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## OTOW's longest, current employee didn't have the dream, but he helped build it

By Doug Kates  
Editor

When Sidney Colen had a dream to build a condominium complex in Clearwater, he first had to find people willing to build it.

In April 1969, Wilbur "Scotty" Young stepped forward and said he would help Mr. Colen make his dream come true.

Forty-five years later, 91 buildings later, and thousands of residents later, Scotty is still on the job.

In fact, Scotty is currently the longest, active employee on the On Top of the World payroll. He's been here so long, there is no paperwork officially stating his first day on the job. Some of his co-workers joke, his application was chiseled into a rock, but all the rocks were thrown away a long time ago.

Back in 1969, only a few buildings existed, roads were made of dirt and there were a lot of empty lots waiting for a construction crew.

Like any employee starting a new job, Scotty said he was nervous on the first day, but at the same time, he knew right away he was beginning a project that would be amazing once completed.

"I knew this was a big deal," Scotty said. "A lot of the buildings were sold before they were even put into the ground. It's actually pretty neat, to tell you the truth. I worked on the buildings. I



This is where it all started 45 years ago for Scotty Young. His first job at On Top of the World was to help construct Building No. 1. (Photo by Doug Kates)

helped build it up."

Scotty estimates that from 1969 to the early 1990s, he contributed to the construction of more than 50 buildings. His first assignment was Building 1 – the New World French Building – and his last assignment was Building 72 – the Valencia Building – which

was, in fact, the last building actually constructed by OTOW's own crews. Many buildings were constructed by outside contractors, and most buildings with numbers 80 and higher were actually finished before Valencia.

What you might not know is Building 1 was not the first

condo constructed. When Scotty reported to work on his first day, Building 4 and Building 5 were already done, and across the street, Building 2 was already completed and was home to the real estate office and model home center.

Scotty was 37 when he got started and he was a pallet

unloader. He then progressed to building walls, ordering materials, creating ground work and eventually a superintendent.

Next month, Scotty will turn 83. He is currently in charge of street signs, construction signs, picking up parts and equipment, and transportation.

Overall, in 45 years, he said the worst injury he ever experienced was slamming his thumb with a hammer, but admits it happened several times.

He also said the construction business has changed drastically. Early in his career, an individual was asked to perform a multi-variety of tasks from construction to lawn maintenance to electrical.

At the current time, Scotty still reports to work at 5 a.m. When asked if he ever takes the time to look back, he says "yes."

"I love it here," he said. "I love the people. I love the Colens. I love the office help. I just enjoy coming to work every day.

"At first, I didn't realize what Mr. Colen had on his mind to build a community like this, but he really did have a vision and it really did come true."

If there is a disappointment, it's stopping after 91 buildings.

"I'm ready to go lay out another building," Scotty said. "I would ... if they asked me to."

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# August renovations continue in September

It's been a fun and exciting summer with many projects and renovations completed.

We appreciate your patience with the limited access to the amenities during this time.

## Front Garden Fountains

Renovations on the front garden fountains began on Aug. 18. We anticipate this project to take about three weeks so please pardon our dust during this time.

## Activity Center Renovations

As a reminder, the Billiards Room will be closed for renovations approximately two weeks beginning Aug. 25.

The East Activity Center shade awnings have been installed and look great. The end result is a beautiful new pool area for all to enjoy!

## Lawn Bowling Court

The lawn bowling staging area canopy and concrete pad are currently under repair. We anticipate this area to be closed for two to four weeks while repairs are made.

## AAA Senior Drivers Course

The next AAA Senior Defensive Driver Course will be held at the



East Activity Center Starlite Room. on Thursday, Sept. 18 and Friday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 and is payable the first day of class.

Additional classes may be offered in the future, but will be based on need and those dates will be announced.

A registration form for this month's class can be found on page 55 and needs to be submitted to the newspaper office no later than Sept. 11.

## SHINE

Shine will host a Question and Answer Medicare Workshop on Oct. 16. The event will be scheduled in the East Activity Center Large Card room from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The SHINE program supports

the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' mission by providing free and unbiased health insurance counseling through a dedicated network of volunteers, empowering Florida seniors to make informed health care choices.

Please join them for this informative session hosted by Nadine Raver.

## Senior EXPO

Good Neighbors and the Community Service Office will be hosting this year's Senior Expo.

Mark your calendar and plan on attending this fun event Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event this year will include many new vendors, music and prizes.

## Good Neighbors

Opera Tampa will be performing at the East Activity Center Auditorium on Thursday, Nov. 13 during Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee Thursday. Please come and enjoy the show.

## Suncoast Hospice Golfing for A Cure

Jan. 13, 2015 "Save the Date" for Golfing for Suncoast Hospice.

The Ladies Golf Club says to wear your best golf attire and join everyone for a fun-filled day of helping others.

This is a new charity, replacing Rally for a Cure, and takes place in a new month and has a new format. Please watch for more information in the On Top of the World newspaper.

## Reminders

Please do not place pool chairs or chaise loungers in front of the rescue hooks hanging in the East Activity Center and West Activity Center pool deck areas.

Also, keep the pool chairs and chaise loungers on the pool deck only. Do not remove them from the deck area.

The renovated pool areas have been designated with smoking and non-smoking areas. The smoking areas are located at the back of the pool deck and away from the Activity Center buildings. Please use the cans provided for cigarette disposal.

I would like to once again thank the SCA staff for their hard work and assistance in maintaining our beautiful facilities. We think they do a great job and if you think so too please write a note and drop it off at the Community Service Office. Let us know so we can share your good comments with the staff.



This was a view of the EAC swimming pool just minutes away from reopening to residents. The pavers are new, the lawn chairs are new and the edge of the pool received a coat of fresh paint. What you can't see is the new shade, which was added the final week of last month.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

# Preventative maintenance

Your Association has been busy making improvements around the community this summer.

Many of the large laurel oaks, which have been in decline, have been removed. These will be replaced with longer lasting live oaks.

Your Board is committed to keeping On Top of the World a well-treed community.

Earlier this year, the pool and deck area at the West Activity Center was renovated and the deck finished out in pavers. We have had only positive comments on this work. The deck at the East Activity Center was also re-finished in pavers. New shade areas have been installed as well. Certain limited areas will be defined for smokers around the pools.

If you attended the Association meeting in June, you may remember that the matter of smoking was a topic of questions. Smoking does tend to be a polarizing topic. Consideration has been given to making the common areas entirely smoke free. The better track may be to increasingly limit the areas where smoking is allowed.

The Billiards Room at the West Activity Center is scheduled to get four (4) new regulation tables. Two (2) of the existing tables will be retired from service permanently inasmuch as they are beyond reasonable repair.

Last year, staff went through and removed the hodge-podge of pool racks and random furnishings installed by residents or left in the facility. Going forward, only racks, equipment, and furnishings provided by the Association will be allowed.

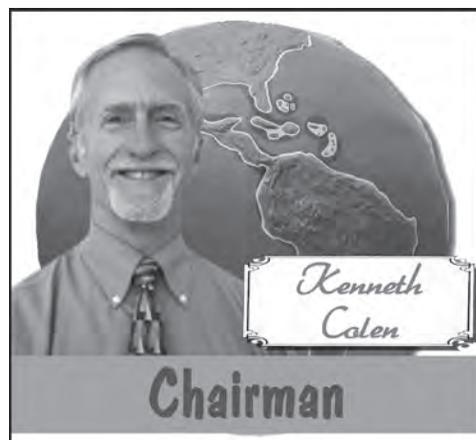
The roof in that building was replaced last year, but not before a small leak damaged the interior of one wall. The repair of that damaged area will be completed and the area repainted.

Your Board has additional capital improvement projects in the year ahead. I'll be writing more about these in future articles as the work is scheduled.

## HOME MAINTENANCE

**Preventative Home Maintenance Saves You Money:** For September I want to focus on your air handler. Your air conditioner is working away...until it stops or it starts to flood out of the condensation pan. If not addressed immediately, you will wind up with more than just soggy carpet.

You may not notice the leak until you hear from an angry downstairs neighbor or you flood out your own



unit. The Association is responsible for the area between the units. By the time you hear from a neighbor about flooding, you have already flooded the Association's property. You will be responsible for the damage to your unit and contents, your neighbor's damage, and damage to Association property.

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.

An excellent and very affordable early warning device is the Gizmode Water Screamer. If you can successfully put batteries in a flashlight, you can operate this small device. It really is that simple to use. The device has a small sensor that you place under the water heater or on the floor under the air handler. If the sensor contacts moisture, the alarm sounds and provides warning. This device is available at cost, through our Community Service Office. Look for the display advertisement on the adjacent page for more details.

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:** Buildings 32 and 38 are scheduled to have their front facades repainted in September. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather may affect scheduling.

**Flooring Projects:** Replacements scheduled for the month of September include the second and third floors of Building 43. Please remember that this work is affected in the overnight hours to minimize any inconvenience to the community. Please exercise caution if you find yourself in proximity to these posted work areas.

**Construction, roofing and large scope projects:** The construction department will be working on a maintenance project along the front facade of Building 16 beginning in late August and continuing into September. The majority of this work will be performed utilizing lift equipment and will require the temporary closure of different parking spaces over the length of the project. A management company representative will leave door hangars in advance of the work for residents that are affected. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around the work area while these maintenance activities are underway.

Sidewalk panel replacements are an improvement that the construction department will continue to perform throughout the community as the year progresses. Hi-reach equipment will also be operating in many areas as fall approaches. Tree removal (and replanting), stucco maintenance, and roofline inspections are just a few of the regularly scheduled tasks that the maintenance company performs.

The structural inspections and correction program (an inspection process by which the management's construction and roofing departments affect repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) will be an ongoing process throughout this and future years. 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.

Construction crews continue to patch and paint areas in center core and walkway areas from years of unapproved brackets, hangars, and attachments. The Inspection Services Department is currently in the process of inspecting and removing all unap-

proved additions (screws, nails, plant hangars, etc.). Please keep in mind that ALL additions to the common element require a modification permit. If residents are not sure about what items (like wall mountings) require a modification permit, please stop by the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center and a representative will be glad to assist you.

## INSPECTION SERVICES

The fall of 2014 will see an emphasis on addressing parking violations, as well as vehicle registration compliance. The management company asks that all of our residents make sure that they keep their vehicle registrations up to date to avoid any issues.

Boat compliance is another area where residents will see an increased presence by the Inspection Services Division. The management company is asking that all residents make sure that they keep current on their boat registrations, as well as ensuring that their watercraft is seaworthy. Boats considered to be in disrepair will be noticed for non-compliance and ultimately impounded if measures are not taken to correct the issue.

The Inspection Services Division is also working in tandem with community residents to get building storage and bike rooms in compliance. Many times residents move and leave unwanted items, use more than their allotted space causing an inconvenience for other residents, or store prohibited items in these areas. Residents may request a storage room inspection through the Community Service Office if they believe they have a compliance problem.

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units, as well as stair well areas, is also ongoing. The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

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

# is the name of the game

Clutter enforcement is another item which requires regular monitoring by the management company. 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 was unapproved by your association and may actually violate the life safety code for building access.

Awning inspections continue to take place by the Inspection services division of the management company. The Clearwater area has seen an increase in storms and rainfall the last few years, and as a result, many of the awning attachment points have been weakened to the point where the "clamshell" style awning must be removed to halt any further damage to the structure.

The management company continues to contact owners regarding their compromised older style awnings in disrepair or with weak attachment points. As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately, there are new products

that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center.

## LANDSCAPING PROJECTS

Landscaping enhancements will continue across property in September.

The increased rainfall at this time of year allows the sod/plants to easily take root.

The crews working on these projects may need to temporarily cordon off parking spots or sidewalks while green supplies are delivered and installed. Please excuse our dust while we work on these beautification projects.

## HURRICANE SEASON

As we move deeper into storm season, focus may be shifting to storm preparations. This means acting fast on sometimes less than 24 hours 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

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recovery and clean-up.

Residents need to be prepared to remove 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 they are damaged in a wind storm event, these older awnings may not be replaced with the same product. Fortunately, there are new products on the market that do have wind ratings and have been approved by the Association for installation.



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- (3) Go Online to [otowclearwaterinfo.com](http://otowclearwaterinfo.com) and fill out a service request.
- (4) For service after 3 PM call 799-1115.  
A \$35 payment (by check) will be required at the time of service.

\* For timely service, please schedule a request a day in advance.

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# Community begins recycling and construction projects are at peak

I want to start off by thanking the Baby Boomers Club for their help in kicking off our community wide recycling program.

Thanks to their efforts, each apartment has a copy of Waste Management's recycling brochure with instructions. We ask all residents to review the brochures and posters provided at your unit center cores and in the On Top of the World newspaper, and adhere to the recycling restrictions as indicated to make this program a success.

As a reminder, recycling bins are not to be used for animal waste, leftover food items and fast food bags. These items should be bagged and placed in regular garbage waste cans.

I am happy to report that since so many of the buildings have embraced the recycling effort, we are adding cans in response to the demand.

## Pool Renovations

I have spent a great deal of time in the community this summer, following up on the larger projects, and inspecting buildings and common areas, and I want to thank you for the positive feedback and comments.

I did get a few negative comments regarding the length of time it took to complete both pools, as well as the time of year we chose to schedule the work. There will never be a good time for any construction project and large projects, such as pool renovations and paving, are disruptive enough for our community when we experience



reduced occupancy in the summer months. To complete these projects during higher occupancy time, like winter, with twice the amount of vehicles and residents in house, would not be prudent.

The work was extensive at both pools and required multiple contractors, at times overlapping each other.

The products used for a portion of the renovations required a dry environment for application, as well an extended drying time once applied. As you may recall, we had a very wet spring, followed by a wet summer, thus extending the time to complete the projects.

We appreciate your patience and hope by now you have had the opportunity to enjoy the refurbished amenities.

In the past few weeks, we have received many requests to make the OTOW swimming pools a no-smoking campus. While this is certainly an item to be considered, at this time the compromise has been to designate a "smoking" area at the back of the

swimming pool with the intent that non-smokers would not have to walk through smoke to reach their destination at the pool.

## Common Area Clean-up

The common area and building inspections currently underway have revealed non-compliant items in the common areas and points of ingress/egress.

The Inspection Services Department does remove unapproved items present in common areas, especially those presenting a hazard or impeding lawn and maintenance crews and EMS/Sheriff Dept. personnel.

Damaged or structurally unsound items are disposed of. Items found in and around the buildings and grounds in good condition are placed in the storage room of the corresponding building.

To repeat one of my previous columns, the rules and bylaws in place were not designed for one or a few, or only those that wish to follow them. The rules are made for all.

Imagine how chaotic our roads would be if only a few of us had to follow the rules and the rest of us could drive as we wish, ignoring stop lights, speed limits, etc.?

We have a resident who feels it's perfectly OK to have his mop and bucket, dead plants full of mosquitos and full ashtrays in the balcony adjacent to his unit. He thinks the appearance is fine, but what if all of the balconies and stairwells were full of these items?

Not only does appearance have an impact on our property values, the impact on life/safety could be significant.

Insurance is experienced based, the more adverse experiences, the higher the cost of insurance with those higher insurance costs reflected in the maintenance fee.

You can see how the actions or inaction of one resident, who feels the rules don't apply to him, can have a huge impact on us. It's not just an issue of what looks good to you, what works for you or whenever your neighbor complies, then you will. It is a much bigger picture that affects each one of us.

## Underage/Unapproved Tenants

With your help, we continue to have success in compliance of underage and/or unapproved tenants from the community. The On Top of the World Community is designated as housing for persons who are fifty-five (55) years of age or older. No minors under the age of 17 may reside in any unit. These same age-restrictions are applicable with the leasing of units, which requires Association approval. Please continue to notify the Association of any suspected underage/unapproved tenant rule violations.

A complete set of the Amended and Restated Rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association can be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center or online at otowclearwaterinfo.com (under the Community Information Tab).

# Steven Wright is a comedian who does his own work

Steven Wright is a "Comedian's Comedian" who writes his own material and appears on stage with no props or big production.

He paces back and forth across the stage, throwing out one-liners, and you have to be alert to catch them all.

He is truly one of a kind with a most unusual mind. Here are some samples of his work:

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

I bought some batteries, but they weren't included.

It's a small world, but I wouldn't want to paint it.

Half the people you know are be-



Walter  
Balderson

## Inside Showbiz

low average.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

If at first you don't succeed, sky-diving is not for you.

The sooner you fall behind, the

more time you'll have to catch up.

Borrow money from pessimists – they don't expect it back.

You can't have everything. Where would you put it?

Curiosity killed the cat, but for a while, I was a suspect.

I remember when the candle shop burned down. Everyone stood around singing "Happy Birthday."

When I get real bored, I like to drive downtown and get a great parking spot, then sit in my car and count how many people ask if I'm leaving.

I was walking down the street wearing glasses when the prescription ran out.

Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

I intend to live forever - so far, so good.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.

Steven Wright was named the No. 23 on Comedy Central's list of the 100 greatest stand-up comics of all time. He was much in demand to write material for other comedians including Johnny Carson.

However, he preferred to do his own material and it has served him well.

# Think twice before adding a child to a deed

Q. I think I should have my son's name put on the deed to my home in the event I have to go into a nursing home and also for probate avoiding purposes. Do you think it is a good idea to do that?

A. No. In almost all circumstances, I definitely do NOT think it is a good idea to do that.

In the state of Florida, the homestead is the single most protected asset one has. When you put a child's name on that property, you, yourself, no longer own it.

Now, you AND your child own it.

Potential concerns of which you ought to be aware are:

(1) If you choose to sell the homestead, you will need the child's signature and possibly his spouse's signature (and therefore his/her acquiescence to the sale) on the deed;

(2) Since the property is not the homestead of your child, any judgment against him/her could affect



your property;

(3) Adding a new owner to a deed who is not a spouse can affect the amount of your homestead exemption under the Save-Our-Homes Cap. The reason is that when more than one person owns property and some of those owners do not claim the homestead exemption, only a partial cap is granted and this could mean that the real estate ad valorem tax might increase;

(4) If the intention is to "protect" the homestead in the event of long term nursing home confinement, then it's a particularly unwise thing to do since, in fact, by adding a child's name on the deed, you have made a gift of a portion of the value of the property.

Recently, I've had a spate of folks who want to add their children's names to homestead property and I simply cannot for the life of me understand why anyone would do that when you take into consideration what I've just pointed out to you.

My advice: Don't do it. But what the heck! Some folks will do it anyway and then suffer the consequences.

Q. When am I able to apply for the Homestead Exemption?

A. You have to own AND occupy your homestead on Jan. 1 and you must apply no later than March 1.

Q. If I understand what you have written in the past, you are saying that we don't need a living trust because Probate is not such a "big deal" and we should not worry about it. Is that correct?

A. Trying to trap me, eh?

Didja get that question from some seminar maven?

What I have been saying quite consistently is that there are ways to avoid probate that are simple and do not require having a living trust.

I have also said that many folks who have been told they need living trusts, in fact, do not need them particularly if the purpose simply is to avoid probate proceedings.

If all or most of what you have are IRAs or pension plans with death benefits, you do not need a trust because the IRA and pension plans are probate avoidance mechanisms in and of

themselves (so long as you have properly named beneficiaries and contingent beneficiaries and not your estate).

The same applies for annuities and life insurance. If you have CDs or stock brokerage accounts, you can simply add the names of children as "Pay on Death" beneficiaries. Then, no probate is needed.

HOWEVER, what I have ALSO been consistently saying is that each person's estate planning needs are individual to that person and the best way — in my opinion, the ONLY way — to know whether you need or should have a living trust; or some other estate plan, is to sit down with your own estate planning or elder law attorney and discuss your goals.

Try it. You'll like it!

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## NOTICE

### Important bulletin for all On Top of the World residents

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

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.

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# Newcomers!

(OTOW News  
photos by  
Doug Kates)



**Karen Zugay  
of North Carolina**



**Ralph Lincoln and Pat Muchmore  
of Oklahoma**

## Regular Monday, Friday hours return in September

September is here!

And since so many members and volunteers will be back at On Top of the World, the library will be open Monday 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and Wednesday and Friday from noon to 2 p.m.

We are looking forward to the fall and new additions to our shelves. One book is "Chestnut Street" by Maeve Binchy. This book was in progress when the author died and we have had many requests for it.

We also have "Top Secret Twenty-One" by Janet Evanovich, "Invisible"

by James Patterson, "The Beekeepers Ball" by Susan Wiggs, "Kiss and Tell" by Fern Michaels and "Power Play" by Catherine Coulter.

There are more on the way so keep an eye on the Box Office club site for updates.

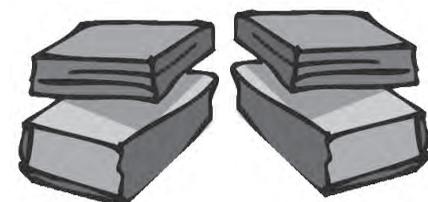
We have also been given a copy of a book written by Thom Barrett, an OTOW resident. It is titled "Everywhere an Angel: A Journey of Love, Faith, Laughter and Heartbreak" and it is available on the New Books shelf. We would love to hear from other OTOW authors.

We may also do a Florida authors' shelf in the library to feature inspiring Florida authors. Let us know your favorites.

As always, our First Friday Book Sale continues with many choices for all. Although we don't keep non-fiction on our regular shelves, we have assorted biographies, true crime and political books on the hardcover shelf.

Lastly, thanks to all our supportive donors, we have fiction in paperback and hardcover.

See you at the library!



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**Library News**

## Ice cream social Sept. 6

By Mary Widman

We are looking forward to our meeting on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 6:15 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

An ice cream social will be held for all members. Come join us to hear what future social events our club will hold.

Our president, Nancy McMullon, will announce some of her ideas for events in the coming year.

Please join us to make new friends and meet some old friends, too. Our meetings are on the first Saturday of every month at 6:15 p.m. in the EAC. For further information about the singles club you may call Dorothy Carpenito at 796-4460.



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# From now on, Baby Boomers will always select the appropriate wine

By Rita Kress

Have you hosted a wine and cheese tasting party, or had a few friends over for dinner, but didn't know how to select your wine for the night?

Is it red? Is it white?

What brand?

What year?

After you open the bottle, are your guests staring at the label? Did you make a mistake? Are you embarrassed and whining along with your guests?

The Baby Boomers never make that mistake because we have member, Bea Pacelli, as our wine specialist.

Bea, 27 years ago, got bored with her career, so she decided to do wine and food tasting in retail stores.

Immediately, she knew she was a real people person and could sell.

She interviewed with a wine distributor, who needed a salesperson to sell wine to Italian retailers.

Growing up in Little Italy in the Chicago area, and being Italian herself, Bea definitely knew how to deal with Italian people.

The wine distributor loved Bea at first sight, and being the honest person she is, she told him she knew nothing about fine wine, so he sent her to wine school

Yes, there is an actual wine school!

After being employed there for a few

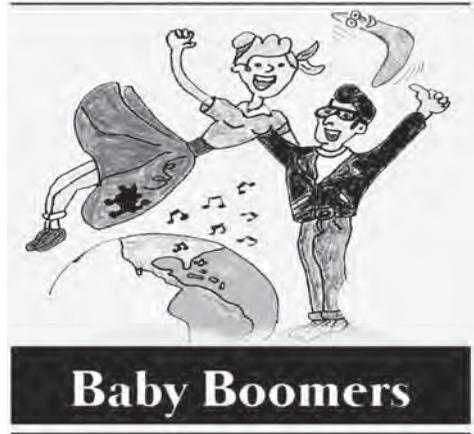


Bea Pacelli knows her wine.

years, Bea moved up to being hired by the most prestigious wine distributor in Chicago, selling to upscale restaurants and retail stores.

So, next time you throw a party, if you don't want to whine along with your guests, see Bea at one of our meetings and she will be happy to educate you on selecting the perfect wine.

August was a great month for 16



Boomer members, who enjoyed a three-day mini vacation to Atlantic City Casinos organized by our Travel Guru Mike Albano.

Some stayed in Atlantic City the whole time, while others took a day trip to New York City, where there was additional fun to be experienced.

At the end of August, we had a very successful International potluck dinner. Members brought a food from their ethnic background. Each person brought a placard with the name of each nationality dish and its ingredients. With many, many dishes to taste, from all over the world, I can tell you not one bowl was left with any portions to be returned home.

The Boooooomer's annual Hallow-

een Costume Party Dance, with live music by Louie Bravo, will be held Oct. 30, from 5-9 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Tickets are \$10 but a limited quantity is available. Tickets will be sold at our meetings or you may call Rita at 727-600-8529. Don't miss out. Buy your tickets now. Tickets will sell out early. Costumes are mandatory. No one is allowed in without a costume. You don't have to be a Boomer to attend.

Baby Boomers is a very active group participating in many fun-filled activities, including biking, kayaking, sailing, golfing, cruising, dining, dancing, potluck dinners, holiday parties and picnics. We also do outings to the theater, museums, festivals and concerts.

Our meetings are the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the Baby Boomers is welcome to our meetings and should bring their current On Top of the World Recreation Card. There is no membership fee.

Our meetings usually consist of everyone participating in creating social activities. After the meeting we vote on an activity for that evening.

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# Bylaws will replace original Constitution, and changes over recent years will be added

The Press Association's preliminary new bylaws were released Aug. 20 and this will pave the way to officially giving the president, vice president and secretary a fair share of responsibilities.

At the Press Association annual summer meeting last month, editor Doug Kates told membership that the new bylaws will replace the original Constitution created back in the late 1980s.

Originally, it was thought the new bylaws would be amended to the Constitution, but instead, the Constitution will be retired in favor of the more up-to-date, legal bylaws. Members of the Press Association will vote on accepting these bylaws at their October meeting.

Over the past 30 years, the Press Association has undergone many changes and the new bylaws will legally reflect these changes.

The bylaws will specifically designate duties for each board position, as well as set an agenda for



regular meetings.

The bylaws will allow for changing the official season to May through April, and will give the editor permission to hold an evening workshop annually in November.

The bylaws also specify how a resident becomes a member of the Press Association by contributing stories, taking photos, proofreading, being on the board and attending meetings.

The preliminary version of the

## PROPOSED BYLAWS

[ontopoftheworldnews.com/clearwater/bylaws.php](http://ontopoftheworldnews.com/clearwater/bylaws.php)

new bylaws can be viewed by visiting the Press Association Website or by using the link on this page.

Moving forward, the Press Association has two luncheons coming up this season.

Normally, one luncheon is held at On Top of the World and one on the road. In past years, the December lunch has been in the East Activity Center and the April lunch at a local restaurant. But for this season, publisher Ken Colen has asked the Press Association to hold its April luncheon in the East Activity Center auditorium, so members have voted to hold the December luncheon at a local restaurant instead.

Discussion will continue this fall.

The next Press Association

meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2 in the EAC Large Card Room.

In November, the annual Writers Workshop will take place, 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 6 in the EAC Veranda Room.

The 2015 schedule is not done because dates cannot be reserved until later this month. Doug did tell everyone that the January meeting will likely be the morning of Thursday, Jan. 8, in the Veranda Room.

The meeting would normally be the first Thursday of the month, but no meeting can be held on New Year's Day, so the alternative is one week later.

The Veranda is already occupied in the afternoon so a morning meeting will be sought



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# Canadians prepare for return south

By Rick McLauchlan

Canadians preparing for their return trip back to On Top of the World should consider verifying that their driver's license, vehicle registration and provincial health card don't expire during the time they are in Florida.

Most jurisdictions will only allow you to renew six months prior to the expiration date.

### Health

It is wise to make sure that you arrange for and attend 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 for the length of time away.

Carry 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 telephone, Internet and television services on hiatus while you are away, it would be

the most advisable, but if you are unable to do so, make sure your answering machine message states that you "can't take the call" and not that you "are away."

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.

Upon arriving in Clearwater, please give priority to renewing or obtaining an On Top of the World Recreation Card. Renters wishing to participate in any club or group activities are reminded that they, too, must obtain an OTOW Recreation Card.

A reminder, Canadian Club registration will be taking place 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15, in the East Activity Center.

Some tentative dates have already been set for the upcoming season. Social games will be held 6:30 p.m., Nov. 7 in the EAC. Primary ticket sales for a Dec. 10 Christmas Dinner will take place 9-11 a.m. on Nov. 25 in the EAC Starlite Room.

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# Line Dancers not only dance, but they are pretty good at cheering people up, too

By Julie Narancich

Several line dancers recently visited with the president of our line dance group, Georgia Jensen.

Georgia is currently living with her son and daughter-in-law. After our visit, I received an email thanking us for coming and indicating how thrilled Georgia was to see everyone.

Georgia loves having visitors and the next time she would like to see a little "line dance number."

One of our long-time line dancers, Kathy Caithness, visited us re-



## Line Dancing

cently with her sister, Jennifer. Kathy is recuperating from an operation, but enjoyed watching the line dancers. We know she will be back soon.

Mary Becker is still collecting the

annual membership fee of \$5. Please present your On Top of the World Recreation Card along with \$5 to Mary.

Remember, those of you who are full-time residents here at OTOW, the Line Dance Club keeps dancing through the summer months, therefore, please join us as any time is a great time to learn 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.

Beginner lessons start 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 invite you to bring your friends. Line dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

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

# First meeting of season set for Sept. 3

By Lilli Scheifen

Howdy, long time no see!

The first Theater Workshop meeting of the new season will be 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 3 for the board and 7:30 p.m. for all members.

All future meetings will be the first Wednesday of the month at the same time. If anything changes, members will be informed via this newspaper or the Box Office.

Our new Board is ready and anxious to tackle the upcoming season and with many talents of our members, it should be great.

Thanks to our new director, Will Peterson, for his article in the August issue of the OTOW News. He did an excellent job of introducing himself to old, new and prospective members of Theater Workshop, and his credentials are impressive, to say the least.

Way to Go Will!

Our new Board of Directors consists of Tony Scheifen, Roger Nicoll and Lilli Scheifen, reprising their roles as president, treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Pat Kangas is the new vice president with Will Peterson as assistant treasurer and director of our upcoming show, which will feature a cast of



## Theater Workshop

thousands!

Brad Day also joins us as Past President. The assistant secretary position is unfilled at this time.

We will work hard and plan to have a fun year with an atmosphere that will make potential members eager to join in. As most of you know, you can sign up at any of our meetings, or meet our representatives every Monday and Thursday at the EAC, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

We hope everyone had a lazy, crazy summertime, and we look forward to an exciting 2014-2015 season. It won't be a long time before we feel those cool breezes again, so enjoy those last warm days and beautiful Florida evenings.

Hasta la Vista, as they say in Southern Alaska.

# Democrats set agenda guideline for future meetings

Our September meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 25, at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

It is important that as many members as possible attend.

Please review the agenda guideline below as this is a very important format which must be discussed as it will affect our club in the future.



## Agenda for OTOW Democratic Club

- Treasurers Report
- Program Chairman
- Topics Of Interest
- Volunteer Chairman
- Membership Committee Report
- Phone Tree Committee?
- Meeting Date and Time(to be decided)
- Suspension Of Meetings(to be decided)
- Other Concerns

This is strictly an organizational meeting. Club members will do the speaking. We are in need of ideas, manpower and commitment. If you want to listen, speak up, get involved and vote, then be there.

Important decisions must be made at this time that affect the future of our club. Watch OTOW-TV channel 96 or 732 for updated info, or find our club on the Box Office. Need help? Contact 754-6749 or 797-3996.

Meanwhile, let the whole world know you're a Democrat, listen to other political views, and share your thoughts, too. Get in the politic mix and don't be afraid of offending others. They will learn something new and you will, too. Look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

# Rita and Barry Levene: The British invasion strikes again

By John Koning

The year was 1607, and a tiny island nation across the Atlantic had just established its first permanent American settlement in south-east Virginia, marking the first British invasion of this country.

Another invasion came in the mid-1960s when four mop-haired rebels, called The Beatles, brought their music and charisma across the Atlantic and captured the hearts of a nation. They were followed by other Brits – James Bond, Twiggy, the Rolling Stones, Audrey Hepburn, Simon Cowell and David Beckham, to name a few.

Now it would appear that we have been invaded again, by Barry Levene and his lovely wife, Rita, who established a bright and beautiful On Top of the World home a few years ago on Franciscan Drive.

These latest British invaders shouldn't concern you too much. There is little chance that this likeable couple will cause you any harm unless, of course, you happen to be line dancing a little too close to Barry when the music moves him.

Enough said.

A little more than a half century ago, 16-year-old Rita invited Barry to the dance floor during a ladies' choice dance at their local club. Barry actually wasn't Rita's first choice for a dance partner but fate intervened, as it often does, and before too long they became a couple.

Despite their flourishing romance, it was eight long years before they tied the knot. That's because Barry was the owner of an upstart rental business and he knew that the financial demands of marriage and child rearing would jeopardize his young enterprise. When they eventually wed, Barry and Rita worked side by side, raising a family of one boy and three girls and building the family business.

They started out renting small do-it-yourself tools, but, as time passed, they gradually moved into heavier machinery. They were the first company in Great Britain to rent Kubota mini backhoes, which, inevitably, created the need for other machinery used to cart the rubble away and to mix cement for pools and patios.

Their rental business was booming for 10 years until, in the 1990s, a five-year recession devastated the economy. That spelled the end of upgrades



**Barry and Rita Levene feel blessed to call On Top of the World home**

## Getting to Know You

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

by John Koning

and renovations for many Brits and it dealt a death blow to the Levenes' once thriving business.

Barry and Rita would have to start over, from scratch.

In the challenging years following the recession, Barry and Rita tried just about anything to make a shilling. An idea was born when Barry began driving taxi for a local company. He quickly realized that he couldn't dig himself out of his financial bind by driving a taxi for someone else, so he saved up for his own taxi license, known as a medallion. Once he had one, he began

saving for another and then he hired drivers to drive his taxi for him.

Rita also worked as a day-time driver while Barry preferred nights. Eventually they built their taxi business into a six-car fleet. It is now run by their son-in-law.

Despite the temporary setback, Barry and Rita feel like they live a blessed life. They spend part of their time in sunny OTOW, close to their son and his family, and the rest with their three daughters and their families in Little London by the Sea.

Who could ask for anything more?

Well, actually, Barry and Rita would take the opportunity to do just that – ask for more. They are hoping to attract a few more card players to their OTOW Texas Card Game Club.

If you're interested in a Texas card game, stop by the East Activity Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings from November through April. There is no obligation to come every time. The number of tables is determined by the number of players who show.

While you're there, say hello to Rita and Barry, the latest exports from Britannia the Great!

# Members enjoy trip presentations

By Pat Zorland

Our extra special meeting on Aug. 1 was a wonderful meeting.

For anyone who did not attend, we started out with an ice cream social arranged by Roxie Maggio. Her helper was Trudy Willis.

We had to eat the ice cream quickly before it melted. Then it was on to a presentation of a freighter cruise taken by club president Audrey Jones.

The computer club, with the assistance of Tony Sinopoli, allowed us to use their equipment for this freighter



cruise presentation. It was very interesting and, believe it or not, the room was very quiet.

We also found out that the maximum age restriction for this type of a

trip I believe is 69. Well that lets me out for this kind of a trip. Maybe in my next life.

I will have to stay with cruise ships going to many different parts of the world for the time being.

With a show of hands, club members would like to see more presentations on trips that have been taken by club members.

Lunch Bunch continues. This is a chance for new members to learn about the club and make friends. It's a great way to find a roommate for our overnight and longer trips.

We sell tickets and answer questions from 9-10:30 a.m., Mondays, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Come visit us and find out what trips are in the works. Please always remember to place your reservation as early as possible and not wait until the last minute.

See you at the next meeting, which will be 2 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5 in the West Activity Center. This meeting is very important and will have lots of information and changes for next year.

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# All Jesters invited to Sept. 10 meeting to learn about upcoming plans for 2015 show

By Donna Ryan

The Jesters will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. to kick off their fourth decade of entertaining On Top of the World residents .

The meeting will take place in our new location at the West Activity Center Sunrise Room.

Director Pat Sprouse will introduce the star of our next show, Ms. Liberty, and outline the work completed so far by the creative committee.

It is important that all Jesters members attend this very important first meeting as it will lay the groundwork for our upcoming production to take place on Feb. 13, 14 and 15.

Another reason to not miss the meeting is that refreshments will be served and they are free!



## NEW JESTERS

If you have any questions concerning Jesters, membership, or show tickets, Mike Kaplan, our treasurer, will be available at the East Activity Center every Monday morning, without fail, from 9:32 a.m. until 10:28 a.m. or you can call Donna Ryan, club president, at 797 - 5341 between 9:59 and 10:01 a.m. daily.



**At right, Jesters member Sue Calinski gets experience in her role for the upcoming Jesters show this spring. Sue will be Ms. Liberty from New York City.**

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## You don't have to be a pro to build in our workshop

By Doug Erickson

Jay Chang came into the Fixers shop and humbly asked if we could show him how to make a flower stand for his patio.

Jay's background is financial, without carpentry or other shop experience. He produced a set of plans that would require an advanced cabinet maker's knowledge and skill to follow.

At first, I was hesitant to answer his request.

Because Jay had researched what he wanted to do, I agreed to lead him through his project one step at a time. The picture at right shows him making a mortise, a square hole into which a tenon is inserted. All of the fitting and attachments were done with that method and dados for the sides. There were no nails or screws used in this type of joinery.

Because of Jay's attention to detail, he was able to follow directions and repeat the procedure on each of the following pieces. It was a pleasure to see him apply instructions and do them on his own. He always asked for directions for the next step, plus he never rushed the job.

After finishing this project, Jay made a butcher's block table without our guidance. He is now a valued shop member and friend. His finished work is pictured in the bottom right corner.



Jay Chang with a garden table he built from scratch.

(Photos by Doug Erickson)

## Our workshop is not an office - 100% pure enjoyment

By Doug Erickson

We subscribe to the principle of "Helping the people we meet, and leaving places better than they were."

We, as seniors, are in a time of life that grants us the opportunity to leave the rat race, stop watching the clock, stop measuring our efforts by financial gain, and most importantly, stop seeking personal grandeur.

If this agrees with your philosophy of life, you will feel at home with the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers.

You will enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded folk. Technical expertise and knowledge are not the most important attributes in our club, attitudes and aims are the nuts and bolts of a good environment.

So how does that apply to our 2015 plans?

We will continue our charitable work of making toys for underprivileged children. We plan on making hundreds with the help of "Caring and Sharing." You can learn how to, or hone your skills by working in the toy shop with us.

As well, there are willing instructors in the woodshop to help you develop a project you may have in mind. If you are undecided about what to make, we have an extensive library of "How To" books and CDs. Choose the project and we will help you plan it, get materials, and guide you through the process.

We can source materials for shop use and condo updates at below retail costs. Just working on your own is OK, as well.

Don't forget, we have loaner tools for legal condo renovations.

If you want to help in the maintenance and betterment of the shops, we welcome your ideas. Our club is managed by an annual rotating leadership. We want your involvement and will tell you more about it next month. In the meantime talk to anyone on the executive board about getting involved.





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# Snowbirds Club announces 'Express Lane'



## Snowbird Club

By Ed Foland

Snowbirds Club members are often asked, "what is your secret of success?"

It's easy, really.

First, find great volunteers and then give them reasons to keep volunteering. Without them, we can't serve our members.

Then, find exciting events and activities that keep members coming back.

It's not rocket science.

One of the ways we plan to reward our returning members is our new EXPRESS LANE. Here's how it works.

Find your membership card, which has now expired, and flip it over. Write down any changes to your address, phone number or email address, and attach a \$5 bill to it. Bring it to our Express Lane night and pick up your new membership card, complete with a schedule of events for season six.

We will provide free entertainment during Express Lane night with wine and cheese, plus a free draw for a \$50 door prize!

Did you get that?

It's all free!

The date and time of Express Lane is 6-8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 2..

If you can't wait to see what's in store for season six, you can get the current schedule of events on our Website, at anytime, and from any-



Great volunteers are the secret to our success. From left to right are Meg Geary, Norma Bastidas and Georgia Cirksena. (Photo by Ed Foland)



where. Go to [www.snowbirdstow.com](http://www.snowbirdstow.com) and click on the events button. From there you can print out an events list and a ticket order form. You can or-

der your tickets by mail or call Sandy Sanborn at 727-216-7922 and order by phone.

The Snowbirds Club information

and sales desk will open for season six on Monday, Sept. 8.

Our first membership meeting and preview of events will be on Monday, Oct. 6.

Our Welcome Back dinner, dance and party will take place on Nov. 23. Entertainment will be provided by At Large

Remember, the Snowbirds Club is your place for travel, adventure and fun!

## First meeting is Oct. 2

Here we are, another season is upon us and it should be exciting.

Our first meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. Future meetings will be Thursday, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. Guests are always welcome.

Our welcome back party will be on Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. We'll have a catered dinner, followed by entertainment.

We'll celebrate Thanksgiving at the Early Bird Dinner Theatre on Thursday, Nov. 27. Then on Sunday, Dec. 7, we'll enjoy our annual Holiday Party



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## Friday Night Videos on OTOW-TV

Do you ever wish you could go back in time and watch past shows from The Jesters and Theater Workshop all over again?

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Or, how about past Irish Club parades and Halloween pet costume contests?

You don't have to go back in time!

OTOW-TV is airing a past show every Friday night at about 8 p.m. and new shows from the past are being added each month.

Check one out. OTOW-TV is channels 96 and 732 on your Bighthouse cable tv.



# Without a board, the NY-NJ Club will close at the end of 2014

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

New York-New Jersey Club President Jack Casey is stepping down at the end of 2014 and at this time no one has stepped forward to keep the club going.

No events will be scheduled unless a new board is formed in 2015.

"I feel privileged to be President and a participant of this club for some time," Jack said. "The volunteers were wonderful and always put 100 percent into each event. My appreciation and gratitude cannot be stated enough.



## NY / NJ Club

"My goal was to have events that were fun for all with good entertainment and great food. I tried new ideas for the events. The feedback for the

most part was great. Our membership grew and the treasury showed the success of the club. I often thanked everyone who cared enough to help out and participate when needed. The caring and effort was incredible."

The only remaining activity for the club will be a Dec. 4 Christmas Dinner at the Island Way Grill. Tickets are \$25 per person.

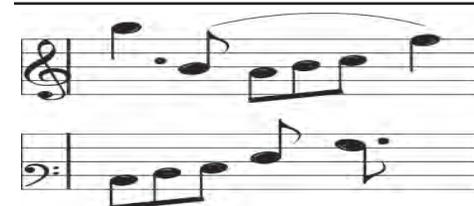
If anyone has any questions or needs information regarding the club, please call or see me Jack Casey at 727-475-9762.

## Concert dates change, rehearsals start

The dates for the upcoming On Top of the World Chorus holiday concert have changed.

The first show will be 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13 and the second show will be 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, both in the East Activity Center auditorium.

On Top of the World Chorus will start weekly rehearsals on Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. in the East Activities Center auditorium and Monday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. in the EAC Large Card Room. Future rehearsals will follow the same Monday-Tuesday pattern.



## Chorus

## Coming off a great season and starting a new one

By Jerry Kaplano

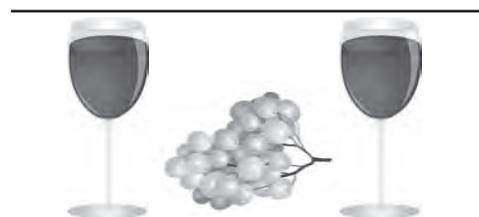
The Italian-American Club board will remain the same for the upcoming season.

Board members include: Co-Presidents Maryann Fontaine and Pete Marchetti; Treasurer Tony Sulmonte; Secretary Ceil Marchand, and Secretary Jerry Kaplano.

We are coming off a very good year. Membership was up about 10 percent. All events were well attended.

We will begin selling tickets again on Mondays and Thursdays on or around Sept. 25.

In October, we will be having an ice cream social on the 15th, followed by Bingo. On Nov. 19, we will be hav-



## Italian American

ing a Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner.

Claire Mauro and Dottie La Porta are planning a Christmas Party for mid-December.

Summer is just about over. We are looking forward to a good season ahead. Thanks to all the members who helped make the past season a success.

## Water exercise luncheon

The East Activity Center Water Exercise Class has scheduled a luncheon and fashion show for Friday, Oct. 31.

The event will take place at the Dunedin Country Club. The cost is \$20. For tickets, or more information, contact Nancy Brady at 727-729-6086.



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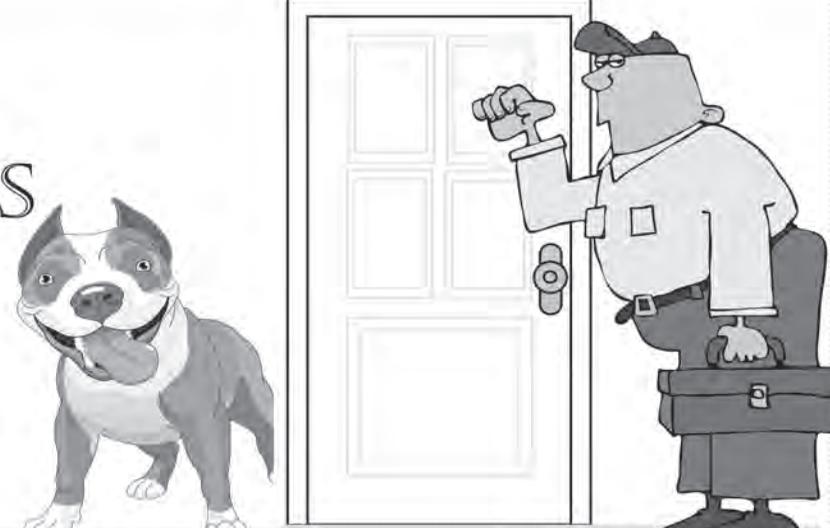
We will help any member with Windows XP or Windows 7 instruction from 9-10 a.m., on Fridays. Our club offers free Wi-Fi in the EAC, and a computer equipment recycling service to members for a small, modest fee.

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



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Rather than music, comedy or a show preview, Good Neighbors highlighted the August edition of Get Acquainted Coffee with a raffle. More than \$500 in merchandise and certificates were passed out. Above, Debbie Armstrong, from the Community Service Office, prepares to pass out the next item in line, while Good Neighbors President Doris Paino call out the next raffle ticket number.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

# What could be more entertaining than giving away \$500 in merchandise?

There were no Elvis impersonators.

No piano players.

No singers.

No dancers.

At the Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee morning in August, President Doris Paino said the entertainment for the day was watching people in the audience win a prize.

And there were many prizes - \$500 in all.

"The goal is that everyone goes home with a prize," she said.

It came very close to happening.

Among the raffled off items were gift certificates to Publix and Sunset Grill, and various merchandise prizes.

Good  
Neighbors



President Doris Paino

Doris said it's tough finding entertainment that everyone will enjoy, so rather than disappointing anyone, she tried something different and just gave out bucks.

Was the entertainment successful?

The raffle drew mixed reactions.

Doris will be stepping down as

Good Neighbors president at the end of the year and is hoping to accept a different position on the board.

But so far, none of the other positions are filled.

Good Neighbors needs a new president, three vice presidents, a treasurer, a bookkeeper and a secretary.

Doris said she could fill all three vice president roles if necessary, and still emcee Get Acquainted Thursday ceremonies, but the club must have a new president and fill the other board positions before the year starts.

If anyone is interested, they can talk to Doris on any Monday or Thursday morning during group ticket sales in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Upcoming dates for the remainder of this year include a Clothing Drive, 9-11 a.m., Oct. 17-19, at the main entrance of the East Activity Center.

The annual Senior Expo will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The annual Flea Market will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21 in the EAC.

The annual Craft Show will be back 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29 in the EAC.

Tables will be sold for the flea market and craft show starting in October, 9:30 a.m., each Monday and Thursday, in front of the Gift Shoppe.

## August Photo Search Answers

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Grass on left edge            | 6. Extra patch of grass in water |
| 2. Five birds left of tree       | 7. Bird far left is taller       |
| 3. Tree tilt                     | 8. Red marking on top of bird    |
| 4. Bird's head turned            | 9. Shadow lower on big bird      |
| 5. Bird entering from right edge | 10. Butterfly added              |



**Good Neighbors'  
Get Acquainted Meeting  
Thursday, Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m.  
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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/>

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# Lambdans plan football party Sept. 12

Can you say September?

If not, I know you're thinking it.

In just a few weeks, summer will be officially over, though its weather hangs on here into October.

But cooler weather is definitely on the way.

Another thing that's under way this month is football - both college and professional. So that sounds like a perfect theme for our Lambda monthly social.

On Friday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m., we are having a Tailgate Party in the East Activity Center Large Card Room. Pull out your team shirt and wear it. We will accept all teams: Bucs, Dolphins, Gators, etc. Heck, we'll even take Yankees shirts.

Then come down and have a beer



## Lambda

with us or sip on the cocktail of the day: the Touchdown. It will put you in the team spirit.

And, as usual, our Lambdans will bring some tasty tailgate food for the crowd.

Of course, we'll have a football game going on in the room for all you diehard fans. Go team!

One of Lambda's recurring club

events is our weekly Sunday brunch at 1 p.m. This has been going on for many years, even before there was a Lambda.

The Sunday Brunch Bunch was the original core group of gay OTOW residents. The tradition continues today as we brunch away every Sunday in various restaurants in the area. If you want to join us, check out our Webpage listed below in the article for the location that week.

In case you don't already know, Lambda is a social club for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of OTOW. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include monthly socials, dine-outs, game nights, etc. 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 LGBT residents in the OTOW community, and 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 Club is just one more reflection of that fact.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our official Webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com> or visit the On Top of the World Box Office Website for more information.

You can contact us by e-mail at [lambdaclw@yahoo.com](mailto:lambdaclw@yahoo.com) or call Dave at 727-410-7566.



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## Morning exercises 8 a.m. each day

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The gals are great, the music will get you moving, it's a fun way to start your day. Our exercises include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weightlifting to improve muscle tone, and cardio workouts to music.

Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises. Each day we work different muscle groups with a different routine, so you won't get bored. Also, bring your handweights to our strength training/weight lifting classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We've added a cardio circuit workout with weights on Wednesday morning as well. Come give it a try! 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.

## Bonesavers Classes

Bonesavers continues to meet all year round.

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center Large Card Room.

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

Men and women are both welcome to attend our classes. We never do floor exercises and our classes are always free.

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

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change monthly.*



### Philosophy Club

## Express your views

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.

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# When is the last time you used your funnybone?

Each of us is unique.

That's the beauty of mankind.

We are all special.

While we might come from different backgrounds or cultures, the one thing that eclipses our differences is humor.

In laughter, we enjoy a common healthy experience, for the body, for the mind, and for the soul.

And when it comes to our daily roller coaster ride, it's pretty obvious that we are bound to experience both high and low moments throughout the journey.

We all look forward to those "high" moments, which make us smile, giggle or laugh. Humor, in any form, is good for your health, and even the least qualified doctor out there won't deny the fact, that "the more you laugh, the more you live."

Everyone likes to laugh, and humor is the universal language. It has been around for as long as man, and considering that chimps and other primates laugh, humor has likely been around even longer than that.

And it's everywhere - on the Websites we visit, the books and magazines we read, the television shows and movies we watch, and the people we invite into our lives.

Its psychological, physical, and social benefits have been well documented. There's real power in humor (and laugh-



By Allen Winston

## Winston's World

ter), as it makes every part of our lives better.

Simply put, humor makes us healthier.

Although our ancestors couldn't explain it scientifically, they knew intuitively that laughter was good for the body as well as the soul.

Personally, I think humor is one of the greatest agents we have for good in this world. It is vital to human life. It is timeless, and has been a part of all civilizations. It helps us to acknowledge and be grateful for all the little things in life, and appreciate all the good that is around us.

If we can learn to see things through humor, we come to discover that our world isn't so bad after all.

They say the best things in life are

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free. Well, ladies and gentlemen, laughter is definitely one of life's very best freebies.

If people didn't have a sense of humor, they would realize, with their perfectly irrational brains, that we live in a world run by all kinds of forces over which we have no control.

Sometimes our universe has the tendency to "spin out of control," and neither Superman, Popeye, Mary Poppins or Mighty Mouse is around to save us.

And don't count on Lassie or that guy from Ork either.

Advil cures everything, but then so does Viagra. Only they don't seem to help with war, famine, or hate crimes.

Mother Nature isn't always our best friend either...hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, twisters, floods, drought, fire. This, too, is part of the human fabric.

But then there's Seinfeld, Ellen De-

Generes, Archie Bunker, the Flintstones, Billy Crystal, Charlie Chaplin, the Three Stooges, the Marx Brothers, and the Simpsons.

Humor helps us cope with life's challenges, letting us take a step back and laugh at ourselves when the absurdities of our everyday world seem slightly overwhelming.

It is infectious and at it's most potent when shared, and is the defining characteristic between the pessimist and the optimist.

Take the time to find your funnybone, see the humor in life, and enjoy your world.

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The Entertainment Committee always makes an effort to make sure the stage is decorated according to show or season.

## Starlite Room proof of top quality entertainment

By Marvin Flam

Have you visited The Starlite Room?

It is located adjacent to the auditorium on the upper level of the East Activity Center.

When you do visit, you will see displays featuring the professional shows and entertainers who The Entertainment Committee has presented at OTOW during the past 40 years.

In addition to local entertainers, (Florida), many are direct from the entertainment capitals of the world.

When you visit, see if you can find the pictures for the following artists, who have appeared here: The Diamonds, The Four Aces, The Mystics, The Flamingos, The Platters, JoAnn Castle, Steve Solomon, Bill Haleys Original Comets, Sweethearts of Bran-

son, The Fabulous Vandells, Lola and the Saints, Tommy Cash, The Temptations, The Fabulous Hubcaps, Joey Dee and the Starlighters, and John Davidson to name some.

And there have been tribute shows for Neil Diamond, Liberace, Tom Jones, Judy Garland, Patsy Cline, The Beatles, The Carpenters, and there have been shows like Forbidden Broadway, the Mickey Finn Show and Ain't Retirement Grand.

You will also find pictures of the many Bands and Groups that have appeared here for the Saturday Dances and the Sunday in the Park events.

Visit the Starlite Room.

For all shows and dances, the Entertainment Committee has a terrific group of volunteers who set-up and decorate the auditorium. If it is Flag

Day, for example, the auditorium and stage is decorated in red, white and blue, and the sound and lighting crew (10 volunteers who operate and maintain the sound and lighting equipment) will be at work in the background making sure that the sound and lighting is enhancing the entertainment. This crew also provides sound and lighting for the Jesters, Theater Workshop, Chorus, Get Acquainted Thursday monthly meetings and the Association meeting.

Tickets are currently available for all fall shows and dances, so check out our schedule as we continue to bring in great shows and dance groups.

In October, current season ticket holders will be able to renew their season tickets and retain the same seating arrangement for a terrific 2015 show

and dance lineup.

Please continue to support us so we can continue to provide great entertainment and community support.

For information call 727-797-1761, or email [entcom2014@gmail.com](mailto:entcom2014@gmail.com).

Did you notice, you can now send us a note by visiting the Box Office Website? Just visit the Entertainment Committee page and look for the gold envelope. The Box Office Website can be reached at [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com) - click the Box Office link.

Also, check us out on the bulletin boards in your building and at the Activity Centers.

We look forward to meeting you at the EAC auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m.



At left, residents check out the photos in the Starlite Room. Above is part of our sound crew. (Photos by Stormy Gardner)

# ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE



## SEPTEMBER 2014



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#### PREVIEW OF OCTOBER EVENTS AT THE EAST ACTIVITY CENTER

OCT 9 - SHOW - PIANO MAN - A TRIBUTE TO BILLY JOEL WITH MARK ANTHONY

OCT 11 - DANCE - OCTOBERFEST - COVER TO COVER - POLKA CONTEST

OCT 12 - SUNDAY-IN-THE-PARK AT THE EAC WITH RALPH RODGERS ->

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## Thursday Golf League takes a road trip

Thursday Golf League continues its off-season play. We have enjoyed relatively dry conditions for a Florida summer.

The golf course remains in great condition, although playing from the deep rough proves to be challenging.

Week 10 champion was Dan Hyden. Fred Schick was second and Don Leamy placed third. Clyde Hershberger captured low gross honors. Clyde also took home two skins. Don Leamy had the only other skin.

The league was on the road for week 11. Gary Bronson was gracious in inviting everyone to play at Countryside Country Club. The golf course was in great condition. The length and fast greens tested our golf games.

### Thursday Mixed Golf

In the end, Ron Parham prevailed as champion. Don Sorensen took second place. Gary Bronson, showing some great putting skills, not only placed third, but also took low gross honors. Only two skins were taken by Gary and Don Sorensen.

Thanks, Gary for the great day!

Week 12 was a tight competition. Ken Smith brought a new driver and knew how to hit it. He took first place. Don Leamy was second and Ron Parham placed third. Low gross was

shared by Gary Brinson, Clyde Hershberger and Paul Meyers. Gary Bronson captured three skins. Paul Meyers and Clyde Hershberger had one each.

Making a meaningful putt on the 18th hole seems to be a habit for "Captain Clutch" Ron Parham, who took first place on week 13. Paul Meyers was second and Clyde Hershberger third. Clyde "I can't make a putt" Hershberger somehow managed to take low gross honors and capture four skins. Ron Parham had two skins and Don Baker one.

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 and all On Top

of the World residents are welcome to join.

Players must sign in by 10:30 a.m. and play begins at 11 a.m. every Thursday.

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.

We play the course to a Par 67 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow where available.

For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email [blackdoggolfaol.com](mailto:blackdoggolfaol.com).



Enjoying a clean table at the golf course are, from left to right, Marge Jacobs, Mary Ann O'Neil, Nancy Parlatore, Barbara Sensale, Romy Brady, Marge Sivek and Magdalene Nawrocky.

## Ladies are impressed with how the men clean

By Marge Jacobson

Thank you!

Thank you!

Dave Combs and his crew did a great job of cleaning and staining the benches and tables for the 9-hole course.

Thanks to Tony Esposito, Joe Geradi, Dick Oshaben, Tom Bryant, Marc Shell, Phil Smerz, Pete Rode and Lester Whynot.

These men sweat their (you know what) off in the July heat. Everyone should thank them when they see them.

### 9-Hole Golf

The Ladies 9-hole League is getting ready for the new season 2014-2015. Thanks to Ellen Gilbert, Connie Saylor, Mary Ann O'Neil and myself, the books are being worked on.

We are looking forward to a fun season and hope to see all the golfers return. We welcome any new golfers to join. Opening season starts on Oct. 14, a fun play.

See you there.

## Bowlers switch to Dunedin

By Russell Caughey

Bad News! AMF Lanes on Hercules is out of business. The interior of the building has been ripped out.

Good News!

The On Top of the World Friday Mixed League (men & women) will be bowling at our regular time of 12:30 p.m. at Dunedin Bowling Center.

More good news, Dunedin Lanes has a full service restaurant, a full service bar, a Pro Shop that will be open when we bowl, and free coffee for league

### Bowling

bowlers. We will begin bowling the second Friday in October. The league will end on the last Friday in March.

Please call Russell at 727-669-7179 to confirm if you will be returning or if you would like to join the league. Please leave a message on the answering machine with your name and phone number.

## Shuffleboard season starts Oct. 6

By Kasy Linkewich

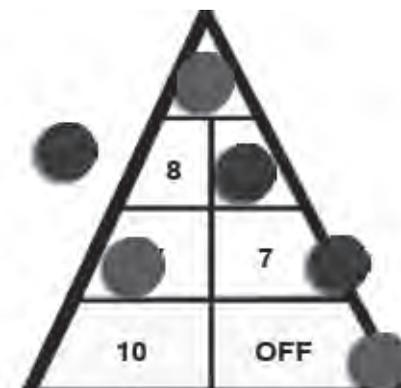
We are hoping that fall is just around the corner.

In Florida, we don't have the changing of the leaves, but we do expect a break from all of our much needed rain.

This is an invitation from the shuffleboard group out to anyone who is interested in playing the game with us. If you have never played, we will teach you. If you are new to On Top Of the World, and have played somewhere else before, come and join us.

We play every Monday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. We will begin playing Oct. 6. To our shufflers from last year, who will be coming back from the northern states, we welcome you back.

If you would like more information, please call Marge at 797-0625.





## *In the off-season, golfers volunteer time to keep the scenic things washed, stained and working*

By Pete Milner

One of the responsibilities of the Men's Golf secretary is to prepare a newspaper article for the On Top of the World newspaper on a monthly basis.

Sometimes it's difficult to come up with something newsworthy when there are so few members golfing on league day.

When you are on the course, please notice things like the benches and tables on the property. We are fortunate to have a great bunch of guys that volunteer their free time on a regular basis to help keep our golf course looking

### Men's Golf

good.

The following is a list of volunteers who power wash, stain and repair the benches and tables on both the 18-hole and 9-hole golf courses, and also power wash and clean the league buildings, gutters, awnings and areas around the 18 hole course: Dave Combs, Marc Schell, Tony Esposito, Tom Bryant, Dick Oshaben, Joe Ge-

rardi, Pete Rode, Lester Whynot and Phil Smerz.

They don't work for OTOW. They volunteer for the members of the Men's League. When you see these fellow golfers, give them a "thank you." It has been hot out there and they worked very hard.

Those who volunteer would also like to thank Marge Jacobs and Mary Ann O'Neil of the Ladies 9-Hole Golf League for supplying lunch for the workers.

On a sad note, Past President Bill Sharpsteen passed away recent-

ly and the officers and members of the OTOW Men's Golf Association would like to extend to Bill's family our deepest condolences.

Please continue to keep hydrated when you are playing golf. In my experience, it has never been too cold to play golf down here, but it sure has been too hot. Pretty soon, our friends from the North will start to think about returning South. We will be glad to see them and our golfing numbers will swell.

Labor Day is just around the corner. Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay healthy.

## Softball season starts Oct. 9

By Bob Rittner

Let's Play Ball!

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

We residents of On Top of the World are lucky. As Major League Baseball draws to a close, our softball league starts play, so we get a full 12 months of the game - or at least some version of it.

Bill Veeck once said, "There are only two seasons - winter and baseball." We simply amend Bill's aphorism, making it "There are only two seasons - summer and Softball."

The OTOW softball group plays in Safety Harbor on Ninth Avenue just off Seventh Street every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8-9:30 am.

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

### Softball

Do not be concerned if your skills are rusty, long decayed or completely forgotten. We are a unique example of intense competition with absolutely no pressure or stress. And our rules are created, and adjusted when necessary, to guarantee that everyone has fun participating.

We will have a pre-season meeting in the West Activity Sunrise Room on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m.

The season will start Thursday, Oct. 9 and end on Thursday, April 9, 2015.

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

## Don Drake's first ace

OK. That hole-in-one reported in the August edition of this newspaper was actually recorded by Don Drake, not his brother Gary.

But Gary thanks everyone for all the compliments on his golf game.

In fact, it was Don who aced the

par 3, fourth hole, in late June on the nine-hole course. Don used a 9-iron for his first career ace.

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# July ends with same champion, same runner-up in consecutive weeks



## Billiards

By Barb Sundberg

On July 21 and July 28, in Monday night eight-ball action, Denny Balderson walked away with A Flight first place honors with Dave Williams claiming second both weeks.

On July 21, Tony Baker took third place and on July 28, Tim Rush took third.

On July 21 in B Flight, Andy Suhar captured first place, Nick Sapienza claimed second place and Mario Rodriguez settled for third. On July 28 in B Flight, new member, Joe Wisinski, captured first place, Ray Quirion claimed second and Andy Suhar settled for third.

On Aug. 4 in A Flight, Dave Williams captured first place, Denny Balderson took second and Howard Wilson claimed third. In B Flight, Ed Ramirez walked away with first place, Nick Sapienza captured second with John Fier taking third.

On Aug. 11 in A Flight play, Gene Baranowski edged out the field, walk-



Pictured above are the top three finishers from an eight-ball B Flight tournament on July 28. From left to right are first place Joe Wisinski, second place Ray Quirion, and third place Andy Suhar.

ing away with first place, Andy Suhar claimed second place and Ron Baltrunus settled for third. In B Flight, Ray Quirion captured first place, Barb Sundberg took second and for the second week in a row, John Fier claimed third.

At the Aug. 18 tournament, 14 players came to play. Three players from the A Flight and 11 from the B Flight. The playing field was divided into seven players on each side. On the East side, Ed Ramirez walked away with first place, Denny Balderson took second and Don Sorensen settled for third. On the West side, Barb Sundberg took first place, Howard Wilson claimed second and Vinny Martinez

settled for third.

### Thursday Evening Scotch Doubles

They played singles on July 17 with Joe Gora taking first place, Dave Williams settling for second and Dennis Balling claiming third.

On July 24, they played singles again with Nick Sapienza capturing first place. No playoff was held between Mario Rodriguez and Joe Wisinski, whom settled for second and third places.

Scotch doubles was played on July 31 with the team of Ed Ramirez and Dave Williams walking away with first place, Joe Gora and Don Kvartha taking

second, and the team of Ray Quirion and Mario Rodriguez settling for third place.

They played singles on Aug. 7 with Dave Williams taking first place, Joe Gora second place and Ed Ramirez third.

On Aug. 14, Scotch Doubles was played with the team of Tony Baker and Dave Williams walking away with first place, Don Kvartha and Ed Ramirez taking second place, and Mario Rodriguez and Terry Wittman settling for third place.

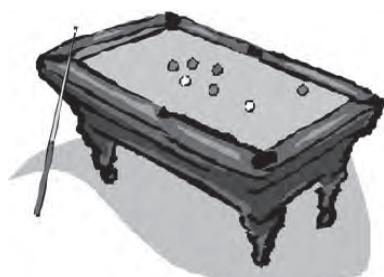
### Tuesday Afternoon Nine-Ball

At the July 22 tournament Ron Blaettner captured first place with Dave Williams taking second. On July 29, Joe Gora took first place with Dave Williams settling for second again. On Aug. 5, Ron Blaettner walked away with first place once again. After playoffs between John Fier, Joe Gora and Dave Williams, Joe took second place.

On Aug. 12, Frank English edged out the field by claiming first place. Joe Gora took second place two weeks in a row. On Aug. 19, Ron Blaettner, once again walked away with first place. After a playoff between Dave Williams and Howard Wilson, Dave earned second place.

Nine-ball meets 1 p.m. Tuesday afternoons in the West Activity Center Billiards Room. Bring your recreation card, get in on the action, and have some fun in this heavy competitive field. We use the round robin format.

# Ladies look forward to new pool tables



## Que' T Billiards

By Reva Heymann

The Billiards Room is currently undergoing renovations, which are scheduled for completion Sept. 8.

Most of us are looking forward to this but emotions are decidedly mixed.

On the one hand, we are thrilled we are going to get four new tables to replace the ones that are in bad shape. We are most grateful to the Association for this! They are planning to put in new lighting as well.

On the other hand, we are going to lose two tables as six old tables are getting replaced with four new ones. Since all 12 tables were previously used, we will be challenged during the winter when the Snowbirds are back.

We will let you know how it turns out and what the new look is in the pool room.

### Tournament Update

There was no column for the Au-

gust paper so the June results were not posted. It was an exciting outcome.

When time ran out, Becky Balderson and Elizabeth Asselta were tied for first place, so they shared the honors for June.

In the July tournament, Jean Doane came in first.

Congratulations, Jean!

There was a three way tie for second place among Becky Balderson, Helen Crombie and Judy Garvey.



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Hello, my name is Ella-Bella or Bella for short. I am retired and moved into building 72 at On Top of the World with my staff - Pauline and Henry Santos. I like to take a walk everyday, sometimes twice a day around my building. I always take one of my staff with me and lead him/her with my leash to where ever I want to go. I am sort of the building welcoming committee. I enjoy greeting residents from other buildings. Often, I catch one of those little lizards, and we play for a while. I always let them go, but sometimes their tails are shorter. Don't worry! I hear they grow back. Oh well, time for my afternoon nap.

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](mailto: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!

## Photo Search will return in October

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# BUILDING REPORTS



## Entertainment Committee organizes trip to Tropicana Field to watch division rivals battle

By Terri Mikszenas  
OTOW Entertainment  
Committee

The song lyrics say, "Take me out to the ballgame..." and that's just what the On Top of the World Entertainment Committee planned for 37 baseball fans at a sold-out game.

The game, considered a "big one" by both teams, was a competition of the two teams at the bottom of the American League Eastern Division... so you might say it was a fight for last place. The Tampa Bay Rays were hosting the Boston Red Sox at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg and, as usual, it was a well-attended game by fans of both teams.

Organizer Rich Hayes arranged transportation on the Jolly Trolley for a combination of Rays and Red Sox fans. The rivalry on the fun-bus was both friendly and entertaining, as favorite baseball songs were sung.

Barbara Lemieux and Dorothy Algozzina, both celebrating birthdays, also enjoyed being serenaded with the Happy Birthday song and well wishes.

And now, about the game: Boston Red Sox David Ortiz hit a three-run homer to lift the Red Sox to a 3-2 victory over the Rays. This win ended a five-game losing streak for the Red Sox and also stopped the Rays' nine-game winning string (their longest in

10 years and the second-longest in franchise history).

Of course, Red Sox fans were delighted with the win of the day, but the Rays are getting the last laugh with their five-game lead (at press time) ahead of the Red Sox in the AL East competition.

It's summer time, and that means baseball time. Whether our team is winning or losing, we watch, we cheer, we yell and scream and we even pray — but we always remember the famous words of Yogi Berra, "It ain't over 'til it's over."

Photo artwork  
by Mary Lou Wall  
and Doug Kates





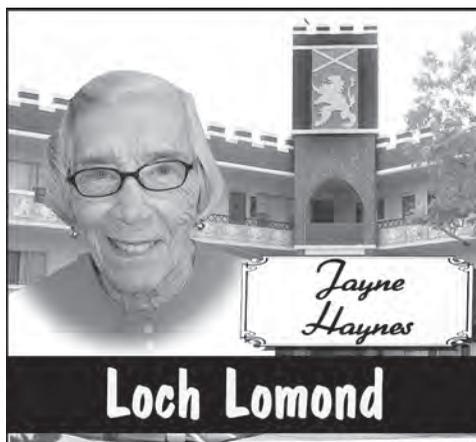
## Reunion held in historic Richmond

On Top of the Worlds East side pool opened to balloons and cheers on Aug. 13, and lived up to and surpassed expectations. It is another facility to be proud of and enjoy.

Information for newcomers: the East pool is the one heated during the winter months and there are always some brave residents getting their laps in all year long. The new furniture seems to meet the requests of those who asked for higher, more comfortable lounges and chairs. Do remember your Recreation Cards, though.

Another long-time, much-involved resident is returning to family roots up North. Shirley Sevift, always busy for the building, retired from her dental office job a few months ago and will return to her Cape Cod home. Shirley has a granddaughter in New Hampshire who has small children at home and the daughter on the Cape is still there. We will really miss Shirley's active ways and wish her happy and wonderful times.

Several Jamaican Street neighbors got together to honor Joe Graffeo on



his July birthday. Such good company, good food, good spirits.

My usual reunion of former co-workers from many places occurred as always in July, and this year it was in Richmond, Va., and attended for five days by over 600 people. The Downtown Marriott was a perfect hotel. Lots and lots of lobby space, comfortable furniture all opening into the variety of dining areas, sports bars, etc. and the location made it easy to sight-see.

Richmond, of course, is an elegant Southern city with Confederate history still evident in its architectural buildings and the museums nearby. The July weather is similar to ours but not quite as humid. Gorgeous blossoming trees were everywhere.

I returned hoarse from so much talking, but sometimes when you re-acquaint with someone you haven't seen for 15-20 years, there is much to talk and laugh about.

If our building is planning any social activities or building get-togethers, maybe someone will take the initiative to suggest a group of volunteers to do some basic planning. As the number of OTOW residents and activity groups grow, signups for clubs, rooms to meet, restaurants, etc., need to get booked early. Plan and book your plans and meeting places early, then relax and enjoy.

Let me know what you are up to. There is a box at the bulletin board or you can place your notes inside my storm door or call at 754-6646. Do not use the number in the directory.



## We fondly say 'bye to long-time resident

Heidi Ware, long-time Capistrano resident, has sold her unit and moved to Spring Harbor to be closer to family. We wish Heidi the best and will miss seeing her buzzing around on her cart between On Top of the World and Publix.

While Heidi has moved, Capistrano welcomes Joan Baptist a resident of Monaco building. Joan will be moving into Heidi's unit.

Sam and Julia have a brand new great-granddaughter (the daughter of Sam's own granddaughter). I believe she and her husband attended the celebration of life event for Sam earlier this year.

Karen Johnson spent a few days visiting her granddaughter in Edinburg, Texas. The temperature was 104 degrees during most of the visit, but Karen said it is a dry heat. Karen "dry or wet, hot is hot."

We recently motored to New Orleans to visit Karen's daughter and beau, who is a chef; needless to say, the cuisine was delightful. Thankfully we could only stay a short time or I would be up to 3x size! We had a great time; I really like the beignets at Café du Monde in the French Quarter.

We returned to Capistrano unpacked, repacked and headed on an eight-day cruise, our 54th cruise. At the end of that cruise I could not wait to get to Capistrano to rest up from too much vacation!

Guess what! The Capistrano executive board met recently to discuss among other things the "Welcome Back Snowbird" event and the Holiday Dinner party. Can you imagine thinking about the Christmas holidays already?

## New residents will be grandparents soon

We welcome new residents Andrew and Annette Kazemer. Annette comes from the Washington D.C. area and Andrew from Syracuse, N.Y. They have three children: two daughters and a son. They are looking forward to becoming first-time grandparents. Their son and daughter-in-law are expecting. They moved into Bonnie's place.

How about a tour of castles and manors? Diane Magie and her sister Darlene just did this by taking a nine-day trip to Ireland in June. Appropriate for Ireland, they started at the Guinness Storehouse to drink a pint of that famous black stuff in the Gravity Bar.

An afternoon guided walk through crowded Dublin City followed. The next day they drove by bus through Kildare County, visiting the National Stud, Tipperary County with a quick stop to view the Rock of Cashel, a castle and monastic settlement. They had lunch at The Buttery, in the basement of the Georgian Bishops Palace.



The day ended with a lovely dinner at the "Malton Hotel," a wonderful Victorian building. Another day took them by ferry at Tarbert, crossing the Shannon River. Then the Cliffs of Moher and a scenic drive from the cliffs to Galway through the Burren Region with dinner at Ballynahinch Castle.

The trip ended where it began, in Dublin, where they had their farewell dinner at Killiney Castle



Diane Magie and her sister Darlene pose in the lush garden of their hotel in Dublin.

and were sent home with this traditional Gaelic Blessing:

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
The rains fall soft upon your fields and  
until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

## BIBLE STUDY CLUB

By Bob Reis

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.





## Building dues are being collected

Malaguena is getting organized! We are very fortunate to have a resident, Arlene Mansfield, who has volunteered to be the building treasurer. Most of the buildings here at OTOW have dues that are used for events or building improvements such as new chairs for the common areas. The Malaguena dues are \$10 per condo per year, and are voluntary. Wing captains will be coming around in September to collect the dues, or you can contact Arlene directly to pay.

Malaguena welcomes new residents Fred and Candice Peace. The Peaces have been owners and residents for several years and moved to Malaguena from a condo on the East side. Welcome Fred and Candice!

Malaguena resident Betty Byrnes travelled to Roswell, Ga., in May to attend her grandson's high school graduation. Betty also attended the banquet to honor the lacrosse team, of which her grandson was the captain. For the first time ever, his team won the State Championship for the state of Georgia. The whole family is proud of this young man, who has received many academic and athletic scholarships. He will be going to Young Harris College in the fall. This exceptional young fellow plans to go to medical school after that. Betty was thrilled to be part of the celebration.

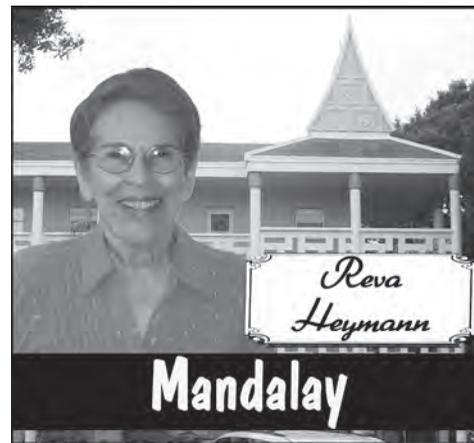
After Georgia, Betty visited her sister and other relatives in Massachusetts, which was quite chilly. "I'm glad to be back in sunny Florida," she declared upon returning home.

## Generations each receive special honors

Helen Mullan has just received a booklet on the occasion of her granddaughter being awarded a doctorate from Saint Mary's College of California. In it are pictures of the procession, the ceremony, being congratulated by the President of the college, and a professor preparing the doctoral hood that she had just qualified to wear on future such ceremonies.

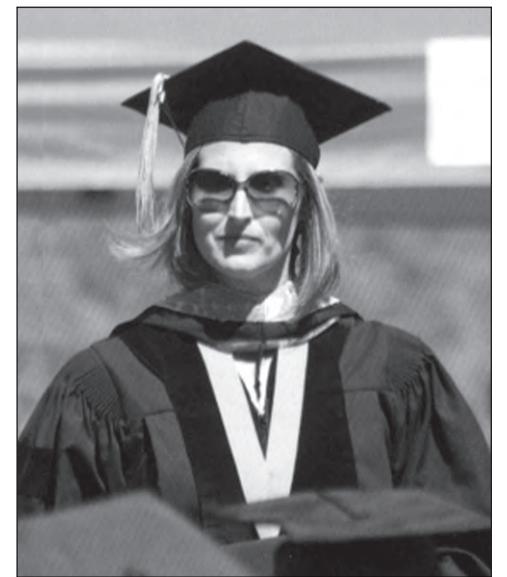
The pictures show a beautiful, smiling girl greeting relatives and friends who have come to congratulate her. She wrote a heartfelt "thank you" on the booklet pages for all the supporters and well-wishers. Helen is understandably thrilled by this book since she could not travel there to enjoy the ceremony in person.

Helen also showed me a framed "Certificate of Appreciation" that she received when her granddaughter was awarded her Master's degree. Looking like a diploma or professional license, it said: "Be it known that Helen Mullan, my Grandma, during the course of my study, through



personal sacrifice, selflessness, and without material reward, bestowed the support and understanding without which my graduation would not have been possible. This certificate is hereby conferred to honor and recognize the confidence, devotion, guidance and assistance freely given in helping me obtain this important milestone in my life."

She is clearly a warm, loving grateful granddaughter. Helen deserved this unusual tribute because she has been caring for her when needed,



Helen Mullan's granddaughter at her recent graduation ceremonies at St. Mary's College of California at which she was awarded her Master's Degree.

every year from kindergarten through high school. Though living here at On Top of the World, every summer she would move to her son's house to care for the granddaughter during the summer vacation.

## Interested in being Melbourne reporter?

*If the spring's the woman's season  
Then the autumn's surely male,  
When there's hunting and there's football  
And the new cars go on sale.*

Our dinner at Village Inn in July was great. I especially enjoyed my free piece of strawberry-rhubarb pie. That was one of my mother's specialties. Only wish more of you could have been there. I hope you were at the Aug. 21 outing at the Olde Bay Café by the Dunedin Marina. It was great. Carol Futej planned it and would like suggestions from you all of where you would like to go in the future.

We have a new neighbor. Jack Hills has moved in on the second floor Haitian side. We all welcome him and hope to meet him and talk with him soon.

Stormy had friends visiting from Dallas, Texas. She says they enjoyed going to the beaches and eating out a lot. She must have been taking a vacation from her doll making.

Bonnie White has been dog sitting for her son and daughter-in-law in Palm Harbor. They went north to a wedding so she and the dog enjoyed a whole



week together. I missed her putting the paper in my door every morning.

Carol Futej enjoyed a week-long vacation with her grandson and his family. The young ones went to the beach every day. Carol joined them to tour the Sponge Docks and go to Crabby Bill's for alligator bites.

In talking to Linda Hamrell at a recent luncheon, I discovered she had been starring in a play about a 70-year high school reunion. As I am planning on attending mine, I really laughed at the line in the play, "You haven't changed a bit." I don't think I'll hear that! I just looked at our graduation

picture and at the young girl with the dark hair and unwrinkled faced with my name under it. I don't see that in the mirror these days...

I have checked back in my files and found that my first column was in May, 1995. There have only been three reporters for Melbourne: Mary Ann Gillespie, Esther Goldman and me. Would one of you in Melbourne like to be number four? I think 20 years is a long time for the same voice. Contact me if you are interested. I'd be glad to take you to the Press Association club meeting and get you started.

Also I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy birthday who is having one. But how can I do that without knowing when your birthdays are? Any suggestions on how we can get a birthday list? Don't want the year, only the day. Thanks!

After a quiet August, September has lots of holidays. My calendar lists Labor Day, Grandparents' Day, Patriot Day, Citizenship Day, First Day of Autumn, and Rosh Hashanah. Celebrations are called for!



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electrical problems, etc.)

## THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News

(Part 64, September, 1976)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- Remember when OTOW had its own telephone books? The price was \$1 and they were very convenient to have.
- On Sept. 18, Congressman Bill Young, U.S. Representative, spoke in the auditorium. He gave a report on what Washington was doing for retirees.
- Kut-N-Kurl Beauty Salon offered a shampoo and set for \$2.95 and a cut for \$2. Weekly rinses were only 50 cents.
- Television house calls were made by Gulfcoast TV Service for \$5.
- According to the Lapidary Club, of the 1600 minerals known to man, only 100 have ever been used as gems and only 25 or so are used often enough to make their names recognizable. A gemstone must be rare in beauty, color, pattern and design.

See you next time!



Guests at a recent pizza party at the Krausses included newcomers to the building.

## Newcomers hail from New Jersey, W. Virginia

We welcome our new neighbors Ray and Cindy, from New Jersey. Ray worked as early as 16-years-old, first at Pop's Car Wash. He was there for five or six years. Then he spent summers building cabinets to pay his way through college (achieving his BS). Ray also worked at Montgomery Ward's smallest store in Pennsylvania.

Cindy is an RN: something certainly to be proud of.

They both love traveling and have now settled in at On Top of the World.

We also welcome Charley and Kathleen from West Virginia. They owned an accounting firm (which Charlie will be closing shortly). He'll be here soon to help Kathleen furnish their new home. Kathleen retired four years ago. They have twin daughters. Kathleen recently tried to teach them to crochet left-handed. Sounds like fun?

They love their RV and go to NASCAR races at Charlotte, Daytona, Tennessee and other tracks. It's their favorite pastime.

They have a 13-year-old great-granddaughter, who enters dance competitions frequently, and a 7-year-



old great-grandson who is into soccer.

Recently, myself, John Scarpa, and the newcomers were invited for pizza at the Krausses (see photo, above). Good times were had by all.

The OTOW recycling trial began the first of August. It is such a productive undertaking to help our environment. It's a proud feeling knowing we are helping to lessen overcrowded landfills for future generations. So far it looks promising. Remember this is a trial period for August. Keep up the good work!

Be kind to one another and God Bless.



These ladies from Flamenco visited Rumba's for a wonderful lunch recently.

## Enjoying summer's slower pace

Although summer is a little slower as far as activities and social events go, some of the ladies from the Flamenco building set a date and had a lovely lunch at Rumba's in Clearwater (see photo, above).

The company and conversation were good and they also look forward to having more of the ladies join them in the fall, when they return from their various travels!

Charlyn Miller's 14-year-old grandson visited her for a week and she kept him busy with beach-going, fishing, sight-seeing and a Rays' baseball game. He loves spending time with his grandmother and has already said he will be back next year!

It's hard to believe, but Mary Steele's little great-granddaughter, who it seems was just born, is now walking! Mary is glad to have her living just up the road in Spring Hill.

Lorraine Gentron and her husband Bob, who moved here just a few months ago, tried out one of the On Top of the World dances and had a fabulous time! They recommend them for everyone.



And it makes for a full but early evening — home by 8 p.m.!

Peter Geyer is popular with all of the West side canines. If one stops by a day there must be 10, as they yank on their leashes to get their owners to stop by for one of Pete's dog biscuits!

Anna and Tom Myers are counting the days until their great-grandchild is born. Be sure to ask them about it in October!

And remember... "There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart."  
— Celia Thaxter

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# OTOW vacationers spend three weeks in British Isles

España residents have been very busy during late July and early August. Some went away, some had visitors, and some of us just stayed home and enjoyed the rain and heat!

Ellen and John Fier toured Ireland and Scotland for three weeks. They joined a group to make this tour, some of whom were from On Top of the World (see photos).

They had many interesting stops that began in Dublin. They then went to Belfast to the area where the ill-fated *Titanic* was built and toured the area and the museum.

One of the most interesting stops was Blarney Castle where the Blarney Stone is located. In an inner tower of the castle, a stone is imbedded and once bore the date 1446. The legend has grown up that a person who has kissed the Blarney Stone will be given the power of sweet, persuasive, eloquence (known as "Blarney").

Once upon a time, visitors had to be held by the ankles and lowered head first over the battlements. Today, to kiss the stone, Ellen said that you have to lie on your back and push yourself deep into the crevice to arrive at the stone which is behind and above your head. Then you have to raise your upper body up to reach the stone to kiss it while leaning backwards and holding on to an iron railing. After you kiss the stone, you then push yourself back out of the passageway.

For over 200 years, world statesmen, literary giants, and legends of the silver screen have joined the millions of pilgrims who have kissed the Blarney Stone and gained the gift of eloquence. Ellen and John both kissed the Blarney Stone and were awarded a certificate stating that fact.

They toured the Ring of Kerry



Ellen and John Fier pause at the famed St. Andrews golf course in Scotland.

which is a castle in the mountain range known as Mountains of Kerry. They also went to St. Andrews Golf Course and many other places.

They laughed as they told me about Haggis. Ellen and John said they were not sure they were going to eat it but they pushed themselves and found it wasn't bad. Haggis is the traditional national dish of Scotland. It is made of a sheep's or a calf's liver, heart, and lungs, chopped with onions, seasonings, suet, oatmeal and boiled in a bag made from the stomach of the sheep or calf — and they ate this? Really?

In July, at this year's State



Intrepid OTOW travelers sample some typical fare at an Irish establishment.



At its annual convention, OTOW resident Joan Farrell is presented with the New York State Hall of Fame Award for the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Auxiliary.

Convention in Johnstown, N.Y., Joan Farrell was presented with the New York State Hall of Fame Award for the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Auxiliary (see photo). Joan has been a

member of the Eagles for many years. Joan was nominated and voted into the Hall of Fame for all of her previous accomplishments. It is quite an honor to receive this award. Congratulations!

## Help us protect residents from the 'grandparent scam'

Within the past two years, individuals featured in this newspaper were contacted by phone that a grandchild was in jail and needed bail money.

The callers had the correct names of the grandchildren, the correct towns and the correct grandparents' phone numbers.

However, the phone call was a scam to try to get the grandparents to fork out large sums of cash. Investigators believe the scammers may have read this newspaper online to gather information.

Since the first such incident, the OTOW News is requesting that building writers no longer list the names and locations of children or grandchildren in stories. All residents should be aware that this is a common scam everywhere — not just at On Top of the World.

If you get a call that a family member needs money, ask questions and double-check the information. Try to check on the whereabouts of the child in question yourself. If it sounds suspicious and you think it may be a scam, call the police.

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# Reporter's daughter has grand wedding

Welcome September! Fall has always been my favorite season. It is a time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.

Living in New York most of my life, as a little girl I would be sad when summer ended and the leaves started to fall. I remember my mother saying, "The leaves are falling and they are falling in love with the ground."

On the topic of love, that beautiful couple who was engaged at the Clearwater Aquarium were married June 21. My daughter Kristen married Paul Martin at a beach wedding at the Sheraton Sand Key (see photo). The couple lives in Long Island. It was a beautiful destination wedding.

Kristen works for Madison Square Garden in Human Resources. Paul is a New York City detective. Wishing them happiness always!

Grace Hudek's granddaughter



Reporter and proud mother Kathy Ahrens poses with newlyweds Kirsten and Paul Martin at their Clearwater Beach wedding recently. Kirsten is Kathy's daughter.

visited for a week in August. Of course, Grandma Grace spoiled her. They were busy school shopping and swimming and taking Skonda to the dog park.

Our building residents are looking forward to our monthly coffee and doughnut meetings and fun get-togethers.

Lew and I are getting ready for Karaoke to start in October. I am looking forward to hearing all of our

On Top of the World singers again.

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## Attention OTOW News writers ...

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# Visitors love it here, even in the steamy heat of summer

Who comes to Florida in the summer? Northerners who love the heat, sunshine, and our beaches, that's who! Many are families and friends of those of us who live here.

For instance, Frank and Thelma Hovelman were visited by grandchildren and great-grandchildren from Missouri. They came for 12 days. They took a trip over to the Magic Kingdom and also to Universal to check out the new Harry Potter experience.

They spent several days on the Clearwater and Barefoot Beach in Naples sunning and looking for shells and finding some rather intriguing starfish (see photo, right).

They also took in a Tampa Bay Rays baseball game and got free pizza coupons because of strikeouts. After the game, they all walked out on Tropicana field and exited through center field (see photo, far right).

They enjoyed the very warm days and made happy memories to last a whole lifetime.

This reporter has taken a walk around the Paradise Reserve and from the filled-up recycle containers, it appears



residents of all four buildings are doing their share to recycle. Thank you for your support of this environmental experiment. Hopefully, this will become a permanent part of life here at On Top of the World. It will make the future better for those who follow us.

September brings the end of summer vacation as children go back to school. Be careful as you drive through neighborhoods and school zones, remember to slow down and watch for children.

Many clubs, churches and businesses are collecting school supplies



Frank and Thelma Hovelman were visited by a whole gang of grandchildren and great-grandchildren from Missouri. Here are some of them, shown at the beach and after a Rays' game at Tropicana Field.



for school children who might not be able to afford these items. If you can help in any way make some contacts and find out where you can donate needed items and help a child.

This reporter can be contacted if

you have any building events or family news you would like to have included in articles. Feel free to contact the OTOW News press room and they can give you my phone number.

Have a great September!

**Thursday, Sept. 11 is Patriot Day. We pause to honor those who gave their lives in the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and at Shanksville, Pa.**

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# Traveler visits childhood home in Shenandoah Valley

Last month I promised to write about some of our resident's vacations, so here we go.

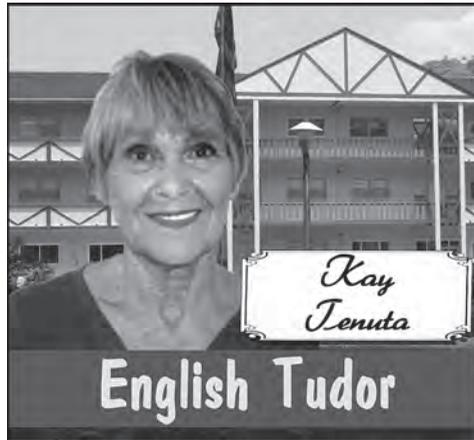
Even though Thomas Wolfe wrote in his novel, "You can't go home again," resident JoAnn Dameron proved that you can go home again. JoAnn took two weeks off work and drove back home to Waynesboro, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley. When JoAnn was five years old the family settled in Arlington, Va.

A family outing/brunch was held, with relatives coming from Arlington, Va, Texas and Baltimore. Three cousins and their family are still living in Waynesboro. After the outing the family went through furnishings and pictures from the old family farmhouse that is now owned by the Historical Society who offers tours.

Her grandmother had the house built in the late 1800's or early 1900's. The Amish bought the 300 acres surrounding the farmhouse. She and two cousins were born in the family farmhouse. JoAnn was able to attend her grandson's high school graduation during this time.

JoAnn was most surprised at the new six-lane highway in the Blue Ridge Mountains and how beautiful everything looked.

Then she headed back home to



Florida and did what all women do — stopped at all three outlet malls.

Don and Floyd Hitch and cats, Xie and Mattie, started up their RV and were gone for four weeks. Two weeks were spent in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Maryland.

Then they were on their own time. They spent some days in Vermont, visiting the capital, touring a Morgan horse farm and traveling the countryside, then on to New York. Xie and Mattie each found their own seats early on, one under the pillows and one on Floyd's lap.

They were able to stay in great parks and had the car they towed to run around in. What a nice way to travel! Don't have to pack and unpack, never



English Tudor dwellers enjoy an Early Bird dinner at Johnny's Italian Restaurant recently. Good times and much camaraderie was shared by all.

have your luggage lost by the airlines and always have food close by.

Dorothy Carpenito has the best answer for all of us. Her son Daniel left New Jersey and traveled to his timeshare in Ocala. Then he drove to Clearwater to spend several days with his mom. Dorothy's brother from New Jersey also arrived and Daniel took them around to visit friends. A good time was had by all.

Dorothy didn't even have to pack!

The picture shows our residents out for an "Early bird" dinner at Johnny's Italian Restaurant for our monthly activity. We always get excellent service and excellent food at Johnny's and we seem to draw a larger group of attendees.

Residents: please watch the bulletin board for events.

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# Former Boeing employee now teaches dancing at OTOW

By Tom Brennan  
OTOW News Feature Writer

Hi neighbors, how in the world R U?

This month, I would like you to meet Nolan Shade and his dog, "Sir Alvin." They came to On Top of the World from Seattle, Wash., where Nolan retired from Boeing Aircraft Co. as a finishing carpenter.

He said he got "fed up" with the cold north, so he moved south. I say that Clearwater is about as far "south" of Seattle as you can go and still be in the continental U.S.A.

Nolan enjoys ballroom dancing and would like to see more people enjoy it as well. He volunteers as a dance instructor at the Sunrise room every Thursday at 1 p.m.

As a member of Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers, he spends many hours in the workshop. It was there he met Doug Erickson. They came up with the idea that more men should be engaging in ballroom dancing.

So they got together with some CDs and set up a dance workshop.

All are welcome, singles, or



Nolan Shade, at far right, puts students through their paces during one of his ballroom dance classes at the East Activity Center.

couples. They're learning the waltz, the foxtrot and many more popular dance steps. And of course these lessons are free and can be put to good use at the Saturday night dances held at the East Activity Center. Check the OTOW News for times and dates of the dances.

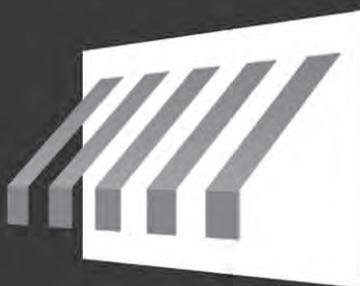
Nolan takes dancing very seriously. He comes to the Sunrise Room a half-hour before class to practice what he'll teach his students.

I was surprised to find him dancing so gracefully by himself in an empty room. It inspired me to bring

Sweetie Pie to the next session!

"Nolan do you have anything to say before I close my column?" "Yes," said he, "We need more men to join the classes."

As I left, Sir Alvin was taking Nolan for a walk.



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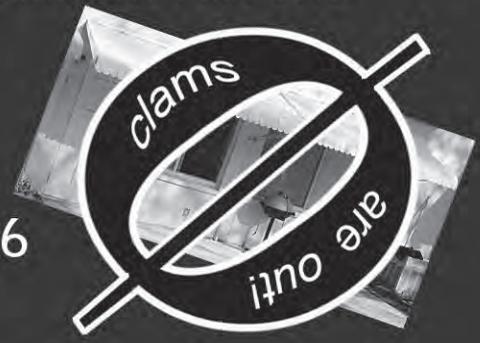
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# Former WW2 military site discovered on road trip

Happy Labor Day. Sure seems to be early this year.

Our Snowbird neighbors will be tuning up their chariots or booking air travel in anticipation of returning to paradise before too long. It will be fun seeing everyone and catching up on what they did on their summer vacations. Just like school....

And everyone will like the smooth parking area our building is now sporting.

On one of our sojourns south from Maine, we stumbled upon a most interesting place in Hardyville, S.C. After getting settled in our motel, we followed signs we had seen reading "Tuskegee Airmen." Being WW2 buffs, we had to find out what this was about.

Seems there was a rather large airfield there where the Tuskegee Airmen trained.

It's rather quiet now, but apparently in WW2 it was bustling with activity with some 5,000 military living and training at the field. We ambled around the field as the sun lowered in the sky, reading the various plaques with a multitude of information. Was a very fascinating place. If you're in the area it's worth the side trip.

Happy news from Rosalie Borselli who welcomed two new great-granddaughters, born July 17 and July 22 (see photo). Their mothers are sisters... they live close by, so they will be raised together. I forsee many trips to lend a hand and spoil these babies!



Rosalie Borselli proudly shows off her new great-granddaughters, born less than a week apart to sisters.

Hal and I spent some time in Boston this summer. My pal got a tune-up at Brigham's and Women's. I will not be able to keep up with him now!

# Emergency Contact Info

These numbers or Web sites may come in handy when in a hurricane or other emergency situation. See page 26 for more hurricane preparedness information and instructions.

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# Thunderstorms no obstacle to luncheons

For whatever reason, I decided to look over my collection of news articles that I have written over the years. I think I hoped to get some inspiration for this month's entry.

It surprised me to see how many years I have been doing this (12 or more). I was reminded about how fortunate we have been here at New World French to have had or to have so many people who have given or give so much of their time and talent. For this I am most grateful.

This has been a month of hot, humid weather as well as one of downpours of rain and strikes of lightning and claps of thunder, which was not conducive to having our daily social hour. The ladies' monthly luncheon took place at Johnnies with eight women attending. There had been a "pizza party" planned to celebrate the birthdays of Gin Upton, Bob Saylor,



Susan Withers, Donna Cameron, and Howard Johnson, all of which occurred during the times of the last issue of the this paper and this one. Sorry it had to be cancelled thanks to old man weather. I hope their special day was indeed special as they are special people.

The monthly evening dinner was scheduled for the Varsity club.

As I reported in the last issue the "four horsemen" — Gin Upton, Connie Saylor, Reta Carney, and Pat Volheim had been traveling extensively either for pleasure or family reasons and thus our residence here was very subdued. I am happy to report that upon their return, a huge gathering once again took place and among these were the daughter and grandchildren of Pat Volheim, who are here for a visit. Thus the laughter and joviality is once again taking place.

A special notice has been sent out to residents that it is imperative to have all bicycles and articles stored in the storage rooms to have their name and unit number affixed to the same. Hopefully all will adhere to this mandate.

As ever, I urge you all to keep checking the bulletin boards for special announcements.

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# Travelers savor the Holy Land, Ireland and Scotland

Hello from Rila Renaissance. Well, it seems our "world travelers" are at it again!

Our building Captain, Gerri Jaeger and Richard Maxwell had a fabulous vacation, including an incredible journey to the Holy Land. Fortunately, this was just before all the recent trouble there started.

Gerri and Richard went to the Wailing Wall (see photo) and were surprised that men and women could not pray together. Nevertheless, Gerri said "Words cannot describe the spiritual emotion we felt, especially in Bethlehem and Jerusalem."

They also got to touch the stone where Jesus was anointed after being taken down from the cross. They went to the West Bank and to Jordan. They were surprised how many check points there were at most borders with guards and big guns.

Gerri and Richard then flew to Belfast, Ireland. They rented a car and drove along the east coast. What a contrast from the hot desert to the magnificent lush green countryside.

They were amazed at the narrow roads and driving on the wrong side of the road. This was a bit stressful, but they survived!

They totally enjoyed Donegal



County and want to return again to see more of Ireland. Gerri and Richard stayed at bed and breakfast inns. The economy is so depressed that the country relies on the tourist business.

Next, they headed to the Outer Hebrides of Scotland to visit friends for three days. These islands are remote, safe and a quiet haven with a charm of its own. Gerri and Richard said they "wouldn't want to be there in the winter, but the summer months are pleasant."

Don't forget to continue to recycle each week. Collection is always on Wednesdays.

Check the bulletin boards in the core for upcoming events with our building. We usually start the end of September and sometime in October.



Our neighbors Jerri Jaeger and Richard Maxwell at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.

I need some news from our neighbors' trips, new members of the family, anniversaries, etc. Please

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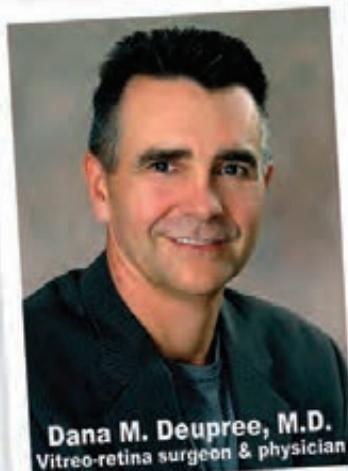


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# Saying 'so long' to Bohemia's venerable old oak tree

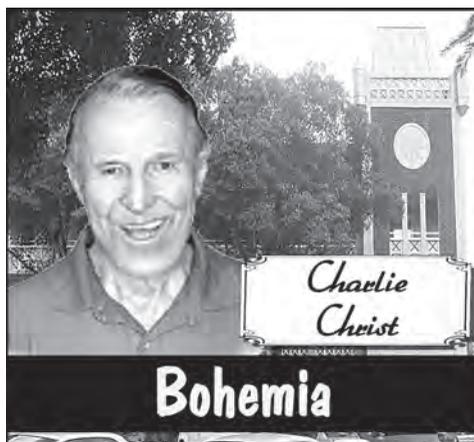
There was a gathering of some of our Bohemians recently that lasted two whole days. They came — and some even celebrated — to witness the downing of our old oak tree on the Jamaican side. It seems that finally its time had come (see photos).

The management company had determined that the tree was diseased, with a shortened life span. Based on the condition of the tree as well as the potential safety hazard, Pinellas County approved the removal of the tree.

Perhaps something less troubling and scenic will replace it. We all thank On Top of the World management for solving this problem, especially during the advent of our rainy season.

Juta and Mike Lane recently journeyed to Germany once more. Germany is Juta's birth place and where she met Mike. The rest is history. They married and moved to the U.S. Mike fell in love with Germany and so both make the annual trek now.

This time, Mike related, while Juta and the girls visited the sights in the countryside, he drank beer, ate fat



foods, and visited friends — about the same as here at OTOW (but German beer is much more to his liking!).

They visited Disney's Castles and Rottenberg, where the water runs backward. On their return through Kofinhuebach, they did a henchean (chicken) festival.

My son and wife arrived after dropping their daughter off at college in Louisiana. She is on a soccer scholarship and they watch all her games until November. A huge RV is their home while away from their retirement house in Las Vegas. The RV requires \$600 of gas for each fill-up.



In its finest days, this oak tree was very scenic and provided a memorable spot where Bohemians gathered for cocktail hours and holidays. Even in its final days of life, it hosted the celebration that heralded its demise.

We played Pinochle and dined at Frenchy's at Clearwater Beach. I'm very proud of my son. He is a Vietnam vet, went through college on his own, and retired as chief of police.



After the tree's removal, the stump remaining is about five feet wide. It now becomes the only landmark that represents those memorable Bohemian celebrations and gatherings.

We had a good turnout at Chili's recently: 14 of us showed up. This month there's a pot luck and games on Labor Day plus the Safety Harbor Grill on the 24th. Come and enjoy!

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Calendar of Monthly OTOW Activities — September 2014

1	Monday	10:30 AM	Entertainment Committee Meeting	Veranda
1	Monday	6:00 PM	Bldg. No. 82 Capistrano Meeting	Sunrise Room
2	Tuesday	3:30 PM	Billiards Meeting	Sunrise Room
2	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Hoosier Club Meeting	Crafts Room-Kitchen
3	Wednesday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Starlite Room
3	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Theater Workshop Meeting	Auditorium
4	Thursday	10:30 AM	Pennsylvania Club Meeting	Starlite Room
5	Friday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Meeting	Large Card Room
5	Friday	2 – 4 PM	Travel Club Meeting	Sunrise Room
6	Saturday	5 – 8 PM	Singles Club Meeting	Starlite Room
8	Monday	8:30 AM	Health/Blood Pressure Screenings	Veranda
8	Monday	2:00 PM	German Interest Group Meeting	Sunrise Room
10	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Baby Boomers Game Night	Crafts Room-Kitchen
10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Jesters Meeting	Sunrise Room
11	Thursday	9:30 AM	Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee	Auditorium
12	Friday	7:00 PM	Lambda Club Meeting	Large Card Room
15	Monday	9:30 AM	Health Screenings Free Eye & Ear Testing	Auditorium
17	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Baby Boomers Game Night	Crafts Room-Kitchen
17	Wednesday	6:00 PM	Hoosier Club Game Night	Crafts Room-Kitchen
18	Thursday	9:00 AM	AAA Driver Course	Starlite Room
18	Thursday	5:30 PM	Baby Boomers Meeting	Starlite Room
18	Thursday	7:30 PM	Entertainment Committee Show	Auditorium
19	Friday	9:00 AM	AAA Driver Course	Starlite Room
20	Saturday	8:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Dance	Auditorium
21	Sunday	2:00 PM	Entertainment Committee Sunday In The Park	Auditorium
24	Wednesday	9:00 AM	Sewing Crafts	Starlite Room
24	Wednesday	5:00 PM	Baby Boomers Game Night	Crafts Room-Kitchen
24	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bldg. No. 89 Siboney Meeting	Sunrise Room
25	Thursday	2:00 PM	Democratic Club Meeting	Starlite Room
27	Saturday	5:00 PM	Sensational Seniors Meeting	Sunrise Room
27	Saturday	6:00 PM	Lambda Club Social	Large Card Room

*Labor Day  
Monday, Sept. 1*

*Grandparents Day  
Sunday, Sept. 7*

*Patriot Day  
Thursday, Sept. 11*

*First Day of Autumn  
Tuesday, Sept. 23*

*Rosh Hashanah  
Thursday, Sept. 25*

Daily Calendar

MONDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
8:00	Ladies' Exercise Class	East Side Gym
8:00	Bonesavers Exercise	Large Card Room
8:30	Ent. Comm./Clubs Ticket Sales	Auditorium
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Computer Club Lab Open	Computer Room
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
9:00	Zumba Exercise	Large Card Room
9:30	Brazilian Embroidery	Art Room
10:00	Aerobics Exercise	East Side Gym
10:00	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
11:30	Contract Bridge	Yellow Room
12:30	Mahjongg	Rainbow Room
12:30	Canasta	Small Classroom
1:30	Tai Chi Beginners	East Side Gym
2:30	Tai Chi Advanced	East Side Gym
5:00	Mahjongg	Rainbow Room
6:00	Bingo	Auditorium
6:00	Poker Group	Yellow Room
6:30	8-Ball Tournament	Billiards Room

TUESDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
8:00	Ladies' Exercise Class	East Side Gym
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Computer Club Lab Open	Computer Room
9:00	Caring and Sharing Crafts	Crafts Room
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
10:30	Ballroom Dancing Class	Auditorium
11:00	Yoga	East Side Gym
12:00	Ceramics	Crafts Room
1:00	9-Ball Tournament	Billiards Room
1:00	Line Dancing	Auditorium
1:00	Canasta	Small Classroom
2:00	Chess	Rainbow Room

5:30	Dominos	Small Classroom
6:00	Pinochle	Large Card Room
6:00	Mahjongg	Rainbow Room
6:30	Poker Group	Poker Room
7:00	Bible Study Meeting	Veranda

WEDNESDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
8:00	Ladies' Exercise Class	East Side Gym
8:00	Bonesavers Exercise	Large Card Room
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Computer Club Lab Open	Computer Room
9:00	Good Neighbors Crafts	Crafts Room
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
9:00	Zumba Exercise	Large Card Room
9:00	Knitting Group	Veranda
10:00	Zumba Exercise	Large Card Room
10:00	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
1:00	Painting Pals	Art Room
1:30	Tai Chi Beginners	East Side Gym
2:30	Tai Chi Advanced	East Side Gym
1:00	Mahjongg	Rainbow Room
1:00	Double Pinochle	Small Classroom
6:00	Poker Group	Rainbow Room
6:30	Ladies QueT Billiards	Billiards Room

THURSDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
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 Lab Open	Computer Room
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
11:00	Yoga	East Side Gym
11:30	Contract Bridge	Large Card Room
12:00	Poker Group	Yellow Room

1:00	Mahjongg	Small Classroom
1:00	Baby Boomers Dancing	Sunrise Room
1:00	Mahjongg	Yellow Room
1:30	Scrapbooking Crafts	Crafts Room
2:00	Chess	Rainbow Room
5:00	Pinochle	Large Card Room
5:00	Pinochle	Small Classroom
6:00	Poker Group	Poker Room
6:00	Poker Group	Yellow Room
6:30	Scotch Doubles	Billiards Room

FRIDAY

7:00	Coffee Corner	Auditorium
8:00	Ladies' Exercise Class	East Side Gym
8:00	Bonesavers Exercise	Large Card Room
8:30	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
9:00	Computer Club Lab Open	Computer Room
9:00	Ceramics	Crafts Room
9:00	Slimnastics Exercise	East Side Gym
9:00	Water Exercise Class	East Side Pool
9:00	Zumba Exercise	Large Card Room
9:00	Pinochle	Small Classroom
10:00	Exercise Class	West Side Gym
1:00	9-Ball Tournament	Billiards Room
1:00	Chess	Rainbow Room
1:00	Mahjongg	Small Classroom
6:00	Poker Group	Rainbow Room
6:30	Hand & Foot Canasta	Small Classroom

SATURDAY

8:30	Line Dancing	Auditorium
8:30	Computer Club Meeting	Large Card Room
11:30	Duplicate Bridge	Large Card Room
1:30	Tai Chi Beginners	East Side Gym
2:30	Tai Chi Advanced	East Side Gym

SUNDAY

1:00	Pinochle	Small Classroom
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## Whiling away the summer thinking of the old days

Well, the weather is typical for Florida. It is hot, hazy, humid and the perfect time to sit around and take it easy.

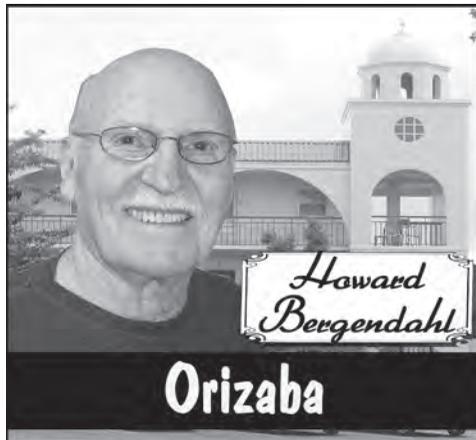
There is not much to write about this time of year. Snowbirds are up North visiting family and friends, and the pool area is crowded with residents trying to keep cool. The air conditioning in every unit is pumping away and I, for one, am enjoying the cool, manufactured air.

During these times of relaxation, the mind kind of wanders and many things seep into the subconscious. We find ourselves thinking of all kinds of odd things.

I was sitting around with music playing (I tend to favor the forties to the seventies, does that say anything about my age?) and Billy Joel came on singing about "Keeping the Faith."

The words of that song brought back a lot of memories, including pompadours, jackets with velvet collars, the old man's Old Spice, back seats of Chevrolets... he goes on mentioning the many fads to which we adhered.

We all seem to like the "good old days" when life was simple. There were no cell phones, computers, TV was in its infancy, no GPS and all the other



things that today's generation takes for granted.

Today we have social media, smart phones, cars that almost drive themselves, nearly constant connections to children, family and friends... and we still complain.

Maybe someday a really smart person will come up with compromise somewhere in the middle and we will be able to find good shows to watch on the tube, get along with our neighbor, have a good relationship with those around us, stop killing each other and just be happy, which reminds me of another song: "I Can Dream Can't I?"

Hoping that next month will provide us with a bundle of new input from our residents — and happy days.

## Monthly luncheons are always popular at Valencia

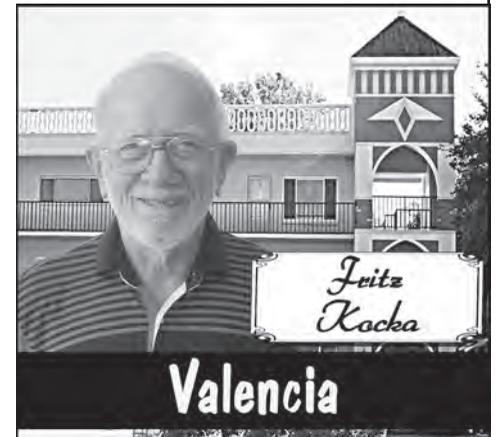
Please, let's all remember the events of 9/11/01 on Patriot Day, Sept. 11, and hope such a tragedy never happens again.

Our recycling effort is moving along. We are still learning but getting better. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks?

The ladies' luncheon held on Aug.14 was at Applebee's. The men's luncheon was at Johnny's. The turnout was light but enjoyable.

Our September get-together was to be at the Early Bird Dinner Theater on Ulmerton Road and US 19 on Sept.20. Adele once again hosted the event.

Our Aug. 27 building lunch, hosted by Claire, was held at the Olive Garden. The turnout was



lighter than expected but the service and food was great. It is always a pleasure to share your thoughts with your neighbors.

Mama Sez: The difference between a girl friend and a wife is 45 lbs.

Check out OTOW-TV Channels 96 and 732



## OTOW 55-and-Over Driver's Safety Course



**Class is 9-Noon, Sept. 18 & 19 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room**

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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.

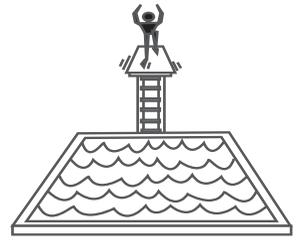
If water gets into your condo, it might become a huge problem by the time you return home.

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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## SWIMMING POOL RULES

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- 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 pool.
- Pool will be closed during inclement weather.
- Walkways to the gates must be kept clear at all times.
- 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.

## BLOOD PRESSURE PROGRAM

On the second Monday of each month from September through April, blood pressure testing will be available at the East Activity Center from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Special thanks go to our nurses for volunteering to take blood pressures. Remember, all are welcome.

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Guests at Margaret and Martin Forde's 50 wedding anniversary pose for a group photo. Seated front row left to right: Steve Cawley, John O'Shea, Martin Forde, Grace on Margaret's lap, Conner on Michelle's lap, Frieda Cawley, Jim Sundberg, Doris McKeon, Margo Robson. Middle Row left to right: Dave Kennelly, Noreen O'Shea, Sheila Bonomo, Mary Kennelly, Ruthie Griffith, Andy Suhar, Mary Leahy, Betty Burns. Standing back row left to right: Sheila Mahoney, Pat Mahoney, Mina Osborne, Phyllis Wong, Nina Wolinski, Connie Giudice, Gloria Mitchell, Julie Narancich, Mike Narancich, Joe Cassidy, Mickey (Bob Riley's father-in-law), Bob Riley. (Photo by Barbara Sundberg)

## 50th wedding anniversary celebrated by family, friends

By Barbara Sundberg

Just one of many celebrations to mark Margaret and Martin Forde's 50th wedding anniversary was held last month with family and friends in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center.

A surprise visit from one of their daughters and her two children was the

highlight of the party. As always, the food was delicious and plentiful, the company delightful, a wonderful time to remember.

Congratulations, Margaret and Martin! Pictured above are some of the guests.



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# Unforgettable China trip caps off summer in fine style

August is one of our toughest months, but it is the threshold to better things a-coming. I like to think of it as the price we pay for the glorious falls we enjoy.

Our Entertainment Chair, Marie Pirrello has worked hard to soften summer living at the Azores. She organized two great outings for us. The first was to Rumbas, with 24 folks sharing a great Sunday dinner. It was reported that the food and service were great.

The second event was at Island Way for a Thursday early-bird dinner. Nineteen participated and again the food and service were first class.

The great part of the outings is the chance to visit. I know we all live in the same building, but the opportunity to gather and just visit is a rare thing during the summer. If you are a recent resident or just reluctant to get involved, please do yourself a favor and get involved. Soon we will have our fall planning meeting. Plan to attend.

Dolores and John Parham flew to New York for quick family visits and to celebrate some of their many grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's birthdays.



Maryann and Frank Staffieri recently returned from a trip to visit family and to celebrate Maryann's birthday. Congratulations.

Tom and Marie took a quick trip to California to visit Tom's brother and to soak up some of that cool weather around San Francisco.

As promised last month, I am including a photo of the trip Sy and I took to China. I am tempted to bore you with a detailed account of our trip but think it better to give short snapshot thoughts and experiences we had.

Our first experiences in Beijing led us to a few conclusions: 1. China has one heck of a lot of people. 2. Beijing

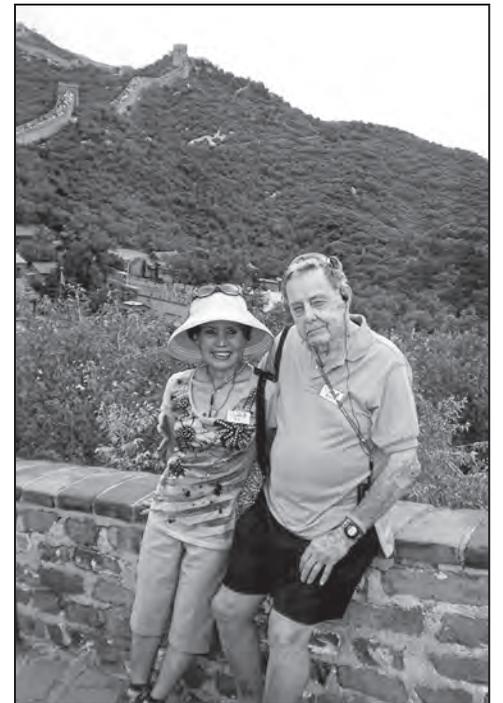
drivers are worse than Boston drivers. 3. Ladies, the best place to shop in Beijing is the Silk Market — a multistory flea market with all prices negotiable. Of course we did see the usual stuff, the Forbidden City and the Great Wall (see photo).

Our next experience was in Xian, an old capital of China. We discovered that the Emperor Qin Shi Haung, who ruled some 2,000 years ago took his death seriously. When he died, he took his entire household staff with him including all his girlfriends!

One of the highlights of our trip to China was visiting a small country school in a riverside village. I was interested to learn that they try to hold the class size to 70 for each teacher. I was amazed when a rather petite math teacher quietly said something and all of the children went quiet and attentive to what she was saying. It was evident that education is a family affair and a serious business.

Our trip concluded in Shanghai, a large and growing city with better drivers than in Beijing.

The people we met during our trip are excited about what is occurring in



Russ and Sy at the famed Great Wall of China. Russ says the wall was literally covered with people.

their country and feel the government is working for the good of all.

For now, watch the bulletin board for the latest in upcoming happenings. Please drop something in my box — it is over by the bulletin board. Thanks in advance.

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# OTOW Change of Address Form

Building # \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Forwarding Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Forwarding Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Leaving OTOW Home: \_\_\_\_\_



Complete a new form in the future if your return date is unknown at this time.

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<p><b>Tuesday Morning Specials</b> See Posting in Bus</p> <p>Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m. East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday Morning</b> Publix (Sunset &amp; Belcher)</p> <p>Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m. East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday Afternoon</b> K-Mart &amp; Countryside Mall</p> <p>Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m. East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Thursday Afternoon</b> Publix (Sunset &amp; Belcher)</p> <p>Paradise/West Side.... 11 to 11:20 a.m. East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.</p>
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### Guidelines for Riding the Bus

- The OTOW bus service is for the exclusive use of OTOW residents with a valid recreation card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- If space allows, residents with current 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.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.

## Let's welcome these new Modernage residents

Can it really be September already? How many times have you heard "time sure does fly?" I guess that's just another benefit of the Golden Age. And fall starts the 23rd of this month.

Remember back a few years when men never wore pink? Not even a pink tie. Then they not only started wearing pink ties, but pink t-shirts, pink shorts and pink trousers. I saw a man wearing a pink flowered shirt. Next came the earrings. And the other evening on TV, a man had on a complete suit of very bright pink. What I want to know is, when will they start wearing skirts?

We have a nice new couple in our building, Debbie and James Russell. They last resided in Gainesville, Ga. Debbie is originally from Fairfield, Conn. James is from Alabama.

James worked 50 years in the air conditioning and heating business. Debbie has been in the medical field.

Between them they have four girls and seven grandchildren, including a just-born little boy!



When I interviewed them I met their cute little dog, Peanut, who is very friendly and likes to be petted.

Their interests are reading, crafts, boating, the beach, painting and singing in the choir.

We have a new Sunshine Lady. Barbara Mooney wants you to let her know when someone in our building is ill, so that she can send them a card from our building.

Before long the Snowbirds will be returning to our warm welcome.

Be sure to let me know of any interesting news to publish in our fantastic paper.



Reporters's nephew Louis married Stephanie in June...



... while her niece Lori married Anthony a month later, in July.

## Happy aunt on hand for weddings of nephew, niece

Siblings get married a month apart. Our nephew, Louis, and his bride, Stephanie, were married in June. The family tradition continued as our niece, Lori and her husband, Anthony were married in July (see photos).

Fort Lauderdale was the destination for our nephew's wedding. The bride wanted to be married on the beach in an area named after her late grandfather. John U. Lloyd Beach State Park is a beautiful recreation area located next to Port Everglades. The region is a 251-acre site where visitors can bird-watch, swim, go canoeing and picnic. The park is a protected zone for manatees. Sea turtles return there annually to hatch their eggs.

It was a beautiful setting on the water for the wedding ceremony. Mother Nature cooperated, making it a beautiful Florida evening.

Our niece's in-laws provided their home for a patio wedding. It was a picture perfect event held near the swimming pool, while birds sang and geckos scurried about.

Lori's childhood friend, Maggie, drove non-stop from Batavia, N.Y., to Florida with her husband and four children in order to be the matron of honor. Anthony's large circle of family and friends witnessed the intimate ceremony.

The bride's young sons, Gavin and Keegan, joined in the ceremony while waiting for the party to begin (see photo). There were tears of joy and smiles from parents of the bride



New bride Lori presents her two sons for all to see and admire.

and groom as they were very happy for their children.

Congratulations to the young couples as they begin their marriage journey together.

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# Trip to Michigan kept resident on the go

Our building traveler, Dorothy Churchill, was on the move again last month celebrating her birthday with a visit to family and friends in Michigan.

Dorothy had a busy schedule planned. Her first stop was with her son and his wife in Jackson. Spent four days with friends, Jim and Shirley in Waterford, also a visit with Grace, a lifelong friend, and had lunch with an old neighbor, Judy in Rochester. Then a stop was made to see her grandson's new home in Lowell, as well as a visit with friends at their cottage in Lowell.

Went up to Cheboygan on Lake Huron to see another son. Traveled over the bridge to the Soo Locks, saw freighters going through the locks, impressive at four football fields long.

Later she saw a play at the Cheboygan Library and a concert in



Mackinaw City performed by a band from Germany. Enjoyed a "pasty" (adopted from the Cornish meat pie) for lunch before heading back to Jackson.

Saw a play, "The Last Romance," at the Purple Rose playhouse that Jeff Daniels formed, then dinner at a winery nearby where she enjoyed music along



Dorothy Churchill poses with daughter-in-law Linda at a winery in Michigan during Dorothy's recent trip to that state.

with a wine tasting (see photo above).

A visit to see her grandson's new home in Grand Rapids rounded out the trip. Left for Florida and some R&R!



## Farewell to one of our favorite neighbors

It's been a quiet summer in the Chetnik building. We can't even get any interest in luncheons. For that we will have to wait until our Snowbirds return in October.

We know our Christmas party and catered dinner will be held during the second week of December in the Sunrise Room, but we don't know the exact day yet. We will keep you advised.

We are very sad to hear that a very much-loved Chetnik, Bill Jacobs, will be leaving On Top of the World to reside in New Mexico. We wish him God's speed. As Joan Cooney said, "I'll never have another neighbor like him." At our luncheons he added so much to the joyful camaraderie. He will be sorely missed.

Linda and Vince Zeyak visited with their grandchildren in North Dakota this summer. All had a very good time..

I am sure there were many more trips that never reached me. I really need to hear from you. My number is 727-799-6361.

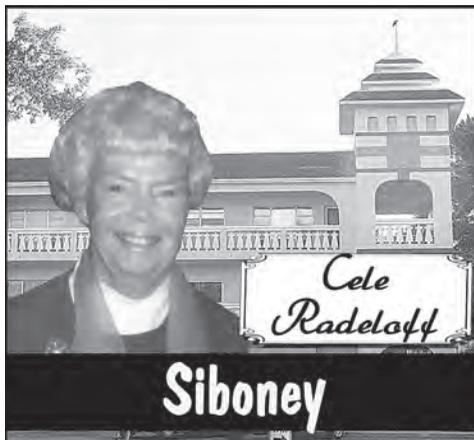
## Building highlights include trips and visits

One of my favorite neighbors and an original resident of the Siboney, Violet Orr, just turned 96. Violet is from Forest Park, Ill. We all send our congratulations.

Audrey Decker and I, along with my friend from the Dorado building, Edna Mae Jordt, attended the annual August dinner dance and enjoyed the food and entertainment very much.

Our building was well represented with Sue Watlington and our new neighbors (brother and sister), Anton and Debbie Holstrom, attending also. Anton celebrated his birthday and had his picture taken. Joyce and Bill Hickman celebrated their 38th anniversary that evening and this was the first time they have been to one of our dances. We hope it won't be the last!

Several of our neighbors have returned from their summer vacations. Audrey Decker traveled to Maryland this year to visit her son and daughter-in-law and to meet their new addition to the family, "Lucy." The puppy is a redhead named for Lucille Ball, and



was rescued from the pound. She got into more trouble than a two-year old but won Audrey's heart.

Then it was up to Connecticut to meet her six-month old great-nephew, who is just precious and a real joy. She had a wonderful time.

Jerry and Sue Watlington spent the month of July visiting with family and friends in Cape May, N.J. They were able to spend time with five of their grandchildren and the two great-grand's. All partook in Whale and Dolphin watching trips, which were

amazing. Fun was had at Wildwood Amusement Park and the water parks. Dinner theater at Elaine's was a hit as was the horse and carriage rides through this Victorian seaside resort. Of course, beach time was essential in making this another memory-filled vacation.

Doris Prekopa's cute little great-granddaughter visited from Wichita, Kan., where her father, Danny, is the assistant editor of the local newspaper. Her grandfather, Allen, treated them to a day at Disney World, which everyone enjoyed. It was too short a visit, though. We love to see the little ones.

Welcome back Rita Tombari, from Massachusetts.

I have had several experiences lately with trying to secure telephone numbers of residents of On Top Of the World. In our building, we have a telephone list with everyone's phone number and condo number. Each resident has a copy. We could not live without our telephone list, and it has helped in several emergencies.

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OTOW resident Hart Kraimer (in far kayak) leads reporter Pat Drake and her husband Gary down the Weeki Wachee River during a recent kayak trip there. (Photo by Don Drake)

## Reporter gets hooked on pleasures of river kayaking

Last month I wrote a story about Hart Kraimer's trip to Germany. I wrote that he had driven on the Autobahn at 160 miles per hour. Somehow it got into the story as 160 kilometers per hour. That's a difference of 61 miles per hour. I want to confirm that he drove 160 miles per hour, and was still passed by others as if he was standing still.

My husband Gary and I are having our kitchen and bathroom remodeled. I can assure you – it's very stressful. There is so much noise and mess, and we are very lucky to have such understanding neighbors.

I want to preface this with the fact that I have had 10 spine operations. I am, therefore, limited as to what I can do.

Luckily, I have a very thoughtful husband. He goes kayaking regularly with a group of Baby Boomers. He knew that I needed a break from the construction, and offered to rent a tandem (2-person) kayak, and said he would do all the work so that I could go with them.

At first I wasn't sure, but the more I thought about it, the more I thought it would be fun.

So, on Aug. 4, our wonderful neighbors, Susan and Sue, watched our two dogs and we went to Weeki Wachee. Since we were renting a kayak,



Hart Kraimer came along and used Gary's. It was wonderful. It was a very easy place to kayak, those in the know told me, because the current did most of the work. I even managed to paddle some. I'm looking forward to going on another kayak trip, thanks to Gary.

In addition to doing the tandem kayak, Gary had an interesting month in relation to golf. Last month it was in the newspaper, in very large letters, that Gary had a hole in one, and his brother, Don, witnessed it. In fact, Don had the hole in one, and Gary witnessed it.

You can imagine how many times Gary has been congratulated and had to let them know what really happened. His brother is only too happy to harass him about it. We've gotten a few chuckles over this.

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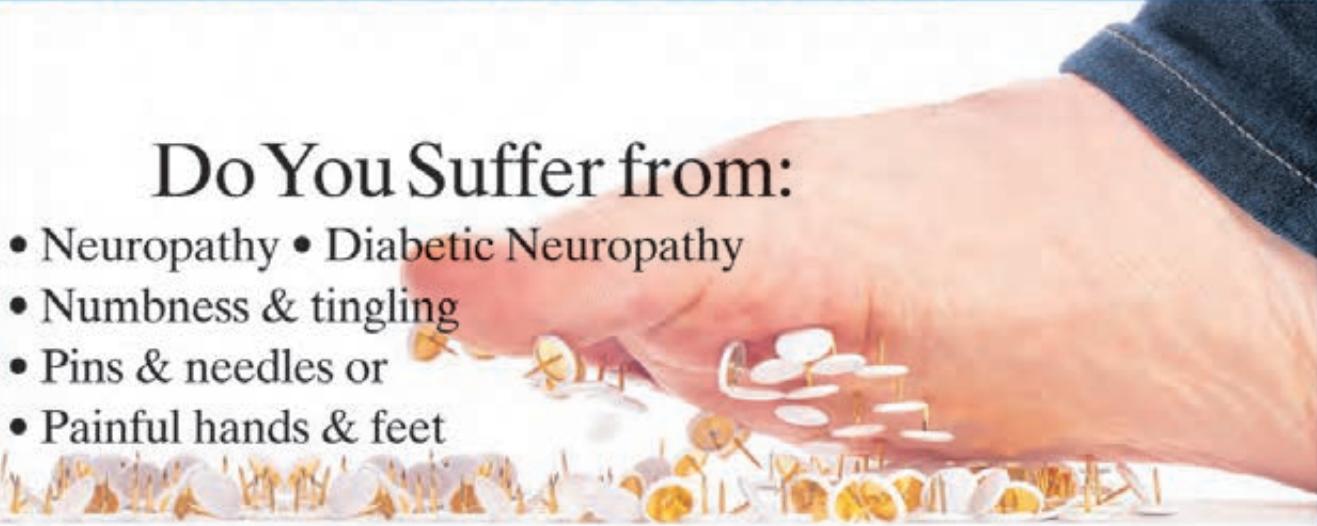
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