



Postal workers enjoy greetings from smiling OTOW residents

By Doug Kates

You already know there are 91 buildings at On Top of the World and you already know there are about 10,000 residents here when we are at full capacity.

But did you ever see a mail truck drive by and wonder how many people it takes to deliver the daily mail to our entire community?

Fifty?

Twenty?

A dozen?

The answer might surprise you - eight!

On a normal delivery day, eight people make sure the mail is delivered to residents on time. Each day, someone has a day off, and someone has to cover for another delivery person, but the number of routes is always the same.

Eight is a low number and eight is a precious number. Anytime one of those routes opens up, there could be 20-30 postal employees requesting to fill it.

Why?

"We get to know our customers," said Christine Brand, delivery person and OTOW resident. "Here it's person to person. On other routes you are just delivering to a box and you don't know who's on the other end."

Christine's co-workers agree.

The normal city route means driving a mail truck stop-and-go from mailbox to mailbox and rarely getting out to even stretch your legs. Rarely does a delivery person see another person, a smiling face, or even get a chance to say "hello."

Vic Pellegrino said each day he can count on at least one resident looking out the window waiting for his mail truck to pull up. Then, when he grabs his bag and heads toward a core, usually there is someone to greet him and say "hello."

Yes, On Top of the World condos are unique, but six-year veteran Joe Midgett said buildings are not the reason why he enjoys going to work each day.

"We see people," he said.

"Nobody looks at architecture when working an (OTOW postal) job," Vic said.

"Buildings don't have personalities," said Darren Sprague. "People do."

Among the eight people who deliver here regularly, only three have the privilege of starting their day here and going home from here. For people like Darren, the day starts at OTOW, but he has to finish by opening and closing mailboxes along Route 19 and constantly watching traffic - a chore which isn't much fun.

Joe apparently has one of the more cherished routes at OTOW, and being a veteran of the postal system, he has earned that route. But he did say, on occasion, others have asked to trade routes with him. His answer comes quickly - "no thanks."

DruAnn Lovelly said she has come to know her customers so well, she occasionally gets to say things like "Happy Birthday."

"I am a social person," DruAnn said. "Once in a while I do get a grumpy resident, but by the time they leave me, I've turned them around with a smile."

And if you think about it, hand-delivering something like a birthday card is becoming more and more rare these days. Most people use the Internet for sending greetings, but at OTOW, residents still enjoy sending and receiving cards.

Overall, about 2,000 pieces of mail are delivered per carrier, per day, during the summer. That adds up to about 15,000-20,000 pieces of new mail each day for the community.

During the month of December, that tally can be as high as 3,000-4,000 pieces of mail per carrier, per day, or close to 30,000 pieces of mail a day. As DruAnn pointed out, that figure doesn't even include magazines and advertisements.

Lastly, and this is important, mail carriers at OTOW want to remind everyone how important it is to notify the post office when you are away from home for an extended period of time. Mail piling up becomes a problem, as does not knowing when to restart deliveries. Mail that isn't picked up also leads to questions about your well-being.

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Vic Pellegrino, Christine Brand, DruAnn Lovelly and Joe Midgett are four of your eight delivery people for On Top of the World.



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Preventative maintenance is the name of the game

Hurricane Season

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 push 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 on 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 as well, and also ready to clean up personal items that may become missiles in high winds. 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 and closed secure.

I will again remind all residents that shutters and awnings must have a wind rating and 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 these older awnings are damaged in a wind storm event, they 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.

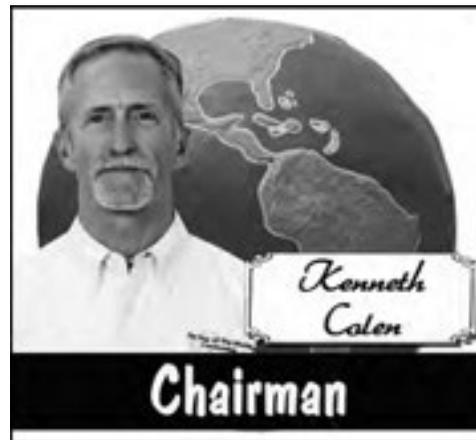
Prevent Expensive Losses

Last month, I reminded you to inspect your water heater. For September, I want to focus on your air handler.

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Water damage can be very expensive to repair, even more so if you've failed to keep your homeowner's insurance in place. Your air conditioner is the owner's responsibility to maintain, repair or replace. It is a simple matter to contract with a reputable air conditioning contractor for preventive maintenance two times a year.

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This device is available at cost, through our Community Service Office. Look for the display advertisement in this paper for more detail.

Speaking of Expensive Losses

If your condo has a washer or dryer that was not part of the original construction, it needs to be inspected by a licensed plumber, electrician, and appliance specialist.

Many of the "boot-leg" installations violate Standard Building Codes because they are (1) not properly wired into the house electrical panel and are at imminent risk of causing an electrical fire, (2) are not properly drained and present a flood hazard, and (3) the dryers are improperly vented into the space between the floors, thus creating a very serious fire hazard to both you and your neighbors.

TALK ABOUT A TRIPLE PLAY OF HAZARDS!

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Waterproofing: The fronts of Buildings 18 and 31 will have new paint coatings applied in September. Remember, all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

Flooring replacements in the center cores are continuing on schedule. Building 85 will have the second and third floors improved in September.

Hardwired smoke detector installations will start on Buildings 30, 31 and 32 in September. Management company representatives will be going door-to-door to advise you of your specific installation time frame.

Again, we appreciate your cooperation. So far, installations have been going along well with only minimal delay.

Annual fire hydrant inspections will be performed in September, as will wet-pipe inspections for buildings so equipped in the Paradise section of property.

Ongoing construction projects

Spall repairs on the walkways at Buildings 60 will continue through late September/Mid-October.

Repairs on a section of the second floor walkway at Building 18a are scheduled to begin the last week of August and wrap up by late September, pending county mandated inspections.

Header and window sill repairs are ongoing as needed, as are sidewalk and walkway repairs. Sidewalk panel replacements (lifting due to tree roots /cracked from other events) at various locations on property will be ongoing this summer (the trees always win).

Structural inspections and correction program (an inspection process by the management's construction department that affects repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) will continue

through the late summer and fall months. As building's age, more detailed inspection and assessments are required. Timely reporting of maintenance matters, by residents, is helpful to the continuing success of this program.

Compliance inspections by the Inspection Services division of the management company are ongoing. The focus is on addressing of overplanted or unmaintained landscape around all building common areas, and clutter enforcement. This includes the tagging and removal of excessive furnishings placed in the center core, walkways, and end stairwell areas. Remember, much of the material placed there may actually violate the life safety code for building access.

Water meter box number re-stenciling is continuing through September, with the conclusion of this improvement coming by late October.

Awning inspections (all buildings) are ongoing. The management company has reported numerous awnings in disrepair or weak attachments. In some cases, the method of mounting has damaged the building to such an extent, that the awning must be removed.

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

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This month's volunteers:

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A landscaping project was recently completed on the World Parkway side of the East Activity Center. Where once a lone palm tree stood, there are new flowers and newly-planted grass. New grass was also installed along the fence outside the pool and new plants were added to outline the pool area. Think this is beautiful. The other side of the EAC is scheduled for landscape work next. *(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)*



Important Dates to Remember

As a reminder, the AAA Senior Defensive Driver Safety Class will be offered at the East Activity Center in the Starlite Room.

AAA replaces AARP, which ran the class for many years.

The AAA class will take place over a two-day period starting Thursday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon and the second part will be held Friday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

You must drop off your registration form no later than Friday, Sept. 6, in the Newspaper Office, located in the East Activity Center. The cost for the class is \$15. Payment is due when you arrive for the first class. Additional classes will be offered in October. Forms are available in the OTOW newspaper.

The Florida Licensing on Wheels bus was on property Friday, Aug. 16. We had such a positive turnout that the F.L.O.W. bus will be back at the East Activity Center North parking lot on Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Remember, if you need to renew your license, or simply make an address change, you can do so conveniently without leaving the On Top of the World community.

Also, the Pinellas County yearly Haz-To-Go Mobil collection will be taking place at the East Activity Center- Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to noon and at the West Activity Center on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. Items such as paint, fluorescent bulbs, batteries or household cleaners, can be brought to the specified collection site and dropped off at no cost to you.

We continue to make changes and upgrades to the East and West Activity Centers. Our most recent project at the West Activity Center included completion of the men's and ladies' restrooms, and the hallway located off the lobby. The restrooms received a complete renovation while the hallway received new tile.

The library in the East Activity Center will be relocated to the Blue Room, located across the hall.

We have completed landscaping on the South side of the East Activity Center, which looks great! Watch for our "Pardon our Dust" signs and for all the new and exciting projects we have planned.

Finally, I would like to send out a big "Thank You" to our residents who have been patient during all our renovation process this summer.

I would also like to thank the SCA team for their hard work and dedication.

Service dogs provide more than directions - they are great companions

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

Some of you might remember the article written about our prestigious neighbor, George Rorick, in the January 2012 paper. At that time, the picture taken of George also included his faithful service dog, Leo.

George, a Brahman resident, received Leo after he began losing his eyesight caused by macular degeneration.

I never realized the process that is involved with acquiring a service dog. Recently, I had an opportunity to speak to George about his experience.

You see, Leo passed away last year after being a great companion and service dog to him for seven years.

Although George missed Leo, he also began to miss the companionship and independence he found having him. The quest began, and fortunately for George, he knew just who to call to get a new dog.

Leo came from a great organization called Southeastern Guide Dogs (SGD).

Throughout his career, George traveled often and had met Bob Green, who is a Southeastern Guide Dog volunteer breeder host. Bob was the person instrumental in George getting his first Service Dog. When George felt ready, he made the call and the process began again.

Southeastern Guide Dogs organization is a non-profit since 1982. Southeastern Guide Dogs is accredited by the International Guide Dog Federation in Reading, England, and is a member of the Council of U.S. Dog Guide Schools.

The services are free to the recipient and funded by donations and volunteers who do the breeding, raising, training and caring for the dogs until they are ready to be with a recipi-



George and Perle

ent.

The cost of each dog is \$60,000 from conception through their working life.

On the other hand, the cost of services, equipment, instruction, lodging and meals to an individual recipient of a guide dog is \$0.

The Website, GuideDogs.org,

provides a great deal of information for those needing this service or may just be curious about it.

A woman, who wanted to honor her recently deceased mom, gave a \$3,000 donation in the name of George's new dog, Perle. George felt obliged to keep the name.

The only dogs bred for this work

are Labradors, Golden Retrievers and Goldadors (Golden and Lab mix). A recipient's dog is about 2 or 2 1/2 years old when they meet. At this age, they are ready to go to their new owner and have mastered some general skills.

It takes several volunteers from the dog's birth to this point for a service dog to reach this level. The first contact is a volunteer who may play with them, house-break them, and do simple tasks to get them used to training.

At about nine weeks, there is an exchange to another volunteer, called a "Puppy Raiser," who socializes with the dog, street trains them and loves them, then returns them for the next phase.

They are ready for placement with a person in need of a companion service dog.

First, the recipient attends the training facility, located in Palmetto, Fla., for 26 to 28 days to meet the service dog they will have for life. After six months, a trainer visits the new home and recipient for a follow-up visit to ensure the dog and master are doing well.

Students train dogs in Palmetto at a 35-acre campus for 26 days, venturing from a secluded Freedom Walk out to city streets, shopping malls, and public transportation.

There are follow-up interviews by phone with students who have just left class and they will have a follow-up visit in their home area. Follow-up is an essential part of the program as SGD provides a lifetime commitment to all of the guide dog pairs.

George and Perle are doing great together. The challenge George says is she still wants to play a lot.

I said to George, remember, "Girls just want to have fun."

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Don't let your kids pick your next TV

I was supposed to be on vacation.

You know, drenching myself in my sister's swimming pool, doing the backstroke in my mom's swimming pool, and riding floats in my cousin's swimming pool ...

But it didn't turn out that way.

Moments after arriving back home in Western New York to spend a week on vacation, mom advised me it was time for her to get a new TV set.

She was under extreme pressure to make a change. Her brother said her current set was too small. Her own daughter called the whole entertainment system "embarrassing." Her friends said the system was ancient.

My mom is 83. She watches Lawrence Welk, the news, and Law & Order. She really didn't need anything special. She just wanted everyone to stop telling her she needed a new set.

So the first thing I did was measure. Her entertainment system left enough room for a 28 inch TV screen - her current set was 27 inches.

"Mom," I said. "Would you like another 27 or a 28?"

"I would like something a little bigger than what I have right now," she insisted. "Mainly, I just want a clearer picture like everyone else has in their



living rooms."

My research moved on to several department stores over the next two days. Low and behold, I discovered that 28-inch TVs were actually 28.4 inches wide and none of them fit my mom's entertainment system.

"Mom," I said. "We have a problem. We're either going to have to stick with 27 inches or buy you a new system altogether."

That was the wrong thing to say.

"I don't need a big TV," mom said. "I like the cabinet I have. I don't want to lose my shelves and drawers."

On day three of my vacation, my sister talked me into showing mom the latest in TV tables, which are made of glass, are very fashionable, and can

hold a wide variety of TV sizes. The downfall, you lose drawers and shelves.

We went to a department store and mom looked everything over, but she still held strong that she just wanted her little-ole, same-size set, at a reasonable price, and didn't want to make a big deal of the change.

Well, that idea all came to an end when my sister arrived at the store.

"Look at this set mom! Look at that one over there mom!"

My sister was pointing out 32-inch, 34-inch and 36-inch TV screens.

Soon my mom's head began going in circles.

My sister said "what a beautiful TV table. Look at that one over there. How beautiful. This would look great in your apartment!"

In a matter of seconds, we went from a conservative TV upgrade to remodeling my mom's entire living room.

The store helpers, of course, took my sister's side and said "this is what everyone is buying."

My sister kept repeating words like "small, dinky and old-fashioned" when looking at any sets under 30-inches.

Finally, it was time for my mother to speak, and the store went silent.

"I'll buy the 39-inch," she said.

"And that (state-of-the-art) table over there."

I was in shock!

Hours later I was pushing a 39-inch HD-TV into my mom's living room and pushing the old 100-pound entertainment system away from a wall.

On day four of my vacation, I hooked up the new TV, reattached her DVD player and reattached her stereo.

On day five I visited her cable company and upgraded mom with an HD converter.

On day six I discovered my mom's TV had to be on in order for her to listen to the stereo (which isn't right) so I purchased new speakers and rewired the whole darn stereo system.

Finally, on day seven, it was time to go swimming. Unfortunately, the nightly temperatures were in the low 50s and no one's pool water was heated. My sister's pool was 71 degrees. My mom's pool was 73 degrees. My cousin's pool was 72 degrees.

After researching swimming pool temperatures and realizing I was not getting wet on this vacation, I reluctantly turned to mom and said, "what else needs to be done?"

We went out and bought a new cell phone ...

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Don't allow businesses to take advantage of you - get the work done at a reasonable offer

Since my article last month, I have received information from a few residents regarding potential scams in the community.

One resident relayed the following story:

In early spring, this year, a resident received a telephone solicitation from an air conditioning company that offered an inspection of his HVAC system for \$39.99 with a free follow-up in the summer.

It sounded like a good deal at the time, however, during the follow-up visit this summer, the company attempted to charge him an additional \$39 for the "free" follow-up visit. The company also proposed installing a UV light system, which would "lengthen the life expectancy of his air handler" for \$1,800.

The resident became suspicious and asked for the proposal in writing, but was told "the company does not issue proposals in writing. They only provide good faith, verbal quotes."

At that time, the resident declined to do further business with this company and avoided a certain fleeing.

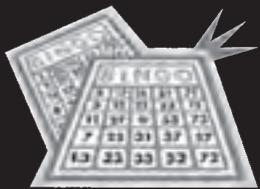
I wish more of these situations ended so well!

The take-away is this: Beware of offers (not vetted through OTOW News) that state "an exclusive offer or special discounts for On Top of the World residents." Typically these offers are simply a way to get their foot in your door. Company advertising that does not include phone numbers, contact information, county and state license, or certifications and insurance information, is typically not a licensed, insured or bonded company.

We urge you to be extra cautious when you are selecting services such as personal assistants, housekeeping, meal preparation and personal drivers (especially if they want to drive your car).

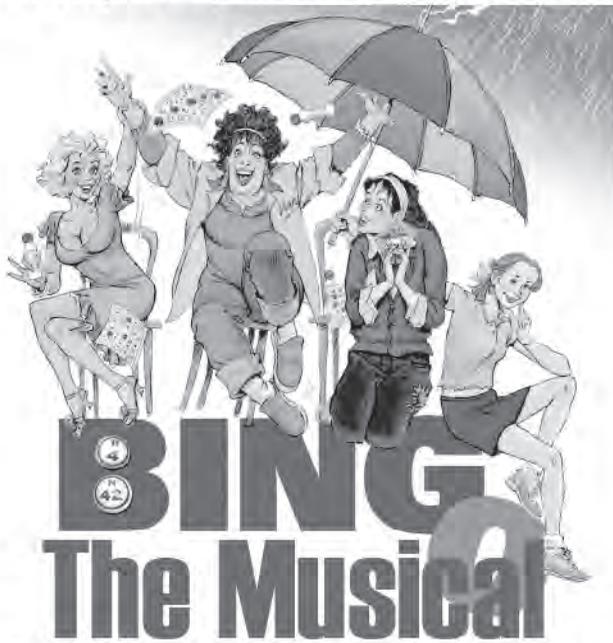
We also caution you on using the services of any company that places advertisements on the bulletin boards in the center cores, as well as companies that attempt solicitation in the OTOW community door-to-door. They obviously do not respect the no soliciting rules in the community, so it is doubtful they will follow the guidelines and rules for any type of work they are proposing.

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Don't trust downloadable legal forms

Q. I've looked at some online legal forms and they seem pretty comprehensive to me. What do you say about them?

A. It is my understanding that all of these forms, or almost all of them, are computerized forms that are prepared by folks who do not live in Florida and therefore are not always up-to-date on the many changes in Florida law.

Additionally, I've found that many, many times, the forms are not filled out properly, no matter what the instructions say.

It just seems to me that if someone needs legal advice, including needing some type of legal document, it only makes sense to meet with an attorney of your choosing. In fact, I recently had someone come to my office because a durable power of attorney, who she had signed by her grand uncle, was not accepted by his bank.

The woman, who brought me the power of attorney, had downloaded from one of those legal forms Website. The form was wrong, and to make matters worse, it was not properly signed and not properly witnessed. Therefore, it failed.

Look, you can say that since I am an attorney, I would say this, but here goes anyway: There are some legal documents that deal with matters of such great significance that it really is best to retain an attorney who practices law in that particular field and then pay his or her fee for the advice and the documents. If you don't do that, and you download the wrong document or it is filled-out wrong or is incorrectly signed, you could easily have a serious, and perhaps, not solv-



able problem.

Q. I am a U.S. citizen who has no close relatives and no friends who I would want to name as personal representative of my Will or as the person on my durable power of attorney and certainly not on my living will.

I do have some former in-laws who live in (a European country). We are very close and I see them at least 1 or two times a year. Can I name them?

A. Florida is rather quirky when it comes to naming someone as a personal representative of a Will. Basically, a person cannot qualify as the personal representative of a Will unless he or she is a blood relative or is a resident of Florida.

Interestingly, this does not apply to naming someone on a durable power of attorney or an Advance Directive. In other words, you can name your non-Florida resident friends in your durable power of attorney and in your Advance Directive, but you can't name them to be the personal representative of your Will.

Q. I live (in Florida) and I want to name my son as the personal rep-

resentative of my Will. I also want him to get all my assets when I pass on. I have a daughter, who I want to get nothing at all. My lawyer says that I have to leave her a part of my estate no matter what. Do you agree?

A. No. I do not agree.

I sincerely hope that you misunderstood your attorney and therefore, I suggest that you call him/her and ask if you understood correctly that you must leave your daughter something in your Will.

I can tell you that Florida does not require that a person has to leave any amount at all, to a child or other relative or to anyone for that matter. Now, understand this: I am ONLY talking about what you can do if you have a Will. If you do not have a Will, then you will not be able to control how your assets are distributed at your passing. Florida law governs that.

So in my opinion, it is imperative that everyone at least have a Will — but don't forget to include a durable power of attorney and an Advance Directive. They are important too.

Q. I have read your columns and I know you aren't much on having living trusts. My daughter and son are insisting that I have one draw up. What do you say?

A. I say you should tell them to pay for it.

Scam alert: The latest scam I heard about is one where you get a call from someone claiming to be with the "Do-not-call" registry.

The caller claims they need personal information, such as social security numbers and bank account

numbers. Immediately hang up the phone! The real Do-not-call folks do not call you. You can get on it by going to www.DoNotCall.gov. There's no charge.

Second scam alert: The "certified copy of deed" scam is still alive and well. If you get any kind of letter about you needing a certified copy of your deed, throw that letter away. You NEVER need a certified copy of your deed. NEVER.

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Great balls of fire and smashed pianos

Jerry Lee Lewis, one of the most eccentric Rock & Rollers of all time, was born in Louisiana to a very musical family. He is first cousin to Mickey Gilley and TV Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart.

Jerry was raised in the Assembly of God beliefs where dance music was the music of the devil, and drinking and going to honky tonks was a direct route to hell.

Jerry was a child prodigy and began playing the piano at the age of eight. He began to mix his church music with Rock & Roll, along with a touch of country with a heavy accent



Walter
Balderson

Inside Showbiz

on the Rock & Roll.

One day Jerry walked into Sun Records in Memphis, made a demo and was immediately signed to a contract. He was to be the next big Rock & Roll star.

So what happened?

Sun Records was just about to explode.

In walked Elvis and the studio went wild. It didn't take long for everyone to realize that Elvis, not Jerry Lee, was going to be their next big star.

Even though Jerry had been upstaged by Elvis, he did get a big break on the popular Steve Allen Show. Knowing the power of TV, Jerry pulled out all the stops with an explosive rendition of "A Lot of Shaking Going On" followed by "Great Balls of Fire."

From out of nowhere, "Great

Balls of Fire" rose to the top of all the charts, including Pop, R&B and Country.

Jerry's personal life was marked by many tragedies. Two of his sons and two of his six wives died accidentally. Because of his off-stage problems, he was panned all over Europe on his first trip abroad. Coming back to the States, he went through six years of rejection and his fee dropped from \$10,000 per performance to a mere \$250.

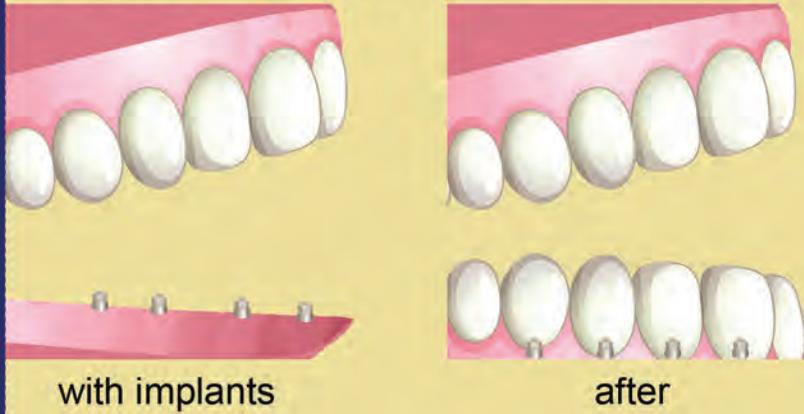
But in spite of all his troubles, Jerry Lee Lewis is still performing and tearing up pianos in clubs and venues all around America.

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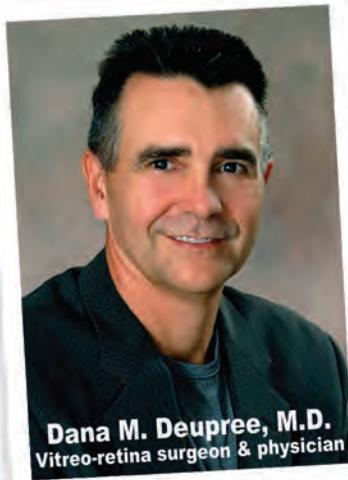
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7 AM looking at the 14th hole tee box and 13th hole green.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

Have faith - we will golf on dry ground soon!

By Pete Milner

Here we are ... the beginning of September ... and the most enjoyable time to be playing golf is just ahead of us.

Soon the weather will be getting to a point when we can play a round of golf without being soaking wet by the fourth hole!

We haven't been very lucky weath-

er-wise this summer. Seems like, when Wednesday starts to get close, it rains on Tuesday and the carts are prohibited on the course.

It would be idealistic to think there would be an easy fix to the water and soggy land problems, but that is not the case. I was at a local eatery one day and happened to overhear a conversation at the next

table. Eight men, obvious golfers, were talking about how wet it's been at several courses, so it seems most courses in our area are having the same problem.

One of the men recounted that he stepped out of a golf cart into a soggy spot and his shoe got stuck and came right off his foot.

When we do get permission to take

golf carts out, common sense must be the rule of the day. Don't drive near the wet areas. We should all know by now where we can drive and where we should walk.

Please remember, our Association rules state that unless we can play all 18 holes with carts, there will be no league play. Please be patient. Better days are coming.



Newcomers

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Time to start planning your return trip to Florida

By Rick McLauchlan

For most of us, Aug. 1 means we have passed the mid-point of our stay in Canada and the start of the countdown to the return to our Florida homes for 2013-14.

We should be thinking now of how to prepare ourselves for a healthy and safe return to the sunny South.

Here are some suggestions covering health and home.

Health: It is wise to make sure that you have arranged for and attended medical check-ups (doctors, dentists and eye specialists, etc.). If you have a need for medications, it is advisable to arrange with your pharmacy for an adequate supply to last you for the length of time that you will be away. Carry with you a detailed list of the medica-



tions that have been prescribed. Make arrangements for out of country travel medical insurance.

Home: If you can place your phone, Internet and television services on hiatus while you are away, it would be the most advisable.

Make sure your answering machine message states that you "can't take a call at this time." Do not say you

are away from home.

Make sure that lights are on timers to give the impression that you are home. Make sure water is turned off and that you have made arrangements to have your Canadian residence visited regularly in accordance with the provision of your home insurance policy.

Notify credit card companies of your departure and length of time away.

Cancel newspapers and have your mail redirected.

Before you leave for Florida, call ahead to set-up for your arrival by arranging for telephone, television, Internet and other services, such as water softener, to be started on an appropriate date.

Next month we will consider travel documents, and what might be considered when you arrive at On Top of the World.

Remember, we have scheduled social games on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

For more information contact Jill and Rob Orchard at 669-5011.

Club registration will take place 6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22 in the EAC. More information will follow in the November newspaper.

You can also follow on the On Top of the World Box Office Website. Visit otowclearwaterinfo.com. Click Rec Centers and Amenities and look for the Box Office link. Once there, bookmark the home page for an easier return.

Press Association meeting set for Oct. 3

By Doug Kates

After four months off without a meeting, it's time for the Press Association to get back to business.

The first meeting of the fall season will take place 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3, in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

Press Association

New reporters are urged to attend. Returning reporters are asked to attend. We have a lot of business to go over.

Be expected to discuss the upcoming Writer's Workshop in November, the holiday luncheon in early December and the annual Holiday Lights Contest in late December.

We will also remind reporters about our writing styles and answer any questions the newcomers might

have.

This will be the second meeting of the season. Reporters must attend at least three meetings and write at least three articles to qualify for the Appreciation Luncheon in April.

Any questions, call Doug in the newsroom at 799-3216.



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Hurricane Tip Page

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. With that in mind, this page contains 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.terrapin.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>

Baby Boomers turning a variety of events into parties

By Valerie Martin

Our Baby Boomers group enjoyed a free, backstage tour of the Straz theater in Tampa.

We have been beating the heat with "cool in the pool" get-togethers in the West Activity Center pool.

We also have been going to Zumba classes, pool exercises, the dog races, the movies, the beach, local festivals, restaurants, dancing, performances at Ruth Eckerd Hall and for early morning bike rides and kayaking.

We had a good time at the Line Dancing and Zumba party hosted by Barb and Julie. Thanks to the Entertainment Committee for hosting wonderful music by Louie Bravo and Ralph Rogers.

At the end of August, we celebrated a special birthday with a fun party. In September, the Baby Boomers will be sharing fun times at a Labor Day picnic, a wine tasting and a Beatles sing-along at a local British restaurant.

Plans are set for some of our members to enjoy a five-day Carnival cruise



Baby Boomers get a look backstage at the Straz Theater in Tampa. (OTOW News photo by George Swiderski)

together in October. We look forward to our "Boomerang Party" (Glad to be Back Party) in November, where we will welcome our Snowbirds.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday, and the third Thursday, of every

month, at 6 p.m. and usually in the Veranda Room in the East Activity Center. On Sept. 4, the meeting will be in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room (due to a members-only event following that meeting).



Baby Boomers

Our second September meeting will be on Sept. 26 in the Veranda Room. Those interested in joining the Baby Boomers Group are welcome at the meetings and should bring their current On Top of the World Recreation Cards.

After our meetings, we usually adjourn for a "chat social." In our group, everyone participates in making things happen by sharing ideas, organizing activities and rotating the role of leading our meetings.

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JESTERS

By Marvin Flam

The Jesters February show is set in a Hollywood movie studio and features 10 decades of movie music, dance and comedy history, which is guaranteed to bring back fond memories.

One of the numbers is Tchaikovsky's Dance of the Sugar Plum Faires from Disney's Fantasia, which features dancers, costumes and feats of magic (see photo).

Woven into this background is the murder mystery that will be solved by the hard detective work of Lt. Charlotte Chan, granddaughter by marriage of Charlie Chan, with assistance in cameo appearances by movie detective favorites, such as Miss Jane Marple, James Bond, Hercule Poirot, Nick and Nora Charles, Ellery Queen, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson.

The Creative Team of directors Evelyn Flam and Remo Melucci, cho-



From left to right are wizards Betty Baker and Donna Ryan perform great feats of magic in a scene from Disney's 'Fantasia.'

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

reographer Donna Ryan, musician Bernee Krause, and Joanne Marick, Tony Baker and Pat Sprouse, have

pulled the Jesters' February show, "Fifty Shades - The Musical," together and will present it at the first General Meeting of the year on Sept. 11 at 7

p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Leading up to the first show performance on Friday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m., Jester members will be busy with ticket sales, costumes, scenery, props and working on the sound and lighting arrangements for the show assisted by the Entertainment Committee Crew.

To date, several new members have joined, along with several veteran Jesters.

Still, the creative team is looking for singers and dancers to fill many open show spots. We have room for everyone who wants to be a part of the fun, so visit with us at our first general meeting. During September, visit with us on Mondays and Thursdays at the EAC auditorium between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and learn what we are doing.

Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. in the EAC auditorium.

For more information, call Marvin at 727-797-1761 or e-mail us at jestfun21@gmail.com. You can also watch for updates on the Box Office Web Site.

Don't miss the opportunity, join us "Jest for Fun!"



Philosophy Club

By Bob Reis

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

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

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

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



Singles Club

Ice cream social Sept. 7

By Mary Widman

Welcome back to all our members. Hope everyone had a great summer!

We look forward to seeing you all at our meeting at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 in the East Activity Center.

Our meeting will include an ice cream social free for all paid members. Join us to hear all the activities planned for the upcoming year. We hope to see you there.

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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.

We don't get old - we just get crispy

I woke up and lifted my arms today.

I turned my neck and everything cracked.

I came to the conclusion ... I'm not old – just crispy!

When I woke up this morning, there were no wrinkles in sight and the house was spotless.

The garden looked lovely and my grumpy husband looked like George Clooney.

Never again will I put on my glasses.

Men wake up as good looking as

Marge
Mayer



Marge's Humor

when they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

A man has six items in his bathroom: tooth brush, tooth paste, shaving cream, razor, bar soap and towel.

The average number of items in a women's bathroom is 337 – and no man can identify more than 20 of

them.

Men think it's a woman's dream to find a perfect man, but a woman's real dream is to eat anything and not get fat.

I don't exercise – it spills my coffee.

Vodka is awesome water.

At my age, happy hour is a nap.

I'm not overweight.

I'm not tall.

I'm not fat.

I'm just blessed with abundance.

I tried all the machines at the gym, but the only ones I kept going back to were the vending machines.

I cook using the four food groups: canned, boxed, bagged and frozen.

When you retire to Florida, five things happen:

1. You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon.

2. All purchases include a coupon of some kind – even on houses and cars.

3. Everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist.

4. Road construction never ends.

5. Cars in front of you often appear to be driven by headless people.

All of us can learn a lesson from the weather - it pays no attention to criticism.

It takes 17 muscles to smile and it takes 43 muscles to frown.

So keep smiling and avoid the wrinkles!

View this newspaper Online

Did you know you can view this On Top of the World newspaper Online?

Did you know readers from 24 different states and Canada read this newspaper Online last month?

Are you aware of some recent changes that were made as to where you can view this newspaper and past editions?

Simply visit otowclearwater.info.com and click "Community Information" at the top of the page.

Once there, scroll down until you see the OTOW newspaper banner. Press where it states "Click here to view this month's newspaper."

You will be redirected to the Press Association's own Website, complete with current newspaper and newspapers from the past 12 months.

Once you've reached this page, bookmark it, so you can easily return to view new and old newspapers.

Also on this site, you will be able to see what pets are in the running for Pet of the Year. Soon, you will be able to vote for the best decorated holiday condo.

And in case you haven't visited the Box Office Website yet, find the link on the Press Association page and enjoy the latest information OTOW has to offer online.

Golf balls matter the most

In the beginning, there was nothing. Then God said, "let there be light!" And there was light. There was still nothing, but you could see it a whole lot better.

The guy who invented the first wheel was an idiot. The guy who invented the other three wheels was a genius.

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

And if the toast always lands butter-side down, and cats always land on their feet, what happens if you strap toast on the back of a cat?

A sweet, On Top of the World resident walks into the library and says, "I'd like a hamburger, large fries and a Coke, please." The puzzled librarian asks, "What did you say?" Cranking up her voice a little louder, our sweet resident impatiently bellows, "I SAID I WANTED A HAMBURGER, LARGE FRIES AND A COKE, PLEASE. CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?" The librarian smiles and says, "Sweetie, look around. See where you are." Our OTOW citizen looks around and suddenly understands. "Oh. I am so sorry. You're absolutely right." The resident then leans closer to the librarian and whispers, "I'd like a hamburger, large fries and a Coke, please."

A professor stood before his philosophy class holding a large and empty pickle jar. When the class began, he proceeded to fill the jar with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the same jar. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the same jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. The professor asked one more time if the jar was full. The class responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced a bottle of chocolate milk from under the table and poured it into the same jar filling the empty space between the sand.

The students laughed.



By Allen Winston

Winston's World

"Now," the professor said. "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things ... your family, your children, your health and your friends. The pebbles are the other things that matter ... like your job, your home and your car. The sand is everything else ... the small stuff.

If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles and golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that make you happy. Play with your children, take care of your health, make plans to travel, and enjoy dinners with friends and family. There will always be time to clean the house. Take care of the golf balls first ... the things that really matter. Set your priorities ... the rest is just sand.

One student asked, "What about the chocolate milk?"

The professor responded, "No matter how full your life seems, there's always room for chocolate."

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First business meeting set for Oct. 11

By Mary Skaarer

Greetings to all members and prospective members.

While many of us are still enjoying our summer, either up North or elsewhere, I truly hope you are all having a fun time.

As for myself, I enjoyed visiting family and friends, attending graduations and parties galore, together with our family reunion. It certainly was a very memorable Summer.

Looking forward now to our next season, which is just around the cor-



Irish Club

ner.

I want to bring your attention to all the fun events that are planned. As the saying goes, "The best is yet to come."

So it is with the On Top of the

World Irish Club. Check out our Website, www.irishclub.com, to get a complete preview of all the upcoming events with dates and times. From all accounts, once again this should be a very fun season for all to enjoy.

I am looking forward to have all of our members and prospective new members in attendance to enjoy all the fun.

Our first business meeting of the season will be held on Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

Upcoming events for the season will be discussed in detail together with other business matters. Also, membership renew and new membership will be available at this meeting.

You can also purchase tickets for events every Monday and Thursday mornings between the hours of 8:30-10:30 a.m. in EAC starting in late September or early October.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

"May the Sun shine warmly on your face until we meet again"

Hazardous junk pickup set for November at OTOW

The Haz-To-Go trailer will be visiting On Top of the World in November and will give residents an opportunity to remove household electronic and chemical products which could otherwise pose a hazardous threat.

The trailer will be available to Eastside residents from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the East Activity Center near the tennis courts.

The trailer will be available to West-

Haz-To-Go

side residents from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Nov. 7, at the West Activity Center near the dog park.

Disposable electronic equipment consists of camcorders, CD players, cell phones, smartphones, computers, copiers, digital cameras, DVD players, Fax machines, GPS units, marine

depth finders, microwave ovens, pagers, portable music players, printers, toner cartridges, stereo equipment, telephones, TVs, VCRs and video game players.

Accepted chemicals include, automotive fluids, batteries, cleaners, cooking oils, fertilizers, fluorescent bulbs, mercury-containing devices, fuels, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, motor oil, paint, paint remover, paint

thinner, pesticides, pool chemicals, smoke detectors, solvents and wood preservatives.

There is no cost to On Top of the World residents.

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Watch for more information in future editions of this newspaper and on OTOW-TV channels 96/720.

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Ice cream is a good source of fuel for line dancers

By Julie Narancich

Part of our summer line dancing fun included our annual Ice Cream Party with all the fixings.

A special thank you to Lynn Anzalone and Loni Bentley for coordinating this wonderful event.

It's always great to visit with everyone before we burn off the calories line dancing.

Once again, Cele Radeloff took care of the raffle and the lucky winners were Lil Cervinka, Mary Becker and one of our newcomers, Bing Sickles.

A great time was had by all!

Mary Becker is still collecting the annual membership fee of \$5 from our members. Please remember to present your On Top of the World identification card, along with your money, to Mary.

Please join us as any time is a great time to learn line dancing.



Line Dancing

We have wonderful individual instruction and provide patience and 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.

The beginner lessons begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for 30 minutes. The beginner lessons are extremely helpful.

We welcome everyone and you are welcome to bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women



Line dancers fill up on ice cream before burning it off on dance floor.

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!

Daily schedules right on your Box Office Website

It's Tuesday morning. Maybe you forgot what time the Computer Club meets?

Maybe you're looking for something to do at 10 a.m.

Maybe you want to try something new, but don't know what is on the schedule for today.

You need to check out the new Box Office Website. As soon as you enter, the daily schedule is the first thing you see.

You will discover the Computer Club meets at 9 a.m. You will notice Ballroom Dancing is at 10:30 a.m. You might even see there is a jewelry-making class at 9 a.m. and you might consider taking it.

Go to:

otowclearwaterinfo.com and click the Rec Center and Amenities page. In the link section you will see "Box Office." Click it, then save it as a bookmark for future reference.



Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at OTOW

<u>Time</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Description</u>
7:00 AM	Coffee Corner	Community Service	Auditorium	
8:00 AM	Ladies Exercise	Class	East Side Gym	
8:30 AM	Exercise Class	Exercise	East Side Gym	
9:00 AM	Computer Club	Community Service	Computer Room	Computer help
9:00 AM	Sharing	Community Service	Crafts Room	
9:00 AM	Slimnastics	Exercise	East Side Gym	
9:00 AM	Jewelry Making	Other	Lapidary	
9:00 AM	Water Exercise Class	Exercise	East Side Pool	
10:00 AM	Philosophy Club	Meeting	Veranda	
10:30 AM	Ballroom Dancing	Class	Auditorium	

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Want to give entertaining a try? Attend our first meeting of the season

By Lilli Scheifen

When you say "see you in September" in the spring time, it seems like such a long time away.

But here it is September, and we are already talking about Theater Workshop.

First of all, we seem to have split personalities – some of us like Theater and others like Theatre. However, a few years ago the Theater Workshop board voted to use the American version and so here we are – Theater Workshop.

Our co-directors, Will and Mary Sundblad, have been busy all through the summer months, lending their considerable expertise in creating our 2014 show featuring the USO as the



Theater Workshop

general theme. We will expound further as we go on.

We have a dedicated team in our group and we strive to give our all in each and every show. Our goal is to entertain and inform you, give you time to kick back and relax, and see some

of your neighbors having fun showcasing their talents.

We would love to have you join us!

Think you can't sing? You may be a diva just waiting to be discovered.

Have two left feet? We could help you tiptoe through the tulips or refer you to a top-notch foot doctor!

Are you a funny person, but not sure you can entertain an audience?

You may be surprised how funny you really are and how confident you can be!

So, come on down and see what we have to offer you. Theater Workshop meetings are the first Wednesday of each month – this month Sept. 4. Snacks and beverages are served after the meeting.

*Do you know
the golf cart
hand signals?*



Left Turn



Right Turn



Stop

Residents are reminded to always use their vehicle's turn signals inside the community. You'll make life easier for other motorists and walkers.



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is overwhelmed with your personal belongings. If you are missing something, please check at the Community Service Office.



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East
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Center

8:30-3:00



**Next Press Association meeting is
1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3, EAC large card room**

Joe Heller knows how to completely take care of greyhounds - he's welcomed 150 into his home

By Bill Sharpsteen

We want to honor an On Top of the World resident who has been there right from the beginning for our club.

Joe Heller has fostered more than 150 greyhounds, walks every year in our wonderful Irish Club St Patrick's Day parade, helped start our participation in the Third Friday Music Series in Safety Harbor, goes to two ALFs every month, helps take tickets at our semi-annual picnics at Philippe Park, helps with fundraisers like our Santa Pet Pictures at Petsmart in the Largo Mall, and walks, bathes and does everything else you could possibly do for our 45 mph couch potatoes!

Joe lived in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., prior to retiring here at OTOW, where he is now close to his sister, brother-in-law and other family.

Joe was an early developer of computer software programs, back when computers had punch cards and vacuum tubes. He pioneered the development of writing software to make all our lives easier! He was instrumental in designing a college computer system at Bard College in Upstate New York, which was shared around the world.

Joe, your dedication and support is both noted and appreciated and ... don't be late Saturday at Petsmart!



Joe Heller with Pearl.

We need someone to show the greyhounds!

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ing greyhounds into loving "forever homes" with help from an all-volunteer network of dedicated individuals just like our Joe Heller! Check out



Greyhound Club

their Website at www.GoldCoastGreyhounds.com

Always remember, Greyhound Club members meet every third Friday at Third Friday in downtown Safety Harbor. We set up next on Friday, Sept. 20 at the corner of Second Avenue and Main Street to show off greyhounds for adoption.

We also continue to visit several ALFs in the county each month to bring cheer to their residents with our "Gentle Giants!"

Please add our OTOW Greyhound Club meetings to your calendar for the third Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. Call Bill today 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!



East Side Pool Exercises

East Activity Center pool exercises will run 9-10 a.m., starting May 6 for the summer. Everyone is invited. All you need is a swimsuit and a smile. Exercises are done in the shallow end of the pool. You do not need to know how to swim. We enjoy the water, have fun and do something good for us. Join us!

OTOW Entertainment Committee

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First meeting, line dancing set for October



Snowbirds Club

By Sandy Sanborn

Snowbirds Club members are returning to On Top of the World with plans to see as much as they can while on their extended vacation in Florida.

The Snowbirds Club is putting together a schedule of events that offers group sightseeing trips on charter buses or exotic cruise ship destinations in the Caribbean.

There is something for everyone.

The first big event of the season is the Snowbirds Club fifth annual welcome back party at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 10 at the East Activities Center. Music will be provided by our signature entertainers, Tim and Lotte of At Large. Dress is casual, the dancing music is great, the pizza is hot, and the price is still only \$10 for members.

Membership is open to all residents of OTOW for \$5.

Charter bus trips in October are to Mt Dora, Cedar Key and the Show Palace in Hudson, where we will see



Snowbirds have a good time line dancing during a recent road trip.

the musical "Hello Dolly."

November buses go to the Show Palace for Thanksgiving dinner, plus the musical "White Christmas" and Tampa Bay Downs to see the horse races.

The Snowbirds Club sales and information desk will be open during September each Monday and the first

two Thursdays from 8:30-10 a.m.

The first monthly members meeting will be on Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Snowbirds Club Line dancing instructor Dolly Foland has announced that her first class will be at 9 a.m. on Oct 24 in the West Activity Center.

Abundant information on all Snowbirds events is available on our user friendly Website, www.snowbirdsotow.com. Click on the big blue events button to see our schedule of events and order tickets. Need more information, contact Sandy Sanborn at 727-216-7922.

Everything returns to the '80s when Lambda Club meets in September

By Dave Beaven

Hello, September!

We are looking forward to some cooler weather and the return of our Snowbird friends.

This month, our club social is on Friday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Crafts Room.

It will be an '80s party.

You remember that decade, right?

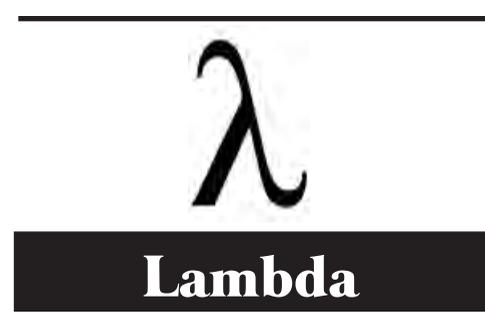
Men wore Members Only jackets while sporting their mullet haircuts. Women wore leggings and big hair. We watched Dynasty on TV and Flash Dance at the movies.

It was only 30 years ago!

Anyway, we'll be playing music from that era.

Boy George, anyone?

If you have any '80s music you



want to bring in, we'll give it a spin. And if you have any of those '80s fashions hanging in your closet, this is the time to break them out – if they still fit!

There will also be an '80s trivia contest to test your memory.

How about bringing along a picture of yourself during that time so we can see how you looked back in the

day?

Throw in some food and drinks, and it should be a fun evening.

Hope to see you there. By-the-way, if you haven't looked at the remodeled Kitchen/Crafts Room complex where we meet in the East Activity Center, you should. The place looks so much brighter and shinier with the new improvements. Thanks are due to On Top of the World management and the remodelers for the great new look.

Lambda is a social club for 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 other events. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets

weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all 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 Club meets monthly on the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center Crafts Room. If you are interested in finding out more about us, 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.



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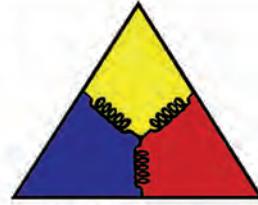
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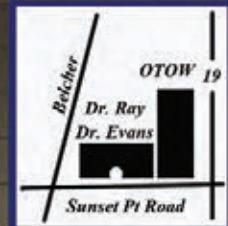
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OTOW travel partners find friendship on the road

The single traveler in today's world must pay a premium for his or her solitary status. It's a harsh reality that compels single tourists to seek out companions to share the cost.

For many, the monetary savings are the sole benefit of sharing accommodation, but for Lillian Ginn and Sandy Sanborn, the rewards they received are much more than a few bucks saved.

Lil and Sandy were casually acquainted as members of the On Top of the World Bowling League, but that relationship changed when they signed up for a bus trip to Biloxi, Miss., a few years back.

Since both were recently widowed, they decided to share an accommodation on the trip. As fate would have it, these two independent and strong-minded individuals, discovered that they were more than companions of financial convenience. They were highly compatible travel partners.

Following the success of the Biloxi experiment, Lil and Sandy traveled to a wide assortment of destinations. Before long they were, "joined at the hip," as Sandy likes to say. Their most notable adventure was a recent 19-day odyssey to San Francisco and the Hawaiian Islands aboard the Grand Princess cruise ship. The trip was not without hiccups, but the challenges only confirmed their travel compatibility.

During the interview for this article, Sandy and Lil seemed to be on the same page until I asked them exactly how many adventures they have shared. They looked thoughtfully at each other and answered, in unison, "25/75."

Wait a second! Lil estimated their excursions at 25 and Sandy suggested 75!

Perhaps Lil only counted large trips while Sandy included their regular outings to Ed Fletcher's early Bird Dinner Theater.

When a disagreement such as this happens, they look at each other and, with remarkable ease, shrug shoulders and agree to disagree.

Clearly, it is a key component of their success as travel partners.

Now that Lil and Sandy have discovered their mutual travel rapport, they also share meals together five days a week. Since neither one enjoys cooking, they go out for a meal and take away enough extra for another one. It is a highly refined science of pushing away from the plate that many of us could learn from.

Weekends are solo times for the travel buddies. Saturday and Sunday



Getting to Know You

A monthly feature about the people in your
On Top of the World community

by John Koning

are reserved for errands, church, laundry and other things they are too busy for during the week.

Each of these ladies is a force to be reckoned with and together they are a double dynamo. They are the driving force behind the "Merry Widows," as they call themselves – a group of eight single ladies who meet for dinner every Friday evening.

After dinner, it's off to the home of the person who chose the restaurant for a few more hours of refreshments and girl fun. Lil Ginn says it best when she remarks, "we just sit around and tell each other lies."

That might be an example right there.

On Saturday the "Merry Widows" are back at that same host's place for cards. It's a rotating schedule that is arranged as much as six months in advance.

Did I mention that organization is another trait shared by Lil and Sandy?

With all of this energy, wit and wisdom, it shouldn't surprise anyone

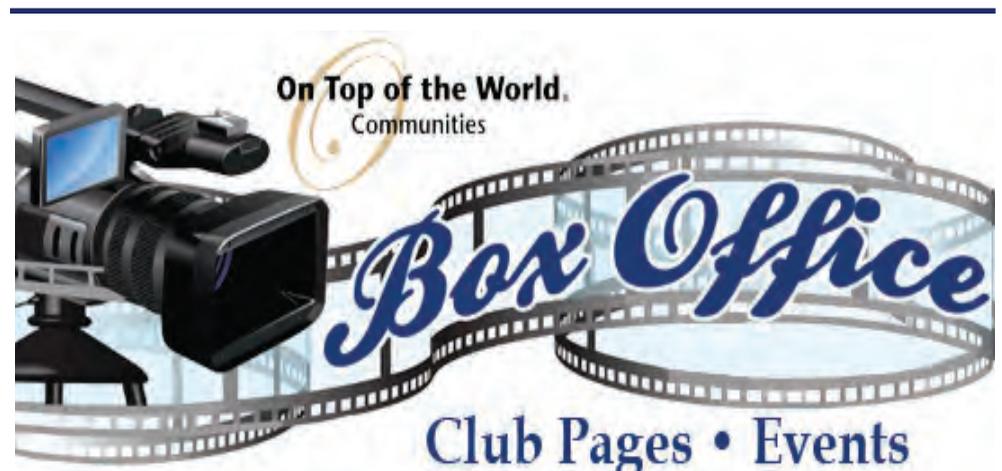
that Lil and Sandy are the backbone of the summer Snowbirds, or Sunbirds, as they call themselves.

Alongside club Vice President Dean Darby, they shoulder the day-to-day affairs of the Snowbirds Club while the rest of the Snowbirds leadership is lollygagging around up north.

Sandy and Lil have also developed an unofficial and strictly confidential

Pictured above, aboard the Grand Princess, in the front row, from left to right, are Audrey Decker, James Mease and Isabel Houston. In the back row are Sue Fleming, Arla Gossiaux, Peg Devany, Lillian Ginn, Sandy Sanborn, Bette Byrnes, Carol Gossiaux and David Gossiaux.

network to assist single travelers who are looking for non-romantic, compatible travel partners. Who knows? It might work out for others as well as it has for Sandy and Lil.



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Upcoming trips include Daytona Beach, New Orleans



Travel Club

By Pat Zorland

Our August meeting was held in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room, where we had a big crowd and a lot of business to take care of.

Upcoming changes and trips are as follows:

In the future, all day trips will have to have a minimum of 25 people for the trip to go.

All people going on the Pidgeon Forge trip need to report to the Sunrise Room 30 minutes before our regular 2 p.m. meeting on Sept. 6. You will need to get pass out information for the Pigeon Forge trip.

Preview information on trips can now be seen on OTOW-TV channels 96/720. We are also now listing trips on the On Top of the World Box Office Website.

On July 27, a group of club members went on a day trip to the Tampa Theatre (Balcony to Basement) plus a short introduction to the Grand Organ. There were lots of steps to climb and no elevator. Then it was on to the Spaghetti Warehouse for lunch. Board members want to know if anyone wants to take this trip again and perhaps see a performance or a movie next time.



Members and guests of the Travel Club stop during a day trip to the Tampa Theatre for a tour of the facility. After the tour, they went out to lunch as a group.

On July 31, there was a trip to Ft. Myers (two days/one night) for dinner on the Mystery-Train. There were performers on the train who entertained while residents had their dinner. All were invited to try and solve the who done it.

We have scheduled a trip to Daytona Beach on Sept. 12 for two days and one night. For more information and

prices call Roxie at 474-5040 or stop by the East Activity Center on Mondays from 9-10:30 a.m.

From Dec. 1-7, there will be a trip going to New Orleans. Please, come to the Sept. 6 meeting for information on this trip and sign up with a deposit. As of mid-August, we still needed 10 more people for this trip to leave.

Come to any Travel Club meeting

and connect with your fellow travelers. You don't have to have a spouse or friend to go on our trips. I am sure you can find a travel mate.

Last month two ladies went on one of our lunch trips and now they are planning on joining us for the Pidgeon Forge Trip. You don't need a travel partner to join us, but you might find one along the way.

Democratic Club to hold pizza luncheon on Sept. 28

By Charlie Christ

Jon Paul Rosa, a private contractor for the National Security Agency, was the special guest speaker in July at the On Top of the World Democratic Club.

Club members discussed civil liberties and the Edward Snowden national security case. The program was thought-provoking and created a mix of opinions.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, from 1-4 p.m., the Democratic Club will host a pizza luncheon in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Entertainment



Democratic Club

will be provided by pianist Bob Groves.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, from 1-5 p.m., the Democratic Club's annual

picnic will take place at Philippe Park. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center or at the door for \$7.

Anyone who pays their \$12 dues for the upcoming season will receive one free ticket for any upcoming Democratic Club event.

Our next monthly meeting is 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 26 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. The guest speaker will be Fire Commissioner Jay Alexander. His topic will be the return of the CCCs.



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Chorus rehearsals begin on Oct. 8

By Julia Contella

The 2013 holiday Chorus concert will take place on Dec. 8, but before the microphones are turned on, the rehearsals have to begin.

Current Chorus members, and anyone who wants to join us, should mark Tuesday, Oct. 8, on their calendar as the first rehearsal date. We will meet 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Beth Kendall returns to be our director.

Rehearsals will continue every Monday morning from 10-11 a.m. through Dec. 2 in the EAC large card room, and every Tuesday evening from 7-9 p.m. through Dec. 3.

The Dec. 3 date will be our final dress rehearsal.



Chorus

Singers, and all On Top of the World residents, should note the holiday concert will take place on only one day this year, but there will be two shows. The first show will be at 3 p.m. and the second show at 7 p.m., both in the EAC auditorium.

Tickets will go on sale this fall. For more information, call Julia at 727-417-0484.

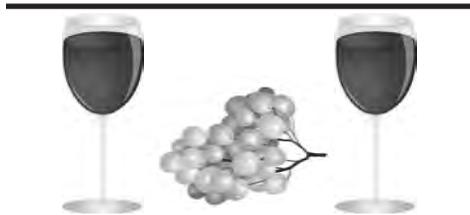
Spaghetti and meatballs return dinner Oct. 16

By Jerry Kaplano

Well, summer's over. It's time to start thinking of the club's activities for the season.

Don't forget to get your tickets for our spaghetti and meatball dinner on Oct. 16. Tickets will be on sale starting the third week of September. The cost is \$2 for members. Tickets can be purchased between 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Our meetings are the third



Italian American

Wednesday of the month at the East Activity Center. Please join us for information on the other proposed activities for this year.

First meeting set of Oct. 3

By Walt Copeland

Well, it's that time again. The Snowbirds are returning. Our club is looking forward to a year of much fun, trips and activities.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 10:30 a.m., in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Our membership cost remains at \$5 for the year, and you don't have to be from Pennsylvania to join us.

The first function will be our Welcome Back dinner party on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 5 p.m.

Our first trip will be a one-day venture Tuesday, Nov. 19 to Homasassa for lunch and a cruise - all for \$69.

On Saturday, Nov. 30, we'll go to Mt. Dora to view their evening Christmas lights, which are extraordinary.



Pennsylvania Club

Earlier we'll dine at the famous Mission Inn. This will be another one-day trip for \$69.

We'll sell tickets and memberships at our first meeting and on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the EAC auditorium. Come early to sign up for our travels so you won't be disappointed. You can also view the many finalized plans.

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Louie Bravo sings to residents during Get Acquainted Coffee Morning in the East Activity Center. (OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

Good Neighbors



President Doris Paino

Fall is coming and this is when the bulk of Good Neighbor events take place.

The first event is our Clothing Drive in October. Gather your unwanted garments and we will see that they go to the needy.

Next is our annual Flea Market. We will be selling tables for displays starting in September. Stop by our table Monday and Thursday mornings in front of the shop.

Also in the future will be our Craft Show and Senior Expo. Details on those events will be in upcoming issues of this newspaper.

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Library moving to Blue Room

By Katy Gerritt

It has been an eventful month in the library.

We are moving!

Not far, but into the Blue Room across from the current library.

This has started a cascade of events. We are cleaning out all the shelves to prepare for the move and as a result we now have a lot of material we need to sell at a special "free sale."

We discovered we had an abundance of older paperbacks and hard-bound books. We also discovered we

have the largest collection of Reader's Digest Condensed Books, which have not been part of the collection to borrow, but have acted as supports behind all our books!

As you can imagine, it appears we had about 2000 of these books.

We need to give most of these books away. The rest will be recycled.

So, with the dust bunnies of many years, we prepare for the move.

We will need to move the existing collection of books prior to opening in our new space.

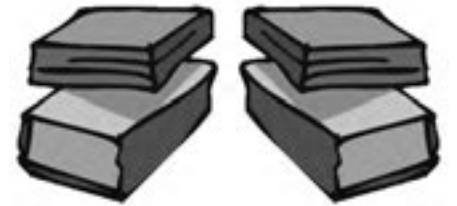
We don't really know when the

bookcases will be moved, prepared and installed, so there may be a few days that we won't be open.

We will continue to offer new large print and regular print books by your favorite authors, and a smaller collection of paperback novels and mysteries for your enjoyment.

We have hand picked the sale books to make them more appealing to our members.

So, after the long, hot summer, please make a point to come and visit us in the new location. We look forward to seeing you!



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September is a good time to start purchasing advanced tickets for fall shows and dances

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We begin our shows at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 with "Broadway and Beyond," featuring Joanie Sigal and Tom Godfrey, who've been making beautiful music together for over a decade.

Come enjoy the show as they share their love of classic Broadway; and perform pop, jazz, blues, country and standards – all the music we love to hear.

We'll tell you more next month about the fall shows, but here's a tease: Oct. 10 - a tribute to the USO; Oct. 24, Show Time; Nov. 7, Sweethearts of Branson; and Dec. 5, New Dawn



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Singers.

On Saturday, Sept. 28 at 8 p.m., the fall dance season begins. We'll be featuring Rebound at our Indian Summer Dance, and they'll return later in the year, as will Flashback and a new

band called The Mix.

On Sunday, Sept. 29, we'll have a brief general meeting, followed by horse races with the "DJ with a Twist," Denise Looney, providing the entertainment. Don't forget to bring \$1s to root home your favorite jockey and to buy your drawing tickets for another chance to go home a winner. Refreshments are free.

October's free Sunday-In-The-Park will feature the stylish Patchington Fashion Show.

You can also sign up for our October Golf Tournament (\$5 per person, each team will have two men and two women).

Make your reservations for our Thanksgiving dinner here at OTOW. Cost is only \$24.95.

Reserve your seat or table for our New Year's Eve celebration. Cost is only \$20.

In October, in addition to signing up for 2013's great fall lineup, you'll also be able to renew your seat for 2014 shows and dances. For more info about 2013 events, call 797-4106, watch OTOW-TV or visit the Box Office.

Don't miss out on the Entertainment Committee's exceptional fun lineup. For fall season tickets or ticket packages for you or your group, come see us on a Monday or Thursday, between 8:30-10:30 a.m. We'll be glad to help you find a good seat.

We look forward to saying "hi" when you stop by and become part of the fun.



Pictured at left are some of the folks who enjoyed dancing to the music of Richie V and Ed Vonn during the Summer Sunset Dance on July 13.

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Don Baker picks up a pair of league wins

The Thursday Golf League continues its off-season play and hardy golfers continue to show up every week.

Wet conditions have forced us to play different course configurations, and keeping up with scorecards and handicaps has been a real challenge.

Hopefully, September and October will usher in normal playing conditions.

Vic Ruggiero was our week six champion. Pete Cosgrove was second and John Maloof was third. Fred Schick, Clyde Hirshberger and John Maloof all collected one skin.

Week seven was won by Pete Cosgrove. Dutch Michael finished second and Vic Ruggiero was third. Don

Thursday Golf

Leamy won two skins. Don Baker, Dick Kronawetter, Dutch Micheal and Gary Bronson had one skin each.

Week eight champion was Dick Kronawetter. Patti Cook was second and Don Baker held onto third place. Pete Dominguez, Don Baker, Dan Hyden and Gary Bronson all collected one skin each.

Week nine saw Bill Cook take first place, Kim Norried take second and Clyde Hirshberger take third. Pete Dominguez, Don Leamy, Bill Cook, Paul Meyers and Nick Nelson all had one skin each.

Week 10 champ was Don Baker. Pete Cosgrove placed second and John Maloof was third. John also had a hot hand and collected three skins. Don Baker was right behind him with two skins. Vic Ruggiero, Paul Meyers, Clyde Hirshberger and Bruce MacPherson each had one skin.

Ken Smith was our week 11 winner. "King" Don Leamy was second place and Ada Culbertson took third place. Don Baker, Vic Ruggiero, Don Leamy and John Maloof all had one skin each.

Week 12 saw Don Baker take first place. Paul Meyers was second and Dan Hyden took third place. One skin each was taken by Don Baker, Paul Meyers and Bruce MacPherson.

The Thursday League is a mixed

league. All skill levels compete on an equal basis using the USGA Stableford format. Our league welcomes new members at any time. Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no weekly sign up. If you show up, you play.

If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

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League golfing start on Oct. 1 - newcomers welcome!

By Terri Mikszenas

We are all looking forward to another busy year on the links as our Snowbirds return.

Our winter season gets underway on Tuesday, Oct. 1, under the new leadership of President Sheila Menelly, Vice President Elaine Stretavski, Treasurer Sharon Hackenmiller and Secretary Wendy Colquhoun.

Sign-ups for the first week of golf will be accepted at the golf course window on Sept. 24 before 9 a.m.

You may call Sherry Ivey at 727-797-8354 or send an email to her at IveySher@gmail.com.

In case you miss her, Cindy Schell, 216-9654, is our October monthly

18-hole Ladies Golf

chairperson.

Members with established handicaps are required to pay their annual dues to Sharon Hackenmiller, or at the window before play is allowed.

Everyone is reminded to show their new On Top of the World Recreation Card on the first play day of the season. It is also recommended that you carry your card with you whenever you are on the course. New recreation cards are now being issued by OTOW at the Community Service Office in

the East Activity Center Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed noon-12:30 p.m.).

If you haven't already picked up your award monies for last season, please see Linda Rice to make arrangements to do so.

Of course, you will be on your own when it comes to spending all your winnings!

Many new members joined our league last year and we hope the same will be true this year, as new members to the league are always welcome.

Jackie Woloszyn, this year's membership chairperson, will be happy to meet with you to explain the rules and regulations of our league and get you

started as a new member.

A calendar of events will be posted on our bulletin board, but here are a couple to note. Our first general meeting of the season will be held Oct. 23, at 9:30 a.m., and you won't want to miss the Holiday Brunch on Dec. 4 at 9:30 a.m. Both events are being held in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

As always, we ask that you read the bulletin board thoroughly and frequently for important and timely changes and activities.

"May thy ball lie in green pastures... and not in still waters.

- *Author Unknown*

Softball meeting Oct. 3 starts off 2013-14 season

By Tony Caputo

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

We will have a preseason meeting 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3 in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

The season will start on Tuesday, Oct. 8 and continue every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8-9:30 a.m. through April 8.

We will be playing at the baseball/softball complex in Safety Harbor, on

Softball

Ninth Street, across from the Community Center.

We are always looking for new ballplayers, so if you would like to play, and have some fun, come to the preseason meeting or call Tony Caputo at 726-9248 or Guy Bertuzzi at 723-2307.

Let's Play Ball!

'Fun Day' set for Oct. 15

By Mary Ann O'Neil

Ladies, it seems like summer just started, but here we are in September already.

The Ladies 9-Hole Golf League will start their season with a "Fun Day" on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 9 a.m.

Anyone interested in joining our league, please stop by and meet our league players and sign-up for a fun season.

9-hole Ladies Golf

Our opening day will be Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 9 a.m. If you would like more information, please call our league president Connie Saylor at 797-3167 or Vice President Marge Jacobs at 386-0414.



OTOW resident wins state pickle ball title

By Joe Spahalski

Art Lambert and his partner Bruce Sarrazin won a gold medal in the Vermont State Senior Pickle Ball Championships.

More than 55 people signed up for the senior tournament, including 25 were women.

Incidentally, a pickle ball court is smaller than a tennis court, so by taping off the court, tennis courts can be used. Vermont utilized 23 tennis courts located in four cities. The courts were taped off with a 3M tape which does not harm the tennis courts.

Pickle ball is a combination of badminton, ping pong and tennis.

Pickle ball has more retired par-

Tennis

ticipants than does tennis as both men and woman can play side-by-side playing equally. It is a great sport for retired people looking for exercise and competition with less stress on the body.

Colleges are now starting to add this sport to their curriculum.

Here is Art's story:

Two years ago, while playing tennis, Art collapsed on the On Top of the World tennis courts. He had sudden cardiac arrest. CPR was being ap-

plied by Russ Loring, a guest, until the EMT arrived. They placed the shock paddles on him to start his heart beating and then he started to breath again.

After a short stay in the hospital, Art went home.

Once back on his feet, Art wanted to get some low impact exercise. Because tennis was too strenuous, Art turned to pickle ball. He started slow and worked up both strength and endurance.

No doubt about it, Art's story was an amazing comeback. He can now play tennis again.

Join us for a fun tennis event in October. It will combine food, tennis and mixed doubles. Details next

month in this column.

As a reminder, Ann Haskell crocheted a 62-inch by 56-inch afghan with the logo of the Tampa Bay Rays. Tickets for the Rays' afghan will be sold every Monday in the East Activity Center for \$2 each or three for \$5. Drawing will be on Nov. 21 with proceeds going to the tennis club. See the picture in last months paper.

If you are interested in playing doubles tennis, come on out as the men play every day at 8 a.m. Women play Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Our tournament will be held in January. Dean has come up with a new concept combining skill and strategy. Let the games begin.

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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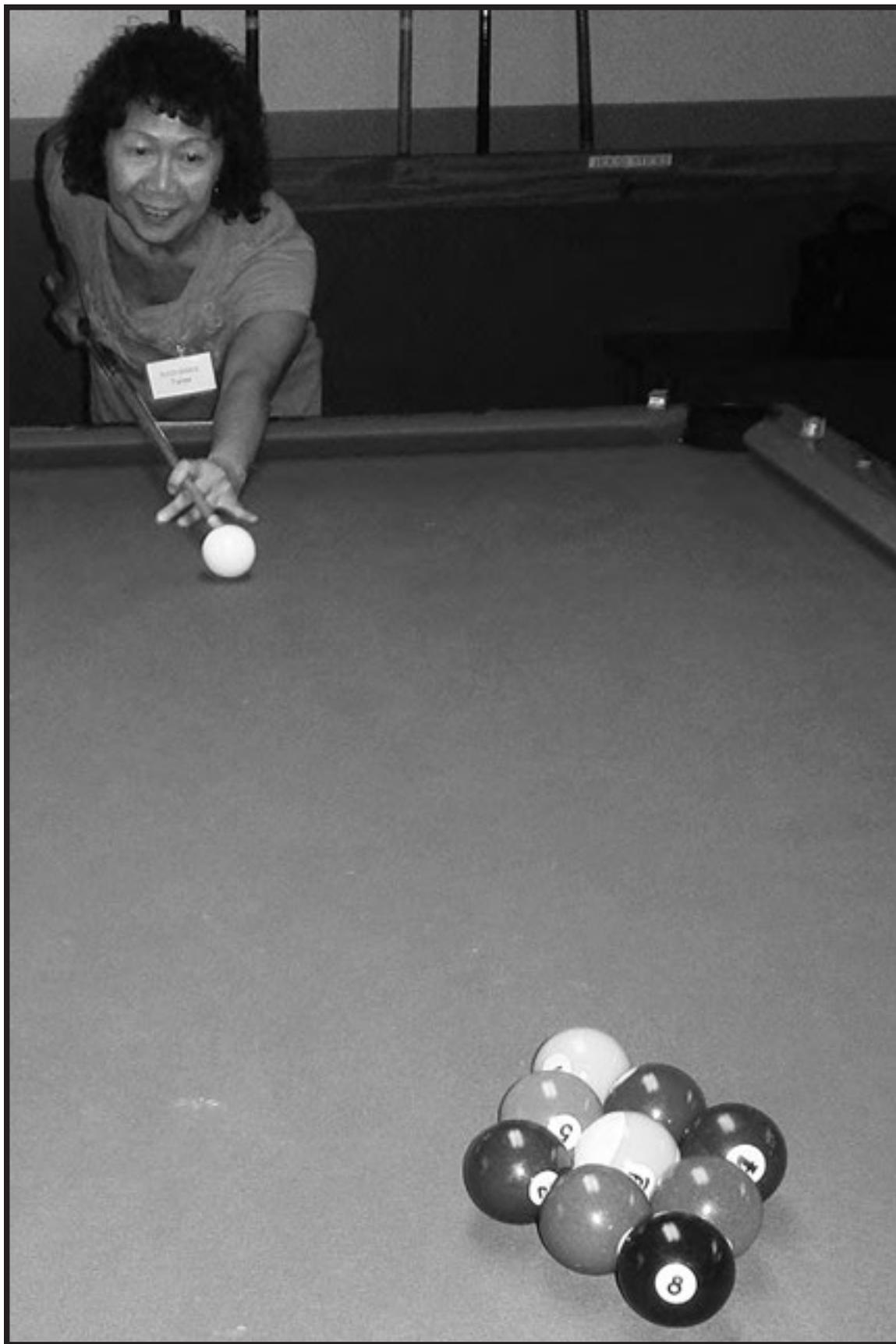
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Rashanee Turner

A player not to be taken lightly in pool room

By Penny Page

When you walk into the billiards room on Wednesday nights, it's not difficult to find Rashanee Turner.

Just listen for laughter coming from the corner of the room!

For such a tiny person, Rashanee exudes an amazing amount of positive energy, talent and humor.

But don't take her lightly...she is the first one of us to take first place in our annual Guys and Dolls Tournament.

Rashanee worked for Dole in Thailand, where she taught American wives Thai language and culture. She met her husband, Skip, in Thailand, and moved to the United States 30 years ago.

Before he passed away, they lived in On Top of the World for more than 15 of those years.

We send out a big "Congratulations" to Rashanee for her recent graduation in Practical Nursing from Pinellas Technical Educational Centers (PTEC). She hopes to work with Alzheimer's patients and families in honor of her husband.

Rashanee loves growing African Violets and photography. Now that she's done with her nursing school, she will have more time to devote to those passions. She also crochets and paints Sumie (Japanese water color). And, of course, she keeps the company of two very special friends...her dog Trilby and her cat Chengti.

TOURNAMENTS

Congratulations to our most recent Eight-Ball Tournament placewinners: Becky Balderson, first place, and Mary Spearman, second place.

If you would like to know more about our league, you can contact our president, Becky Balderson, 727-674-1733, becky@beckybalderson.com.



Quiet 'T Billiards

August Photo Search Answers

1. Extra palm tree.
2. Top of tower different.
3. Bird's neck is different.
4. Green golf sand box missing.
5. Window missing in background building.
6. Extra bird.
7. Decoration missing on third floor.
8. Second floor railing section is different.
9. Shrub is missing.
10. Lawn mowed right up to tree.



Howard Wilson, Mike Elliott flip-flop top honors on consecutive weeks



Men's Billiards

By Barb Sundberg

Howard Wilson and Mike Elliott did each other a favor last month in Thursday evening eight-ball tournament action.

On Aug. 1, Howard won the tournament title by defeating Mike Elliott in the finals. Joe Ventimiglia was third.

The following week the top two positions flip-flopped. Mike turned the tables and took first place. Howard was the runner-up.

Thursday evening tournaments can consist of Scotch Doubles or single play, depending on the number of people who show up.

On July 25, the event was Scotch Doubles.

First place went to the team of Jane Turnbull and Tony Baker. There was a two-way tie for second and third places between the team of Ed Ramirez and Joe Ventimiglia, and the team of Barb Sundberg and Terry Wittman.

On Aug. 15, both flights played together. Hugo Orantes was first, Ron Baltrunas was second and Terry Wittman was third.

EIGHT-BALL TOURNAMENT

In Monday night eight-ball action, Hugo Orantes claimed first place on July 22, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12 and second place on July 29.



Mike Elliott on the left and Howard Wilson on the right.

On July 22, Jim Anzalone was the runner-up and there was a tie for third place between Ray Quiron and Joe Ventimiglia.

On July 29, Marc Schell stopped Hugo's winning streak in the Flight A finals. There was a tie for first place in Flight B between John Shearer and Terry Wittman.

On Aug. 5, Hugo was back to his winning ways in Flight A. Joe Ventimiglia won in Flight B.

On Aug. 12, Hugo was first and there was a three-way tie for second place between Ray Quiron, Andy Suhar and Barb Sundberg. In Flight B, Terry Wittman was the champion,

and Ron Baltrunas, Nick Sapienza and John Shearer tied for second place.

NINE-BALL TOURNAMENT

Once again, Howard Wilson was back in first place.

Howard captured the nine-ball tournament win on July 23 by taking 10 games. Joe Ventimiglia placed second.

On July 30, Joe Ventimiglia took first place while Barb Sundberg claimed second place.

On Aug. 6, Tony Baker claimed first place with John Fier edging out

both Jim Anzalone and Tim Rush for second place.

On Aug. 13, Howard Wilson once again returned to first place and for the second week in a row, John Fier claimed second place.

If you're looking for something to do on Tuesday afternoon, get in on the action, out of the heat and your picture on the wall of fame in the Billiard Room.

We play 1 p.m. in the West Activity Center Billiard Room. Bring your new Recreation Card and join in the fun as we play nine-ball using the round robin format.

*Did you know
we have a
puzzle room?*

Did you know putting together a puzzle is good for your brain? Did you know OTOW has a puzzle room loaded with simple and complicated puzzles? The puzzle room is located across the hall from the East Activity Center library.

Take a puzzle home with you. Return it when you are done.

If you discover a piece missing, simply throw the puzzle out, but make sure the missing piece is not on your floor! If you want to donate a puzzle, simply leave it in the puzzle room for others to enjoy.



Eating and drinking is allowed if you burn it off!



Pictured above, from left to right, are Sheila Bonomo, Connie Giudice and Maggie Wernet. (Photo by Joanne Wallend)

Last month, the East Activity Center's 8 a.m. exercise class, along with the 9 a.m. Zumba classes, got together for an evening of eating, drinking and dancing over in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Despite all the good food and drinks, we danced most of those calories off thanks to the direction of Carole Babini, who is our expert line dancer, as well as Julie Narancich's and Sheila Bonomo's excellent Zumba moves.

Our next fun get together will be a pool party!

Come join us for our 8 a.m. exercise class in the East Activity Center lower gym room. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings our workouts include stretching, building balance

EXERCISE

and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, and we added music to our daily cardio workout.

Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as work 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.

Motivation workshops continue in September

Laura Evans, who formally worked in the field of motivation with Dale Carnegie Training, and also with Communication Resources, will continue to offer a motivational workshop to On Top of the World residents.

The foundation for these workshops will be "gems of wisdom" gleaned from hundreds of personal interviews with Laura. By highlighting those "gems," Laura can create a positively motivated environment for creative problem

solving, goal setting and communication tips. She will help us continue to have fun in life and keep us motivated on our continued adventure.

The workshops will take place 9:30-10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, in September, in the East Activity Center Blue Room across from the library.

For more information contact Laura at 727-799-1410.

Bonesavers

Do you want to save your bones?

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.

Slimnastics

What is slimmastics?

Walking, stretching and getting your blood flowing.

We do not do floor exercises.

Slimnastics meets in the East Activity Center gym at 9 a.m. every weekday morning.

Every class is free to On Top of the World residents.

Contract bridge and pinochle lessons offered

We have approximately five different Pinochle groups in existence at On Top of the World.

We have just as many Bridge-playing groups here, too.

You can check this newspaper or the hallway listings to see the variety that are offered.

If you want to learn how to play Pinochle or Bridge, or simply brush up your game, you might consider taking lessons.

Pinochle lessons will be offered 3:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

Lessons will cover single deck, double deck, cut-throat (3-handed), fives and sixes.

Contract Bridge lessons will be offered 3:30-4:30 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the East Activity Center Small Card Room.

No preregistration is necessary for either class. Just show up or you can call 754-6749 for more information.

Sewing class starts Sept. 25

A sewing class for On Top of the World residents will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 25 for five weeks.

The class will meet from 9 a.m. to noon in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Registration for the term is \$45.

The class will cover all levels of sewing and beginners are welcome. Sewing machines and sergers are available for use by class members.

This class is sponsored by Pinellas County Public Schools and taught by Joan Bates.

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**SEPT
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“The Aging Process - Know the signs of Alzheimer’s Disease”

David Bernstein, M.D., board certified in both internal medicine and geriatrics, will bring his 30 years of experience caring for people, to share with you a guide to aging gracefully, making tough decisions related to the aging process, with a highlight on the signs of Alzheimer’s Disease. The attendees will receive a complimentary copy of Dr. Bernstein’s book, “I’ve Got Some Good News and Some Bad News: You’re Old.”

**SEPT
18**

“Financial and Legal Solutions - A Guide Through the Process”

Walter Shurden, board certified Elder Law Attorney with certification in Veterans Affairs, will discuss arranging a Power of Attorney and Living Will, along with the eligibility process for applying for benefits through state and veteran programs for veterans and their spouses.

**SEPT
25**

“Care Options and Resources for Alzheimer’s Caregivers”

Peggy Macaluso, director of Client Advocacy for the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, will provide information about options for those who have Alzheimer’s Disease or related dementia, caregiver tips, support groups, and making the decision for placement in a healthcare community.

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Peaches is a 2-year-old Pomeranian, owned by Sharron and Ed of the Mallorca Building.

The have lived at On Top of the World for 14 years.

They think Peaches would make a very good Pet of the Month. She just loves people and is the best buddy a person could have.

Sharon and Ed are very proud because Peaches is going to become a therapy dog.

She is just a very sweet dog.

Each month, OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are featuring a Pet of the Month in this newspaper. Any pets living at On Top of the World are eligible. To enter your pet, email one clear, color photo to bootss@tampabay.rr.com and tell us what makes your pet special. If you don't have email capabilities, drop off your photo and information to the newsroom. You must include pet's name, owner's name, building and age. Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads. You will also receive a \$10 gift card from Pet Supplies Plus on McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater. If you are the winner this month, bring the newspaper and your original color print to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop by the newsroom to pick up your gift card. Each monthly winner becomes eligible for Pet of the Year honors in January. We are currently running low on entrees, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

Find 10 Differences In The Two Photos Below (answers will appear in next month's newspaper)





Large Michigan family reunion honors famous Civil War general

By Val Kastner

Pat Hedgecoth, a resident of the Melbourne Building, returned home to Central Lake, Mich., and organized her family's reunion in which 150 Churchill family members gathered at Barnes Park in Eastport, Mich., on Aug. 10.

Family members travelled from as far away as Georgia, Colorado, Wyoming, Texas and Florida (see group photo below).

Steve Alexander, a General George Armstrong Custer reenactor, attended the reunion and told the story of the heroism of Pat's great-grandfather during the Civil War (see photo at right).

Norvell F. Churchill, who was with the First Michigan Cavalry, Company L in the Civil War, served under General Custer who was a newly promoted Brigadier General when he took command of the First Michigan Cavalry.

A few days later, on July 2, when Custer's horse was shot out from under him at the Battle of Hunterstown, Pa.

Norvell saved Custer's life by riding in with his saber drawn and catching a blow that was meant for Custer.

Norvell held out his hand, pulling the general onto the back of his horse, and they galloped off.

That night, General Custer made Norvell Churchill his Special Orderly.

A few days later, Norvell had his own horse shot from under him at Gettysburg.

Pat's great-grandfather Norvell saw much action in the Civil War, serving until he was honorably discharged on Feb. 25, 1865.

Gen. Custer actually came to Pat's great-grandpa Norvell's farm in Almont after the war, and asked him to go west with him during the Indian Campaigns, but Norvell said no. Our family is happy he did not go because we all know what happened to Custer!

The family is very proud of their ancestor, and Norvell's sword was on display at the park for all to see and have their pictures taken with this special family heirloom.

The family enjoyed a wonderful meal catered by a local farm market and had a great afternoon, visiting and looking at family photographs and old newspaper articles.

Steve Alexander, who is considered a foremost Custer living historian, has known about the connection between General Custer and Norvell for many years. Mr. Alexander has appeared at two of the Churchill reunions.

There is a monument in Hunterstown honoring General Custer, his Michigan Wolverines and Norvell Francis Churchill.



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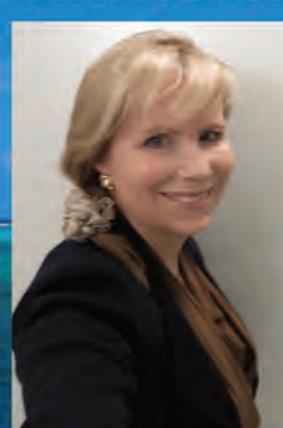
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It took 13 years, but admirer finally got the car she wanted

Dick Broadhurst's wife, Candy, fell in love with a car 13 years ago. The only challenge was it wasn't theirs. A friend owned it and Candy told him that when he was ready to sell to call.

Well, they were here in their Yoshimitsu condo when they got the call. They are fortunate to be able to live in On Top of the World part of the year and Waikiki the rest. The car, a 2001 Lexus, was in Honolulu and their friend was ready to sell. So after just a bit of negotiating, the car was on a container ship bound for the mainland, and Dick and Candy were on a plane to Oakland, Calif., to pick it up and begin an extended cross-country car trip.

They headed straight out to the Lake Tahoe area first for a few days with side trips to Carson City, Virginia City and Reno. Yosemite was magnificent as they entered from the east, a road closed much of the year due to its high elevation.

A scheduled stop in Furnace Creek in Death Valley was cancelled due to temperatures soaring into the mid-120s, so they just added an additional day onto their stay in Las Vegas. They're not gamblers, but eaters, shoppers and show-goers.

Rock of Ages was a tremendously fun performance and Bill Maher was as sarcastic as ever. Zion National Park, the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, and Mesa Verde National Park were



all magnificent stops. Four Corners Monument was more a curiosity.

They hit Santa Fe and Taos on their way to visit friends in Arkansas where they toured Sam Walton's first store, now a museum in Bentonville, and explored Eureka Springs.

Dick and Candy worked in genealogy research in and around the Wyandotte Indian Nation in Oklahoma, crammed themselves into the little capsules to ride to the top of the Saint Louis Arch and stood on the Yard of Bricks at the finish line of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (see photo at right).

They then toured the horse country around Lexington, Ky., and finally, after 5,130 miles, and 17 stops in 24 days on the road, they passed through the OTOW Arc de Triomphe and they're now back home with their "new" car.



Candy and Dick Broadhurst pose on the "Yard of Bricks" at the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway. They stopped there while on the last legs of a 5,000-mile journey to pick up a favorite automobile of Candy's in Oakland, Calif., and drive it to OTOW.

Put this trip on your bucket list: Washington, D.C.

Norma and Joe Bastidas have just returned from South America. Joe came to America when he was 10 years old. Norma and Joe now have a grandson who is 13 years old and has never been to his family's homeland.

Norma and Joe decided to give him an unforgettable gift for his graduation from junior high school. They took him to Ecuador and Peru so that he could visit his grandparent's roots and broaden his understanding of his roots.

That was a fantastic gift that he will remember forever and will tell his children and grandchildren about. Norma and Joe, you are fantastic grandparents!

Doris Edwards asked me to give you all a suggestion. We all get those stick-on address tags in the mail. She suggests that you put one on your umbrella, your keys, and any other items that you might forget and leave somewhere.

That way, the items could be returned. I have one on King's leash. I don't carry a purse when I walk him



and if I should fall, people will know who I am.

Marge Griffith took a trip that most of us would like to have taken. She went on an escorted trip to Washington, D.C., and saw some of the awe-inspiring sights that included the Capitol, the White House, the National Archives, Embassy Row and Georgetown as well as the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, the new Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial.

They also visited all of the War Memorials: Viet Nam, Korea, Iwo Jima,

World War II, the Air Force Memorial and the Nurses Memorial.

They spent three hours at the Smithsonian. Marge said they had an excellent guide who brought those statues to life by telling them to look in their faces and try to see what they were thinking.

Marge said that there was a celebration at the Korean Monument celebrating 60 years since the cessation of that conflict. President Obama was there to lay a wreath. Marge said she didn't get to actually see him but she saw the 23-car motorcade and learned that the last vehicle in his motorcade is always an ambulance.

The next day they went to an inspirational tour of Arlington National Cemetery including the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Kennedy graves. While President John Kennedy has a grave marked by an eternal flame, his brothers, Robert and Edward only have tiny white crosses smaller than the traditional white head stones.

Marge said that watching the changing of the guard at the Tomb of

the Unknown was very inspirational for her, since one of her brothers was a member of that guard.

An interesting fact that she learned was that originally there were three statues to life by telling them to look in their faces and try to see what they were thinking. One was identified through DNA and that body was exhumed and buried elsewhere in the cemetery.

On the way home they stopped at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, Va., and spent almost an hour in their Butterfly House. There were butterflies flying all around the visitors and lighting on hands and clothing. Everyone had to be inspected for butterflies before they would let you exit.

Wow, Marge. That sounds like a fantastic trip that you will always remember.

When most of us lived up North, Labor Day marked the beginning of fall. When Labor Day occurs this month we will still have the high temperatures and humidity, but it's time for us all to get ready for the Snowbirds and the long lines and increased traffic.

Welcome to couple who met in high school 46 years ago

A big Englander welcome is extended to Sue and Bob Peirson, who moved over from the east side of On Top of the World.

Although they've lived in Florida for the past 20 years, they originally hail from Rochester, N.Y., where they met in high school 46 years ago.

The couple has two children, Rob and Erica, and three grandchildren. They are both very active in the Scottish American Society of Dunedin, the Scottish Country Dancers of Dunedin and the Dunedin Highland Games. Bob was honored with the title of Chief of the Day of the 2013 Highland Games and has held



many executive positions in each of the organizations.

Sue continues to work in the

office at St. Petersburg College while Bob is a manager of the usher corps at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

We're back from our journey to Lithuania where my husband, Dick, was honored for his 81st birthday. It was a grand celebration at the country home with about 25 relatives.

The party lasted all day, most of the night and into the next day. Flowers, ethnic foods, sweets, drink and lots of singing made the celebration very special for him.

As we go through life, it seems that family activities are grouped together at stages of our life, first the births, then

the birthday parties, engagements and weddings, grandchildren and finally the great-grandchildren.

By now, this generation is the sweetest of them all.

Just ask Joyce Metcalf who as of July 10, can now count two! The first was born in May of 2012 and now the second was born in July this year. They are both grandchildren of Joyce's son, Tim, and children of Joyce's granddaughter.

Congratulations to all for decorating your family tree with such sweet and beautiful branches!

Trips and visits help residents wind up summer season

We had about a dozen who hung out on "Hump Night" at Grillsmiths chatting, sharing, and laughing together while they partook of the marvelous cuisine served.

In case you missed it, Hump Night is on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The Spaghetti Night event is still going on at Capogna's on Mondays at 5:30. See our bulletin board in the core room for details.

Mike and Juta's friend, Friedl Imhoff, has returned from her annual trip to Germany visiting family and friends. She and Juta grew up in the same village.

Mike especially looks forward to his trips there: drinking German beer



and visiting with everyone. Come to think of it, he enjoys that very same thing here on his patio, under ye old oak tree, most every day!

Frank and Ellen Marina have returned after visiting a daughter in Boston and celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary. Following that, they met Louise and Carol MacKenzie in Chicago, who flew in from Nova Scotia, and celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Nancy and Pat Kennedy.

Carol and Jerry DeLisle are kept busy enjoying the presence of their grandkids and great-grandson as they pal around at our pool and the neighboring beaches.

Our building president, Shirley Golding, was thrilled to learn of becoming a great-grandmother recently. Congratulations!

Excitement is building as we prepare to celebrate Labor Day with food and another scavenger hunt. The Jamaican side stands ready to uphold its title from last year. All are asked to donate canned goods to our local soup kitchen on that day in keeping up our reputation as "the OTOW building with a heart."

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8:30 A.M. — 3 P.M.
EAST ACTIVITY CENTER



OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



Class is 9-Noon, Oct. 16 & 17 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room

(Please fill out one form per person. Completed forms must be dropped off at the OTOW newsroom by Oct. 4.)

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Telephone: _____

You must bring a check for \$15 to the first class. Make check payable to AAA.

Options for electronics, hazardous waste disposal

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Last month (and for the past several months) the On Top of the World News has run a very helpful page of hints and checklists for being prepared for a severe storm. You can obtain a copy of the paper at the newsroom or look on the Web.

This month, I want to mention the importance of being prepared for the remainder of the hurricane season.

September can be a bad month for hurricanes or tropical storm threats. There are a few easy steps each one can take:

Keep a supply of easy-to-prepare canned goods such as soups, beans, tuna, etc. Always make sure you have enough of the size batteries you need for flash lights, battery-operated radios and lamps.

Make sure at least a week's supply of water is on hand. If you have neighbors who cannot get around, please ask them if they need any supplies.

If there is a severe threat, make sure you have enough medicine and cash. Many of the stores sell devices that allow you to charge your cell phone by hand. I and my neighbor keep a fondue pot with several cans of Sterno on hand that can be used to heat water or canned goods. Be careful when using Sterno, since there is an open flame involved.

I hope these suggestions are helpful to you.

News from our building captain Gerri Jaeger:

"Please remember that paint



and batteries cannot be stored in our storage room. On Oct. 26, you will be able to take all hazardous materials, electronics, etc. to the Home Depot on Route 19 and Curlew Road. This is a free service and someone will unload your car for you. Please take advantage of this easy disposal option.

"Also, refer to the August issue of the OTOW News for information on pickup of hazardous materials for both the East and West sides of OTOW on Wednesday, Nov. 6, and Thursday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, respectively. The article contains a list of items that can be collected on that day. You can also find information on the Web."

We hope all our neighbors have a great Labor Day weekend celebration. Welcome back to some of our returning Snowbirds.

If you have interesting news about a family member, trips, new births etc., please let me know. You can leave a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board.

Building 'matriarch' still young at heart at a spry 99

England may have had her "Iron Lady" in the person of former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, but she didn't have anything over our own Julie Werkheiser. She is as strong as a team of Clydesdales, but is still as loving, kind, and sweet as can be.

She is the "matriarch" of our building, whom we all love and cherish. Three years ago, a brief biography of her life appeared in our newspaper, citing her very interesting life which included living in such exotic places as Panama, Costa Rico, Singapore, Algeria, Peru and Iran. She is well known for her love of the game of golf and has trophies to prove the fact.

Despite some health issues over the past two years and recently, she made very definite plans for her 99th birthday (August 17) which included a long weekend visit with her nephew and a cake and ice cream birthday party. Unfortunately, a fall made this impossible.

Our social hour beneath the "oaks" has been on the quiet side. No doubt this was due to some of the "years-rounds" being on the go. Among these were Bob and Connie Saylor who took a leisurely trip to New Orleans where they were the guests of Bob's son Doug and wife Liz. While there, they enjoyed the hospitality in a new home which the young Saylor's recently purchased, and enjoyed good food and just plain fun in being together.



Another gallivant was Gin Upton, who flew to Minnesota for several weeks of visiting relatives and friends in her home state. She also attended a high school reunion. It is my guess that Gin was the prettiest and liveliest person there.

Birthday greetings were in order for Donna Cameron on the 14th of the month. We gathered at our usual place for a card "shower" followed by devouring a delicious cake baked by Judy Boley.

A building yard sale is in the works. Plans are being made for either the last of September or the first of October. It's time to clean out your cupboards and drawers, as well as what you have stored in the storage rooms. Proceeds will go to the sellers.

As ever, check the bulletin boards. One never knows when or what might be announced there.

COFFEE CORNER

Coffee and donuts are served from 7 to 10 a.m. every weekday morning in the East Activity Center auditorium.



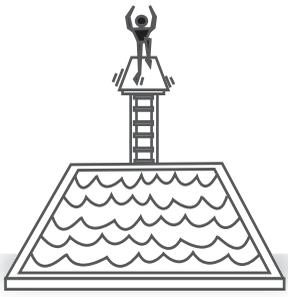
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Attention OTOW News writers ...

When submitting your stories to the newsroom by email, please put the name of your building, group or sport in the subject line of the email.





SWIMMING POOL RULES

DONT EMBARRASS YOUR GUESTS!
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- This facility is exclusively for OTOW unit owners with a valid OTOW recreation card, for guests of unit owners accompanying residents with a valid recreation card, or for renters with a valid recreation card.
- Please show your valid recreation card upon the SCA staff's request.
- Unauthorized persons will be asked to leave.
- Swim at your own risk
- There is no lifeguard on duty.
- Oils, sun block, and body lotions must be showered off before entering the pool.
- Pool will be closed during inclement weather.
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- Use of these facilities is at a resident's or guest's own risk.
- Guests under the age of 15 may use the facility from 12-4 p.m., seven days a week.
- Guests under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Children under age 2 must wear a "swim diaper."
- Please take all children for frequent potty breaks.
- Pools are closed when gates are locked.

Maine island is a hit with vacationers

September: Labor Day with BBQ's and picnics. Philippe Park will likely be a busy destination, with the covered gazebos to shade the sun. Perhaps a few such places sprinkled around On Top of the World would be ideal for more social gatherings?

Our Snowbird friends will be migrating our way in no time at all.

A "little bird" mentioned that Elaine Power and daughter Lynn Constanza have been checking local restaurants. There certainly are many from which to choose within a short drive.

Lynn's pooch, Sage, has mastered carrying three tennis balls at once. I hope to get a picture of that for a future issue.

The dog park is such a huge hit with everyone and has become the newest social mecca for folks with or without four-footed pals.

Our son Mike sauntered about Maine last month. First overnight stop was at Moosehead Lake, including an afternoon and morning moose cruise. He saw six of the critters. The lake is the largest in Maine, 48 miles long by 24 miles wide and is 350 feet deep at its deepest point.

Mt. Kineo stands at 900 feet jutting out of the lake as if reaching for the sky. Indians as far south as Delaware would venture there to collect its prized stone for arrowheads and spears.

After Moosehead, it was on to Acadia National Park then on to Monhegan Island off of Mid-coast Maine with its huge granite cliffs facing the sometimes angry Atlantic Ocean. Monhegan Island is a well-



The Milky Way is visible in this picture taken near Monhegan Island, Maine.

when they "haul" for the summer. On their first day of the season (known as "Trap Day") all island lobster men set their traps. If one can't participate on that day, they all wait until he or she can. Yes, there are women "lobstermen." Monhegan never complains about a lack of lobster.

Artists also find Monhegan a haven for painting. There are numerous art galleries all over the island. Rockwell Kent and the Wyeth family are among a few who have and still do call Monhegan their home during the summer.

Being so far out to sea and away from the light pollution, the night sky is a photographers dream (see photo at left). Stars are bright as new pennies and appear close enough to pick from the night sky. The Milky Way really is milky!

Visitors love wandering about the town and the many hiking trails. A hike to the lighthouse where the island museum is located is time well spent too.

The adventure ended when my son Mike boarded the vessel *Balmy Days* for the 90-minute trip back to Boothbay Harbor.

If you have a vacation story and or picture you'd enjoy sharing, please let me know for future columns.

Happy anniversaries and birthdays to all who celebrate in September.

Hint of the month: The long microfiber duster for ceiling fans works like a charm for any dusting but especially tall or low objects.

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established fishing village. In the year 1500, explorer John Smith anchored in the sheltered Cove protected from the open sea.

Monhegan's lobster calendar differs from the rest of Maine. They now fish from October through June

July 17, 2013



Another reason why you need emergency contacts ...

It doesn't take a hurricane to cause property damage in Florida. If you are a Snowbird, or leave home for an extended period of time, make sure you have a trusted friend or neighbor who will check your condo after a strong storm.

If water gets into your condo, it might become a huge problem by the time you return home.

If you don't have an emergency contact watching your home, you may mail a duplicate set of keys to the OTOW Inspection Department and they will check your condo for you after severe storms. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so the keys may be returned to you.

The Inspection Department mailing address is 2069 World Parkway Blvd E, Clearwater, FL 33763.

Also important, make sure OTOW has your away contact information so we can contact you in case of an emergency. Forms can be picked up at the Customer Service Office or can be filled out on the Box Office Website.

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Resident little theatre actor tours historic movie palace

It is hot, hot, hot! Being from the north, as many of us are, I am always amused by the weather reports during this time of year.

Same as yesterday, and will be the same today and the same tomorrow... hot, humid, a possible scattered late afternoon thunderstorm, mostly inland.

Why do they even need to hire a weather person? Ha-ha.

I think the hot weather is keeping most of us inside... a few of us gals here at the Grecian Classic building have ventured over to the water aerobics class from 9-10 a.m. each morning. It is a good way to get up and going and a refreshing way to start the day. Check it out if you need to get the kinks out, stretch or just have some good clean fun and enjoy some social time too.

Another busy person is George Kolitsas. He submitted this review of a recent trip and upcoming adventure:

"On Saturday, July 27th, under the auspices of Audrey Jones' OTOW Travel Club, we took a tour of the Tampa Theatre, one of the nation's best-preserved movie palaces. It was built in 1926 and is listed on the National Register of Historic places.



"It has a balcony-to-backstage tour showcasing the varied combinations of architecture. We saw and heard the mighty Wurlitzer organ, as well as stories of the three ghosts inhabiting the theatre.

"Go online to find out about this gem or see Audrey Jones at the East Activity Center on Mondays in the event they have another tour. It was well worth it."

George has been cast as the minister in the Francis Wilson Playhouse production of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," which runs Sept. 5-22. The box office phone number is 446-1360. Consider supporting the arts and see "the ol' boy" in action!



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THE WAY WE WERE

A look back at the *OTOW* News

(Part 52: September, 1975)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- The Special Projects Committee provided a bicycle stand for eight bicycles at the rear of the golf clubhouse. Also, drinking water was run to the golf course at number 5 hole.
- The first meeting of On Top of the World Tennis Club was held on Aug. 12. There were 14 interested people present.
- On Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m., all interested chess players should mark their calendars for an organizational meeting of a chess club.
- There was a new class starting in portrait painting on Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. Interested future artists were asked to bring drawing or painting supplies to the recreation annex. They also needed models.
- Crewel and Needlepoint classes started Sept. 4. Six classes cost \$6
- Don't forget the Autumn Dance on September 27. Only \$1.50 with great dance music.
- 31 buildings reported news.

See you next time!

2013-14 schedule of building events runs through spring

On Aug. 8, Frank DeSantis, our building president, met with Doris O'Meara and Russ Heiserman to discuss and outline events scheduled through this fall and next spring.

Some of the items that are listed here are tentative, so watch the bulletin board for the final word and details.

On Sept. 26th we will have "Hoagie Night" in the Sunrise Room.

On Oct. 3rd, we will travel to the Bon Appétit Restaurant in Dunedin for "Oktoberfest."

Nov. 7th is our semi-annual Azores business meeting. Building activity dues are collected at this meeting.

Nov. 12th will bring us together for "Italian Night" in the Sunrise Room.

On Dec. 5th we will start getting us in the holiday mood with our traditional "Core Party."

Dec. 15th will be the "Azores Christmas Party" held at the Countryside Country Club — party to start at 12:30. The cost this year will be \$26, so start saving those nickels and dimes.

The New Year will have us recovering from the year-end festivities with a potluck dinner in the Sunrise Room on Jan. 23rd.

On Feb. 23th we will have our "Pizza and Salad" dinner in the Sunrise Room.

March 1st to the 8th is the Azores



Caribbean Cruise. Be sure to contact Ships-n-Trips Inc. to get suited-up for the trip. The more the merrier!

March 13th is our spring semi-annual Azores business meeting.

March 16th is our annual "St. Pat's Party" — lots of good eating and entertainment.

April will see us at the races on the 14th and having an "Under the Tree Cookout" a little later, just before the Snowbirds flutter off.

This schedule of activities was hammered out by Maryann Staffieri, chairlady, with a great deal of help from Barbara Huntley, Peggie Longfellow, and Marie Pirrello. Thank you so much for your service.

Just checked my "in" box for the latest news. Dry! Not good — I need news items please!

Have a great September!



A number of Orizaba residents were on hand at Kally K's recently to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Filip and Dusita George.

OTOW softball players work with ASA girls' tournament

I can't believe that the summer is almost over and it is September already. What happened to the summer?

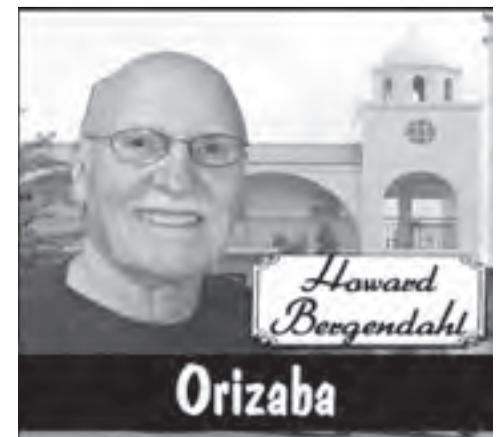
I remember when I was a schoolboy and had the summer off, it seemed to last forever. Now everything is moving faster, especially my birthdays! I seem to have several of them each year... I hear conversations about things that happened 40 or 50 years ago and I actually remember them as if it were a recent occurrence. But, as some people say, it is better than the alternative when you don't remember at all.

Work on our walkways is progressing, and some activity is taking place on the north wing of the building. What the final look of the walkways will be is still a mystery but it has been suggested that at the completion we have a meeting to discuss the residents' future actions. Watch the bulletin board for further information.

Jackie Blair and Ed Fournier returned from their northern trip and are glad to be in "Paradise" again.

I had the good fortune to attend a luncheon recently with several other residents of our building to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Filip and Dusita George. It took place at Kally K's and all had a nice time (see photo, top).

Al Corcoran and Bob Rittner,



both residents of our building and members of the Three Score Softball League, had the opportunity to volunteer as score keepers for the ASA Softball Tournament for girls under 18 years of age.

The tournament was hosted by the city of Clearwater and presented the best of softball to our area. Games were played at the Eddie Moore Complex on Drew Street.

Attending the Francis Wilson Playhouse recently, I was surprised to run into some Orizaba residents. The show was attended by Jack Soll, accompanied by Charla Fogel, along with Tony Brandolino and his daughter. It's a small world after all.

Sign on a church, "How do we make holy water? We boil the hell out of it."

NOTE FOR WEST SIDE DRIVERS

As you enter on World Parkway and approach Americus Boulevard, remember to come to a complete stop before making your turn. Do not pass a left-turning car on the right, inasmuch as that blocks the other driver's vision and could cause an accident. Thanks!

Watch OTOW-TV Channels 96 and 720

Calendar of OTOW Activities — September 2013

03	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Building No. 82 Capistrano Meeting	Sunrise Room
04	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Theater Workshop Meeting	Auditorium
06	Friday	2:00 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
07	Saturday	6:00 PM	Singles Club Meeting	Starlite Room
09	Monday	2:00 PM	German Interest Group Meeting	Sunrise Room
10	Tuesday	3:30 PM	Men's Billiards Meeting	Sunrise Room
11	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Jesters Meeting	Auditorium
12	Thursday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
12	Thursday	9:00 AM	AAA Driver Course	Starlite Room
13	Friday	9:00 AM	AAA Driver Course	Starlite Room
13	Friday	7:00 PM	Lambda Club Meeting	Crafts Room
13	Friday	7:00 PM	Irish Club Meeting	Auditorium
16	Monday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Free Eye & Ear Testing	Auditorium
19	Thursday	6:00 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Veranda
25	Wednesday	6:00 PM	NY-NJ Club Party	Crafts Room
26	Thursday	5:00 PM	Building No.50 Azores Dinner	Sunrise Room
26	Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
26	Thursday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
28	Saturday	1:00 PM	Democratic Club Party	Sunrise Room
28	Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Game Night	Crafts Room
28	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
29	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium

Labor Day
Monday, Sept. 2

Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, Sept. 5

Patriot Day
Wednesday, Sept. 11

Yom Kippur
Saturday, Sept. 14

First Day of Autumn
Sunday, Sept. 22

Daily Calendar

MONDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
8:00	Tennis (Men's)	Tennis Courts
8:00	Bonesavers Exercise	Yellow Room
8:00	Ladies' Exercise Class	East Side Gym
8:30	Ent. Comm./Clubs Ticket Sales	Auditorium
8:30	Exercise Class Exercise	West Side Gym
9:00	Computer Club Help	Computer Room
9:00	Zumba Exercise	Large Card Room
9:00	Photo IDs	Auditorium
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
10:00	Aerobics Exercise	East Side Gym
10:00	Men's Exercise Class	West Side Gym
11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Large Card Room
11:30	Contract Bridge	Blue Room
12:30	Mahjongg Game	Rainbow Room
1:00	Canasta Game	Small Classroom
1:30	Tai Chi Exercise	East Side Gym
2:30	Tai Chi Exercise	East Side Gym
3:30	Contract Bridge Lessons	Large Card Room
5:00	Mahjongg Game	Rainbow Room
6:00	Bingo	Auditorium
6:30	Contract Bridge	Large Card Room
6:30	Men's 8-Ball Tournament	Billiards Room

TUESDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
8:00	Tennis (Men's)	Tennis Courts
8:00	Ladies' Exercise Class	East Side Gym
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Computer Club Help	Computer Room
9:00	Caring and Sharing	Crafts Room
9:00	Jewelry Making	Lapidary
9:00	Photo IDs	Auditorium
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
10:00	Philosophy Club Meeting	Veranda
10:00	Aerobics Exercise	East Side Gym
10:30	Ballroom Dancing Class	Auditorium
11:00	Yoga Exercise	East Side Gym
12:00	Library	Library
12:00	Ceramics Crafts	Crafts Room
1:00	Canasta Game	Small Classroom

1:00	Line Dancing	Auditorium
1:00	Men's 9-Ball Tournament	Billiards Room
2:00	Chess Game	Rainbow Room
5:30	Dominos Game	Small Classroom
6:00	Pinochle	Large Card Room
6:00	Mahjongg Game	Rainbow Room
7:00	Bible Study Meeting	Veranda

WEDNESDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
8:00	Tennis (Men's)	Tennis Courts
8:00	Bonesavers Exercise	Yellow Room
8:00	Ladies' Exercise Class	East Side Gym
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Computer Club	Computer Room
9:00	Knitting Group	Veranda
9:00	Photo IDs	Auditorium
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Good Neighbors Crafts	Crafts Room
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
10:00	Aerobics Exercise	East Side Gym
10:00	Men's Exercise Class	West Side Gym
11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Large Card Room
12:00	Mahjongg Game	Rainbow Room
1:00	Double Pinochle	Small Classroom
1:00	Painting Pals	Art Room
1:30	Scrapbooking Class	Kitchen
1:30	Tai Chi Exercise	East Side Gym
2:30	Tai Chi Exercise	East Side Gym
3:30	Contract Bridge Lessons	Large Card Room
6:30	Contract Bridge	Large Card Room
6:30	Ladies QueT Billiards	Billiards Room

THURSDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
8:00	Tennis (Men's)	Tennis Courts
8:00	Ladies Exercise Class	East Side Gym
8:30	Ent. Comm./Clubs Ticket Sales	Auditorium
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Computer Club Help	Computer Room
9:00	Photo IDs	Auditorium
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool

10:00	Aerobics Exercise	East Side Gym
11:00	Yoga Exercise	East Side Gym
11:30	Contract Bridge	Large Card Room
12:00	Belly Dancing Class	East Side Gym
1:00	Mahjongg Game	Small Classroom
1:00	Drawing Class	Art Room
1:30	Tai Chi Exercise	East Side Gym
2:00	Chess Game	Rainbow Room
5:00	Pinochle	Large Card Room
6:30	Men's Billiards Tournament	Billiards Room
7:00	Tai Chi Exercise	East Side Gym

FRIDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
8:00	Tennis (Men's)	Tennis Courts
8:00	Bonesavers Exercise	Yellow Room
8:00	Ladies Exercise Class	East Side Gym
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Computer Club Help	Computer Room
9:00	Pinochle	Small Classroom
9:00	Zumba Exercise	Large Card Room
9:00	Photo IDs	Auditorium
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Ceramics Crafts	Crafts Room
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
10:00	Hula Hooping Exercise	East Side Gym
10:00	Men's Exercise Class	West Side Gym
12:00	Library	Library
1:00	Mahjongg Game	Small Classroom
1:00	Chess Game	Rainbow Room
3:30	Contract Bridge Lessons	Large Card Room
6:30	Hand & Foot Canasta	Small Classroom
6:30	Contract Bridge	Large Card Room

SATURDAY

8:00	Tennis (Men's)	Tennis Courts
8:30	Computer Club Meeting	Large Card Room
8:30	Line Dancing	Auditorium
11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Large Card Room
1:30	Tai Chi Exercise	East Side Gym
2:30	Tai Chi Exercise	East Side Gym

SUNDAY

2:00	Wii Bowling	Large Card Room
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Leonard Gotler poses with Goofy during family trip to Walt Disney World.

Found on the third floor: one befuddled ‘possum

Did you get to see the opossum? Phyllis King, one of our newest Malagueña neighbors, reported seeing an opossum on the third floor of the north end of the building.

The animal looked confused and didn't seem to know how to get down the stairs. Parkway people came to the rescue and returned it to the "wild."

Phyllis and her husband Paul have been here for a few months. Both are native New Englanders, but already lived in Clearwater before moving to On Top of the World.

Ironically, Phyllis' dad was stationed at MacDill Air Force Base until she was 7 years old. They returned when she was in junior high, only to move away again. She feels that she was destined to live here again. Welcome back!

Phyllis is a self-described computer geek, is active in the computer club, loves to swim, and is working on her first novel. Paul is an active real estate appraiser in the area. Even their French poodle, Amigo, loves it here, especially the dog park.



The Gotlers were at Disney World recently with their children and grandchildren.

They stayed at the Animal Kingdom Villas where they could view African animals from their balcony. Leonard posed for a picture with his friend, Goofy (see photo at top).

Of course, we enjoyed all the rides at the Magic Kingdom, with the children loving the roller coasters.

The night parade was spectacular and we all had a wonderful time.

Entertainment Committee presents Sunday at the Races!

When OTOW resident Ellen Fier heard the Entertainment Committee was going to start having horse races, she went out and bought a horse, along with jockey attire and boots.

But actually, you don't need a horse and a racing outfit to participate in the Entertainment Committee's races.

You just need a couple of dollars to wager and a voice for cheering. Sunday at the Races will take place 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29, during Sunday-in-the-Park, in the EAC auditorium.

The Entertainment Committee will also hold its annual meeting and music will be provided by

Denise Looney. Volunteers will ride wooden horses across the floor, and prizes will be given away for win, place or show.

Any questions?

Visit the EC booth on Mondays or Thursdays.



Jockey Ellen Fier and her horse Pokey

Couple's summer was filled with Florida vacation tours

Summer is coming to an end — not the heat, just the season. Many of our friends from up North will soon be returning. They will have so much to tell us about the adventures they have had.

My husband Jim and I decided this summer we would make our own adventures. We traveled all through the state of Florida. We started on a bus tour with other senior citizens.

First was Everglades National Park northward to Alligator Alley. We enjoyed an airboat ride, the first for Jim and me (see photo at top right). Then on to Big Cypress Swamp, where we saw many cypress trees, mostly dwarf, along with 'gators, fish, and wading birds.

When the sun faded we found ourselves staying in Homestead, near Miami, in a very cute little hotel.

The next day we went on a day trip to Key West. We had so much to do. We enjoyed a ride through town on the Jolly Trolley; you pay once and get off and on as many times as you want. By the way, there are 205 bars on the island!

You will see many roosters walking around; their purpose is to keep the insect population down. We ended the evening by enjoying the sunset. Then back to Homestead for the night.

The third day we found ourselves



on to Miami, with a destination of the waterfront. We boarded a boat and toured Star Island, where many celebrities live. We saw the Miami Heat basketball stadium — so impressive. We enjoyed our lunch on the water.

Then back on the bus and home to Clearwater.

The month of August came around and the Courtneys got traveling fever again — this time St. Augustine. We went by car this time. We stayed at a beautiful golf resort, where many great golfers have played.

St. Augustine is the nation's oldest city. The city has a total of 450 years between past and present. We enjoyed a visit to the Fountain of Youth, the Oldest Wooden Schoolhouse and a 17th century fort, to name a few.



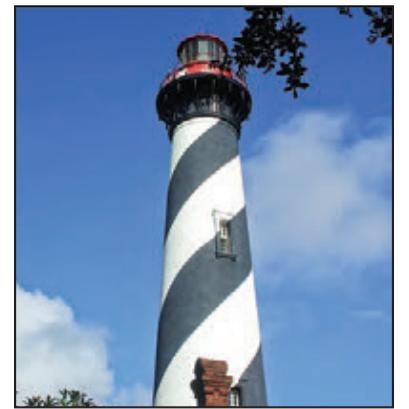
Above, building reporter Yvonne Courtney takes an airboat ride in the Everglades. Below, the historic lighthouse at St. Augustine.

Relaxed in Anastasia Park, where we toured St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum (see photo at right).

Then back in the car and home to Clearwater.

We finished the season by enjoying our three children and their families, which consists of 11 grandchildren, all 11 years of age and younger.

Jim and I will hit the trail again this fall for another comfortable trip, which will be a cruise.



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Resident's project of love: 1,000+ knitted hats for veterans

"A careless word may kindle strife. A cruel word may wreck a life. A timely word may level stress. But a loving word may heal and bless."

I did survive the visit with the twins this year and surprisingly I was not "exhausted and broke" at the end of the visit. I found the Wonder World of Wii a less effortless sport and had to go buy one. It served me well with the teenage grandchildren visiting.

We spent many hours playing golf, bowling, baseball and tennis. We had to work around the rain, and I even took them to a regular bowling alley. We three were the worst. It was all I could do to pick up the ball. The kids had more gutter balls than anything else. Still it was fun.

Yes, even though I said "no more technology," I have become addicted to Wii and am now with a new set of Wii people. Never say you're not going to do something — trust me, you will eat those words. Speaking of Wii players, here is a picture of the gang (see photo below).

Sharon Angel lived in this building for 21 years. She was an educator, and taught English as a second language at Tomlinson Adult Learning Center in St. Petersburg.

She worked with mentally handicapped children for years and also was a professor at St. Petersburg College and taught English as a second language.

A year ago she was taken ill and wanted to do something for the veterans, so she knitted over 1,000 hats for veterans over the time she had left (see photo at top right).

The hats are going to be distributed to veterans who have severe injuries. She took great pride in helping people.



Sharon's dream is kept alive and, with the help of American Sewing Guild, the project is complete and ready to go. The American Guild helped in finishing the hats.

Over the next month they will be distributed to the more critical vets. Lee Bresch and Sharon were friends for years and Lee (who lives in our building) has made sure to honor her wishes that the vets receive these hats. God bless you, Lee.

Maureen and Jim Bjorgo's "last long road trip." First stop: Columbus, Ga., to visit brother and his wife. Next stop was in Nashville, Tenn., to the American Pickers store (which is located in the old Marathon auto factory). Very interesting "stuff" that has been picked over the years.

Next, a night in Effingham and then up to Naperville to see daughter Jill and her family and the four grandkids (and one on the way). Next stop: Arlington Heights, Jim's old hometown, where Jim and Maureen used to live. Stayed with son and family for 12 days.

Jim and Maureen celebrated their 25th anniversary with the kids, grandkids, and some other family members reminiscing about the past while eating Chicago deep dish pizza at



A few of the more than 1,000 knitted hats Sharon Angel created for military veterans.

Lou Malnati's in Elk Grove Village.

They then visited a niece and her husband and two Rhodesian Ridgebacks in Buckhannon, W.Va., a very quaint town where West Virginia Wesleyan College is located. Their niece is a professor there and teaches computer science and ecology.

After a few days with their niece it was off to Mooresville, N.C., another place near where they used to live. They stopped to see Aunt Rita and all the cousins in the area. Went to the Offices of a Rescue Ranch, which is

Cousin Krissie's foundation for animal rescue and education.

After 24 days, 14 states and 3,654 miles it was time to head home. It was wonderful to see family and friends, but "there is no place like home".

Cooking tip: Take corn on the cob that has been cleaned; wrap it in a damp paper towel and place in the microwave for two minutes. Quick and delicious. (Actually, Neal Krug gave me this recipe, so the credit and thanks belong to Neal.)



A group shot of some of the residents who play the electronic game Wii at OTOW.

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Winter the dolphin held a surprise for someone special

My daughter, Kristen, and her boyfriend, Paul, have visited the Clearwater Aquarium several times in past years, but I am proud to announce their fourth visit will be the one they will always remember.

Last month Kristen and Paul were in town from New York State and went to the aquarium for their annual visit to see Winter the dolphin. Little did Kristen know that Paul had something special planned for this trip.

After more than seven years of dating, Paul knew the day was going to come when he proposed marriage to Kristen, and she told him directly, there was no way he would ever be able to surprise her.

So, Paul needed a plan. He didn't want the expected, traditional, wedding proposal. He wanted something special that would surprise even Kristen.

Paul contacted Winter for a little help, and last month the plan sprung into action.

Kristen and Paul arrived at the aquarium and everything on the outside was just the way it has been for the past four years. Even inside, a crowd was gathering and



Kathy Ahrens' daughter, Kristen, at right, holds the buoy delivered to her by Winter the Dolphin containing Paul's proposal.

there were high expectations to see Florida's most famous movie star



Harness racer Len Segall (at right) poses with reporter Kathy Ahrens and her husband.

dolphin perform to the delight of all. But before the show started, something happened.

Kristen was standing by the dolphin pool when Winter delivered a buoy. A trainer told Kristen the buoy was for her. Kristen picked up the buoy and there was a message written on it (see photo at left).

"Kristen, will you marry Paul?"

Kristen never saw the proposal coming and Paul certainly did surprise her. He even surprised himself because the aquarium took care of every detail.

"I knew it was going to happen and I knew how it was going to happen, but they did it so discretely," Paul said.

Kristen said "yes." They kissed in front of a cheering crowd, which watched the whole thing. And Winter

got a few extra pats on the head for taking part in the sneaky plot!

Back here at On Top of the World, I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful summer.

Grace Hodek enjoyed a wonderful week with granddaughter Gracie. Of course, grandma spoiled Gracie, as we all do with our grandchildren.

There has been a lot of swimming, and trips to the beach and mall. Puppy Skondoo is keeping her busy!

Len Segall is enjoying his summer racing his harness horses up at Tioga Downs in New York. He is owner and trainer of eight horses. During a visit to Tioga in July, we all had a nice surprise when two of his horses won races (see photo above).

"Way to go Lenny!"

(News editor Doug Kates helped with this story.)

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Dog days are surely upon all of us

Well, I am back after a few weeks of missing my friends. Our building is so quiet as many are gone for the summer and fun and travel.

We've had a few folks moving around within the building. Many still are walking those little puppy dogs on a regular basis.

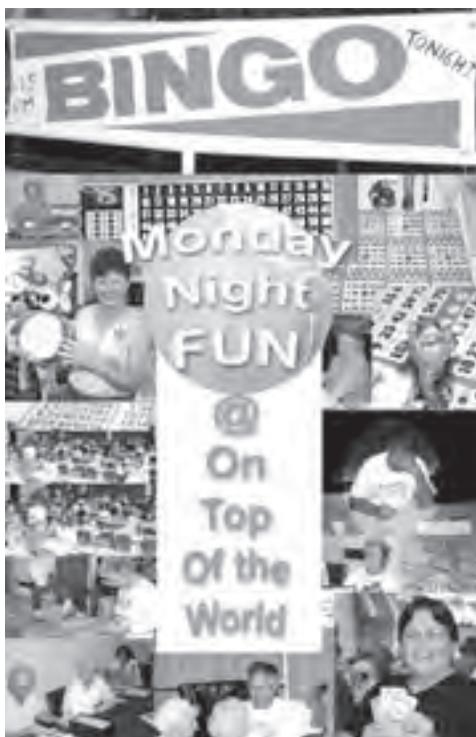
Our friend John, who almost lost his arm a couple years ago here due to a spider bite, is back visiting his mom and brought his lovely wife and little girl. She is a doll.

Since moving the hoses to the other side of the building, washing cars is bit more of a chore for those of us on this side....

Thanks to Mary Furr our little Dutch people in front of our building look like new since she repainted them. Thanks, Mary!

Summer fun is here for sure, and many are enjoying the pools and exercising rooms, sauna and cookouts, plus family reunions and lots of children having fun.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and that we will hear from you in the fall.



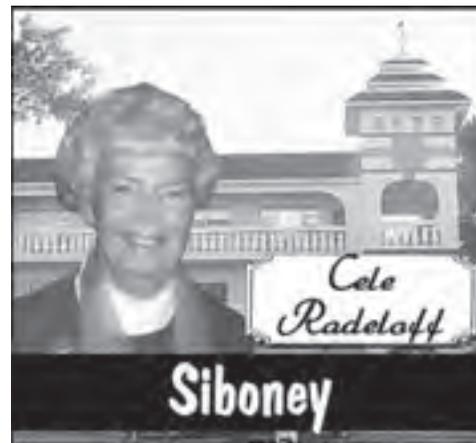
Original resident celebrates 95th birthday

One of my favorite neighbors and an original resident of the Siboney, Violet Orr, who was from Forest Park, Ill., just turned 95.

We celebrated her birthday by having lunch at Ivory's and reminiscing about the "olden" days. I was in my late sixties, and Violet was in her early seventies when we took tap dancing lessons for one hour in the Largo Cultural Center and then two hours of clogging lessons. Over three hours of continuous dancing — and we loved every minute! Violet is a special friend, and we all wish her a belated Happy Birthday. Congratulations!

Let me introduce you to a lovely couple, Joyce and Ray Ronningen. Ray was a lifelong resident of Minnesota, and Joyce lived in Warren, Ohio before moving to Minnesota. Joyce was an accountant, and Ray was in the trucking business. Together they have four children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

They've been married 29 years and learned about On Top of the World from Joyce's sister Sylvia, who lives in the Dorado building. They're amazed that as Norwegians they wound up on Norwegian Drive, having found the listing on Craig's List. Fate! Their motto nowadays is "Retirement is a tough job, but somebody has to do it!" Welcome to the Siboney.



We are so fortunate in the caliber of residents attracted to our building. A fine example is newcomer Mary Hodges who just moved into Siboney. She is originally from Rockville Centre, Long Island, but has lived in Ft. Lauderdale for several years.

She is a Registered Nurse and has volunteered to participate in the Blood Pressure Program here at On Top of the World.

Mary has three adult children — Laura, Michael and Jennifer, plus six grandchildren. Her daughter lives in Palm Harbor and steered her mother here with "You have to see this place," and the rest is history.

Mary has had visitors already: Her sister Sheila from the Boston area and Sheila's daughter Amy Kellogg, a Fox News investigator. Mary, we are thrilled you chose Siboney. Welcome!



Original Siboney building resident Violet Orr recently turned 95.

At "Sunday in the Park", five of our volunteers won cash prizes. They were Leo, Lucy, Ednamae, Fran and Sherri. (I won last month.) You see, we not only set up and sell tickets but we buy them also. People ask me, "Where is the park?" I tell them it's just a catchy phrase and the "Park" is the auditorium where most of our activities take place. Come check us out — it's free.

Welcome back Rita Tombari from Massachusetts and Audrey Decker from Maryland and Connecticut. We missed you.

Watch the bulletin board for our meetings and activities.

Happy Labor Day. See you all next month.

Residents head north to escape the heat

Summer Greetings to all from Rancho Del Mundo!

First and foremost, a huge "thank you" from all of us to Ernie Rogers, our neighbor who has volunteered to take care of the common area landscaping in the front of our building on the Australia side. We all appreciate your efforts, Ernie!

Who turned up the heat? Now is the time to visit our lovely swimming holes for relief from the soaring temperatures and for much needed reassurance from others that our beautiful winter temperatures are just around the corner.

Some of us have headed north to cool down. One such wise person is Mae O'Brien, a long-time resident of our building and a much-valued wing captain. Mae traveled to New Jersey in July to visit her sister, Vickie, and to help celebrate the third birthday of Vickie's first grandchild.

For the party, all of Mae's extended family was in attendance including lots of little ones.

Mae's son Michael surprised his mom by showing up at the party! She had no idea that he was traveling on business and would make the two-hour side trip to see Mom and all the family. Way to go, Michael!



For the balance of her visit, May, her sister Vickie and Vickie's daughter enjoyed many day trips that included wonderful shopping malls and oh yes, wine tasting!

For Mae's own birthday on Aug. 8, Mae's children gifted her with a trip to see her daughter, Christine, at her home in San Antonio, Texas. Bella, Mae's adorable Maltese puppy, flew with Mae and Mae's daughter Jeanne, and enjoyed every moment of the time spent in San Antonio.

Mae's son-in-law loves to grill and the whole family enjoyed his culinary creations that included ribs, steak, pork chops and his extra special dish of jalapeño peppers stuffed with shrimp and wrapped in bacon.

When not eating at home, the crew

visited many local Mexican restaurants in search of a "Skinny Margarita." And, they found one, which Mae enjoyed with another one for a chaser! I'd say a good time was had by all.

Connor Henry Skeith is my next door neighbor's dog. He is a long-haired Dachshund with plenty of personality! He's a great watch dog, too.

Connor especially watches for the treats my husband Bill leaves him out on his windowsill. Connor loves cats and has a few dog buddies in the building as well. Connor says he loves living here because he likes to ride in the elevator and being walked in our beautiful neighborhood.

This will be my last article as reporter for Rancho Del Mundo. I will be happy to provide all the necessary information to anyone who would like to take my place. I can be reached at home: 727-725-9527.

Happy Trails to All!



Reunion was held in historic, vibrant city of Dallas

Once again my usual July trip involved a reunion. This was the 25th, and though I haven't attended all, I have probably enjoyed 15 or more.

This is not a "family thing," but it could be, because it is a get-together of 700 to 1,000 people who have worked together at various times and places overseas. Many family groups have shared a multitude of events and adventures, and though retired, we keep in touch and never stop talking when together.

Not only do we share our lives but have many, many laughs and a few solemn moments reliving stories that perhaps others wouldn't understand. And we've met in so many different venues every July.

This was our second stay in Texas – first had been in San Antonio, which is a wonderful place to be a tourist. There was the Riverwalk, the Alamo, the old historic missions and Spanish-influenced places.

This summer we enjoyed a great contrast – the ultra-modern financial center of Dallas. The Dallas-Fort Worth Airport is very big, but is so



well-planned that it is fairly easy to find your baggage pickup or boarding area on return. Our hotel, selected for lots of lobby and socializing areas, was the Marriott City Centre, right in the heart of the business financial center.

One side of this 14-story building consisted of the hotel, restaurant, bars, lobby, joined to the "ends" of this tower which consisted of glass-enclosed office towers, hotel convention rooms and eating places and a couple of boutiques on the other side.

In the middle was a three-level "outdoor" area where guests and office

workers could stroll, eat lunch, etc. This enclosed area had been an ice-skating rink, but had become a tropical garden with walk-ways, stairs, elevators, etc.

Not more than two blocks away was a Neimann-Marcus and across the street was the I-Pad Building.

Tours were available to the famous football stadium. This occupies several blocks, but outside the stadium is a large area of giant TV screens, and people without game tickets know that they can park and watch the games, courtesy of the owners.

The new George W. Bush Library is receiving lots of visitors and receiving excellent reviews.

We took a three-and-half-hour motorcoach tour that included a JFK memorial. Another site to visit is the Texas Book Depository, where tourists can visit the rooms so infamous in our history.

Another monument took in another hilly block that consisted of 77 separate longhorn steer, sculpted in bronze, being herded up and down a hillside by three cowboys also in bronze. Each steer had some distinguishing

appearance much as the Cian warriors in China were distinguishingly different from one another.

Yes, Texas is hot in July and so was Phoenix, Louisville, Washington, DC, and all of the other places we've enjoyed, but not really much hotter than Tampa Bay, and it is so rewarding to rent a van and tour around a bit or just stay for the reunion. And it's always good to get home!

Please note several newspaper items that may be of interest to you.

EAC means East Activity Center (our side of Belcher Road).

ID cards are now available at the East Activity Center (EAC).

The AARP Driver Ed class will be held in early September. Find the form in the August OTOW News.

The library offers many free books. Check it out.

Many activities and clubs are starting or resuming. Lots of things to enjoy. Come to the EAC on Monday and Thursday mornings and join, participate or help.

Welcome back!

New resident is anxious to meet fellow OTOW crafters

English Tudor is proud to announce its new resident, Marilyn Lyall. Pictured here (at right, below) is Joann Dameron, the new Sunshine Captain, presenting Marilyn with a cactus arrangement.

Marilyn hails from Toronto, Canada. She arrived in the U.S. in 1962 and quickly became an American citizen. Marilyn was employed by Kresge's (which later morphed into Kmart), for 39 years. Marilyn was such a highly valued employee, she was sent to open new stores and ensure they were set up correctly.

During that time she lived in California, then Cape Cod (volunteering at an adult day care center in 2004) and finally Florida. Originally, Marilyn settled in a Canadian-favored complex when she moved to Florida. When the Snowbirds went home she stayed but missed the residents, even though she was very active with her crafts and Red Hats organization.

One day a bus driver suggested she look at On Top of the World because a lot of owners stayed year-round. She took his advice and decided to stay.

Marilyn is very anxious to meet and greet the crafters of the world.

Ed and Marilyn Solivan just returned from a vacation to Sanibel, Fla. Their family members came from near and far to find shells and eat seafood.

A pizza party and building meeting



(L-R): Marilyn Lyall and Joann Dameron.

were held on the second floor core on Aug. 3. Roy Satkowski, co-captain said some unit owners have requested a board that is here year-round. You will be hearing of more activities as Joann Dameron and Virginia Jones plan events for the upcoming months.

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Linda and Bart Gooch are shown with their grandsons, who visited from Orlando.



Buffalo, N.Y., grandchildren and a great-grand shown here with building reporter Marguerite Laskowski and husband Wally.

Grandchildren mark end of summer with OTOW visits

When summer arrives and grandchildren are on vacation, grandparents either go to them or they come to visit us.

In last month's column, I mentioned Bart and Linda Gooch's Orlando grandsons had visited with them for a week. The above picture of the boys and the Gooch's was at a cook-out at the end of their vacation week.

Wally and I headed north to see our grandkids. The first stop was in Acworth, Ga. Our granddaughter will be starting her first year of high school at a Magnet School. She is pictured at right with her Golden Retriever dogs. We all enjoyed playing cards and board games.



Our next destination was Buffalo, N.Y. Three grandchildren and a great-grandchild were the focus of our visit. They are pictured above, right.



The Laskowski's Georgia granddaughter with her Golden Retrievers.

Since all of the adult grandchildren work, it is difficult to get everyone together at the same time. However,

Wally was able to get in a round of golf with the boys. We also celebrated our son's birthday during our visit. We were pleasantly surprised with the news that our great-granddaughter will have a baby brother in December.

The next generation is upon us. And we love it!

Fair warning to 'borrowers' of furniture

Once upon a Saturday, our second floor furniture disappeared. A few years ago, the building purchased three lovely outdoor chairs and a matching table. As a second floor resident, I take pride in our building and make sure this furniture stays clean with a little floral arrangement on the table. I wish someone or a team of the third floor would take a little Windex to the furniture there. Once clean, they wouldn't have to worry about it being taken since it is much too heavy.

Getting back to the mysterious disappearance of the second floor furniture, since I found the discarded floral arrangement in the laundry room trash can, I concluded this was a theft. I was concerned and called the Sheriff's Department. A very nice deputy appeared shortly and assured me that this much furniture would not have left the building.



We checked all the storage rooms, and a notice went up on the building bulletin board. Just as mysteriously as the furniture disappeared, it reappeared. To the party responsible: please note that the building will not tolerate irresponsible "borrowing" of core furniture.

Those who read my column last month are wondering how my driver's

court case turned out. Much to my frustration, I received a letter that the court date was postponed until September 19.

There will be no more building luncheons until the Snowbirds return in October.

I have been trying to interview newcomers to the building, but they are all out of town. I did find out that we have two new pup residents in our building. Janet has a new playmate for her little Yorkshire Terrier Mitzie.

Pebbles is a little larger but of the same breed. Richard and Zenaid Pellerin have a new pup also. Six-month-old Trixie looks like a Chihuahua but is also part dachshund. All sweet little pups.

We have had much summer rain but thankfully a quiet storm season. May it continue and all enjoy the Labor Day weekend.

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Reporter vacations in lovely Michigan

*From June through August,
I remember*

My favorite month is

Sweet September,

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And all those lovely schools are in.

Back to school specials have been around all of August. Now I suppose we will start to have Christmas specials. Seems everyone is trying to get the year to pass quickly.

Our dining outing for July was cancelled at the last minute. Seems illness and traveling people left only one on the sign-up sheet. I hope Carol has better luck with the Aug. 24 Rumba date. And that you were there! More about that next month.

Adele Friedlander went to Branson, Mo., with friend Mike Kaplan. They saw five wonderful shows. Then they went on to Kansas City to see her granddaughter and great-grandchildren. They drove 2,795 miles and had a special trip at their own pace.

Adele says she came back feeling great. She even was up to going to a Thrashers baseball game with a group. Game, food and fellowship were in the making. But rain flooded the field and they just got the food and fellowship. A little disappointing.

The middle of July, I flew up to Marquette, Mich., and then on to my only brother's in Big Bay. He was



celebrating his 80th birthday on July 23. All four of his children were able to make it from Illinois, Minnesota, Tennessee and Michigan. Only two of his eleven grandchildren were able to make it. One is 28 years old and one 3 months. He has great-grandchildren older than 3 months!

A big party was planned for the 23rd and son Cary made smoked pork into pulled pork which was delicious. Lots of other things to eat too, including two birthday cakes. Good thing two.

I'll tell you the story of one of the cakes. One of the sons brought his two dogs. One of them, a big Labrador retriever, got outside into the area where we were having the party. He is not only big but a diabetic. He managed to get near the card table with the birthday cakes and take a big bite out of one side and lick the frosting. He really was

in the dog house!

I always enjoy going to my brothers as he has a big garden and raspberry patch. But because of the late cold and rains, the only crops ready to eat were beet green (which I love), onions, radishes and lettuce, the berries were not even ready. I enjoyed my stay on Lake Independence, which opens into Lake Superior.

Coming back, I stopped in the Detroit area to see my son and his wife. We toured the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn and were able to go to Kingston and Marlette to visit childhood memories. I enjoyed being with the "kids" but tired and happy to get back to my condo.

It has been quiet around here this month. Even Bonnie, my next door neighbor, has been in Palm Harbor sitting her son's dog while they are away.

I'll be glad to see all the Snowbirds back soon. I promise you won't hear another word about my travels, if you give me lots to write about you and your travels.

Have a lazy Labor Day. I don't understand why they call it Labor Day when you don't labor...

Enjoy Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Grandparents Day, Citizenship Day and the first day of autumn. Then it will be October!

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.

Auto radiator cap inventor resides here

Wow! Summer is almost over, kids are back in school already and the Snowbirds will begin their annual migration to Florida and On Top of the World. Hopefully the rains are going to let up a little, giving the umbrellas and windshield wipers a rest.

Summer travelers included Tony and Claudette Sinopoli, who traveled to New Jersey and New York. The Sinopoli's traveled by auto train from Sanford to Virginia and then motored to New Jersey.

On the auto train Tony and Claudette had their own room with amenities similar to those of a hotel. Food was served in the dining car and the privacy of the room made the trip enjoyable and comfortable.

While in New Jersey they attended their granddaughter's high school graduation and visited their sons, daughters and grandchildren.

A trip to Ballston Spa, N.Y., in the Adirondacks to visit son Anthony, his wife Fran and their three children was



a highlight of the trip. Although New York and New Jersey weather was a little on the cool side during the trip, Tony said they had a great time visiting the families.

Travelers Sam and Julia Contella boarded a plane and flew to Buffalo, N.Y., for Sam's annual family reunion. Sam invited Karen and I. We attended and had a great time.

Sam is the idol of his many relatives and his grandchildren love and

adore him. Some of the great-grandkids are still babies and lovable just like Sam. It was a pleasure to meet Sam's son and daughter.

One of the grandchildren and her husband prepared a video of the life of Sam Contella and it was great, brought a tear to our eye. The Sam and Julia wedding picture had Julia looking pretty sharp, all decked out for their wedding.

How many of us knew that Sam was the inventor of the radiator cap used on our cars? Isn't that something? We all have had encounters with radiator caps and here the guy that invented it is our neighbor. Sam is having a celebration of his 88th year in December.

Sept. 11 a day we will never forget as we pause to reflect and remember.

Sept. 14 is for all you crème-filled donut lovers, as it is National Crème-Filled Donut Day.

If you like cheeseburgers, Sept. 18 is National Cheeseburger Day.

Enough is enough. 'Bye.



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Featured couple has led an interesting and exciting life

By Tom Brennan

Hi, neighbors. How in the world RU? Well, summer is coming to an end and it's time to meet Gene and Carol Moore. They live in the Brittany Farmhouse with their 10-year-old Silver Persian cat Tiffany. Gene and Carol were married by an Episcopal priest in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center on April 15, 2006 (Tax Day).

Now let's start at the beginning. Gene was born in Tarrytown, N.Y., on July 1, 1922, into a family of seven. He has three brothers and a sister.

After graduating from Washington Irving High School in 1939, he started working for New York Life Insurance Co. (that was the year of the New York World's Fair in Flushing Meadows Park).

In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Atlantic on a destroyer escort. A year later Gene was sent to school to learn to maintain and repair the computer that was used to continually position guns at moving targets such as airplanes and ships, while the destroyer rolled, pitched and yawed.

Gene was a bugler in boot camp. He also played the trumpet in the Westchester Symphony Orchestra in New York and the trumpet and trombone in a dance band.

Never thinking the war was going to last so long, Gene married his girlfriend from high school, Mary Williams, in October, 1944. They lived in Washington, DC for a short time.

Gene was transferred to a

destroyer in the Pacific. His ship had four landing craft which Marines used in invasions. He was in the invasion of Okinawa, Japan.

"Two weeks after the U.S. dropped the atom bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, our destroyer was sent there to evacuate our POWs who were healthy enough not to need medical attention. While there, we went ashore and viewed the devastation. We also walked through the ashes as we never heard much about radiation. But none of our crew had any problems from it."

In December of '45, Gene was honorably discharged from the Navy.

From that moment on, Gene and Mary started their family life together. They have three children – Nancy, Susan and Gene, Jr. In 1947 he built his family home in New York with no hired labor or contractors. Although he sold it long ago, it is still occupied.

Eight years after Mary died, he married Elinor Crandall. The year Gene started to receive his Social Security checks, he bought his first condo here at On Top of the World. He was only married to Elinor a short three years when he became a widower again.

He played golf three days a week until two years ago. He is a Past Commander of an American Legion post in New York, and they still pay his membership dues.

He is the treasurer for his building. Gene was the President of the OTOW IBM Computer Club in 1991, and has attended the OTOW exercise class since 1985. He made an exercise commands



OTOW featured couple Carol and Gene Moore live in Brittany Farmhouse.

tape in 2001, and it is still used today.

Now let's hear from Carol Moore. Carol's mother and father had two sets of twins. Her mother was born in the U.S., and her father left Germany for a better life here. Carol had an identical twin sister. The second set of twins born after Carol were boys.

Carol is an artist and has been chosen four times as the OTOW Artist of the Month. She has her paintings in every room of their condo. I saw her paintings of horses, and they are beautiful.

Carol and Gene each have three children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thank you, Carol and Gene, for allowing me to share in your very exciting lives.

I asked Sweetie Pie, "How come when July ends people say here come the dog days of August?" Well, Thomas, as you know...

*Whether it's cold or whether it's hot,
There will be weather, whether or not.*

Say, I could have used that in my August column!

"Thomas, in all the years we have been married, you seem to be a day late and a dollar short." That's how we ended the month of August.

Meet some of the 'cool canines' of English Gothic

We celebrate Labor Day this month which is dedicated to the contribution and achievements of all American workers, but not all workers are humans; dogs have important jobs, too.

Working dogs are often heroes who search and rescue those in need, provide therapy and support for the disabled and serve as military working dogs and police K-9s.

These working dogs work for praise, food, and love. Let's not forget the role of our faithful companions and best friends and the unconditional love that they offer.

We have many wonderful and loving dogs in our building. We start with Sparky, who is 2 years old and is the baby of the building. He is a purebred Schnauzer who runs around the condo like greased lightning (see photo, third column).

Pixie is 5 years old and is celebrating a birthday on Sept. 2. She is a Shih Tzu and Yorkie mix, who is a smart Diva dog. Both Sparky and Pixie are our traveling dogs as well.



Kenney is 9 years old and is a Jack Russell who is fat, sassy, and so lovable. She can be found hunting for rabbits or taking a cozy ride in her jogging stroller.

TJ is an 8-year-old Maltipoo who is fun-loving and affectionate.

Bud is 7 years old and is a French bulldog who is very sweet and friendly.

Cricket is 8 years old and is a long-haired Chihuahua and Pomeranian mix who is super sweet and is our neighborhood window watcher.



Sparky is a 2-year-old Schnauzer who is the 'baby' of the English Gothic dog family

Harley is a 7-year-old Maltese who is playful and lovable, while Rachel is 4 years old and is a Yellow Labrador Retriever who is also playful and sociable.

Ricky is 10 years old and is a Chihuahua and Terrier Mix who loves to sit in your lap and cuddle. Ricky is very quiet and loving and is the oldest dog in our building.

Ben and Betty Benvenuti are celebrating 64 years of marriage on Sept. 3. Ben is celebrating his 85th birthday on Sept. 20. Congratulations!

We welcome back Gino and Luisa Traficante who were away for two months in New Jersey visiting their extended family. Their granddaughter, graduated from college, while their grandson graduated from high school and will be attending West Virginia University.

Attention Dog Walkers

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

Reporter: 'What I did on my summer vacation'

This reporter spent seven weeks visiting family and friends up North this summer. Two of my sons and their families live in Illinois and in the Missouri/Kansas area.

There were many Little League baseball games, graduation parties (since two of them graduated from high school and 8th grade), lots of laughs and even tears as I left them to head home to Florida. (See group photo at far right.)

My oldest son, Craig, has two sons whom he has taught the fundamentals of baseball and both of them have played since they were 4 years old. It was so much fun to see both of these grandsons play baseball this summer. The older of the two grandsons, 17 years old, played his last game unless he continues his interest in college. He leaves this month for college in Santa Monica, California.

The younger grandson begins his high school years and looks forward to being on the freshman team. He even told me "Nana, I want to come and live with you in Florida so I can play baseball all year long!" He is very good! I hope someday to watch him play MLB — who knows, maybe to even sit in the family box seats!

My middle son, Mike, directs a church camp. This summer the camp staff was 60 members. This was my first summer to watch him and his wife, Carrie, who is Guest Services director, supervise and work with this staff. As a mother, my heart was thrilled as I watched them lead and care for these staff members and support them in their faith! Each day the staff came together they were encouraged to share with everyone the "low" and "high" points of their day with the campers.



Members of Mary Becker's family came to OTOW for a summer visit.

Mike and Carrie have done this with their children at supertime since the children could express themselves. This is a good practice to look back over the day and after thinking it over choose a low and high moment and share it.

Many asked me "Are you on vacation?" and a couple times I said "yes" and then realized I am retired and life is a vacation every day.

The wonderful thing about retirement is: I get to choose what to do and when to do it.



Some of reporter Kathy Hovelman's family that she saw on her summer visit up North.

While writing this article a Paradise neighbor phoned to share her "summer vacation" story. Mary Becker has three children, two sons and a daughter. The sons and their families live in Grafton, Mass., and Chicago, Ill. Her daughter lives in Safety Harbor. Mary has seven grandchildren.

This summer all the cousins got together to spend some time here at On Top of the World.

"They had a nice vacation and enjoyed being together," says Mary. "We spent time in St Petersburg at the

beach and the Trade Winds. The photo (at left) is of me and the grandchildren on the beach." Mary mentioned, "We don't get to do this often and I am very proud of them all!"

As September comes, school begins for teachers and students. Remember to slow down as you drive through school zone. The lazy days of summer are over and yet the sun shines and the temperatures are still warm and humid. Stay hydrated and cool, and keep your umbrella close at hand.

Have a great September!

Couple has fun experiencing all that OTOW has to offer

My husband John and I cannot believe that it has been five months since we moved to On Top of the World. Wow, how time flies!

It seems like only yesterday that we were moving all of our belongings into our new home. Even though it has been that long we are still learning about all of the activities and clubs that On Top of the World has to offer.

You can never be bored living in this 55+ community. Everyone has been so helpful with answering all of our questions and giving us many helpful directions. We have made some new friends, enjoyed the pool many times, had fun at the monthly dances and look forward to what the following months have to offer.

John has joined the wood-working shop and at this time seems to really be



enjoying making things with wood. I have a "honey do" list of some wood projects I would like to have made, but all good things take time.

I recently visited the ceramics shop area and am looking forward to working with ceramics. The women I spoke with at the shop were very helpful

and made me feel very welcome.

These two workshops are just two of the many activities that OTOW offers its residents. Each day there are so many things to do that can keep one active both mentally and physically.

Whew — so many decisions! John and I always ask each other "What would you like to do today? Do you want to go to the gym, maybe the water exercise class, or we could play pool, or how about lawn bowling?" The list goes on. Pick a few to join and just enjoy the day.

Some of the residents in the Saratoga building have been traveling this summer. We had some that went home to enjoy family reunions, others visited their children or grandchildren, and a few took some trips out of the state.

We also had those who had summer visitors, such as children, cousins or brothers and sisters and had a chance to show them OTOW and the beautiful Clearwater area.

While you sit outside with the neighbors on these balmy summer evenings you get to hear all about their trips and what next excursions they have planned.

It seems that this summer has gone by so quickly. Here it is almost the beginning of September, and that means our Snowbirds will be back with stories of their own. Before you know it, we will be decorating for Halloween and then Christmas!

But let's not rush the end of summer, as it's nice to enjoy these lazy, hazy dog days of August.

Hope everyone had a great summer. See you around OTOW.

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

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

Tuesday Afternoon

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

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

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
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Friday Morning

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Walmart

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

Guidelines for Riding the Bus

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- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
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- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- If space allows, residents with current recreation cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
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Date draws near for hazardous item pick-up

Our July outing at Hellas was well-attended (see photo at top). The weather was kind. It rained at On Top of the World, but the sun was shining in Tarpon Springs. The food and service were outstanding.

The ladies' luncheon on Aug. 8 was enjoyed by all. Everyone was well-satisfied with Lil's choice of the Ivory Mandarin Bistro on Main Street in Dunedin.

Our ice cream social was held in the Sunrise Room on Aug. 20 and will be reported on in the next issue of the OTOW News.

The news we all have been waiting for is on page 17 of the August 2013 issue of the OTOW News, having to do with hazardous junk pick-up.

East-side pickup will occur from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Nov. 6, near the tennis courts.

West-side pickup will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Nov. 7, near the dog park.



Please put this on every refrigerator door and every storage area door. You snooze, you lose.

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Mama sez: Happiness is when the same bed is shared by man and woman.

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Grandfather clock, made by Cornwell, 6' tall, walnut with brass fittings \$350. 437-7283

Love seat, almost new, quality wood frame, long-wearing neutral color, Turkish style pattern. Sunroom perfect \$300. 712-1906

Wicker chaise lounge, indoor/outdoor, brand new \$150; wood bookcase, 3-shelf, approx. 3'H x 2'W x 9"D \$5. 723-8416

Kenmore sewing machine, in cabinet w/chair \$50; Plexiglas and brass end table \$50; floor-to-ceiling lamp with 5 different bulbs \$50. 400-6006

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Dining table with 6 chairs \$400; coffee table & 2 end tables \$225; extra nice princess bed with drawers \$350. Call for appointment. 459-4994

Auto mats for small SUV or truck, front & back, excellent condition \$15; aluminum ladder, 6 ft. \$25. 692-7028

White wicker headboard, desk, chair, dresser, nightstand, chest, bookcase \$350. 460-4414

Free-standing shelving unit, 30" W x 72" H, 3 shelves open, 3 shelves with doors \$25. 726-5454

Hoover sweeper, like new \$50; Tristar juicer, like new \$25; Weslow exerciser \$50; mixers/misc. items. 585-5534

La-Z-Boy recliner, large size, dark blue, very good condition \$50; small Hummel collection (Grandma's); also Lennox pieces. 726-7652

Six-piece bedroom set: headboard, nightstand, two dressers, corner dresser, shelf unit \$300; matching desk, chair & mirror \$100; dining room table w/6 chairs & extra leaf \$200. 724-9664

Bicycle for sale, excellent condition, one-speed forward & stop, red in color \$35. 482-1720

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Traffic came to a complete halt in the East Activity Center parking lot when a mother duck and her four ducklings returned to the EAC pond after a day of hiking. A small crowd gathered to watch the family return home, but it was evident at least one duckling was either upset at the length of the hike, or the hot pavement under its feet. The duckling pulling up the rear was not a happy camper.

Below is a picture of the first Snowbirds from Canada returning to On Top of the World. These Canadian Geese were resting under some shaded trees on the golf course before continuing their journey to their winter home. (OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)

