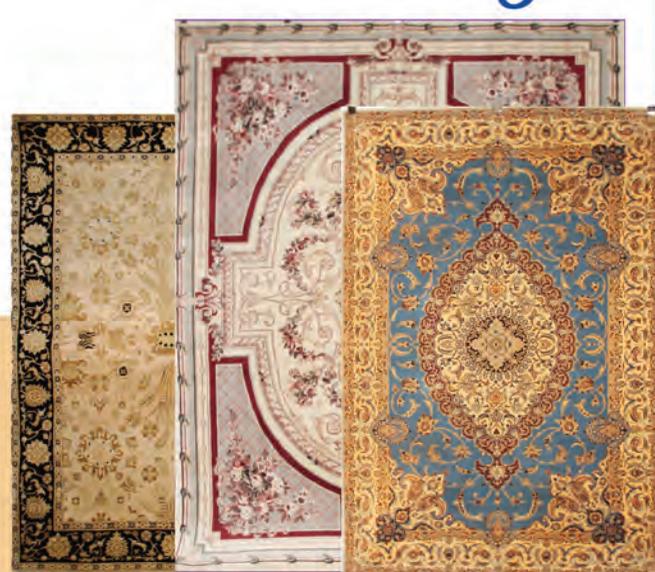
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# OTOW Democrats attend county party

By Joanne Cordes

Philippe Park is one of our county's favorite venues for large gatherings. On Sept. 3, the Greater Tarpon Springs Democratic Club and the North Pinellas County Democratic Club hosted a fundraiser Democratic Labor Day Picnic.

Ozona Pig restaurant provided the food, local candidates came with signs and literature for distribution, and party organizers offered raffles and music.

Our own On Top of the World Democratic Club was in attendance.

At our Sept. 8 monthly meeting, Lacy Hollings, District 65 Chair for the Pinellas County Democratic Party, was the guest speaker. She summarized where our local candidates stand against their opponents, what activities are upcoming, and how our members can specifically offer support.

Lacy stressed that even though our new District 58 – as a result of redistricting – has more Republican voters, it is not unwinnable by the Democratic candidates. In fact, she noted that Democrats and left-leaning NPAs (No Party Affiliation) in this year's primary election surpassed voting statistics of 2018's primary.

Lacy encouraged us to participate in all ways we can to Get Out the Vote (GOTV), telling us "when Democrats vote in every single election presented, that is when we win!"

She also suggested that our local candidates are very strong and it is very important we support Dr. Keesha Benson (School Board), Pat Gerard (County Commission-



er), Allison Miller (Pinellas/Pasco State Attorney) and get them elected.

We plan more sign-waving activities to highlight: candidates, importance of voting, and issues.

We continue to write postcards urging Democrats to vote and we'll be writing post-it note reminders to be disbursed to those who have not yet voted by election day – Nov. 8.

We are participating in another local fundraiser – Divots for Democrats, the first annual Pinellas County Democrats Golf Tournament on Oct. 1 at Largo Municipal Golf Course. To date, our club has registered one fantastic foursome.

Event photos are expected for next month's paper.

For our club calendar of events and club photos, please check our Blogspot [worlddemsclub.blogspot.com](http://worlddemsclub.blogspot.com) for current club news and also links to the latest info on Florida politics.



On Top of the World Democrats were in the house at the Democratic Unity Labor Day Picnic at Philippe Park in September. Good food, good folks and great candidates. Shown above are Dave Beaven, Donna Lukas, Don Ladner, Joyce Monahan and Joe Saportas.

Club announcements are also available on the Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)). Or visit our information table at the East Activity Center's Auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. to learn about upcoming club activities or chat about current events.

You can also visit our Meta/Facebook page at On Top of the World Democratic Club Clearwater to learn about local political events or add commentary to current

events.

Our next Happy Hour gathering is Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 7-9 p.m. in the West Activity Center Learning Lab. Bring your own beverage and a light snack to share. And yes, political talk is encouraged! We meet Oct. 13 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the WAC Learning Lab for our general meeting. We hope you join us; there is much to plan and do, to turn Florida blue!

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This is a great function, although if you never clean out the processes that the computer doesn't use any more, the computer will still search them all to see if it can find the process you are using now.

Although the computer conducts the search very quickly, the more files to search results in the computer working more and more slowly.

So, how do you clean your computer?

Just about all computers have a clean-up program or app that comes with the original software. Knowing where to find your internal computer cleaner can be a little difficult and varies between computers. That's where the Computer Club



Computer Club

comes in.

We offer a computer cleaning service at our West Activity Center Wednesday morning help sessions. All you need to do is bring your computer to the WAC Learning Lab between 8:30 and 10 a.m. on any Wednesday morning. We'll show you how to clean your computer as we perform a cleaning for you. We can also point you in the direction of good third-party cleaners, both free and for purchase, which can automatically keep your computer clean and running up to speed.

### About the Computer Club

The Computer Club meets every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m., both in-person at the West Activity Center Learning Lab and using the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Visitors are welcome.

Sessions usually consist of presentations or discussions led by club members



This is a typical Saturday morning help session for the Computer Club. There can be a guest speaker and several residents in attendance to learn about keeping their computers healthy. On the movie screen are residents who attended the meeting via Zoom.

or guest speakers. Time is also made available to ask questions.

In addition to the Saturday meetings, the club offers assistance to any OTOW resident with basic technology-related questions or issues.

The Learning Lab is open in the West Activity Center Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10. Knowledgeable Computer Club volunteers offer basic computer, tablet and smart phone program assistance and app help. The services are free to all OTOW residents with a valid Activity Card and Computer Club membership is not required to get assistance.

If residents have in-home computers that require service in their condos, the

Computer Club does not offer an in-home repair service, although, the Computer Club can offer guidance and assistance in locating service providers who can address other-than-basic service needs or in-home computer issues.

Computer service-related questions can be sent to the Computer Club at otowcc@gmail.com. Responses normally are made within 72 hours after the request is received.

For more information about the Computer Club, email us at otowcc@gmail.com, visit our website at www.otowcc.com or click our link in the OTOW Box Office, otowboxoffice.com.

## Italian-American Club information table returns Oct. 6

By William Peterson

We are happy to say that the Italian American Club information table will be back in the East Activity Center every Monday and Thursday from 8:30-10:15 a.m. as of Oct. 6.

We are looking forward to seeing all our past members and of course welcoming new members.

Remember that you do not have to be Italian to become a club member. Everyone is welcome.

Our first event will be a picnic in the Pavilion. More information will be available at our table.

On Nov. 9, our popular pasta dinner/dance will be held in the East Activity Center. We look forward to seeing all of you on the dance floor.

On Dec. 7, we will hold our annual gala Christmas Party at the Countryside Country Club. Remember to sign up early. We have already sold some tickets during



our spring season, but we will once again be selling the tickets at our table from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Volunteers are always needed at the tables every Monday and Thursday to help sell tickets and also for helping set up and clean up at the events.

We hope you had a great summer and are now ready to come out and enjoy our club activities!

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## Important dates for upcoming softball season

By Bob Rittner

On Top of the World softball season is quickly approaching and here are some important dates to remember:

### Thursday, Oct. 6

Noon at the Paradise Restaurant in Safety Harbor, our club will be holding a preseason meeting to greet new players and discuss issues related to our rules and practices.

People may sign up for the season and pay the \$50 dues if they wish.

We will distribute three new shirts to those who pay their dues. The shirts are provided by the Paradise Restaurant, our sponsor. The league will provide the pizza and the gratuity. Individuals will pay for drinks from the restaurant.

### Tuesday, Oct. 11

At 8 a.m. at the Safety Harbor City Park, batting practice will take place for people interested in playing softball this season, which runs from October through April.

You may register and pay dues that day if you like. Once we receive your dues,



we will give you the new shirts.

### Thursday, Oct. 13

This is opening day. Allegiant Airlines or the Coast Guard may do a flyover to mark the day.

Arrive at the Safety Harbor Field by 7:45 to get ready for the game at 8 a.m. You may register to play at that time if you have not already done so. We allow you to play two games before asking you to

decide to join or not.

We play every Tuesday and Thursday until April except for Thanksgiving Day.

### Late breaking news!

Our On Top of the World softball team was been challenged by Don Kutchinski's travel team to a game on Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Safety Harbor park. We hastily assembled a promising roster and accepted the challenge.

Baseball (and softball) are always unpredictable. Despite some excellent fielding by many of our players, the Kutchinski aggregation rocketed line drives all over the field and racked up 15 runs while we could only summon five.

Our leading hitters were Mike Allen and George Morgan, each of whom laced two doubles and a single in their perfect day's at bat and demonstrated their wheels by circling the bases to score.

Charles Kovarik only came to bat twice in a lineup of 14 hitters, but made the most of it with a long double to the fence and a hard line drive single.

Worthy of remark also was the spectacular fielding of Mike Allen who caught

two long drives at the fence and numerous other line drives all over the field as he positioned himself at rover and consistently anticipated where batters would hit.

Noteworthy, too, were two catches by Frank Whitney, the remarkable element being his catching a line drive and hard grounder with his bare hand, looking very nonchalant doing it.

The team played hard and smart. Joe DeChiaro made a perfect one-hop throw from the grass to home holding a runner at third. George Morgan, Bill Holland and Henry Buyny each snared soaring fly balls in the outfield and Jack Wright not only played an impeccable second base, but his heads up coverage of the bag led to a number of force outs there.

Eddie Ramirez at third base also showed off his strong arm and got two hard line drive hits in this three at bats.

There was talk of a possible rematch this fall.

For more information, contact Bob Rittner at 727-735-1762 or email to [bobrittner@yahoo.com](mailto:bobrittner@yahoo.com).

You can also visit our web page on the Box Office at [otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)

## On a wet afternoon, Friday golfers use both courses to get 18 holes in

By Ken Smith

The Friday Mixed Golf League played a split course on Aug. 26. We played all nine holes on the nine-hole course, plus holes 1-4 and 14-18 on the 18-hole course.

Todd Six and his crew deserve a lot of credit for giving us a very playable golf course under extremely wet conditions.

First place was Andrew Polselli with a plus 9. Second place was John McBride with a plus 6. Third place was CJ Messina with a plus 4, determined by a match of cards.

Closest to the pin winners included Marj Olsen, CJ Messina, Sheryl Barbin and Don Auger.

### Friday Golf

Skins were recorded by Marj Olsen, John McBride and Andrew Polselli.

Low Gross was Bruce MacPherson with a 67.

### September 2

First place was John Maloof with a plus 5.

Second place was Ken Oatsvall with a plus 4, third place was Fred Schick with a plus 4. There was a match of cards to break the tie.

Closest to the pin on hole No. 3 was

Don Auger, on hole No. 5 was Bruce MacPherson, on hole No. 9 was Ron Lafond, on hole No. 13 was Len Howell, on hole No. 15 was Bruce MacPherson and on hole No. 16 was Harry Barbin.

Skins were recorded by Dave Pittenger on hole No. 4 and by Ron Lafond on hole No. 7.

Low Gross was Bruce MacPherson with a 65.

The Friday Mixed Golf League was created to provide OTOW men and women with a venue for competition using the USGA rules of golf. Our league uses the USGA Stableford scoring format, which

is a quota point system used by many leagues throughout the country. In this format, each player has a point quota and they try to play above their quota, not directly against other players. This allows players of all skill levels to compete fairly each week.

Our league plays every Friday, weather permitting. The championship season is November through April. Summer and fall golf continues May through October.

Volunteers are needed to help run the league and form committees that oversee and govern the league. If interested, contact Harry Barbin at 215-514-1280 or email [harrybarbin1@gmail.com](mailto:harrybarbin1@gmail.com).

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## Before errant golf balls, 'Fore' was yelled to help a golfer find his ball

By Barney Harahan

Welcome to another day of golf.

Someone asked me recently, "why do we yell 'Fore' when we drive a golf ball?"

The original term called forecaddie was initiated in the mid-1800s. The caddies located on the course would call out the golf ball's position on the course to assist the golfer in locating the golf ball.

Later the term was changed in favor of merely calling "Fore."

Today the term is frequently used when a golfer drives an errant golf ball and alerts other golfers of impending contact. It is more of a defensive term than location.

Now you know.

The On Top of the World Men's Golf Association participated in a meeting about the upcoming Guys and Dolls Tournament scheduled for Nov. 9. The rain date is Nov 16.

Anyone can play as long as they have one active member in the Men's Golf Association in their group.

### Men's Golf

#### Recent Scores

##### August 24

##### Flight A

First Place: Roger Amundson, 64, followed by Mike Crittendon, 64, Roy Monthieith, 66, John Taylor, 66, Mike Schulyer, 67.

##### Flight B

First Place: Gerald Morrissette, 63, followed by Ron Lafond, 63, David Johnson, 64, Jay Schwallie, 67, Marc Schell, 68.

##### Flight C

First Place: Sal Vasapolie, 61, followed by Ken Nield, 62, Jim Curl, 69, Sonny Morris, 70, Tim Palmquist, 72.

##### Flight D

First Place: Harry Crawford, 60, followed by Jay Laracuenta, 63, Joe Ventimiglia, 66, Harry Rejman, 70.

##### August 31

##### Flight A

First Place: Stanley Doran, 62, fol-

lowed by George Mead, 63, Roy Monthieith, 66, Jim Anazolone, 67, Mike Crittendon, 67.

##### Flight B

First Place: Ron Lafond, 63, followed by Jay Schwallie, 67, Martin Forde, 69, Ronald Murray, 69, Gerald Morrissette, 7.

##### Flight C

First Place: Sonny Morris, 68, followed by Patrick Mahoney, 69, Tim Palmquist, 69, Jack Gow, 69, Ken Nield, 69.

##### Flight D

First Place: Henry Rejman, 61, followed by Jay Laracuenta, 68, Joe Ventimiglia, 68.

##### September 7

##### Flight A

First Place: Jim Anzalone, 62, followed by Stanley Doran, 63, Mike Critterdon, 63, Roy Monthieith, 64, Nilson Sabadin, 65.

##### Flight B

First Place: Dave Cox, 60, followed by David Johnson, 61, Marc Schell, 61, Mike Smith, 61, Martin Forde, 62.

##### Flight C

First Place: Andy Potselli, 56, followed by Tim Palmquist, 64, Joe Ventimiglia, 64, Harry Crawford, 68.

##### Flight D

First Place: Alex Miller, 57, followed by Les Meneilly, 63, Patrick Mahoney, 66, Jay Lacuente, 73, Henry Rejman, 73.

##### September 14

##### Flight A

First Place: Roy Monthieith, 63, followed by Steve Caffey, 63, Jim Anazolone, 64, Lester Whynot, 65, Mike Crittendon, 65.

##### Flight B

First Place: Martin Forde, 59, followed by David Johnson, 61, Marc Schell, 67, Ken Nield, 68, Dave Cox, 68.

##### Flight C

First Place: John Gill, 60, followed by Joe Ventimiglia, 61, Sonny Morris, 62, Harry Crawford, 62, Sal Vasapolie, 63.

##### Flight D

First Place: Jay Lacuente, 64, followed by Henry Rejhan, 66, Les Meneilly, 69, Alex Smith, 72, C.J. Messina, 73.

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## Residents may sign up for 9-hole golf on Oct. 4

The On Top of the World Ladies 9-Hole Golf League will open their 2022-23 season on Tuesday, Oct. 4 with a Fun Play Day.

During this fun event, residents will be able to sign up for the regular season and pay yearly dues.

Don't miss out on this chance to join our league full of interesting golf and fellowship.

Our league not only plays golf, but we enjoy other activities, including something we call "Wine and Nine."

If you would like more information about joining our league, please visit the Little House next to the first hole on the nine-hole course. Information will be posted there.

Our league plays at 8:45 a.m. every Tuesday with a shotgun start.

For more information, contact Carroll Harris at 432-528-8684. Leave a message or send a text. Carroll will get back to you as soon as possible.

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## Tennis membership goes to 70 and is still climbing

By Joe DeChiaro

The On Top of the World Tennis Club has been playing every morning during the summer in the humid hot temperatures.

Usually by 9 a.m. there are 2-3 courts occupied with players.

New members continue to join and the club has increased to 70 total members.

This past month, seven members and guests decided to socialize for lunch at First Watch Restaurant off Countryside Boulevard.

Our monthly golf outing was postponed until the fall because of the high heat index, but the monthly tennis luncheons and early dinners are still taking place.

A weekly beach outing is still taking place, but lately the afternoon rain has limited the outings to once a month.

As the fall begins, we expect the Snowbirds to slowly start coming back.

Our next club business meeting is scheduled for early November and the new season begins Dec. 1. New members are always welcome to sign up as we play seven days a week.



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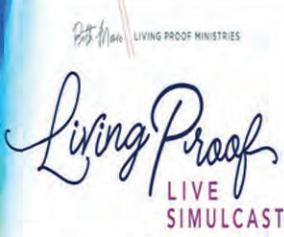


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# Even over the summer, knitters continue to create items for donations



## Knitting

By Cheryl Butcher

This has been an unusual summer for all of us with the hot, humid summer and huge rainfalls almost daily.

It has probably kept a lot of people from getting out during the day.

And we knitters are no different.

For the last few months, our weekly meetings have been attended by a mere handful of our usual cast. Of course, vacations, illnesses and family duties have kept some away for a bit, but regardless, we who remain are continuing our commitment to produce beautiful handmade items to donate.

Thanks to Charlotte Lindblom, Betty Karabotsios, Sumiko Morin, Leora Baeder, Theresa Berry and Cheryl Butcher for keeping us afloat.

We hope to see all of our Snowbird members return this winter. Hopefully they've kept their skills honed and are ready to start producing. We are looking forward to their safe and speedy return.

Many thanks to Pauline Segall, who



If it has been a while since you last smiled, join the Knitters. This group works in the beautiful Crystal Beach Room with air conditioning and a view of the swimming pool. When these ladies creating something, it usually gets donated to a good cause. (OTOW News photo by Cheryl Butcher)

continues to contribute her beautiful crocheted granny square afghans and knitted baby hats despite having moved to an assisted living facility.

Her daughter dutifully delivers her completed projects and picks up more

yarn for her. We miss you, Pauline.

Look for our table at the Fall Festival & Expo on Saturday, Nov. 5. We'll have an assortment of items for sale. Think Christmas gifts!

If you have an interest in knitting or

crocheting, we would love to have you join us in the Crystal Beach Room on Wednesday mornings from 9-11 a.m. The Good Neighbors Knitting Group operates under the auspices of Good Neighbors Association.

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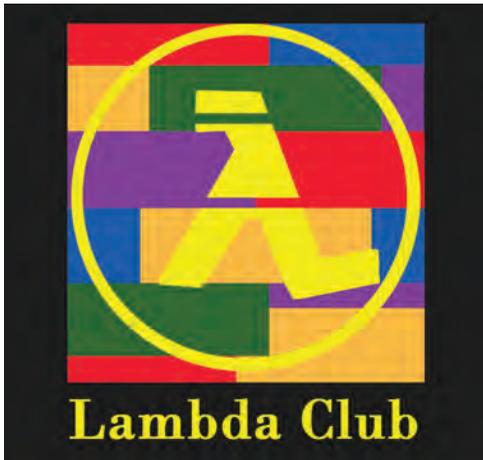
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# Lambdans don't party every week - sometimes they take in a quality performance with showgirls



By Bruce Lovett

What do a group of Lambda members have in common with a party of aging showgirls?

Probably a lot more than you'd think.

First and foremost, we were all at Stephen Sondheim's production of "Follies," the first show of Francis Wilson Playhouse's 93rd season.

The showgirls were on one side of the footlights, and we Lambdans were on the other side. You can be sure both sides had a good time, although we didn't get to party like they did.

We did get to enjoy a very nice dinner beforehand.

And like the showgirls, we at Lambda sure love any excuse to have a party. Some of those ladies flew in from all corners of the country to attend the event.

Well, we have members from as far away as Argentina and Spain, and in the winter months, we even have people flying in from as far away as Germany just to attend a party or two.



Members from the Lambda Club took in a show at Francis Wilson Playhouse last month.

(Photo by P. Gallagher)

The fact that everyone owns a condo here is purely coincidental.

As for parties, no one tops Lambda. On the second Friday of each month, we find an excuse to throw one.

Last month was our annual sports party. I can't say that the average sports I.Q. was especially high in the room, but everyone found a jersey or ball cap to wear, enjoyed munching on halftime snacks, such as fried chicken and cheese sticks, while sipping on a drink (some alcoholic, some not) and watching a big screen TV.

Granted there wasn't live football on the screen, but there were Olympic-level sports on display: swimming, diving, gymnastics to name a few. And they wore better outfits.

If you came to our August beach bash, you would have seen that a couple of our members still still have the bodies and the chutzpah to pull off a showgirl-style outfit.

Thank you Messrs. Beaven and Murphy.

October, being costume month, our monthly potluck social will have a dress up theme with a twist. So on Friday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room, the theme is Drag Night!

In the words of the infamous Rupaul, "We all come into this world naked. The rest is all drag."

So search your closet or hit a thrift store to fit your mood.

A frock with some makeup and wig

might strike your fancy.

Or otherwise, a hypermasculine leather type jacket, or T-shirt and jeans, may be more your style. It's your choice.

If drag isn't your thing, just come and gawk. But at this party, you'll be the outsider.

Lambda is a club that serves the LGBT population at On Top of the World, as well as their neighbors and friends.

Should you wish further information about this club or any other event, go to our web page at [lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com](http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com). You can also check us out at OTOW Box Office ([otowboxoffice.com](http://otowboxoffice.com)), or call Dave Beaven at (727) 410-7566.

## Singers needed for upcoming holiday concert

By Sylvia Rieder

It's been a long hot summer, but fall is almost upon us.

Our On Top of the World Chorus planned to meet Sept. 20, but then re-scheduled for Sept. 27.

In my next article, I will let you know what took place.

All residents who love to sing are invited to come and check us out. This invitation includes former members who dropped out for various reasons and all newcomers.

Additional vocalists are needed, especially more gentlemen.

No auditions are required so nothing to be nervous about. We want your voices and enthusiasm.



### Chorus

Our group loves to entertain others while having a great time.

On Top of World Chorus has this message to all singers,

"We want you. We need you. We love you."



When we dress up in our concert-best, this is how we look on stage.  
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## Movie Night - "Hocus Pocus" (1993)

Wednesday, Oct. 19, EAC Auditorium (Details on page 9)

# Free Activities

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## Social Dance Lessons

Social Dance Lessons will continue. Instructor Fred Mills allows his students to pick the dances to learn and there are a ton of dances to choose from. He will teach Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Hustle, Rumba, Salsa, Swing, Waltz and more.

Fred's classes are open to all residents with a valid activity card. Social Dance takes place every Thursday afternoons, 1-3 p.m., in the West Activity Center Bel-leair Room.

## Shuffleboard Club

Monday through Sunday

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

## Philosophy Club

The On Top of the World Philosophy Club is meeting again. The group will get together from 10-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday in the East Activity Center Crystal Beach Room.

Join us for interesting and lively conversations. Each week is a different subject. You may come just to listen. You may volunteer to present a topic, but we do not discuss religion or politics. Please be respectful of different values. Coffee, water and tea are available. Everyone must wear a mask.



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## Ballroom dance classes

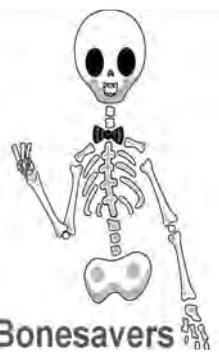


Ballroom dance classes will take place at 1 p.m. every Monday in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

The instructor is Noland Shade, who teaches beginner dancing to help couples learn how to dance socially.

Dance lessons are taught at a slow pace so anyone can learn how to dance over time.

No pre-registration is necessary. Simply show up and learn.



## Bonesavers

The Bonesavers exercise group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Largo Room.

We use hand weights and ankle weights, a towel and a chair.

If you want to try it out, just come over and borrow the weights we already have available.

Men and women are both welcome.

## Majongg players wanted over the fall

Wanted: Mah Jongg players to fill in at our afternoon games. We play Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1-3:30 p.m. in residents' condos. Please call Libby at 727-669-1486. No experience needed!

## Billiards

9-Ball Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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## Ceramics

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# Life of a traveling BBQ judge



On Sept. 10, my wife, Cheryl, and I judged our 87th Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) contest in Huntsville, Ala.

We have been judging contests for more than 15 years and we are considered Master Certified Barbeque Judges, which is a special category that requires certain training and testing.

We have traveled all over the country judging contests.

This contest was the 22nd annual Whistlestop Rocket City Barbeque.

There were 92 teams competing - 34 professional and 58 backyard. It was held in John Hunt Park, a large city park, and they needed all of that space.

Ninety-two teams need a lot of elbow room. At the very least, a team has a pop-up canopy to cover their grill and a truck or small camper to sleep in.

At the other end of the spectrum, teams have a large RV and a customized trailer for their grills.

We always judge four meat categories: chicken, pork ribs, pork shoulder and beef brisket.

There is basically one judge for each team and there are six judges at a table, so there were six tables of judges for the pro contest.

Each judge gets six pieces of meat for each category. That's right, six pieces, which ends up being 24 by the end of the judging. This totals over one pound of meat.

But in order to get those six perfect pieces, a team will cook three or four sides of ribs and a couple of dozen chicken pieces, picking what they consider the best for the boxes.

The chicken category normally includes legs or thighs. Pork ribs are usually babyback ribs, pork shoulder from pulled or sliced, and beef brisket slices and burnt ends.

Each category comes in its own container and is delivered in 30 minute increments so it takes two hours to complete.

But before any judging starts, we



This is life in a barbeque contest. You bring your tent, your specialized grill or smoker, your banner, and ice cooler full of beer. You also bring you watch dog to make sure no one steals off the grill or takes a beer from the cooler.

all stand, raise our right hands, and swear to abide by the Kansas City Barbeque Society rules "so that truth, justice, excellence in barbeque, and the American way of life may be strengthened and preserved forever."

Judging is done on a judging slip using a scale of 9 to 5 (9 being the best) for each of the three topics: Appearance, Taste and Tenderness, and 2 is inedible and 1 is disqualified, which can be for a few reasons as determined by the KCBS Representative is who present at each contest.

The backyard competition, or non-professional teams, held their judging an hour after the pros.

For that, we just judged chicken and ribs, in the same format and with the same rules.

We definitely had our fill of meats that day.

The judging is totally blind.

You do not know what team you

are judging.

One of the rules is that you cannot visit any of the teams before the event starts in order to avoid any fraternization or hint of impropriety.

After you have completed judging, you can go out and talk to the teams. I love going out and visiting teams to talk to the cooks, get tips on how they build their fire, season the meats, and what kind of wood they use.

As much as I barbeque myself, I am always learning. What better place to learn that than with a lot of professional cooks.

Also, I love looking at all the different kinds of smokers and barbeque pits.

I did talk to two female cooks, team "Smokin' Broke," who were anxiously awaiting the results.

After all of the judging slips have been tabulated and the winners are determined, there is a big ceremony to

hand out the awards.

Usually the top 10 teams in each category receive some form of recognition, either money or a trophy.

And there is a Grand Champion (overall winner) and a Reserve Champion (second place).

The Whistlestop Grand Champion was "Smoke Me Silly" and the Reserve Champion was "Fat, Drunk and Stupid."

Be prepared for a lot of noise when team winners are announced. They worked hard for their honors. Usually they stay up all night tending to their meats, have had a beer or two, and are very happy to see that hard work acknowledged.

The prize money usually doesn't come close to compensating them for their expenses, but they don't care.

They get a trophy!

Second place at this event went to the team of 'Fat, Drunk and Stupid'

# Save money on groceries



If you feel like the price of groceries has gotten out of control, you're not going crazy.

According to the latest inflation data published Aug. 10, 2022, the price of groceries has jumped almost 11 percent on an annualized basis! (1) That can make figuring out how to save money on groceries feel almost impossible.

Here are some thoughts that might help the grocery budget.

- Consider one big meal a day.

Eat a full-course meal at lunch and a simple dinner to save grocery money.

Eating lightly at night is a healthy habit. Try soup, beans, omelets or a big salad for dinner.

Leftovers are good, too. Plus, you'll gain freedom by not preparing a three-course meal every night.

- Buy on sale.

Search out 30-50 percent sales. Focus on non-perishable foods, such as dried and canned goods. Buy enough to last your family at least a month, given you have space and ability to properly store them. They will likely be on sale again in three months.

Don't assume big bulk buys are cheaper. Compare price per unit. Everyone loves a deal, but it is not smart if you don't really need it.

- Know when and where to shop.

Timing is key. It may be cheaper to shop on Wednesdays. That's because grocery stores restock shelves midweek and mark down what has not sold.

Aldi's crazy cheap meat specials are on Wednesdays, but they run out fast!

Try to avoid weekends. Bigger crowds equal fewer deals. Time of day can yield bargains, too. Early birds get to clearance shelves first. At closing time, deli and bakery may offer sales to clear shelves.

In a 2020 U.S. Retailer Preference Index, Aldi wins first place nationwide as the least expensive grocery store. Costco



## White Bean Collage

ranks No. 6 and Walmart ranks No. 7 with Sam's coming in at No. 10. (2)

Of the top 10 stores, these were the ones in our area.

- Pay with cash.

You already use a shopping list, right? Stick to it and a weekly grocery budget.

Pay with cash. Once the cash runs out, that's it. This is how to control expensive impulse buys.

Consider grocery pickup if you just cannot resist impulse buys. Some grocery stores offer curbside pickup services for free.

- Go meatless for a meal.

Try a meatless meal once or twice a week. Meat can make your grocery bill skyrocket.

Look for bulk deals on meat. You can always freeze it in small packages. A vacuum sealer is an effective way to preserve meat in the freezer.

Also, look for cuts that are cheaper alternatives to what you usually buy. Instead of chicken breasts, buy thighs. Skip steak, grab ground chuck. Pass on pork chops

for pork loin.

- Buy generic.

Consumer Reports says most store brands measure up to the name brands in taste and quality — and they're usually 20–25 percent lower in price too! (3)

Try these budget tricks. You can handle the challenge!

There are ways to eat well without sacrificing healthy ingredients. A meal can taste fantastic and be inexpensive by using cheaper cuts of meat, lower-cost fruits, vegetables, and whole grains/beans.

This tasty recipe cost less than \$2 a serving. Yet, it provides 13 grams of protein and 10 grams of fiber per serving.

It is light, but filling, meatless dinner.

### White Bean Collage

#### Ingredients

- ½ pound cannellini beans, soaked and cooked (or two 15 ounce cans, drained and well-rinsed)

- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1½ cup chopped onion
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1½ cup low sodium chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- salt and pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground basil
- 2 cups spinach
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped mint

#### Instructions

1. Heat the olive oil in a large pan over medium heat. Cook the onions about 8 minutes, stirring frequently until soft and translucent. Do not brown. Add the garlic and cook one minute more.

2. Add tomatoes, beans, chicken broth, tomato paste and balsamic vinegar. Season with spices.

3. Bring to a simmer and cook 3-5 minutes until tomatoes are slightly softened, but still hold their shape. Add spinach and cook another minute with lid on pan.

Top with Parmesan cheese and serve with a crusty bread. Can also be a side dish to meat.

Serves 4-6 people.



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# BUILDING REPORTS



## Patty Foreman and Ted Tanner did so much sailing together, they needed a bigger boat



Patty Foreman and Ted Tanner have lived in the Old World Spanish building since 1995, and before them, Patty's aunt had lived in their condo since On Top of the World began in 1969.

Patty told me that whenever she visited her aunt, she thought of OTOW as "Disney World in Clearwater" because of the unique building designs. Each building appeared even more outstanding in the '60s and '70s because trees and landscaping had yet to mature. Today, this condo unit is surrounded with lush landscaping and a well-attended garden, and the interior reflects the hobbies and travels of this happy pair of aquaphiles.

Born and raised in Tampa, Patty spent lots of time as a youngster and young adult visiting Clearwater and Dunedin beaches.

She always loved the water, watching boats sail by, and combing the shore for seashells.

Ted was born in Pennsylvania, but as a young boy he moved with his family to St. Cloud, Fla.

After joining the military, he lived in Texas for a time, but he continued to visit family in Florida and always had a yearning to be near, if not in, the water.

Yes, Patty and Ted shared a love of water - and another connection. Patty's best friend, Barbara, was Ted's sister.

After visiting Florida on a routine basis, Ted finally decided he should move back to Florida. And when he began to pore over Cruising World magazine and talk about sailing on the open seas, Patty began reading the same magazine.

"Come Sail Away with Me" - who said it first, Ted or Patty?



In 1987, at the age of 47, Patty and Ted decided to retire, and bought a 30-foot single-hull sailboat named Pyxis (after the constellation, Pyxis Nautica, meaning Mariner Compass in Latin).

They based in Fort Lauderdale and set off for the Bahamas, navigating the Eastern Caribbean Sea for 9-10 months at a time, and traveling as far south as Grenada.

For nine years, they lived on the water, anchoring at sea and using a dinghy to come ashore for supplies.

Eventually, Patty and Ted decided that they needed a better boat because there was so much more they wanted to explore and experience.

And besides that, Patty got seasick whenever she went below the deck.

So, with Ted's confidence and the encouragement from a seafaring friend who'd built his own sailboat, these seafarers made the commitment to upgrade to a double-hulled, 35-foot sailboat.

Ted thought one and a half years would be long enough to finish his build-

ing project. Instead, it took three years.

He worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa for 40 hours each weekend to finance Ibis and spent the weekday hours in their Tampa home garage working on the boat.

What a great accomplishment for a retired chemist with no experience in construction or access to YouTube!

Under the sails of Ibis, these two lovebirds sailed the seas of the Western Caribbean - from Dry Tortugas to Mexico, Belize and Guatemala.

Always returning to Ft. Lauderdale as a base, they continued sailing for 2-3 months at a time, until 2017 - after 30 years of living their dream.

The best benefits to this carefree and fun lifestyle included grandchildren visits to unique islands, magnificent seashell collections that Patty transforms into stunning artwork to this day, and photo albums of countless, adventurous memories.

Patty told me that when you can enjoy traveling to other lands, it's easy to realize

Pictured above is the Ibis, a sailboat Ted Tanner build himself. Below are Ted and Patty Foreman on one of their many adventures.



how much you have, especially in the way of choices here in our country.

And with that understanding, comes appreciation.

In their beautiful, beach-cottage-designed condo, this is exactly what Ted and Patty do each day - cherish their garden, their memories and each other.

# I finally have a home



Today Sophie is smiling. She has squeaky toys, tons of food and treats, beds to sleep on and love.

September started out a struggle, but then turned into the most heartwarming blessing my husband and I have celebrated in a long time!

You see, in March of this year, we dressed our beloved mini-poodle, Ginger, in her finest Irish costume and she rode with me in the On Top of the World Irish Club Parade in my tricycle basket!

A few days later, Ginger passed away after a two-year fight with cancer.

After Ginger's passing, my husband, James, and I decided it was not time to find a new dog to replace her, but it was time to give another dog a home.

In August, James and I started looking for a new dog to join our family.

After a few weeks of online searches, we decided not to use pet locators with so many restrictions, such as fenced yards and seniors with disabilities.

We contacted the Pinellas County Humane Society which has a great interest in finding the right "fit" for dogs and their prospective owners.

It was here, online, that we saw Sophie's picture. She looked scared. She looked like she needed love.

So on Sept. 9, James and I decided we better go to the shelter - we arrived 20 minutes before they opened!

We checked in at the shop and an adoption assistant led us to an outdoor area to meet Sophie.

It was here we became truly blessed to see a most-loving, incredible, 2-year-old Chihuahua, who, at first, was more interested in sniffing the grass than meeting us.

The adoption assistant was very patient and talked about Sophie's behavior and her need for a home with people who could spend lots of time with her.

We were sold on sight.

The Humane Society spayed Sophie so we understood she may be hurting and not want to be touched too much. She was



also given all of her vaccinations and her first dose of medication for flea, tick and heartworm preventative.

Her adoption fee was so reasonable considering all they had done for her!

Finally, we took her home.

Upon arrival at On Top of the World, Sophie let her amazing personality come to life! She showed us that despite all she has been through, she shines!

Please, everyone at On Top of the World, meet and welcome Sophie!

Just look at her face now, relaxed and content!

She is fully house trained and asks to go outside.

Sophie loves to cuddle, chase squeaky toys, eat slowly and sleep on our bed.

I felt like someone should pinch me after our first few hours together!

If this story sounds too good to be true, but may be an answer to your loneliness needs, please go to the Humane Society and see who needs a home?

Pets at the Humane Society are updated daily and you never know when you may see your new family fur member listed for adoption.

Thank you to all the staff at the Pinellas County Humane Society!

## MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

Shine will be at the East Activity Center Auditorium at 10:30 am, Monday, October 24 for an enrollment presentation.

The presentation will outline the different Medicare paths, the election options during the Open Enrollment Period and how SHINE volunteers will be available to answer your questions.

[www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org) or [www.agingcarefl.org](http://www.agingcarefl.org)

**Enrollment Period: OCTOBER 15th - DECEMBER 7th**

SHINE (Shine Involvement Through Education) is a program offered by the Department of Elder Affairs in partnership with the Area Agency on Aging of Pinellas County. SHINE is a voluntary program that provides information, assistance, and health insurance counseling to persons over 65 years of age. SHINE services are free, confidential, and confidential. SHINE counselors can be reached by calling 1.800.963.6337 or 727.217.8111.

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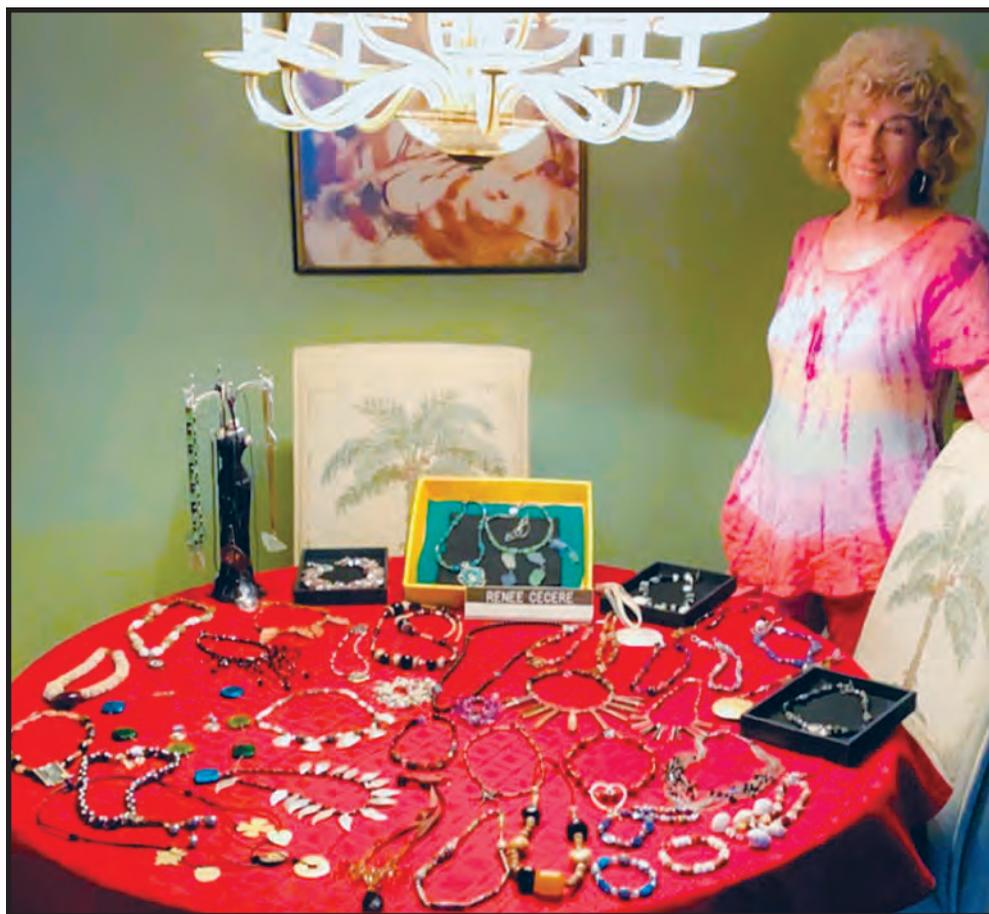
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**Location**  
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On Top of the World resident Renee Cecere shows off some of the jewelry she has made right in her own condo. Most of the jewelry comes from seashells on local beaches.

## Renee Cecere taking her seashell jewelry to Dunedin craft festival

By Kathy Ahrens

Most of us take walks on the beach and occasionally collect a seashell or two.

Renee Cecere not only collects shells, but she paints them and creates jewelry from them, too.

Renee is an On Top of the World resident. She has been living here for more than 15 years now. Coming up on Oct. 22, Renee will be one of many crafters who will be showing off their talents at the Dunedin-Clearwater Elks Club Craft Festival.

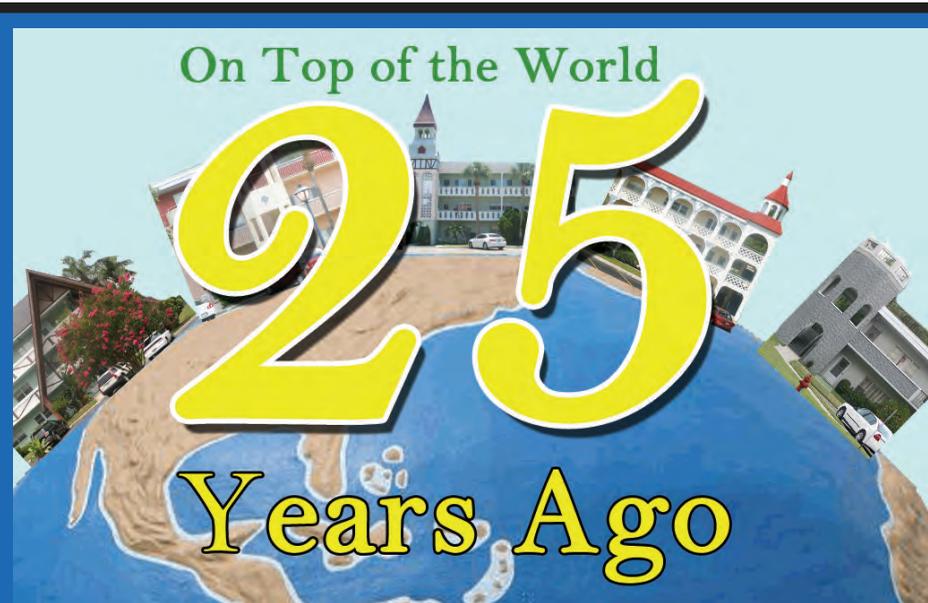
Her shell jewelry will proudly be on display, along with other items.

Renee says she loves On Top of the World. She is originally from New Jersey, but moved here for the sunshine, and you guessed it, for the beaches!

She took college design classes and was a professional designer for 30 years. Now she'll take walks on the beach during retirement, but come home and make necklaces, bracelets and earrings using the same shells.

She also creates jewelry from beads and glass.

Look for Renee at the festival from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1240 San Christopher Drive in Dunedin. Stop by and say hello.



## October 1997

By Dave Hart

- New York/New Jersey Club: At our upcoming meeting on Oct. 29, 1997, "Mr. Music" will entertain us with a sing-along, special requests and soft music featuring Nick Etzi and Martha. So come down and join in the fun. Coffee and cake will be served, as well as having our 50/50 drawing. Membership renewal and those wishing to join the club can sign up at this time. Annual dues are \$2. Don't forget our annual "Holiday Party" dinner-dance scheduled for Sunday Nov. 30, 1997. See bulletin board for details.

- Married Women's Club: President Terri Gavron and her committee welcome all that are here and those who have returned. They have some wonderful plans in store for us. Kay Gordon and her committee have been busy putting forth a trip we all in the past have enjoyed and, by request, she has it again for us. The trip is to the "Sea Food Shack" in Cortez with a great lunch and then off to a scenic boat ride. This trip is truly an enjoyable outing. Kay has worked hard on making all our trips interesting. Ticket sales for this trip will be on sale in the auditorium Wednesday morning, Oct. 8, 1997. Price is \$45.

- Ladies 18-Hole Golf: There will be a membership meeting Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1997, at 10 a.m. in the card room of the East Activities Center. Coffee is at 9:30. Don't forget: The first day of ladies' regular golf is Oct. 14, 1997.

- OTOW Softball: Our start-up meeting was held on Monday, Sept. 22, 1997, in the Sunshine Room at the West Activity Center. There were 12 members in attendance. Our new ballfield will be Bomber Stadium at Carpenter Field Complex on Old Coachman Road alongside Home Depot. Any further information needed please call Tony Caputo or Fred Caruso. Practice will commence every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 8 a.m. The first practice will be on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1997. Regular games are expected to begin in mid-October.

- Victorian Building: Our Betty Bartlett moved from her apartment, but we are happy to say that she moved to an apartment right next door! She loves her new place, and we wish her the very best. A big welcome to our new resident. She is Jeanne O'Connell and she hails from Massachusetts. We hope to see a lot of Betty and Jeanne and extend our warmest greetings for good health and happiness always. Bette and Bill Larkin just returned from visiting their granddaughter, Shelly, and family in San Diego, Calif. Jay, Shelly's husband, is a physician in the Navy on the USS McKee. When they arrived in San Diego, they immediately went to the Farmer's Market in Ocean Beach.

- Nagoya Building: Thirty residents and one guest attended our summer social building luncheon on Aug. 22, 1997, at Kally-K's restaurant in Dunedin. Don't forget that our annual Christmas Party luncheon will be held on Dec. 4, 1997, at the Countryside Country Club. Watch the building bulletin board for details. In late August, Irene and Russ Elwell spent a week as guests of Irene's sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Len Hebert, in New Orleans, La. Both Elwell's say they put on a few pounds dining at many of the fabulous restaurants. The week culminated by "donating" to the casinos in nearby Biloxi, Miss. Both Irene and Russ came home exhausted, but are ready to go back again.



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# Chinese Cathay gets a new reporter

My name is Jayne Dowdy and I am excited to announce that I will be the Chinese Cathay news reporter.

I have lived in Pinellas County for more than 50 years and have watched On Top of the World grow into what it is today.

When I was in elementary school, my dad used to drive us through the complex and sing to us, "It's a Small World." I never dreamed I would live here someday!

My husband, Barry, and I have lived here for five years and just love living here and planning events to enjoy with our neighbors. We are both still working and hope to do even more events after we retire.

Chinese Cathay residents should save the date for our second annual "Friends-giving" on Sunday, Nov. 6 at the East Activity Center Pavillion at 4 p.m.

Turkey will be provided and sign ups to bring something to share will be posted on the bulletin board two weeks before



the event.

I will be featuring news items such as building events, milestone anniversaries and birthdays, and building outings.

If you have news for our building you would like me to consider featuring, you can email me at JaynesHairSuite5@gmail.com or leave a message at 727-773-0513 and I will get back with you as soon as possible.

# Reporter gets recognized at Get Acquainted Coffee

Six residents of the Azores building had a delightful, friendly brunch on a very rainy day at Rumba Island Bar and Grill.

Fortunately, the pouring rain didn't dampen the spirits, good friendship and camaraderie.

In September, Good Neighbors Association held its first Get Acquainted Coffee of the fall season. I am proud to say I attended and got recognized for being a new resident.

I arrived at On Top of the World in late May and have found all the community clubs quite interesting. I appreciated Good Neighbors Association so much, I joined the club. I enjoy their neighborly philosophy and consider this club to be the heart of our community.



# Working on a plan to get more Polynesians involved

Aloha Polynesians.

What is that feeling in the air?

Excitement!

Our Snowbirds are beginning to return from destinations near and far. It will be great seeing those smiling faces again and catching up with all the happenings over the past months.

I personally look forward to seeing sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for exploring new restaurants and fun-filled activities.

Building Coordinator Jay Jarvis has a vision of how to involve more people in the running of our building and I'll report more on that after his arrival back.

Until next month, I bid you a fond farewell!



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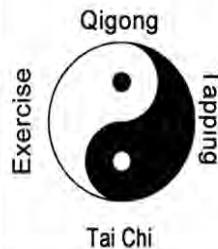


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# Mother Nature told Viennese Villa to get a new flag, so we did

Boo!  
Happy Halloween month to all mischief makers in Viennese Villa.

I bought my favorite candy. I'm ready. September was a busy month at the Villa. Trips, cruises, new flag, house guests, ball games and more.

Pictured this month are golfer extraordinaire Ed Schick and Brian Lance raising our new flag to replace one ripped by winds last month.

Not pictured are able assistants, Building Treasurer Carroll Harris and Jerrie Lance, who helped us get the new flag.

Old Glory looks pretty nice now.

Ed requested, if he's not here and hefty winds are in the forecast, will someone please take down the flag for safe keeping.

Probably good advice for any building.

Speaking of flags, Steve Mazurek again festooned the Villa with flags for the Labor Day. Thank you all for caring for our flags.

The travel bugs are again nipping at the heels of our neighbors. Rosalie Borselli was in Georgia with family. She had a lovely time and is now plotting another trip to Italy.

Sheryl McKay ventured on a mystery train trip with the On Top of the World Travel Club to Fort Myers. Sheryl said it was loads of fun trying to figure out the "who done it."

Sounds like Agatha Christie's "Orient Express."

And Bill and Mary Carey did the sights with their granddaughter from California.



So it's been busy here with comings and goings.

French Renaissance neighbors Dana Garlick and Pat Brennon took Lynn Costanza, Chris Tuttle and me to a couple of baseball games to cheer the Threshers on. The games were rained out, however.

Still, there is nothing quite like hot dogs and drinks at the ballpark, especially when they are only a buck!

Wish to thank Carroll Harris for posting the Tampa Bay Times article about our newspaper on the building bulletin board. We made the front page of the Times!

Kudos to Editor Doug Kates and his band of proofreaders who makes our hen scratching and poor grammar readable.

Summit installers are certainly hard workers. Came and went in short order on an extremely hot afternoon. Trust their service is as good as their installer.

Well, boys and girls, about out of room for this month, so until we meet again ... special wishes to all who cele-



Brian Lance, left, and Ed Schick raise a new flag at the Viennese Villa.

(OTOW News photo by Fran Fairfield)

brate happy birthdays and anniversaries in October.

Any news fit to print, email me at fresca@maine.rr.com

## Our building will always honor our own and we saluted Queen Elizabeth in September

The United Kingdom is, and has always been, our closest ally.

In September, Dorado resident and veteran Jim Crawford lowered our flag to half-staff in honor of Queen Elizabeth II.

Jim moved to Pinellas County with his family when he was only 6 years old. He went to North East High School in St Petersburg and that is where he met his high school sweetheart, Louisa.

Shortly after graduation, Louisa and Jim married.

Jim joined the United States Coast Guard in 1966. After his tour of duty, he joined the Navy and served in Vietnam in 1969.

Louisa and Jim never left Pinellas County. They moved to On Top of the World 14 years ago.

You can feel the patriotism and pride Jim still feels for our country. Just look at this picture.



Jim volunteers to take care of our flag at the Dorado Building. Not only does he make sure the flag is lowered and raised in accordance with our national flag in Washington, D.C., but he also removes the flag if bad weather or high winds are expected.

Thank you, Jim, for your service and thank you for continuing to honor our country by taking care of our flag.

Our flag pole and our first flag were donated by past residents Jim and Marilyn Collins, whose son Sgt. James Stephen Collins, Jr. served with the Marines for four years and traveled all over the world. He returned home, graduated from college with honors and established a couple of small businesses, but continued to feel the call of duty.

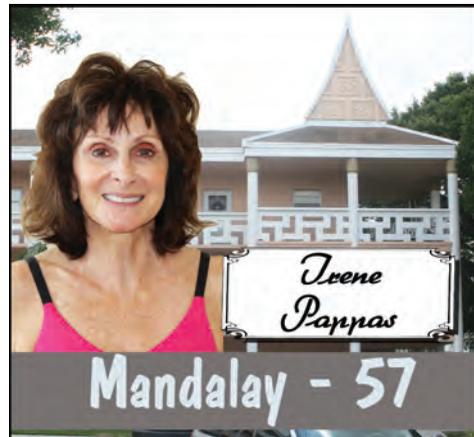
He joined the US Army and served with the military police in Iraq for almost a full year. Sgt Collins made the ultimate sacrifice for our country on Aug. 28, 2007.

There is a stone at the base of the Dorado Building flag inscribed with these words: "To honor those whose service gave us the freedoms we enjoy today."

Our building is very fortunate to have such Patriotism.



# How many tours can you squeeze into one vacation?



How can a summer vacation be classy and iconic?

When it includes traveling all over Europe.

This past July, I traveled with my cousin, Plato Gandjos, and his wife, Irene. We started in Barcelona and then went everywhere.

I think we squeezed in as many tours and excursions as possible for one summer.

We started in Barcelona and took an ocean liner to Marseille, Monte Carlo, Florence, Rome, Naples, Corfu, Dubrovnik, Sibenik, Venice, Lake Maggiore and Lake Cuomo.

When it was over, all three of us had a lifetime of memories.



On Top of the World resident Irene Pappas, above/right, stands in front of a statue honoring Petar Kresimir, King of Croatia and Dalmatia from 1059-1075. Irene is with her cousin Plato Gandjos and his wife, Irene. In the other picture, Irene visits an elephant statue at the Tour of Parc de la Ciutadella in Barcelona.

## Please get familiar with new recycling poster

Back in September, On Top of the World switched to Waste Connections for our future recycling needs.

Unfortunately, our community initially received incorrect information on what can and cannot be recycled. But as we move into October, that information has been corrected and posted.

Please review the new recycling ad on page 11 of this newspaper. Please

note, you can recycle newspapers, loose paper, cereal boxes, corrugated and non-corrugated cardboard, and even books and magazines. All this information is new.

You still cannot recycle glass in our community, but there are various locations in the county that will take glass.

The recycling poster ad will run occasionally in this newspaper. It has also

been posted in both activity centers, in building cores and on the Box Office at otowboxoffice.com.

Please note, if you are in doubt if something can be recycled, throw it out. Recycling bins are now blue. You cannot mistake them for garbage bins.

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# Four split the jackpot at August tournament



By Joe DeChiaro

The Texas Card Game Club held its monthly tournament on Friday, Aug. 19, and had its second highest participation as 20 members played.

There were five new members who joined bringing club membership to 44.

The final table is always the last seven players remaining. Usually, the top three finishers are awarded prize money but lately four or more at the final table have agreed to divide the prize pool.



The final four at the Aug. 19 tournament were, from left to right, Arthur Pacillo, Bill Whipps, Henry Santos and Andy Poiselli.

The final four this month were Henry Santos, Arthur Pacillo, Bill Whipps and newcomer Andy Poiselli.

The next three tournaments will be

held on Friday, Oct. 21; Friday, Nov. 18 and Friday, Dec. 16 in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Clearwater Room at 5 p.m.

For more information on buy-in amount and rules, please contact Joe DeChiaro at joegdechiaro@yahoo.com.

## Stan Morris keeps having birthdays so he can be the center of attention

This past month, Mary Garrett organized a birthday party for our neighbor, Stan Morris, who happens to be the most senior senior in our building.

Thank you, Mary.

If you know Stan, you know that if there is a group of women, Stan will be in the middle of them - the center of attention.

At his birthday party, it nearly came to blows as to who would have the privilege of sitting next to him.

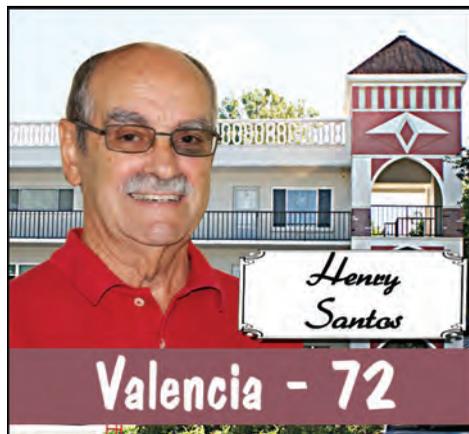
When you live that long, you will have seen, heard and done almost everything, and he keeps on going.

Everyone loves Stan in our building. He's a sociable guy and is very loyal. He's been a lifelong fan of the Baltimore Orioles and that's the height of loyalty.

Last month, Pauline and I visited our family in Ohio and for the very first time got to see our newest great-grandchild, a beautiful little baby girl.

We had such a great visit as you all can imagine.

After a short break, Pauline and I will



be organizing a building breakfast in October. In November, our building luncheon will take place at O'Keefe's in Clearwater. Check the bulletin boards for dates and times and hope we fill the house.

One more thing, this October, Pauline and I will be celebrating our 62nd wedding anniversary. Each one is just as special or more special than the previous.

Happy Anniversary, Honey



Above is Stan Morris at his birthday party with Dorothy Lancaster and Debbie Craft bringing good cheer.



At right are Henry and Pauline Santos with their great-grandkids.

**Halloween Pet Costume Contest**  
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# Retirement gives us a chance to play our favorite childhood games again - if we could just remember the rules

As I wrote this article for October, I anticipated cooler weather. When Tennessee Williams wrote, "The Long Hot Summer" I think Florida in September is what he had in mind.

In August, Emerald Isle residents had our monthly social at a Chinese restaurant. Our building provided complimentary dim sum and we all ordered entrees.

There was plenty to take home. Thank you, Cheryl Butcher, for organizing this event.

At our Monday Game Day, we're having lots of fun trying to figure out how to play Yahtzee. I think we've got it now.

Other games we enjoy are Bunko, Uno and Monopoly.

Regulars are Liz Buckley, Gail Struckman, Sue Cohen, Nancy Younts, Cheryl Butcher, MaryAnn Nargi and Your's Truly. All neighbors are welcome, including males. We alternate homes every other Monday at 1pm. We play strictly for fun and snacks.

Welcome to our new neighbors, Cathy and Mike Palermo, and Maggie and Ron Reinhart.

Lock your doors!

The goblins and witches are coming!

It's Halloween month - again? Enjoy the month.



Game night can be fun for residents at the Emerald Isle building. It's also a chance to decorate for the season. From left to right are Sue Cohen, Cheryl Butcher, Maryann Nargi, Nancy Younts and Glenda Greenman.



At left, Barbara Krepela heads over to the Sangria tank and fills two glasses for the social. Above are some of the building residents who attended Sangria Night.



## Flamenco residents celebrated Labor Day with Sangria Night

This year residents in the Flamenco building did something different for our end of the summer celebration - we had a sangria party.

We put away the barbecue pit and decided to celebrate Labor Day inside at the West Activity Center.

We ordered five different flavors of deli sandwiches, including ham, beef, turkey, tuna and cheese. There are always cakes and deserts at these parties.

However, the main attraction was our homemade concoction of red wine, brandy, lemonade, orange juice and triple sec,

with fresh fruit.

Sangria.

It was like a liquid dessert with 1000 calories per glass, but well worth it.

The delightful evening was coordinated by Charlotte Smedley and Barbara Krepela.

For community information  
[otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com)

# Tradition smashed as women are now invited to the Men's Breakfast Club

On Sept. 10, eight of our residents invaded Clearwater Family Restaurant. The Men's Breakfast Club started over nine years ago and was the brainchild of the wives in the building so they would have their apartments to themselves briefly.

However, for the first time ever, the events committee agreed to expand the Breakfast Club to include all residents - even including women - and yes, wives too!

Present for this groundbreaking event were Patty Aden, Jim Nolf, Pat Nolf, Joanne Calderon, Gary Calderon, Terry Klinger, Tony Santarsieri and Pat Hayes.

The food was as enjoyable as was the two hours of friendly conversation with good neighbors.

As you can see in the photo, a good



time was had by all!

We unanimously agreed to continue the new improved Breakfast Club. When future events are scheduled, sign-up sheets will be posted in the core.



Ladies joined the men at the Men's Breakfast Club outing in September.

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# Rizal residents can put on a party at the spur of the moment

Rizal building residents have decided that the best time for a party is whenever they feel moved.

Such was the case the third week of August when the Klavers, with the assistance of the Espositos and the Sorrentinos, planned and then carried out a summer bash at the On Top of the World Pavilion - just for the heck of it!

Events at the gathering included name badge making, flamingo ring toss, corn hole, checkers, a flip flop making contest and music.

Oh, and of course, there was plenty of food brought and shared with everyone.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of all of the events.

The flip flop contest in-



cluded a parade to prove that the handmade fancy footwear would not fall apart in the first 20 feet of parading.

There was laughter, fun, food and frivolity and even the opportunity to meet a new building resident.

Residents can't wait to see what is in store for this autumn!



Summer Bash Organizers were, left to right, Robbin Klaver, Jerry Esposito, Ray Klaver and Lisa Torrens Esposito and they are showing off their name tag creations.

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# Rocky Horror and Dracula on tap for October

At Francis Wilson Playhouse, “The Drowsy Chaperone” runs from Oct. 13-30.

This musical is the winner of five Tony Awards including Best Book and Best Original Score. It is a loving send-up of the Jazz Age musical featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another.

Hailed by New York Magazine as “The Perfect Broadway Musical,” The Drowsy Chaperone is a masterful meta-musical, poking fun at all the tropes that characterize the musical theatre genre.

On Oct. 2 at Ruth Eckerd Hall, The Rocky Horror Picture Show takes to the stage.

Join the original “Brad Majors” (Barry Bostwick) for a screening of the original, unedited movie with a live shadow cast (Tampa Bay’s Hell on Heels) and audience participation!

Plus there is a memorabilia display with artifacts and an actual costume from the movie, a costume contest, and more!

On Oct. 7, at Ruth Eckerd Hall, will be Superstar Italian trio Il Volo, who have just released their highly anticipated new album.

Il Volo’s Piero Barone, Gianluca Ginoble and Ignazio Boschetto started their careers very young in 2009. Their constant rise led them to perform with music icons like Barbra Streisand and Placido Domingo.

To date, they have sold more than 2 million albums and amassed 220 million global streams, over 500 million views, and 1 million-plus followers on YouTube.

Also, on Oct. 7, at the Straz Center in Tampa, Rufus Wainwright will perform.

When he’s not writing operas, setting Shakespeare sonnets to music and paying elaborate tributes to Judy Garland, Rufus Wainwright makes excellent pop music (that’s influenced by opera, classical and Broadway, of course).

Rufus is touring the U.S. in support of his most recent album from 2020, “Unfollow the Rules.”

You can take in “An Evening with Julie Pace” at the Straz Center on Oct. 11.

She is the senior vice president and executive editor of The Associated Press and will discuss today’s top stories, including coverage of the Ukraine war, U.S. midterm elections and other hot topics.

Julie, whose early journalism career included reporting for the former Tampa Tribune, will also address the challenges of media mistrust and the spread of mis-

and disinformation.

The Florida Orchestra presents Music from Hollywood’s glorious past and present, featuring classics from Beauty and the Beast, The Wizard of Oz, Skyfall, Flashdance and more in the show, “Hollywood Sings” performed at The Straz Center in Tampa on Oct. 14.

“Weird Al” Yankovic is at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Oct. 15. He is an American singer, musician, and actor who is known for humorous songs that make light of pop culture and often parody specific songs by contemporary musical acts.

He also performs original songs that are the work of other acts, as well as polka medleys of several popular songs, most of which feature his trademark accordion.

“Romeo and Juliet” will be performed by the Ballet of Florida on Oct. 16 at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Escape into the world of fair Verona with Shakespeare’s tragic tale of forbidden love as it comes to life on stage with all the drama, color and excitement of Vadim Fedotov’s choreography and Sergei Prokofiev’s iconic score.

Meet the Montague and Capulet families and witness the fateful meeting of the star-crossed lovers like you never have before.

On Oct. 17, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Band “Yes” will return to Ruth Eckerd Hall for their Close to the Edge 50th Anniversary tour.

“Yes” are an English Progressive Rock Band formed in London in 1968. They will play their Close to the Edge 1972 album in its entirety.

Tango lovers should make plans to be at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Oct. 21 for “Volver” by Tango Lovers. This is the story of Tango dancers, musicians, and singers who traveled the world together performing the art of Tango. It marks their return to their place of origin to tell and transmit with their art and endless stories, through different characters which take center stage during the show.

Andrés Cepeda, one of the most renowned Colombian artists of the Latin American music scene, makes an appearance at the Straz Center on Oct. 19 in Tampa. This romantic songwriter and Latin Grammy winner has been wowing his audience with his successes year after year since he began his career in 1990.

“Dracula by Bram Stoker” runs at the

Straz Center from Oct. 19-Nov. 13.

A group of Londoners attempt to thwart the wicked Count Dracula as he makes his bloodthirsty way through their city.

This adaptation of author Bram Stoker’s timeless horror classic takes audiences on a thrilling trek enhanced by humor and daring special effects.

On Oct. 20, Colin Ferguson makes a stop at the Straz Center. He’s a licensed pilot, published author and a former member of some punk bands you’ve never heard of.

You know him best as comedian-actor Craig Ferguson.

American audiences first discovered Craig portraying posh British boss Nigel Wick on The Drew Carey Show. His stand-up, like his Late Late Show monologues, is smart, politically and culturally aware, and best of all, funny.

Ballet takes to the stage at the Straz Center on Oct. 21.

Michael Francis leads a night devoted to the great tradition of ballet music – from the breathtaking beauty of Tchaikovsky’s classic Swan Lake to the enthralling madness of the only piece to spark a riot at an orchestra concert, Stravinsky’s The Rite of Spring.

Singer-Songwriter Myriad Hernandez will be live in concert at the Straz on Oct. 23. She is returning to Tampa and is known in her native Chile and throughout the Spanish-speaking world for her romantic ballads.

On Oct. 27, Travis Tritt and Chris Janson bring “The Can’t Miss Tour” to Ruth Eckerd Hall. This is a must for country music lovers!

Also, on Oct. 27, “An Evening with David Sedaris” is at the Straz in Tampa. He is the author of the previous bestsellers Calypso, Naked, Me Talk Pretty One Day, Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim and regular National Public Radio contributor.

He is appearing for one night, following the release of his newest book Happy Go Lucky.

This is a unique opportunity to see the best-selling humorist in an intimate setting.

“The Witching Hour” appears at the Straz on Oct. 28 and 29. Opera Tampa’s annual drop-dead funny cult favorite returns to the scenic Riverwalk this October. This family-friendly celebration of

the spooky season features musical selections from opera and pop culture.

If you are a Broadway Musical fan, “The Magic of Rodgers and Hammerstein” is at Ruth Eckerd Show for two shows on Oct. 29.

It will be an enchanted afternoon and evening of showstoppers from the legendary duo of Broadway’s Golden Age, including music from Oklahoma!, South Pacific, The Sound of Music and more.

On the sports front, all major sports leagues are in action during the month.

Come out and support our local professional sports teams!

The Tampa Bay Lightning will be at Amalie Arena and have been in the Stanley Cup finals the past three seasons, winning the Stanley Cup twice!

You can cheer them on Oct. 8 vs the Florida Panthers (preseason), Oct. 18 vs the Philadelphia Flyers, Oct. 22 vs the New York Islanders and Nov. 1 vs the Ottawa Senators.

The Tampa Bay Rays will be at Tropicana Field in St Petersburg in a dog-fight for the playoffs.

They are away for the final two series of the season. As things stand at the time of writing, they look good to be in the playoffs starting in early October.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers begin their quest for another Super Bowl title at Raymond James Stadium: Oct. 2 the Bucs play the Kansas City Chiefs, Oct. 9 vs the Atlanta Falcons, Oct. 27 vs the Baltimore Raven (Thursday night game), and Nov. 6 vs the Los Angeles Rams.

The Tampa Bay Rowdies are at Al Lang Stadium in St Petersburg on Oct. 8 for a soccer showdown with Loudoun United and Oct. 15 vs the New York Red Bulls.

As we welcome our Snowbirds back from the North, get ready for another busy winter entertainment season!

*(Every event in this column is the result of internet research from each source’s website. None of the venues in this column paid for advertising or supplied information. The order of appearance is random. OTOW News is merely supplying you with a list of events this month, but is not making a recommendation which events you should attend.)*

# Two months is not enough time to camp out with dogs in New Mexico

This summer was a first for me. I went camping for two months in a Prius!

The great outdoor adventure began in May. With two Chihuahuas in tow, I made my way west on Interstate 10 to New Mexico. Now I know why it's named "The Land of Enchantment."

My first stop was City of Rocks, a state park with rock formations rising up out of the desert. This is a beautiful place, with camping spots tucked among the rocks, and hiking trails leading out into the desert.

I learned to check my shoes with a flashlight before putting them on at night and to keep the dogs on a short leash to avoid the rattlesnakes.

After a week, though, a major windstorm swept through and I was ready to move on to a less harrowing place.

I then found my favorite. A gem of a campground halfway up the mountain outside a small town. With hairpin turns on the road leading up, and views of rocky bluffs and canyons, this was the New Mexican experience I was looking for.

Each campsite offered a picnic table and fire pit and you had to bring in your own water.

The entrance was so precarious, only the tent campers could make it in, so there were no RV's. And there were trees everywhere, providing a lush green landscape with plenty of shade.

I set up my outdoor living room with plastic rug and lawn furniture and settled in.

The one blight in this forest paradise was the raging wildfire burning a few hours away. I could see the gray plume of smoke rising in the sky.

After nervously watching it for several days, forest



Vicky Jensen on a hike with her Chihuahuas.



first building encountered.

The Prius became a true mountain vehicle, making coffee runs the rest of the trip.

And what a wonderful trip it was. Excursions to museums and mining camps. Exploring old abandoned log cabins. Hiking with the dogs and meeting fellow campers. Even just reading a book under the trees was special.

The wildfire finally retreated and I was able to cook again and stop worrying I would have to madly flee in the night.

As I slowly made my way east back to Florida, I made a new plan. Next year I'm camping in the Prius for four months!

rangers appeared to warn campers not to use propane camp stoves. Now this was a setback.

No hot coffee?!

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# Bob and Joanne Wallend say life is fuller today

Joy, happiness and talk of family are found in the home of Bob and Joanne Wallend at the Bavarian Chalet building.

By chance and through mutual friends, in 1981 Bob and Joanne were introduced to each other while living on Long Island.

On their first date, Bob impressed Joanne by taking her to a wonderful Australian Restaurant and this was the beginning of a 41-year journey filled with love, a great friendship and much laughter.

Together they have a wonderful, blended family of four children and 10 grandchildren.

Bob and Joanne had terrific employment - Bob as sales and marketing director with Perfect Line Manufacturing Corp, where he was instrumental in developing the nation's first six-outlet electrical power strip marketed by the company's ElectricPak Division.

Upon retiring to Florida, Bob obtained his insurance license and began a new career.

After their move to Florida in 1989, Joanne successfully pursued a career as a customer service supervisor with JP Morgan Chase and Humana.

Upon Joanne's retirement in 2011, they made their home here at On Top of the World.

They both love to travel and cruise and will be taking their fourth trans-Atlantic cruise to Europe this winter.

During Bob's younger years, he was a singer-songwriter and entertainer - and recorded songs for Aladdin and Atlantic



Records. Upon signing a contract with Aladdin Records, he wrote and recorded a catchy tune titled "Tennessee Tom Cat" under the name of Bobby Wall. His major hit record, "The Lover's Curse" recorded for Atlantic Records under the name Bracey Everett - is still played today worldwide at rock n' roll revival events, radio shows, and in clubs - and is in the Rockabilly top 50 songs from the '50s.

You can hear his records on YouTube, Amazon Music, Apple Music, Spotify, etc.

Bob and Joanne are very strong in their faith and have been members of Holy Trinity Episcopal church for 31 years.

In 2015, Bob designed a striking, new circular logo for their church which Bob says: "Was God's thoughts, created through my hands."

Joanne has served on the church vestry for six years and held the position



Bob and Joanne Wallend

of senior warden for two years. She also does a lot of "behind the scenes work" and volunteers several days a week at the church thrift shop.

Their life today is fuller than ever before - heaping with gratitude for their family, friends and God's many blessings.

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## Ottoman For Sale

For sale: Large ottoman and matching chair set. Like new. Asking \$160. Please call Linda at 563-588-1379.

## Taking Old Laptops

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## Free TV

I am giving away my 55-inch TV for free. First come, first taker. This is not a smart TV, but does have a flat screen. Call Joe at 727-266-4715.

## Sewing Machine For Sale

For sale, Brothers sewing machine used only a couple of times. Asking \$25. Call Marjorie at 970-685-8636.

## Men's Bicycle

For sale, men's Gary Fisher aluminum 24-speed bicycle with brand new tires. Recently tuned and ready to ride. Asking \$150. Call Robert at 407-744-1332.

## Trees, TV and Furniture

For sale, collectible willow trees, \$75. Sharp Aquos DH SmartTV 43-inch. Asking \$150. Refurbished 8-drawer, black desk. Asking \$75. Large scrapbook storage case. Asking \$50. Call Susan at 419-271-2483.

## Anyone Want To Go Fishing?

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For sale: Two, five-legged desks and chairs. Asking \$110 for both. Also, a two-sided desk for \$110. Call Donald at 727-742-6226.

## Cribbage Players Wanted

A group of On Top of the World cribbage players is looking for fall players. Boards and cards provided. Fun, friendly. We meet Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon in the East Activity Center Ozona Room. Interested. Call (727) 215-4882.

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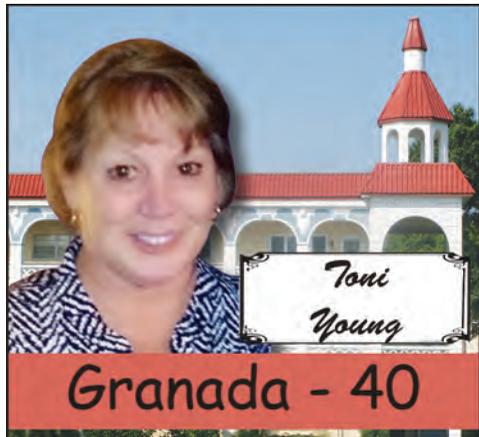
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# Happy 90th Arlene Burger



We wish a big, happy 90th birthday to Arlene Burger.

In August, Arlene celebrated with a party at her New Jersey summer home with family and friends.

Some traveled all the way from Florida to celebrate this birthday milestone.

For Arlene's 60th birthday present, she and her husband, Stan, bought and closed on their first condo in On Top of the World in August of 1992. You couldn't have asked for a nicer gift than that!

As true Snowbirds, they have spent six months in New Jersey and six months in On Top of The World. This has enabled them to share their time with their family and watch their five grandchildren grow up. Such fond family memories.

Upon Stan's retirement, they sold their condo on Israeli Drive and bought their larger condo in the Granada Building. In their early years they were very active. They belonged to the tennis club and each day after vigorous tennis they would cool off and meet with friends at our community pool.

They took classes several days a week



Arlene Burger, fourth from left in the front row, celebrates her 90th birthday with family in New Jersey.

as OLLI members (Osher Lifelong Learning). They were subscribers to several local theaters and were active in several local organizations.

They attended OTOW shows, dinner, celebrations and dancing.

As members of the building board, Stan collected the building dues and Arlene started the OTOW newspaper column. She also edited several organization papers and had written columns for some local newspapers.

These Granada residents were very active. They enjoyed the "Meeting on the Green" monthly meetings. There were luncheons in the clubhouse and local restaurants as well as yearly barbecues in the backyard as a farewell to our Snowbirds.

Until COVID hit, Arlene arranged a yearly trip to Tampa Bay Downs for Sun-

day brunch and horse races. What fun!

"As Stan and I agree, we see a younger group of people taking over. Much to our delight, we view the Granadians as family. The most important thing is that the people of the building are warm, friendly and caring."

Now let me tell you about Dascilda Allen.

Dascilda is dedicated to foster care for children. She is collecting suitcases and can be found on the building roster.

The Granadians enjoyed their monthly Meeting on the Green for building updates, hot dogs and friendly chats. We had 22 residents in attendance.

Join us every fourth Thursday of the month, weather pending. Look for your reminder provided by your wing captain.

The next meeting is Oct. 27 at 4 p.m.

Please note...when food is provided, it is a donation and not paid for out of building fund.

Our September luncheon at Eddies Bar and Grill was delightful and plates were plenty-filled. Barb Jamrozy announced a change for our October luncheon to meet on the the third Monday, Oct. 17, at Red Lobster, US Highway 19 N, Clearwater at noon.

We are still collecting dues. We have collected 18 of 60 units. Please call Linda Faust our co-captain and treasurer.

Also, she has done a fantastic job of decorating our entrances with beautiful fall décor. Thank you, Linda!

Until next month – stay safe, Be blessed and let not your heart be troubled!

## Irish Lane neighbors enjoy a scavenger hunt tradition

Bohemians celebrated Labor Day with their annual Scavenger Hunt.

For 11 years, our building has had the playful challenge of Irish Lane versus Jamaican Street in the hour-long hunt.

Items collected from other buildings were such things as: an outdated magazine, a colored paper clip, a take-out menu and a business card.

For the third year in a row, Irish Lane holds on to the winning title.

This event was topped off with a delicious pot-luck dinner with 38 residents participating.

For our building's evening dinner out, the group went Mexican. For this event we had 30 hungry people converge at Poblono's restaurant. Consensus was, this establishment consistently serves good authentic food.



Girls' Day Out, the ladies returned to St. Petersburg, to explore the Holocaust Museum. It was interesting to observe how the exhibit halls were displayed in a time-line format. The girls found that it was an extremely informative day.

As always, the girls were also very hungry and thirsty and headed out to find a new place to eat.

We take this opportunity to welcome our newest resident, Craig Cole.

Craig spent his very early years in North Carolina where he was born. His father, being in the Air Force, presented his family the good fortune of living many places before landing here in Tampa.

Craig attended Robinson High School here after which he followed in his father's footsteps and joined the Air Force.

After his time in the service, he went on to become a behavior health technician.

He enjoys trap shooting, golf, puzzles and has a desire to learn to play the piano.

Welcome to Bohemia, Craig.

**BLACKOUT**

In October,  
West Activity Center Bellaire Room  
on Thursday evenings at 5:50 pm for training  
and practice games, followed by  
regular play starting promptly  
from 6:30-9:00 pm.

# Waterford residents enjoy afternoon at Queen's Pizza



A group of 24 Waterford residents met at Queen's Pizza on Aug. 24 for lunch.

Everyone agreed that the lunch was a great opportunity to have fun with friends and make new friends as the Waterford building has welcomed a number of new residents in the last few months,

Door prizes of \$10 gift certificates were awarded in a random drawing. The happy winners were Marie Borello, Terri Werner and Sharon Bora.

The lunch at Queen's was the first building event since Joe Best agreed to accept the position of building president. Appreciation and congratulatory remarks were made to express the residents' appreciation to Joe for accepting the huge responsibility.

Joe and his wife, Tina, are recent residents and they hope to continue to improve life at Waterford.

In a continuing effort to respond to the needs and wants of Waterford residents with regard to building events, Elena Goletz and Linda Stinson, building event coordinators, distributed a questionnaire to help identify the types of events that are of interest. The results of the questionnaire were tabulated and the survey results were posted on the building bulletin board,

Elena and Linda know that it is impossible to please all the people all of the time, but they hope that by using the results of the questionnaire in planning future building events, they will be able to please more of the people more of the time!



On top is lunch at Queen's Pizza. Above, left to right, are prize winners Marie Borello, Terri Werner and Sharon Bora.



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# Before we get busy and the Snowbirds return, let's make an effort to clear our storage room of clutter



The summer doldrums don't seem to want to leave just yet, so it's hard to feel even the slightest sensation of autumn.

But try we must and here is October.

A quick and casual survey of neighbors revealed that most folks aren't quite ready for a luncheon outing yet, but Loch Lomond will post a sign-up sheet and see who's ready to go. Stay tuned.

Lunch would give us an opportunity to meet some of our new neighbors.

I was in the storage area the other day checking over holiday decorations and it seems that many items are beyond repair. The decorating crew recommended last year that we purchase some new items, so

watch for information on that. With the way stores jump into winter holiday merchandise in October, we might pick up some bargains.

While I was in the storage rooms, I couldn't help but notice that the clutter seems to be increasing. Keep in mind that the storage areas are for everyone. It's up to each of us to get rid of unwanted junk. The bulletin board has very useful information for nearby charity shops, some of which will pick up large items.

There are also two junk removal companies taking out ads in this newspaper.

This is also a good time to remind residents not to place large items in or

near the newspaper bin in the core. That is for our community newspapers only.

The other day the area was cluttered with large household items that created a serious safety hazard to our neighbors who have visual or mobility problems. Be a good neighbor.

Don't let this month lull you into complacency weatherwise. October is historically the trickiest month in Florida. Except for the extraordinary heat this summer, it's been a light year for storms, and no hurricanes that merit mention. But we shouldn't let our guard down because we are not in the clear until Nov. 30. Stay safe and alert.

**Turner Produce, our Farmer's Market vendor out of Plant City, has pushed back our restart date to Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023.**

**There will be no Farmer's Market in October.**

## OTOW CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

*To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for permanent or temporary change of address. This form may be dropped off at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center or mailed to: OTOW Condominium Association, Inc., Attn: CSO, 2069 World Parkway Blvd E., Clearwater, FL 33763*

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**Don't forget to notify the United States Post Office of the change!**

**(Submit new form upon return)**

**Check bulletin board for information**

**As fall arrives, Siboney wants to see more residents attend our monthly luncheons**

Here at Siboney building, we are all ready for some cooler weather.

October is my favorite month because of Halloween. The Entertainment Committee's Halloween Dance at On Top of the World is so much fun and prizes are awarded for the best costumes.

Many clubs are now sitting at information tables in the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays to sign up new members and give a schedule of upcoming events.

If you like to sing, dance or do comedy, check out the Jesters and Theater Workshop tables. They would love to have you join.

Eight ladies from our building had a luncheon at Grillsmith in Countryside in September.

Please sign up for our next luncheon in October at Olive Garden. We would love to see more than eight residents signing up and yes, men are also invited, too.

As most of you know, I am one of the water aerobics instructors and I will be doing classes every morning, Monday



through Friday, 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. at the East Activity Center swimming pool. The water will be heated so please join us. Men are welcome so please come give it a try.

Soon our monthly meetings and core parties will be starting up again. Check out the information bulletin board and the elevator for the details. Let's make Siboney building a fun place to live this fall and winter.



Pictured above Siboney's monthly Luncheon at Grillsmith in Countryside.



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Lepa Buck, right, back home Bitola.

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## Some people travel for vacations, Lepa Buck traveled to go back home

Lepa Buck, originally from North Macedonia, recently reconnected with her school friends and cousins.

She was there for three months. She rented an apartment and traveled by taxi everywhere, as she was at the end of the town, up in the mountains.

Lepa was in her hometown of Bitola, enjoying festivals which lasted from June 9 to Sept. 5. The Bitfest celebration included all kinds of music, crafts and ethnic foods. She could take a taxi for \$2 to go anywhere in town.

Her hometown is surrounded by the Baba Mountains.

On top of the mountains are glacial lakes. Lepa enjoyed breathing the clean, strong air. The temperatures ranged from the 50s in the morning to 90s in the afternoon and back down into the 50s by evening.

Bitola is five miles from the Greek border.

Lepa had a fabulous time as she also traveled to Greece, Albania, Bulgaria and Serbia.

Thank you for sharing with your neighbors and welcome home!



**OTOW NEWS**  
**WORDMIX**

Unscramble the six words listed below.  
 If you unscramble correctly, the first letter of each word will spell out the secret word of the month.  
 If you cannot come up with the secret word of the month, then redo at least one of the six scrambled words.

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**SECRET WORD:**

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## OTOW-TV Channel 732 Daily Schedule

- 8 AM and 12 Noon: Exercises with Jessica and Cammy from Ocala
- 9 AM: Do-it-at-home Slimnastics
- 11 AM: Do-it-at-home Line Dancing
- 1 & 6 PM (Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays): Hope's Cardio Workout
- 4 PM: Aerobics with Jessica and Cammy from Ocala
- 7 PM (Friday-Sunday): Shows from our Past

## Good Karma Book Club



10 a.m., Thursday, October 20  
 "The Orphan Master's Son"  
 By Adam Johnson

10 a.m., Thursday, November 17  
 "The Beauty of Dusk - Vision Lost and Found"  
 by Frank Bruni

All of our meetings take place in the EAC Crystal Beach Room  
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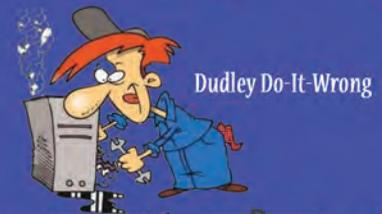
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