

# ON TOP OF THE WORLD NEWS



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## Singles Club goes out with a bang

By Cele Radeloff

There was chicken, ribs, games and a lot of memories tossed back and forth at the On Top of the World Singles Club meeting on Aug. 1.

It was a great big picnic inside the West Activity Center Sunrise Room with 28 residents attending.

The downside was, it was the final meeting ever for the club, which has existed at OTOW for more than 40 years. Membership decided it was time to fold, but this was a perfect ending.

"We went out with a bang," said Treasurer Dorothy Carpenito.

"It was a happy, nostalgic group that completely enjoyed themselves," said member Cele Radeloff.

The luncheon was catered by Felices and included a scooped-out watermelon filled with many fruits and desserts.

Members filled tables and everyone enjoyed talking about memories from previous years with the club.

There were trips on the much larger OTOW bus and short journeys on the Jolley Trolley.

There were ice cream socials, Oktoberfests, picnics, Strawberry flings, Christmas parties, fashion shows, wine and cheese parties, and more.

There were also rewarding events, such as the club's annual food drive.

"I'd like to thank all the ladies who gave so much of their time and dedication to the Singles Club," Cele said.

Before the party ended, another great gesture. Membership voted to donate all leftover funds to Good Neighbors and Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club.



Pictured all around are scenes from the final Singles Club meeting. There was great food, games and a lot of smiles.

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# Safety and Consumer Information Seminar coming to East Activity Center on Sept. 23

## Special Event-Coming Soon

The Community Service Office will be hosting a Personal Safety and Consumer Information Seminar on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at the East Activity Center Auditorium.

The panel discussion will start at 6:30 p.m. and run to approximately 7:30 p.m.

This event will be conducted by Pinellas County Justice and Consumer Services, as well as the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. They will provide important information on topics, such as how to avoid being the victim of a scam, how to avoid identity theft, how to keep yourself and the community safe, and will provide assistance with consumer issues.

Registration will be required to attend this event and a signup sheet can be found on the bottom of this page.

All completed forms need to be dropped off at the Community Service Office, where you can also sign up. Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 18. There will be light refreshments available and a raffle sponsored by the Pinellas County Sheriff Department and Pinellas County Justice and Consumer Services. Flyers will be posted in the activity centers and building center cores.

## Haz-To-Go

Haz-To-Go is a service that brings a collection trailer to communities for the collection of hazardous electronics and chemicals.

On our scheduled day, the Haz-To-Go trailer will park and residents can drop off unwanted items, such as



TVs, computers, paint, or pesticides.

This is a free service for On Top of the World residents.

The next Haz-To-Go event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on both Tuesday, Oct. 27 at the East Activity Center parking lot and Thursday, Oct. 29 at the West Activity Center parking lot. Flyers will be posted at each of the activity centers.

## Good Karma Café New Vendor Coming

In addition to our current vendor, Dusty's Wholesale Deli, the Good Karma Café will be welcoming a second vendor, "Devout & Devour" on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Make plans to stop into the Good Karma Café and see what they have to offer.

If you have dietary restrictions, such as intolerance to gluten, or simply want to follow a vegetarian diet, then this vendor is a great choice. They will be offering a variety of selections such as Greek quinoa, Kale salad, Goulash, and Salmon dinners, plus much more. They will also be offering both Glu-

ten free and regular dessert options as well.

Devout & Devour will be attending the Senior Expo this year and will host a table outside. Make sure you stop by their table and welcome them to our community and let them know how much you enjoy their food selections.

## Reminders

Smoking is prohibited 25 feet from the East and West Activity Centers. When smoking, please maintain this distance from all centers. SCA staff will be reminding residents when necessary. Remember to discard all extinguished butts in the proper receptacles. We ask for your cooperation in adhering to this request.

The emergency after-hours phone number is 727-799-1115. Please call this number in the event of a building emergency, such as water intrusion into your unit. For a life threatening emergency please dial 911.

The number to submit service tickets over the phone is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a work ticket such as reporting general building issues in the common area only. Please do not leave emergency information on this line as this will delay the amount of time it takes us to respond to your request.

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

While the SCA staff works diligently to maintain clean facilities, your

assistance is also important. Please remember to utilize the showers prior to using the pools or spa. Sun tan lotions, creams, sunscreens, and other topical lotions and sprays can upset the chemical balance in the pools and spa and cause the filtration systems and chemicals to work harder to maintain the water.

## Spa and Tennis Courts

We appreciate your patience during the West Activity Center Spa renovation and the East Activity Center tennis court repairs.

## Recreation Card Reminders

When renewing your Recreation Card, or getting a brand new one issued, please remember to bring with you a government issued ID, such as driver license or passport, and a current piece of mail indicating your name and property address.

You must bring your valid Recreation Card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request. All guests must be accompanied by a resident anytime they plan to use the SCA facilities, including the pool. As a reminder the resident needs to remain with their guest while they enjoy the facilities. All noncompliance issues will be immediately directed to the On Top of the World Association to address.

As always, I would also like to 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.

## On Top of the World Community Service Office

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## Personal Safety and Consumer Information Seminar



Registration form:

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Deadline for registration: September 18, 2015

Event Date: September 23, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Location: East Activity Center Auditorium

# Preventative maintenance

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

Many of the large Laurel Oaks that 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.

**Preventative 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 Water Alar-mTM from Gizmode. If you can successfully put batteries in a flashlight, you can operate this small device. It really is that simple to use.

The device has a small sensor that you place under the water heater 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.

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.

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## Upcoming Projects

**Painting/Waterproofing:** The front of Building 9 and Building 10 are scheduled to have new paint coatings applied in September. Please keep in mind that all start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

**Railing Improvement Projects:** A railing improvement project is anticipated to be at Building 17 by mid- to late-September as of this writing.

As with the other railing projects, a licensed contractor will be replacing or adding aluminum components to the walkway guardrails and stairwell handrails, so please exercise caution in the areas where these improvements are being made.

The improvements are estimated to be complete in 5-7 weeks, depending on the scope and the size of the structure. Notices will be posted in advance of the work so residents should keep an eye on their bulletin boards for updates.

**Construction, roofing and large scope projects:** As was stated in the July edition of the OTOW news, Duke Energy will be upgrading numerous power transformers that provide power to the community before the end of the year.

The next transformer upgrade has been delayed until mid-November due to excessive rainfall and scheduling conflicts. These upgrades will require the temporary disconnection of power feeds to the building resulting in power outages of up to eight hours.

The majority of these outages will begin at 8 a.m. and Duke assures us that their crews will do everything to limit the amount of time residents are affected.

Please keep an eye on your building's bulletin boards as updates are relayed to the community.

## Water Lines Building 18A

The potable water service line improvement project was projected to wrap up by late August, but residents

of Building 18A may see crews operating into early September because of the delay caused by the early August torrential rains.

As was stated before, brief water service outages will occur as each building is tied into the new water supply feed. These outages average 5-6 hours, so please plan accordingly.

Bulletins will be posted in advance of the change-over advising of dates and times.

Orange safety fencing will be erected around work zones as a safety measure. We ask that residents avoid these areas and not venture into them unnecessarily until the work has been completed.

## Walkway Repairs

Building walkway repairs will continue as construction crews perform maintenance to the second and third floor walking surfaces. Many buildings will see these restoration crews as the management company focuses its efforts on these types of repairs. This work requires the use of specialized power tools and may cause a temporary inconvenience in the form of noise and dust.

Repair crews will do their best to limit the inconvenience during this necessary work. These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative.

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

## Walkway Improvements

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating.

The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

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

## Inspection Services Division

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

This has been an ongoing endeavor

or throughout the community over the last few years and encompasses the removal of all association unapproved plant hangar brackets, holiday lighting hooks that are affixed into the masonry block, hose reels, and other wall and ceiling penetrations.

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

Many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the management company works towards the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community.

The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but have the potential to be a slip hazard as well as damage Association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, similar notices will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper, including a story on page 32 of this newspaper.

The management company asks that if you receive a notification requiring action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

Inspection Services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2015/2016 improvement cycle.

The purpose of their contact will be to advise residents that the painting vendor will be color matching all external doors to the majority building color as is required by the condominium association rules. This will usually require no action by the unit owner other than to allow access to the entire door surface for the coating to be applied.

If for some reason you were not at home when this work takes place, you may contact the Community Service Office and schedule a follow-up visit by the coatings vendor. We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success across the community.

## Awning Inspection

Reoccurring reminders for all community residents: Awning inspections are in full swing now that the summer rain and winds have returned to the area. The Inspection Services division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element.

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# is the name of the game

In response, staff has been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the building. Many of the older aluminum awnings 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 that do meet code and provide energy saving benefits. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center before it becomes a problem.

## Plants

The removal of plantings located above and around the potable water meters that service the individual units is also ongoing.

The management company is asking that all residents comply and not replant the areas. Plants or other items

found in these areas will be removed without notice and disposed of as they hinder the proper maintenance of these meters in the future.

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

Please, always apply for approval before you install.

## Fire Inspector

A recent inspection by the Clearwater Fire Marshall's Office confirmed the management company's commitment to the On Top of the World community.

In particular, it's focused efforts in the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings that

present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

The management company would like to reiterate to residents that barbecue grills are not permitted on any balcony areas, be it propane, charcoal or electric, as they pose a fire risk to the structure and residents.

While clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top of the World, these efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

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

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice. Please help make your community safe.

er by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

## Hurricane Season

Earlier, I alluded to work delays due to the early August storm. This was a good example of the management company switching to defensive mode in preparation for this big storm event.

The focus shifted from mowing and maintenance, to storm preparations. Work crews acted on 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 recovery and clean-up.

Generally, residents need to be prepared to remove personal items that may become missiles in high winds.

Items that can't be taken inside need to be tied down or otherwise secured from becoming a wind-driven hazard. Awnings must be folded down and securely closed.

**Did you know there are 4 ways to turn your water on or off?**

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- (2) Visit the East Activity Center Community Service Desk from 8:30-3, Monday-Friday.
- (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.

**NEW SERVICE WINDOW**

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# Landscape crews hope to get caught up with dryer weather in September

September marks the official end to summer and this year, with the record summer rainfall, I am happy to bid adieu to my favorite time of year.

The sweltering heat starts to abate, however, the community continues to face the numerous demands in regards to landscape.

The Management Company mowing crews worked diligently to keep up during the growing season, however, rain-saturated grounds in August prevented the crews from servicing some of the common areas in a timely manner.

The golf courses were also impacted, which limited the use of golf carts and limited the number of holes open for play. We appreciate your patience as we worked through those challenges.

During this time of year we get many requests for landscape services and what is surprising is how often the request is for owner-installed landscape, which has gotten out of hand.

Management is currently addressing areas around property that have become overplanted or are recent, unapproved additions.

Staff receives comments such as "it's only one little plant" but to put that into perspective, if every resident plants "only one little plant" we are looking at an additional 4,967 plants.



Those plants require water, fertilizer and have to be trimmed or maintained.

Many of the plantings include fruit trees, invasive plant species, and cactus or prickly plants. These items are incompatible because of the following: 1. They attract rodents or pests. 2. Their root systems are impacting patios and foundations, or 3. Their potential size does not fit the area in which they are planted.

Landscape beds are another item receiving attention from the Management Company.

Many residents have installed landscape beds that extend into the common area, some of which are creating safety hazards for residents utilizing the sidewalks and stairwells.

While rocks make attractive borders and fill in landscape areas, the Association does not permit them as they

create a safety issue when the rocks fall out of the landscape areas. They also become small projectiles when they are struck by landscape equipment and may damage equipment and surrounding property (see article on page 32).

The Management Company has been removing plants and vines from around fire extinguishers and lamp posts. While the affect from these plantings may be attractive, the fact is a fire extinguisher is a piece of safety equipment and access to it may not be blocked.

After reviewing the above, I hope you understand the importance of obtaining an approved Alteration/Modification permit when adding landscape material.

The Alteration/Modification form may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center or by visiting online at otowclearwaterinfo.com and click on the Service Department tab.

After your request is submitted, a representative from the Management Company will visit your unit and review the request with you. He will determine if the landscape request and/or plant is the right material and in the right location.

Unapproved, installed landscaping will require removal.

Exterior building repaints were

also on hold during the inclement summer weather with the exception of the East Activity Center receiving an interior face lift.

The building center cores will also receive a facelift of sorts when they are repainted. All items will be removed from the walls, including bulletin boards in disrepair. Two new bulletin boards will be installed with one bulletin board reserved for resident club and activity notices, and the second board reserved for Management Company and Association related notices and bulletins, as well as building updates.

Residents are asked not to install any personal pictures or wall art in the center cores without receiving an approval from the Association.

Unfortunately, a few buildings have become cluttered with old, incompatible wall art that owners no longer want in their homes. Wall art of any kind must have an Approved Modification Application on file as the center cores are common areas.

We also ask that you do not place wicker baskets and silk plants in the center cores as they provide a habitat for mosquitos and pests.

Last but not least, the large parcel and package boxes will be repainted. The repaint and drying cycle typically take two days.

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See how many of the following you can identify by their birth names.

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Caryn Elaine Johnson-Whoopi Goldberg

Archibald Alexander Leach-Cary Grant

Nicolas Kim Coppola-Nicolas Cage

Benjamin Kubelsky-Jack Benny  
Enrique Martin Morales-Ricky Martin

Nathan Birnbaum-George Burns



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## Inside Showbiz

Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta-Lady Gaga  
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Lucille Fay LeSeuer-Joan Crawford  
Frances Ethel Gumm-Judy Garland

Ehrich Weiss-Houdini

Dinah Shore ended up with her Hollywood name because when she was first introduced on stage in New York City, the Emcee couldn't remember her name and said, "Here she is, Dinah Shore."

Her real name is Frances "Fanny" Rose Shore.

Her new name stuck.

When Michael Fox went to join the actors union, he found there was already an actor named Michael Fox. So he added the "J" and became Michael J Fox.

The Statler Brothers, sitting in a hotel room one night, took their name from a brand of tissues they saw on the nightstand.

So Celebrities' names have come from many different places.

## 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.

Detailed information is available at the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### Eight years later, OTOW residents still bringing a smile to our troops

After eight years, On Top of the World residents are still donating items to care packages, which are sent overseas to our troops.

"I am very proud of what we are doing," said resident Fran Glaros, who started this project with her church in 2007.

"Our fighting men and women in Afghanistan appreciate what we are able to send in our care packages each and every month."

"Due to the help of everyone, we send an average of 7-10 boxes to our troops each month."

Last month, Fran specifically asked for donations of pens and pencils. She received several boxes and mailed them to troops immediately.

One lady drove to OTOW just to drop off soap and other toiletries. Fran could not have been happier.

Anything that is non-perishable can be packaged. Items we take for granted can be a treat for a soldier in a far-away land. Even a simple card will make anyone in uniform smile.

Among requested donations are handiwipes, soaps, lip balm, toothbrushes and toothpaste, writing tablets, candy, gum, popcorn, peanuts, packaged drink mixes, bandanas, puzzle books, tea, mouthwash, deodorant, shaving cream in a non-aerosol can, made-in-the-USA white socks, and, of course, homemade cookies.

Currently, the OTOW group mails to 52 troops on a rotating basis. Each time, the troop will share their gift box.

"For our troop project to stay in operation for eight years is a blessing indeed," Fran said. "I am hoping we can continue this project until all of our troops are home safe and sound."

Anyone who wants to make a donation can drop off items at Coffee Corner, 7:30-9 a.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. Please mention the items are for Fran Glaros.



## HAZ-TO-GO

**10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 27, EAC**

**10 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 28, WAC**

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# Get ready for fall dances with free lessons



## Social Dance Lessons

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All lessons are free.

Learn how to do the Cha Cha.

Also, learn the Rhumba, Waltz and Swing.

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In addition to individualized instruction, there are group events. You do not have to arrive with a partner. We will pair you up for proper practice.

Social Dance Lesson instructors are Fred Mills and Noland Shade. Both have more than 20 years of dance experience.



Social Dance Lessons continued right through the summer with several residents taking advantage of the free lessons to prepare for On Top of the World dances this fall. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

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# *Historically speaking, when there was a Jesters show, there were line dancers, too*

By Cele Radeloff

This is the final column on Line Dancing memories as Grandpa John Koning will be back in this spot next month.

Line Dancers were in the Jesters Shows for about 20 years and it was just "assumed" they would always perform.

We had many men in Line Dancing, as years ago they always danced and would join line dancing with their wives. Therefore, in the Jesters shows we had many "couples" dances, which were so entertaining.

The men loved to dress up in female attire and perform in different acts. In between the Jesters show on a Sunday afternoon, they paraded around the swimming pool in their "girly" bathing suits. The swimmers loved them!

The Line Dancers were so professional and would be prepared with their number by September or October, and it would be integrated into the show. We always bought or made our own costumes and each year it was a challenge to come up with something new and different.



## Line Dancing

The Line Dancers were always a big hit with the audiences. Years ago, our residents really supported the shows, and one year, we had over 2,100 in attendance for the three shows.

The Line Dancers were a very important part of the OTOW Joy Group, which entertained at the UPARC (now known as The Arc Tampa Bay Foundation) and many of the Senior Nursing Homes. The "Just Older Youth" group included a singer, pianist, magician and a tap dance group, the T.O.W.

Tappers.

The residents loved these shows.

After an absence of 10 years, our Line Dancers performed in the 2013 Jesters show and the girls were terrific! We have made so many friends through Jesters and have remained close to this day.

In conclusion:

We enjoy the music, as you will all agree  
And now have many dances in our memory  
We Hop, Sway, Kick and Shuffle  
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We do the two-step, Cha-Cha and the Rhumba  
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# 2015 Senior Expo will feature indoor and outdoor vendors

By Dessa Barabba

Mark your calendar for the 2015 Senior Expo hosted by the Community Service Office and Good Neighbors.

This year's event will be huge!

The Expo is set for Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We will have inside vendors who have an established working relationship with the On Top of the World community, as well as outside arts and craft vendors who will offer great items for sale.

One Blood will be onsite for this event so please plan to make a blood donation.

Also, attending this year is Charlie Tulum's Dos Tacos Food Truck. They will be offering a variety of food options for purchase such as chicken or fish tacos.

Both vendors will be parked in the East Activity Center North parking lot, along with our outside vendors.

Parking will be available at the Denmark street parking lot and the SCA shuttle bus will transport residents to and from the East Activity Center and parking lot during the event.

Parking will also be available in the South parking lot by World Parkway. Some parking will be available in the North lot but it is limited as most spaces will be reserved for vendor parking.

Walgreens will be providing flu shots for those residents who need them. Medicare covers the cost of the immunization for many seniors. If the shot isn't covered under your plan, Walgreens has advised that the cost would then be \$31.99. They will have waivers and billing sheets available for residents the day of the event and they will handle all billing issues at the store level. Look for their tables set up in the Starlite Room and plan to get your flu shot that day. Additional information can be picked up at the Community Service Office closer to the event date.

Pinellas County's Operation Medicine Cabinet will be hosting a table again this year. Any resident who has



expired or unused medications, please bring them with you and drop them off at the appropriate vendor table during event hours.

At their request, please safely remove medications from bottles and place in zip lock bags. Liquids should remain within their original containers and the caps secured with tape. Remember to remove labels from the bottles and destroy them. This is the best way to dispose of your unwanted medications!

Additionally, anyone who arrives early will receive a gift bag. A limited number are available. You can pick up your bag from a member of the Community Service Office when entering the event from the front lobby doors at the East Activity Center or at the Community Service Office table located outside by the vendor tables.

Please remember, bags are limited to one per person. All residents who receive a gift bag will also get their hand stamped for entry into the event.

The Good Karma Cafe will be providing coffee and donut combos for \$1, and Good Neighbors will have hot dog, chips, and water combos for sale for \$2. Both will be located in the Art Room. Tables to eat will be set up for your convenience both inside the Art Room and at our vendor location outdoors.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the indoor lobby entrance and if you donate a canned-good item for a local food pantry, you'll receive one additional raffle ticket.



## This lady is a 30-year resident

By Cele Radeloff

This lovely lady hails from Flatbush in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was one of eight children – six girls and two boys.

She has four children, two sons and two daughters, plus 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She worked for Abraham & Straus in Brooklyn for many years.

Our mystery guest walks everywhere in our On Top of the World community. She also belongs to the New York-New Jersey Club and Jesters Club, where she is a attendance counter for the shows.

She has been involved in Singles Club for about 25 years and enjoyed every minute.

This very pleasant young lady has lived at OTOW for 30 years and once had five of her sisters living here, too - Joan, Flo, Hazel, Jean and Ruth. Flo performed with the Jesters for many years, playing the banjo and ukulele.

So, have you guessed who our mysterious guest is?

She is the one and only Dorothy Carpenito!



## BACK FOR ANOTHER SEASON!

### OTOW Art Guild Drawing Class

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We meet in the Art Room every Thursday 1-3 p.m.  
All Art Guild members are welcome - class cost \$3/session



**Guess Who ?**

# Press Association planning ahead

Over recent years, the Press Association has tried different ideas when it comes to the annual holiday luncheon and end-of-the-year Appreciation Luncheon.

At the annual summer meeting in August, On Top of the World News Editor Doug Kates simply asked the staff, "what would you like to do this season?"

The Press Association has held luncheons in the East Activity Center and has visited various restaurants in the past. With all these options available, preliminary talk indicated the holiday luncheon will take place at a local restaurant the first Thursday in December while the Appreciation Celebration will remain right here in the Veranda Room.

"The staff said they are willing to go out for a nice holiday lunch and they believe everyone could be included if we keep the cost to about \$15 per person," Doug said.

"We would like to support a restaurant which advertises in our newspaper, but we will look at other options, too."

This past April, the Appreciation



Luncheon was catered by The Stuffed Mushroom and took place where our regular meetings are held. It appears this is what the staff wants to do again for April 2016.

"The Stuffed Mushroom had a wide variety of meal options, so if this is the final decision, I will contact them and choose two lunch items we did not have at the last luncheon," Doug said.

The August meeting was the only meeting of the summer for the press staff. Doug had two requests for writers.

First, the annual OTOW Halloween Pet Costume Contest will be tak-



OTOW News Editor Doug Kates, right, swears-in Vice President Jackie Dooley (center) during the Press Association's summer meeting in August. Secretary Arlene Bergen, left, and President Yvonne Courtney were sworn-in in May. (Photo by George Swiderski)

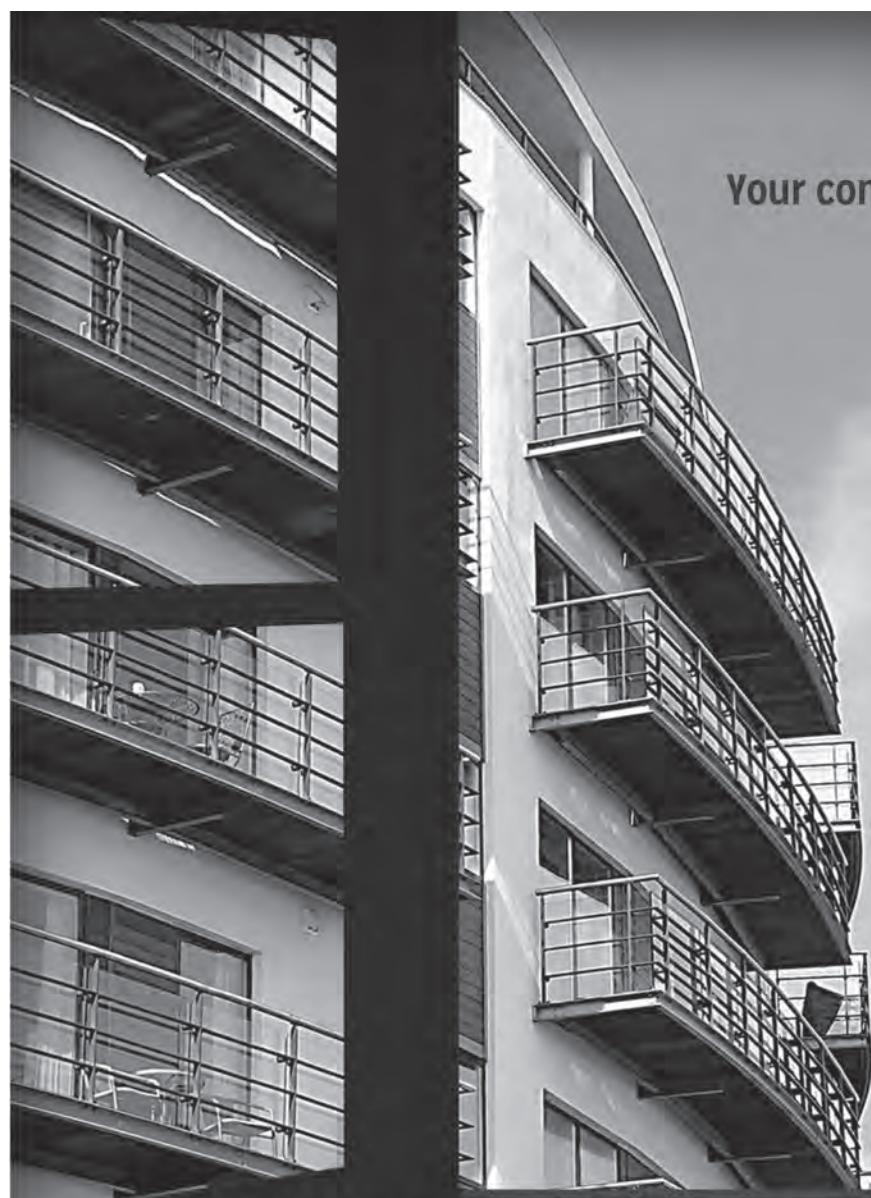
ing place on Saturday, Oct. 17, and he wanted building writers to make sure their residents knew of the date.

Second, writers can get a little excited when their Snowbird friends begin returning home, but Doug asked that they hold back from welcoming home the Snowbirds in the first para-

graph of their stories.

"We're just trying to avoid having 40 stories that start out 'Welcome Home Snowbirds,'" Doug said.

The next meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1 in the EAC Veranda Room. All meetings this season are in the Veranda.



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If you haven't done so already, by this point you must hang up the phone at once. If you even are still unsure, you should still hang up immediately and then call your credit card company by using the phone number on the back of your credit card.

Never give out personal information on the telephone!

It goes without saying, but I will say it anyway. If someone starts to yell at you on the telephone, you MUST not engage in further conversations with that person. You must immediately hang up the phone and then feel very proud of yourself for doing so.

Please pass this on to your friends and relatives and anyone else.

Q. I live in an over-55 community (it's OTOW). Can I leave my apartment to my children, who are under 55 years of age?

A. Sigh. I've answered this before but here goes. You can leave it to anyone you want, regardless of that person's age. You can. You can. You can.



Q. There are a whole bunch of folks running for President. Do you have any thoughts on any of them?

A. My thought is that you should study the persons who are running and study their views and then decide for whom you wish to vote. Be informed. As for my column, I do not intend to turn it into a political column because I want everyone to enjoy it and hopefully find some interesting non-political, information in it.

Q. What do you think of the recent Supreme Court decision on Obamacare?

A. The correct name for this law is the Affordable Care Act (ACA). I believe that a country as wealthy as the United States should find a way to provide good health care for all its citizens. Perhaps there's a better method than the ACA, but whether there is seems to me to be a political issue and one that should be discussed and debated at the political level.

Of course, whether present-day politicians, from either political party,

can seriously sit down and debate anything is in and of itself a separate issue. I am not optimistic. Although, by nature, I am an optimist. My optimism has its limits when politicians are involved.

Q. What are your views on the Supreme Court's decision on marriage?

A. My views are the same now as they have always been. The Supreme Court's decision did not in any way alter my views. It should not come as a surprise to the folks who read my column that I try to treat everyone the same, regardless of one's race, sexual, religion or national origin.

I've always done that and will always continue to do that.

Q. My husband and I have been divorced for many, many years. However, we do speak frequently and when our children were married, we had pleasant conversations and generally enjoyed each other's company (more than when we were married.)

Neither of us ever remarried, although both of us had significant others. His significant other is now deceased and mine is no longer significant.

We are discussing remarrying. I know that in his Will he left his estate to our children and I did the same. Since we both have left whatever we have to our children, anyway, if we do get married again, do we need a pre-nuptial agreement?

A. That's a really neat question. In my opinion, even under your fact situation, you should have a pre-nup. For

one thing, you might remarry and then decide it was not wise to have done so. A prenuptial agreement, if properly drawn, will enable you to terminate the marriage without any concern for the claims one might have against the assets of the other.

Q. Both my wife and I are involved with separate relationships. We are not mad at each other for this. It turns out that she and her friend have booked a cruise on the same ship and at the same time that I've booked one for my friend and me. What legal issues exist for her and her boyfriend and me and my girlfriend?

A. I don't know; but I do know that this has given me a headache.

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# From Bingo Marathon to Labor Day Bingo, summer is keeping OTOW players busy

By Brad Day

Here we are at the end of our summer, but it sure feels like the middle. That is, if the rain will ever stop.

But this is home for all of us who are around this time of year. And we can take it.

Our summer Bingo Marathon went very well in July. We had 123 folks attend.

That's a big crowd for this time of year!

The lunch got compliments this time. And our favorite baker outdid herself with her baked creations.

Not everyone could win, but all said they had a good time, which makes us very happy indeed.

Thanks to all who attended our Bingo Marathon. You're the reason we do all this work. Our thank you for your continued support of our bingo games all year.

Upon checking the calendar, I saw that Labor Day, usually a holiday for us, fell on the first Monday in September. That would have had us closed for five weeks, since we took August off.

But we thought that was too long.

So bingo organizers took a vote and all agreed to work that day. Then we took a vote of all those attending our last Monday night bingo event and most said they would be willing to at-



More than 120 people attended a Bingo Marathon event in July. Bingo lasted six hours.

tend.

So that was good enough for us.

So, we will be open on that first Monday of September. Let's just call it Labor Day Bingo.

Because of holiday hours at the East Activity Center, we will start the games one half hour earlier so we are done by 9 p.m.

We will have a few shortened

games to get us out the door earlier than usual.

Please check our Web page on the Box Office for more details. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, click the Box Office, click "enter" and click "Club Pages." We are currently a member of the Bronze Club, so look us up.

We are also on OTOW-TV chan-

nels 96 and 732. You might see our very cute bingo video!

And finally, my thanks to all our loyal volunteers. We couldn't do this past summer without you. Thanks so much.

Remember, we are right here in your neighborhood. And, yes, we are the cheapest bingo games in town.

## Next bingo marathon set for Sunday, Oct. 18

The next Bingo Marathon will take place Sunday, Oct. 18, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

Doors will open at 10:30 Sunday morning with games starting at noon.

We'll have the usual goodie bag at the door. Lunch will be provided with the same menu - fried chicken.

We're hoping to get upwards of 125 people and hope you will all be

able to come. Tickets prices will be \$30 in advance. No sales at the door and no refunds.

Check out our sales table every Monday and Thursday morning at the

EAC from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and come join the fun in October.

Also look online at the Bingo page on the OTOW Box Office Website.

That was a short summer vacation!

There WILL BE bingo on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7  
Note, we will have an early start.

No tickets sold after 5:30 p.m. Bingo begins at 6 p.m.  
East Activity Center Auditorium

# If you know how to crochet, you belong with our group

By Phyllis Butler

The summer is officially over Sept. 23, but the weather continues summerlike.

Our Snowbirds have not yet returned, but the autumn energy seems to have arrived.

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9-11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Veranda Room. We have been meeting there for many years and have knitted and crocheted many lap robes and shrugs.

We have always welcomed new members, but have always told them that while we will help with problems and patterns, etc., we do not teach.

One of our members, Iris White, found her way around this. Iris was a member of the sewing group, which also met on Wednesdays, making beautiful and colorful quilts. She also has a background in crochet, but had neglected this art for many years.

Iris had friends in our knitting group and would come over to visit during sewing breaks.

While visiting us, one of her friends showed her how to make flowers for hats we were making for cancer patients. It intrigued her and raised her interest.

In 2010, during the summer break in sewing, Iris joined us to begin making lap robes. She had gone on the Internet to "youtube.com" and watched videos on how to crochet and it raised old memories of techniques.

After assuring herself that she could do it, Iris joined us.

Several of our members have shown her new



## Knitting

You can go on YouTube  
to learn how to crochet

techniques and now Iris has become an expert in crocheting bright and colorful lap robes.

We operate under the auspices of Good Neighbors and receive financial support from them, as well as from the Coffee Corner. We really appreciate their help.

If you knit or crochet we would love to have you join us.



**Iris White**

## Procrastinating Quilters opens club chapter here at OTOW

Attention all quilters, On Top of the World has a club for you!

Procrastinating Quilters is an established organization in the county, but now is starting a new club right in our community.

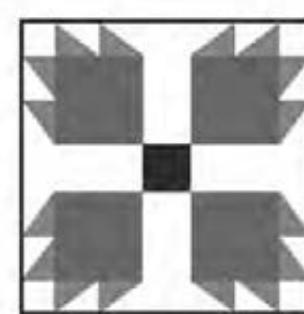
This club will hold monthly meetings in the East Activity Center Starlite Room. There will be "show and tell" sessions, guest speakers, demonstrations, and best of all - road trips!

There will be no lessons on how to quilt during meetings, but that doesn't mean inexperienced quilters can't join. There will be plenty of established quilters at each meeting and newcomers can make arrangements with these experts to learn the trade outside of meetings.

Beginners are welcome.

All levels are welcome.

We will hold "Sit and Sews" where we can help each other with individual



## Procrastinating Quilters

or group projects.

Guest speakers will help with techniques, materials and project ideas.

Road trips will take us to shows, quilt shops and more.

Sound interesting?

On Thursday, Sept. 17, join us 6:45 p.m. at Country Quilts and Bears, 1983 Drew St., in Clearwater.

Debbie Perdue, a certified Zentan-

gle teacher, will be holding a lecture and trunk show. She will talk about the world of Zentangle, which is the art of drawing patterns.

She will teach us how Zentangle can be applied to quilting, stitching and embroidery.

If you have a good time at this trunk show, then come and meet Debbie 8:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 18, in the East Activity Center Starlite Room, where she will hold a class just for our club.

The class is \$55 with all materials provided. You must bring your own sewing machine, scissors and thread to participate. We have the room reserved for eight hours.

Watch this newspaper and visit our Webpage on the Box Office to learn about other upcoming events.

If you have any questions, call Jeanette at 210-7954.



(Courtesy the Procrastinating Quilters Website [hypersytes.com/pqwebsite](http://hypersytes.com/pqwebsite))

This is an example of a quilt with many patterns. Join us and learn how much fun it is to make your own patterns.

# Snowbirds are not back yet - so try something new at an Art Guild session



## Art Guild

By Judy Mills

Hello September!

We are all looking forward to some cooler and drier weather this month.

Our season is officially over during the hot summer months, but we still have plenty of fun things to do.

Come on over and check us out!

On Tuesdays, Wendy Colquhoun is teaching Chinese Brush Painting, which is a beautiful Asian form of art. These classes are in the Art Room from 12:30-4:30 p.m. The cost of this program is \$5 for members. Please call her in advance so she brings enough supplies. Her number is 723-7504.

On Wednesdays, we continue to have Painting Pals/Open Workshop, which meets from 1-3 p.m. in the Art Room. All are invited and encouraged to join us with your current project.

New this summer, we will be having Open Studio on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. We will have a variety of things to do on that day, from drawing



Art Guild members in the front row, left to right, are Richard Wilkins, Linda Lokensgard and Patty Rubin. In the back row are Wendy Colquhoun, Jane Treggett, Gregg Taylor and Page Wright. On this day, they were setting up a Chinese Brush Paint session.

and painting lessons, to art-inspired day trips.

Membership in the Art Guild is \$15 a year, which starts in November. Dues are used to pay presenters,

expenses of the annual art show and refreshments at our meetings.

There are a lot of new and exciting things coming up for our next season; you won't want to miss out!

The Art Guild welcomes new members of all skill levels. Feel free to call me if you have any questions at 773-6788.

Come join us!

## New sewing class begins

A new sewing class will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 23 and will meet for five weeks.

The registration fee is \$45. Registration will take place during the first class.

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

All levels of sewing will be taught. Beginners are welcome.

Sewing machines and sergers are available to class members.

The class is sponsored by Pinellas County Public Schools and is taught by Joan Bates. You may write to her at [sewnjoan@gmail.com](mailto:sewnjoan@gmail.com).

# Hattitudes enjoy talking about their trips

By Charlyn Miller

Our August meeting was held at the Rumba Island Bar & Grill with 13 in attendance.

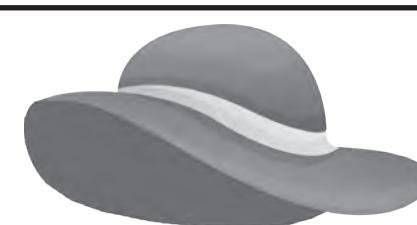
After a very tasty meal, several Red Hatters talked about recent travels.

Shirley Brinson gave a very interesting report on her trip to Germany. She met relatives she had not seen before.

Shirley Crowder reported on a trip with her family to North Carolina to watch her grandson play in a golf tournament.

Nancy Geyer told of her recent trip to relatives in North Carolina.

Marge Sutton glowed when she talked about a trip she took to New



## Rosy Hattitudes

York to see her daughter married.

We had a surprise guest who said he always wanted to be a Red Hatter until we told him he had to pay the bill. Still, his wife took his picture with a Red Hat on.

Many Red Hatters have traveled to

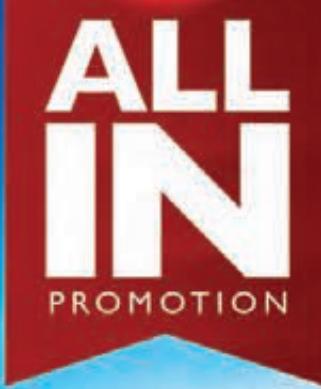
various places and some are still planning more trips this year. We are a very active group and of course we always have fun...

Arlene volunteered to be September's hostess and Charlyn Miller gave a treasurer's report. Dues were collected.

There were discussions regarding a trip to The Vinoy and Ybor City for future engagements.

The Rosy Hattitudes meet the first Saturday of the month for lunch and good companionship. If you would like to join our group, call 727-243-3685 for further details.

See you all next month.



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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## Join us for a community-wide Thanksgiving dinner and show

By Ed Foland

The Snowbirds Club sales and information desk opens at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 14, and will operate Mondays and Thursdays for the following six months.

It's a good time for permanent residents to renew memberships and purchase tickets before the rush.

If you're a Snowbird and haven't returned yet, you can always renew your membership and purchase tickets by mail from our Website. Your tickets will be held at the Will Call Desk.

Is September too early to be thinking about Thanksgiving dinner?

Not if you plan to take part in the Community-Wide Thanksgiving Day Dinner and show at Fletcher's Dinner Theater.

We have organized this big event for the benefit for all On Top of the World residents and our membership requirement has been waived for this event. You can get there on your own or be chauffeured in style for a nominal fee.

We have some exciting events scheduled before Thanksgiving. They include a dinner and show at Fletcher's, a charter bus tour to Mount Dora, another tour to Sarasota, and one to Biloxi casinos.

We also have two parties planned for the auditorium with entertainment, including our "Welcome Back" dinner and dance featuring our dance band, At Large.

See all of our club events at [www.snowbirdsotow.com](http://www.snowbirdsotow.com).

Our first monthly members meeting will be on Oct. 5, at 11 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Check out our schedule of events on this page.

DATE	EVENT	COST
Sep 14	Sales and Information Desk Opens at 8:30, EAC	Free
Oct 5	Member Meeting, Guests Welcome, Starlite Room,	Free
Oct 22	Dolly's First Snowbirds Line Dance Class, WAC	Free*
Oct 23	Fletchers, Dinner and Show, Fox On The Fairway	\$40
Oct 24	Mount Dora Craft Fair, Charter Bus	\$40
Oct 25	Halloween Wine and Cheese Party, With Harold Wurtz	\$5
Oct 30	Aquarium, Breakfast, Lunch, Red Barn Flea Market	\$97
Nov 1	Halloween Pops, Florida Orchestra at Ruth Eckerd Hall	\$35
Nov 2	Member Meeting, Guests Welcome, Starlite Room	Free
Nov 10	Sheila's First Salsacize Class, WAC	Free*
Nov 16	Biloxi Casinos, 3 nights, Charter Bus	TBA
Nov 22	Welcome Back Party, Dinner Dance, "At Large"	\$10
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Dinner at Fletchers Dinner Theater	\$40
Dec 8	St Augustine's Night of Lights, Charter Bus Trip	\$199 ppdo
Dec 10	Eastern Caribbean Cruise, 9 Nights, RCI	\$791 ppdo
Dec 13	Bronx Wanderers, Christmas Show, Ruth Eckerd Hall	\$20
Dec 13	Holiday Pops, Florida Orchestra at Ruth Eckerd Hall	\$35
Dec 15	Show Palace, Christmas Show Spectacular	\$78
Dec 16	Horse Races, Tampa Bay Downs.	\$25
Dec 16	Horse Races with Transportation included	\$45
Dec 21	Rat Pack, Christmas Show, Ruth Eckerd Hall	\$20
Dec 29	The Producers, Broadway Show, Ruth Eckerd Hall	\$65
Jan 2	Karaoke Cruise, 5 Night, Costa Maya & Cozumel	\$458 ppdo

\*Free for members

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# Theater Workshop is going to Vegas - singers, dancers, comics invited to participate

By Lilli Scheifen

Last season's director, Will Peterson, would like to thank everyone for all the support he had in his directorial debut, both from our members and the On Top of the World community.

He is now our new Theater Workshop president, following Tony Scheifen, and will write and direct our next show.

Quite an undertaking, and we hope we will not have to call an undertaker once it is over - This is a joke, folks!

The spring 2016 show is only in its infancy, but the main theme will be centered on Las Vegas and its rich and colorful history.



## Theater Workshop

Will says he has been in Vegas many times, but can't recall any of it. He blames "What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas," which is as good an excuse as any.

Will is going to conduct two

casting calls for our show, in October and November, with dates and times to follow. We would like to have those who want to be in our production to audition and showcase their talents.

Can't sing? Maybe you're good at comedy.

Can't tell a joke? How about dancing?

Sing like a bird? Doesn't matter.

Per Will, put on your old grey bonnet, bring your pet rabbit, polish your old tap shoes, shake the moths out of your old black wig and put on your most outlandish eye shadow!

A star may be born!

Our meeting this month is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the East Activity Center, with the Board meeting at 7 p.m.

We are also at the EAC on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. selling tickets and signing stars to contracts.

Other than Will, meet our new Board of Directors: Vice President Brad Day, Treasurer Will Sundblad, Secretary Mary Sundblad, Assistant Treasurer Roger Nicoll, Assistant Secretary Lilli Scheifen and Past President Tony Scheifen - all dedicated to providing a fun and entertaining year with the Theater Workshop.

## Season kicks off with ice cream social Oct. 21

By Jerry Kaplano

Well, another summer has passed us by.

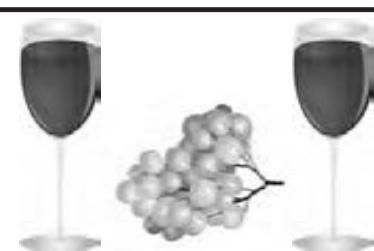
Hope it was a good one for all of you!

Our Snowbird friends will be arriving soon as well as our activity schedule.

Our season will start with an Ice Cream Social at 6 p.m. on Oct. 21. Cost for members is \$1.

Our spaghetti and meatball dinner will be on Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$8 for members.

There are many more activities



## Italian American

planned for this year and next. Stop by the East Activity Center on or around Sept. 28 for tickets or more information. See you then.

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**RECYCLING:** We will help residents recycle computers and printers for a small, modest fee. This service is for members only.

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# Just in time for football season, a social night with a sports theme

By Dave Beaven

Ahhh, September.

The kids are back to school and football season is in full swing.

In tribute to the latter, the Lambda Club will be turning the Large Card Room into a sports bar for our monthly social on Friday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m.

For that evening, we'll call it "The Dugout" since that room is downstairs in the East Activity Center.

Yes, there will be a game on. Naturally. The bar will be serving cocktails for your drinking pleasure. Our little juke box will be playing your favorite tunes. And as usual, our member chefs will provide delectable refreshments for the crowd.

Drop by to chat with old friends and make new ones. Dress code: Wear your favorite sports team shirt.

Speaking of sports, I can't say that it's something I've paid much attention to. I've sometimes wondered if that



## Lambda

was part of my gay makeup.

The whole macho beer drinking sports ethos/bro culture seems more of a hetero thing.

But then again, I've never collected Barbra Streisand albums, memorized the lyrics to show tunes, or watched reruns of the Golden Girls. So I guess I'm not fully living up to the gay stereotype, either.

What has struck me over the years has been going into a gay bar and seeing guys not interested in chitchatting or dancing, but actually watching the local baseball game on TV. There's al-

ways one TV not showing Madonna music videos.

Usually, the bar music is blaring too loud to catch the sports commentary, but these guys are intent on the game.

Go figure.

Then I happened on an article on the Internet about this phenomenon - gay guys who are jocks or wannabes, anyway. There's an online site where these guys can go to meet. It's called Gaybros. There you can see pictures of guys dressed in athletic jerseys, backwards baseball caps, jeans and beers in hand enjoying themselves. They look just like your average straight sports fans except for not being interested in the cheerleaders when they come on the screen.

Ah well, to each his own.

In the meantime, I'll just get back to my knitting and my glass of sherry. Ta-ta for now.

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.

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 webpage:

<http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

You can contact us by email at: lambdaclw@yahoo.com, or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

# First meeting set for Sept. 9 with auditions to follow in mid-October

By Sue Calinski

The Jesters are ready to launch their new season!

We are pleased to announce that this year's show is titled "Broadway: A Night to Remember."

As you might imagine, the show will be full of wonderful songs and energetic dance numbers from Broadway musicals. The selected music spans many decades, assuring something for everyone!

Ticket sales will begin soon at the East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday mornings.

The Jesters will hold their first General Meeting of the year on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 7-10 p.m. in the West Activity Center Sunrise Room. Be sure to mark your calendar and attend this meeting as it will be packed with information regarding Jesters activities for the coming year.

It will be fun to see old friends, and a great opportunity to make new ones!

If you ever thought you might want to join Jesters, this is the meeting to attend.



We are also announcing that auditions for "Broadway: A Night to Remember" will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 3-5 p.m. in the EAC Veranda, and again on Thursday, Oct. 15, 1-3 p.m. in the Veranda.

We are looking for tap dancers and singers at the auditions, but if you have another special talent or would like to help out in any other capacity, come and talk with us! We can always use people who want to work backstage and behind the scenes, helping with props, costumes, and set construction.

All On Top of the World residents are welcome and we would love to add you to our fold!

As an example of how much our members enjoy what we do, our own Tony Baker wrote this poem.

## The Jesters

We are just a community but what a great place,  
People with smiles all over their face.

So come join The Jesters and have some more fun,  
Another experience has just begun.

We'll meet in September to discuss the show  
From that day on it's "go man, go!"

Broadway: A Night to Remember is the name of the show  
Written and directed by Mike Albano.

There are lines to remember and music to choose,  
We're all having fun we have nothing to lose.

To find all our dancers and teach them their part,  
On stage with Donna – a good place to start.

When rehearsals are over, it's time for the show,  
Ladies in costumes with sequins aglow.

Are we all nervous? The answer is "Yes!"  
We want our show to be a success!

# Get your last-minute vacations in - it's almost time to start singing again

## ON TOP OF THE WORLD CHORUS

By Ilene Bargerstock

"It's a smile. It's a kiss. It's a sip of wine ... it's summertime."

- Kenny Chesney

It was all those things and more for me, but now the season is almost gone.

My husband, Rod, and I, both Chorus members, celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary this summer. Chorus friends Keith and Eileen Bekofske, and Director Beth Kendall and husband, Jim, accompanied us on a cruise, along with other friends and family members.

Later our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren met us at a retreat center in Roan Mountain, Tenn., for a week of celebration that included hiking, fishing, swimming, playing



The Billy Graham homestead and library in Charlotte, S.C.

games, laughing and reminiscing.

All of this while being on black bear alert!

Unfortunately, we didn't see any in spite of the warnings.

A very special highlight was my husband baptizing one of our granddaughters in the beautiful Elk River.

On our drive back to Florida we visited friends Judy, former Chorus member, and husband, Jim Bradley, in South Carolina, where we toured the

Billy Graham homestead and library in Charlotte - said to be the only place you will encounter a talking cow.

If you've been there, you know what I mean. If not, ask me about it sometime.

So, now it's time to think about another Chorus season. Hope all our members had an exciting summer and are looking forward to our first rehearsal on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium.

It is our greatest pleasure to welcome new members.

Rehearsals are Monday mornings from 10-11 a.m. in the EAC Large Card Room and Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the EAC auditorium.

We perform two concerts. The Holiday Concert will be Dec. 12 and 13. The Spring Concert is scheduled for April 2 and 3, 2016.

Chorus fans, mark your calendars and save the dates!

## Prepare today for your trip to Florida

By Rick McLauchlan

Labor Day is upon us, and for most of us, this signals the last days of summer.

Soon, we will be returning to On Top of the World as the swallows do to San Juan Capistrano, but unlike the swallows, we need to prepare for our return.

### 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 medications that have been prescribed. Make arrangements for out of country travel



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### 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.

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.

Purchase enough Canadian beer to get you through winter, because, as we all know, it is not easy finding Canadian beer in Florida (just making sure you're paying attention).

Upon arriving in Clearwater, please

give priority to renewing or obtaining an OTOW Recreation Card. Renters wishing to participate in any club or activities of On Top of the World are reminded that they must obtain an OTOW Recreation Card from their landlords.

Remember: Primary ticket sales for Dec. 9 Christmas Dinner/Dance are on sale Tuesday, Nov. 24, 8:15-10:30 a.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room.

Tentative Dates: Club Registration Night is Saturday, Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m. in the EAC auditorium.

Social games will take place starting Nov. 19, 5 p.m. in the EAC Large Card Room.

# Go Blue Jays!

# NEWCOMERS



**Carolyn McLaughlin  
of Indiana**



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(OTOW Photos  
by Mary Lou Wall)



## Costume Contest is almost here

The annual On Top of the World News Halloween Pet Costume Contest will be taking place 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Dog Park.

The event is open to big dogs and little dogs, new dogs and old dogs - but the owner must be an OTOW resident.

Categories will include Best Spirit, Most Original and Cutest. We are going to drop the Most Spooky category because none of our entries ever look spookie!

No preregistration is necessary. Just show up. But judging will start promptly at 9 a.m.

## Join your neighbors for a breast cancer walk in October

By Barb Sundberg

October is Breast Cancer month so save the date!

On Top of the World residents will be joining up for the third year to take the Breast Cancer Walk at Vinoy Park in St. Petersburg on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Many of you know former resident Julie Narancich. She lost her sister, Mary Jo, to breast cancer several years ago. In 2012, Julie and one of her daughter's participated in this Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. She chose this particular event because all the proceeds raised go directly to breast cancer research.

In 2013, seven OTOW residents joined Julie and one of her daughters. Last year we tripled the number of walkers from our community to 21.

So, put the date on your calendar and plan to walk with your friends, neighbors and fellow survivors. It's a very moving experience.

We will meet in the East Activity Center parking lot about 7:30 a.m. before heading to Vinoy Park together. Wear pink!

If you cannot walk, maybe you can give a donation in support of this worthwhile cause.



**2015  
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OTOW Dog Park  
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## Morning exercises right through the summer

Hello Ladies! Come join us at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday in the East Activity Center gym. The music will get you moving, it's a fun way to start your day and meet other ladies interested in staying fit.

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.

Each day we work different muscle groups with a challenging routine so you won't get bored. Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weightlifting classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We've added a cardio circuit workout with weights on Wednesday morning, as well. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises at the end of each class.

In addition to the above, come try our fun fitness workout on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Large Card Room right after the 8 a.m. class.

As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214

## 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.

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calories. No floor exercises.



### **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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# You can quote us: Boomers club is great way to stay active and make new friends

By Ron Clement

Even though I have been an On Top of the World Baby Boomer for the past four years, I find it difficult to put into words what it means to me.

So, I asked the Boomers to help me out.

Penni Telleck said "I like being a Boomer because my own family is small, but with the OTOW Baby Boomers, I have been given a new family. One in which I can share support, fun, memories and love."

"I moved here alone, 16 months ago and didn't know a soul," said Dale Carbone. "Now I have lots of new friends."

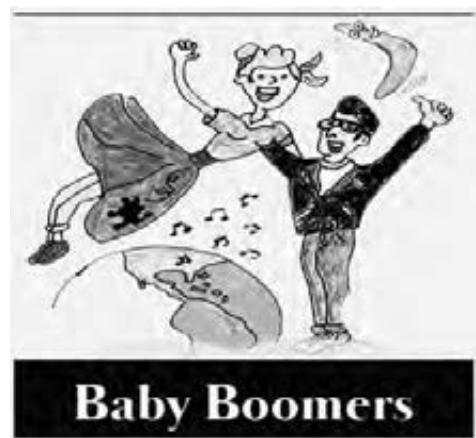
Bill Higgins spoke to a common theme when he said, "The best thing about being a Boomer is the diversity of activities one can participate in with welcoming friends."

"I really enjoy the trips to the beach for sunset viewing," added Ann LeMell.

For Linda and Wayne Dubrawsky, "it has allowed us to embrace things that we haven't done in years, like bi-cycling, and things we've never even tried, like kayaking."

Pat Drake said, "It's a group of friends. If you have a need of any kind, you don't even have to ask anyone specific for help, because one or more will volunteer."

This from JoAnn O'Neill Showal-



ter: "Whenever I'm in the mood for dancing, singing, biking or just having fun, there's always someone willing to come out and play."

The Santosuosso agree. Kathleen said, "The Boomers are a relaxed bunch and take you as you are."

Joe likes "...making lots of new friends with whom you can share new experiences, all the while feeling like old friends with a common bond."

"I like all the Boomer activities, especially sailing, swim-exercising with noodles and of course sailing," said Dan Burnstein.

Jeanette Walsh chimed in with "I have made many new friends and found many new activities to keep me young and active."

A highlight for Cheryl Reese "...is swimming at the East pool with other Boomers, plus going to the movies,

This is a sample of the summer Baby Boomers. In the winter, we would need more steps to stand on.

dinners and of course the cruises are very special."

"Seeing all of us come together on the dance floor, swaying to the music we love and dancing until our feet hurt," recalled Mary Skaarer.

Mike Albano has "...made so many new friends, some casual and others very close."

Don Drake's "favorite thing so far,

is getting hooked up with the guys to play guitar."

Jan Stiffler summed it up by saying, "What a great bunch of people. And to think we may not have met, if not for the OTOW Baby Boomers Club."

Come be one of us. Boomers Club meetings are the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month, 5:30

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# Latest exercise crave is kayaking to Caladesi Island

By Barb Sundberg

The sun was shining as the 8 a.m. exercise gals headed to the Dunedin Causeway to go kayaking on Friday, Aug. 7.

There was a nice breeze, and not too many boats or jet skis to create high waves for some of us who are new to kayaking.

We started out with the wind in our faces and headed to Caladesi Island, where we pulled our kayaks up on shore so we could walk around the island and hunt for shells.

There were so many perfect shells, Angel Wings, Calico Scallop, Chestnut Turban, Kitten's Paw, Giant Atlantic Cockle, Sunray Venus and Turkey Wings.

As the sun hid behind the clouds it became gray in the middle of the day, and it became clear that the weather was about to change quickly.

After paddling back to shore, we hightailed it in the rain to Frenchy's Outpost on the Dunedin Causeway, where we enjoyed lunch and cocktails.



Pictured above are a group of residents who paddled kayaks from the Dunedin Causeway to Caladesi Island. In front, left to right, are Barb Sundberg, Mina Osborn, Ute Scheibe, Maggie Wernet, Anissa Dickey and Anissa's parents. In back are Kathleen Santosuosso, Connie Guidice, Dick Gordon and Gloria Mitchell.

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# Research uncovers secrets about the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers Club



## Fixers Club

By Doug Erickson

Jan and Steve Stiffler joined the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers in 2001.

Steve has served in all of the executive positions and has taken an active role in updating and improving the shops. He was a safety supervisor before retiring and could see ways to make the shop safer.

Jan and Steve have both served as the club's secretary. Unfortunately, Jan had to stop working in the shop because of the dust conditions.

A task they both took on together was to sort out the club's documentation - a gigantic job because of the shoe box filing system in use at the time. To do this, they researched past newspaper articles and reviewed minutes of past meetings, which are located in the toy shop and are available to interested members.

A few highlights from their research are as follows:

The name "Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers" was adopted in 1975, making the club 40 years old. The first meeting minutes on file go back that



Jan and Steve Stiffler look through On Top of the World News archives to research and record past moments in club history.

far. There was shop activity before then, but without written record of it.

Further developments included installing lockers in 1984, which was a major expense for a young club.

In 1987, a planer was installed, but kept under lock so the user had to get a supervisor to unlock it.

In 1989 was the introduction of the "Hold Harmless Agreement" which is still in use today. It appears that toy making for charities started, too.

The excessive dust was a concern to others, as well as Steve and Jan, and in 1984 a dust collector was suggested. Unfortunately, the majority did not

think it necessary, and Jan's health didn't allow her to continue in the shop.

In 2004, health and safety issues were addressed. Details will be in the next article.

We are thankful to Jan and Steve for giving us this background of our club.

## 'Thank You' Good Neighbors for new books

The good news from the library is that the Good Neighbors Association has made a very generous donation to the library to purchase new books.

The gift has allowed us to add several extra books each month.

Please look for the bookplate in the front of new books acknowledging Good Neighbors. They do so much for our On Top of the World community and we want to offer a big "thank you" for the donation.

We added 15 new books in August. One of the current best-sellers, "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr is two stories - one of a young French girl, who is blind. The other is young teen German orphan

sought out for his knowledge of radio transmissions and drafted into service during World War II.

Also, we have "Blueprints" by Barbara Belinsky, "The Melody Lingers On" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Wicked Charms" by Janet Evanovich, "Truth of Die" by James Patterson, "Gathering Prey" by John Sanford, "Country" by Danielle Steel and "Solitude Creek" by Jeffrey Deaver.

Also, "Radiant Angel" by Nelson DeMille, "In Plain Sight" by Fern Michaels, "War Brides" by Helen Bryan, "The Marriage Season" by Linda Lael Miller, "14th Deadly Sin" by James Patterson, "The Fugitive" by John Grisham and "The Midwife of Hope

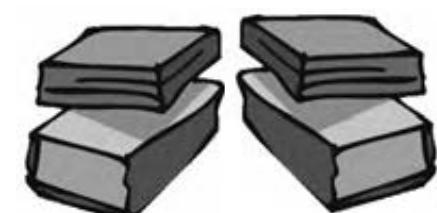
River" by Patricia Harman.

After Labor Day, we will resume our three-day-a-week schedule, open Mondays 10-12, Wednesdays and Fridays 12-2.

Our First Friday Sale day will also resume in September, but since we won't be open on the 4th, it will be on the 11th.

Remember paperbacks are buy-four-and-get-one-free, and hardbound buy-two-and-get-one free.

We also have a shelf of Christmas novels on the sale rack to get you in the spirit for the holiday season. And we may have surprise specials at any time. So come on in and see what we have.



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# Removing decorative stones will make common areas safer for all residents

They can be beautiful, artistic or add a special touch to any garden.

Maybe even prevent weeds from growing.

But throughout the On Top of the World community, decorative stones are not allowed in common areas.

In a condominium community, everything beyond your front and back door is considered common area and is shared with everyone in your building.

There are guidelines to make this common area safe and pleasant for everyone.

Condo communities, unlike a home, have rules that serve all residents in the community, and residents must fill out modification request forms before starting any new projects.

You may only alter or add items into the common area with prior approval from the Association. You may plant items in pots and containers using the front patio or back patio.

In the past, residents have used decorative stones in and around their units. After a series of recent incidences, On Top of the World is taking firm action. Those stones may originate in a specified area, but it takes little effort for a stone to get pushed or thrown into a lawn and then become a hazard.

"This has become a big enough problem where the Association has now asked management to address this matter," said Parkway Operations Manager Shawn Tobias.

Little four-legged Rover may think he is doing a good deed by kicking stones around with his hind legs, but when the potential missile falls under a lawn mower blade, it can get launched into a picture window, a storm door window, through a car window or even slam into a person.

Shawn said, if anyone wants to landscape outside their residence, no matter what the scope of the project, they need to find out first if the project is allowed.

"What residents really need to do is check with the Community Service Office and fill out a modification form," he said.

Unapproved alterations to the common area, such as rocks, flowers, trees and lawn decorations, will be tagged for removal. Management will give residents enough time to take care of tagged items on their own, but if no action is taken, management will remove the items themselves.



Above is a storm door window which was smashed by a stone launched from a lawn mower. Below is an existing rock garden, which will eventually be removed from property.



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# Congressman David Jolly will be our guest speaker on Sept. 15

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

On July 21, the Republican Club held its third meeting at On Top of the World.

We were very pleased more than 30 members arrived to hear Public Defender Bob Dillinger.

Bob rose to the office of Public Defender of the Sixth Judicial Circuit after years spent in academia learning about Capital Crimes Defense.

He opened a private practice after leaving his public service as assistant public defender. He specialized in criminal defense and civil jury work.

In 1995, Bob ran for office as Public Defender of the Sixth Judicial Circuit and by September 1996 he successfully obtained his party's nomination. He was re-elected for the next 12 years.

At our meeting, he was very informative and answered all questions. All members were very happy with his direct answers.

Something near and dear to Bob and his wife is the Hope Chest, which is for children forced into foster care following a court hearing for child abuse or neglect. The Hope Chest is



located in the Pinellas Criminal Justice Center on 49th Street North.

A financial donation to the "Beth Dillinger Foundation" earmarked for "The Hope Chest" is a nonprofit 501C (3) foundation and is tax deductible. The address is "Beth Dillinger Foundation," P.O. Box 48533, St. Petersburg Fl. 33743.

At the same meeting, Mary Jane Lofton spoke to the audience about a special project called Operation 10-24. It is a name given by the Criminal Justice Academy, Class of 2014, at Pinellas Park High School.

The reason for this cause came about after three officers died in the

line of duty in 2011. Many at the academy were shocked. The decision was to memorialize these fallen officers with a specialty tag designed and named "Fallen Heroes Tag."

The name of the organization (Operation 10-24) is in honor of the call sign meaning "Officer down, officer in distress."

Currently, Jack Latvala has sponsored a bill in the Florida Senate, SB712. It is necessary to have 1000 orders to insure this success and they are at 903. The Website is [www.policeandkids.com/operation-10-24](http://www.policeandkids.com/operation-10-24) for more information.

Jim Bjorgo, a member of our club, created a straw poll for us to use monthly. Everyone enjoyed voting and there were many surprise results.

The president honored many of the volunteers present, who received a nice round of applause.

Our Aug. 18 speaker was Congressman Gus M. Bilirakis, representing Florida's 12th Congressional District. He spoke to all subjects important to our County and District. More information about his presentation will be in the next paper in October.

Republican Club meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room, at 7 p.m.

Doors are open at 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome to come. Newcomers can become members by paying our \$5 annual dues.

Registered Independents are also welcome to attend as a guest. Please have your voter registration or membership card ready to show at the door.

On Sept. 15, Congressman David Jolly will be our speaker (baring any complications from the Iran agreement). David represents Florida's 13th Congressional District, which covers most of Pinellas County. He was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in March of 2014.

To improve the effectiveness of the Congress, Jolly has formally called on Congress to be in session more days and to require that a work week in Washington is actually a full week.

For further information, email: [suemarvlaz@gmail.com](mailto:suemarvlaz@gmail.com) or Facebook: Ronald Regan Club.

# Start collecting your unwanted clothing and homemade crafts

Good  
Neighbors



President Jim Bjorgo

will be Nov. 21 and completing the month will be our Craft Show on Nov. 28.

Tables for the Flea Market and the Craft Show will go on sale in October. Start preparing your saleable items and your crafts for these events.

In September the Good Neighbors table in the East Activity Center will once again be occupied both Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10 a.m. We will be happy to help you with your questions and concerns.

Please stop by and say hello.



Jimmie Bush performed for Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Thursday. Based on the crowd's fantastic reaction, he will probably perform here many more times. (Photo by Doug Kates)

Our notoriously fun Flea Market

# This month's assignment, watch 'Inequality For All' and join our discussion



## Democratic Club

By Donna Lukas

At our August meeting we discussed Democratic candidates for some of the upcoming federal, state and local 2016 elections.

We'll keep you posted on who gets added or deleted in the coming months.

A representative from Eric Lynn's campaign for our Congressional District 13 talked with us about the redistricting significance and the change to running for an open seat instead of challenging an incumbent.

We also enjoyed cake to celebrate the 50th birthday of Medicare, signed into law by Democratic President Lyndon B. Johnson (see photo). Fifty years later, virtually all seniors have coverage, a far higher rate than younger people.

At the official commemoration in Washington, Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell said "Medicare and Medicaid aren't just about health care, they are about who we are as a nation, about living up to our own values."

This month we are asking you to



Members and friends of the Democratic Club had cake in August as part of a 50th birthday celebration for Medicare.  
(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

watch the movie "Inequality For All" in the comfort and privacy of your own home and then join us at our Sept. 10 meeting at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center Starlite Room for a discussion.

A passionate argument on behalf of preserving the middle class, the movie features Robert Reich, a professor, best-selling author and Clinton cabinet member.

Robert demonstrates how the widening gap has a devastating impact on the American economy. Robert uses

humor and a wide array of facts to explain how the issue of economic inequality affects each and every one of us.

The movie is available on Netflix and in the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative. Check one out or join us in small groups to watch in the home of Jack Starr or Donna Lukas.

Call Donna at 727-460-4123 to sign up for one of the movie sessions. We won't be showing the movie at our Sept. 10 meeting discussion, but we will provide the popcorn.

Find information about our meetings on OTOW-TV Channels 96 or 732.

You can visit our Box Office Web page at [OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com](http://OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com). Click on the Box Office link, click clubs, and find the Democratic donkey.

Also look for our notices on your building community bulletin boards.

If you would like to participate in a National Voter Registration Day project on Sept. 22, call Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123.

## Join us Oct. 28 for a spooky rendition of Sleepy Hollow

By Jane Lee

The next meeting of the New York-New Jersey Club will be held 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the East Activity Center.

So put the fourth Wednesday on your calendar. This will be another fun meeting. Wear your favorite sports gear and bring your sports memorabilia if you wish. We will be serving refreshments and playing a fun game.

You do not need a ticket for this meeting, but do bring a dollar or two



## NY / NJ Club

if you would like to take a chance to win the 50/50 money.

The October meeting will be on

Oct. 28 just before Halloween. We will celebrate with a storyteller – Will Petersen – who will tell us about Sleepy Hollow.

We will serve pizza to those who bought a ticket for \$2 in advance.

Also on this night, we will nominate officers for 2016. We will also like to hear what programs you would like next year.

Tickets will be sold Monday and Thursday mornings at the activity center.

So, be sure to put these events on

your calendar.

We meet later in the month, so it's easy to forget what night the NY/NJ meeting is taking place.

If you would like to have someone call and remind you of the meetings a few days in advance, call Jane Lee at 727-266-4380. You can also read about us on your computer if you go to [www.on top of the world news.com](http://www.on top of the world news.com). Go to the club news and check out the New York/New Jersey Club. It is by the Statue of Liberty.

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## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

***Back To School Dance Sept. 19***

# Flashback returns Sept. 17 with an all new Thursday show

By Marvin Flam

September is finally here and we are excited about our upcoming, busy 2015 fall season starting!

There are five shows for the upcoming season, including a totally new show, "Flashback Revue" on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. with all reserved table seating. BYOB and we provide ice and coffee and a fantastic introductory price of only \$10. Reserve a seat with your friends and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment.

There are six fall dances starting with the "Back To School Dance" on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. Dance the night away to the music of "The Retros!" Wear your favorite high school colors and you might just win a prize! BYOB and we provide ice and coffee

and a free raffle for all guests.

The fall dance season culminates with the always popular New Year's Eve dance to welcome in 2016.

A free Sunday-In-The-Park is presented every month and includes a Fashion Show in October and culminates in December with Santa arriving at OTOW from the North Pole. There will be something for kids of all ages!

On Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2 p.m., there will be a brief meeting at which time the slate of nominees for the 2016 EC Board will be presented. Every OTOW resident with a current recreation card is a member of the club, so be there and participate.

Afterwards, musician Al Forman will entertain with easy listening and dance music for your pleasure. There

will be free light refreshments. Remember to bring a few dollars for a chance to win at the raffle.

We are at the EAC on Monday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m. You can get information and buy tickets to any 2015 show and/or dance in advance, including New Year's Eve, which generally sells out early!

In addition to single tickets, we have special ticket packages for all the shows and dances. Check us out on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732.

Look us up on the OTOW Box Office (OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com) and all the building bulletin boards.

Call us direct at 727-797-1761.

The "Wishing Well" suggestions you have sent have been wonderful and we will continue to include them

as we change for the future! Thanks!

In fact, a show was added in August because you wished for it. The audience loved "Amore" - four women backed by a live band. Our favorite songs came alive and when the singers stepped down to the auditorium floor our crowd responded by clapping in beat and dancing.

Our new, more-relaxed, table settings got good reviews!

What about 2016 and the future?

If you are a current 2015 season ticket holder, you can renew your season ticket during the month of October for 2016 shows and/or dances. Just visit us at the EAC.

Starting Nov. 1, tickets to all 2016 events will be available to all residents. The fun continues....be a part of it!



Pictured above is the group "Amore" which came in on short notice and entertained On Top of the World in a dinner-theater type performance. Residents loved it when the singer roamed through the crowd and many folks found open spaces so they could dance.

(Photo by Evelyn Flam)



Pictured below is a highlight from a recent Sexiest Legs Contest held in the East Activity Center. There were several categories including smoothest legs and most hairy legs. Rumor has it, Brad Day took first place overall.

(Photo by  
Esta-Lee Schwartz)

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Dear Teacher,

I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wear.

Dear Teacher,

Sally won't be in school a week from friday. We have to attend her funeral.

Dear Teacher,

My son is under a doctor's care and should not take PE today. Please execute him.

Marge  
Mayer



## Internet Humor

Dear Teacher,

Please exkuce lisa for being absent she was sick and I had her shot.

Dear School,

Please ecsc's john being absent on jan. 28,29,30,31,32 and also 33.

Dear Gym Teacher,

Please excuse roland from p.e. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.

Dear Teacher,

Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.

Dear Teacher,

Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins

Dear Teacher,

Please excuse tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea, and his boots leak.

Dear Teacher,

Please excuse jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.

Dear Teacher,

John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.

Dear Teacher,

Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed well.

Dear Teacher,

Please excuse mary for being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps.

Dear Teacher,

Gloria was absent yesterday as she was having a gangover.

Dear Teacher,

Maryann was absent December 11-16, because she had a fever, sore throat, headache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever and sore throat, her brother had a low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be something going around, her father even got hot last night.

## Join us for lunch in September

# Join us in November for a patriotic trip to the Armed Forces Museum

By Terri Mikszenas

Happy September to everyone!

Hope you enjoyed our summer break.

Before we know it, the Snowbirds will all be returning to On Top of the World and the calendars of events will be full to the max!

We certainly hope all our travel events will be on your calendars.

Come join us for our September luncheon to catch up with fellow club members and everyone's summer travels. Petra Gonzalez is our September hostess and she'll be taking us to the Rumba Island Bar & Grill Restaurant in Clearwater. The date will be announced Sept. 4.

Our monthly luncheons are a great way to meet other club members who might also become your potential travel buddy.

Don't drive?

Car pooling is always available!

Our first group has returned from visiting the Jimmy Carter National Site in Plains, Ga. They all said this trip was amazing and perhaps one of the most educational and best journeys yet!

We will write more about this trip next



## Travel Club

month and promise photos as well.

News of former President Jimmy Carter's health was announced two days after our group left Plains, Ga. We will keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

We are pleased to announce that our trip to the Everglades in September has enough travelers signed up to make this trip happen. There may be a couple more openings if you are interested.

Also coming up on our calendar is our Veteran's Day trip to the Armed Forces Museum in Largo. This will take place on Nov. 11. Let's put

on our red, white and blue and honor our veterans and all they have sacrificed for our country.

Our Myrtle Beach Holiday Show Trip only has a couple of openings remaining – so if you are interested in this trip, please hurry over to buy your tickets - don't be left behind on this one! It will start your holiday season with spirit and joy!

Our February five-day cruise to Key West and Cozumel has also created a lot of excitement, with many new members joining the club just to sign on to this trip.

We will be returning to our Monday and Thursday ticket sales schedule at the East Activity Center on Sept. 3, but will be closed for the holiday on Labor Day, Sept. 7.

Of course, tickets may also be purchased at our monthly meetings in the East Activity Center's Starlite Room on the first Friday of each month. It's at these meetings that you will also learn more about our trips and events.

Meetings begin at 2 p.m., but most people arrive early with their checkbooks in hand to sign in and sign up for one of the many upcoming trips. Our next meeting is Sept. 4.



# SPORTS

## Let this be a lesson to us all, never complain when the fairways are too hard

By Pete Milner

We are supposed to be in the Dog Days of Summer, but it certainly feels like the Duck Days of Summer with all the rain and wet weather we have experienced over the past couple of months.

I'm not sure, but, as of writing this article, I think it has been about six weeks since we have been able to have league play.

Our rules state, in order to have league play, the entire golf course has to be playable and carts must be allowed.

That hasn't been the case as the middle holes have literally been under water. Fairways have not been able to be mowed and the equipment continues to get stuck and mired down in the wetlands.

Play has been allowed on holes 1 through 4 and 14 through 18, thus allowing golfers to play nine holes. To be fair, I don't think there are many courses around the Bay Area that are playable.

### Men's Golf

If you caught a look at the Dimmitt Chevrolet camera at Tarpon Springs Golf Course in mid-August, you would think it was Lake Tarpon.

Please don't forget, the dollars that you have been paying for weekly play that has been cancelled will be credited to you at the end of the year. Try to think as it being like a Christmas Club payment.

Please be patient with our greens-keeping crews as they are doing their very best at getting our course playable again. Unfortunately they cannot control the weather any more than you or I can.

For your entertainment, one of our playing partners, Dave Pert, was not able to make the annual awards banquet in April and he is our Low Net Club Champion, in addition to being our D Flight Champion.



Dave Pert was last season's low net champion and D Flight champion. He finally got his trophy.

Please see the included photo of Dave with his trophy as Low Net Champ. Hopefully no one will send a copy of this newspaper to Scotland as some of his friends will think he be-

longs to a very expensive country club and will be hitting him up for a loan.

Congratulations again Dave, excellent photo.

It won't be long before our friends from other places will be back from their summer travels and we will be busy again. Don't forget to check out our Website by going to [www.OTOW-MensGolf.com](http://www.OTOW-MensGolf.com) to find information about our golf association.

Every Wednesday morning before I head to the course, I check out the Webpage. It will tell you if we will be playing that day, who you will be playing with, what time your tee time is and/or what hole you will be beginning on if we are still having shot gun starts.

There is other great info on the Webpage like what our future events are, handicaps and some pretty good photos from past events.

Don't give up hope, we will be playing dry golf soon. If you do play, make sure you stay hydrated. It's no joke! Please play safe.

## Fishing trip was successful

The first On Top of the World fishing trip was a success and now it might become a monthly event.

Several residents and friends boarded a charter boat out of Clearwater and headed out for a half day of fishing.

The event was organized by the Billiards Club, but was open to all OTOW residents.

Joe Ventimiglia reports the trip was a success and "everyone had a great time."

They even brought back fish!

Another fishing trip is also being planned for this month and a sign up sheet will be posted in the Billiards Room when dates are official.

If there is enough interest, future trips could turn into actual road trips outside the county.

For more information on this month's trip, watch OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732.



Just so you know, the first ever On Top of the World fishing trip was a success as shown by the catches above. Here is the evidence.

### August Photo Search Answers

#### Ten Differences

1. Extra layers of rock over water pipe.
2. Less rock on right side of water pipe.
3. Shark in water
4. Back edge of pond changed
5. Shadow missing beyond water pipe.
6. Bench extended.
7. Rock is wider.
8. Extra dirt path on left side.
9. Bird moved further right.
10. Rock on right reversed direction.



*Meet Paulette Perrotta, who moved to OTOW after condo-sitting for a week*

## Monthly tournament comes down to three-way tie



### Que' T Billiards

By Reva Heymann

Our July tournament was held on the last Wednesday of the month.

Barbara Barnhart and Helen Crombie tied for first place and therefore there had to be a playoff. Barbara won the playoff and came in first. Helen was second and Margo Lindsay was third.

From time to time, we introduce some of our new members and tell a little bit about them. One of our newest members is Paulette Perrotta.

Paulette is from the Boston area. She has made good progress in learning pool since starting as a complete beginner. She has been practicing on her own and coming to the Saturday learning sessions Ed Solivan conducts when she can.

Paulette and her husband moved to this area many years ago and had been living in Safety Harbor before coming to On Top of the World.

Since she knew the area, Paulette was interested in OTOW, but the final, convincing experience, came when a good friend, who lived here, went on vacation and offered to let her live in her apartment for the week. Paulette tried it and liked it! Now that's a really



Helen Crombie, Barbara Barnhart and Margo Lindsay all tied for first place at the monthly tournament in July. Barbara eventually won in a playoff.

good friend.

Paulette's first job was working for the federal government in the FDIC office. After a break to raise her children, she worked as a home health aide and, later, as a preschool teacher.

She loves to cook, entertain, decorate, read and go on cruises. She and her husband have been on 20 cruises and are looking forward to a planned river cruise to Germany.

Paulette mentioned she especially

enjoys the beautiful beach in St Thomas, which is surrounded by mountains.

Paulette is a member of the Pennsylvania Club and has enjoyed their activities.

## First shuffleboard tournament Oct. 5

By Dave Williams

Happy Labor Day month and an early welcome back to On Top of the World shuffleboard enthusiasts!

Our fall season is about to kick off. The first match will be on Monday, Oct. 5, at 1:30 p.m.

### shuffleboard

We also play on Thursdays at the same time, so it's twice a week through early spring.

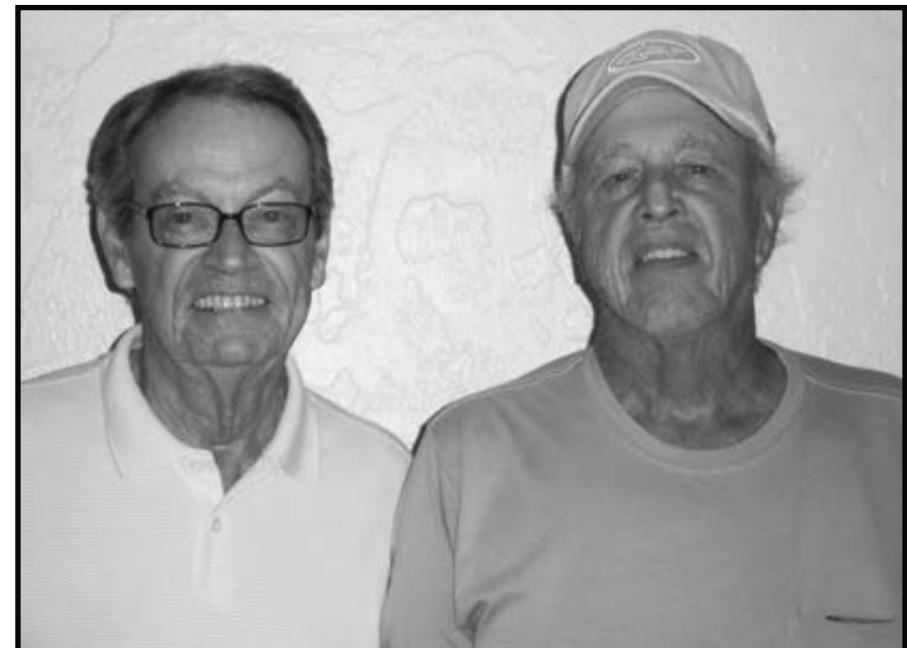
shuffleboard is an individual sport,

so just show up when your schedule allows. Feel free to stop by and try it out!

We are an easy-going social group with various gatherings off the court throughout the season.

On the court, all equipment is provided - you bring the fun!

So, consider joining us in a fine Florida tradition. Please call Marge (727) 797-0625 or Bob (727) 729-7970 with any questions. Let's do the Shuffle!


**SPORTS**


Pictured above are the top finishers from 8-Ball Tournament play on Aug. 4. In the first photo, left to right, are the A Flight finishers, Joe Wisinski (tie-second), Andy Suhar (first) and Tony Baker (tie-second). In the second photo are the B Flight finishers, John Fier (second) and Nick Sapienza (first).

## Joe Gora takes 9-ball title 3 straight weeks

In 9-ball on Tuesday afternoon, July 21, July 28 and Aug. 4 Joe Gora took first place honors three consecutive weeks in a row.

Ed Ramirez took second place July 21, Tony Baker took second on July 28 and Ron Blaettner took second on Aug 4. On Aug. 11, Ed Ramirez took first place honors. In a playoff, Andy Suhar beat out Bob Eads for second place.

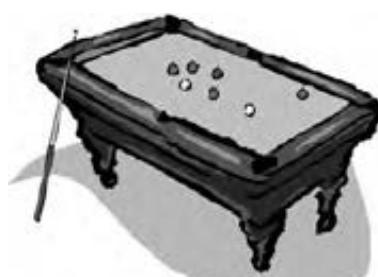
### EIGHT BALL

In 8-ball on Monday, July 20, in A Flight, Dave Williams walked away with first place and Gene Baranowski captured second place.

In B Flight, Ed Ramirez claimed first place. There was a four-way tie between Ron Baltrunas, Ray Quirion, Nick Sapienza and Terry Wittman for second place. No playoff was held.

On July 27, in A Flight, Don Sorensen captured first place. After a playoff between Mario Rodriguez and Barb Sundberg, Mario took second place.

In the B Flight, there was a playoff for first place between Ray Quirion



### Billiards

and Howard Wilson. Howard captured the first place slot with Ray settling for second.

In 8-ball play on Tuesday, Aug. 4, in A Flight, Andy Suhar easily walked away with first place. There was a tie for second place, between Tony Baker and Joe Wisinski. No playoff was held.

In B Flight, Nick Sapienza claimed first place. After a playoff between Gene Baranowski and John Fier, John took the second place.

On Aug. 10 in A Flight there was a tiebreaker between Don Sorensen and Dave Williams. Dave captured first

place with Don settling for second.

In B Flight, there was a tiebreaker between John Fier and Terry Wittman with Terry taking first place. John settled for second.

### TEN BALL

In 10-ball Tuesday evening, July 21, in A Flight, Denny Balderson took first place with Don Sorensen claiming second. In B Flight, after a playoff between Nick Sapienza and Howard Wilson, Nick captured the first place slot with Howard settling for second.

On July 28 in A Flight, Denny Balderson took first place again. After a playoff between Don Sorensen and Barb Sundberg, Don captured second place.

In B Flight, Bill Griffith walked away with first place, and Nick Sapienza captured second place.

### SCOTCH DOUBLES

At the Scotch Doubles tournament held July 23, they played singles with Joe Gora walking away with first place in the A Flight and Barb Sundberg claiming second place.

In the B Flight, after a playoff between Ed Ramirez and Nick Sapienza, Nick took first place with Ed settling for second place.

On July 30, they played Scotch Doubles with the team of Tony Baker/Ed Ramirez easily claiming first place. Second place went to the team of Tony Esposito/Nick Sapienza.

On August 6 the members voted to play 10-ball. In A Flight, Ed Ramirez took first place. There was a three-way tie between Tony Baker, Dave Williams and Joe Wisinski for second. No playoff was held.

In the B Flight, Joe Ventimiglia took first place with Nick Sapienza settling for second.

Both the A and B Flights play 8-ball on Monday nights, with Scotch Doubles playing on Thursday evenings. There are 9-ball tournaments Tuesday and Friday afternoons, with 10-ball on Tuesday evenings.

Bring your Recreation Card, get in on the action and have some fun in these heavily competitive tournaments. We use the round-robin format, which does not favor any one player.

## FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHORUS

Will perform Thursday, Sept. 10, at Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee  
Cost is free. Performance will be 9-11 a.m.



# Softball group prepares for Oct. 8 opener

## Softball

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 and On Top of the World stickball draw 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.

Oh, to hear again, the sublime pleasure of a bat cracking from a well-struck ball.

Or the elation of running off the field after catching the third out of the inning.

Indeed, the game does continue to



Bats will be popping and gloves will be smacking by Oct. 8.

hold us in its grip.

We play in Safety Harbor every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8-9:30 a.m. The first game of the season will be on Thursday, Oct. 8.

Our first few days are usually devoted to hitting and fielding practice, so we can get in shape for the season.

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.

Our preseason meeting this year will be at the Expo Diner on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 9:30 a.m., on the east side of Hercules Ave. between Sunset Point and Drew Street. The agenda is introduction of new players, breakfast and our annual “Groundhog Day” friendly discussion (argument?) about rules.

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: 726-9248.

*“A ballplayer spends a good piece of his life gripping a baseball, and in the end it turns out that it was the other way around all the time.”*

— Jim Bouton

# OTOW greenskeepers rise to the challenge to make sure golfers were able to get rounds in

## Thursday Golf

It had to happen.

The Monsoon season arrived in August, albeit a month late.

The lake on the west side rose more than 18 inches during the past few weeks leading up to this article.

Playing golf had become difficult and sometimes impossible.

The greens-keeping staff worked hard to keep a portion of the golf course open and fortunately we were able to get in a few competitions.

The “off season” week nine champion was Bill Higgins, who turned in a great round. Bill Cook took second place in a tiebreaker over Gary Bronson, who finished third. Bill Higgins had low gross honors and one skin. John Maloof and Don Leamy also collected a skin.

Week 10 champ was Bruce MacPherson. Don Hunter placed second and John Maloof took third place. Don Hunter had low gross honors and



For the Thursday Golf League, it was very important to have a driver, a putter, a set of irons and a boat paddle in each golf bag last month. From left to right are Don Hunter, Don Baker, Don Leamy and Joyce Monahan, who are prepared for anything.

one skin. Bruce MacPherson and Paul Meyers collected two skins each. Ron Parham captured the only other skin.

Bill Cook must like the mud, because he continues his good play taking first place in week 11. Paul Mey-

ers came in second and Don Hunter took third place. Bill Higgins recorded the low gross round and collected two skins. Paul Meyers also had two skins. Clyde Hershberger took one skin.

Fred Schick got his putter working

in week 12 and took first place honors. It took a tiebreaker to decide second and third places. Paul Meyers narrowly edged out Bill Cook. Paul also had the low gross round. Only two skins were taken by Don Leamy and Paul Meyers.

The Thursday Golf League welcomes new members at any time. All On Top of the World residents are welcome to join the league.

Players must sign in between 10 and 10:30 a.m. and play begins as soon as groups are selected.

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. All skill levels play on an equal basis.

Men play from the blue tees where available. Women play from the red tees and yellow tees where available. Please visit our spot on the OTOW Box Office club page for league details.

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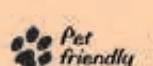
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# Pet of the Month

Riley Robert Naylor is a very special friend to Sue Naylor.

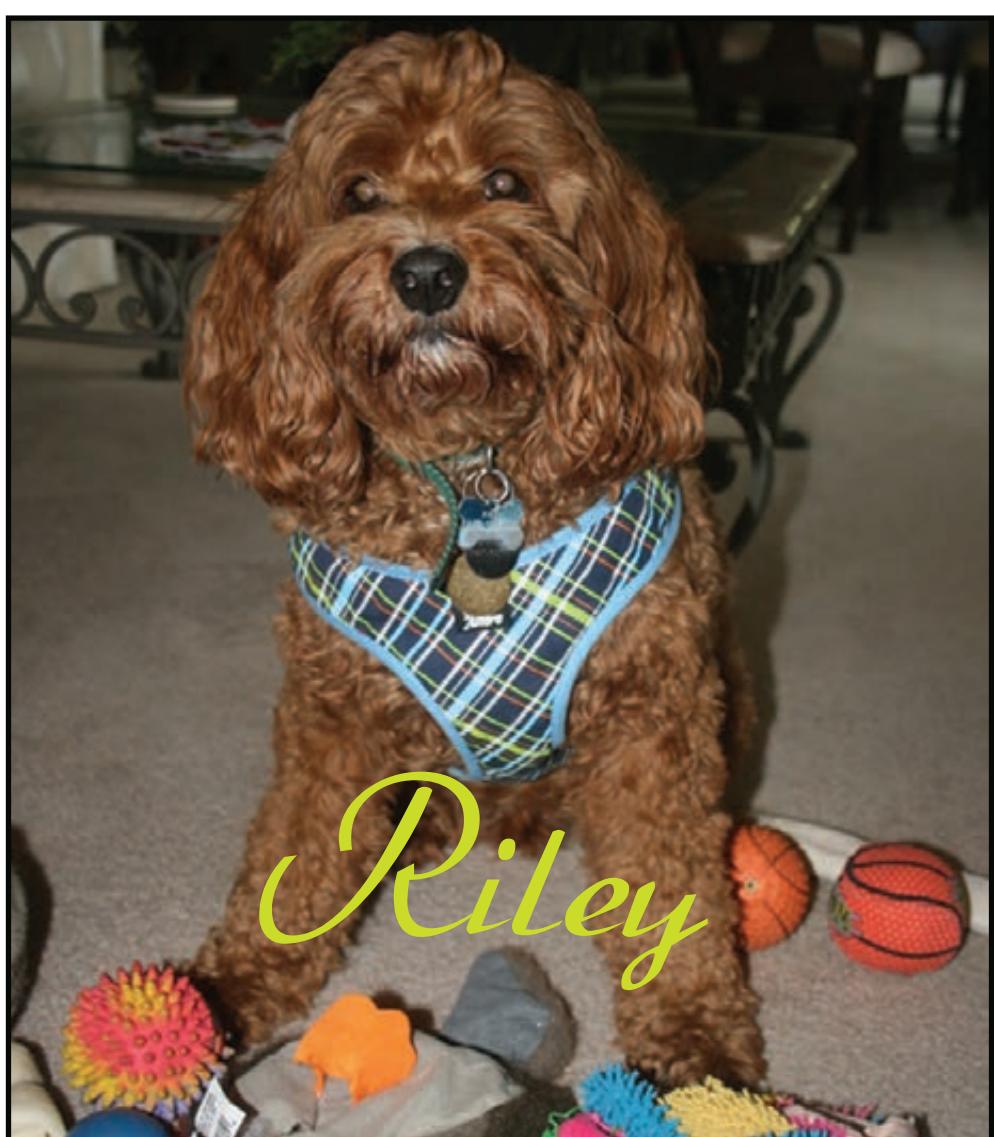
A very, very dear friend encouraged Sue to get a new puppy and her journey took her to Gasport, NY, where she "interviewed" several cock-a-poo puppies. They were beautiful, white with splotches, a sort of apricot-champagne color. The owner then casually asked whether she wanted a male or female. Sue said, "We've always had males for some reason" and with that breeder mentioned that "we have another one in the house. The kids are playing with him..." whereupon the future Riley Robert Naylor made his entrance, biting and tussling with a grandchild.

"It was love at first sight!" Sue said. "Quickly I deposited his littermate in his crate, scooped up my new best friend, and announced his name is going to be Riley."

Riley was fidgeting to get down, presumably to "go" so I asked the woman if it was OK to put him on the ground. "If you can catch him she replied." And the rest is history.

Sue took Riley to a trainer and was told he was the smartest puppy she had ever seen because he learned EVERYTHING on the first try.

Riley was house-broken in less than a week. It could have been sooner but it took Sue that long to understand him. By the back door there was a chain hanging down which Riley immediately learned to bat when he had



to go out. Several times I ignored the sound, and only several times did he "go" in the house. After Riley finally had me trained, he always went outside ... always.

"Riley makes me laugh at least 30 times a day," Sue said. "You see, he has a well-developed sense of humor - and

is absolutely brilliant. Every time I buy him a toy I give it a name. All I have to say is 'Where's Ozzie or get Friskie' and he arrives with it tucked safely into his mouth, ready for a game."

Sue and Riley have been together for eight years and hopefully they will see many more together.

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 [boootss@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:boootss@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 entries, so if you've never entered your pet in the contest, now is the time to do so! Good luck!

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# BUILDING REPORTS



## New reporter is 9/11 New York City survivor

As we commemorate the anniversary of 9/11, the following is my personal story on the events of that day.

On Sept. 11, 2001, it was a beautiful fall day. The sun was shining and the air was crisp as we were approaching the onset of fall weather. It was a normal work day just like any other.

I was employed by Mizuho Corporate Bank a Japanese financial institution located on the 48th floor of One World Trade Center, also known as the North Tower. We had over 500 employees and was a great place to work. Most everyone loved working for Mizuho so much that they would never consider leaving it for any reason. I personally made many lifelong friends by working there. Everyone cared about each other and we were one big happy family.

For anyone who is unfamiliar with the World Trade Center (WTC), these were two 110-story towers rising high above the Manhattan skyline. They were majestic in size and could be noticed from miles away. The towers were constructed of steel and glass with many windows facing all sides of New York City.

In between the towers on the street level was a plaza with concrete benches surrounding a beautiful fountain with an enormous bronze metal globe of the earth in its center. There were tables and chairs surrounding the fountain to accommodate the many employees of the WTC for meeting friends and colleagues for lunch and other events.

Every workday I would buy



coffee, a newspaper and sometimes a donut and sit on the plaza. After a while, I would usually go to the elevators and ride up to my office on the 48th floor.

On the day of Sept. 11th, for whatever unknown reason to me, I changed my normal routine. I didn't buy coffee that day and I didn't sit on the plaza. I decided to go directly up to my office. It was around 8:40 a.m.

When I arrived at my desk, I put down my handbag, unlocked my desk and was ready to walk to our company kitchen for some coffee when it felt like a huge wrecking ball had hit the side of the building. The building shook and swayed while a rainfall of shattered glass passed by the front of our windows.

I didn't know what had happened at that moment, but I sensed fear and danger around me. At that moment I felt like the building was going down right there on the spot.

In my gut I knew I had to leave the building, so I just grabbed my handbag and my access card and headed for the elevators. Little did I know that was a dangerous mistake. I found out later that the jet fuel and flames from the plane that hit the building (at about the 91st floor) shot down one of the elevator shafts. Fortunately, it wasn't the elevator that I took from the 48th floor to the 44th floor.

When I reached the 44th floor, I went to a stairwell where a multitude of employees from above levels were already escaping to the street.



Maryann Barone, left, at work in her office with a few of her co-workers in the North Tower of the World Trade Center before the events of 9/11. (Photo courtesy of Maryann Barone)

I still didn't know what had happened to the building. I was numb in fear and confusion. Finally I heard someone say on the stairwell that a plane had hit the building. Still we didn't know why or how this had happened.

While inside the stairwell, the firemen were coming up the stairwell with heavy equipment on their backs and I was wondering, how can they climb all these stairs with that heavy equipment? As mentioned earlier, there were 110 floors in the World Trade Center. Another thought crossed my mind was how will they survive because the only escape out of the building is on the street level.

We were stopped on the stairwell many times by the rescue workers and firemen. At that moment I thought we would never escape to safety, but I held out hope.

Midway down the stairwell someone heard more devastating news on their cell phone that another

plane had hit the WTC's South Tower. Finally we all realized this couldn't be an accident.

During our final descent, as we passed the windows overlooking the plaza, I saw that the globe and fountain that I visited each day was completely mangled and destroyed. I thought to myself, what would have happened to me if I didn't go up to my desk that morning and had stayed at the plaza?

I didn't know what had happened that day, not just to the World Trade Center but to our country, until much later when I watched it on TV. My family was distraught until they found out hours later that I was safe.

As a result of the events of 9/11, I suffered PTSD and survivor's remorse. Fortunately my company provided support to all the employees who suffered emotionally. It was a long road to recovery but I feel so blessed to be here to tell my story.

God Bless our country and let's pray this never happens again.

**Patriot Day is Friday, Sept. 11**





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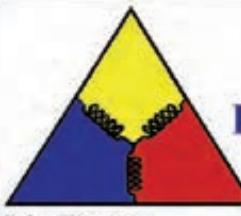


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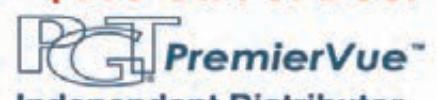



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## Melbourne holiday luncheon will be Dec. 5

Carol Futej's granddaughter, who will be a sophomore at Ohio State this year, visited for a week and enjoyed the beach and pool on the sunny days.

Grace Rudman came back early this year from Wisconsin. Grace says she is not enjoying the rain and humidity, but is hoping to enjoy some good old Florida sunshine. Other than that, she said it feels great to be back home at On Top of the World.

Recently Shirley and Jim Wishmier spent a busy two weeks in Brownsburg, Ind. The couple travelled there to attend a memorial service for Jim's brother and for a family reunion in Beech Grove, Ind.

Shirley and Jim had an opportunity to visit with their granddaughter and great-granddaughter who travelled to Indiana all the way from Texas.

In addition, Shirley and Jim met up with 14 members of the OTOW Hoosiers Club, most of whom are



Snowbirds, for an informal get-together, which was very enjoyable.

Nine of us Melbournites enjoyed a great meal and conversation at Rumba's on Aug. 9. It is always nice to get together with our neighbors. The majority of our luncheons take place on the second Saturday of the month. Be sure to check the bulletin board for details of our September lunch.

The date is now set for our holiday building luncheon — it is Dec. 5, the first Saturday of the month. Please save the date because we would love to have all of our neighbors attend. Carol Futej plans this annual event, and she always does a spectacular job!

Please tell your neighbors and the newcomers to our building about this enjoyable occasion. It may seem too early to be talking about the holidays, but our calendars do fill up quickly. Details on location and time will be announced later.

Some of you have told me you have some information on your trips and reunions to include in the next few editions of the OTOW newspaper. As always, keep your news coming.

Happy first day of autumn on Sept. 23. Some say fall and others, autumn, but in any event, enjoy the rest of your summer!



## Storage room cleanup set for Nov. 14

Our building will be having a storage/bike room cleanout on Nov. 14 starting at 9 a.m.

In anticipation of this cleanout, please review the storage room rules (posted on each storage room door) and take a look at your storage area.

Some areas contain items that are outside the rules for storage, for example, small pieces of furniture, bikes, etc. During the clean out process, we will work to bring each storage room up to the standard set by the association. Items not within guidelines, as well as items not labeled or claimed the day of the cleanout, will be removed from the storage area and will be disposed of or donated.

We will also be cleaning out the bike room. Please take a moment to label your bike with your unit number and the current date. Bikes not labeled and unclaimed the day of cleanout will be removed and donated. If you have a bike in the bike room that you are not using, please remove it or let us donate it to make room for others.

Let's work together to make this cleanout a success.

## Florida sights enjoyed by reporter's visitors



Hunting for seashells, trips to Busch Gardens and Legoland were on the top of the list of "must-dos" for our nephew's children, who were visiting from Chicago (see photo).

It doesn't get any easier than that! We enjoyed their visit before they headed to Madeira Beach to hunt for those seashells!

We extend birthday wishes to Brenda Crittendon on Sept. 24 and anniversary celebration to Jill and Harry Urquhart on Sept. 10.



Barbara Sundberg's nephew, along with his wife and children are shown here during a brief visit to OTOW. They were down from Chicago for a summer trip to Florida.

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### Bible Study Club

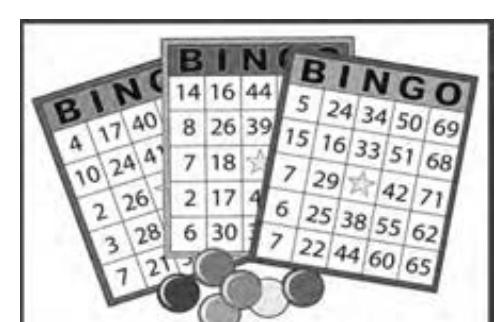
Bob Reis, President

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

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

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## Lunch group enjoys John's Pass outing in spite of the rain

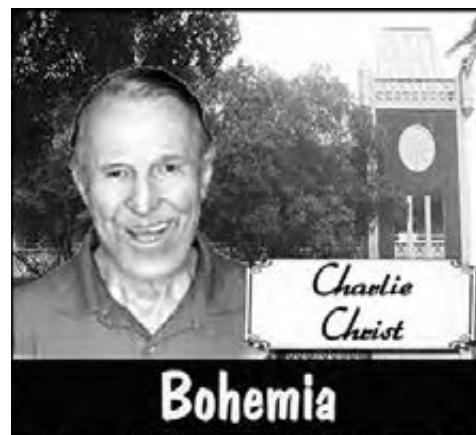
Since it's summertime in Florida, not much is happening, but there's news to tell you in spite of it all.

To begin with, there were the Stanley Cup championship games. Nancy Kennedy reports that her daughter and husband and their three sons had a memorable experience when they were fortunate enough to meet "Lord Stanley" after the Chicago Blackhawks won the coveted Stanley Cup.

Each month a group of friends from our building choose a place to go for lunch. For example, they have visited Ybor City and have enjoyed a delicious lunch at the famous Columbia Restaurant.

Last month the girls were on the go again as they headed down to John's Pass for an afternoon browsing the shops and dining at Bubba Gump's (see photo). They felt fortunate that the rain gods were with them, because the rain fell while they were inside eating and while travelling home.

The Schellings took a nostalgic trip returning to New Orleans, this time to play tourist rather than as parents of their college-age daughter.



One memorable afternoon was spent cruising the Mississippi on the Natchez while savoring a delectable Cajun meal and listening to jazz.

Another of their days there was spent participating in a cooking class at the New Orleans School of Cooking. They came away with smiling faces due to the awesome food and recipes they plan to use for cooking home-cooked meals upon returning to On Top of the World. Paula and Jim highly recommend you visit the "Big Easy" and take the time to visit some of the many attractions there.



Bohemia residents enjoy a luncheon at Bubba Gump's in John's Pass. Left to right are Sandy Ropp, Ellen Marini, Juta Lane, Nancy Kennedy, Carole Fisher, Carol DeLisle and Paula Schelling. Each month the group goes to a different place for lunch.

Don't forget to check our bulletin board in the core room for news and events. This month, Labor Day will be celebrated at Sonny's Barbecue

on U.S. 19. Let me know if you have any celebrations, events, or happenings you would like to share with your neighbors. Call me at 754-6749.



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# OTOW resident inducted into Boxing Hall of Fame

Did you know that the Capistrano building has a resident world-class boxing champion?

Our champion, Tony Tucker, is a 2015 inductee into the Florida Boxing Hall of Fame.

Tony hails from Grand Rapids, Mich., and was led to boxing because his father (and hero) was a boxer.

The highlights of his successful amateur career were in 1979 when he won the National AAU Light Heavyweight Championship, as well as the gold medal at both the Pan American games and the World Cup.

He was on the 1980 Olympic team. Unfortunately, the U.S. boycotted the Olympics that year. That same year, Tony, nicknamed "TNT," turned pro. In 1987 he held the IBF title as Heavyweight Champion after beating Buster Douglas. Also, memorable for Tony was going 12 rounds with Mike Tyson while Tony was suffering with a broken hand.

Retired from boxing now, Tony helps out kids on a volunteer basis at the Clearwater Boxing Gym. He has also written and published a book, "Fight the Good Fight: How to Get Up When Life Knocks You Down."



On a personal note, I recently had the pleasure of having my cousin's 12-year-old son stay with me for a week. After doing all sorts of fun things, such as attending a Threshers' game, visiting the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, going to the movies, playing cards, going to the Salvador Dali Museum, and putting together jigsaw puzzles, I realized that being retired is a lot like being a 12-year-old kid on summer break!

In my opinion, those of us who have survived to retirement and are living life as if it is an eternal summer vacation should never forget how fortunate we are and we should be thankful every day for this beautiful life.

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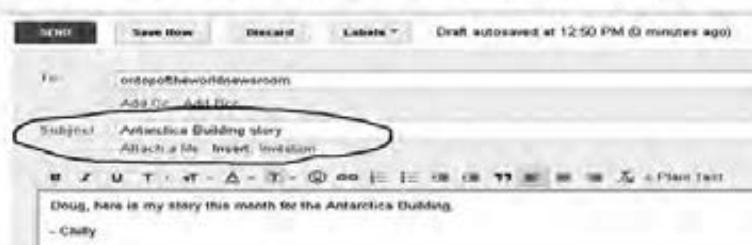
## A look back at the OTOW News (September, 1990)

By Cele Radloff and Esta-Lee Schwartz

- The On Top of the World, "Kitchen Kutups" performed at the Good Neighbors coffee Sept. 13.
- New England Club has continued its regular monthly Wednesday Morning Breakfast through the summer. Discussed many outstanding events scheduled for the season.
- Notice to billiard players that there were a few private cue racks left. They could be purchased for \$10 each. The payment was for lifetime ownership.
- A new class in fascinating Japanese embroidery began Sept. 21. Classes were held in the Veranda Room. All are welcome.
- Siboney Building — Guess who wrote the building column in place of the regular reporter, who was on vacation, in September, 1990? Our own Cele Radloff, of course!

## Attention OTOW News writers ...

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## Flag went missing, then turned up

First, let me say that Lily Groomes was elated when she got the news about the outcome of her granddaughter's surgery.

Her granddaughter is the baby whose picture was up on the bulletin board for a while when Lily asked for everybody's prayers. The operation went very well and she was home in a few days. Lily was happy and relieved and grateful for the concern others showed. It was heartwarming to know that people cared.

Right about July 4, the little American flag that let people know that the mail had been delivered that day (so that people would not have a trip to the mailbox for nothing) went missing. A message was put on the bulletin board asking the person who took it to return it.

Days went by and nothing happened. Then one day there was a little flag there again and a message was on the board thanking whoever put it there. To this day, we don't know if it was returned as requested or if somebody bought another one for us. (There were several people planning to do that if it didn't come back.)

## Some good ideas on water leak prevention

Virginia Rudolph is now a great-grandmother.

Her son came from Arizona to see the new baby, whose parents live in Palm Harbor. Her son stayed with Virginia and not only took her to see the baby but also took her sightseeing. Congrats, Virginia!

A week later Virginia's daughter and her husband from Indianapolis and their two daughters from Texas came to see the baby and visit Virginia.

When I spoke to Virginia, she told me that she was lucky enough to have enough towels for all the company.

Lill and Herb Cervinka's daughter and her husband came from Wisconsin to visit for a few days. Everyone enjoyed the weather and the beach. Lill is a big bingo fan so she took her daughter with her and taught her daughter how to play bingo. After they left, Herb's nephew came from Arizona for a few days to visit.

This info is for new and old residents alike. Your hot water tank is sitting in a metal tray. Every now and then, you should put your finger in the



tray to see if it is dry. For those on the first floor — if your tray has water, it might not be your water tank.

Water from the trays on the above floor flows to the tray on the first floor. When everything is working correctly, any little bit of water in the tray should flow into the discharge pipe that goes outside. If you live on the first floor be sure to check the outside pipe so that it is open.

The same thing happens to the air conditioning water. It travels down a pipe to the first floor and out the pipe

to the outside. First-floor residents should check the air conditioning discharge pipe (which is outside). If it gets clogged with dirt, grass or muck, you will get the water inside your condo. Every now and then, I make sure my pipe is open by putting a small, short stick up the outside discharge pipe. Of course, you all know that I live on the first floor.

Here is something that may help those kinds of situations. The OTOW News usually runs an ad showing a water alarm called Gizmode. It makes direct contact with the floor in the metal tray under your hot water heater. If you get water in the tray, an alarm goes off. For more info visit the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center. The Gizmode also works under the sinks or anyplace you might expect to have a water leak.

Labor Day is nearly here. Believe it or not, it is on Monday, Sept. 7. This will mark the last of our picnics and the beginning of the arrival of the Snowbirds. Our parking lots will once again be filled!

## Hurricane season not over yet — stay prepared

Are you prepared? It is really important to have on hand necessary items if a hurricane or tropical storm is impending.

Make sure you have flashlights and fresh batteries. Also have portable lights, which are safer than using candles. Have a portable radio that works so you can hear the news about the weather conditions if you lose the electricity. Many of the stores sell fans that run on batteries and electric. It is good to have several on hand. They are very reasonable in price.

The stores also sell portable hand-cranked chargers for cell phones. These are great devices.

Stock up on bottled water, canned goods, instant coffee and non-dairy creamers. I have a great suggestion to heat up soup or hot water. The stores sell fondue pots, under which you can use sterno cans to provide heat. Please use them safely and keep away from



clothes and paper, etc. Make sure you have a safety lighter on hand.

I always freeze extra ice blocks for coolers. These are great, they last a few days. I start saving large jugs and fill with water to flush the toilets and to boil water in the fondue pots. There will be times when you might not be able to wash dishes, stock up on paper products.

It is important to check on your ill neighbors and shut-ins. You should ask if you can help them prepare for the storms or if they need some food shopping done. People are always very grateful for your help. We get a very good feeling helping our neighbors out.

In On Top of the World News, when it is a long heat spell and very sunny, many clubs and groups are doing trips and projects indoors to keep cool. Invite a neighbor to come along.

The pool is very inviting and cooling. It is a good way to meet new people and see old friends. Please make sure you keep hydrated during the heat.

We wish all our neighbors a great Labor Day weekend celebration.

If you have any news, a great vacation, new birth, a special anniversary or a special birthday, please let me know. I would like to report it in our article.

## OTOW drainage system handled recent rainfall very well



Wow! Monday the 7th is Labor Day — almost the last hurrah for our Snowbird pals.

The great migration will soon start. First a trickle, then by November a flood. Speaking of floods, the Clearwater area must have the cleanest walks and streets in the world after all the rain!

The drainage system here at On Top of the World seems to have met the challenge better than many in the area, thanks to good engineering.

Europe was the playground for some of our neighbors, including Russ Lamesfield and Howard Rochte. They visited Barcelona, then a wonderful relaxing river cruise with friends to ports including Croatia. They said it was hot but beautiful. Then it was back to cooler Michigan for more fun.

Suggest August through mid-October as the best time to vacation in Maine when asked. Held true again this season. June was very wet, while

July was hot, wet and muggy. Loads of festivals and other attractions plus the ever popular lobster to tempt one's pallet. Bring a jacket. Our elevator looks quite smart. Thanks to management for a job well done.

Nice to be back and watch someone else mow the lawn! Until October, enjoy Labor Day Happy anniversary and birthday to all celebrants. For any news, e-mail me at fresca@maine.rr.com.



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## Reporter spends month in Ga., Carolinas

I enjoyed almost a month visiting family in Atlanta and nearby areas and of course, that involved lots of late night talk, dining on old and new food favorites, sampling a couple of new restaurants and returning to older ones.

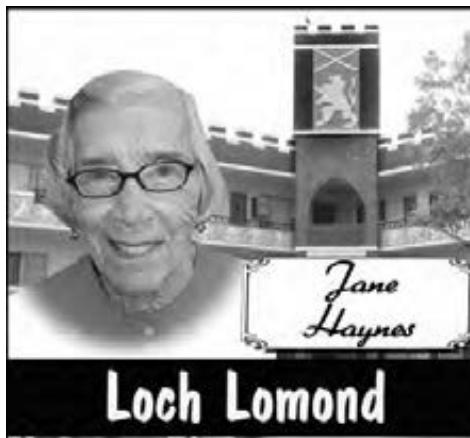
Schools were closed, so several of the children were away, but I learned about everything they had been doing, or almost.

One of the girls two years out of college had just accepted a job with Amazon and had made a quick move to Seattle. She's done quite a lot of traveling and has been and hosted, exchange students, so she'll fit in OK.

Her younger sister just graduated from Chapel Hill, has accepted a banking position in Charlotte and has already gotten into full swing in that exciting city.

My niece and her husband are not ready to retire, but a couple of years ago were invited by an old college buddy to visit a newer "enclave" in southwestern North Carolina around Highlands and Cashiers — beautiful places with inviting areas for golfers and gardeners. So they ended up buying a big "place" already furnished in upscale country décor.

It's too cold in the winter (snowy roads, etc.), but they've enjoyed having family and guests for days at a time.



The nearby towns of Highlands and Cashiers have long histories and "stories," and each has hotels, tours, shops, and excellent local foods. There are several reputable auction places and a vast array of art copies of old country music sheets and on and on.

Although as a child and teenager, our family, who believed in yearly family car trips, had spent time in the Carolinas, much of the area was new to me.

This is a three and a half hour drive from Atlanta and goes through part of South Carolina before you

can get to North Carolina.

Sometimes we want to take tours to new countries and meet new people, but sometimes the low key several days with relatives is great. I don't remember looking at TV, although we did try out the "movie room" with its big-screen set.

We had two dogs who were strangers to each other together for the first time. The family dog is 14 years old and was an alert, lively lovable Prince Charles, tiny but always available.

The "new" dog is a 2½-year-old medium-size rescue dog, but adapting beautifully to her new home and to her first car trip.

Happily the dogs related well and there were no problems. Young dog behaved well, older dog was his usual loving self and so if there are future trips, no one will be apprehensive.

I haven't gotten any news since my return and I'm sure some of you have had "adventures" you could share. Do consider joining fellow residents for the monthly lunch or anytime. Pass on your ideas. Enjoy!



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## Condos sold, new residents welcomed to Chetnik

Your faithful reporter is back! For a few months there has been no Chetnik building column.

Sorry about that. It is not that I have been away. I have been here all the time. There has been no building activity that I know of, and no one has contacted me with any information to share. Things will pick up when our Snowbirds return, I'm sure.

At least three condos have been sold over the summer, although two of the new residents have not moved in yet. We welcome Georgette and Mario Ortiz from Baltimore, Md., who will live here year-round. They bought Peg Lumsdem's apartment. We hope they will enjoy it here and join in the building activities.

Peg is now living at Mease Manor along with Leon Turner, Murray Zolkower, and Mary Kearney, also former Chetniks. Erma Croce has already visited Peg there. We would be happy to see any of them join us for our luncheons and our Core parties. We must remember to inform them.



Attention dog owners! There will be a Halloween Dog Costume Contest at the Dog Park (West side) at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17. Prizes will be awarded, including one free pet check-up, one free grooming, one free pet portrait, and cash gift certificates from Pet Supplies Plus. Last year's contest was fun and showed much originality in the costumes.

Let me hear some good news from you. My phone number is 799-6361.

Happy Labor Day to you all!

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Between watching the tropical storms and rains and staying out of the sun and humidity during July we didn't have extra time to do much.

JoAnn Dameron, our activities director, had planned something new, a breakfast, for our building residents. Seven residents signed up and five came for breakfast at Lenny's. We enjoyed good conversation and great food.

Our building was one that lost three of the real big water oaks and a smaller one. What a loss of shade for the parking lots. The tree conditions are being monitored regularly and are added to the work schedule as necessary.

Our English Tudor building turned 45 years old this year, and JoAnn is working on a plan to commemorate it. In the lobby of the East Activities Center you will see some pictures during building construction. Also of interest on the same wall is Mr. Cohen's wish for the complex he created here.

I hope everyone has a chance to celebrate Labor Day on the first Monday of September (which falls on Sept. 7 this year). Labor Day was



started in 1882 and declared a federal holiday in 1894. Throughout the years parades were held and there were town dignitaries speaking on the economy and union leaders speaking about labor organizations. I understand New York is the only large city still holding a parade.

We should have some of our residents returning and I'll have more to report then. Meanwhile, check the bulletin board in the core and read the On Top of the World newspaper for activities to take part in.

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# Couple visits Cuba, returns with new understanding

The Ladies Luncheon was held on the second Tuesday of the month.

It is always a pleasure to get to visit and bond with our neighbors. This month's luncheon was at Olive Gardens. A good time was had by all.

If you would like to join our group, just look at the bulletin board for a listing of the dates, and be in the first floor core at 11:55 a.m. We carpool at 12 noon.

Next month we will be going to E & E Steakout Grill on Indian Rocks Rd., Belleair Bluffs. We will also be spending some time in the quaint gift shops and thrift stores that are very close by.

Saturday, September 5, is a potluck dinner in the core area. We will also be having a "White Elephant Sale" to benefit our building budget for future events. Bring items that you have that are in nearly new condition. Watch the bulletin board for posters and a sign-up sheet regarding the type of food you are bringing.

Cuba has been in the news a lot lately because of the move to normalize relations with the United States for the first time in more than 50 years. Scott and Barbara Rice, from our building, wanted to see the "unchanged Cuba" before the possibility of it becoming another tourist and cruise ship stop,



so they participated in a People-to-People Tour in Cuba during July.

With 20 other Americans, the Rices spent 10 days traveling to Havana, Cienfuegos, Trinidad, Santa Clara, and the Bay of Pigs.

The group was given the opportunity to interact with Cubans of all ages and from all walks of life. Barbara and Scott found the Cubans to be educated, polite, eager, and very hospitable. Time spent at a local senior citizen center was especially enjoyable. The seniors were outgoing hosts. Everyone danced, played games, and enjoyed each other's company.

Many beautiful old classic American cars dot the Cuban roadways. They are a novelty to the visitors, but a necessity for the Cubans who struggle



Nagoya residents Scott and Barbara Rice are shown here in one of the classic American automobiles still found in Cuba and used every day for transportation and commerce. They visited the island nation on a People-to-People tour in July and found it a friendly, historic and picturesque land.

to keep the charming old automobiles running (see photo, above).

Bicycles and horse and buggies are still common transportation. Barbara and Scott said they look forward to watching the developments between the two countries and how the changes affect their newfound friends in Cuba.

For anyone interested, there is a new, authentic Puerto Rican Restaurant in Clearwater that has just opened. The food is made fresh daily by the Puerto Rican owner. The name is Fondita de Leo, 528 Cleveland St., down by the Capitol Theater.

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# West side gate guard will certainly brighten your day

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

Did you ever find someone who can make you smile just by saying hello?

They are able to change your whole outlook and make a cloudy day sunny. If you come through the West Side Guard house after 2 p.m. most days, you will find such a magical person.

His name is Bernie McPherson. He waves and smiles (what a smile!), and no matter what is wrong in your day, he makes it better.

Bernie is from North Carolina, while his wife of 17 years, Terri, is from West Virginia. Bernie has a long list of places he has been and careers he has held.

In 1963, after graduation, he came to Florida to teach at Apopka High School and coached football, basketball, baseball and track at Apopka High. He then moved to Winter Park, Fla., and sold pharmaceuticals and microfilmed records. After relocating to Orlando, he went into real estate in 1979.

After retirement, he and his wife traveled in a motor home for four years and visited the outer portion of the United States, such as Seattle, Vancouver and Anacortes. They also traveled to Maine, the Dakotas,

Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Mexico and Texas, but always came back to Florida for the winters.

While living in Crystal River, his wife got her real estate license.

Bernie has a son who lives in Sanford, Fla.

When Bernie and Terri were able, they traveled to many countries around the world by either air or cruise. They are still hoping to travel to the Galapagos Islands and Antarctica.

One of his funny stories involved a time when he and his wife visited Siberia, Russia. While touring in a nearby town with a group of other tourists, his wife saw a bulldog statue in a store. She already had an extensive bulldog collection (and raised real bulldogs), so Bernie purchased it for her. His surprise was when he turned it over it was stamped with "made in the USA, Ohio." Irony is it not!

Bernie is a very content, happy man. He quoted his dad, who said, "If you're not having fun in what you are doing, you are doing the wrong thing." Smart man, his dad!

I asked Bernie his secret for being so pleasant and happy all the time. He said, "I have had a great life, I adore and love my wife, we have fun in our



Bernie McPherson brings a little sunshine to those who pass through the West side guard house during his shift there.

(Photo by Esta-Lee Schwartz)

marriage and enjoy every day. I love my job. If I died tomorrow, I would have no regrets as I have been blessed."

Who could ask for more? I sure hope you have an opportunity to catch Bernie "in action" from Monday

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Thanks, Bernie, for making my day. I don't mean in the Clint Eastwood way either, except I do feel lucky to know this person!



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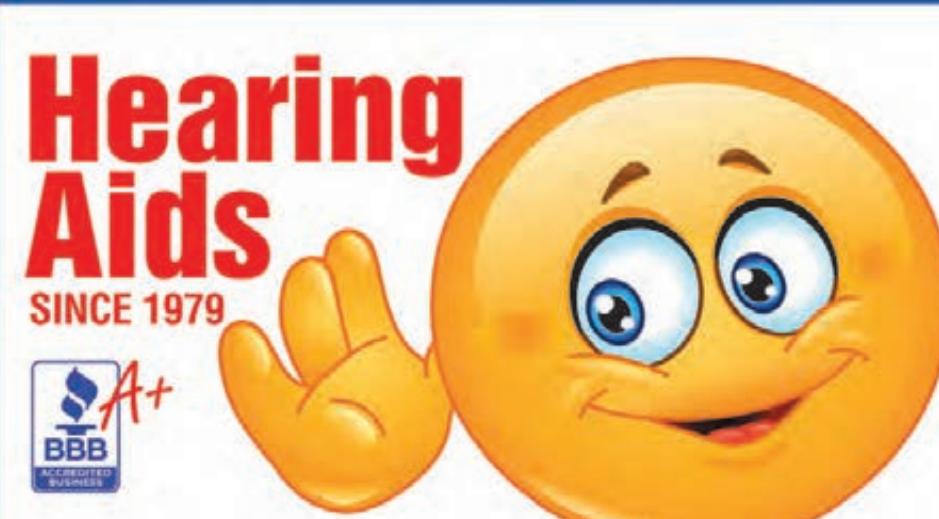
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## August was big travel month for residents

Each month I scan the calendar for some recognition of those that serve and protect our country.

On Aug. 7, we had Purple Heart Recognition Day. The Purple Heart was originally brought into being by Gen. George Washington on Aug. 7, 1782. General Washington wished to recognize meritorious action; it was awarded only to enlisted men and was a cloth patch of a purple heart worn on the left breast of the uniform.

In the 1940s it was revived and awarded to those wounded or killed in the line of duty.

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August was "travel month" for Azorians. Our building captain, Katy Gerrit, and husband, Ford, flew off to Barcelona for a few days, then joined the Viking Star Mediterranean cruise to Toulon, France, Monaco, ports in Italy, Corfu and Croatia.

They left the ship in Venice to spend a few days in Tuscany, celebrating their 41st wedding anniversary. I'm sure there will be pictures next month.

Joe and Jean Spahalski took a



honeymoon cruise to celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary.

A cruise is always a nice activity, with good food, good entertainment and a few interesting ports to visit.

Sy and I took a cruise to celebrate absolutely nothing. We had a cruise to the Western Caribbean some months ago. Sy found the shopping in Belize City to be extraordinarily good. Unfortunately I wanted to visit my last scuba diving site. It took way too long, with no time left to properly shop. This trip the shop keepers of Belize City got Sy's full attention. I just carried the shopping bags.

John and Dolores Parham rested up from their family reunion and took off for a few weeks in New York. John says that in a family as large as his there are always a christening or two and a few birthdays to celebrate. John and Dolores recognize the important things in life have to do with family.

Tom and Marie Pirrello spent the last half of August in California visiting Tom's brother and staying clear of wild fires. Marie regrets that we did not have an Azores dinner out in August, but watch the bulletin board for the Greek Dinner in September in Tarpon Springs.

If you paid attention, you would have noticed the early indications that fall is on the way. I saw the Clearwater High School football team suited up and doing early morning workouts. We had a full week and two weekends of tax-free shopping to get the kids suited up for school. All these are early signs of coming cool and dry weather.

I have a great little box in the core near the bulletin board for collecting news items. Please feel free to use this convenient way letting us know what is going on with you and yours. Thanks.

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## Family finds Bahamas is a great place to vacation

Gwen Nolan and some of her family members flew to the Bahamas where they spent a week at Atlantis, Paradise Island.

Gwen's daughter, son-in-law and grandson accompanied her on the vacation.

The family enjoyed swimming with the dolphins in Dolphin Cay, rode the lazy river and loved using the water slides.

The humidity was low and there were no insects to bother them. The adults enjoyed drinking Pina Coladas by the pool and doing a little gambling in the evening.

Gwen said her grandson made a giraffe at the "Build an Animal" station while the adults made pottery at the Pottery Store.

The group did not waste a single minute and would recommend Atlantis, Paradise Island, as a luxurious place to vacation. They agreed it was worth every penny.

The only way the trip could have been better was if Gwen's son



and his family were able to make the trip. Her son is in the military and had a military obligation. We do thank him for his service to our country.

Our Snowbird neighbors will begin to return soon. Trips and planned vacations with different groups will fill up quickly. Don't forget to sign up early or you will be left out of the fun.

As a reminder, don't forget to get your activity card punched for the current season.

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## For Everyone

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 Coffee Corner, Mondays through Fridays, 7-10 am, East Activity Center Coffee Corner  
 Bingo, every Monday, 6:15 p.m., East Activity Center auditorium • Philosophy Club, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Veranda Room



## Classes and Crafts

### DANCING

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, EAC Auditorium (Jazz)  
 Wednesdays, 11:30 am, EAC Auditorium (Tap)  
 Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room (Social Dance Lessons)

### ART GUILD

Chinese Paint Brush, 12:30 pm, Tuesdays  
 Painting Pals, 1 pm, Wednesdays  
 Drawing Classes, 1 pm, Thursdays

### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Veranda Room

### CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room



### AQUA AEROBICS

Mon-Fri, 9 am, East Pool

### BONESAVERS

Mon & Wed & Fri, 8 am, Large Card Room

### CO-ED EXERCISE

Mon & Wed & Fri, 10 a.m., West Gym

### FAT-BURNING WORKOUTS

Tuesdays, 9 am, Large Card Room

### HEALTHY LIVING CLUB

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

### LADIES EXERCISES

Mon-Fri, 8 am, East Gym



## Traditional Games

### BILLIARDS

Mondays 6 pm, 8-Ball, Billiards Room  
 Tuesdays & Fridays, 1 pm, 9-Ball, Billiards Room  
 Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Que'T Ladies Billiards, Billiards Room  
 Thursdays, 6 pm, Scotch Doubles, Billiards Room

### CANASTA

Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Small Card Room

Fridays, 6:30 p.m., Small Card Room

### CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, 11 am, Yellow Room

Thursdays, 11 a.m., Large Card Room

### CRIBBAGE

Wednesdays, 10 am, Small Classroom

### DOMINOS

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Small Classroom

### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Saturday, 11 am, Large Card Room

### MAHJONGG

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Rainbow Room

Mondays, 5 pm, Rainbow Room

Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Room

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### CERAMICS

Tuesdays, 12 pm, Kitchen/Craft Room  
 Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### COMPUTER LAB

Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m., Small Classroom  
 Saturdays, 8:30 am, Computer Room

### GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS

Wednesdays, 9 am, Kitchen/Craft Room

### KNITTING

Wednesdays, 9 am, Veranda Room

### SEWING

Wednesdays, 9 a.m., EAC Starlite Room (starting Sept. 23)

## Exercises

### LINE DANCING

Tuesday, 1 pm, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)  
 Saturday, 8:30 am, Auditorium (Line Dance Club)

### TAI CHI

Mon & Wed & Sat, 1 pm, East Gym  
 Tuesdays, 6 pm, East Gym

### SLIMNASTICS

Monday-Friday, 9 am, East Gym

### YOGA

Tue & Thu, 11 am, East Gym

### ZUMBA

Mon & Thu & Fri, 9 am, Large Card Room



### PING PONG

Mondays, 3:00 p.m., Large Card Room  
 Tuesdays, 3 pm, Sunrise Room  
 Wednesdays, 10 am, Sunrise Room  
 Fridays, 10 a.m., Large Card Room

### PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 6 pm, Large Card Room  
 Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Classroom  
 Thursdays, 5 pm, Large Card Room  
 Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Classroom  
 Sundays, 12:30 pm, Large Card Room

### SAMBA

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room  
 Thursdays, 6 pm, Veranda

### TEXAS CARD GAME GROUPS

Mon & Thu, 6 pm, Yellow Room (Ron)  
 Mondays, 5 pm, Poker Room (Jim)  
 Tuesdays, 6 pm, Poker Room (Tom)  
 Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Room (Bob)  
 Wed & Fri, 5:30 pm, Poker Room (Mike)

We have revised the schedule above to reflect summer activities.

If a time, date or place for an event on this page is incorrect, please notify the newsroom so we can make the change for next month.

Certain activities will return in the fall and we need one month's notice to get it back on this page.

Anytime you add an event, you must follow procedures with the Community Service Office. This includes reserving a room.

Thank you for your cooperation and keeping this page as accurate as possible.

## In spirit, reporter will be at some great family parties

As I write this column in early August, weather is the big problem.

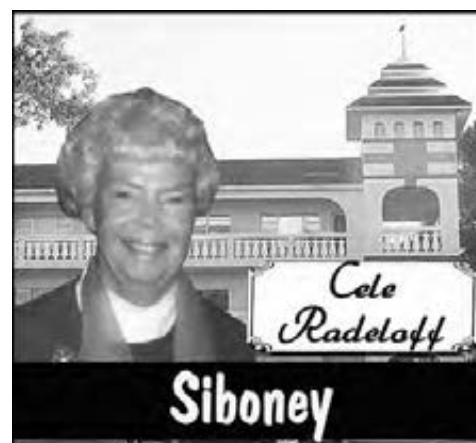
Old-timers say they have never seen such flooding as they see it at this time. That's why I'm always so grateful I live here at On Top of the World on the second floor!

Bob and Barbara Stone traveled to New Jersey to attend the wedding of their granddaughter. The beautiful wedding took place in Wilmington, Del., and the reception was held in the Gold Ballroom of the DuPont Hotel.

Next, they visited Bob's sister in Delaware and then went to Deal Island, Md., to visit with old friends. They ended their trip with their daughter in Mays Landing, N.J., before returning home to OTOW. They enjoyed it all.

My family consists of party people and I'm missing all the celebrations in New Jersey and Long Island.... My niece turns 50, one of my daughters and her husband celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. There are three other anniversaries in August: another daughter and her husband, 44 years; my son and his wife, 31 years; and my grandson and his wife, 9 years. Seems everyone got married in August!

A biggie party in Sparta, N.J., in a back yard tent will be for my grandson's 24th birthday and his departure to



Dubai on his first business trip. We wish him well. See what I'm missing!

Here in the Siboney, we're really getting excited as it's only two months until our 30th anniversary. We have the date, the place and the caterer. Remember it will be on Sunday, Oct. 25th in the Sunrise Room at 4 p.m. Watch the bulletin board for details.

We're all looking forward to the cabaret show Thursday, Sept. 17, featuring Flashback. It's table seating so you can bring your own drinks and snacks. Tickets are \$10. Come and enjoy a great show!

Welcome back neighbors. Do hope you had a good summer.

Happy Labor Day, happy Rosh Hashanah and a peaceful Yom Kippur.

## Rural French residents happy with new mailboxes

Welcome to my second grandson—his 4-year-old brother is so happy (I now have at least 15 grandchildren.)

I also have new floors. I'm thrilled (and glad to see the old carpeting gone).

Am I the only one that feels like I'm looking a little green and moldy? Rain, rain go away!

We have 10 new reporters for this newspaper. Welcome to all.

How pleased we are to see our new mailboxes. Due to the help of Edgar Bellineau and Jo Williams (after getting the necessary information), the building agreed the boxes should be replaced, the cost to be shared by each owner.

The response was very gratifying and greatly appreciated. Thank you to Velma Derel and Sandy Stecker, who have been busy handing out new keys and updating our emergency information forms.

It was brought to my attention that we need more awareness given to our recycling. Pizza boxes OK if not soiled inside. No tops on bottles, be sure to flatten boxes, and put large



boxes in an end container as some take up room leaving little space for garbage. Good job, and you are appreciated for your help.

I need some happy news from you all. My column is important. I enjoy all the nice comings and goings from other columns. Thanks!

Joke: Moving things have a gender: A tire is male because it goes bald and is often over-inflated. Sponges are female because they are soft, squeezable and retain water. A subway is male, because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.

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# Serious travelers take tours overseas and in the U.S.

Austrian Alpine resident Marilyn Whelan enjoyed a summer full of global adventures on four separate trips.

Her first tour was in South Africa, where she was joined by On Top of the World friends Dottie Meisner and Joyce Abelson. They traveled to Johannesburg, Capetown, Zululand, Swaziland, and the vineyards of Stellenbosch.

Highlights included three safaris, two in Kruger National Park. On one of the safaris, Marilyn walked with lions and held a 5-month-old lion cub (see photo at far right). She also visited Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela had been imprisoned for 20 years before he assumed his role of leadership in South Africa.

Then, it was on to China, where Marilyn toured Beijing and Shanghai, and walked along the Great Wall. She enjoyed the Giant Pandas and the delicious food in this beautiful country.

Her next trip was to Peru where she climbed to Machu Picchu in the Andes Mountains. "I made it! But it seemed the climb was uphill coming down too!" Marilyn described both the ascent and descent as rocky, not a path.

Marilyn's next trip of the summer was to Russia on a river cruise that traveled several different waterways. Their excellent guide was educated and knowledgeable as he explained the sights of Moscow and St. Petersburg.

After traveling to 28 different countries so far, Marilyn wants to visit more.

She is an active member of the OTOW travel club. Marilyn has some tips on how to see the world and still stay within a budget in her recently published book "Caviar Living on Fish Stick Money."

Another Alpiner, Donald Schlough, hit the road on this continent.



Donald Schlough searched for fossils and gems during a recent trip to Utah. Here the Austrian Alpine resident is seen (in a reflected way) with a prehistoric wooly mammoth.

Donald traveled 1,960 miles in Utah in search of fossils and gems.

His first stop was at an isolated site, 6,000 feet above sea level, where he searched for trilobites.

Through sleet and snow, he next went to Mount Topaz to dig for topaz. There, he found Apache Tears (volcanic glass), but no gems.

Next, Donald headed to Vernal, Utah, across a snowy mountain



Austrian Alpine resident Marilyn Whelan holds a young lion cub during her trip to South Africa, one of three journeys she took this summer.

pass. There, the Dinosaur National Monument is an amazing exhibit with hundreds of dinosaur bones still in the quarry (see photo at left of Donald at the wooly mammoth exhibit).

Donald brought back dinosaur bones and even dinosaur manure, which can be beautiful once these rocks are polished.

As he headed back to the airport, Donald visited three other-worldly and spectacular natural sites: Goblin State Park, The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and Bryce Canyon National Park.

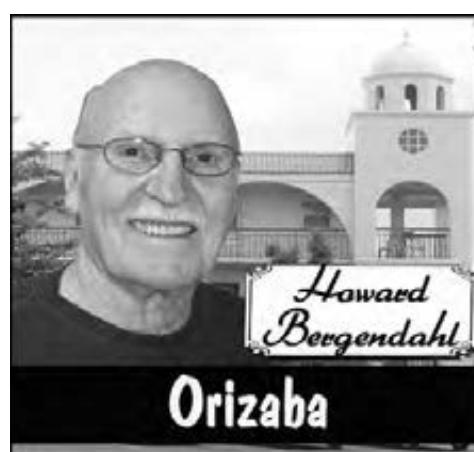
Our next Austrian Alpine dinner will be posted soon. A big thanks to Jim Trenton for organizing these events!

## Here's a potpourri of news from the folks at Orizaba

Al and Pam Corcoran have that look of proud grandparents and rightly so!

They drove up to Savannah, Ga., last month to witness their granddaughter participate in the American Idol program auditions. A group of about 4,000 showed up for the tryouts, and from feedback the area was in chaos. Unfortunately their granddaughter was not among the finalist group, but she was a winner to all who were rooting for her!

This follows the Corcoran's celebrating their grandson's participation in the International Chinese Martial Arts Championships in Orlando. The 17-year-old won two gold medals, two silver medals and two bronze medals competing in the adult section.



All in all a good month for the Corcoran's, since Al hit the magic number of 80 on Aug. 30 and Pam celebrates her birthday on Sept. 4th.

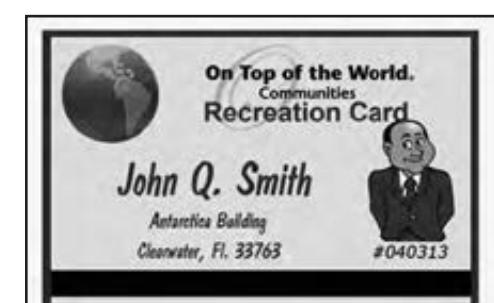
Happy birthday wishes go out to Paul Cance and also to Joe Gonzales.

Welcome to new residents of our building; Larry and Lucy French from Dunedin, and Jane and James Stanley from Clearwater. If you see them in the elevator or on the walkway say hello and welcome them to our home.

An older man sprawled across three entire seats in the movie theater. The usher saw this and said "Sorry sir, but you are only allowed one seat." The old man didn't budge, so the usher repeated himself and said, "Sir, if you don't get up from there I will have to call the manager." The old man muttered but did nothing.

The usher left and returned with the manager. Together they tried to get the old man to move with no success. Finally they called the police. An officer surveyed the situation briefly and then

asked, "All right buddy, what's your name?" "Fred," the old man moaned. "Where are you from, Fred?" asked the police officer. With a terrible grunt in his voice, and without moving, Fred replied, "The balcony."



**Don't forget your Recreation Card. You need it to join clubs and groups. You must show it when using a pool.**

## **THE OTOW BUS COMES DIRECTLY TO YOU!**

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### **Tuesday Morning Specials**

See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.  
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### **Wednesday Morning**

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

### **Wednesday Afternoon**

Aldi (Sunset & Lawson)

Paradise/West Side....11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

### **Thursday Morning**

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

### **Thursday Afternoon**

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side....11 to 11:20 a.m.  
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### **Friday Morning**

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

### **Friday Afternoon**

Super Walmart

Paradise/West Side....11 to 11:20 a.m.  
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

### **Guidelines for Riding the Bus**

- 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.
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## OTOW Change of Address Form

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

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

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

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

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

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Bud Hildreth spent his vacation together with his lady friend Pat Mauthe in New England. This is the view from their oceanfront suite at the Sparhawk resort in Ogunquit, Maine.

(Photo by Bud Hildreth)

## New England vacation was perfect summertime trip

I think we have had enough rain!

I feel sorry for all the people who vacationed in our area and couldn't enjoy our beautiful beaches as much. Visits to theme parks also became a wet experience. Are we not called "The Sunshine State?"

Building residents Merelee and Michael Bernard finally came back from Illinois, sold their home there and are now real Floridians. We are happy to have them around all year!

Bud Hildreth spent his vacation together with his lady friend Pat Mauthe of Dunedin in New Hampshire and Maine. Transportation to and from Tampa Airport was generously provided by friend and fellow Brittany Farmhouse resident Jerry Thomas.

Their first stop was at the beachfront Hampton Beach in New Hampshire.

A trip to Fenway Park to see the Red Sox play the Yankees was a special treat, as Bud has not been to the iconic park in over 25 years.

Their splendid vacation continued by staying at the Sparhawk resort in Ogunquit, Maine. The oceanfront



suite gave a panoramic view of Ogunquit Beach and the Atlantic Ocean (see photo above).

A most enjoyable weekend was spent by Bud with his daughter and son-in-law who came from Meriden, Conn. They toured to historic Newburyport, Mass., and northward along the spectacular 18-mile New Hampshire coastline to Portsmouth with its beautiful "Strawberry Banke" and gardens on the ocean across from the Portsmouth Navy Shipyard.

A super vacation with just about perfect weather, much to their liking.

We may not notice, but the calendar tells us that fall starts Sept. 23!

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