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Jack Smith's secret to a long life? Have something planned for tomorrow

By Pete Milner
Men's Golf League Secretary

Jack Smith has been an On Top of the World resident since 1979. He came here from Canada and lives here year round.

I asked Jack if he minded I put his age in this article and his reply was, "Heck No!" At 98 years young, he says he plays golf five days a week, dances two nights a week, and still swims on a regular basis.

Jack worked for Gulf Oil in Toronto for many years before retiring and coming to Florida.

He started playing golf at the young age of 10 years (88 years ago). Jack told me he had a club membership for \$10 a year. After playing a few years, however, he put his clubs away and didn't pick them up again for 40 years.

Over recent years, Jack's handicap has gone up a few strokes, but he still plays a pretty fair game. In fact, he recently returned home from playing in a tournament in Canada.

Jack is active in different clubs here at OTOW, but one thing he is particularly proud of is his involvement with blood donations. He started many years ago and has donated 109 units in Canada and 80 units in the U.S.

It's called the gift of life.

I asked Jack what he thought his secret to longevity was and he told me, "always have something planned for tomorrow. It forces you to get up."

When I asked him for a golf tip, Jack said, "Keep your head down."

It was a joy for me to talk with Jack and get to know him better.

Since my last newspaper article last month, golf has been very limited for our league.

One of our association rules states that in order for there to be league play, we must play all 18 holes. Mother Nature prohibited play on July 18, July 25 and Aug. 1. She finally let us resume play on Aug. 8.

We even had to postpone our monthly luncheon for a week because of all the rain. Still, Drew's crew has done a wonderful job getting our course playable on days when play is possible.



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OTOW needs your help finding water damage in unoccupied units

Last month I wrote about the after effects of Tropical Storm Debby. Aside from a general mess and high water, the community seemed to hold up fairly well.

As we go to press for this edition, Tropical Storm Isaac is bearing down on Florida.

The bulk of the damage to the interior of units was from improperly installed replacement windows, improper caulking around replacement windows, and improperly installed and sealed air conditioning access panels.

The Association has undertaken a post card and email notice campaign to seasonal residents. You can help in this matter by calling your neighbor if you have their out of state contact number. Your Association is concerned that not all the possible damage has been identified. In the interest of limiting any worse damage that may as yet be undiscovered, we would like the opportunity to inspect unoccupied units as soon as possible. Your cooperation in contacting your neighbors will be greatly appreciated!

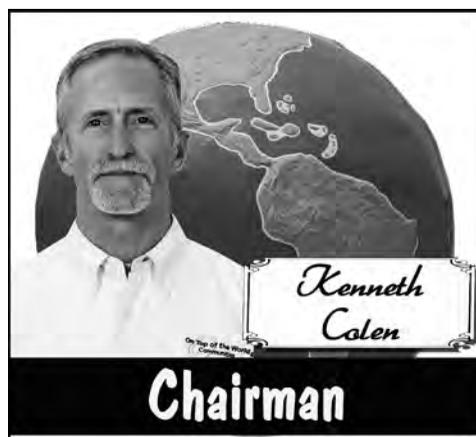
Events, such as Tropical Storm Debby and Isaac, underscore the importance of keeping the Association informed of your emergency contacts. Neighbors can be instrumental in helping us locate residents that were out of town. Please help your Association by updating your emergency contact file. You may do this through the community Website or at the Service Department. All information is held confidential and only used in an emergency.

Property Insurance

I cannot stress the point loud enough or long enough that it is the responsibility of each individual owner to make sure they have adequate insurance on their personal property and on that portion of your condo not insured by the Association's master policy.

Generally, property coverage policies are written on the interior components of the condo and on your personal property. Your Association's coverage ends at the interior finish on your walls.

In other words, everything from the paint in is yours. The tile, carpet, cabinetry, appliances, plumbing above the finish floor, air conditioning, and other components are also all the re-



sponsibility of the individual owner to insure.

Damage within the interior area of your home can become quite costly, especially if a leaking air conditioner or water heater causes damage in adjoining units. Repair costs can really be large.

It is the owner's obligation to maintain or replace these components, and their liability when they don't. Proper insurance coverage will help save you if that happens.

The HO6 rider covers the insured owner for a portion of the deductible the Association maintains. Currently, your association maintains a deductible of \$10,000 per occurrence to property damage from any peril other than wind.

Speak with your insurance agent to make sure you have coverage in place and that it is adequate.

Hurricane Season

Pay attention to Channel 96/720 for post storm updates. September is the time-we turn our attention to the tropical Atlantic and keep one eye on the weather map.

It seems that every time the mowing crews get caught up, a long cycle of showers pushes them further behind. Granted we need the rain to replenish the groundwater, but it does come with a price.

As we move deeper into storm season, focus may be shifting to storm preparations. This means acting fast - sometimes less than 24 hour notice - to secure buildings and equipment from possible wind and rain damage, as well as making sure everyone is clear on their post storm responsibilities for recovery and clean-up.

Residents need to be alert and ready to clean up personal items that may become missiles in high winds.



Porches like this are a violation.

What can't be taken inside needs to be tied down or otherwise secured from becoming a wind-driven hazard. Awnings must be folded down, closed and secured.

I will again remind all residents that shutters and awnings must have a wind rating and must be approved by the Association. Many of the older aluminum awnings, that have been so popular around the community, do not comply with any wind rating and would not be allowed to be installed today. If they are damaged in a wind storm event, these older awnings may not be replaced with the same product.

Fortunately, there are new products on the market that do have wind ratings and have been approved by the Association for installation.

Work Progress Outlook

Painting/Waterproofing: Building 58 is scheduled for repainting work - Front Elevation - Sept. 1. Remember, all start dates are approximate. Building 30 elevator cab refurbishment, due to water damage from TS Debby, will begin in late August or early September. This was the result of the sump pump failing to keep up with the rising water table following the storm.

Roofing: Large scale reroofs are current and no new projects are scheduled for the next several months and will resume in January 2013. Same applies to any paving projects.

Flooring maintenance: Projects are ongoing depending on the floor conditions. This maintenance work in-

cludes stripping and sealing of center core floor areas. All start dates are approximate in any case.

Lighting: Installation of new center core lighting fixtures on "X" buildings only will continue into September due to a backorder of product.

Anchor elevator meter can retrofit project is currently in permitting with Pinellas County. We anticipate a start in the final two weeks of September.

Please note, we will be required to de-energize building power for upgrade of meters on the following buildings: B36, 37, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 56, 84N, 64, 65, 79, 78, 87, and 89. Notices will be posted in buildings once a project is through permitting and the schedule is finalized with Duke/Progress Energy.

Other Projects

General small scale construction projects are ongoing. This type of work includes sidewalk panel.

Utilities projects for the next few months include annual fire hydrant inspections and wet pipe systems. Inspections in the Paradise section will be going forward.

Finally, Inspection Services will continue with landscape enforcement, clutter enforcement on the front and rear porch areas of condominiums (very dangerous in a high wind situation). Tagging and removal of excessive furniture, as well as general clutter in the center core areas, will be an ongoing matter. Awning Inspections (all buildings) is ongoing.

As summer ends, consider going outdoors: tennis, lawn bowling, golf



Summer is already coming to a close. Most of us are looking forward to some cooler days when we can enjoy more outside activities, as well as the beautiful Florida landscape.

Our lawn bowlers will soon be back from up north where most of them reside, and the courts will be bursting with activity. If you have never tried this fun game, now would be a good time to practice and be ready to join in with this very active club when

they resume play this fall.

We hope the new tennis courts will be open later this month, so get out your rackets and get ready for some fun and really good exercise.

You can get in some practice ahead of time on some courts that are near to On Top of the World. Just check with the Clearwater Recreation Department for some close by locations.

As the cooler weather approach-

es, I'm sure more of you will want to clean up your golf clubs and get out there and hit a few balls. The golf courses are looking great, so get out there and enjoy yourself.

Many residents enjoy walking their dogs, which is great exercise. If you haven't taken your pooch to the new dog park, be sure and put that on your list of dos. Your dog will thank you. The park is located on the west side near the Sales Office.

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Get your windows sealed properly

With the advent of a very rainy summer, some residents have discovered their replacement windows weren't properly sealed.

As a result, rain water got into the interior portions of their condos and caused minor damage.

On Top of the World reminds residents that silicone sealants are no longer approved as a caulking or waterproofing device in this community. If you hire a licensed contractor to seal a window, the contractor must use an acrylic urethane or polyurethane sealant.

In response to this uptick in window sealant leaks, Mike Moody Painting will assist residents with sealant issues. You must call first to get an assessment and quote.

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Messages are retrieved Mon-Fri, 8-3:30.
- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Service Desk from 8:30-3, Monday-Friday.
- (3) Go Online to otowclearwaterinfo.com and fill out a service request.
- (4) For service after 3 PM call 799-1115.
A \$35 payment (by check) will be required at the time of service.

Below are tips to prepare you for a hurricane

June is the start of the hurricane season and the time to start thinking seriously about dealing with the risk and inconveniences that may be encountered during and immediately after a storm.

Your Association makes every effort to prepare for storm events by securing potential hazards, protecting buildings and Association related assets, and making sure we have an up-

dated recovery plan.

Key personnel are on-call before and after a storm. Tarps (in limited supply) are kept on hand to secure roofs in the event of damage.

Despite all of our efforts, much of your own safety and comfort depends entirely on you. To that end, I am reprinting key points to help you prepare for a storm event:

Prepare for the possibility of a hurricane

- Designate as a “post-disaster contact,” a relative or friend who lives outside the danger zone. Make sure each family member has been given this person’s address and phone number, and agrees to contact him or her following the hurricane.

- Keep on hand at least one week’s supply of bottled water and nonperishable food items. You should also have available a manual can/bottle opener, a flashlight, and a battery operated radio or television (with an extra set of batteries for each). Make sure these items are readily accessible, so that you can

quickly pack and evacuate.

- Maintain an up-to-date inventory of everything in your home. Taking photos and/or making videotapes of these items may help support the value you place on them. Also, consider storing valuable items at a secure location away from the house.

- Remove furniture from porches or patio, and secure hoses so that these objects do not become dangerous or lethal projectiles during a storm.

- Stock up on items you may need to protect your home or to prevent it from being further dam-

aged after the storm has passed. These items may include, but are not limited to, tarps or plastic, hammers, nails and plywood.

- Make sure your family is trained on how to turn off damaged utilities.

- At least once per year, review your insurance coverage to make sure it is adequate and up to date.

- Don’t forget about your pet. Some evacuation centers do not allow pets. Making arrangements before a storm reduces the anxiety for both you and your pet.

As a hurricane approaches

- Refill prescriptions.
- Make sure your car has a full tank of gas as power outages may force gas stations to remain closed for several days following a hurricane.

- Store important documents and other valuable items in waterproof bags.

- Bring inside, any loose items that can be found around the home. Firmly tie down loose items that cannot be brought indoors.

- Tape, board or shutter windows.

- Have enough cash on hand to last at least a full week. Banks and ATMS may be closed for several days following the storm.

After a storm

- Don’t venture outside until local authorities have issued an “all-clear.”

- Continue to check the radio or TV for post hurricane updates.

- If you have evacuated, don’t return until authorities re-open your area. Remember, you may need proof of residency to return.

- Use a flashlight to look at damage. Allow only those people who have been trained, to turn off damaged utilities (e.g. gas) and disconnect damaged appliances.

- Beware of downed power lines and other debris.

- Wear sturdy shoes and clothing to protect yourself. People are oftentimes hurt more frequently after the hurricane than during it.

- Use only bottled water. Unless otherwise advised, assume tap water is contaminated and sewer lines are out of order.

- If electrical power was lost during the hurricane, be extremely careful before consuming food taken from your refrigerator. When in doubt, throw it out.

- Use the phone only for emergencies.

- Conserve water! DO NOT WASH DRIVEWAYS OF DEBRIS. If the power is out and you still have water pressure it is only because the water plant is running on auxiliary power.

During a hurricane

- Stay tuned to a battery-operated radio or television for weather bulletins and important information.

- Follow the orders of local authorities.

- Stay indoors in an interior room without windows (even if you have evacuated, inland locations may still be at risk). If conditions worsen, take shelter in a closet or bathroom and use mattresses to protect yourself.

- Don’t assume the hurricane is over when the wind subsides. The calm may be the eye of the storm, and the worse part may still be on the way.

The insurance process ...

Proper insurance coverage can help reduce the financial burden you may suffer as a result of a hurricane. Here are some additional tips that will make the claims process easier for you and your claims adjuster.

- Don’t alter the condition of the damaged property. Take whatever steps are necessary to protect your property from further damage.

- Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. Provide your agent or insurance carrier all information pertaining to your claim.

- Make a list of damaged or destroyed property. Your adjuster will be able to work more quickly if he or she has a written list to work from. Photos of damaged property may also be useful.

- Keep records and receipts for ALL expenses you incur. Supplies purchased to protect damaged property, or the costs incurred while staying at a hotel while your home is being repaired, may be recoverable.

- Try to be patient. Once you report your claim, your claims adjuster will respond as quickly as possible. Delays may be likely, as hurricanes often uproot signs and deposit debris on highways, severely impeding traffic.

If your electricity goes out

- Use a flashlight – not a candle or match as this is a fire hazard.

- Open your refrigerator only when absolutely necessary. This will help keep food fresh for as long as possible.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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

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

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

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

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

Best part of the Olympics is not the medals

Every year that we have a winter or summer Olympics, the world is given new heroes, and those new heroes are presented gold, silver and bronze medals.

To some people, this is the highlight of the Olympic games.

But to me, it's amazing we're still able to celebrate an event like the Olympics because we live in a world filled with so many political and cultural differences, not to mention wars, violence, hunger, lack of housing and disease.

But for two weeks this past August, athletes from such countries as Afghanistan, Israel, Iran, Korea, Iraq, Pakistan, Vietnam, Palestine, Yemen, Syria and the United States came together, along with athletes from elsewhere around the world, and competed together.

From the lens of a TV camera at the Olympics, you would never know there were violent conflicts around the globe every day, or political turmoils right here in our own country.

The Olympics is just good, clean, wholesome, fun competition and everyone can find some part of it to enjoy.

In fact, did you stop to realize



how many countries actually competed in London - 205!

And did you also stop to realize that over the years, competition committees have been able to come up with rules that every country is able to accept and follow?

So my question is, why does world unity have to end when the Olympic torch is doused?

Can't anyone figure out how to bottle the spirit of the Olympics, continue this unity for another 50 weeks, and spread the camaraderie beyond the host city?

Why can't we just put the whole Olympic concept in a watering can and spread the spirit among the earth no matter where it lies?

For starters, not only does the

Olympic organizing committees deserve credit, but someone needs to figure out why their system works and why we can't duplicate the system in other facets of life.

In preparation for this column, I turned to the Internet to try to find out more information about the Olympic committees and how they work together to provide the spectacle as we know it. I wanted to see what makes the Olympic committees so different from a national committee, a political committee or a government committee.

Unfortunately, I could not find such a story which makes this comparison, and even if there was, it would probably be too long to read in a week.

But here's what I did learn:

The Olympics have a worldwide, international committee which oversees every aspect of the Games. There are 200-plus countries and territories which support this committee.

Below the international committee is the hosting committee, and below them are individual national committees.

The Olympics are not run by one person. Each committee is a group of individuals who contribute their past experiences, while working together

with others to make something that looks impossible, actually come true.

Being rich does not get you on an Olympic committee, and the committees do not divide themselves in two.

Sebastian Coe was the chairperson for the London Olympics. According to London2012.com, he was a two-time Olympic champion and a 12-time world record holder. He is currently vice president of the International Association of Athletics.

Sound interesting? You can read more about him Online.

What's my point?

The Olympics is a creation far more amazing than any of us take the time to comprehend. The highlight isn't gold, silver or bronze medals; it's not record-breaking times or defending titles; it's the nearly impossible dream of bringing the world together to compete for two weeks.

It happens. It works. It's rewarding, and the Games will happen again because we know there are hard-working and hard-planning people behind it.

Now all we have to do is find someone to bottle this winning formula and share it with the world.

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Nature tells us it's time to give front entrance a new look

By Doug Kates
Editor

Nature's creations live many years, but even the lifespan of something as strong and stable as a tree comes to an end at some point.

When On Top of the World first opened five decades ago, a group of Laurel Oak trees greeted residents and guests at the beautiful Sunset Point Road entrance.

Over the next 50 years, those trees received a lot of care and trims to help keep them healthy and green, but Mother Nature has told us it's time to get new greeters at the gate for the next 50 years.

"Laurel Oak Trees reach maturity in 40-50 years and then begin their steady decline," said Operations Manager Shawn Tobias. "Many of the trees being removed have been selectively pruned over time to keep them healthy, but unfortunately, they have reached a point where they must be removed for the safety of the community."

Altogether, six trees near the entrance were approved by Pinellas County for removal.

In their place, Live Oaks will be planted within 90 days to rejuvenate the front entrance experience.

Shawn said additional trees, of different varieties, may be added later to enhance the area.

On Top of the World's Parkway Maintenance and Management division has its own tree crews, which tends to daily duties throughout the community. Their skills have been used to remove the trees and will also be used to plant the new trees.

There are other aging Laurel Oaks throughout the community and they will be eventually cut down and replaced as well.



A 50-year-old Laurel Oak is removed near the Sunset Point Road entrance to make room for a new Live Oak by the end of the year.

(OTOW Photo by Doug Kates)

How many brooms does it take to keep 91 buildings clean?

By Doug Kates
Editor

You've walked through your core and noticed how clean it is.

You've journeyed down the steps and noticed no debris in the way.

You've stood at the railings and noticed no dust, no webs and no one building a nest!

But have you ever wondered – how did it get this way?

The On Top of the World Buildings Department consists of 34 workers, one foreman and one superintendent. Their job is to make sure your building is always spotless, which includes cleaning the core, taking out the trash, removing webs, and keeping sidewalks and parking lots clear.

Now, cleaning and taking out the trash might sound like the weekly job for any homeowner in this community, but next time you're out-and-about keep this in mind: Those 34 workers are divided into 11 teams and those teams are responsible for every building in this community – not just one kitchen or one living room or one bathroom – 91 buildings!

That's about eight buildings per team, and every building must receive attention at least once a week.

"The Building Team's day



Pictured on the second floor, left to right, are Andrew Lowe, Jason Gaines, Fernando Amy Ainsworth, Debra White, Bruni Miranda, John Cuevas, Ernest Bennett, Eric Brooks, Reuban Santana, Phillip Miller, Miquel Pena, Carlos Rodriguez, Wendy Armstrong, Mingsworth, Ron Richards, Frank Williams, Ulyssies Barber, John Malchesky, Jeff Page

starts by going to each building to take all the trash cans to the street to be picked up," said Jim Bleich, buildings assistant superintendent.

"The teams then begin cleaning the buildings that are scheduled for that day. When all areas of responsibility have been completed, the teams bring in the

garbage cans and move onto the next building. They also assist in special projects with other departments throughout the property as well."

In previous years, keeping each building clean was the responsibility of various individuals. Recently, On Top of the World began using a "team" or

"crew" concept. The switch from individual duties to crew duties has provided a more consistent product throughout the entire community, and no one from one crew moves onto the next building until everyone in the crew has finished their job, which promotes teamwork.

Eric Brooks, a 21-year veter-

Would you believe 34!

will widen its territory to assist the Landscape Department in cleaning up debris.

Eric said no two days are ever the same because when a crew comes to work they never know what they'll find. Sometimes there's a spill, he said. Other times the parking lots need extra attention after a storm, he added.

Training consists of orientation for new workers and monitored training for two weeks. Team leaders oversee the learning process.

Training also consists of "process improvement training" for even the veteran workers. This is when group discussions are used to evaluate past performances and identify ways of getting better.

Currently, the newest Buildings Department worker has just six months experience under their belt, but some find it rewarding enough to stay loyal for 10, 15 or even 21 years.

So, the next time you step outside and notice how beautiful your building looks, keep in mind your three-member crew was doing its job. And even though you may not see a crew member around, chances are they're probably at your neighbor's building making sure that one is getting as clean as yours.



o Morris, Teresa Perez, Sue White, Susan Dixon, Sharon Donnici, Andrea O' Connor, books, Georgia Minniefield, Frank Tyrian, and Gerald Detwilder. On the third floor are Mark Abner, Mike Haglich, Supervisor Jim Bleich, Foreman Mark Wright, Gary Hol and Shane Morgan. Missing was Lorena Dunn. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

an of the Buildings Department, said he has a fun job and will do it another 21 years if given a blessing to do so.

Eric said using cleaning crews over individuals has definitely made a difference in the quality of work that takes place. He said you can see the difference - buildings are much cleaner.

And just because every task on a checklist is marked, doesn't mean a crew can relax and move on to the next building. Each crew has a supervisor which inspects the work on a weekly basis.

"The weather can also be challenging at times for each crew," Jim said. "They work

through the rain, heat of summer and cold of winter."

Occasionally a crew member will encounter a small critter, such as a squirrel, a rabbit or a bat, and has to learn to co-exist with nature.

During times when storms have passed and left a mess behind, the Buildings Department

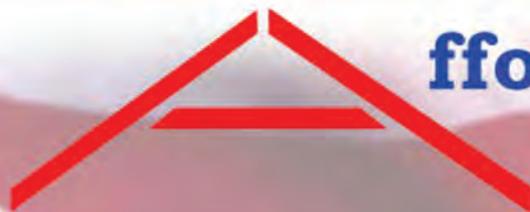
Shelter Repair

A crew from Affordable Aluminum replaces a roof over one of the lawn bowling court shelters at the East Activity Center. This roof was damaged by a fallen tree limb when Tropical Storm Debby blew in over the summer. Now the roof is back, looking like new, for the return of the Snowbirds.

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- 1 ripe banana, peeled, 1/2-inch slices

Adapted from the lovely cookbook, *Super Natural Every Day*, written by Heidi Swanson, this is perfect when serving a crowd for breakfast.

You can bake this the night before and reheat in the morning for an easy and impressive breakfast.

Replace strawberries with blueberries or other berry.

Method

1. Preheat oven to 375°F and generously spray the inside of a 10-1/2 by 7 inch baking dish with cooking spray and place on a baking sheet.

2. In a large bowl, mix together the oats, sugar, baking powder, orange zest, cinnamon, salt, half the walnuts, half the strawberries and half the chocolate. (Save the other half of strawberries, walnuts and chocolate for the top of the oatmeal). In another large bowl, whisk together the milk, egg, butter and vanilla extract.

3. Add the oat mixture to prepared baking dish. Arrange the remaining strawberries, walnuts and chocolate on top. Add the banana slices to the top then pour the milk mixture over everything. Gently shimmy/shake the baking dish to help the milk mixture go throughout the oats.

4. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until the top is nicely golden brown and the milk mixture has set. For an extra tasty top, sprinkle a tablespoon or so of extra brown sugar on top then place back in the oven under the broiler and broil for 20-30 seconds. Serve warm with an extra sprinkle of sugar or drizzle of maple syrup.

Notes

Make Ahead Meal Idea: You can make this oatmeal the night before cooking, if you do this, place bananas on the bottom of the dish and not on top of the oats since they will brown slightly over night.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dryers, washers must be inspected by licensed plumbers, electricians

The management company for On Top of the World Condominium Association has found instances of improperly installed washer/dryer units in several condominium units. These washer/dryer installations have been made without approval and guidance from the Association and without compliance to the plumbing code or the electrical code. This leaves the owner and/or prospective new owners open to significant liability in the event of an overflow or a fire.

Your Association strongly urges an inspection of washers and dryers installed in any condominiums built prior to 1995, in particular, those units located on the east side of Belcher Road. If your unit is located on the west side of Belcher, you may also be impacted if a washer and dryer were added after purchasing the unit.

The Association strongly urges you to contact both a licensed, insured plumber and electrician and arrange for an inspection immediately. Corrections to these potential hazards are the unit owner's obligation.

Forward any documentation from the inspection to the OTOW Condominium Association, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E, Clearwater, FL, 33763. A copy will be retained in a permanent file for that unit. If work was undertaken to correct the problem, such remedial work must be described in the documentation. Only documentation received from a licensed plumber or electrician will be considered valid.

All parties are put on Notice that the Association does not accept responsibility nor shall it assume responsibility for any type of loss or damage resulting from installed washers or dryers. In those instances where the Association has been required to expend sums of money to make repairs resulting from installed washers or dryers, the Association reserves the right to take legal action against the owners of the units where the washers or dryers are installed.

Foster Brooks the most famous 'drunk' in Hollywood

Foster Brooks portrayed a drunk and stuttered his way to stardom.

Perry Como saw Foster perform his drunk act at a celebrity golf tournament in North Carolina and asked him to be his opening act at the new Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas.

On the first date, the hotel manager did not like Brooks and balked at Perry using him as the opening act. Perry then refused to go on.

Finally, the management acquiesced and Foster became an instant hit with the audience.

The Hilton date with Como opened the doors for Foster. He made



**Walter
Balderson**

Inside Showbiz

his national debut on the Johnny Carson show in 1962. Later that year, he returned to Vegas to headline his own show.

But Foster is most affectionately

remembered for his stellar appearances on the Dean Martin Celebrity Roasts. His comedy drunk routines were lovable, hilarious and he did them all without profanity or any other blue humor.

Born in Louisville, Ky., on May 11, 1912, Foster was one of eight sons. He dropped out of school in sixth grade and did odd jobs before landing a DJ job at radio station WHAS in Louisville. His low, resonant voice was perfect for radio.

Brooks drew upon his own battles with alcohol for his act. However, during the period of greatest

fame, he had given up drinking in the early 60s. He said a fellow made a bet with him for \$10 that he couldn't stop drinking. He took the bet and never had a drink.

"I was poor and I needed \$10," Foster said at the time.

Despite the fact that he played drunks, he was a national spokesman for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and did public service announcement on their behalf.

Foster was married twice and had six children. He died on Dec. 20, 2001, at his home in Encino, Calif., at the age of 88.

Are you at risk for water intrusion?

*OTOW is urging unit owners to
inspect the interior of their condo property.*



Many residents have reported water problems due to:

- improperly sealed replacement windows.
- Old windows that do not close properly.
- Improperly sealed exterior air conditioner service panels.

OTOW encourages all unit owners to have a trusted individual conduct a thorough inspection of your unit as soon as possible to prevent any further water-related damages.

Eight important items you must keep after buying a condo

Q. I have recently purchased a condominium apartment in On Top of the World. Can you tell me which of the closing documents I should keep and which ones I can throw away?

A. Great question. You should keep, in no particular order:

(1) The closing statement that lists all the costs and charges associated with the closing.

(2) The title insurance policy (Note: At closings, a purchaser usually receives what is known as a title insurance commitment. This is sometimes called a title insurance binder. Its basic purpose is to protect against any unknown or uninsured defects in title until after the deed has been recorded. Once the deed has been recorded, you generally receive what is known as the Owners Title Policy, sometimes called the Final Policy. It is more important to keep the commitment until you get the final policy and then you should always keep the Owners Policy when you get it.)

(3) The deed, although it is not as important as one might think since, after all, the deed has been recorded in the public records.

(4) All transmittal letters of any kind.

(5) Any homeowners warranty documents that may have been delivered to you at the closing.

(6) The original contract of purchase and sale and any changes to it.

(7) Any wire transfer receipts or copies of checks used as part of or all of the purchase price.

(8) Of course, you should al-



ways keep copies of all documents you signed, as well as all documents signed by the other party to the transaction.

Q. Will you give us your comments on the members of the Florida Supreme Court who are running for re-election?

A. No, I won't do that. However, I can tell you that apparently a great deal of money from outside the state of Florida is being funneled into the Supreme Court races for the purpose of attempting to unseat some of the justices who have issued opinions that are unpopular to these groups.

To me, this is a very serious problem because we need — we must have — an independent judiciary that is free to issue opinions without fear and without regard to the popularity of such decisions.

Our Founding Fathers knew very well, how important an independent judiciary was (and is). That's why our U.S. Constitution has a Supreme Court that consists of justices who are not subject to the whims of varying

political or philosophical movements.

Sure! There are decisions made by judges and justices with which I disagree. Yet, never in my wildest dreams would I want our courts, and particularly our Supreme Court here in Florida, to be anything but independent.

Okay, here goes: I am going to vote to retain all of our Supreme Court justices. Why? Because I know that the State of Florida must have a judiciary that is independent of all politics.

Q. Since you are an attorney, will you give us your thoughts on the candidates running for judicial offices?

A. I can't. The only one I personally know is Bill Burgess. Bill's wife is a former employee of my law firm and Bill Burgess, himself worked as an assistant state attorney in Pinellas County for a period of time when my daughter was also an assistant state attorney.

So I know him and I know he's extremely capable. However, I don't personally know any of the other candidates, all of whom, I am sure, are very capable.

And anyway, as I think I have made it abundantly clear for several years, I neither endorse nor oppose any candidate running for office.

Q. I recently moved to Florida permanently and had a new Will drawn up by a Florida attorney. What does that do to the Will I had in (the former state of residence)?

A. Your new Will makes your old one null and void. The full title of

a Will is "Last Will and Testament." So if it's the Last will it means that the ones you executed before have become null and void.

This may not be the case with a durable power of attorney. So if you execute a new durable power of attorney (and in my opinion everyone should have a durable power of attorney) then you will want to check with your attorney to make sure that the new one eliminates the old one.

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

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Don't leave food out for wildlife

This picture is the perfect reminder to residents they cannot leave food outside at any time and must always supervise their pets.

This coyote was photographed on the nine-hole golf course behind one of the French Renaissance buildings.

While coyotes normally hunt and socialize at night, this one was roaming the golf course in the middle of the afternoon.

Coyotes don't normally pose a threat to people, but they often search for food and won't be afraid to examine a porch or backyard area. If you leave food out, they will eat it and will come back for more.

Coyotes also eat small animals and an unsupervised pet would be easy prey. If you are with a pet outdoors, always keep an eye open.

(OTOW News photo by Boots Stanton)

All writers need to make sure their stories contain no surprises, no gossip and no secrets

While the On Top of the World newspaper continues to provide residents with great stories and wonderful photographs, the staff also learned this summer there can be a down side to being a reporter.

Over the summer, this newspaper lost two writers because residents became upset with stories. Writers have to keep in mind, the people you write stories about are your neighbors, your friends, your fellow club members. There is no reason to get them upset and there is no reason to surprise them with information they didn't know was going to get published.

We are not that kind of newspaper.

At the Press Association meeting in August, editor Doug Kates reminded his staff this newspaper does not publish secret information, nor should



Press Association

anyone ever be surprised their name or picture is going to be in the newspaper. This newspaper does not pride itself on breaking news and shocking stories. We like to make people smile and provide positive information.

Doug said reporters should always allow a story subject to read an article before it goes to print – that way there are no surprises and we are all assured the information is accurate.

If an individual does not want

their name or photo in the newspaper, then the building or club writer should simply accept that request.

Gossip is never accepted as a source for story information. All stories must be true with residents providing accurate information to reporters.

If there are any questions or concerns, writers can contact Doug in the newsroom.

Another subject that came up over the summer were storm stories.

Residents who were here during Tropical Storm Debby saw a great amount of rainfall, some minor flooding and minor damage. However, this newspaper does not report hard news items, such as storms, fires and accidents.

As reporters, we are all pledged to write positive, good news stories.

The next time a storm hits our community, please refrain from writing about it. If a helpful story needs to be written to provide tips to prepare for future storms, those stories will be provided by On Top of the World.

The next Press Association meeting will take place Oct. 4 at 1:30 p.m. and staff should be prepared to talk about the holiday lights contest.

The next big meeting is Nov. 1, 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room. This will be our first of three night meetings this season and also will be our annual workshop. All building, club and sports writers are encouraged to attend. There will be beverages and a video presentation. Make sure you mark the date now, because the meeting is the same day the November newspaper is distributed and there won't be a lot of time to make plans.

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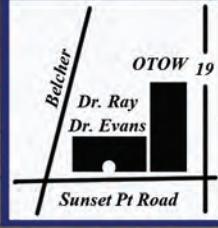
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By Julie Narancich

Line Dancers and guests cooled off on a hot summer day with some ice cream treats in August at our annual Ice Cream Social.

Social Committee members, Helen Crombie and Loni Bentley, did a superb job once again. The tables were decorated with bright beautiful colors in a beach theme. The delicious chocolate and vanilla ice cream was complimented with several toppings, including peanuts and cookies.

Not only did we enjoy the ice cream, we also enjoyed each other's company while listening to our great line dancing music. We were able to visit with fellow line dancers and their guests before working off some calories line dancing after the ice cream social.

Thank you to all of you who helped to make this event such a success. We are extremely grateful.

This is a great time to learn some of our dances if you are a new resident at On Top of the World. Even if you are a little hesitant, give line dancing a try. We have great individual instruction and provide moral support, so please join us every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium.



Pictured on top, left to right, are Helen Crombie, Loni Bentley and Lilia Bensonoff. Pictured below are Jean Curtis and Ann Adams.



Line Dancing

The beginner lessons start at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays for 30 minutes. The beginner lessons are extremely helpful. We welcome everyone and please bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

For any questions regarding Line Dancing, please contact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100. Hope to see you soon!



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- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs
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- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Important documents - in a waterproof container or water tight resealable plastic bag, including insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
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Expert on Affordable Health Care Act will be Democratic Club's guest speaker on Sept. 27

The On Top of the World Democratic Club is proud to announce that Dr. Lawrence Floriani will be our club's guest speaker during our Sept. 27 meeting in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Dr. Floriani is a recognized expert on patient protection and the Affordable Health Care for America Act. He is also considered an expert on how new health legislation will affect seniors living in Florida.

Dr. Floriani is a board certified orthopedic surgeon and a member of Doctors for America. He is also an educational lecturer and has had his own private practice for more than 36 years.

Anyone from OTOW is invited to attend this 2 p.m. meeting and ask questions.

Previously, our club members attended the opening of President



Dr. Lawrence Floriani

Obama's official Clearwater campaign headquarters and a dinner for Senator Bill Nelson.

Jessica Ehrlich, candidate for Congress in our district, was our guest speaker at our Aug. 23 meet-



Democratic Club

ing. She provided us with information affecting seniors in this community. Her background includes working in congressional offices on both sides of the aisle. Our club members expressed hope she will bring some civility back to Washington.

Club members will be invited to a special party on Sept. 15. Members will be receiving a phone call to provide you with details.

For more information on our club's future events, please contact Hal Leichhardt at 238-4980 or Rosemarie Totaro at 797-7927.



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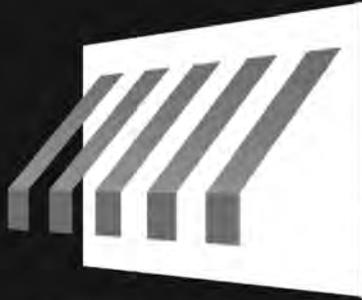
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Will Peterson, left, and Dave Beaven load school supplies for delivery to a 'Back to School Drive' pick up station.

Club members and other residents collect three boxes full of school supplies

by Dave Beaven

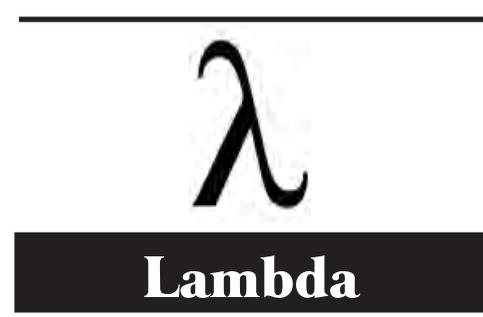
Fall is just around the corner and so is the return of our Snowbird members.

Things will start to get busier around On Top of the World. Meanwhile, Lambda Club had an active summer.

Just this past month, we collected school supplies for local students who need help. The result was three boxes of materials from our members and other OTOW residents who were able to donate.

Thanks to all who helped in this worthwhile effort.

One of our other activities in August was a wine tasting social that we held at our monthly meeting. Our guest presenter was a former beverage



director at a country club. We learned about the basics of different wines and had ample opportunity to taste them. I "enjoyed" the evening so much that I forgot what I learned!

For September, we'll have our usual activities, including our monthly Kaffeeklatsch - a get-together for drinking coffee and catching up on the latest gossip.

Once a month, someone in Lambda agrees to host us at his/her condo. On the appointed morning, Lambdians descend with cake, doughnuts and other goodies and create a party. The bonus is that it makes it easy on the host who doesn't have to provide a lot of refreshments. A pot or two of coffee is all that's needed.

I'm not sure yet who our September Kaffeeklatsch host will be. I'll let this article serve as a call for our next volunteer.

Lambda is a social club for our gay and lesbian residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include cocktail parties, dine-outs, game nights, and movie nights. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walk-

ers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all our gay and lesbian residents in the OTOW community, but we also welcome participation by other OTOW residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda meets monthly on the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Crafts Room downstairs in the East Activity Center. If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at lambdaclw@yahoo.com or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

The OTOW newsroom will be closed through Sept. 3.

Senior Health Expo set for Nov. 3

By Doris Paino
President

Hello Good Neighbors. Well, here we are in September and the summer is almost over. Fall is right around the corner - not that you can tell the difference, heat-wise.

The Veranda Room and Kitchen look nice with new tables and the tables are a lot easier to move.

We are working on the Senior Health Expo scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 3, and hopefully we will get a good response from vendors so we can go forward. We are going to need volunteers, so stop in and see me at the Gift Shoppe and sign up.

We will be having our clothing drive next month, so check your closets for donations.

We will be having a Straw Draw in October, so we need those new gifts you received and don't want. Bring them to the Gift Shoppe. Unperishable food items would be good, too.

We had a cash drawing in July and August and there were 42 lucky people.

Don't forget to support the Gift Shoppe.

Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

Season begins Sept. 1 with ice cream social

By Mary Widman

We welcome back all our members and hope their summer has been a satisfying one.

Our club will meet on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

Our members will enjoy an ice cream social, including coffee.

If you have any questions, please call club President Dorothy Carpenito at 796-4460. She is planning some wonderful activities for this season, plus she will discuss plans for our Christmas luncheon.

So join us Sept. 1 and meet old friends and make new friends.



Singles Club

If you know of any member who is ill or is recuperating from an illness, please call our sunshine lady, Mary Widman at 796-1184, so she can send a card from all our members.

Talent meeting Sept. 5 for next year's show

By Brad Day

We are having our first meeting of the season on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

We will be discussing the upcoming show next year. So those interested in performing, please come join us. Membership is only \$5.

We will be taking the names of those who wish to sing, dance and act. An outline of the show will be presented, so those who are interested need to be there. New members are most welcome. So if you have a talent, please come out and get involved.

We hope to present the best in singing and dancing in our upcoming show next year.

Theater Workshop has a long



Theater Workshop

tradition of quality entertainment we wish to continue. Come be a part and enjoy the camaraderie of people who have so much to offer.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Hope to see you all there.

August Photo Search Answers

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Ask a social worker if you qualify for federally-funded meals

By Carl & Betty Leiby

On Top of the World volunteers deserve praise and thanks for their persistence in braving the July rains and August heat to faithfully deliver meals to our community clients, who depend on them for hot meals by noon.

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Meals On Wheels

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Federal funding for "free" meals is extremely limited. Qualifying is based on need. A social worker will determine the status of a client.

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Volunteer drivers and helpers are always welcome. Substitute drivers are also welcome as members of our group are very active in other endeavors and may not be available on specific days.

To volunteer for this rewarding experience, please call Carl and Betty Leiby at 791-3861.

A Reminder



Laundry Room Hours

8:00 AM
to
8:00 PM

First NY-NJ meeting set for Sept. 26

The New York-New Jersey Club will hold its first meeting of the season on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

All On Top of the World residents are welcome to join. New members must present their current OTOW activity card.

The meeting will conclude with an ice cream social.

For more information, contact Tom Mauro at 791-6251.



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Club got excited about the first day of school

By Jane Lee

The Always Educators club from On Top of the World has adopted Skycrest Elementary School this coming school year.

By this we mean that we have volunteered to help at this local public school in many ways.

First a few of us volunteered the first day of school. We helped the students find their classroom and we helped convince those children leaving home for the first time that school was a friendly place where you would learn many new things and meet many new friends.



Always Educators

Now that school is in session, we will continue to be useful by helping in the school office, by assisting teachers with projects that are time consuming and take them away from time with the children, or by helping a child with a lesson that he or she might have

missed because of being absent.

We are new at this so there will probably be lots of projects that we can assist the school with but are not even thought of yet.

Another project is volunteering at the Stavros Center. Those involved in banking and retail may be interested in this program that takes place in the county.

Students come to this center as a culmination of a study in the classroom. They come for the day and practice the skills that they learned in a simulation style program. The center needs your help once a year, once a

month, or once a week, whatever time that you have to donate for this worthwhile project. Contact Karen Brighton at 588-3746 for more information about this program.

Join us at our next meeting on the third Tuesday of the month which is Sept. 18. We meet at the West Activity Center at 11 a.m. in the Rainbow Room. At this meeting we will have refreshments to celebrate a special year ahead with the teachers and students at Skycrest.

For more information call Jane Lee at 266-4380 or email Jane at WLee315695@aol.com.



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We hold a business session, presentations, and advanced and beginners classes every Saturday morning from 8:30-10 a.m. in the East Activity Center main card room.

We help members with hardware and software issues from 9-10 a.m., Monday mornings, no appointments necessary, or you can schedule an appointment from 9-10 a.m., Tuesday-Thursday.

We will help any member with Windows XP or Windows 7 instruction from 9-10 a.m., on Fridays.

Our club offers free Wi-Fi in the EAC, and a computer equipment recycling service to members for a small, modest fee.

The computer lab is located opposite the large card room. By joining our club, you can ask all your computer questions in a relaxed, friendly environment, and your questions may help others with similar situations. You are also encouraged to share your own past computer experiences - both good and bad.

NOTICE

Important bulletin for all residents of On Top of the World

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

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

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

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

Detailed information is available at the East Activity Center Service Desk for your convenience. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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First practice for holiday concert is Oct. 2

By Dana Garlick

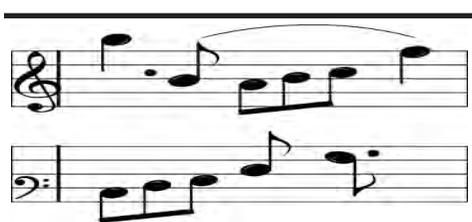
If you have a love of music and like to sing with a group, you may want to consider joining Chorus next month when we begin our rehearsals.

Our winter concert will be performed Dec. 2 and 3 and will be full of familiar holiday music, so it's a good time to try us out.

Rehearsals begin on Tuesday evening, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Auditorium.

There are no auditions or try-outs. We're a friendly group who love to sing. As we rehearse, we learn the songs and we learn things to help us sing better.

We rehearse twice a week, Monday mornings at 10 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. When we begin,



Chorus

we start with a warm up, which helps us get energized, stretches our vocal cords and helps us to wake up when we practice on Monday mornings or after a busy day when we come on Tuesday evenings.

We learn to follow the director so we can breathe and sing as one. It takes time and practice to have the breath to sing the phrases in comfortable unison.

If you're not sure if you're a soprano, alto, tenor, or base, you can try and see where you are comfortable. Each part is rehearsed separately, and you and your neighbors (the people sitting beside you in chorus) can learn together.

Each member has his or her own music to take home and review at their leisure.

In addition to the rehearsals, we have a social time each month. We share coffee and conversation, and get to know one another.

After each concert, we get together for supper. Sometimes it has been pot luck. Sometimes we go to a restaurant. It's always fun.

We hope you will think about joining Chorus in October.



Philosophy Club

What's Your View?

By Bob Reis

Our club is currently enjoying presentations, which are followed by a question and answer period.

The discussions give you the opportunity to express your own views.

We also have "Open Discussion" meetings. With this format you have the opportunity to suggest a topic of special interest to you.

Join us on any Tuesday. You don't have to be a member of our club to attend. You're welcome even if you just want to listen, Tuesdays 10-11:30 AM, East Activity Center Veranda. Any questions? Call Bob Reis at 798-2443.

Press Association
 First night meeting of the season is Thursday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m. This is also a workshop.

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Art Guild offers 'Painting Pals' this fall

By Jean Doane

When you read this, we will be getting closer to the beginning of the new fall season and everyone who went north for the summer will be making their plans to come back.

Very soon, all the clubs will be back in full swing.

For those of us who were here all summer, we will also be looking forward to cooler evenings and more choices for activities.

This fall, Art Guild will be sponsoring "Painting Pals" 1 p.m., Wednesday afternoons, from 1-3 p.m.. This group gets together just to have fun working on their own art projects and to share their work and expertise with others.

The group welcomes newcomers. The lighting and tables allow you to spread out with your work.

There will be a drawing class from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday afternoons. This class will be taught by John Fier. There is a small charge of \$2, which goes for some of the supplies that John gets for the class. This class will start the first Thursday in November. We had a good time last year and John has great ideas for us to try. All classes are held in the East Activity Center Art Room.

The first regular meeting of the Art Guild will be 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9. We meet in the art room. There will be a short business meeting followed by a program and refreshments. We encourage new members to attend.

Do you recognize this bingo assistant?



Guess Who

By Cele Radeloff

You see this young lady everywhere!

She's in the auditorium every Monday afternoon setting up for bingo. She then sells cards at the front table, makes change and then serves coffee during the break.

She also volunteers for the Entertainment Committee's "Sunday In The Park" where she conducts the 50/50 game, and she works at the Treehouse Thrift Shoppe, which is affiliated with Mease Dunedin Hospital.

Do you need a plumber or electrician?

Well, you can call this volunteer as she is part of the Good Neighbor's "Helping Hands" referral service.

In her spare time she can be found on the tennis court and plays quite well.

Our mystery guest has lived at On Top of the World for 19 years. She hails from Scarsdale in Westchester County, New York. She and her husband owned Talner's Jewelers in New Rochelle. She has two sons – one living here in Clearwater and one in Pinellas Park. She also has three wonderful grandchildren.

Recently, eight of her friends helped celebrate her "biggie" birthday at Bon Appetit in Dunedin.

By now you might have guessed our mystery guest. If you said Ann Talner you would be correct.

Big News! Big News!

OTOW News confirms the Holiday Lights Contest will return this December. Check out the October edition of this newspaper for a big announcement!

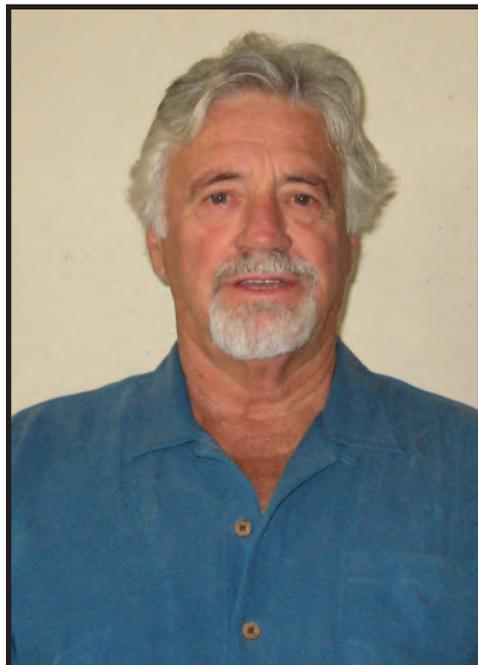


Newcomers

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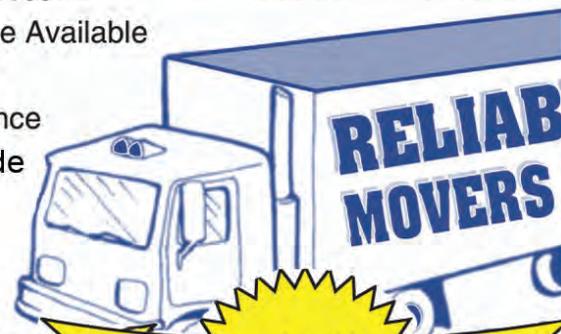
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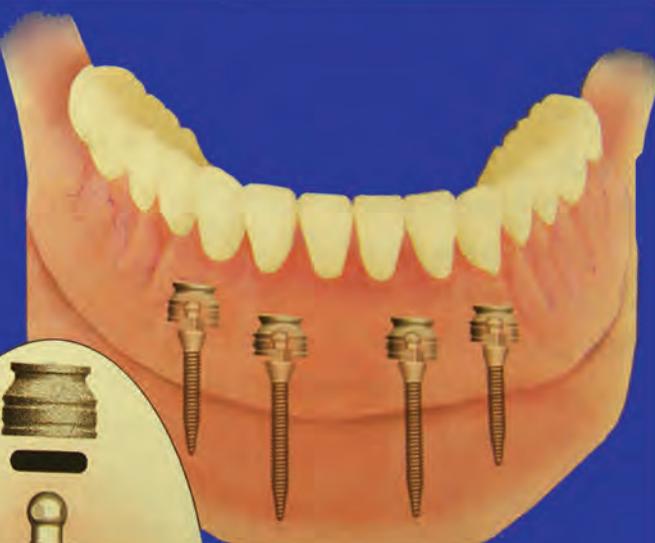
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Everyone knows children are not allowed to reside at On Top of the World, however, one Gables resident is gonna see how long she can get away with it. A nest full of duck eggs was discovered in front of the building in August and at times the home owner was nearby on guard duty. One Gables resident tried to do his part to protect the nest by displaying a warning sign to other residents. We'll find out later if the eggs survive, hatch, or if the family is relocated to a cozy nine-bedroom unit.



(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

**Have you seen your new OTOW-TV station?
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OTOW helps greyhounds of all ages

By Bill Sharpsteen

Did you ever wonder what path a greyhound takes to end up at a fine foster home here at On Top of the World?

It is sometimes a long and winding path, or short and sweet!

We have had retired greyhounds here as young as 15 months. For example, Sassie, who failed her maiden race certification because she thought the idea was to bump and knock over her fellow competitors!

Sassy soon realized it was a quick way to move into OTOW with Robert Young. She has been here more than eight years now.

On the other extreme, we had Big Zee who came to us after his successful racing career and his time as one of the main stud dogs for Bahama Mama Kennels at the age of 8.

There have been more than 500 retired racers who have passed through OTOW and the average age has been about 3.5 years old.

Since greyhounds typically live to 12 to 14 years of age, there is still plenty of time to be loved in a caring adoptive home.

There is always an exception to the age plan, and one such example is Genie, a greyhound I wrote about last September. She was adopted at 9 years old and lived to 20!

Genie was a very special greyhound who saved her adoptive dad, who was having an aneurism. She



Sassy was excused from greyhound racing at a young age because she thought the idea was to knock down the competition.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

barked over him until his wife became alerted to the problem and called paramedics.

So the bottom line is, we never know, like us, how long we will be able to enjoy OTOW. So like our "Gentle



Greyhound Club

Giant" greyhounds passing through OTOW to their forever homes, we should all make the most of everyday, wag our tails and go for a walk!

If you like to see happy greyhounds, such as Sassy, check out: www.GoldCoastGreyhounds.com and look under the photo gallery for some cute adoption poses.

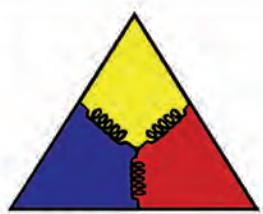
Always remember, every third Friday in Safety Harbor the Greyhound Club sets up at the intersection of Second Avenue and Main Street to show off greyhounds for adoption. We also continue to visit several ALF's in the county to bring cheer to their residents with our "Gentle Giants!"

Watch for further notices on our OTOW Greyhound Club meetings starting again this November.

Call Bill today at 727-797-7977 to help foster or babysit a greyhound for a day to a week, or adopt a greyhound, donate, or volunteer with this group. You will be richly rewarded for your time spent. These gentle giants will leave paw prints on your heart!



Next Press Association meeting is
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Baby Boomers take art field trip to the beach

By Katarina Tepesh

Instead of a regular monthly meeting at the East Activity Center, our group of Baby Boomers is off to Clearwater Beach to see a public art display featuring 50 fiberglass dolphins.

Six-foot fiberglass dolphins – each decorated by a talented array of local artists – are placed on display at Pier 60 from Aug. 6 until Sept. 4.

The dolphin theme ties in perfectly with popularity of the 2011 film, “Dolphin Tale,” whose star, “Winter,” resides at the Clearwater Aquarium.

In addition, our group also admired an elephant sand sculpture in a hotel lobby at our favorite beach.

Some in our group volunteered at the Republican convention in Tampa. Others are working at the recently opened “Florida Organizing for America” office, canvassing various parts of Clearwater to register people to vote and espe-



Baby Boomers

cially to update their voter registration information.

Recently several neighbors attended a party at the Obama campaign office.

The Dunedin Public Library is showing Oscar caliber movies this month, including: “The Artist” on Sept. 4; “The Descendants” on Sept. 11 and “Albert Nobbs” on Sept. 18 at 2 p.m.

The purpose of our Baby Boomers group is for us OTOW owners to meet and socialize by attending cultural events and do group sports activities within Tam-



pa Bay area.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all-volunteers group. All of us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events. In addition to meetings, we communicate via email, Facebook and Channel 96/720.

We have two monthly meetings: first Wednesday and third

Thursday in each month. Therefore we are meeting on Sept. 5 and Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. in the EAC Veranda room. A Happy Hour at the Varsity Club or Cody’s will follow.

For more information send an email to Katarina at katarina2379@gmail.com

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Who's the woman in the mirror? That's not me!

Getting older is like visiting an all-you-can-eat buffet.

What should be hot is cold. What should be firm is limp. And the buns are bigger than anything else on the menu.

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

Don't think of them as hot flashes. Think of them as your inner child playing with matches.

Actually, you can have an active sex life well into your later years, assuming you can actually stand the sight of people your age naked.

I think I've reached my sex-
peration date. I still got it, but nobody wants to see it.

Ever get the feeling you're stuff



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Marge's Humor

strutted off without you?

You know you're old when they've discontinued your walker, your airbag and your blood type.

I don't feel old – I don't feel anything til noon – then it's time for a nap.

Maybe it's true that life begins at

50? But everything else starts to wear out, fall out or spread out.

Everything slows down with age except the time it takes for ice cream to reach your hips.

If your friends can accurately guess your age, it's time to find dumber friends.

I don't know how or when my face became undone, but these days, when I look in the mirror, there's an older woman staring back at me. I don't know who she is, but I wish she'd get out of my bathroom. She's also the one who steps on the scale with me making it look like I weigh more than I do. I've started taking long, steamy showers to fog up the mirror so I don't have to look at her.

I think I need an Extreme Make-over?

Give me a sense of humor, Lord.

Give me the grace to see a joke.

To get some humor out of life.

And pass it on to other folk.

Here's a poem for all the women out there:

Now I lay me down to sleep,

I pray the Lord my shape to keep.

Please, no wrinkles – please, no bags,

Please, no age spots – please, no gray.

And as for my belly – please take it away.

Please keep me healthy – please keep me young,

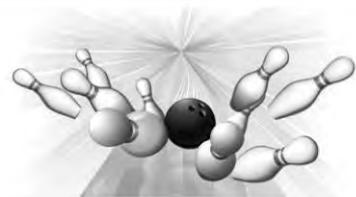
More residents taking advantage of Sunday afternoon bowling

After two years of bowling using the Wii video game system, Mike Mikulski finally rolled a perfect 300 game and he did it on a Sunday afternoon at On Top of the World.

In past years, Mike had rolled 299s and 298 games, but on Aug. 12 he scored his first 300 while participating in the Wii Bowling Club league in the East Activity Center.

The perfect game created a lot of excitement.

Since Wii Bowling first started earlier this summer, the number of



Wii Bowling

participants has grown. There were four people the first afternoon. On Aug. 12 there were 15 bowlers - and some cannot wait until Sunday to bowl again.

Wii is a video game system where people hold a remote in their hand and pretend to roll it like a bowling ball. A TV image shows the bowler on the lane, the ball rolling down the alley and the pins crashing -- all depends on how the participant held and "released" the ball.

Wii Bowling in the EAC started as a 2 p.m. Sunday summer adventure to give people something to do while the Snowbirds were away and most clubs were closed for the season. However, with interest picking up, it

looks like the Wii season will continue with the return of the Snowbirds.

The Wii Bowling Club is currently using two TV screens, including one TV set provided by Good Neighbors.

When the season started, reports indicated not many people knew how to bowl on the Wii system. Today, reports indicate everyone is improving. People are even picking up splits! Muriel Salo recorded a 5-7 split spare and Neva Eamele picked up a 4-7-10 split spare.

Club sets trip to miniature horse exhibition

By Pat Zorland

We took a day trip on July 3 aboard the StarshipYacht. The adventure was a great success with everyone having a wonderful time.

On Aug. 30 we took a trip to the Mosi to see the Mummies. This was a very interesting and informative trip. Hopefully, we will have a report on this trip at the Sept. 7 meeting.

From Sept. 19-24, we will be headed to the "Big Easy" New Orleans. Audry Jones still has a few seats left for the trip.

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, there will



Travel Club

be a day trip to Sarasota see a Big Cats exhibit and a Championship Small Horses exhibit.

Come to our September meeting and bring a deposit to book your seat on the bus.

Last, but not least, a "Come Fly With Me" trip to Key West is scheduled for Nov. 12-15.

More information on all of these trips will be available at our next meeting on Sept. 7.

If you have any questions about our club you can call Shirley at 726-4619 or Roxie at 474-5040.

Our meetings are held on the first Friday of each month, 2 p.m., in the West Activity Center's Sunshine Room. The next meeting will be on Sept. 7.

Hope to see you there.

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Rich Hayes, Chair

As you can see from the pictures below, we had a lot of fun at our spring and summer events.

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On Thursday, Sept. 27, at 7:30 p.m., we invite you to a hypnotic night of audience participation fun that will feature Chuck King, America's premier comedy magician.

On Sept. 29 is our fall 'Fresh-



Rich Hayes

Chairman

man Fling,' our 8 o'clock Saturday Night Dance featuring the music of the very popular "Rebound Band." Whether you love to dance, or just come to get together with neighbors and listen to some good

music, you can't beat the \$8 price and convenience of a night close to home. We'll supply the coffee and ice. You can bring your own beverages and snacks.

Together, we'll have a night of fun celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and your special events.

To round out the weekend, come be entertained by Brian and Dori, "Just The Two Of Us," at our free Sept. 30, Sunday-In-the-Park at the East Activity Center at 2 p.m. It will be preceded by a very brief General Meeting at which the Nominating Committee will introduce their slate of officers for the 2013 Executive Committee.

We remind you that every resident with a valid ID card is a member of the Entertainment Committee, so we know you'll enjoy meeting the people you'll be voting for in November. And, by popular request, we will have our usual 50-50

We'll be at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings between 8:30-10:30 a.m. and while you're there pick up your tickets for the EC's great fall line-up of shows, dances and trips.

You may even be able to find out what next year's lineup of Entertainment looks like. So stop by and say, "Hi!"

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Thursday golfers take a field trip, but still appreciate OTOW's greens

The Thursday Golf League took a road trip during the past month to Cove Cay Country Club.

It is a beautiful layout with plenty of sand and enough water to keep your attention or swallow up quite a few golf balls.

The change in venue was pleasant, but we came away with a continued appreciation for just how good the greens are at On Top of the World.

Our league will be planning future off-site outings to take advantage of the multitude of golf courses and great off-season rates.

Summer rains and very wet conditions limited the number of competitions during this past month.

Week 32 champion was Pete Dominguez. Rich Raley finished second and Don Baker was third. Rich Raley won two skins. Pete Dominguez, Don Baker and Bruce MacPherson collected one skin each.

Week 33 was played at Cove Cay Country Club and the change in venue didn't seem to bother Don Baker, who came away with first place. Gary Bronson was second and Don Leamy captured third place. Birdies were scarce.

Thursday Golf

Gary Bronson scored two skins. Don Leamy and Bruce MacPherson each had one.

Week 34 saw Ada Culbertson return to her winning ways by easily taking first place. Steady Don Baker was second and Paul Meyers took third place. Bruce MacPherson collected five skins. Paul Meyers and Don Leamy had one skin each.

The Thursday Golf League is a seasonal league. It officially plays from October through May. Members continue to play every Thursday at 11 a.m. throughout the year. The league is open to all OTOW residents and everyone is encouraged to try the league now in the off-season before joining this October.

We play the course to a Par 67 and use the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available.

For more information call Paul at 727-474-2344 or email blackdog-golf@aol.com.



Golf Course Superintendent Drew Schlatter discussing the new bunkers with Pete Dominguez on the 18th hole. Drew and his staff continue to make the course more interesting and aesthetically pleasing.

Softball team adding players for this season

It's that time of the year to get ready for a great season of softball.

We will be playing in Safety Harbor every Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9 a.m. The fields are located on 9th Street across from the community center.

Our first week or two we will be practicing our hitting and fielding so we can get in shape for the season.

The first games will start Oct. 9. The season will end April 9.

We will have a preseason meeting Tuesday, Oct. 2, 6 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

We are always looking for players, so come to the meeting and sign up or ask questions. You can also call Tony at 726-9248 or Guy at 723-2307.

Bowling starts Oct. 5

The On Top of the World Friday Bowling League is looking for members to start play this fall.

The first night is Oct. 5. Call Ralph Wells at 797-0336 or Jim McHugh at 953-7139 to sign up or get more information.

Shuffleboard starts Sept. 19

Shuffleboard will resume on Monday, Sept. 19 at 1:30 p.m. outside the East Activity Center.

We will start with practice game and have a lot of fun until our Snowbirds return.

Everyone at On Top of the World is invited to join us for the fun. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you!

For more information, contact Marge Sivek at 797-0625.

Summer swimmers luncheon

The summer pool club will hold its annual luncheon on Friday, Oct. 26 at the Dunedin Country Club from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Anyone who exercised with the club over the summer is invited to attend and bring a guest. Cost is \$20 apiece with a choice of chicken, beef or fish. A salad and dessert are included.

Tickets are available at the swimming pool after class, or you can call Nancy Brady at 729-6086 or Lillian Ginn at 791-4080 for more information.



Round-robin tournament takes two weeks to complete - Helen Crombie takes top honors

By Gail DuCharme

Summer is a time to relax, hang out in the sun, socialize with friends and maybe do some traveling.

Many of our team members are doing just that, but that has not stopped those here on the homefront from continuing to compete in tournaments.

If you've been away, allow me to get you up-to-date with some results and upcoming tournaments.

An 11-team Round Robin was held recently, which took two weeks to complete. This competition began June 20 and was completed June 27. The winner in this tournament was Helen Crombie, second place Judy Garvey, and there was a playoff for third place between Kay Mahoney, Barbara Barnhart and Rashanee Turner. Rashanee defeated Kay and Barbara to emerge the third place finisher.

The Ladies Que'T Billiards club did not meet July 4.

On July 11 the club met and participated in a workshop. On July 18 a



Que'T Billiards Club

Singles Tournament began and was completed on July 25 due to a first place tie between Becky Balderson and Judy Garvey. Becky finished in first place, Judy Garvey second place and Elizabeth Asselta placed third.

On Aug. 1 the ladies had a practice/play East vs. West. In this session, Elizabeth Asselta won first place, Jean Doane won second place and Reva Heyman placed third.

On Aug. 8 there was a Singles Eight-Ball Tournament. In this tournament, Elizabeth Asselta placed first, Judy Garvey placed second and Becky Balderson placed third.

Did I mention that during the



Planning A Big Event!

Elaine Ross, Will Scharfer, Loni Bentley and Mary Spearman are preparing for a first-time event in October. This is when the men and women will combine for a Guys and Dolls Tournament. The event will be open to members from either league, so now is the time to sign up, join and practice. For more information, look for Andy Suhar in the West Activity Center billiards room on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9 p.m.

summer months three new ladies joined our club! We'd like to warmly welcome Loni Bentley, Elaine Ross and Mary Spearman. These ladies are getting right into the action. In our photo this month you will see Loni,

Mary and Elaine being instructed by our very competent Will Schaefer.

Will, Andy Suhar and Ed Soliman are always on hand to observe and clarify questions from the ladies during tournaments.

Championship teams don't stick together

You would think a successful team would stick together?

This was not the case in the Men's Billiards Club last month.

At the start of 8-Ball Scotch Doubles for six straight weeks, Tony Baker and Mario Rodriguez team up to take the first title.

But seven days later they were split up!

In week two, Tony Baker teamed with Denny Balderson for the win, and in week three Mario Rodriguez teamed with Bob Eads for the win.

In week four, Larry Wells and John Shearer broke into championship mode and in week five the honor went to Andy Suhar and Cesar Lamos.

But again, seven days later, the first place team broke up. In week six, Andy Suhar teamed with Cesar Lemos for his second straight tournament title.

In Monday night Men's 8-Ball action, there were two flights for four weeks.

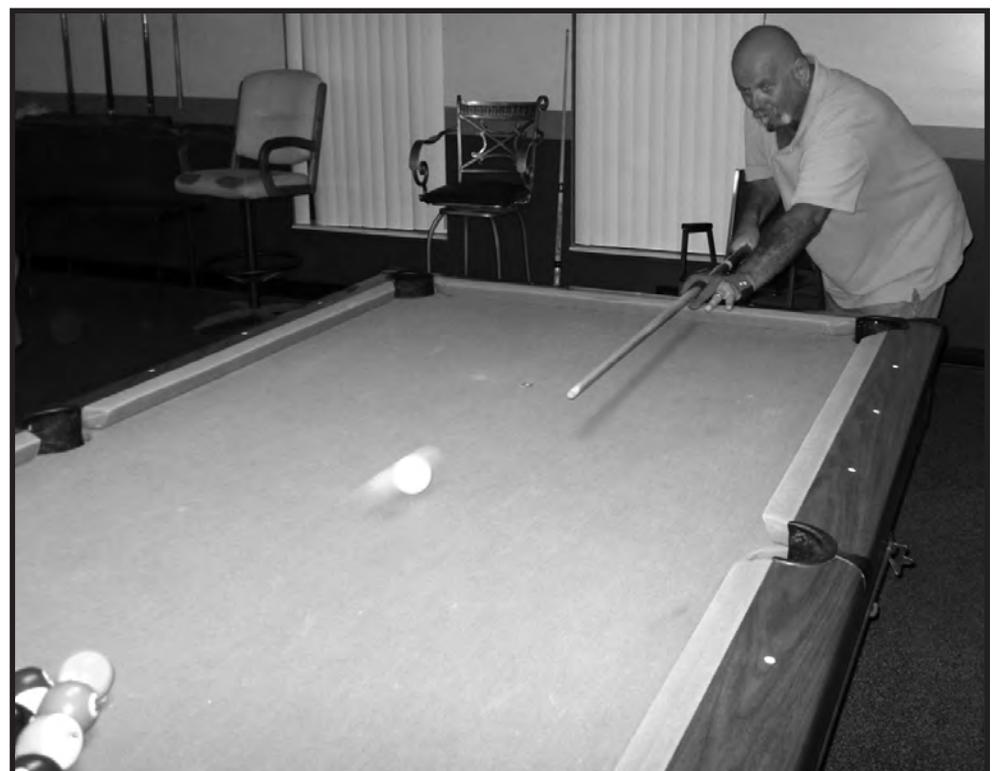


Men's Billiards

In A Flight, Tim Rush opened with a victory over Tony Baker, and then Denny Balderson defeated Bob Eads for his first of two titles. Denny also defeated Tim Rush in a final.

Overall, Denny reached three straight finals, but in the middle week against Tony Baker, Denny had to settle for runner-up.

In B Flight, John Fier won the opening tournament over Cesar Lemos. Mario Rodriguez then won two titles. Gene Baranowski finished with two seconds, and Roy Satkowski had one third place finish.



Gene Baranowski breaks to start a tournament in the Men's Billiards League.



Attention Press Association Writers

Please avoid extensive coverage of Isaac when writing stories for the October newspaper.

We do not write or publish "hard news" type stories or negative news. Keep your stories positive and informative.



Wires are ready to be installed to a new tennis court light pole, but construction was slow in August due to wet conditions.

Weather slows work on tennis courts

Work at the On Top of the World tennis courts went slowly at the end of August due to the wet weather.

New fencing was installed around the perimeter, and wiring was installed for new light poles, but applying the new state-of-the-art surface was delayed because conditions have to be dry.

The new surface has to be installed during dry conditions and each layer has to settle for a full day in dry conditions.

Altogether, there are 11 layers to the new surface, which means at least 11 days of dry weather to completely install.

As of press time, Tropical Storm Isaac was approaching, which means applying the court layers will be delayed even longer.

When the new surface is ready for play, residents will notice the difference immediately. There will be less wear-and-tear on legs, ankles and feet.

At press time, there was no date for completion of the project.

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Winter 2013 show taking shape

By John Kannaly

Whew!

The Jesters creative team has completed its summer of planning and it looks like they've put together a great show with a lot of good ideas.

The winter 2013 show will tickle your comedic sense, your singing and dancing dream, and will delight and dazzle you with their talent and ability.

The Jesters creative team consists of Donna Ryan, dance director and choreographer; Tom Belezarian, vice president and show director; Marvin Flam, president, show consultant, video and lighting supervisor; and John Kannaly, executive producer and director.

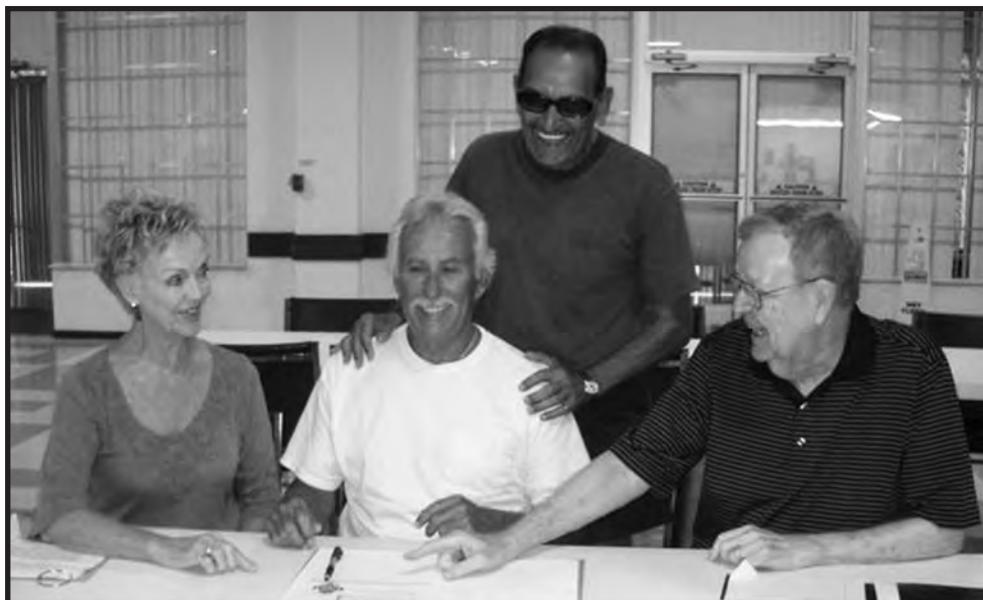


Jesters

This team is committed to a fast-paced, laugh-filled show with plenty of personalities, outstanding themes, costumes and overall excellence.

Our next show meeting will be 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 12. Sign in, ask questions and pick up rehearsal schedules.

For more information contact John Kannaly at 727-669-3988.



Donna Ryan, John Kannaly, Tom Belezarian and Marvin Flam discuss the winter 2013 show.

First meeting Sept. 10 and a lot of fun follows

By Lillian Ginn

As of this writing, the Snowbird Club has not yet taken our latest trip to Biloxi, but I'm sure it will be as much fun as our last trip.

Our hotel is really nice and it has a great pool area which comes in handy when you are tired of slot machines.

Our first meeting of the new season will be 11 a.m., Sept. 10 in the Starlite Room. Everyone is invited. We will talk about some of our upcoming events, such as "Moon Over Buffalo" at the Ed Fletcher Dinner Theater on Friday, Oct. 26.

We will also be taking the Yacht Starship Cruise on Wednesday, Nov. 7, a trip to Biloxi on Sunday, Nov. 11 and we will host a Welcome Back Party on



Snowbirds Club

Sunday, Nov. 18.

We have four cruises planned in the near future, and many day trips. Attend our meeting and get a full schedule.

Dolly Foland will start her line dancing classes on Thursday, Oct. 17.

Visit our club's service desk on Sept. 6, Sept. 10 and Sept. 13 from 8:30-10 a.m. or you can call Sandy Sanborn at 727-216-7922.

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Come join our class which meets 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the East Activity Center lower level, opposite the library.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises that were developed by Tufts University in an effort to prevent further bone loss. We never do floor exercises. There is no charge for this class.

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

Free Tai Chi

The ancient Chinese art of Tai Chi is an especially good way for older adults to exercise. It's best to ease into it. You start each stance in a manner that is comfortable for you. Little by little you find your body moving into the recommended posture.

One student, at his first class, said he couldn't bend his knees. I told him to relax and in his mind picture his knees bending. When he came back for his 10th class, he could bend his knees!

Tai Chi is a body-mind exercise.

Beginners classes are free on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center across from the library.

Yoga

Yoga with Ann meets 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center.

Wear something comfortable. Bring a mat. Cost is \$5.

Yoga makes life simple and free from worry through meditation, relaxation and correct breathing.

For more information call 724-3864.

Exercise class now comes with music

Ladies, come join us at 8 a.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the East Activity Center lower gym for our workouts that now include music!

Our workouts also include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, and strengthening the body's core. The music makes our cardio workouts more fun.

Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone. As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214, or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.

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Pet of the Month



Sophie is a black poodle owned by Tammy Edwards of the Granada Building.

Sophie is only 10 months old and a very happy rescue from a terrible puppy mill.

She moved here from Kentucky a short five months ago and loves it here in Florida.

Sophie lives with her mom, grandma and paw-paw. She really enjoys going for walks, and running and playing at the Doggie Park.

She has a very friendly disposition with people and other doggies. She tolerates her cat sister Booda, too.

This photo was taken at the Doggie Park grand opening where they entered the contest.

Each month OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are going to feature a “Pet of the Month.” Any pets living at OTOW are eligible to enter. One pet will be featured each month. To enter your pet in the contest you must have one perfectly clear, large color photo of your pet, along with background information (maximum 200 words). Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads, and one \$10 gift certificate from Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Bridge Plaza on McMullin Booth Road. If you are the winner this month, just bring this newspaper and an original pet photo to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop into the newsroom to claim your Pet Supplies Plus gift certificate. To enter, email your pet’s best photo and information to: bootss@tampabay.rr.com. Include your name, your pet’s name and the building you reside in. Good luck!

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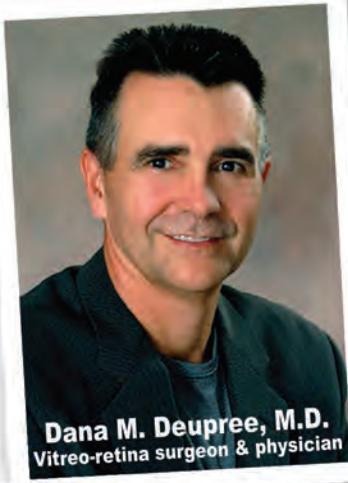
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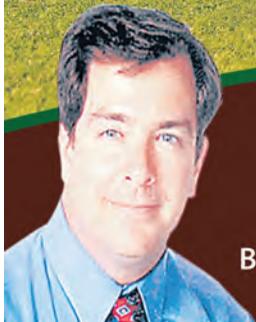


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Summer too hot at 93 degrees? This resident headed north to Alaska, where it was a cool 30



For three weeks this summer, Rose Moriarty took a Holland-America cruise to Alaska. She boarded the ship in Seattle, with Sitka being the first port of call. There she flew with other passengers on a pontoon plane over a glacier to a Crab Festival on a mountain. They were all shown the proper way to eat very large crabs.

In Juneau, a helicopter took them for a very long ride through the clouds and back to the glacier where they began. The scenery was beautiful and exciting (photo at bottom of page).

Another photo shows the hour-long dog sled ride, which Rose says was unbelievable. The dogs were medium-sized and a mixed breed of various dogs picked for their short fur. The short-haired dogs survive the long trips better than long-haired dogs.

Rose's relatives live in Anchorage



Rose Moriarty's Alaskan cruise made British Columbia one of its final stops. Here Rose is shown at Butchart Gardens.

and she was able to meet them for a tram ride around a glacier and up a mountain to a restaurant for lunch. The food was good, but sandwiches were \$19 each. The relatives also took her to an indoor laser light show depicting the Northern Lights.

Most of the food in Alaska is

imported, as their growing season is very short. Gas is \$8.50 a gallon.

Rose experienced very cold weather in Alaska. Most of the time it was in the 30's. She even saw snow from the ship. Luckily for Rose, she was dressed accordingly.

The final stop was Victoria, British

Columbia, where the passengers enjoyed Butchart Gardens. The Butcharts traveled around the world gathering specimens of flowers, bushes, birds, animals and everything else to populate its 55 acres (see photo at top). A butterfly garden, oriental garden, flamingos and Koi fish are also on view there.



Rose took a helicopter ride in Juneau to view the glaciers in the local area.



One of Rose's favorite Alaskan adventures was an hour-long dog sled journey.

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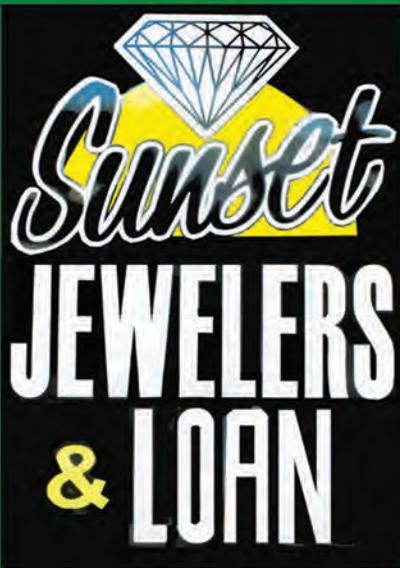
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Summer is for visiting kin

Bart and Linda Gooch took a three-week road trip to visit their relatives. The first stop was in Henderson, Ky., to spend time with Linda's brother.

Then they drove to Wisconsin to see their son's family, where their twin grandchildren graduated high school. Her grandson was awarded athlete of the year, winning a football scholarship to Murray State College in Kentucky. He plays quarterback and safety as well as other positions. The granddaughter has been accepted to North Dakota State for the nursing program. Both of the twins had excellent grades throughout high school.

On the return trip to Florida, the Gooch's stopped in Louisville, Ky., to visit with Bart's sister, Sandy, and her husband.

Upon returning to Florida, their two Orlando grandsons came for their annual summer visit. They enjoyed spending a week with their grandparents before school began.

The boys, along with Bart and Linda, saw some movies and went bowling. Her oldest grandson is on the school swim team, so he and his brother enjoyed swimming in our pools.

We all love to see and spend time with our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. But, as we get a bit older, our energy can't compare to the kids. Even though it's sad to see them leave, we need to catch our breath for the next visit.

"Till We Meet Again"



Casa Verde

How Casa Verde dwellers 'keep their cool'

I asked my neighbors what they are doing to keep cool this summer. First of all, some told me that they are usually cool anyway so they are very happy to have some heat to warm up their bones for a change. I guess certain medications do that to you.

Ray and Meryln Cooper claim that they are never too hot. Mary Dicke says that she just refuses to get hot. Ham Hamilton likes it hot just the way it is.

Lonnie Trahan doesn't go out much when it gets too warm. Joining her is Felicia Hamilton. Barbara Sbordon stays in and paints pictures of cool places.

Dorothy Rose tells me that she hibernates inside like a bear. Winnie Stafford runs errands in the morning and evening and stays inside during the afternoon's high heat.

Ruth Polur tries not to move unless it is necessary. Phyllis Schwartz drinks a lot of water and Victor Sbordon drinks gin and tonics.

Ray Ott showers a lot, and Ken Rose doesn't get too active when it's hot. The Maisolles open their windows during the day and turn on their air conditioner around dinner time.

Alexia Damaskos wears a flannel bathrobe and pretends that the weather hasn't changed. Dotty Ott goes to the pool to keep cool, along with Linda Carter, Mary Lou Kelly and Jim Manard.

Joanne Marick likes to go to the beach, since we have such beautiful beaches in Pinellas County.

Ed Stefan, Charlotte Fay, and Darlene Ordway stay in air-conditioned places. Betty Manard likes to sit under her new patio cover in the back. Paul Zuckerman says that he doesn't get close to his wife, and Gary Ordway says that he takes his dog for faster walks.

Louise Smith has given up on taking afternoon walks although she still takes her early morning and evening walks.

Carol Babini says that she avoids wearing clothes on hot days if she is inside. Dennis Babini says that he just sweats. Madeline and Bill Nichols stay in and do crossword puzzles in front of their fans.

Ruth Kahl stays inside to let her fans blow on her. John Kannaly also likes to have fans blowing on him.

Bill and Jane Lee take advantage of cool movies such as "Ice Age" that just came out this summer.

Someone told me that she "thinks cool," but I forgot to write down her name. Jan Jacobs keeps cool by volunteering and this takes her mind off of the heat.

Well, there you have it: suggestions for keeping cool in the summertime. Some go out of their way to keep cool when it is sweltering outside and others think that it is just right.

As Abe Lincoln said, "You can please some of the people some of the time all of the people some of the time but you can never please all of the people all of the time."

Visitors to the Midwest are surprised at effects of the long drought there

How many of you have a computer, yet do not know all the things that you can do with it? Well, my hand would be the first one to go up with that question.

If you have an extra two hours a week, consider joining the Tampa Bay Computer Society, located at 1510 Barry Road. Char Donato and I both attend classes there on Tuesday afternoons for beginners.

This is just another way to keep our minds active, learn how to use our computers, and meet new people with the same interests. Give either one of us a call and we would be thrilled to have you accompany us.

Of course, you can always take advantage of the local On Top of the World Computer Club. Visit them at www.otowcc.com. Many classes and workshops are listed. Residents may attend them at the East Activity Center.

Are you a ground floor resident and like to dig around in your yard? One of our neighbors, Walter Vida, has several herbs growing on his patio and has been seen working up the ground



Fujiwara

friends and family in Iowa, Illinois, and meandering their way back through the southern states before heading home again. One of the highlights of their trip was attending a niece's wedding in Iowa.

I also spent a week in Iowa visiting family and friends. While we had plenty of rain here in our beautiful state of Florida, parts of the Midwest suffered serious drought conditions.

My dear friend, Ron Rice, was very impressed with all the millions of acres of beautiful corn fields last year — but they look pretty bedraggled this year.

It's always a treat to visit my home state, eat sweet corn and hand-breaded tenderloin sandwiches, and have family get-togethers.

I'm thinking it might be fun to have a little parking lot BBQ for everyone in our building when our Snowbirds return. What do you think?

In the meantime, let's keep a song on our lips and love in our hearts.

and applying fertilizer, getting ready to plant tomatoes and green beans. He takes a rest during the summer months, as it is too hot for anything other than weeds to grow.

Eddie Lynch and a friend of his visiting from New York spent an exhausting week enjoying the swimming pool, golf, bicycling, the beach, dinners out and visiting with friends. They didn't let much grass grow under their feet (and we all know how fast that grows).

Shirley and Geoff Windisch spent three weeks in the Midwest visiting

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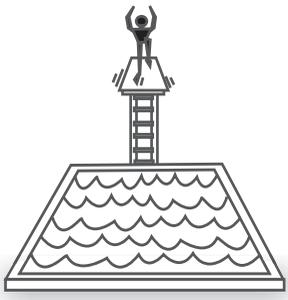
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- Please take all children for frequent potty breaks.
- Pools are closed when gates are locked.

Often the best vacation is one spent at home

"In the Good Ol' Summertime..." I do hope everyone's summer is going well. I have been on vacation for a couple of months now, but I am back and ready to go. My husband and I didn't travel too far to enjoy our vacation — it was right here at OTOW!

Between the water aerobics, and just swimming in the pool, reading the latest novel and having dinner out, it has been a great vacation. We also enjoyed a visit from two of our grandchildren. They took us to a place where another famous mouse lives, named Chuck E. Cheese. Grandma and Grandpa had fun, too. However, a nap was in order when we finally came home!

I am so excited anticipating the return of our Snowbirds. I am looking forward to reporting on all their interesting adventures.



French Renaissance I

Come November, our monthly luncheons will begin again. We do have lots of fun when we all get together. I wonder what they would have thought of Tropical Storm Debby and what an experience it was to watch her give us "waterfront property."

From our window, we watched

people being rescued by boat. Suddenly the golf course became a lake for a short time. At times, the wind was so powerful the lake began to create waves.

A few of us girls on the second floor ventured out in the pouring rain to see the lake and, to our surprise, a few ducks swam by.

Letting the rain fall upon us made us feel like kids again. I was hoping for a chorus of "Singing in the Rain," but, due to better judgment, we decided not to. Didn't want to create a panic at French Renaissance II! Instead, we thought maybe we would just play "ring and run" next month.

As much fun as we all had, we were happy to see dear Debby go. Okay, this reporter is signing off — will talk to you next time.

New resident's mom lives at OTOW, too

Perhaps you noticed in last month's On Top Of the World news the picture of the reporter for Capistrano was not Julia, it was me (Marvin Maziarz).

Actually Julia and I have been working together as a sort of team, Julia helps collect the information from local residents and I write the articles. So far this system seems to be working well.

I hope all of you have seen the notice with my e-mail address posted on our bulletin board in the first floor Capistrano breezeway.

Please don't be shy. If you have any travel, special event, visitors etc. don't hesitate to e-mail me or contact Julia. You provide the info and I will write the story for the newspaper; include any full names of persons you want mentioned. Pictures are accepted but we try not to publish children's or grandchildren's names.

Welcome to Lillian Santiago, a new resident of Capistrano. Lillian, who grew up in New York, spent many years as a Floridian working as a government employee. She recently moved to OTOW to be close to her



Capistrano

mother, who is also a resident and who lives on Americus Blvd.

Lillian is planning on participating in many of the OTOW activities and welcomes Capistrano neighbors to visit her.

The abundance of rain here in Florida has been good for the flowers, and we have nice green grass that sometimes gets a little long.

Meanwhile, I heard from some of the Capistrano Snowbirds' friends and neighbors that the north is suffering one of the longest droughts ever.

Many lawns and gardens are suffering, and watering is taboo or limited in many areas.

On a lighter note, we did hear "I didn't have to mow my lawn for weeks." My friends and I played some golf here at OTOW in late July and for a short period some parts of the course were like a swamp. When the ground is soft, the ball doesn't bounce much or roll very far, but this gives some of us duffers an excuse for our lousy scores!

During one of my solo outings, a huge blackbird swooped down, grabbed the ball and took off to bury it in some of the cut grass. I let the bird have the ball.

Well, I am already over the word limit, so I will save some things for the next issue. The Republican convention is over and the Grand Old Party official candidate selected. If anyone attended or volunteered at the convention and has any news or met any political celebs let me know. See you next issue.

Be careful driving — the kids are back in school.

OTOW recommends that residents get their windows properly sealed now

With the advent of a very rainy summer, some residents have discovered their replacement windows weren't properly sealed.

As a result, rain water got into the interior portions of their condos and caused minor damage.

On Top of the World reminds residents that silicone sealants are no longer approved as a caulking or waterproofing device in this community. If you hire a licensed contractor to seal a window, the contractor must use an acrylic urethane or polyurethane sealant.

In response to this uptick in window sealant leaks, Mike Moody Painting will assist residents with sealant issues. You must call first to get an assessment and quote.

Properly sealing your replacement windows is a much better alternative than inviting the next rain storm into your home.

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It seems as if Mother had it right all along

My Mom use to put me to sleep on my stomach. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, locks on cabinets, and when I rode my bike, I wore a baseball cap, not a helmet.

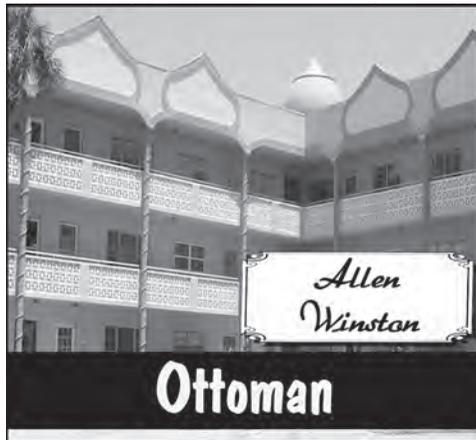
We would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, and no air bags. We drank water from the garden hose (not from a bottle), and I often shared my can of soda with four other friends (all drinking from the same can).

We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter, and bacon. My Mom would cut chicken, chop eggs, and spread mayo on the same cutting board with the same knife, but we didn't seem to get food poisoning. My Mom would defrost hamburger on the counter, and I use to eat it raw sometimes, too.

Our school sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper in a brown paper bag, not in ice pack coolers, but I can't remember ever getting e-coli.

Almost all of us would have rather gone swimming in the lake (for me it was Coney Island), instead of a pristine pool (boring). The term "cell phone" would have conjured up a phone in a jail cell, and a "pager" was the school P.A. system. We all took gym and risked permanent injury with a pair of high-top Keds (only worn in gym) instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built in light reflectors.

I can't recall sustaining any injuries but they must have happened because they keep telling us how much safer



we are now. Flunking gym was not an option... even for stupid kids.

Speaking of school, we all said prayers and sang the national anthem, and staying in detention after school caught all sorts of negative attention (we must have had horribly damaged psyches, only we never knew it).

Yep, the school health system was truly archaic in those days. We actually had school nurses who wore a hat and everything! I thought I was supposed to accomplish something before I was allowed to be proud of myself. And I can't recall how bored I must have been without computers, Play Station, Nintendo, X-Box, video games, and 4,000 cable stations.

Oh yeah, and where was the Benadryl and sterilization kit when I got that bee sting (I could have been killed).

We played "king of the hill" on piles of gravel left on vacant construction sites, and when we got

hurt, Mom pulled out the 48-cent bottle of mercurochrome (kids liked it better because it didn't sting like iodine did), and then we got our butt spanked.

Now it's a trip to the emergency room, followed by a 10-day dose of a \$79 bottle of antibiotics, and then Mom calls the attorney to sue the contractor for leaving a horribly, vicious pile of gravel where it was such a threat.

We didn't act up at the neighbor's house either, because if we did we got our butt spanked there and then we got our butt spanked again when we got home. I recall a friend coming over, jumping from the top step of our front stoop, and skinning his knee. Little did his Mom know that she could have owned our house. Instead, she picked him up and swatted him for being such a goof. It was a neighborhood run amuck!

To top it off, not a single person I knew had ever been told that they were from a dysfunctional family. Nobody even knew what a dysfunctional family was. We didn't realize it then, but we needed to get into group therapy and anger management classes before it was too late.

We were obviously so duped by so many societal ills that we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Prozac! How did we ever survive?

Anyway, hello September: Labor Day, National Beheading Day, Grandparents Day, 9/11 Remembrance, and the start of the fall season.

Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

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

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

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

Vows renewed aboard ship

Don and Kathy Rice may have boarded a cruise ship in July as a 50th wedding anniversary celebration (as was reported last month), but they arrived home feeling like "newlyweds."

As stated previously, this trip was a gift from their son and daughter-in-law. As a huge surprise for the couple, they also arranged for the captain of the ship to remarry them in the ship's chapel.

There were flowers, champagne and wedding cake. Inasmuch as these two people had eloped when they first embarked on their journey of life together, it was an occasion of great joy.

The pictures taken by the ship photographer will keep the memory alive for many years to come.

More of our residents went on vacation. I was given to understand that Renee Cecere and Loretta Benson enjoyed a trip to Ireland.

Jan Guyton was home from her reunion trip in Michigan only long enough to repack. Then it was off to St. Louis, Mo., to attend the wedding of her granddaughter. Now she's back home at On Top of the World.



Judy Boley also made another trip. This time she flew to Michigan to visit her son and family. From conversing with her grandchildren and great-grandchild, her pleasures included morning temperatures in the high 50's and afternoon pontoon boat rides on the lake aside the home where her son and his wife reside.

We still have our monthly luncheon on the third Monday of the month. Sign-up sheets are always placed on the bulletin boards. Be sure to check out the place and time. Rides will be provided for those who don't drive.

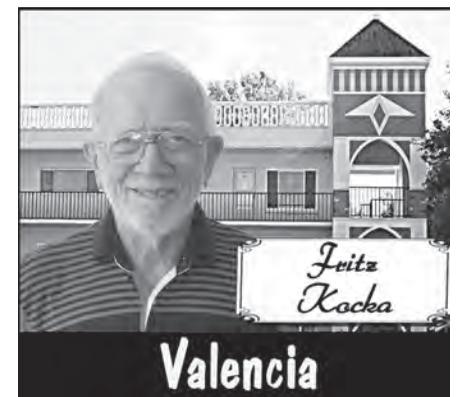
Ice cream social is just right for summertime

Hurray! The OTOW bunch has re-taken over the swimming pools. The schools are back in session. Do not get me wrong, the kids are great, but the grandparents need to be retrained.

Our August ladies luncheon was held at Country Boy's restaurant in Dunedin; the men went to the new Village Inn on Gulf to Bay and U.S. 19. Both groups had an enjoyable time.

Our members-only ice-cream social was held in the Sunrise Room Aug. 16. Klondike Bars, ice-cream floats and sodas were served. It was a very happy event. The evening was topped off with a 50/50 drawing. The winners' names will not be printed for security reasons.

The September event will be at the Early Bird Dinner Theater. Check the bulletin board for details. It has been mentioned before in the OTOW newspaper, but we



have two more new activities going on in our East Activity Center on Sundays. There are two Wii, electronic machines in the big card room at 2 p.m. Instructors are available. There is also Karaoke in the Starlite Room at 6 p.m.

It is good to have our elevator serviced and running again.

Momma sez: Men are like parking spaces. All the good ones are taken and the rest are handicapped.

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Ladies of Flamenco enjoy a "Bread and Bonnets" event held in July at Johnnie's Restaurant

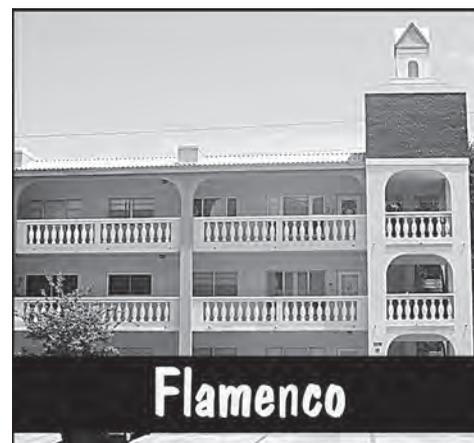
'Bread and Bonnets' affair was a success

By Diane Cavanaugh
(Diane Cavanaugh is pinch-hitting this month for our regular Flamenco reporter, Dawn Rubio)

On Thursday July 26, the ladies of the Flamenco Building joined to share bread and show off their most attractive bonnets. We were each asked to wear our favorite "head dressing", and the styles varied from sun bonnets to fedoras. It is always fun to find a chance to "dress up a little."

Our thanks to Nancy Geyer for coordinating the event, which was held at Johnnie's Italian Restaurant. The staff, as always, was gracious, and the food delicious. It is always a temptation to "chomp down" on all that Italian garlic bread, prior to the meal. Plus almost all of us took a "takeout box" home, due to the large portions.

It was a great time to share



jokes, vacation stories, and pictures of precious grandchildren that everyone enjoys! (I've included a photo, at top, of our luncheon attire).

We have a new resident in our building, Austin Murphy. Austin hails from New York City, and for 14 years was the Senior Clerk for Archives. It must have been an interesting

job organizing all that family, city and American history.

He also was in banking with Savings Bank Trust, as part of the N.Y. State check clearing process, and previously worked with title closings.

Austin has a daughter who lives in Clearwater. He lived nearby for 3½ years, and then decided he liked the look of On Top of the World and relocated.

The landscaping and attractiveness of the area helped make his decision, and the people, of course, are friendly.

He is a notary public, and said just call him and he will be glad to assist his new neighbors. (727) 631-7393.

His social interests include being a "Yankee baseball fan," music, and belonging to Light of Christ Church. We welcome Austin to his new community!

It's been a busy summer for these Chetnik residents

It's time to get caught up on activities in Chetnik this summer.

In June, Phil Meissner and his brother Henry and niece (both from Pennsylvania) visited another niece in Virginia recovering from knee replacement surgery.

At the end of June, your reporter's granddaughter married her long-time boyfriend, Chris, on Clearwater Beach, followed by a reception at the Grand Bellagio. It was the occasion of a wonderful family reunion.

The July building luncheon at Country Boy Restaurant was attended by 11 diners. Seven were Chetniks, along with two couples now living at Mease Manor: former building residents Lillian and Murray Zolkower and Gladys and Leon Turner.

The Turner's grandson, a high school teacher, and his wife live in Kansas City and are expecting their first child, a girl, in November, giving the Turner's their first great-grandchild.



Congratulations to the happy and blessed families.

We need more Chetniks on the Netherlands side to come to the luncheons.

At the end of July, yours truly and husband John flew to Dallas to visit with our youngest daughter and her family. The occasion was the birthdays of two of their granddaughters. They have four children in all.

The family had recently moved

from Savannah, Ga., to Coppell, Texas. Our son-in-law had been an ER doctor at Savannah Memorial and now is Medical Director of the ER at Baylor Hospital in Grapevine, Texas, outside of Dallas.

Coincidentally, their parish church, St. Ann's, was honoring all grandparents on the feast of St. Ann and St. Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus.

Since we were there, we went with the family to a special Mass honoring all grandparents and were treated to a nice pizza reception in the Parish Hall.

With the family, we also attended the Metropolitan Winds Symphony at the Meyerson in Dallas. The presentation was entitled "Cowboys and Aliens." They played the background music of science fiction movies and it was most enjoyable. It was the first time I ever saw and heard a musical instrument called a "Theremin." It made those eerie sounds heard in sci-fi movies. My daughter and I went to see a Sunday

Matinee Musical entitled "Will Rogers Follies" at the Coppell Theater. It too was very entertaining.

At the end of July, Judy and Bill Bauer attended their granddaughter's wedding in Raleigh, N.C. It was held at the second smallest cathedral (where the bishop resides) in the U.S. It was built in 1924 when there were only eight Catholic families living in Raleigh. It seats 320 people and is called Sacred Heart Cathedral. This awe-inspiring church now serves 5,000 Catholics. A larger cathedral is being built, which will hold 2,000. The Bishopric See of Raleigh serves 54 counties, half of all the Catholics in North Carolina.

In early August, Joan Cooney flew to Austin, Texas, to celebrate her cousin's 90th birthday with the family.

On Aug. 23, we had our building luncheon at Farmer Boy Restaurant. Details of that in my next column.

Welcome back Snowbirds!
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THE WAY WE WERE

A look back at the OTOW News

(Part 40: September, 1974)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- An "Autumn Dance" took place on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 8–12 p.m. Music was provided and prizes were awarded. The price for this wonderful evening was only \$1.75.
- On Sept. 10, the Hi-12 club resumed its meeting schedule after the summer vacation. Mr. E. Reinhold Rogers of the Pinellas Historical Commission spoke on the history of Pinellas County.
- Art classes started Sept. 17 and 18. To avoid overcrowding, only 30 students were allowed in each class. Idea of the month was to mix black and yellow. The cost of the class was \$3.
- Thursday, Sept. 12, was the first fall session meeting of the Good Neighbors. Some of the objectives of the group are to call and meet newcomers, man the Veranda Shoppe and host the morning coffees in the Recreation Building (now called the East Activity Center).
- 26 buildings reported news.

See you in October!

Neighbors are beginning their return to OTOW

Oh, happy day – our nice neighbors are returning and we're so happy!

Peter and Cathy O'Keefe really enjoyed their summer and returned home from Maine via the scenic route. They stopped in Cape Cod, then Virginia and on to Savannah, Georgia, a beautiful town where they visited relatives and friends. We're so glad to have them back.

Our good friend, Rita Tombari, visited her daughter in Massachusetts and together they traveled to Missouri to visit Rita's son, who lives there. It was a nice reunion for all four of them.

Our lovely couple, Laura and Bob Evans, came back to Florida because it was too hot in Missouri. For 30 days, it was almost 110, and in Florida it was 18 degrees cooler.

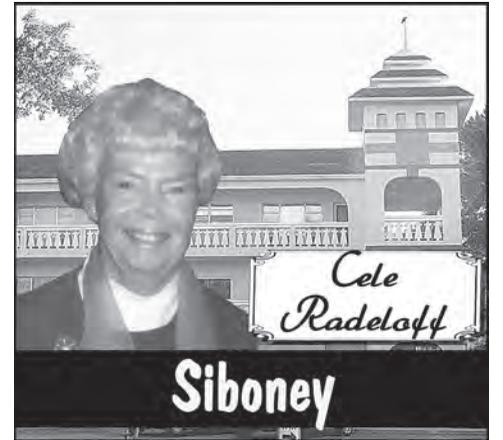
The next day after their return, on Sunday at 5:30 a.m., they took their kayak to the Dunedin Causeway, sat on the hood of their car, looked up at the sky and watched the Perseid Meteor Shower. "It was amazing," Laura says.

Then they took the kayak down and rowed over to Caladesi Island to watch the sunrise and gathered huge shells, which are now sitting proudly in the fountain on their front lawn, where everyone can see them.

Bob – it must be fun living with Laura!

We're so proud of our neighbor, Agnes Krepelka, who just returned from Switzerland.

In her own words, "My trip to Switzerland was a pleasure, a privilege and a relaxing experience, not only by its spectacular landscape, views of mountains, hills and villages, vineyards of grapes and apples, wheat, sunflowers,



parcs and gardens, but with memorable moments of sharing my daughter and her husband's home and daily living activities.

"I felt like a 'Queen' in the 'Heaven on Earth' called Switzerland."

Pat Stroberg English is our latest newcomer in the Siboney. She was a Real Estate Agent here at On Top of the World and has sold many of our condos, including Audrey Decker's home. She has lived here at OTOW, on and off, for fifteen years and we hope she'll enjoy her new condo. Welcome!

Doris Prekopa, Audrey Decker and I attended the Volunteers Dinner Dance along with Hortense McGregor from the Dorado building. We enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Marguerite's. They're talking about having a Thanksgiving dinner in the auditorium. More about that later.

The ladies enjoyed their luncheon at Leo's. I believe everyone went home with a doggie bag.

Our building meeting will resume on Wednesday, Oct. 24. See you there.

Happy 90th birthday to Ethyle Lee. We all wish her the best!

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By Alma W. Hudson

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By Madeleine Wanda

Sizzle, sizzle, burning bright
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MUSING

By Madeleine Wanda

Spread out a mesh bag on a table or two
Take all the good stuff that's happened to you,
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Aren't you happy, you have done a good deed.
Winter, spring, summer and fall, the time passes so quickly
Every day is a blessing — that's why we call it the present!
Even the weather we can do nothing about
So take one day at a time and don't have any doubt.



FLORIDA

By Madeleine Wanda

When Ponce de Leon discovered Florida
He called this land the "Fountain of Youth."
Many centuries have passed
And it's still the gospel truth.
The Snowbirds come in the fall
And leave in the early spring.
But we, the real Floridians,
Can swim, play golf and swing.



MOVING ON

By Madeleine Wanda

Remember when we were in school
And had to follow all those rules?
Even though it was mostly a pain in the neck
We went along and said, "What the heck."
The rules that we learned so long ago
Are standards that we follow and we know.
It makes us follow more stuff than we handle
And we never extinguish that first burning candle.

THE UNWINDING

By Alma W. Hudson

What a gorgeous retreat when two hearts can meet
In the perfect subjection of peace
When each word that is spoken is always a token
Of true understanding and total release
From the troubles that haunt us and cares that will daunt us
Ah, moments, sweet moments of peace
To sit there in total relaxing
With never a moment of taxing
Of hearts that combine in that moment so fine
That even all thought seems to cease
All tension is gone like the joy of a song
And our hearts glow in softest release
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No silence is broken — just the tick of a clock may be heard
This is true love we're finding
No passion is blinding
This can truly be called
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FOR GENERATIONS

By Pete Ferrero

It's not the same as it once was.
Each day brings new adventure.
Kids tend to do things just "Because,"
For a second, it's a quencher.
Tomorrow is come far off land,
Slipping quickly through their hands.
Without concern of what's to come,
They need to heed where they've come from.

The same lament's been sung for ages,
When new replaces all things old.
History still sets the stages,
For shifts from status quo to bold.
Though we believe that we know best,
Only time will be the test,
Of the twists tomorrows brings,
Be it worse or better things.

Boys with baggy pants hung low,
So their undies can be seen.
Some sad selections steal the show,
From flappers to rappers and all in between.
Each generation sets its style,
And throws the last upon a pile,
Of those whose days they deem are done.
The deed repeats from dad to son.
We tend to think, as we gain years,
That the young are misdirected
And may fall victim to the fear
That the future is infected.
But problems can become solutions.
It's in God's plan of evolution.
When youthful steps turn toward the better,
The human race will win together.

Queen Victoria dweller attends historic family gathering in Pa. with 100 others

By Robert Thomson
 Carol and Bob Thomson, of the Queen Victoria building, recently returned from an historic family reunion in Egypt.

Egypt, Pennsylvania that is. Each of the more than 100 attendees were descendants of Peter Steckel who, as a 19 year-old, immigrated to the Lehigh Valley from Germany in 1738. Bob Thomson is a seventh-generation descendant of Peter.

The reunion, the first such gathering in 134 years, was held at the Troxell-Steckel farm house, built in 1756 and now on the National Register of Historic Places.

The three-story house was built from field stone as a home for John

Troxell and his family, but was purchased by Peter Steckel in 1768. It remained in the family until the early 1900's, when it was sold. But in 1941 Abraham Steckel repurchased the home and donated it to the Lehigh Valley Historical Society.

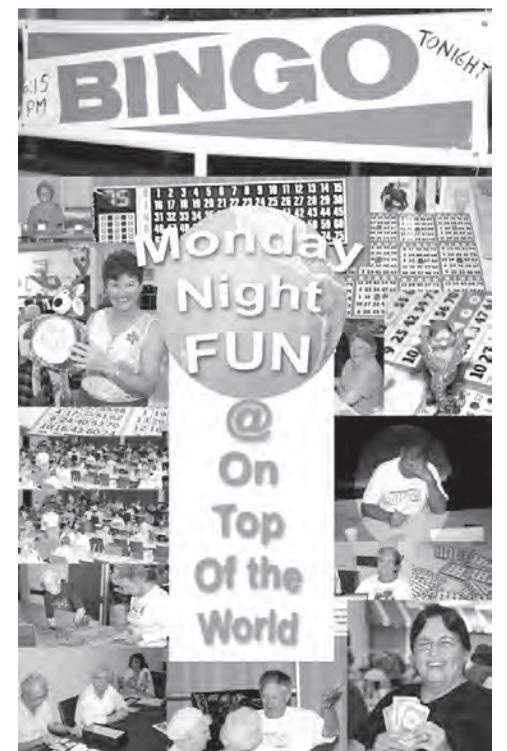
Eighteen of the delegates were direct descendants of Bob's grandmother and came from California, Oregon, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Florida.

In addition to touring the house and enjoying a picnic lunch on the grounds, many of the attendees were present for the Sunday morning service at the Egypt Community Church. This church is a successor to a congregation that first met in the Troxell-Steckel House when Peter Steckel was its owner.

A report from the last and only previous reunion, in 1878, indicates that approximately 600 persons were present, 346 of whom were direct descendants of Peter Steckel. The program consisted mostly of conversation, hymn singing (five in German and four in English), prayers, addresses by two clergymen, and eating.

The local newspaper, the *Free Press*, stated at the time that its reporter "was impressed by the very large proportion of happy-looking old ladies and gentlemen... who had the unmistakable air of respectability and solid well-to-do condition."

Bob and Carol indicated that if the family waits another 134 years to hold a reunion, they probably won't attend!



High school reunion offers chance to get re-acquainted

How many of us have kept in touch with friends from high school? Lee and Linda Siegal have just come back from an eventful trip to Lee's 50th high school reunion, which took place in Birmingham, Ala.

Lee was invited by an old friend (actually, his old junior high prom date) who insisted he come and stay with her family. When Lee and Linda went out to dinner at a nice restaurant with his host family, they were surprised and flattered when 20 more friends joined them at the restaurant!

The reunion party itself was held at an exclusive country club and featured great food, music and conversation with many people. There were 220 people at the reunion and Lee probably talked to almost half of them, catching up on their lives and successes.

Lee enjoyed talking about the good time he had but also wanted to



talk about the girl and her family that he is helping support in the Philippines.

He has taken on the project of helping them and means to continue until she graduates from high school and college.

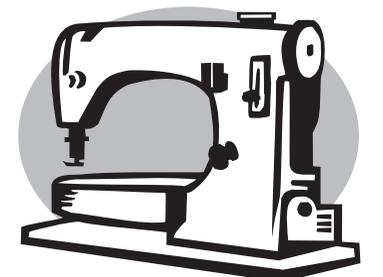
He sends them money regularly and talks with her and her mother over the Internet. She has responded with love and calls him "Papa."

SEWING CLASS TO BEGIN

By Joan Bates

The Wednesday sewing class will begin Sept. 26 and will meet for five weeks. The registration fee for this class term is \$45. Registration will take place in room A2 in the East Activity Center on the first day of class. The class meets from 9 a.m. until noon.

All levels of sewing are taught. Beginners are welcome. Sewing machines and sergers are available for use by class members. This class is sponsored by Pinellas County public schools and is taught by Joan Bates.



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While on visit, resident is treated to unusual cloud formations

Hello everyone, it is nice to be back. I am playing catch up since my return from Chicago in July. We visited our children and grandchildren the month of June.

The celebrations began with my 1- year- old grandson's birthday, then on to Fathers day followed by our son and daughter-in-laws fifth wedding anniversary and finally our daughter's birthday. Special times spent together.

While we were there and you all were trying to stay dry, Chicago also was experiencing some major heat and stormy days. I wanted to share some pictures of the most unusual cloud formations I have ever seen (photos at right). People were tweeting, texting, YouTube-ing and sending uploaded pictures to all the news stations and media. The way it was drifting over the city made you feel like you were going to see an alien invasion or close encounters any minute. It was surreal.

Thankfully, the weather cleared up eventually and we still were able to see friends and family in spite of it.

In August, new neighbors blessed our building and I hope to meet them all and perhaps introduce them in one of the upcoming editions soon.



Storm clouds produced some other-worldly effects in the Chicago area in June.

We are hoping the weather will cooperate to begin our morning coffees in the core in September again. More information will follow on that soon. For our new residents, we have a



Storm clouds rolled in on this Chicago suburb, resulting in some surreal formations.

(Photos by Esta-Lee Schwartz)

coffee and donut meeting in the core on the second floor twice a month and it is usually a good meet and greet for everyone. We hope more neighbors will join us this year. Posted on the first floor bulletin board by the trash room you can view any building event notice.

I am always looking for news I can use. Please call me with interesting

stories. They can be about places you have been, things you have done such as special hobbies, interests or special talents you may possess.

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Building library moved from second floor to third

If you recall, Aldo Delu started a library for our building. Originally it was in the second floor lobby.

When On Top of the World decided to clean out the lobbies, our library needed to be moved. The bicycle room was considered, but with our building's Christmas decorations, our supplies for refreshments at our meetings, and the bicycles, there was no room for the library.

In checking the other storage rooms, the third floor was considered. Up there, the library shelves would block part of Jim Osborne's storage cabinet, but Jim said it would be OK. Now that's a good neighbor!

Aldo Delu and Jerry Dooley moved the library shelves to the third floor storage room. There is a "Library" sign on the door. If you have books to donate to our library, please put them on the library shelves, and if you would like to read a book, we invite you



to check out our library.

Our parking lot has filled up again. Our traveling residents have returned. To name a few: Linda and Don Rice got their motor home out of mothballs and drove to Maryland and Binghamton, N.Y., to visit friends and relatives. Linda told me that it was great to visit her two aunts who were 93 and 94.

Alice and Dave Baxendale flew to several northeastern states to visit

friends and relatives.

Ruth and Jim Osborne spent their August in Myrtle Beach. Ruth said that they had better weather than last year. Good to see you and all our other travelers at home.

We are about to celebrate Labor Day and we all know that Labor Day is the beginning of fall. Each year, I remind you that it is now time to clean out your storage space in the storage room.

The Viceroy models are entitled to 10 lineal feet by 3 feet; all other apartments are to have 5 lineal feet by 3 feet. That leaves a small aisle for people to have access to their storage. Apartment numbers are painted on the floor. All boxes should have your name and apartment number. Remember, NO PAINT is permitted in the store rooms.

I have received many compliments regarding my solar lights hint in a

previous column, so I thought that I would give you another hint — one that I learned from my mom.

If you have sheer curtains that need washing, wash them in the washer, in cold water. Do not add a water softener. Then fill the washer with cold water and stop it. Take one cup of Epsom salts and dissolve it in hot water. Then pour the dissolved Epsom salts into the washer and let it agitate.

When it starts to spin, let it spin until almost finished. This is when I put the pins back into the sheers and hang them up. Put a towel on the floor under the sheers to catch any left over water.

You will find that the weight of the little bit of remaining water will take out all the wrinkles.

Just make sure that the pleats fall straight down and you will have glorious looking curtains for the holidays and you don't have to iron them.

Have a nice Labor Day weekend.

Reporter enjoys family reunion in Mich.

Remember these days?

TREK TO COLLEGE

*The car is crammed until it quakes,
A dorm its destination;
Dad fumes at all the clothes it takes
To get an education.*

Must have been a daughter! I can remember the station wagon was so loaded that there was only a small space for little brother to find a seat among all the things. Seems so long ago...

Alice Markus was off again in August to Arizona. Her grandchild there was to celebrate birthday number five. Alice says she is already active in school and dance class. Just being there was so nice for Alice and she was able to celebrate her birthday with family too.

Connie Valentin's cousin visited her for two days. They just caught up with all the news, since they had not seen each other in three years. Connie says they had a great visit.

Micki Cobb had a busy August. Along with the Olympics on TV, which she didn't want to miss, her son and his wife spent a week. She says it was wonderful having them.

Anita Mazzella's oldest child, Mary, was here for four weeks in July and August. Her youngest, John, arrived in time to meet his sister and is staying



with her for awhile. She is enjoying all the attention.

Francis Rice spent almost two weeks in Indianapolis, Ind. She says it was good weather and she had a special time visiting her son and family, but it was great to get back to On Top of the World.

Ten Melbournites showed up at Rumba's for a nice luncheon get together on July 28. Next scheduled luncheon was August 25 at Chopsticks. Hope you signed up for it and attended.

Always remember to check the Melbourne Bulletin Board. Never know what you will find.

Welcome to Gary Kiser, who has moved into the second floor on the Haitian side. See lots of activity going

on down there as he makes it his own home. Hope to get a chance to meet you, Gary, after the dust settles and I recover from my recent trip.

I flew up to Michigan for the first Kastner reunion in many a year. I met nephews and nieces I hadn't seen in a long time and their children, many of whom I had never seen.

With eight siblings in Frank's family, their offspring are scattered all over the country. I enjoyed seeing all of them. The roast pig and Michigan sweet corn cooked on the grill were great too! Also enjoyed time with son and wife who live in the area.

I had just gotten home and my niece from Knoxville, Tenn., who was spending the week working in Tampa, came in on Saturday so she could spend some time with me.

She is a doer and helped me get my phones in order and re-covered a foot stool that really needed it. I wish I had her energy! Loved having her here.

Looking for your news of travel and family or whatever you have for October. Now that Labor Day is upon us, Christmas can't be too far ahead. Imagine that!



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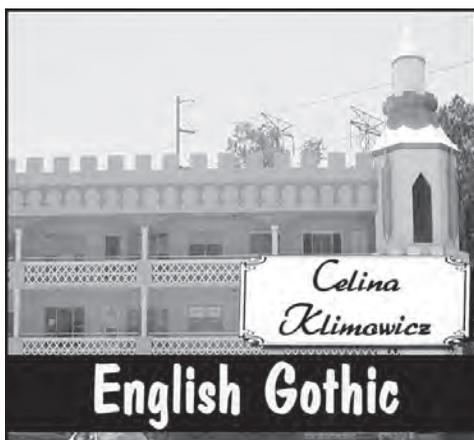
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English Gothic

Local jazz fest gets Iowa exposure

The “dog days” of summer are slowly passing by. Things have been quiet as we stay inside much of the day.

Mary and Chris Casey celebrated their 38th anniversary in July with family and friends. Time sure flies when you're happy!

Kathy D'Agostino celebrated a birthday on Aug. 13 with her friends in New Jersey. Was it any cooler up North?

Linda Fields attended a great jazz festival in Iowa. She said it was terrific! She said there were fliers announcing the upcoming Clearwater Jazz Holiday, held here annually in October — a festival that is widely known and followed. Amazing that it was advertised in Iowa.

On the 14th of July, 12 of our residents attended our monthly luncheon at the Living Room in Dunedin. It was pleasant and relaxing and was enjoyed by all.

Crews from On Top of the World recently finished re-painting the numbers on our parking spaces. They are now clearly visible. Be sure to park in your designated space.

We are planning many activities during the fall months. As the time approaches, fliers and sign-up sheets will be posted. We hope you can join us.

Until the next monthly meeting (on Sept. 4th), enjoy the Labor Day holiday and keep cool.

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An interesting tour to Florida's wine country highlights bus trip to Clermont

With school days beginning again, we grandparents have our minds returning to favorite memories and recent graduations. For some of us, travels across the states and monetary gifts have been uppermost. Also we may have had opportunities to pass along some good advice from our own experiences.

The Olympic Games have been a wonderful highlight to behold via television and inspirations to our young-at-heart efforts at exercise and sports. My own early experience and training in ballet and my favorite game of badminton have been followed lately by the mild but lovely Oriental tradition of the Tai-Chi movement.

But to give attention to our building's residents and needs, we must first introduce our newcomers. The first one who came to my attention recently met me in the core: Don Tussey moved into a fully-furnished unit in March very quietly. His twin daughters Kristie and Kathie live in Palm Harbor and Forest, Va., respectively. Both daughters are married and have families. Another daughter, Kim, and her family make Roswell, Ga., near Atlanta, their home.

The whole family is treated to a celebration of Christmas together each year in a different place. This year they will gather in Clearwater at Thanksgiving for a complete change. Grandpa will play host, as usual.

He finds deep-sea fishing his favorite sport. Before retirement, he was a master plumber in Illinois, Indiana and Virginia.



Saratoga

Roger Nicoll tells me that his cousin Donna drove here from Myrtle Beach, S.C., near Garden City, for a week's visit recently and then he drove with her back home. They enjoy the pool in her trailer complex.

When he was a boy he was a happy camper for 10 years serving as a counselor in a boys' camp for 8 weeks each summer on Long Island.

Romy Brady has returned from a two-week visit with a son Stephen and his wife in Wading River, L.I., and their son, who attends the Maritime College.

Two other sons came from Rhode Island, and two granddaughters came from New Jersey. She says they all had a grand time.

Maria Hurt reports that her annual Torres family reunion made August a busy month. It was planned for Sand Key Beach, but, due to red tide, at the last minute was changed to her brother Wilfredo's Largo condo. Some 40 family members came from Puerto Rico, New York, Massachusetts,

New Jersey, Orlando, Melbourne and several other places.

They all had a great time with a family poem about the blessings of a big family; counting their genealogy, 104 Puerto Ricans are in it, from 1850 to the present!

Ingrid Durhan, Rosemarie Levins and I joined Mike and Kerry Mikulski for an all-day trip by two busloads of On Top of the World sightseers on Aug. 11. We five Saratogans enjoyed a visit for lunch and music beneath large shade trees at the Yalaha German Bakery, plus some shopping and a tour and tasting at the Lakeridge Winery in Clermont.

This trip was one of many offered by Travel is Fun Tours of St. Petersburg. If interested, see the Mikulskis or the Sept.–Dec. posted calendar.

You may have noticed an announcement on the bulletin board to residents who may be interested in meeting with others in our building for a monthly get-together for lunch-out or for light refreshments in a host's apartment. We hope to interest especially those who live alone and would welcome more contact with their neighbors.

A new announcement on our bulletin board for the ladies of Saratoga was organized by Ida Thompson. We planned to meet in late August for lunch at the First Watch Restaurant in Countryside. We expected quite a number of new residents and those who live alone will have signed up. I'll let you know in a future column how it turned out.

Reporter is VA test subject

Russ Heiserman took a risk and visited his son's family in Chaska, Minnesota. I say a risk, because they do get some early cold weather up there. This trip was great with lots of outdoor activities and a lot of walking. Russ got to spend time with his grandson and granddaughter. They are both in college with the granddaughter about to graduate.

I mentioned the walking because the VA asked that I volunteer for a research project. The idea is to get me to walk a bit more than I usually do and see what affect it might have on my breathing and health in general. I'm up to 10,000 steps every day which is a good deal more than I'm accustomed to — I'll let you know next year the result of this experiment. Until then I'll just keep huffing and puffing along...



Azores

In preparing this report, I approached my envelope in the core to retrieve any last minute news items. I could see that someone had clipped a pen to my envelope, so my expectations rose: Surely a few juicy items would be there. Disappointment — nothing! Guys, I really need your input. Hopefully, more next month.

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Walking group already paid back in health, well-being

“Walkers Away!” Our Bohemian Walking Group began with “divine discontent” when some ladies began bemoaning some of their health issues at a happy hour session.

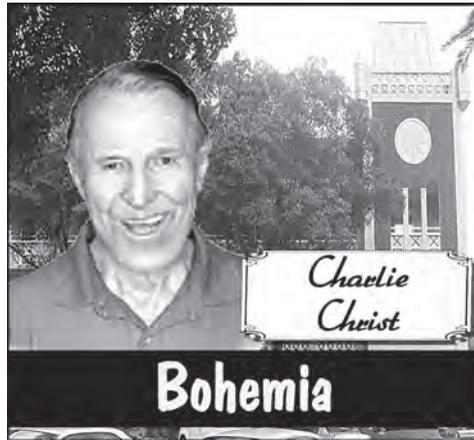
One concern was overweight. Bingo! The idea of starting a walking group emerged. A bulletin board announcement was posted.

Days and times were agreed on at a coffee hour and all others were invited to join in. Eight responded and ground rules were established as follows:

1. Walk every other weekday beginning at 7 a.m.
2. Hydrate halfway through the walk.
3. Take only enough cash for coffee.
4. Walk as far as you feel comfortable.
5. When turning back, you will not be criticized.
6. Walk at your own pace.
7. Attending weight watchers is optional.
8. Arrive a half-hour earlier for beach walking.

Using a pedometer to measure distance, they soon realized that a minimum of six miles was ideal to achieve their objective of shedding pounds.

The club has made friends along the way. One restaurant stop made pizza for them in a rainstorm. Another one drove all of them home in a sudden



storm. They even had iced coffee and tea ready when they came into sight.

Following the beach walk, they stop at the Marina Cafe to hydrate before leaving for home.

Weight loss has been notable! Marie has lost excess weight, even though she goes on four or five cruises a year, walks daily on board and uses the exercise room regularly.

Shirley lost over 50 pounds and has eliminated half of her medications. She is no longer out of breath after a mile and encourages others to keep up the pace.

Joan lost 20 lbs., but had to retire due to health reasons but says she can't wait to return.

Carol is a camper and hikes on all her trips. Paula lost weight and her blood pressure has been reduced. Carole is now pain free and feels really healthy.

Finally, there are other results from the group for all their efforts. One



Members of the Bohemian Walking Group stop for a rest at Clearwater Beach. From left: Shirley Golding, Carol DeLisle, Carole Fisher, Utta Lane, Paula Schelling.

scrapped plans to move from On Top of the World, and another has gained her confidence back.

They have become sounding boards as well as helpmates for each other. All have completed 5K events, including the famous Turkey Trot in Clearwater.

Walking together has been a lifesaver for some, and has fostered the development of deeper friendships and

emotional strength.

Now, here's a reminder that the fellows, too, are always welcome. Goodness knows many of us could use some exercise, and we surely have the time now, right?

Hey guys, I did a couple of walks and found a stimulating activity with pleasant conversation (and that iced coffee at the Marina Café wasn't hard to take, either).

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Try Karaoke on Sundays for something entirely different

Hi, I'm back! After my last writing, several ladies from the pool and me went to Karaoke in the Starlite Room at the East Activity Center. It was great. Even if you can't carry a note, join in. It's fun. Kathy Ahrens and hubby gave a wonderful meal, gratis. Rigatoni sauce, meatballs, large platter of mixed fruit and dessert, soda. That is some expense to them, but that's the kind of couple they are. So do come on down for the next event on Sunday, Sept. 16.

Have you noticed any buttons popping around? Well, they're from John Scarpa. His daughter, Wendy, did very well in a recent technical skills competition called Skills USA. It is the showcase for the best career's technical students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through state and national levels.

There were 94 entrants. It is a multi-million dollar event that occupies a space equivalent to 16 football fields. Every year Skills USA puts this on and pays for all to help students from high school through college excel at their careers.



Her best event was to print out a logo to encourage young people to vote. Good job, Wendy!

I want all my residents to think about taking a turn at selecting a restaurant to go to once a month. I need help! Call me. All you have to do is put up a sign-up sheet with the name of the restaurant you secured and then it's off to a nice evening (5 p.m.) meal to meet and talk and greet our new residents.

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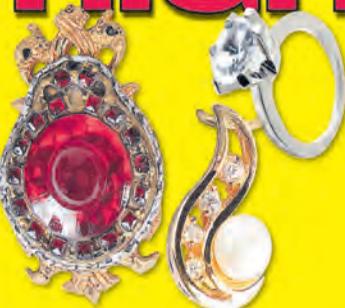
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World traveler makes it to the base of the Matterhorn



Our neighbor, Charles (Chuck) Crone, a world traveler, went on two great adventures recently.

Chuck flew non-stop on Edelweiss Airlines to Zurich, Switzerland. The trip took about nine hours. Chuck was in Switzerland for eight days. He toured by bus to many beautiful, breathtaking destinations.

In Zurich, the Swiss Coast Guard is docked. Next to the ship, on land is the most beautiful working clock made out of many colorful flowers.

When Chuck's tour reached Luzern (Lucerne), Switzerland, they all took the Matterhorn Railway. The train ride took eight hours and the countryside was magnificent. The destination was St. Moritz at Mount Cervin which is at the base to the Matterhorn (see photo). Chuck says the sight was amazing!

Chuck returned from Switzerland and, 10 days later, he was off to Louisville, Ky. That trip was for five days.

Chuck enjoyed visiting many towns, cities and parks. He most enjoyed the Lincoln State Park. All of the Lincoln family, as well as President Lincoln, were born and raised on the grounds where a replica log cabin was built. Chuck also enjoyed the show featuring the music of Stephen Foster.



Travel adventurer Chuck Crone is shown at St. Moritz, near Mount Cervin, which is at the base of the Matterhorn in the Swiss Alps.

Chuck has two maps on his apartment wall, one of the United States and one of other countries. Every time Chuck goes to a new city, state or country, he puts a colored pin on the map to mark where he was. He will be adding several more from these two vacations.

Chuck is already planning his next trip, which will be to South Dakota. I hope all our neighbors have had an enjoyable summer so far. We will have a special Labor Day celebration and are looking forward to seeing our Snowbird neighbors start to return to our building.

Please remember to periodically check the bulletin boards in the lobby. There is usually important news from our building captain and the On Top of the World Association.

I would like to have an article from our building every month. If you have any news for our column, please

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Tuscany trip rewards resident with adventure, beauty



It's nearly Labor Day! Where did the summer go?

A magic "flying carpet" has been whisking our neighbors at Viennese Villa far and wide this summer. New York, the great American West, Europe, New England, Maine and Florida, to mention a few.

The carpet dropped Rosalie Borselli down in Tuscany, Italy, where she enjoyed a splendid holiday. Her visit included an engagement, a wedding, and lots of travel with family and friends.

Accompanied by daughter Laura and Laura's husband and son, plus other friends, Rosalie visited her family's ancestral home in the mediaeval walled city of Lucca, which itself has a long and interesting history.

No trip to Italy is complete without a visit to the nearby fabled wine country of Chianti Valley, which of course included some wine tasting.

On traveling to San Gemignano, an ancient city in the mountains, they passed fields of sunflowers, which were simply beautiful (see photo at right).

The magic of the trip was the fairytale wedding of Rosalie's grand-nephew Andrea and his bride Ilenia. Ilenia arrived at the church in a Cinderella carriage drawn by white horses.

At the reception, a gala affair, balloons and white doves were set free — then it was endless food, music and, of course, wine. The evening was topped off by a fireworks



Viennese Villa resident Rosalie Borselli takes a break among the colorful sunflowers near San Gemignano, in Italy's Tuscan region. She spent a summer holiday there with family and friends.

display under a starlit Italian sky.

We wish the newlyweds a long and happy life together!

The magic continued for Rosalie as her grandson became engaged to his bride-to-be on their way to Cinque Terra.

So, Rosalie, we welcome you home safe and sound. We wish to thank you for being our tour guide and sharing your marvelous

trip with all of us.

When I travel to Italy, to be sure I'll be knocking at your door for tips!

Summer here has been warm; however we have been spared the devastation of the western fires and the heat of the East Coast.

We live in a wonderful place — it's Paradise, to be sure.

In upcoming columns:

that storied boat the *African Queen*, where is she? Plus a safe haven for our feathered friends; Windjammer days; restored old war birds take to flight, to mention but a few stories.

Remember, if you have any news fit to print, write fresca@maine.rr.com.

Until next month, have a safe and happy Labor Day.



Welcome to new Yoshimitsu resident Gerry Wilhoite, who has a range of hobbies and interests. Gerry hails from Muncie, Ind. (Photo by Barbara Sundberg)

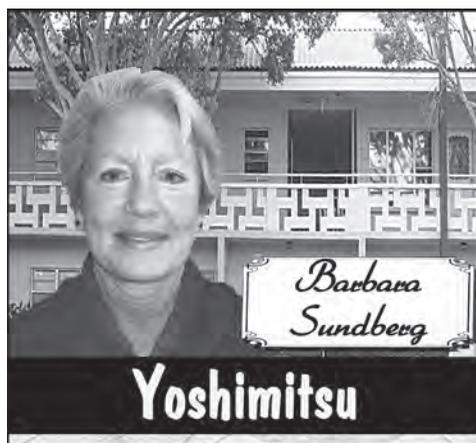
New resident's background includes GM robotics work

The residents of our building would like to welcome Gerry Wilhoite to the On Top of the World community. Gerry comes from Muncie, Indiana, has three brothers, and was part of the first graduating class of Muncie High School, South Side, in 1964.

Gerry worked at General Motors as a Robotic Technician/Computer Programmer. He also worked for many years setting up stage and lighting for musical groups.

Gerry retired in 2007. He is a vegetarian, and has many interests including swimming, exercise, searching for antiques and collectibles, dancing, night life, and shopping, shopping, shopping! We hope Gerry will enjoy life at OTOW.

Birthday wishes are extended



this month to Brenda Crittendon on Sept. 24. Enjoy your special day, Brenda! Come on down and let's celebrate together!

Jill and Harry Urquhart will enjoy their 19th wedding anniversary on Sept. 10. Congratulations Jill and Harry!

Family visits made these folks' summer a joy

There is not much news to report this time. I need you to provide info on trips you took and visitors that came to see you. I haven't written for a while, since I was out on leave temporarily.

Doris and Bob Roosen had a visit from a just-married niece and her new husband. He is a professional pilot from Memphis, Tenn. They flew down in his Piper Cherokee Pathfinder. They had good flying weather all the way. They had a very nice visit.

Steve Crosmer took a two-week vacation that included a trip to San Francisco for the 75th anniversary celebration of the Golden Gate Bridge. He said the fireworks display was "out of this world." While out West, he visited some friends in Los Angeles and celebrated his 55th birthday. All in all, he had a very good vacation.

The Shearers were on the road again, going to Pennsylvania for a two-day reunion, and then it was on to North Carolina to spend time with their daughter. After that, they went to Lancaster, Pa., to visit Eleanor's girlfriends from grade school. They all had dinner in



Maple Shade, Pa., and a very good time was enjoyed by all.

Next they visited their son who lives in Lake Ariel, Pa., spending two days there, then they spent a couple of days in Quakertown, Pa.

The highlight of the Shearer's trip was enjoying all the food and visiting with all the relatives and friends.

Following another visit to Lancaster to stay a few days with Eleanor's brother and his wife, they returned to OTOW.

Al and Elsie had visits from their daughter and son and their families. They all had a great time and enjoyed themselves.

Until next time, God bless.

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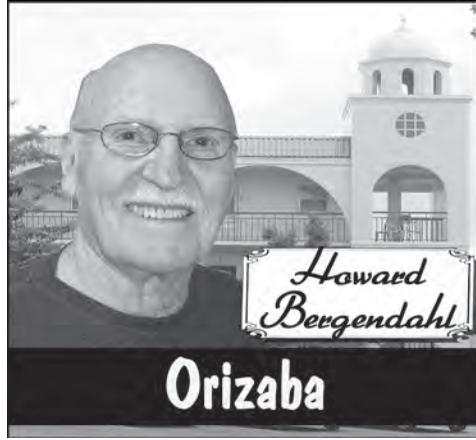
We should try to apply spirit and ideals of Olympics

The building lunch was a great time, enjoyed by about a dozen residents who gathered at Queen's for a little Italian atmosphere supplied by Greek ownership (see photo).

The past few weeks were dominated by the Olympics, which took place in London. Athletes from all over the world competed with their counterparts from all countries that participated. The competition was intense but the main idea was to get all these people together in one place and peacefully select the greatest in each sport regardless of national origin. Too bad we can't apply these rules to the everyday activities of all these countries.

The Wednesday morning breakfast club members have had so much success in their weekly discussions that they are ready to offer assistance to any of the presidential wannabes.

It is an opportunity for the political hopefuls to discover how to solve all the world's problems. If they can't solve a problem it is almost sure



that there is a funny story that would likely apply.

A teacher in Colorado said that a student was acting up so he took him to the school psychiatrist who asked the boy if he had ADHD. "No", said the boy. "I just have a normal TV."

One of the most heard complaints among the elderly is that they are always tired. A checkup showed everything normal, but a boy told the doctor that his grandfather took all of his pills in the morning, including his sleeping pills.

Birthday greetings go out to Elinor Van Dyke and Pam Corcoran.



A recent luncheon at Queen's Restaurant was enjoyed by a number of Orizaba residents. (Photo by Howard Bergendahl)

Happy Anniversary to Helen and Walt Sutkowi.

I'm really getting into this technology business, especially texting. Someday I will even be able

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OTOW resident Melvin Tennille enjoys an evening stroll with his dog, "Pete." (Photo by Mary Lou Wall)

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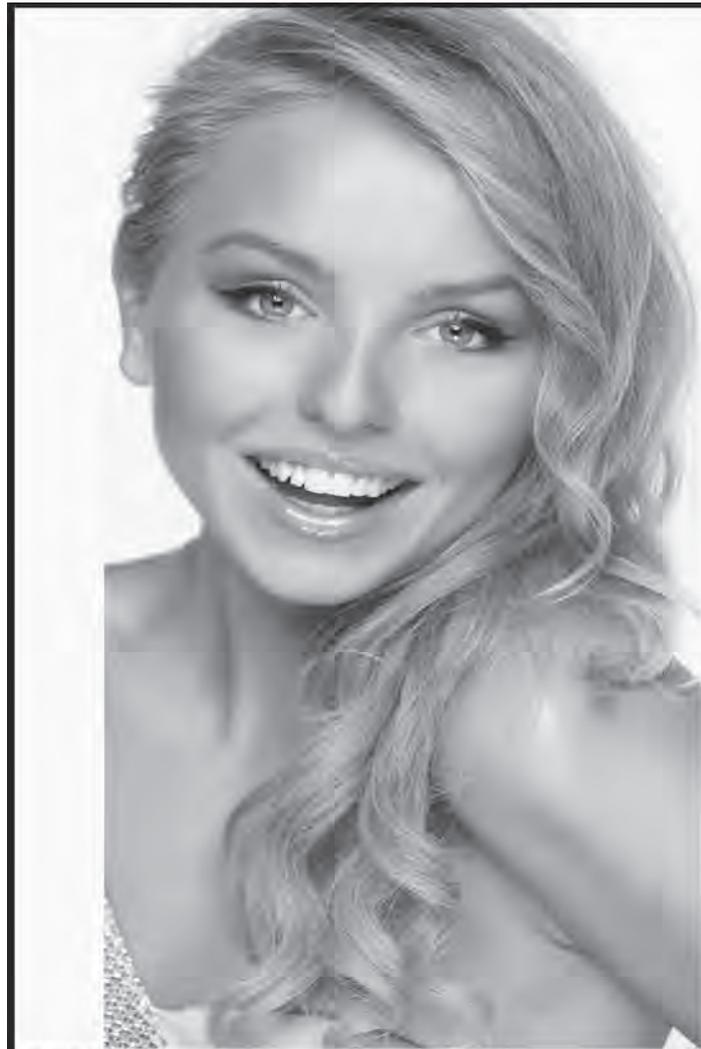
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Fun ways of escaping the ‘dog days of summer’

As I write this, it is mid-August and what have been called the “dog days of summer” haven’t kept Lily or Body from playing and running on the balcony.

It is such fun to watch them in action, playing and hanging out together. While these two fluffy dogs wouldn’t pose for a picture, we were able to snap a picture of them resting side by side (see photo at right).

Lily, a beige and white Shi-Poo, and Body, a white and brown/black Shitzu are owned by Cheryl Reese and Mary and Will Sunblad, respectively.

Lily can be seen on the north end of Clearwater Beach sporting a lime green life preserver and a surf board in the water. She loves the walks there and loves to meet all the new people she comes across.

We at On Top of the World can enjoy the pool even more these so-called “dog days.”

Linda and Norm Whitten picked up their two grandchildren from their family vacation in Key West and brought them to OTOW. The kids, from Massachusetts, enjoyed many activities for a whole week.

They surely did enjoy Busch Gardens twice, Winter the Dolphin, along with the exhibit of a reenacted hurricane, Norm’s (“Grumpy” as he is fondly called) boat to Caladesi, a movie called “Brave,” and fun times at the swimming pool.



Body and Lily are finally caught relaxing enough for a photo to be taken of them.

Linda said she and Norm are looking forward to their return next summer. Attached is a picture of them at Busch Gardens (photo at far right).

It is hard for us retirees to think about all the children going back to school.

Have a great remainder of the summer and memorable Labor Day picnics and activities!



During one of their visits to Tampa’s Busch Gardens, Linda and Norm Whitten’s grandchildren are shown here surrounded by some captivating entertainers from the park.

Building president accepts nod to continue in that role

One day, early in August, I was returning from “somewhere” and went to the mailbox to pick up the day’s mail.

Lo, and Behold! A building meeting was underway in the core of the building. (Shame on me for not having seen the notice on the bulletin board announcing this meeting.) I immediately joined the group.

A selection of refreshments was there for our snacking pleasure, and Mae O’Brien was presiding over the motley crew in attendance.

Many items were up for discussion, including the good news that our building fund is healthy and in the black. We’ve all become a little sedentary and so plans are already underway to get together for lunch. By the looks of the signup sheet on the bulletin board, a sizable group will attend.

New residents on the Denmark side, Rick and Cathy Slater, were in attendance at our meeting. Rick graciously volunteered to keep our entrances looking good. Welcome, neighbors!

Being that I am the building reporter, I took the opportunity to



remind everyone that I am always available to hear about what is going on in the lives of our neighbors and making certain it goes into print in the OTOW newspaper.

A gigantic thank you to Mae O’Brien for her willingness to continue as our building president. This is a daunting duty at times and we all love you for being there for us, Mae.

A few days later I received a call from Mae with some news. Hooray!

Mae recently took a trip to Atlantic City to visit her sister, Vickie, and her husband, Ed. After spending some time at the casinos Mae, winner of 25 bucks

(Go, Mae!) and her family travelled to their home in Toms River, N.J.

Vickie and Ed’s first grandchild delighted Mae by recognizing her after not seeing her for one year. She ran up to her and cried out, “Auntie!”

The next day a party with 20 adults and 20 children gathered for the 2-year-old’s birthday party. There was a BBQ complete with hot dogs, hamburgers, beer for adults and birthday cake for all.

Mae’s niece spent two days with her, Vickie and Ed. Vickie is a gourmet cook and fun hours were spent in the kitchen cooking with Vickie. Mae served as her Sous Chef.

A highlight of their travels was a trip to a wine resort in Barnegat Bay called The Renault Winery, which included a fantastic restaurant with three floors. The first floor was for wine tasting and floors two and three were for dining.

For a modest price of \$45 each, they enjoyed a seven-course meal, which included peaches and pork and a different wine with every course. They stayed at the hotel that evening and enjoyed a fantastic breakfast buffet.

Mae returned to On Top of the World rested and with many wonderful memories. Welcome home!

Stay tuned, folks. More news to come, including 90th birthday celebrations for not one, but two of our neighbors, who will celebrate one day apart in November.

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On the road: three weeks in the south and southwest

By Thomas Brennan

Neighbors, how in the world RU? It has been some time since Joan and I have been away from On Top of the World for more than a weekend. Well, a few months back, Joan received a wedding invitation from her niece, Ally, who lives in Tulsa, Okla. Low and behold that's where Joan was born into a family of nine.

We had to decide how we were going to get there. Fly, bus, leave the driving to us or by car. The auto won out, so we worked up a Triptik from AAA.

Our first stop was Dalton, Ala., the peanut capital of the U.S. I always thought the title belonged to Georgia. I was enlightened by a native that within a 50-mile radius of Dalton two-thirds of our peanut crop is harvested.

We arrived in Tulsa and were the guest of the bride's parents, who treated us royally. In the early days of oil drilling many of the giant oil companies had their home office in Tulsa. It became known as the oil capital of the world. It was home to Mobil, Esso, Standard Oil, Shell and Sinclair to name a few. Joan tells me her granddaddy owned the first horseless carriage in town.

It was a beautiful wedding at Christ the King Catholic Church. Joan's family helped build the church in the 1920's.

The reception was held at the Tulsa Country Club in the rolling hills of Oklahoma. As you scrambled for your name tag to locate the table at

which you were assigned, I spotted an old-fashioned photo machine. Remember the booth with a curtain, a bench, a hidden camera, you deposited a nickel and a slip came out of the slot of the machine with three black and white pictures of you and your date?

Well, we got our pictures with funny faces, big eyes, open mouth, hugging and kissing. We received two sets of photos, one for us as a memento of the occasion and one for the bride for her wedding album.

After three days of partying, we moved on to Corpus Christi, Texas, and had breakfast with our long time friend, Ron Holiday. He is as jolly as ever.

Ron lived here at OTOW and was a star in the few Jester shows. We first met Ron at Good Neighbors on a Thursday morning drinking free coffee with a donut. He also entertained at Sunday in the Park. He now plays his guitar in hospitals, senior homes and whenever he gets invited to play at fund-raising affairs. Ron sends his greetings to all his friends at OTOW and a big hello to Connie Valenti.

From Corpus Christi, we spent a week on the Guadeloupe River with son Chris, and wife Annie. We slept in the corner of the nearly-completed cabin that Chris is building. Next stop: Houston, to visit son Neil and daughter Jenny.

On our way from Houston to Clearwater, we stopped over in Biloxi, Miss. We stayed at the only non-smoking casino in town.



Former OTOW resident Ron Holiday now plays his guitar in Texas at hospitals, senior homes and various fund-raisers.

After losing \$20 on the slots, our luck turned around and we began winning. The next morning we were tempted to stay one more night because our winnings paid for the trip!

We returned to OTOW after three weeks of family and fun.

Answer to the July issue: A 50-year old man wants to wake up rich. How about a 60-year old man?

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MONTHLY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 1 – 30

1 Sat	6:00 PM	Starlite	Singles Club Meeting
2 Sun	2:00 PM	C	Wii Bowling (every Sunday)
5 Wed	6:00 PM	S	Capistrano Building Meeting
5 Wed	6:00 PM	V	Baby Boomers Meeting
7 Fri	2:00 PM	S	Travel Club Meeting
7 Fri	9:00 AM	Starlite	AARP Driving Course
8 Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
8 Sat	6:00 PM	Sunrise	Rainbow Club Meeting
9 Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke
10 Mon	2:00 PM	S	German Interest Group
10 Mon	11:00 AM	Starlite	Snowbird Club Meeting
13 Thur	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee
14 Fri	7:00 PM	A	Irish Club Meeting
14 Fri	7:00 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club Meeting
15 Sat	4:00 PM	Starlite	Democrat Club Party
17 Mon	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear & Eye Screening
18 Tue	11:00 AM	R	Retired Educators Group
20 Thur	6:00 PM	V	Baby Boomers Meeting
23 Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke
26 Wed	6:00 PM	A	NY/NJ Club Meeting
27 Thur	7:30 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Show: Chuck King
27 Thur	2:00 PM	Starlite	Democrat Club Meeting
29 Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Activity Night
29 Sat	8:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
30 Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Races & Annual Meeting

CALENDAR KEY

A	Auditorium	CL	Classroom	R	Rainbow Room (W)
C	Card Room	K	Kitchen	S	Sunrise Room (W)
CR	Craft Room	L	Lecture Room	V	Veranda

Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 3

Grandparents Day
Sunday, Sept. 9

Patriot Day
Tuesday, Sept. 11

Rosh Hashanah Begins
Monday, Sept. 17

First Day of Autumn
Saturday, Sept. 22

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, Sept. 26

DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 8:30 Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 11:30 Contract Bridge
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 1:30 Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)
 5:00 Jim R's Poker
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:30 Bingo

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 9:00 Photo IDs
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 12:30 PM...Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)
 12:30 Mahjong
 5:00 Mahjong
 6:30 8-Ball Tournament

TUESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Ladies 18-Hole Golf
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Horseshoes
 9:00 Caring & Sharing Group
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Ladies 9-Hole Golf
 10:00 Aerobics
 10:00 Philosophy Club
 10:30 Ballroom Dance Class
 11:00 Yoga
 12:00 Library
 12:00 PM Ceramics
 1:00 Poker
 1:00 Canasta
 1:00 Line Dancing
 5:30 Dominos
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:30 Bob B.'s Poker
 6:30 Tom's Poker
 7:00 Bible Study Club

West Activity Center

8:00 AM West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 1:00 PM..... 9-Ball Tournament
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Mahjong

WEDNESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Good Neighbors Veterans Project
 9:00 Good Neighbors Craft Workshop
 9:00 Veranda Consignment
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Cribbage
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00 Jazz Dance
 11:30 Tap Dance
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 1:00 PM..... 500 Card Game
 1:00 Double Deck Pinochle
 1:00 Painting Pals
 1:30 Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 5:30 Sheila's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:00 Baby Boomers Movie Night

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 1:00 PM..... Mahjong
 6:00 Don's Poker
 6:30 Ladies Que't Billiards Club

THURSDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:30 Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00 Yoga
 12:00 PM..... Bob B.'s Poker
 12:00 Contract Bridge

12:30 Euchre
 1:00 Drawing Class
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 5:00 Pinochle
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker

West Activity Center

8:00 AM West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 12:30 PM ..Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Pinochle
 6:30 Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

FRIDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AM Coffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting
 8:00 Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Ceramics
 9:00 Pinochle
 9:00 Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 12:00 PM..... Library
 1:00 Mahjong
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30 Pete's Poker
 6:00 Larry's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 7:00 Hand & Foot Canasta

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 1:00 PM..... Chess Club
 6:00 5 & 10 Poker

SATURDAY

East Activity Center

8:30 Computer Club Meeting
 8:30 Line Dancing
 11:30 Duplicate Bridge
 12:00 PM..... Min's Poker
 12:00 Putting
 1:00 Casual Bridge
 1:30 Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)

SUNDAY

East Activity Center

2:00 PM..... Wii Bowling



Regina Dietrich

July 2	
Marilyn Miller.....	3750
Nancy Savelle	3710
July 5	
Regina Dietrich.....	3150
Nancy Savelle	2850
July 9	
Julie Solfronk.....	3620
Nancy Savelle	3270
July 9 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella.....	3720
Jane Child.....	2840
July 12	
Nancy Savelle	3320
George Robb.....	2990
July 13 (PM)	
Kathy Schamel.....	3340
Chet Czczot.....	3160
July 16	
Julie Solfronk.....	3380
Marilyn Miller.....	3270
July 16 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella.....	3680
Jane Child.....	2740
July 19	
Regina Dietrich.....	4020
Marilyn Miller.....	2570
July 20 (PM)	
Chet Czczot.....	3550
Sergio Pistella.....	2730
July 23	
Julie Solfronk.....	2660
Nancy Savelle	2600
July 23 (PM)	
Sergio Pistella.....	4190
Jane Child.....	2240
July 25	
Julie Solfronk.....	3560
Jan Backus	3270
July 27	
Regina Dietrich.....	4210
Verna Olson.....	3600
July 30	
Nancy Savelle	2940
Julie Solfronk.....	2580



EAST SIDE

Fran Milanec

July 17	
6250 (1st Place).....	Chet Czczot
6100 (2nd Place).....	Julie Hofmaster
Double Pinochle.....	Chet Czczot, Ed Fronzoni
July 19	
6690 (1st Place).....	Clayton Hancock
6680 (2nd Place).....	Julie Hofmaster
Double Pinochle.....	Jane Sweeney
Round House.....	Jeanne Sanders
July 24	
7070 (1st Place).....	Gene Karlin
7000 (2nd Place).....	Fran Milanec
Double Pinochle.....	Julie Hofmaster
Took All Tricks	Maxine Murray/ Julie Hofmaster
July 26	
6900 (1st Place).....	Al Lecher
6570 (2nd Place).....	Paul McCormick
Double Pinochle.....	Paul McCormick
July 31	
6333 (1st Place).....	Al Lecher
6240 (2nd Place).....	Madelyn Thome
August 2	
6240 (1st Place).....	Eileen Brust
6110 (2nd Place).....	Ed Fronzoni
Double Pinochle.....	Fran Milanec, Eileen Brust, Chet Czczot
Took All Tricks	Gene Karlan/Ann Reed, Clayton Hancock/Jane Sweeney
August 7	
6490 (1st Place).....	Fran Milanec
6480 (2nd Place).....	Gwen Nolan
Double Pinochle.....	Al Lecher
August 9	
7130 (1st Place).....	Marge Garvey
7070 (2nd Place).....	Ed Fronzoni
Double Pinochle.....	Jeanne Sanders, Ella Van Dorn
Round House.....	Jane Sweeney
August 12	
6550 (1st Place).....	Julie Hofmaster
6250 (2nd Place).....	Bertie Lewis
August 14	
6760 (1st Place).....	Chet Czczot
6580 (2nd Place).....	Marge Garvey
Double Pinochle.....	Maxine Murray (2x)
August 16	
6560 (1st Place).....	Fran Milanec
6110 (2nd Place).....	Julie Hofmaster
Round House.....	Bertie Lewis
August 21	
7050 (1st Place).....	Bill Jacobson
6260 (2nd Place).....	Jay Occhiuzzo
Double Pinochle.....	Marge Garvey, Bill Jacobson
August 23	
6520 (1st Place).....	Bill Jacobson
6410 (2nd Place).....	Al Lecher



Mondays, Wednesdays
& Saturdays

Walter Balderson, Director
(Top leaders listed for each playdate)

Monday, July 23	
N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson Harriet Sanner, Beverly Gibbo
E/W:	Betty Sagun, Ella Van Dorn Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Wednesday, July 25	
1.	Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
2.	Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
3.	Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine
Saturday, July 28	
N/S:	Bob Zeman, Jana Packer Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
E/W:	Jean Rhame, Dorothy Ehlers Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Monday, July 30	
N/S:	Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson Beverly Gibbo, Nita Akers
E/W:	Bob Zeman, Jana Packer Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Wednesday, Aug. 1	
1.	Jana Packer, Bob Zeman
2.	Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
3.	Beverly Gibbo, Nita Akers
Saturday, Aug. 4	
N/S:	Kathy Caithness, Walter Balderson Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W:	Georgia Jensen, Lu Erskine Jana Packer, Bob Zeman
Monday, Aug. 6	
N/S:	Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle Walter Balderson, Kathy Caithness
E/W:	Bob Zeman, Jana Packer Orletha Van Etten, Joan Moore
June 6	
2130.....	Fran Peck
2040.....	Muriel Landau
July 4	
2400.....	Mary Power
2240.....	Muriel Landau
July 18	
2180.....	Ann Gehrling
2110.....	Fran Peck
July 25	
1990.....	Muriel Landau
1330.....	Elsie Toth
Aug 1	
2310.....	Elsie Toth
1480.....	Fran Peck



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Muriel Landau

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Duplicate bridge lessons will resume in November. Please make your reservations by calling Walter at 727-791-4574.

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EUCHRE RETURNS

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Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Friday Morning

Super Wal-Mart

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

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Tuesday Afternoon

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & U.S. 19)

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & U.S. 19)

Friday Afternoon

Super Wal-Mart

Paradise/West Side.. 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

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

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

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

Resident Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid activity card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
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- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
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- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
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COFFEE CORNER

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The main ballroom décor has changed, thanks to the Entertainment Committee who added the "Starlight Room."

Come visit and have a cup of coffee! The cost is a minimal 40 cents; a donut is 60 cents. The proceeds help other clubs and groups here at On Top of the World.

So come visit your recreation center, see the changes and enjoy a cup of coffee at your Coffee Corner!

The OTOW newsroom will be closed through Monday, Sept. 3

Seasonal Residents-Temporary Address Change

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for a temporary change of address as you move to your seasonal address. You will still need to make a temporary change of address through the U.S. Postal Service for your regular mail service.

OTOW Change of Address Form

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Forwarding Phone Number: _____

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