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At first sight, it appears The Beatles are performing on the East Activity Center stage. Look closer and you will see a very close match. The Nowhere Band, featuring hits from The Beatles, performed at On Top of the World for the first time last fall. They will return in October and will feature a special guest. (OTOW News file photo by Doug Kates)

## Live - on our stage - *The Beatles?*

By Doug Kates

It was a peaceful, late-October evening last year at On Top of the World when residents were warned a British Invasion had arrived.

The curtains opened on the East Activity Center auditorium and on stage appeared to be the very Beatles which rocked this country for the first time more than 50 years ago.

OTOW residents didn't run from this invasion. Instead, many danced, waved their arms and sang along as they were taken back to a time when they were in their 30s, 20s or even teen years.

"The Nowhere Band" started the night with a tribute to The Beatles, featuring such hit songs as "She Loves You," "Love Me Do" and "Can't Buy

Me Love."

Then the atmosphere took a dramatic change as The Beatles exited and The Rolling Stones took over.

As if Mick Jagger, himself, was strutting on our stage, residents were treated to Rock 'n Roll classics, such as "Jumpin Jack Flash," "Honky Tonk Woman" and "Start Me Up."

Now, for the second time in 12 months, The Nowhere Band is coming back. Joining the show will be the "Zstonez Band," which is the premier Rolling Stones tribute band in the country, according to manager Richard Stewart.

"We are excited to return this year," Richard said. "We were really excited with the audience reaction last year. Everybody got into it."

British Invasion 2 will take place 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 13.

Guests will also be treated to a special appearance by "David Bowie" - actually, a segment of the show will be dedicated to the late David Bowie, who recorded such popular songs as "Let's Dance," "Modern Love" and "Major Tom."

Tickets are currently on sale, but it is expected this show will sell out way before showtime. Advanced tickets can be purchased by visiting the Entertainment Committee's table on Monday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

Now, just a warning to you. If you attended last year's show, you will recall there were some audio problems. For this year's show, however, be pre-

pared for sound that will shake the activity center.

You've been warned!

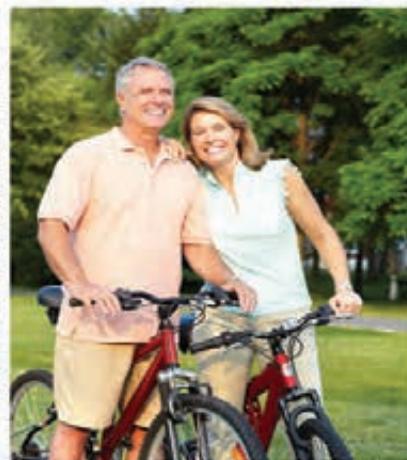
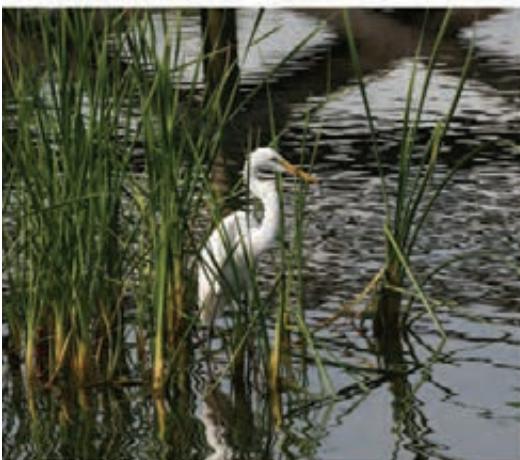
"This year we have a whole different state-of-the-art sound system ... with more power and balanced sound," Richard said. "The audience will really enjoy this."

"We are thrilled to have Nowhere Band back," said Entertainment Committee President Marvin Flam, who booked this show on the same night as the show last year. "They got good reviews. They brought back memories. We were asked to bring them back."

"We have been planning this, and looking forward to returning, ever since we scheduled the show last year," Richard said.



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**REVIEW****Trash, garbage and protecting our 55-and-over age designation**

It's been mentioned to me, more than once, that long columns reviewing the Amended and Restated Rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association are not fun summertime reading.

I do hope, if nothing else, it is enlightening.

I have spent time in the community speaking with residents, following up on some of the rules in place and I am sometimes amazed by the reception and responses.

I do appreciate those of you who respond immediately and understand the reason for compliance with the rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association.

Just as in our society, the rules and laws put in place are not made for one or a few, or only those that wish to follow them. The rules are made for all.

Imagine how chaotic our roads would be if only a few of us had to follow the rules.

Here's another example: One resident feels it's perfectly OK to have mops, buckets, dead plants and ashtrays in a stairwell. He lives by the stairwell and thinks the appearance is fine, but what if all the stairwells had these items stored there. Appearance does impact property values.

Another perspective is safety and what may happen during a building evacuation. Random items left in the common areas may result in someone falling over planters, brooms or mops. Since insurance is experienced based,



your insurance cost will increase and then of course maintenance fees would increase.

You can see how the actions, or inactions, of one resident, who feels the rules don't apply to him/her, can have a huge impact on us all.

It's not just an issue of what looks good to you or what works for you or whenever your neighbor complies then you will. It is a much bigger matter that involves each person doing their part.

From the Amended and Restated Rules of the On Top of the World Condominium Association:

6. Garbage and Trash. Routine disposal of garbage and trash shall be accomplished only by use of the receptacles provided by the Association. There shall be no disposal within On Top of the World of any unusual or excessive garbage or trash generated from within any unit (including but not limited to clothing, household furnishings or construction debris) except in drop

storage containers, construction debris containers or dumpsters provided by third parties at no cost to the Association and in compliance with paragraph 13 of these rules.

8. 55-and-older community. On Top of the World has been designated as housing for persons who are fifty-five (55) years of age or older. At least eighty percent (80%) of the units in On Top of the World must be occupied by at least one person who is fifty-five (55) years of age or older.

In order to ensure that On Top of the World qualifies as housing for persons 55 years of age or older, under the Federal Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601, et seq.), the occupancy and age verification must be satisfied (C.F. R. 100.307) and must comply with the requirements of the Florida Fair Housing Act (Chapter 760, Florida Statutes) and the rules and regulations of the Florida Commission on Human Relations.

Surveys of On Top of the World residents will be conducted and updated by the Association as to the extent required by applicable law.

Each owner shall cooperate with the Association in its efforts to comply with the requirements of the above mentioned acts, rules and regulations, and with all other applicable laws.

Such cooperation shall include (but shall not be limited to) providing to the Association, within 10 days after written request, such information (such as but not limited to identification of whether

at least one resident of the unit is fifty-five (55) years of age or older and the current age or date of birth of such person) and signed surveys, sworn affidavits, certification and other reliable legally sufficient documentation as may be required from time to time by the Association.

The Association shall have the authority to make any additional capital improvements upon the Common Areas necessary to provide facilities or services specifically designed to meet the requirements of the Fair Housing Act, as amended, and other applicable laws.

No child under the age of seventeen (17) years shall be allowed to reside in any unit. A unit owner who owns and occupies his or her own unit may permit one (1) minor only to reside in the unit with him or her, but only if the minor is at least seventeen (17) years of age and a member of that owners family.

The minimum age requirement set forth in the preceding two sentences shall not apply to those residents of On Top of the World, who are at least fourteen (14) years of age on the date these Amended and Restated Rules are adopted by the Board.

The test for residency by minors shall be either (a) residency in any unit for any period exceeding one (1) month, accompanied by enrollment in a public or private school or institution located within Pinellas County Florida or (b) residency in any unit for a cumulative period of six (6) months or longer.

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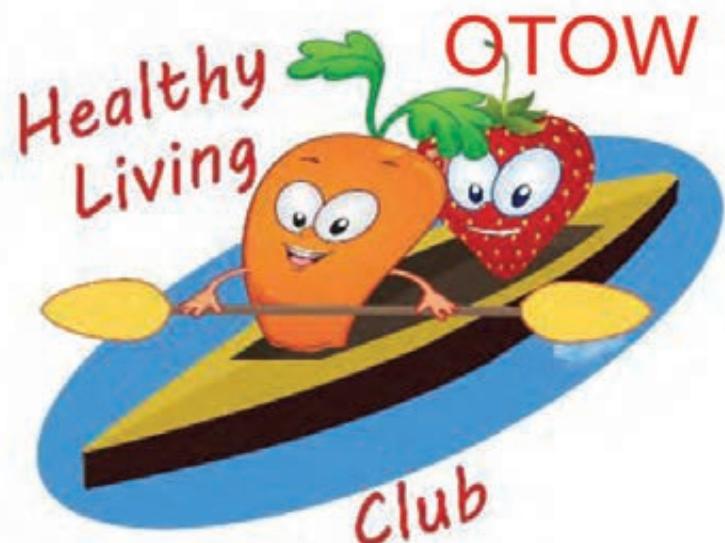
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# New this year, mini seminars will take place during the Senior Expo on Saturday, Nov. 5

This year the Senior Expo is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

We will have more than 90 vendors, both inside and outside, along with music and plenty of food choices.

We will also be offering many “mini” seminars throughout the day.

See Nancy Rogers in the Community Service Office for additional information. She will provide you a list of available seminars and get you signed up to attend as registration is recommended.

While you wait for your seminar to start, you can donate blood at the One Blood Bus, which will be located outside the East Activity Center north parking lot.

You can get your flu shot from Walgreens in the Medical Services area in the Starlite Room.

You can drop off any unused and unexpired medications to the Pinellas County Sheriff Office Operation Medicine Cabinet table located in the main auditorium.

You can also get valuable information from Eckerd College regarding their OLLI (Life Long Learning) program and from Pinellas Talking Book Library regarding options they have available for the visually impaired.

There also will be many OTOW clubs and groups present, so make plans to spend the day at the Expo.

## The Florida Orchestra

The Florida Orchestra, as part of its outreach concert series, will be giving a free concert at On Top of the World on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at the East Activity Center auditorium.

Limited seating is available so come early. Registration is not required. The concert will be from 1 p.m. until approximately 2:30 p.m. and will be performed without an intermission.

You may also visit The Florida Orchestra table on Saturday, Nov. 5, at our Senior Expo.

## Alzheimer Memory Care Bus

The Memory Care bus will be on site at the East Activity Center north parking lot on Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 1-4 p.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Representatives will be conducting face-to-face screening and the screening consists of a series of questions and/or tasks designed to test memory, language skills, thinking ability and other intellectual functions.



The individual who administers the screening will review the results with the person being screened and suggest whether the person should follow up with a physician for more extensive testing.

All results of the memory screenings are confidential and the participant will receive the screening results for their records.

## Personal Safety Seminar

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the East Activity Center auditorium, the Community Service Office will be hosting Jessica Hughey from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit.

She will be here to conduct a seminar on “personal” safety.

Preregistration is required for this event and registration forms are available on page 19 of this On Top of the World newspaper. You can also stop into the CSO for additional information and registration.

Jessica will share tips on how you and your neighbors can protect yourselves and make it tough for criminals to work in your neighborhood.

She also will be discussing when it is appropriate to contact the police, what type of information to report and tips related to personal safety in the home, while walking, shopping, and in your vehicles.

Make plans to visit the Pinellas County Sheriff Office table on Saturday, Nov. 5 at our annual Senior Expo. The hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mark your calendar!

## F.L.O.W Bus

The Florida Licensing on Wheels Bus, or F.L.O.W bus, provides a convenient method to renew a driver license, obtain a replacement driver license, change a name or address on a driver license, get an identification card, renew a vehicle registration and purchase a specialty license plate.

The F.L.O.W. bus is scheduled to be in the community on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the East Activity Center north parking lot.

You can also make plans to visit the F.L.O.W. bus on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at our annual Senior Expo. The bus will be parked in the East Activity Center north parking lot. Mark your calendar to attend.

## AAA Driving Course

The next AAA driving course will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6 and Friday, Oct. 7 in the East Activity Center Starlite Room from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The cost is \$15 and registration forms can be found on page 48 of this On Top of the World Newspaper.

## Good Karma Café

Don't forget the Good Karma Café will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday's until 8 p.m.

There is a link on the OTOW Box Office Website that will take you to a list of weekly specials and monthly coupons, so take a few minutes and check it out.

For your convenience, you can also pre-order meals, sandwiches, drinks and snacks for your next club event. Stop into the café for details.

Make plans to visit the Good Karma Café table, located with our other outside vendors, on Saturday, Nov. 5 at our annual Senior Expo. The hours will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mark your calendar for this great event.

## EAC Tennis Courts

The East Activity Center Tennis Courts remain closed for repairs.

Court No. 1 and No. 3 are closed due to safety concerns and will reopen after all repairs have been made.

Play can continue on court No. 2 and No. 4 and we are asking for your cooperation in not crossing any barricades or caution-taped areas.

## Activity Card Information

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

Please note that no cards will be punched or processed without proper identification and address verification.

As a reminder, you must bring your

valid Activity Card with you when using SCA facilities and be prepared to show it upon staff request.

All guests must be accompanied by a resident any time 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. Any noncompliance matters are directed to the On Top of the World Association.

## Important Phone Numbers to Remember

The OTOW 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 OTOW phone number to submit a service request over the phone is 727-683-6981. Please call this number to submit a work order, such as general building issues in the common area only.

## Other Important Reminders

Please do not leave emergency information on the service request 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.

Also, as a reminder, please wash out any cans and glassware before tossing into the recycle bins as this will aide in reducing insects and odors.

## Dates to Remember

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, Haz-To-Go will be at the East Activity Center north parking lot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Haz-To-Go will be at the West Activity Center parking lot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

See OTOW-TV for details on what you can get rid of.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, the OTOW News annual Halloween Pet Costume Contest will take place at the Dog Park. You must be an OTOW resident and dog. Prizes will be awarded. Entry is free.

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, SHINE will have a Medicare Seminar in the East Activity Center Auditorium from 10 a.m. to noon.

# Preventative maintenance

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

We are also racing around trying to catch up on mowing between torrential downpours.

Many of the large laurel oaks that have been in decline have been removed. These trees will be replaced with longer lasting species. Your Board is committed to keeping On Top of the World a well-treed community.

## Preventative Maintenance Saves You Money

This month I want to lead off my article with a discussion about your air handler.

September is a great time to get your air conditioning serviced if you don't already have the unit under a maintenance contract.

All summer long, your AC has been working hard to cool and dehumidify your condo. It's been working really hard, but all of a sudden it could either stop working or it could start to flood out of the condensation pan. If not addressed immediately, you could wind up with more than just a soggy carpet.

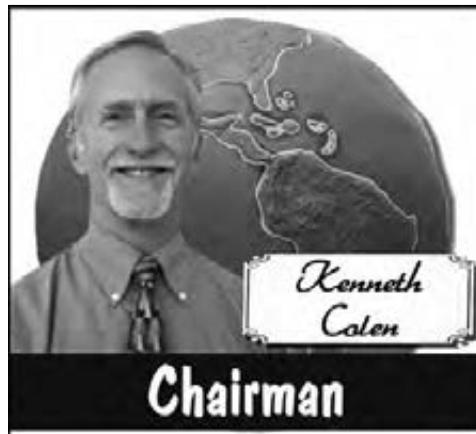
You may not notice the leak until you hear from an angry downstairs neighbor or you flood out your own unit.

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 Alarm™ from Aqua Managers. 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.



## Hazard Triple Play

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.

## Politics is in the Air

It happens every two years. The battle of ideas and signs begin. Certainly a lively discourse can be a healthy thing in a vibrant democracy. In fact, we count on it to advance the common good of this nation and its citizens.

In this particularly charged political season, I want to remind residents that community rules explicitly prohibit the display of signs, including political signs. This includes signs posted in your flower bed or even your front window.

## Signs, Advertising, Notices

Residents may identify themselves on their condo unit by using a name plate as long as the type and size are approved in writing by the Association and mounted in a place and manner also approved.

No signs, advertising or notices of any kind or type, including, but not limited to "for rent" or "for sale," shall be permitted or displayed on the exterior of any unit, or on any building, vehicle or common area in On Top of the World, nor shall the same be permitted or displayed in such a manner as to be visible from the exterior of any unit, without prior written consent of the Association.

## Political Clubs and Guests

The Republican and Democratic Clubs in the community will be hosting speakers as well. All residents will be welcomed regardless of party affiliation.

## Upcoming Maintenance Projects

Painting/Waterproofing: Buildings 37 and 30 will both have new paint coatings applied to the front façade of their structures in September. Please be aware that the painting contractor may require residents to temporarily relocate their personal vehicles in order to reach all areas of the building. All start dates are approximate and inclement weather can affect scheduling.

## Construction, Roofing and large scope projects

The building walkway light fixture renovation project is scheduled to move to the Paradise section of On Top of the World in September and will continue until completion sometime in late fall. Please keep an eye out for these installation teams, and as always, watch your step in and around these work areas.

A licensed and insured utilities contractor is anticipated on property in September performing work near the intersection of World Parkway Boulevard and Netherlands drive.

Residents traveling from the north side of property (buildings 51 through 60) may come in contact with flagmen and you may experience altered traffic patterns as a result of this work. Please slow down and pay close attention in and around these areas. Everyone's safety depends on your cooperation.

## Reoccurring reminders for all community residents

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

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

These small repair areas will also be coated as a future preventative. As always, we ask that residents please limit any foot traffic in and around any work area they may encounter.

Walkway coating improvements will continue across property. These improvements involve preparation of the surface (and occasionally sub-surface) concrete, the addition of acrylic fortified materials to stairwell surfaces, and then the application of a quality slip-resistant barrier coating. The end result is intended to provide longevity to the balcony walking surfaces as well as returning the look to its original conveyed color scheme.

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

## Inspection Services Division

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

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

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

The management company would like to remind residents that all water softening equipment installations require advance association approval via a modification permit. A permit application package may be obtained by visiting the Community Service Office in the East Activity Center at 2069 World Parkway Boulevard. Residents are also reminded that only resin-style, not ion exchange or salt, water softeners are permissible in the community.

Please make sure you apply for a permit and receive approval prior to contracting with a service to avoid a compliance visit by the management company. Thank you for your advance cooperation.

Inspection services representatives will also be reaching out to residents of buildings that are scheduled for new paint and waterproofing coatings during the 2015/2016 improvement cycle. **(Continued on page 7)**

# is the name of the game

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.

Just a reminder that many first floor unit owners will be receiving notification from the Inspection Services Department over the coming months as the management company works toward the removal of all unapproved decorative stones throughout the community.

The stones are not only an unapproved item for use in landscaping, but has the propensity to damage association and personal property alike.

To keep all residents in the community aware of this compliance issue, the notice will be published in upcoming editions of the OTOW newspaper.

The management company asks that if you receive a notification requir-

ing action on your part, please remove the stones at the earliest convenience.

The Inspection Services Division is continuing to find many awnings with compromised connection points to the common element. In response, representatives have been reaching out to affected unit owners to have the awnings removed and limit any further damage to the community.

As noted in prior articles, the "clamshell" awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do. If you have an awning, please arrange for its inspection through the Community Service Office at the East Activity Center. I'm reasonably certain that a strong windstorm will bring in many residents asking for the awnings removal.

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 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. Please keep in mind that the condominium association requires

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

Inspection efforts are focused on the tagging and removal of personal furnishings and belongings placed in outside stairwells of buildings. These obstructions present a fire concern, block egress, or are of a nature that they do not comply with written community standards.

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

Clutter enforcement has always been one of the most reoccurring compliance issues at On Top of the World.

Enforcement efforts make for an overall safer community in which to live.

If you receive notification that an item is out of compliance, please correct the issue immediately. If you have a question and were not able to speak with a compliance representative at

the time of the notification, please stop by the Community Service Office and request an appointment. Someone will be glad to contact you.

Please remember that items tagged in common areas may be removed and disposed of without further notice. Please help make your community safer by complying if you receive a violation tag/door hanger. Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

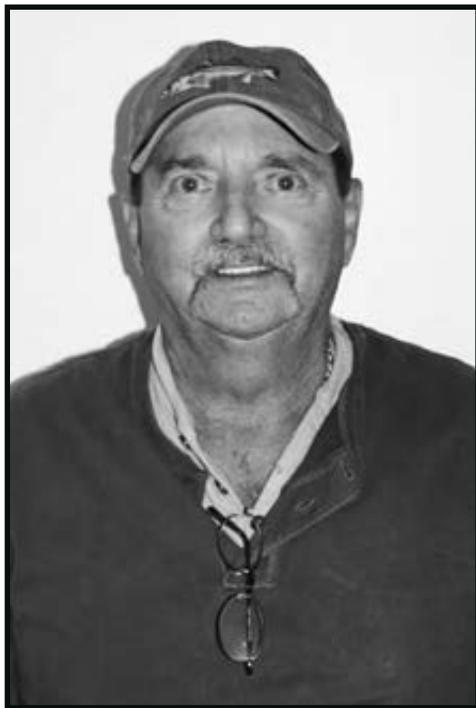
## Hurricane and Storm Season

Earlier, I alluded to a work delay due to an 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 closed secure.

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# Take a healthy class and buy a healthy shirt!

By Kathleen Santosuosso

The Healthy Living Club introduces two new better balance classes, which will take place two days a week at On Top of the World.

Now you can try a class and make new friends while improving your balance.

These classes are free and are offered to us through the Pinellas County Area Agency on Aging. Two trained coaches guide us in the classes.

The balance classes started on Aug. 17, but both classes continue to meet every Wednesday and Friday until Dec. 2. Join the balance exercisers in the Art Room in the East Activity Center.

A Matter of Balance will meet from 10:15-11 a.m. every Wednesday and Friday. Participants will learn to view falls and falling as controllable. They will also learn low-impact exercises to increase strength and balance.

Balance and Motion will meet from 11:15 a.m.-noon every Wednesday and Friday. Participants will learn movements that help develop strength and confidence. Participants learn, at their own pace, and employ gentle motions including Tai Chi. This class is more advanced than A Matter of Balance.

There are many other exercise classes at On Top of the World. A listing of all exercise classes is in the OTOW newspaper on page 12.

Also, from the comfort of your home, you can join Cammy and Jessica as they teach better balance on OTOW-TV channels 96 and 732 at about 7 a.m. and about noon, seven days a week.

Healthy Living Club meetings resume on Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Sunrise Room in the West Activity Center. Come to the first meeting, learn about the upcoming events, and get on our mailing list. There are no dues.

There are new Healthy Living Club shirts, complete with our colorful logo. Come to the meeting and order a shirt! Each shirt is \$26, cash only. There are styles for men and women.



Valerie Martin from the Healthy Living Club and Doug Kates from the On Top of the World newspaper, model new Healthy Living shirts being sold by the club. The one-of-a-kind logo is an easy way to show the rest of the community you care about your health! (OTOW News photo by Dave Hart)



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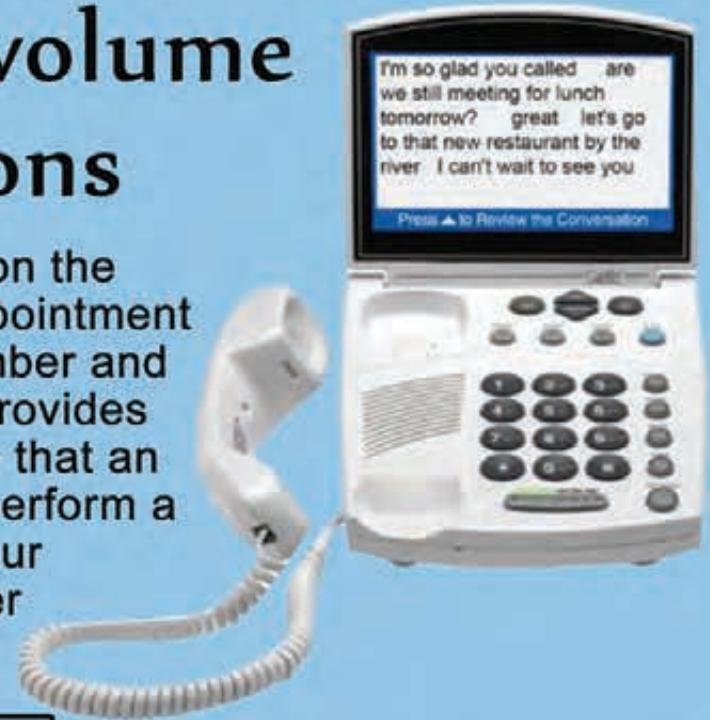
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Pictured above are some of the 55 Travel Club members who recently visited the Morse Museum in Winter Park and the Cirque du Soleil.

## Looking for adventure?

### Consider Fort Myers, San Antonio or Tampa Bay Downs

By Terri Mikszenas

During prehistoric times, humans traveled from one place to another to look for food and shelter, and since then the tradition of travel hasn't stopped.

Today, we travel with our umbrellas for shelter - and if food happens to be there, that's even better!

What excites our travelers is adventure, places they've never been before, things they've never seen or heard about, and memories they are about to create.

Last month was no exception as 55 club members and guests visited the Morse Museum in Winter Park, and enjoyed La Nouba™ by Cirque du Soleil® where acrobats bounced to ceiling heights, hung from draperies overhead and danced to our heart's delight.

We were all thrilled with the show and mesmerized by Louis Comfort Tiffany's collection of leaded glass and windows on display at the museum.

If you've never been to either of these, there are 55 travelers who will tell you that you should go!

Our future travel agenda is full of



events and we are waiting for you to sign up, but you'd better hurry before we sell out.

By popular demand, we have switched to the 55-passenger bus to take us to Fort Myers to the Mystery Murder Train Ride and Fleamasters Fleamarket stop from Oct. 20-21. The first 26 seats filled up in one week and we expect the next 26 will go just as fast.

There are two new trips on sale.

"Politics & Wine" is a secret day trip on Sept. 27, which will help get you through this election year. If you want to know the secret, stop by our table on a Monday or Thursday morning.

On Nov. 20, you may just want to sit and relax during a musical burlesque

play entitled "Broadway Babies."

We also have a nine-day bus trip in November which has been selling well all summer. This trip will get you away from all the political hype as we spend election day touring San Antonio, Texas, and the Alamo.

The race is on for a chance to go into the stables at the Tampa Bay Downs race track in December or sail away with us at the end of January on a seven-day cruise to Roatan, Belize, Costa Maya and Cozumel.

Along with this, we are now taking reservations for our Dec. 7 Holiday Dinner at Island Way Grill with transportation to the first 22 requests.

Now that September has arrived, our East Activity Center sales are back on full schedule. Why not stop by EAC on Monday and Thursday mornings, where we'll be on duty to answer any questions you may have, give you a list of upcoming trips or to sell you a ticket or two.

Even if you are not a member of the club, you are welcome to join us on our trips or sit in on our monthly meetings the first Friday of each month.

### Board members needed to keep club open

On a very serious note, our club has been going strong for the past two years, with a growing number of trips and a major growth in membership.

We've had a dedicated board of volunteers giving their time, energy and resources in an effort to establish a sound foundation for our club as we grew and expanded. We feel we've strengthened our club and made a difference in our community.

Now it's time for someone else to step forward and take the reins to continue on our path for travel and adventure.

Our nominating committee, Shari Anthony, Mary Garrett, Gay Hunt and Fran Zaloski, continues to seek members to fill each of the positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

We cannot be a club without a full slate of officers, so we sincerely request that volunteers come forward, step up and fill these positions in order to guarantee that our buses keep rolling. Otherwise, our club will have no other alternative than to face elimination at the end of this year.

We sincerely hope that this does not happen. Won't you please step forward for the good of the club - we would all be so appreciative.

# OTOW SEPTEMBER

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may be pulled out  
and saved

Events must be approved by the Community Service Office

## DAILY/WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

M-Monday, T-Tuesday, W-Wednesday, H-Thursday, F-Friday, S-Saturday, U-Sunday

### ART/CRAFTS

#### CARING AND SHARING

Tuesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

#### CERAMICS

Tuesdays, 12 pm, Craft Room

Fridays, 9 am, Craft Room

#### CHINESE PAINT BRUSH

Tuesdays, 12:30 pm, Art Room

#### PAINTING PALS

Wednesdays, 1 pm, Art Room

#### GOOD NEIGHBORS CRAFTS

Wednesdays, 9 am, Craft Room

#### SEWING

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. Starlite (starts 9/14)

### ATHLETICS

#### PING PONG

M,T,W,F, 10 am, Sunrise Room

### BILLIARDS

#### EIGHT BALL

Mondays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

#### NINE BALL

Tuesdays, 1 pm, Billiards Room

Fridays, 1 pm, Billiards Room

#### TEN BALL

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

#### SCOTCH DOUBLES

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

#### QUE'T LADIES

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Billiards Room

### BOARD GAMES

#### CHESS

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 2 pm, Rainbow Room

#### DOMINOES

Tuesdays 5:30 pm, Small Card Room

### CARD GAMES

#### CONTRACT BRIDGE

Mondays, Thursdays, Yellow Room, 11 am

#### DOUBLE PINOCHLE

Sundays, Wednesdays, 12:30 pm, Small Card Room

#### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Wednesdays, Sundays, 10:30 am, Yellow Room

#### HAND & FOOT CANASTA

Fridays, 6 pm, Small Card Room

#### MAHJONGG

Mondays, 4:45, Rainbow Rm

Mondays, 6 pm, Small Card Rm

Tuesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Rm

Wednesdays, Fridays 1 pm, Rainbow Rm

#### PINOCHLE

Tuesdays, 5 pm, Starlite Room

Thursdays, 5 pm, Small Card Room

#### SAMBA

Mondays, 12 pm, Small Card Room

Thursdays, 6 pm, Craft Room

#### SCOPA

Mondays, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Craft Room

### CARD GAMES

#### TEXAS CARD GAME

Bob: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Rm

Tom: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Yellow Rm

Don: Wednesdays, 6 pm, Rainbow Rm

Carol: Wednesdays, Fridays, 6 pm, Yellow Rm

Ron: Mondays, Thursdays, 6 pm, Yellow Room

### CLASSES/LESSONS/EDUCATION

#### COMPUTER CLASS

Saturdays, 8:30 am, Kitchen

#### COMPUTER CLUB

M,T,W,H,F, 8:30 am, Computer Room

#### COMPUTER CLUB WINDOWS 10 WORKSHOP

Saturdays, 8:30 am, Craft Room

### DANCING

#### DANCING WITH NOLAND

Mondays, 1 pm, Art Room

#### JAZZ & TAP DANCE

Wednesdays, 10:45 am, Auditorium

#### SNOWBIRDS SALSASIZE

Starts Tuesday, Sept 27, 9 am, Sunrise Room

#### SOCIAL DANCE LESSONS

Thursdays, 1 pm, Sunrise Room

### EXERCISES

#### BONESAVERS

M,W,F, 8 am, Art Room

#### CO-ED STEP EXERCISES

Fridays, 11 am, East Gym

#### CO-ED FUN FITNESS

Tuesdays, 9 am, Yellow Room

#### CO-ED EXERCISES

M,W,F, 10 am, West Gym

#### LADIES EXERCISES

M,T,W,H,F, 8 am, East Gym

#### SLIMNASTICS

M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, East Gym

#### TAI CHI

M,W,F, 1 pm East Gym

T, H 6 pm, East Gym

#### WATER AEROBICS

M,T,W,H,F, 9 am, East Pool

#### YOGA

Tuesdays, Thursdays 11 am, East Gym

Wednesdays, 11 am, East Gym (Sun Moon)

#### ZUMBA

Mondays, Fridays, 9 am, Kitchen

### LAPIDARY HOURS

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9 am - 12 pm (members only)

### LIBRARY HOURS

Mondays: 9 am - 12 pm

Wednesdays & Fridays: 1-3 pm

### WOOD SHOP HOURS

M,T,W,H,F, 8 am-4 pm (members only)

SUNDAY	MONDAY
04	05 Ent. Committee. Board 10:30 AM - Veranda Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium No.23 Swedish Tradition 2:00 PM - Kitchen
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18	19 Ent. Committee & Club 8:30 AM - Auditorium Bingo 6:00 PM - Auditorium Health Screenings Fre Testing 9:30 AM - Auditorium
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# Meat Sauce that works with everything



This recipe makes a large quantity of sauce than can be frozen and used later in other dishes. That makes it very economical, despite the cost of all of the ingredients. Make this sauce ahead of time and freeze and it makes future meal preparations a breeze. Try it, you'll like it!



## Ingredients

2 tablespoon Butter  
 2 1/2 cups Dry Red Wine  
 3 ounces Olive Oil  
 2 cups Milk  
 4 teaspoons Garlic, minced  
 1/2 teaspoon Ground Nutmeg  
 1/2 cup Celery, minced  
 2 tablespoons Italian Seasoning  
 1/2 cup Yellow Onion, minced  
 2 28-ounce cans Crushed Tomatoes  
 1/2 cup Carrot, minced  
 1 teaspoon Sugar (optional)  
 1/2 cup Green Bell Pepper, minced  
 Italian Parsley for garnish  
 2 teaspoons Kosher Salt  
 Grated Parmesan Cheese  
 1 pound Sweet Italian Sausage  
 1/2 pound Hot Italian Sausage

## The Perfect Beverage - Pinot Grigio Chianti Classico

## Tip Of The Day

How do you get more bacon in a pan? Bacon cooks more evenly in a pan if you cut it into slices, halfway, crosswise, before cooking. The shorter strips (which happen to be the perfect size for sandwiches) lay completely flat against the surface. You will be able to fit two extra half-slices in the pan without overcrowding.

## Directions

Heat butter and oil in a large stock pot. Add garlic, celery, onion, carrots, peppers and salt. Cook over medium-low heat until onion is translucent, stirring often. Add Italian sausage and crumble well by mashing with a potato masher until sausage looks "grainy." This takes a little time but is the key to having a smooth sauce. Add wine and continue to mash until sausage has lost its red color. Simmer over low heat until wine is mostly reduced. Add milk, nutmeg and Italian seasoning, then simmer for 20 minutes. Add tomatoes and simmer on low for three hours, continuing to stir frequently. If the sauce is sour to taste, add a tablespoon of sugar.

Serve immediately or allow to cool at room temperature for an hour or so, then refrigerate or freeze. Before reheating, break up the fat sitting on top into small pieces and stir the sauce. Serve over any type pasta or use to make lasagna. Of course, top with a lot of parmesan.

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# A new season of activities sponsored by your Community Service Office

## Community Service Office Seminars

To date, the Community Service Office has sponsored a seminar on Consumer and Personal Safety co-hosted by the Pinellas County Department of Consumer Services and the Sheriff's Office, and a Memory Care seminar cohosted by the Alzheimer's Association and Brian Fitness.

The seminars were well received and your many suggestions followed.

In response to your suggestions, we have rescheduled the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to come back solo on Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon to give a seminar, this time with a greater focus on "personal" safety.

Also, following your feedback and



suggestions, we have scheduled the Alzheimer's Memory Screening bus immediately following the seminar. They will be here from 1-4 p.m. and will be located in the East Activity Center North parking lot.

The seminar requires registration

and you will find the forms in this On Top of the World newspaper on page 19 or at the Community Service Office. Please drop off your completed registration forms to Nancy Rogers at the CSO.

The memory bus will arrive at 1 p.m. and will receive residents on a first come first serve basis.

The Alzheimer's Association will bring the bus back for a second visit on Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 1-4:30 p.m.

It's all free!

We are planning many seminars for the coming year on a variety of topics. I would love to receive your suggestions for future seminars too! Please drop off a short note or stop by the CSO to see me.

## Scheduling Rooms

If you need a room for a club or group event in October, November or December, you may do so by seeing Nancy between Sept. 1-15.

## Upcoming Events

### Florida Orchestra – Free Concert

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 1-2 p.m., East Activity Center Auditorium.

### Senior Expo

Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., East Activity Center

### Good Karma Book Club Anyone?

We at OTOW are fortunate to have a café in our community. Would anyone be interested in a book/luncheon club?

I would be interested in your feedback (see survey below).

## Good Karma Book / Luncheon Club Survey

1. What kinds of books interest you the most?

- Fiction - general, current or classic, historical, mystery, sci-fi, romance  
 Non-Fiction - memoir, biography, history, current events, science, travel  
 Others - Poetry and drama.

2. What types of media would you prefer for a Book Club?

Please select all that apply.

- Books     Short Stories  
 Audio Books  
 Variety of all of these

3. Would you be interested in a "live chat" with an author of a book?

- Yes     No

4. How often would you want to meet?

- Once a week  
 Twice a month  
 Once a month

5. Would you be interested in including a Deli Sandwich Lunch with the meeting?

- Yes     No

6. Would you be interested in a "Book + Lunch" package?

- Yes     No

Please return survey to Community Service Office

## Fourteen buildings still need a coordinator

# Building coordinators set second meeting of the year

A Building Coordinators meeting will take place from 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 3, in the East Activity Center auditorium.

All current Building Coordinators (previous title was captain) and new volunteers (residents who will be willing to be the project contact for their building) are invited to attend.

The Building Coordinator Project at On Top of the World is a volunteer, resident-led project for all 91 buildings. The Project encourages owners, or Association-approved renters, to learn about successful ap-

proaches where residents work well together as a building and as a neighborhood.

Valerie Martin, one of the coordinators at the Valencia Building, heads up the project as a volunteer. At an April kick-off meeting, she explained that the project is intended to promote an exchange of helpful information between building volunteers.

The Building Coordinator Project's meeting will begin with a general session, followed by "table talk" where attendees can rotate to specific tables and share successful approaches

to storage rooms, trash rooms, creating socials and unified activities, and emphasize volunteer participation by neighbors.

Already, since the April meeting, building leaders are reporting positive changes throughout the community.

In addition, there are more resident-led efforts to straighten up storage rooms.

More residents are hosting, and participating in, social events within buildings.

Of the 91 buildings at On Top of the World, only 14 buildings still need

a coordinator or volunteer: 3, 5, 19, 33, 42, 45, 59, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 77, 92.

If you are willing to consider the Building Coordinator role for one of the buildings listed above, please contact Nancy Rogers at the Community Service Office and give her your name, email address or phone number, and building number.

If you are a current building coordinator or captain, and you haven't registered with Nancy, we ask that you please do so.

We hope to have all buildings represented.

# Don't make political contributions over the phone

SCAM ALERT: There's a new and potentially devastating scam running around.

Let me tell you about it.

Suppose you need to wire transfer funds for some reason. The usual reason has to do with purchasing some real estate, such as an apartment or a home. However, there could be any number of reasons why you need to wire funds.

Well, I am sure that none of you are surprised to discover that scammers are trying to steal funds from homeowners, and also, of course, from anyone who needs to wire transfer funds.

The way this scam works is that a homebuyer gets an email from what appears to be the real estate agent or the title insurance company that is handling a purchase and sale of a property. This email requests a transfer of funds for escrow or for a down payment or for the final payment due at closing.

Now, of course, this email appears to be coming from the company handling the transaction — either the real estate company or the title company. Frequently, the letter appears to come from someone who knows a lot of the details of the transaction.

How can this be?

Well, it's possible that real estate companies or title companies have had their email systems hacked and thus emails can be sent to unsuspect-



ing folks because the emails appear to be the real thing.

The fact is that buyers should be very wary of sending financial information over email.

What should you do before wire transferring funds?

It's really quite simple.

Once you receive wire transfer instructions, call your agent if the email came from them or call your title insurance company if the agent came from them and receive verification that you were properly sent an email request to wire funds. Then also check to make sure that you have the correct wire transfer instructions.

SCAM ALERT: Scammers are able to "dummy up" their phone calls so they appear to come from your own area code or they appear to come from a specific agency, such as the FBI or the IRS or a Federal Marshall's office.

I do not ever answer a phone call if

I don't absolutely recognize the phone number. If I do answer the phone call, and there's a few seconds delay, I know it's a scam and I immediately hang up.

The WORST thing you can do is engage in a telephone conversation with a scammer. Just don't do it!

SCAM ALERT: It's that time of year when you will be getting all kinds of disgustingly annoying phone calls from politicians and political parties.

Some of them claim to want your opinion. Of course, they really don't.

Instead they probably want money. Unfortunately, you should never, never, never give your personal information and that includes credit card number over the phone.

If you feel that you want to contribute to a campaign, you can safely do it by going online to the candidate's Web page and pledging your amount that way.

SCAM ALERT: By now, hopefully, you've seen the announcement from the office of Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi's office warning about a fraudulent email that purports to come from her office and states that you owe some money.

Neither Attorney General Bondi, nor anyone from her staff, will EVER send you an email warning that in any way requires you to pay funds for some violation of the law.

SCAM ALERT: Scammers don't have to hack into your account to get information about you. They can hack into your children's or grandchildren's or friends' accounts and then when you open an email, they've got you!

Make sure your anti-virus program is completely up-to-date. If you don't know how to do it, perhaps a friend

can help you. Of course, you can always call your 10-year-old grandchild and learn what to do.

Q. My wife and I have no children and everything we have is in both names. We've got some cousins that we despise. What's wrong with my leaving everything to her and she doing the same for me. Then the survivor of us can decide to leave what's left whatever we the survivor wants.

What's wrong with that?

A. What if you both pass on simultaneously and before the "survivor" can do anything? Just asking.

Q. Do you have a favorite type of estate plan that would cover most people?

A. Yes, I do. Spend it all so you won't have to worry your kids will get it and blow it all.

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## Alzheimer's Association Memory Care Bus

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Nearly 30 people attended the Press Association's meeting in August - the only meeting for the club during the summer months. Several new reporters were introduced, plus some recent additions to the staff who were attending their first meeting.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

## All newspaper writers advised to start using 'Activity Card' instead of 'Recreation Card' in stories

For the past few years, On Top of the World Newspaper Editor Doug Kates has been pushing his 120-member staff to only use the phrase "Recreation Card" if such a reference is used in a story.

During the Press Association's summer meeting in August, Doug told everyone this rule is changing.

OTOW is switching the name of its identification card back to "Activity Card," as was the case several years ago.

Since there is an East Activity Center and a West Activity Center in this community, OTOW decided it only made sense that the card be referred to as an Activity Card, not a Recreation Card.

Residents with existing cards will see "Recreation Card" printed on their card, but future cards will switch over to "Activity Card."

"We like to be consistent," Doug told nearly 30 staff members in August. "When you have more than 100 people contributing stories to this newspaper, you want everyone to use the same terminology. We got into a great habit of putting Recreation Card in our stories when we needed to, but



now we have to make the switch."

For another example, Doug pointed out that residents have 20 different names for the East Activity Center, but writers are required to use only one name - the official name.

If a writer uses "East Recreation Center," "East Side Club House" or "Rec. Center on the East Side" it will be changed in their stories to the only accepted phrase.

"We'll gradually get used to the new terminology," said Doug, who pointed out that he first began working at OTOW nine years ago, the card was actual called a resident's "ID Card."

Then the name was switched to

"Activity Card" then "Recreation Card" and now is back to "Activity Card."

"For my writers who have been here many, many years, we'll give them a few months to make the adjustment," Doug joked.

There is no Press Association meeting in September. The next meeting is 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

The most important meeting of the year will be Nov. 3. This will be the annual Writers Workshop, where veteran and new reporters get a chance to review the Associated Press writing style, OTOW News writing guidelines and get a review of basic English grammar.

This year the Writers Workshop is mandatory for all staff.

This means, in order to submit a story for the December newspaper, each writer must attend the meeting or take a very brief class, which will be uploaded to the Press Association Website.

The online class usually takes less than 10 minutes to complete, but can be a valuable source of basic informa-

### Writer's Workshop set for 7 p.m.

For this year's Press Association Writer's Workshop, the starting time will be 7 p.m.

For the first time in many years, there is no show scheduled on the same date as the workshop, so the start time has been pushed back a little later.

Anyone who wishes to submit a December story for their building, club, group or sports team, must attend this class on Thursday, Nov. 3, in the East Activity Center Veranda Room.

If you cannot attend, the class will be online at the Press Association Website. Call Doug Kates at 799-3216 and get the Web address.

tion.

Anyone who does not know how to view the Press Association Web page, should stop by and see Doug or Dave Hart in the newsroom during normal business hours. They will give you the Internet address.



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Event Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2016  
 Time: 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.  
 Location: East Activity Center Auditorium

# A 'page' may be a tour guide or an usher, but history shows they can become famous, too

One way to enter the world of entertainment is to become a page at one of the three networks: NBC, CBS, ABC or a cable channel.

Pages are usually hired to conduct tours and act as ushers at live studio shows.

But getting hired as a page is a long process.

It has been said that it is easier to get into Harvard or Yale than it is to become a page.

Of the roughly 1600 individuals who apply for a page position each year, only about 200 are accepted. The acceptance rate is very low.

Once accepted, pages have one year to make contacts, do interviews or move into a company position.

The lucky ones get to work shows like "The Tonight Show," "Saturday Night Live" or other newer productions.

Think a page can't become famous? Think again.

Former famous pages include Steve Allen, Dave Garroway, Ted Koppel, Mike Eisner, Gordon MacRae, Joan Rivers, Bill Dana, Gene Woods, Gene Rayburn, Regis Philbin and Eva Marie Saint.

When you take any tour, you will find the pages are usually very friend-

ly because they don't know who you might be. I have several friends that were pages and went on to find their place in the entertainment world.

Personality and personal appearances are very important. It is the pages who come in contact with the public, people who are taking the studio tours, and they give the first impression of things inside the company.

So the next time you are in Los Angeles or New York, and you take a tour, be nice and keep smiling, as your tour guide might be a future CEO of a big company or the next Johnny Carson or Bob Hope.

Walter Balderson



Inside Showbiz



## Ask the Butcher Block!

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Legitimate questions, tips and suggestions will be saved online for other readers to see.

### NOTICE

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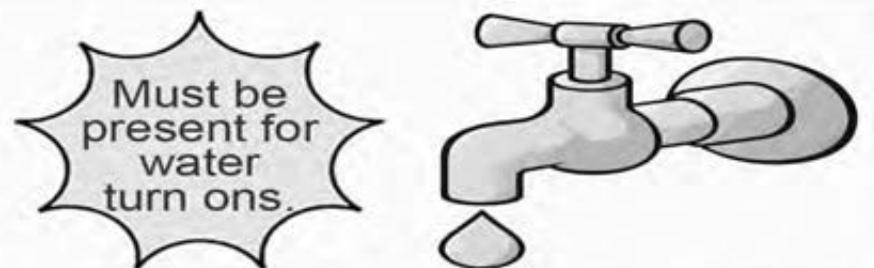
A new standard has been implemented for sealants that will affect window, awning and air conditioning contractors performing work for OTOW residents.

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.



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(4) For emergency service, call 799-1115 from 6-9 p.m. weekdays and noon-9 p.m. on weekends. A \$35 payment (by check) will be required

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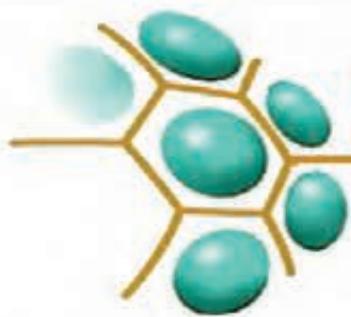
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# Get Acquainted Coffee in August



Phil Ferrazano sang country music at Good Neighbors Get Acquainted Coffee in August. At one point during the show, a few audience members broke out their dance shoes and enhanced the performance.

*(OTOW News photos by Doug Kates)*

## Mark your calendars now for clothing donations, flea market/craft show, and annual Senior Expo

By Jim Bjorgo

“Welcome” to everyone who reads this On Top of the World newspaper.

At the Good Neighbors Association, we are planning for a very busy fall schedule.

Mark the following dates and keep them open.

On Oct. 10, Good Neighbors will be selling tables for the fall Flea Market and Craft Show. Tables will be on sale Mondays and Thursdays, from 8-10:30

a.m., in the East Activity Center, just outside the Veranda Gift Shoppe.

On Oct. 21 and 22, Good Neighbors will host its annual Used Clothing Drive. We will be collecting clean and useful, men’s and women’s clothing, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., under the East Activity Center portico. Volunteers will be present to collect your used articles of clothing, which will be distributed to facilities that give (not sell) clothing to those in need.

Nov. 5 will be the On Top of the World Senior Expo. There will be indoor and outdoor events at the East Activity Center.

Nov. 19 will be our combined Flea Market/Craft Show.

And coming up in December will be Christmas with Santa. A specific day and time will be announced in another article, as will more information about the Expo and Flea Market/Craft Show.

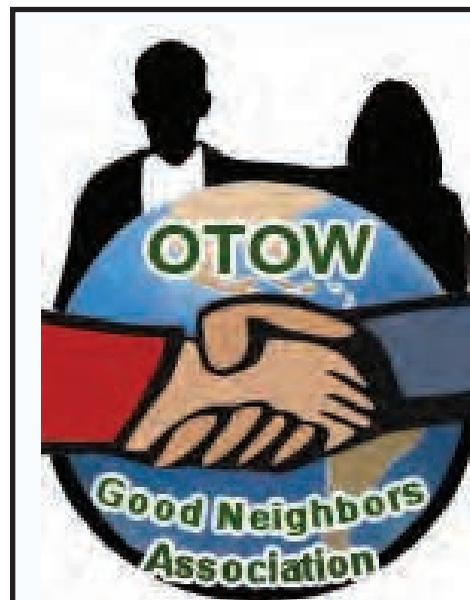
In addition to these upcoming

events, Good Neighbors always has Get Acquainted Thursday, the second Thursday of each month. The entertainer this month will be singer Ralph Rogers. There will be free coffee and donuts, activity updates, free entertainment and free raffle drawings, with prizes donated by vendors.

Always remember, please consider the Good Neighbors Association when you think of volunteering. We need your help in many ways.



The On Top of the World Republican Club welcomed representatives of SHINE and empath health to its August meeting. If you have questions about Medicare, call SHINE at 1-800-963-5337. If you need help with Hospice Care, Home Health, HIV Services and Support, Advance Care Planning, Palliative Care, Community Counseling or all-inclusive Senior Care, call empath at (727) 467-7423.



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# ACTIVITY REPORTS



## Leader of WAC exercise class will be ready to retire after 91st birthday

By Cecile Sangiamo

If you venture over to the West Activity Center on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday, you can join a dedicated group of exercisers.

This co-ed group has occupied the WAC gym for many years, guided on by different leaders, and marching to the sound of a pre-recorded exercise on cassette tapes.

(Do you remember what cassettes look like?)

In the past, at the end of each year, a photo of the group, taken by Dee Spears, would be added to the wall next to the previous year's shot. It was fun to look at the faces to see if there were any changes from one year to the next, up until 2002, when the pictures were removed from the wall for the room facelift.

Undaunted, their dedicated leader, John Velchoff, still takes the annual snapshots and shares them with the participants.

John is now 90 years old.

His motto is "you gotta keep going!"

He has been spurring them on year 'round since April of 1993 - 23 years!

Prior to John's taking up the baton, the class was conducted by Bill Humber, whom some of you may remember. Bill set up the routine about 40 years ago. It was Glen Moore who made the tape recording so the class could follow the same sequence consistently.

John says running the exercise class is still interesting because it motivates himself and he derives great satisfaction by watching others develop. Plus, it's good for the brain, as well as the body: the more you do, makes you want to do more.

John hails from Vicksburg, Miss., born November 1926, and as a boy got his start in physical fitness at the



For 23 years, John Velchoff has run the co-ed exercise class at the West Activity Center gym.

(OTOW News photo by Mary Lou Wall)

local YMCA.

In 1943, right out of high school, he enlisted in the Marines, before the draft could put him in the infantry. When he walked into the recruiting office, he was certain they would not

take him because he was not as tall as most recruits. Instead, they welcomed him as just the right size for the small cab of the armored amphibious vehicle which moves troops from ship to shore in the Pacific. It carried 30 ma-

rines under fire while the enemy was lobbing shells. John's job was to zig-zag through the combat and get them safely to land.

John found time to get married while on furlough. A year later, in Vicksburg, his wife presented him with a son.

After WWII, John stayed in active reserves from 1943 to 1947, then in Korea during from 1950-1953.

Once John's military service was over, he joined his father in their wholesale fruit business as a traveling salesman. In 1954, desiring to be on his own, he entered into something very different by leasing a hotel from the aging woman owner unable to run it anymore.

Ten years later, he and his wife managed a bookstore.

Ever seeking new challenges, his next venture was a 24-unit motel, café and pool hall on Highway 61. John added an oyster bar and was bringing in loads of shrimp and bushels of oysters. Customers were coming from miles around.

Finally, John and his wife bought and restored an old two-story hotel building in Vicksburg. They installed an oyster bar on the ground floor and a restaurant on the second floor. This became known as Velchoff's Corners.

Eventually, John and his wife learned about the healthier climate at On Top of the World in Clearwater. He has been here ever since and conducts the exercise class because he enjoys keeping fit.

But this November, John will be 91 and he is starting to consider turning the class over to a new volunteer. He would like to retire and train someone to take over the group.

Still, John has plenty to do. Despite his age starting with a 9, he enjoys dancing four times a week.

# First meeting for new show is Sept. 14



By Sue Calinski

We're ready to get back in the swing of things! Summer is almost over and soon our Snowbird friends will be back with us.

The Jesters will hold their first meeting of the season on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center auditorium. We expect to see many old friends, as well as a lot of new faces.

If you've been considering joining the Jesters, now is the time! For only \$5, you'll become a member of the Jesters for a year and get to be a part of our annual show.

We also have been known to have fabulous catered dinners at a special price for members.

The Jesters 2017 show is sure to evoke many memories, especially if you remember the 1950s, '60s, and



Pictured above is a scene from the 2016 Jesters show. This could be you in 2017.

'70s. Hmm, what could that mean: television, movies, toys, music perhaps?

The answer is a resounding yes!

The title of this year's show is "Thanks for the Memories," which will be directed by Lee Catalfomo. We

are planning a lot of action, laughs and a variety entertainment for your theatrical pleasure.

More details will follow, so keep an eye out for future articles and bulletin board notices.

We are counting down the days

until we meet again, and hope we will have a lot of new members this year.

If you have ever wanted to be a part of the Jesters show, we would love to have you. Whether you have prior theatrical experience or not, we can certainly find a spot just for you!

## A line dance can be as simple as ... or as challenging as ... the number of walls you see

By Antoinette d'Oronzio

There is more than meets the eye to the On Top of the World Line Dancing Club sessions twice a week.

Members dance to 14 or 15 songs in each session.

The first three songs on the program each Tuesday and Saturday are the easiest.

What makes a song easy?

The beginner songs tend to have short choreography, with the same series of steps repeated many times. The steps, themselves, tend to be simple, and the music is on the slow to medium side.

In the more challenging dances, later in the program, the choreography may be longer (twice as long or longer!) and the beat may be faster. The footwork may be syncopated and more sophisticated, and consequently it may be necessary to take smaller steps.



Some of the songs are choreographed as "one-wall" dances. The dancers either face the same way wall throughout the dance or face different walls, but return to the first wall to start the dance pattern again.

In other songs, the dancers turn halfway around (two-wall dances) to repeat the choreography or face four

walls in turn (four-wall dances).

There are usually two volunteers on stage demonstrating each dance. Those volunteers know that particular dance very well. One person cues the song, and calls out particular steps with the correct terminology, while dancing.

It's harder than it sounds.

The other volunteer is the demonstrator, the person who provides a second model for the big group to follow.

During the summer, with the Snowbirds gone and some of the other regular instructors and demonstrators on vacation, some volunteers are on stage for as many as five dances in a row.

The club invites newcomers to its general sessions in the East Activity Center auditorium at 9 a.m. on Saturdays and at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

A beginner class meets 30 minutes

early on both days.

On Tuesdays, at 1 p.m., there is also a level-two class in the downstairs exercise room at the EAC.

Too shy to join us?

Our Line Dance Club, along with OTOW-TV, has created four dance-at-home line dance videos, which are on channels 96 and 732 at about 7 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Our Club also has a Web page on the OTOW Box Office Website. You can discover our latest news and watch some online videos.

Step sheets for our dances are available at the Line Dancing Club official Website, [sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing](http://sites.google.com/site/otowlinedancing).

For more information, call 727-417-3272. Note that there is no line dancing session on Saturday, Sept. 3. We are off for Labor Day.

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# Join us and relive Chicago in the 1920s

By Lilli Scheifen

My summer vacation is over and it is nice to be back corresponding with our faithful Theater Workshop audience.

Hope everyone had a nice summer and you are set to get back to work during our enjoyable autumn season here at On Top of the World.

Our Sept. 7 meeting is 6 p.m. for board members only. The 2016-17 board consists of President Will Peterson, Vice President Brad Day, Treasurer Stu Gerstein, Assistant Treasurer Roger Nicoll, Secretary Lori Gerstein, Assistant Secretary Rose Fox and

Past President Tony Scheifen.

With so many people out of town, the board decided to wait until October to hold its first regular meeting for all members – date and time to be announced.

Will and Mary Sundblad are the co-directors for our spring 2017 show, which will be called "The Hideaways." The setting will be the roaring '20s in Chicagoland – fertile ground for good music, dancing and acting. This is also the time period for Al Capone, prohibition, bootleg liquor and plenty of gangland goings on.

Of course, we will learn much more as the meetings resume and people will be cast in various parts. Sounds like a lot of fun and mayhem.

What more information on Theater Workshop?

Representatives of our club are always on hand Monday and Thursday morning, from 8:30-10:30, in the East Activity Center auditorium. Stop by. Say hello. Learn more about the longest-running theater group at On Top of the World.

We would love to meet you and see you join our group.



**Theater Workshop**

# Knitting group gets requests for new products

By Phyllis Butler

Hello again from the Good Neighbors Knitting Group.

We have continued to meet throughout the summer, and have continued to produce our lap robes and shrugs for the residents of nursing homes and the VA hospitals.

Our members have gone on vacation or are already back from one. Others have stayed here and just kept crocheting.

August was a very good month for us. Although we do not have many members here at one time, the ones who do come,

work very hard and have produced beautiful items.

Helen Duranti, our leader, made a delivery to Morton Plant Hospital in August. These were mainly preemie baby items, but the coordinator asked her about coverlets. She said that they had a need for coverlets for patients receiving chemotherapy. Apparently, patients become chilled during therapy and they were looking for a way to warm them.

We also received a request from one of our nursing homes for more lap robes to distribute to other branches. We had

been discussing this and have been trying to figure out how we can accommodate both requests with our limited resources.

We do receive several large donations of yarn from residents who can no longer use them, and we do receive nice monetary donations from residents who know of our work.

With these donations in mind, we have decided to accept these two new challenges and will do our best to make everyone happy.

The financial support we receive from Good Neighbors and the Coffee Corner,

plus normal yarn donations, enable us to provide yarn for our members to knit or crochet.

We are very grateful to all our donors. New donations will allow us to expand to include coverlets, too.

The Good Neighbors Knitting Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9-11 in the Veranda Room at the East Activity Center.

If you knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us. While we don't teach, we do help each other with patterns and/or problems.



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# We are turning the Art Room into a sports bar for just one night

September's here and it's sports season.

Football and baseball are being played across the country – both professional and college ball.

One of the best places to catch the games is at a sports bar. You know, like Cheers, as it was portrayed in the old TV show. They had their regulars who would get together, watch the game, and socialize with each other.

That's exactly what we do at our monthly socials.

So on Friday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m., we're going to turn the Art Room into a sports bar. Dress up in your favorite team colors. Doesn't matter if it's for baseball, football, hockey or badminton. You're on the team.

Stop by the bar for the drink of the night.

Goal!



## Lambda

Engage in witty banter with your fellow sports fans. There will also be food thanks to our loyal Lambda chefs.

Anyway you look at it, you'll score a good time.

Now, some of us, are not particularly sports-minded. So going into a sports bar is like entering a foreign country with its own customs and language. As a public service, I am passing on a few tips so that you can fit in

with the natives. Sports fans often talk in clichés, so you need to bone up on some common phrases. Then you'll be talking like a regular.

Here are some examples.

"It's make or break time."

"There's bad blood between these two teams."

"When it rains, it pours."

Sprinkle them into your conversation. Also intersperse these phrases:

"Hey, check out those cheerleaders!" and "Booyah!"

This last term should be used when there's a big play.

And lastly, don't forget that sports bar greeting – the fist bump.

By following these tips, you can blend in with the crowd without embarrassment. And if your team doesn't win, don't forget: "We wuz robbed."

Lambda is a social club for lesbian,

gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) residents of On Top of the World. 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 LGBT 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 Web-page:

<http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>. You can contact us by e-mail at: [lambdaclw@yahoo.com](mailto:lambdaclw@yahoo.com). Or call Dave at 727-410-7566.

## Snowbirds dancing returns in October

By Ed Foland

The Snowbirds Club sales desk will not open for business on Mondays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center this October because the club as you knew it no longer exists.

We will continue Snowbirds line dance classes and Salsacize high energy exercise classes. Both classes are in the West Activity Center.

Exercise classes are from 9-10 a.m. on Tuesday mornings starting on Oct 25. Line dance classes will take place from 8:30 a.m. till noon on Thursday mornings starting on Oct. 27.

Line dance instructor, Dolly Foland, has been teaching line dancing for seven years and has been teaching in Minnesota for more than 20 years. She is now a choreographer and recently published her first line dance. Starting in late October, Dolly will be teaching her class the dance. Would You Like to Dance Again to the song "Angeline" by Ed Bruce?

Salsacize exercise class is led by Sheila Bonomo and Pat Koning. Both are high energy ladies, who do not mind sweating a little. They utilize a DVD player and TV to lead the class. The background music is fast paced



with a latin beat.

Exercisers are encouraged to pace themselves and drink plenty of fluids. Check them out in November.

A community wide Thanksgiving dinner was well received by the OTOW community last year and another one is in the works for next Thanksgiving day, Thursday, Nov. 24.

The popular Snowbirds map of OTOW will be back in November and free to all residents.

Information on line dancing and Salsacize are listed on our Snowbirds Club Facebook page.

Questions, contact Ed or Dolly Foland, Both can be reached at 727-417-3272 or [endfoland@aol.com](mailto:endfoland@aol.com)

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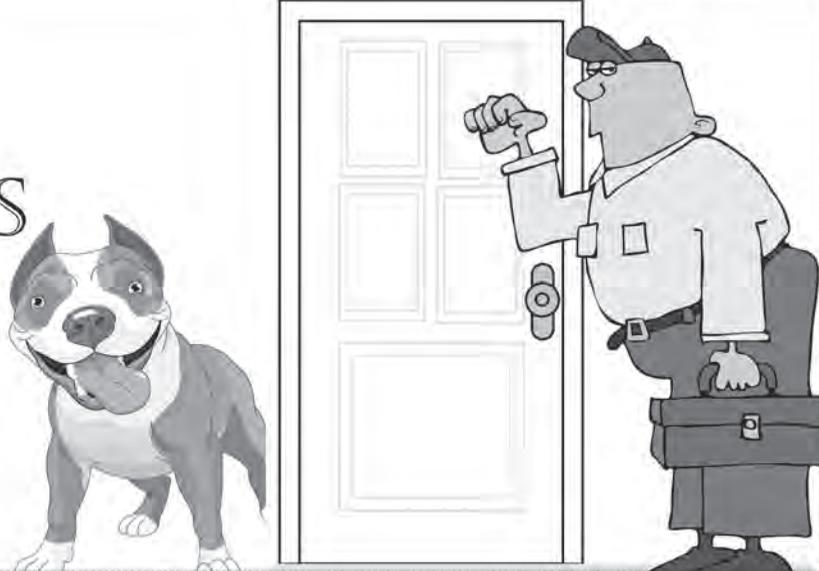


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# Congressman Gus Bilirakis attends Republican Club meeting to address current issues



U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis made a special appearance at the Republican Club meeting in August.

He updated our club members on issues and legislation, which he personally has presented to Congress on behalf of constituents in our area.

He also thanked other hard-working Congressmen on helping to get bills passed.

After Gus' presentation, he held a lengthy question and answer period. Despite poor weather this night, more than 60 guests attended the meeting and there were many questions to answer.

Gus stayed until everyone had an answer.

There were several guest speakers on hand during this busy August meeting.

One of the Republican Club's many community projects is to keep all members informed on medical changes in laws, as well as dates for Medicare open enrollment.

SHINE was represented at the meeting by Mary Doyle and she spoke about information that affects us all.

SHINE stands for Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders and is a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

Specially trained volunteers can assist you with your Medicare, Medicaid and health insurance general questions. These services are free, unbiased and



There were many guest speakers at the Republican Club meeting in August. Pictured above, left to right, are Ed Hooper (former Florida State Legislator), US Congressman Gus Bilirakis, Mike Twitty (candidate for Pinellas County Property Appraiser), Julie Peluso (wife of school board candidate Ken Peluso) and Chris Latvalla (member of the Florida House of Representatives).

confidential.

Empath Health also was represented at the meeting. Two volunteers were at this meeting to answer questions about Hospice Care, Home Health, HIV Services and Support, Advance Care Planning, Palliative Care, Community Counseling and all-inclusive Senior Care.

Empath is a nonprofit, integrated network of care for anyone facing the challenges of chronic or advanced illness in this area.

Other guest speakers during the evening included Chris Latvalla, Mike Twitty, Dr. Ken Peluso and Kara Korona.

Chris Latvalla, member of the Florida House of Representatives,

spoke about his freshman years in the Florida legislature, what he learned and how proud he was to make a difference on some of the bills that he assisted in passing.

Pinellas County Property Appraiser candidate Mike Twitty spoke about his 26 years of property management experience and how he is looking forward to leading the appraiser's office. Mike is actually a member of our club and is endorsed by the majority of Pinellas County politicians.

Dr. Ken Peluso is running for reelection for school board, District 4 and his wife, Julie, spoke on his behalf as he had another commitment. Ken is also a member of our club

Kara Korona spoke on behalf of

Amendment 4 explaining both pros and cons to the listening membership.

The Republican Club's next meeting will take place 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20 in the East Activity Center Kitchen/Craft Room.

Our guest speaker will be Spencer Bell, the Republican Party of Florida Regional Field Director for Region 5, which includes all of Pinellas County and a Southern piece of Pasco County.

We are honored to have him discuss strategy for the upcoming election. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Free Beverages will be served.

On behalf of your Republican Club, we wish everyone a happy and safe Labor Day Weekend to all residents.

## Did you know we have a step class?

Come on over and join Morning Exercises at 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, in the East Activity Center gym.

There are exercise, fitness and step classes for all levels.

The music will get you moving. It's a fun way to start your day and meet other residents also interested in staying fit and active.

We work on building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core, weight lifting and cardio fitness.

Our workouts change daily to keep you motivated.

We also have a Co-Ed Fun Fitness Class, Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. With the Large Card Room in the EAC still under construction, this class con-

tinues to meet in the Yellow Room.

In addition to all of the above, we have added a Co-Ed Step Class 11 a.m., on Fridays, in the EAC gym.

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

# Getting ready for winter season

By Rick McLauchlan

How quickly summer has come and gone.

I am sure that in all of our families, there are children getting ready to return to school if they haven't already done so.

To us, who are lucky enough to call On Top of the World home for a few months each year, it is time to gear up for our winter in the sun.

Let me take this time to repeat a few of the planning items which may be helpful to you, but first, please plan to attend the following Canadian Club events planned for the beginning of our winter season.



On Nov. 5, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., your club will be participating in the Seniors Expo in the parking lot of the East Activity Center. You will be able to rejoin or join our club during the Expo or on our Registration Night, 6 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 18 in the EAC auditorium. A wine and cheese so-

cial will follow on Registration Night, where you can renew relationships and make new ones. Membership is open to anyone, Canadian or not, who is in possession of a valid OTOW Activity Card. Renters wishing to join the club, or share in the other clubs and activities of OTOW, are reminded they must be in possession of an OTOW Activity Card.

## Health

Please make sure you arrange for and attend a medical check-up and arrange with your pharmacy for an adequate supply of medications to last the length of your time away.

Also, make arrangements for out-

of-country travel medical insurance.

## Home

It is advisable to place your telephone, internet and television services on hiatus while you are away, 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."

Lights should be on timers to give the impression that you are home.

Turn off the water.

Make sure you have made arrangements to have your Canadian residence visited regularly in accordance with the provision of your home insurance.

Safe travels and see you soon!

## Tickets on sale for ice cream social and spaghetti dinner this month

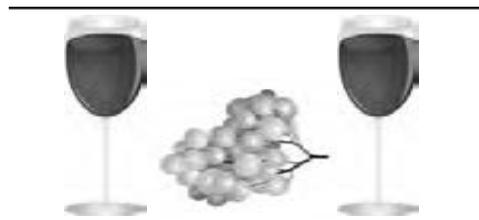
By Jerry Kaplano

Well, summer's just about over. Time to start thinking of the fall and the activities that go along with it.

Tickets for our events will be on sale at the East Activity Center starting Sept. 12 between 8:30-10:30 a.m., then each following Monday and Thursday at the same time.

Oct. 12 will be an ice cream social in the EAC at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for members and \$4 for non-members.

Our "Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner" will be on Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. in the EAC. Tickets are \$9 for members and \$12 for non-members.



## Italian American

While you are purchasing tickets at the EAC, don't forget to sign up for our Christmas Brunch at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa. It will be on Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$35. There are a limited amount of tickets, so sign up soon.

## September meeting will focus on oops moments

By Charlyn Miller

Marian Yeradi was hostess for the Rosy Hattitudes July meeting at the "Broken Egg." Fourteen members attended.

My visiting granddaughter and her friend were my guests. Both are 15 and it was an experience for them to remember. Both sent pictures to their parents, proudly smiling and mouthing "Red Hats."

All the "Red Hattitudes" gathered at "Sweet Tomatoes" for our August meeting. Jean Norris hosted the luncheon with 14 members and one guest in attendance, who became a new member. We welcomed Magdelene Nawrocy into our fun-loving group.

The "Queen" suggested the theme for September would be "The Way We Were." Each person will bring a picture from their past and we will try to guess who is in the picture. It should be fun!

Project "We Care" was initiated. Two volunteers will visit our members who are homebound or in rehab. We also wanted to have everyone bring an "Oops" oc-



## Rosy Hattitudes

currence for the September meeting. Something that is ridiculously funny and dumb that happened to them. It should be very nice to hear that we all have had an "Oops" moment.

At the August meeting, Jean presented each member with a "homemade" dish cloth. Thanks Jean!

Ginny Chilcote brought a donation of "Red Hat" clothing and each member had a chance to pick their favorite piece.

Marge Sutton will host September's meeting. Perhaps a luncheon cruise.

We girls just want to have fun - and we do!

## Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

5K Walk, 8 a.m., Saturday, October 15.

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# Congressman Alan Grayson chats with residents during the Democratic Club meeting in August



## Democratic Club

By the time you read this, you should know the results of the August 30 election.

Did your choice of judicial candidates prevail?

Was there a definitive choice in the District 1 At Large School Board race, or will the top two candidates need to continue campaigning until November?

Will the Florida Legislature listen to the will of the voters regarding solar energy taxation?

Only time will tell.

People who attended our August meeting were treated to a late addition to the agenda. Congressman Alan Grayson, campaigning for the U.S. Senate, shared his views against the privatization of Social Security.

The self-described “champion of the senior community” would also like to expand Medicare benefits to include vision, hearing and dental coverage.

Will Alan Grayson, Patrick Murphy or Pamela Keith be the Democratic choice for the U.S. Senate in November?

Stay tuned.

David Vogel is a candidate for Florida House District 67 in the November election. David, a tax lawyer, willingly engaged the August meeting audience with intelligent questions while waiting for Alan Grayson to ap-



Congressman Alan Grayson talks to the Democratic Club in August. His focus was getting more benefits for seniors.

pear.

David said the current tax code is 30 volumes and only about 30 pages concern the average American taxpayer. He described the remainder as “lobbyist giveaways, many of which are off-shore tax exemptions for large corporations.”

Our next club meeting is on Sept. 8 at 2 p.m. in the East Activity Center

Starlite Room. Our guest speaker will be Charlie Justice, current chairman of the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners

Charlie is running for re-election in November against a well-funded opponent. So you might want to bring your checkbook to the meeting to give Charlie an individual campaign contribution.

Fall elections are always a busy time of year. If you are willing to help with voter registration or canvassing on behalf of candidates, please call Donna Lukas at 727-460-4123.

Also, check out our club Web-page on the Box Office. Go to OnTopOfTheWorldNews.com, Enter, click on “club pages” and then the Democratic donkey.

# Bingo marathon set for October 23

By Brad Day

Hello bingo players.

It's the middle of our nice warm summer and we are taking a break from bingo for the month of August.

All of our hard-working volunteers need to rest a bit. This heat sure does wear me out fast.

We will be back the second Monday in September, as the first Monday is Labor Day, which is a National holiday.

We have many new people attend-

ing and we welcome them. So put us on your calendar for September.

Our “Big News” is that we have scheduled our next Bingo Marathon for Sunday, Oct. 23. The East Activity Center auditorium is available this day and we would like our early-returning Snowbirds to join us.

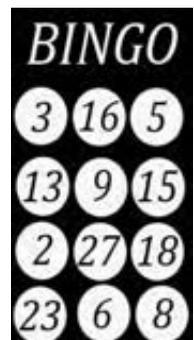
Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with the games starting at noon. We'll have coffee and donuts in the beginning. A lunch will be provided at the intermission. Prizes will remain the same.

We're looking to bring in 150 people for this event. Tickets will go on sale in September when we return from our break.

Here's a big hats off to our great volunteers. We couldn't do it without them. Some of us get here as early as 1:30 p.m. to start the set up.

So go on out there and have a beautiful summer, but we want you all back at bingo in September.

Thanks to all of you for supporting your bingo.



**BINGO**

# Want good news? Read our newspaper Want drama? Visit your OTOW library

By Katy Gerritt

Your On Top of the World library has the antidote for the late-summer heat.

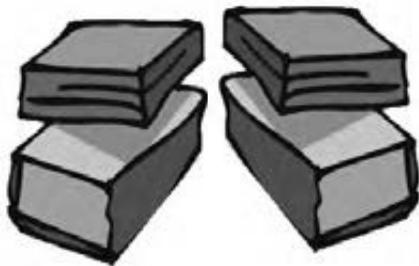
Great new books for you!

We have 10 new titles on our shelves, including Janet Evanovich's "The Pursuit," another entertaining and exciting story with a kidnapping and extensive chase of an adversary.

James Patterson has added to his private series with "The Games (Rio)." Jack Morgan is now in charge of security at the Rio Olympics, but plots are afoot to disrupt the games.

The second book in the Guardians Trilogy by Nora Roberts is "Bay of Sighs," a fantasy romance with a mermaid heroine.

Brad Meltzer has a new series, with "House of Secrets" as the first book. A woman gets a traumatic brain injury and loses her father in a car wreck. Her damaged memory makes it diffi-



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cult to piece together who she is and recall who her father really was.

Tom Clancy has written No. 21

in the Universe Series. In "Duty and Honor" Jack Ryan, Jr. has been put on leave. But he is being pursued by an unknown assassin. Who is it and why is he trying to kill him?

In "The Cavendon Luck," Barbara Taylor Bradford has added the third book in the Cavendon Hall series. It's 1938 and after avoiding disaster, World War II is threatening England, causing increased challenges for the families at Cavendon Hall.

"Island House" by Nancy Thayer focuses on Jenny, who has spent all her summers since college visiting Nantucket. But this summer she will need to make decisions that will affect her future.

Dorothea Benton Franks is back in the Caroline Low Country in "All Summer Long." A couple is moving from New York City and for him it is a return home, but for his wife, she is not sure she is ready for the much slower pace of life.

"Dishonorable Intentions" by Stuart Woods is No. 38 in the Stone Barrington Series. Stone has a new lady friend who is trying to get away from a very temperamental pursuer.

And in "Rules of Love and Grammar" by Mary Simses, writer Grace Hammond returns to small town Connecticut after losing her job. She had planned a short visit, but many complications lead to a much longer and complex stay.

We will be closed on Labor Day, Monday Sept. 5.

Otherwise, hours in September will be Mondays 9-12 noon, Wednesday and Friday from 1-3 p.m.

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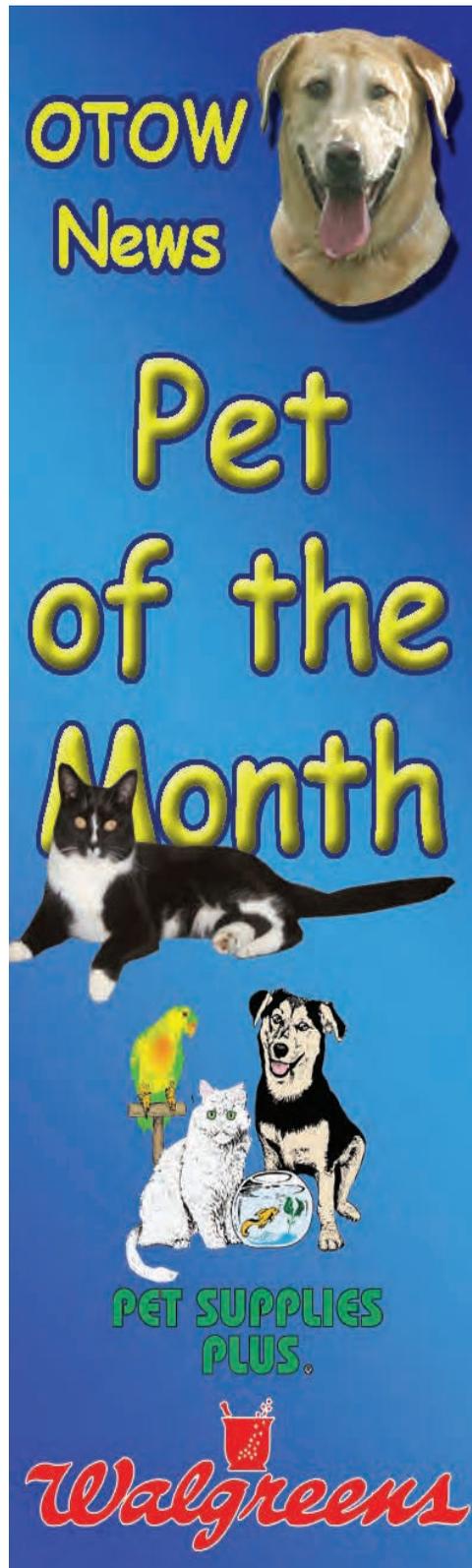
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## Pet of the Month for September is Laurie Li

Laurie Li was rescued from a puppy mill where she had 14 puppies over a five year period of time. She lived her life entirely in a cage, and never owned a collar or leash.

She became a Christmas present in 2014 to Joan and Pete Velott of the Punjab Building.

Once becoming an On Top of the World resident, Laurie Li got her first toy, learned to socialize with other animals and became house-broken for the first time.

Her human neighbors accepted her immediately.

Laurie is a sweet little girl who gained everyone's loving attention her first day here. Today she is truly a lap dog who likes hugs and kisses and will give them back to anyone around.

In her previously life, Laurie was never given a treat. It took her a couple months to learn treats were a reward for being a good dog. Today, she loves her treats and anyone who visits for at least 15 minutes.



*Laurie Li*

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

## Pet of the Month for August was Bailey



*Bailey*

Hello On Top of the World!

My name is Bailey, but you can call me Mr. B.

I am so happy to be here at On Top of the World. You can tell by the smile on my face.

I moved to the American Colonial building in June 2014 with my owners, Linda and Steve Yauk, and my twin sister, Muffin.

We came from Iowa after the whole family developed an allergy to snow, cold and ice.

I am 6 years old and a Maltese. I enjoy long walks, bike rides, lying in the shade and visits to the dog park.

It is my duty to keep the building free of squirrels and lizards. I do my best!

I love attention and freely give up puppy kisses. Next time you see me, ask

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# Perfect summer getaways for Baby Boomers - baseball, music, sand, palm trees and sunsets

By Ron Clement

“Take me out to the ball game. Take me out to the Crowd” is a lot of fun. Especially when the crowd includes a bunch of Baby Boomers.

It was twice the fun when a group of Boomers attended a double header at Brighthouse Field to watch the Clearwater Threshers play the minor league team from Lakeland.

What a night!

In addition to two baseball games, Boomers were given a free tee shirt at the gate.

The night did not end with the final out. Following the games, Reverend Barry and Funktastis Soul, featuring Hellacious Horns, performed a concert. The local favorites filled the stadium with music that had fans dancing in the isles. A great night was had by all.

Enough for the sports report.

In other news, the Baby Boomers continue to find free concerts to attend. Several Boomers found their way to Tarpon Springs, just south of Howard Beach.

There they discovered Sunset Beach. It is like a little island at the end of a causeway. It is all sand, with a music gazebo, and palm trees, complemented by beautiful sunsets.

This evening’s event was a free concert featuring a local group called Yesterdaze. The band played chart toppers from the ‘60s. As the sun set



Pictured above are eight baseball fans - seven of which live right here at On Top of the World. Can you pick out the one individual who is not a resident? His name is ‘Thresher.’

in the west, the Baby Boomers reminisced about “the good old days.”

As they folded up their chairs to head back to On Top of the World, they realized they were experiencing “the good new days.”

As the summer continues to wind down, the Baby Boomers will continue to seek out experiences to keep them active and enjoying life. If this sounds like you’d like to become involved with, please join us.

The Sept. 7 Baby Boomer Club meeting will be held in the Starlite Room of the East Activity Center at 5:30 p.m. The Sept. 22, meeting will be held in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center at 5:30 p.m.

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**On a beautiful Thursday morning in August, Roy Monteith prepares to toss a ringer while opponent Jim Manard waits his next turn. Watching the action are Dick Knight and Dave Purcell. Jim Wishmier was also getting some off-season practice in. The Horseshoe League starts up again in January.**

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



Karen Shinn follows guide lines on the floor.

## If you can follow lines, you can learn how to dance

### Learn To Dance

If learning how to dance was as easy as following lines on a floor, would you try it?

If you attend Noland Shade's "Learn To Dance" class on Monday afternoons, that's exactly one tool he uses to help teach - lines!

"I use visual aid," Noland said. "I recently used blue tape on the floor to demonstrate the steps so students can visualize the patterns for the leads and the follows."

"Learn To Dance" started in April. It takes place 1-3 p.m. in the East Activity Center Art Room. There is no charge. Anyone with an Activity Card can take lessons.

The emphasis of the classes is on The Waltz. Noland uses a "repeated pace" method so "everyone can learn

at their own pace. New students, who come in each week, are able to pick up from repeat lessons and move forward with the class."

Lessons are open to men and women, beginners to experienced.

"As always, we welcome new students," Noland said. "It is important that we have an equal number of men and women, so if you have always wanted to learn to dance, now is the time to come and join in the fun."

"You will be surprised. Before you know it, you will be moving across the dance floor with confidence and enjoyment."



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**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**


Despite the summer season, ‘Motown Heat with the Sounds of Soul’ attracted a huge crowd to the East Activity Center auditorium on Friday, Aug. 12. Despite a lack of Snowbirds, almost every table was filled during this concert. This was a return engagement for Motown Heat, which has drawn two large crowds for both concerts. This also shows that On Top of the World residents love good music. Residents who plan on attending a future concert should get tickets ahead of time, because concerts over the winter may sell out.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

## Separate tickets needed for British Invasion 2 concert on Oct. 13

By Marvin Flam

“The British Invasion 2” featuring the music of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones has been added by popular demand on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m., with table setup and all reserved seating.

Tickets are \$15 each. Bring your own beverages and snacks. We’ll provide the ice and coffee.

This added show is not part of any ticket package, so if you have a current ticket package, you’ll need to get separate tickets for this show, which was almost a sellout last year. We suggest getting your tickets as early as possible.

Remember, if you have a current Activity Card, you are a member of the Entertainment Committee. The EC charges no dues, and only asks your support of the shows and dances.

Do not miss the Entertainment Committee’s brief General Meeting at the free Sunday-In-The-Park on Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. In addition to a review of 2016, the Slate of Nominees for the 2017 Board will be presented. There will also be the usual free entertainment, refreshments and a raffle drawing.

The Entertainment Committee Board wishes to thank you, the residents, for your outstanding support of the shows and dances during the summer. We have had large audiences for these events.

We suggest that you get your reserved seats as early as possible to get the seat of your choice for the 2016-17 season. In addition to single tickets, discounted ticket packages for all the shows and dances, including New Year’s Eve, are available.

Come out and party with friends and neighbors

while enjoying a show or dance.

The Entertainment Committee Board asks that when you’re purchasing your ticket, you please let us know if you have special needs such as wheel chair, walkers or service animal accommodations. It is EC policy to insure that all guests to our shows and dances have a safe, secure and enjoyable experience.

We also ask that when you’re at the show, you respect others by speaking softly so your neighbors may also enjoy the show.

Get all your tickets early. We are at the East Activity Center on Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. You can also check us out on OTOW-TV channels 96 or 732, on the Box Office at ‘OnTopOfTheWorld-News.com’ and all the building bulletin boards.

You may call us direct at 727-797-1761.

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# So many problems in today's world

Did you notice? Manufacturers are now making stairs which are harder to climb.

Groceries are getting heavier. Shopping carts are slower. The good stuff is too high to reach.

Yesterday I took a walk to my street corner. I was dumbfounded to learn the city made my street longer.

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Did you notice? Young people don't know how to drive.

The other day I pulled onto a road and everyone behind me started screeching, swerving and crashing! I saw the whole thing in my rear view

Marge  
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## Internet Humor

mirror.

They must make brakes that wear out awfully fast these days. Everyone behind me was losing control.

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Did you notice how hard it is to find a good clothing company today?

They started taking size-32 clothing and putting size-40 labels on them.

The people who make bathroom scales are pulling the same prank. The number I am supposed to read is 110, but what it says is 155!

Who do these people think they are fooling?

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And young people are so inconsiderate.

Did you notice they always whisper when they talk to you?

I will ask someone to repeat what

they just said and they continue the same silent message repeatedly.

There should be no shame on me saying "what" a few times? But they just look at me and their faces turn red.

Who do they think I am - a lip reader?

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I would like to report what is going on to someone in authority, but even the telephone company is in on the whole conspiracy.

They print numbers so small in the phone book now, no one could ever find the right number to call!

# If you are returning early to OTOW, stop by and have a slice of pizza with us

By Jane Lee

Just a reminder, the New York/New Jersey Club will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 28.

We will have a welcome back pizza party from 6-9 p.m. in the East Activity Center.

The On Top of the World Travel Club will tell us about some of the trips they have planned, and the OTOW Ceramics Club will invite us to join their group if anyone wants to make Halloween decorations.



## NY / NJ Club

We will also be accepting nominations for new officers.

If you are a new neighbor to

OTOW, or if you are just interested in doing something different, this is a club for you. You don't have to have lived in New York or New Jersey at any time. In fact, it doesn't even matter if you ever visited there. The club is open to anyone who likes to have fun.

For those who are looking for something new to do, your talents and ideas are always welcomed.

The cost for an annual membership is \$5. You get a lot of perks if you are a member and you can save

money.

If you are a member, the Pizza Party will cost \$3 for a ticket. Nonmembers pay \$5 and usually \$2 more for each activity they participate.

Get your tickets at the East Activity Center on Monday or Thursday mornings before all tickets are sold. The ticket cost includes pizza and a soft drink or water. Anyone who cares for something stronger is encouraged to BYOB.

Hope to see you there.

# Your upcoming agenda should include swimming, golfing and singing in the Chorus

By Ilene Bargerstock

Sometimes I wonder if physical ability is more about state-of-mind than age.

I remember my mother, in her 90s, still respectfully referring to "those old people."

She would not find many here at On Top of the World since most residents seem to take advantage of the many activities available to enhance quality of life.

It's exciting to see new people moving into OTOW, particularly when it's your building.

Fourteen years ago, my husband



and I were the "new kids on the block." A friend was living here and numerous times told us that this community provided "more for you money" than anywhere else in Florida.

We were sold and have not regret-

ted our decision.

There is a veritable smorgasbord of things to do here. One of them is to join our Chorus!

If you have been in a high school, college or church choir, or just enjoy singing four-part harmony, come and give it a try.

The Chorus is inactive during the summer months. Rehearsals for this season will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m., in the East Activity Center auditorium.

We perform two concerts a year, one in December and another in the spring.

Regular weekly rehearsals are Monday mornings from 10-11 in the EAC Starlite Room and Tuesday evenings from 7-9 in the EAC auditorium.

So, welcome to all you new arrivals!

Perhaps I will see you on the golf course, at the tennis courts, in the billiard room, at one of the swimming pools, at the gym, on the dance floor or strolling by the lake at sunset.

But, most of all, I would love to see you at our Chorus rehearsal!

Come just for the fun of it! That's what we do.



# Almost time to find your golf hats

By Pete Milner

September is usually the month we associate with the end of summer and the beginning of fall.

It also signals to us, that before long, our friends and associates will be coming back to roost in the comfort of On Top of the World and Florida for the winter.

It's been rainy. It's been hot. But soon, the summer sun won't be so high, as well as the temperature, and more guys will venture out for a round of the greatest game ever invented by the Scots.

New management of the golf course maintenance crews should present some improvements and changes in our golf course. Make sure you speak with Dale (our new Super) and tell him that you appreciate his effort and his crews' efforts.

Please continue to check the scoreboard for upcoming events. Come to the check-in window prepared by knowing which hole you will be starting on. It makes it much easier for the guys in the shack to check you in. Try

## Men's Golf

not to have a \$20 bill when you check in. Please check in with a \$1 bill. We don't have change at 6:30 a.m.

Please continue to repair ball marks on the green if you are lucky enough to get your ball high enough in the air to make a mark. Repair must be made right after you make the mark in order for it to take. If there is another fresh mark that another golfer missed, repair that one, too.

Keep your carts at least 30 feet from the greens. This pertains to pull carts. Don't pull them across the tee boxes either. Use good judgement and keep carts out of wet areas.

And don't forget, keep your head down and swing through the ball. Wow! That's a lot to think about.

Doing all these things on a regular basis will for a habit and will come naturally. See you at the shack and remember to come to check in at least 30 minutes before your tee time.



When your drive gets you this close to the hole, remember to look for your divot and fix it. You may also find a divot left by another player. Let's help each other take care of our great course this winter. (OTOW News file photo by Doug Kates)

# Bill Cook, Dan Hyden post wins during limited schedule last month

Summer golf has its challenges.

One, is the warm weather.

Two, is the rain showers that turn our roughs into heavy roughs.

Dale Reash, our current superintendent, and his crew, have been diligent about keeping the holes in good shape for us to play.

If you do play during the Florida summer, care must be taken not to overheat or dehydrate. If you walk the course, you can lose as many as four pounds of water.

Bring a sufficient quantity of water with you and drink even if you are not thirsty.

A double canopied umbrella should be a staple. It is several degrees cooler under the umbrella and it will be ready when the almost daily rain

## Thursday Golf

showers pop up.

Another way to stay cooler is limit your time on the course. Quicken your pace and you'll spend less time in the sun.

The Zika virus has been in the news constantly this year. We are fortunate not to have a great mosquito problem here. To be on the safe side, there are several products on the market that are combinations of sunscreens and insect repellants. One, designed for fishermen works well.

The Thursday Golf League was

able to play a couple of times during the past month. Week 10 of the off-season was won by Bill Cook. Paul Meyers placed second and Ken Smith took third place.

Harry Barbin had low gross honors. Ken Smith collected two skins. Clyde Hershberger, Joe Wisinski, Dave Pittenger, Paul Meyers and Bill Higgins all had one skin. Don Leamy won the weekly competition, the lowest score on the odd numbered holes, in a tiebreaker over five other golfers.

Week 11 champion was Dan Hyden. Ada Culbertson took second place in a tiebreaker over Ron Parham. Bill Higgins recorded the low gross round. Skins were collected by Bruce MacPherson, Joe Wisinski, Steve Yauk and Ron Parham.

If you have been thinking of trying the Thursday Golf League, the summer is a great time to try us out. Fewer people play, so we get done earlier. All you have to do is show up between 9:30 and 10 a.m. any Thursday.

Weekly play is not mandatory and guests are welcome. There is no prior week sign up. If you show up, you play. If you are interested in playing competitive golf using USGA rules, our league is for you.

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

For more information call Paul at 727-474-2344 or email [blackdoggolf@aol.com](mailto:blackdoggolf@aol.com).



## Anyone can play shuffleboard - try it



By Dave Williams

The Shuffleboard Club will play our season opening match on Monday, Oct. 3.

If you have been looking for a relaxing, low-impact activity for the fall, consider joining us.

We play on Mondays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., but it's an individual sport, so you just play whenever your schedule allows.

If you want to try it out ahead of time, all the equipment you need is in the beige shed next to the courts.

We look forward to seeing all our old friends again, as many return from up North. New players are always welcome, and you are welcome to adopt your own personal shuffling style. All skill levels are represented. The only requirement is to have fun.

If you have any questions, call Marge (727) 797-0625 or Bob (727) 729-7970. Or just show up on any Monday or Thursday, starting in October. You are promised a little exercise and a lot of fun.

## Judy Garvey takes top honors for July

The Que'T Ladies Billiards Club had a great month of July.

The final tournament of the month was won by Judy Garvey. Four players came in second place. They were Liz Asselta, Becky Balderson, Mary Spearman and Paulette Perrotta.

The Que'T Ladies Billiard's Club meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the West Activity Center. We arrive early at 6 p.m. to practice and to help new players.

Ed Solivan and Denny Balderson are our coaches. Come out and join us for an evening of socializing and playing pool. See you there!



Pictured above are the top pool players from the Que'T Billiards monthly tournament in July. From left to right are Liz Asselta, second Place; Judy Garvey, first place; Becky Balderson, second place and Paulette Perrotta, second place.

## If you start stretching now, you will be ready for softball season on Oct. 11

By Bob Rittner

Do you know Who is on first base? Or What is the name of the player on second base? For that matter, if you ask me the name of the player on third base, I would say I Don't Know.

No matter how many times people listen to the classic Abbott and Costello sketch, it seems to stay fresh. And no matter how many seasons On Top of the World plays softball, we eagerly look forward to the next one.

I do know that OTOW softball

### Softball

begins again on Oct. 11 and we will figure out who plays where to suit everyone's preference at one time or another.

We play every Tuesday and Thursday until April, from 8-9:30 a.m., in Safety Harbor.

We welcome new players.

Our annual preseason meeting is

on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m. in the Sunrise Room of the West Activity Center. Join us to hear more and to sign up if you like what you hear. Or, just show up at the Safety Harbor field.

Whenever we invite people to join our league, the common excuse is "I haven't played in 50 years." Our response is always, "Neither had any of us when we joined the league."

But after a while, our timing returns and we are smacking the ball all over the field. And sometimes we even

manage to catch a fly ball or throw out a runner (using the word "runner" generously) at first.

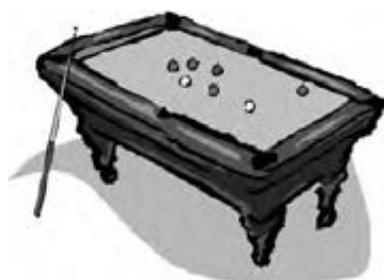
For more information, call any of the following: Tony Caputo 726-9248, Guy Bertuzzi 723-2307 or Bob Rittner 729-7970.

Jim Bouton once said:

*"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."*



# Phil Perez moves up to 'A' Flight



## Billiards

Some of our Billiards Club members have been playing pool for years, so a win is not always a big deal for them, but on July 18 and July 25, Phil Perez took first place in the B Flight.

These wins allowed Phil, for the first time, to move up to the A Flight for the month of August.

Congratulations, Phil!

### 8-BALL

On Monday, July 18, in A Flight, Joe Gora took first place. After a playoff between Tony D'Amico and Ray Quirion, Ray claimed second place.

In B Flight, Phil Perez edged out the field for first place. After a playoff between Craig Burnette and Terri Wittman, Craig took second.

On July 25 in A Flight, Joe Gora took first place. There was a playoff for second and third places between Tim Rush and Joe Ventimiglia. Joe took second.

In B Flight, Phil Perez captured first place, Eddie Ramirez claimed second place and Craig Burnette settled for third place.

On Aug. 1, in A Flight, Joe Gora captured first place with Tony Baker claiming second place.

In B Flight, Joe Wisinski edged out the field to take first place, Mario Rodriguez captured second and after a playoff between Craig Burnette and Vinnie Martinez, Vinnie took third place.

On Aug. 8 in A Flight, Joe Gora captured first place for the fourth week in a row. There was a playoff



Pictured above are the top finishers from the B Flight tournament on July 25. From left to right are Phil Perez, Eddie Ramirez and Craig Burnette.

for second and third between Gene Baranowski and Nick Sapienza with Gene taking second place.

In B Flight, Joe Wisinski edged out the field to claim first place for the second week in a row. There were playoffs between Craig Burnette, Vinnie Martinez and Terri Wittman. Craig walked away with second place with Vinnie settling for third.

On Aug. 15 in A Flight, Charlie Cronk edged out the field to capture first place, Eddie Ramirez claimed second place with Joe Gora settling for third.

In B Flight, Joe Wisinski walked away with first place for the third week, Mario Rodriguez captured second place and after a four-way tie between Ron Baltrunas, Vinnie Martinez, Ray Quirion and Terri Wittman, Ron held off his opponents to claim third place.

### 9-BALL

On Tuesday afternoon, July 19, Terri Wittman and Will Schafer stepped up to the plate to keep score during this double-round-tournament. They even racked balls after each set so the players could continue play.

This was a very close tournament. After a playoff between Bob Eads and Joe Ventimiglia, Bob made some incredibly difficult shots to capture first place. Joe wasn't too disappointed since earlier in the tournament he was the first player who won by making the 9-ball on the break.

On July 26, Ron Blaettner edged out the field to capture first place, with new player, Brian Malcolm, claiming second place.

On Aug. 2, Ron Blaettner edged out the field for first place with Joe Gora taking second.

On Aug. 9, Ron Blaettner ran away with first place for the third week in a row. After a playoff between Tony D'Amico and Joe Ventimiglia, Joe edged out Tony for second place.

On Aug. 16, Tony Baker captured first place with Joe Ventimiglia claiming second place.

### 10-BALL

On Tuesday, July 19, Denny Balderson walked away with first place, Gene Baranowski captured second place with Joe Gora settled for third.

On July 26, Joe Gora took first

place. There was a playoff between Bill Griffith and Joe Ventimiglia, Bill prevailed to capture second place.

On Aug. 2 there was a playoff for first and second place between Tony D'Amico and Nick Sapienza. Tony held off Nick to capture first place. Dave Williams settled for third place.

### SCOTCH DOUBLES

On Thursday, July 14, the team of Tony D'Amico and Eddie Ramirez captured the first place spot. The team of Craig Burnette and Joe Gora took second place. The team of Phil Perez and Joe Wisinski settled for third.

On July 21, the club played singles. There was a three-way tie between Joe Gora, Tim Rush and Joe Wisinski. After playoffs, Joe Gora took first place, Tim Rush claimed second and Joe Wisinski settled for third.

On July 28, there was a playoff between the team of Joe Gora and Ed Ramirez, and the team of Gene Baranowski and Terri Wittman.

Joe and Ed captured first place. Third place went to the team of Vinnie Martinez and Joe Ventimiglia.

On Aug. 4, the club played singles with Gene Baranowski edging out the field to capture first place. There was a playoff for second and third place between Mario Rodriguez and Joe Wisinski. Joe was able to hold off Mario to capture second place.

### SCHEDULE

Members in the A and B Flights play 8-ball on Monday evenings.

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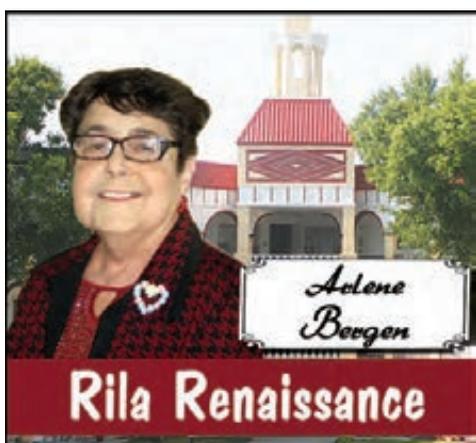
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# BUILDING REPORTS



## Newlyweds get all dressed up for Tampa's Comic Con



Our neighbor, Penny Page, recently went to an unusual event.

She and Rick Dusak attended their first "Comic Con" in Tampa at the Convention Center. The Center has been host to the event since 2000. It has grown in volume with vendors and attendees.

Comic Con is a convention where fans (of all ages) of superhero comics, fictional pop-culture personalities and science fiction/fantasy literature and movies come together to express their love for all things geek (used as a term of endearment). It is an event where you come to "cosplay" (costume party.) You dress as characters you love from comic books, movies or TV.

Penny and Rick went to their first Comic Con this past May in South Carolina. Both of Penny's daughters live in South Carolina and cosplayed as several characters.

Penny and Rick said "they couldn't wait to do dress-up themselves." It took Penny two weeks to create their costumes. Penny and Rick said "the prep was as much fun as the event." One of Penny's daughters made the armor (see photo at far right).

The characters were Zena Warrior Princess and Boria Evil Warlord. The characters were a couple in a TV show when Zena was in her "evil" period before she became "good." We are glad that Penny and Rick had fun!

We also want to congratulate Penny Page and Rick (Richard) Dusak on their recent marriage. Penny met Rick on an online dating service. It was instant friendship (see photo below).

They held their reception in the Sunrise Room at the West Activity Center. Penny's two daughters and two grandchildren from South Carolina attended. Rick's family was also able to attend and it was the first time that the families met each other.

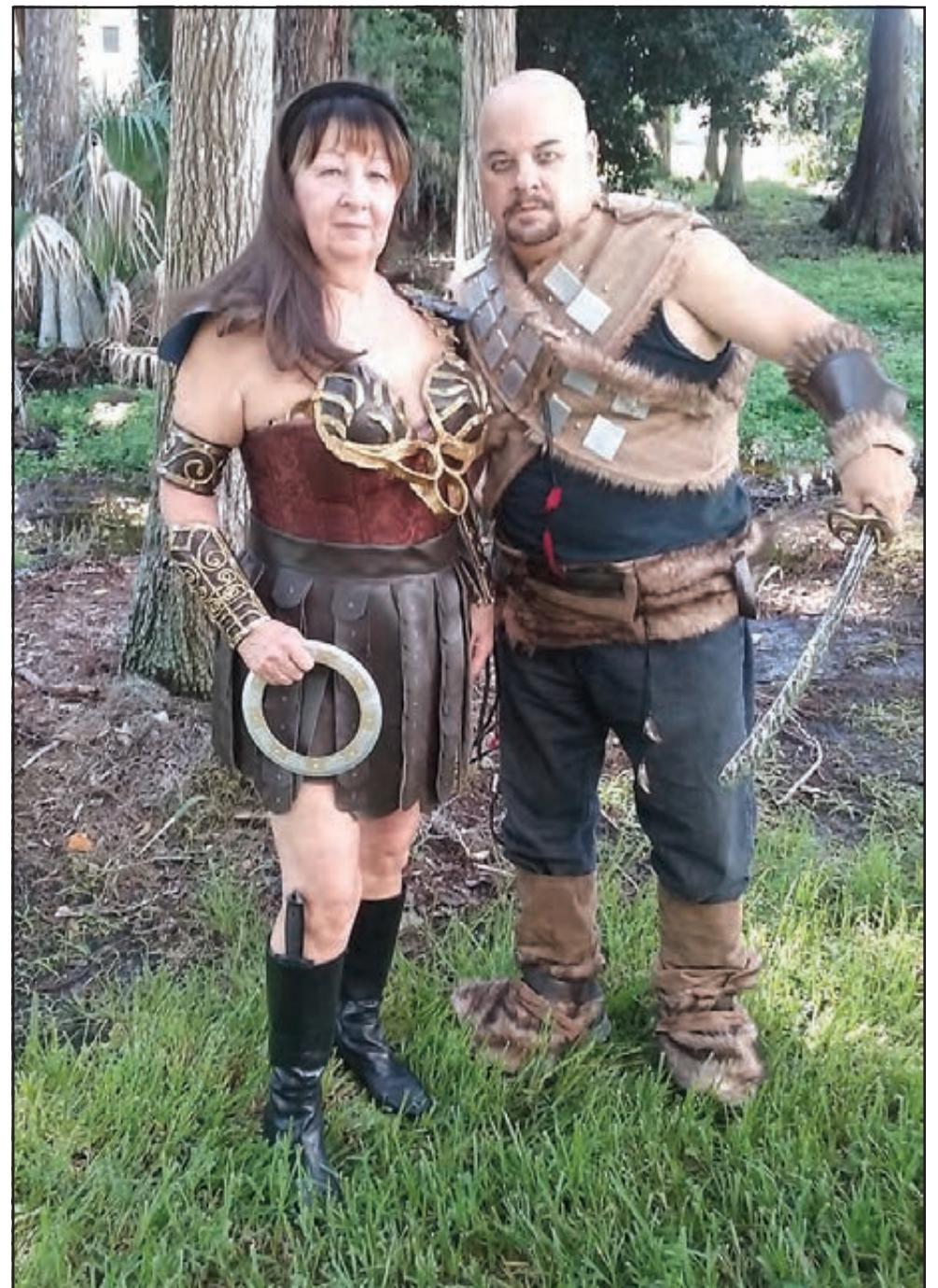
Rick is retired now and has been living in Florida for seven years. He worked as an advertising coordinator for a daily newspaper. He also played drums for 40 years. The two bands he was with were inducted into the Midwest Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Penny said "she never thought that at this time of her life, she would find someone so wonderful and get married." Congratulations to Penny and Rick!

We wish all our neighbors and their families a great Labor Day weekend of fun. Keep cool and drink plenty of water if you are outside for the celebration.



If you have anything like a wedding, special birthday, birth, vacation etc., please let me know. Our neighbors love reading the articles and I enjoy writing them. You can call me or leave a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board in the core.



Above: Penny Page and Rick Dusak in costume at Tampa's recent Comic Con convention. Penny was "Zena, the Warrior Princess," while Rick played "Boria the Evil Warlord." Left: Penny and Rick at their wedding.

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# Theresa Kawalec passes the pen to new Chetnik reporter

This month's column is to briefly introduce myself as the new reporter for the Chetnik Building. After 20 years, Theresa Kawalec has decided to take a step back and will now be proofreading the column before going to print, an offer which I appreciate very much.

On behalf of all the residents of the Chetnik, I would like to thank Theresa Kawalec for being a tireless writer of the column.

In addition to these many years as a creative and informative reporter for the Chetnik, Theresa, along with her husband, John, have been instrumental and willing volunteers in many of the building's activities, including helping to organize monthly luncheons, our periodic core parties, holiday festivities, etc., as well as other helpful duties which have made the Chetnik more like a neighborhood community.

They also help new residents an opportunity to meet their neighbors, and the rest of us, a chance to get caught-up with each other.



Theresa and John have been residents of the Chetnik for 24 years. Again, we thank them for all their energy and tireless work.

I am a second-generation resident of On Top of the World. I have lived in the Chetnik for just over 12 years. My parents lived in another building for about 10 years as did my aunt and uncle in yet another building. In the July issue of the paper, Theresa wrote about my background and work history, so there

is no need to repeat her kind words.

We have had several new residents move into the building during the past several months, so I will mention a couple of our new neighbors.

Sue Cugini came here in May. Sue is originally from the Bronx, N.Y., and has a nursing background. She is currently providing private care in the local area and is investigating opportunities to perform volunteer work in the health field. Sue has two sons who live in the area, as well as her brother and sister. Welcome aboard, Sue!

Mike and Cindy Spahalski are now permanent residents. They purchased a unit in 2012 and were part-time residents until their permanent move in July. Mike is a retired Marine with 30 years of active service and an additional 10 years working with the Marines through the Civil Service. Of course we thank him for his service.

Cindy is also a retired Federal Civil Service employee, with 33 years of service. She also worked for the

Marines, and this is where Mike and Cindy met and eventually married.

They have two daughters who currently live up North.

Mike and Cindy are truly part of a family affair at On Top of the World. They have numerous relatives who live at OTOW, either full-time or part-time. Mike's father is a permanent resident. There are also uncles, aunts and cousins as well as Cindy's sister and her husband. Again, welcome aboard!

This month's safety tip is to always lock your doors, both for your unit and your cars... as they say, it is better to be safe than sorry!

Well that is about it for this month's news, I am sure there is more going on out there, and I will try to keep you up-to-date. I will also try my best to fill Theresa's shoes!

*(The staff and management of the OTOW News thanks Theresa Kawalec for her many years of dedicated service as Chetnik Building reporter. Good luck in the future!)*

## New resident relocates from Countryside

Years ago, I called to restrict telemarketing calls, but now I am getting lots of them.

The Tampa Bay Times recently posted some info in regard to stopping them. You can register your phone number by calling 1-888-382-1222 or going on line to donotcall.gov. If after 31 days, you still receive calls, you can file a complaint using the same web page and toll-free number.

We have a new owner living on the second floor of the even side of our building. Her name is Cynthia Harris. Cynthia was raised in Birmingham, N.Y., but for the past 30 years has been living in Florida.

She decided to move to On Top of the World, so she sold her home on Countryside Blvd.

Cynthia is retired from Price Waterhouse and the PSCU Credit Union where she handled programs.

Cynthia has three kittens. They are Isabella, Mickey Mouse and Mickie. Welcome to the Espana, Cynthia.



I know you will enjoy meeting your wonderful neighbors!

Many of our residents have traveled during July. Carol Keough's daughter Elizabeth drove down from Newport News, Va., and took Carol to Folly Beach, N.C., for a family reunion. There were 18 attendees and they all had a great time visiting and bringing everyone up to date.

When they returned to Espana, Carol's grandson, who is also from Virginia, came to visit. He has graduated college and is now in dental school.

Norma and Joe Bastidas have returned from a month-long trip to New Jersey, where they attended the First Communion of their oldest granddaughter. In May they had another granddaughter. They now have six grandchildren: three boys and three girls. Norma said they enjoyed the visit and really enjoyed seeing the children.

Ellen and John Fier took a three-week trip and drove over 3,500 miles. The first stop was the Biltmore in North Carolina. Ellen said they enjoyed the tour of the building and the grounds.

Then they went to Ohio to visit friends and then on to Wisconsin. They toured most of the state since they have family all over the state. They saw their three great-grandchildren.

Ellen said they had a ball when they took their 4-year-old great-grandson for a ride on an old fashioned locomotive. She said he was thrilled.

Well it is now the month of Labor Day and we can now look forward to some cooler weather.

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## Attention OTOW News writers ...

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



# A month in London offered time to tour familiar sights

Keeping with the spirit of our Viking namesake, several of our residents traveled to some far-flung places this summer.

One of the great, historic cities of the world is London, England. Lori Tietz was lucky enough to spend a month there.

Spending more than a few days in a place makes a huge difference in how you get to know it.

Lori said, "It was more like spending time as a resident. I got to walk through neighborhoods and go shopping." People there eat a lot of fresh food. She said, "The fruit was extraordinary," locally grown without preservatives.

What made the month even more special is that Lori spent it with her daughter, Jennifer, who is living and working in London. Aside from her civilian job, Jennifer is a Commander in the US Navy, on active reserve, and a graduate of the Naval Academy.

Being an obvious lover of all things growing, Lori loved the gardens, both public and private, around London. She said that Londoners "treasure their greenery." They also take recycling very seriously. She visited the Kensington Palace and Gardens, The London Flower Show, and the expansive and



amazing Kew Royal Botanic Gardens.

Two of her favorite things were a boat tour on the River Thames and touring London on the double-decker



Lori Tietz' recent trip to London included stops at world-famous places such as Buckingham Palace (top) and Big Ben (left). She visited the city and her daughter, who lives there, earlier this summer. (Photos by Lori Tietz)

buses, which allow you to get on and off all day.

They even managed to stop by Buckingham Palace (see photo at top). "The Queen wasn't in," Lori reported.

They also saw busy Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, the British Museum, and the London National Gallery. All museums and galleries are free.

Another highlight was watching "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Shakespeare's Globe Theater. She and Jennifer also attended a concert by Mumford & Sons at Hyde Park, with 60,000 other fans.

Even a month is not nearly enough time to experience all of London. Lori will be returning in December. Maybe she will take us with her!



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



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Capistrano dwellers enjoy lunch and camaraderie at Johnny's Italian Restaurant .

## Summer luncheon draws 18 Capistrano residents together

Who doesn't like Johnny Bread? Maybe that was the reason for the high attendance at our building's recent summer luncheon.

Or, maybe it had just been too long since we had all gotten together. Whatever the reason, on July 21, there were 18 of us on hand to enjoy scrumptious food and lively conversation at Johnny's Italian Restaurant (see photo, above).

Congratulations to Barbara and Gary White, who celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary in July with a trip to Biloxi.

Many of us have traveled during the past few months. In May, Jackie Kailimal spent 10 days visiting family in Detroit. The main reason for her visit was her grandson's high school graduation. He is a state tennis champion and in the fall he plans on attending Michigan State. Jackie also traveled to Texas for the birth of her latest great-grandchild.

Also in May, Janet Stafford and I took a road trip to North Carolina. There we visited the beautiful Biltmore Estate in Asheville and toured Connemara, the Carl Sandburg home in the town of Flat Rock.

Most of us know Carl Sandburg as the great American poet of the people. But, did you know that Mrs. Sandburg raised champion dairy goats and her goat breeding program led to the improvement of goats as milk producing animals?



On our way home, we stopped in Atlanta and took in the Chihuly Nights exhibit at the lovely Atlanta Botanical Gardens.

Patti Jones and Don Drake took a Florida vacation in July, spending several days in New Smyrna Beach. Just one of New Smyrna's accolades is the fact that in November 2013, Travel & Leisure Magazine placed New Smyrna Beach on its list of "World's Coolest Surf Towns."

Afterwards, Patti and Don headed to Beaufort, S.C., for a brief stay.

Bennie Gresham camped for a few days with her daughter and family. They "camped" in style in a 40-foot motor home in the beautiful Yellow Jacket campground on the Suwannee River near Old Town, Fla.

A notable fact about the Suwannee River is that it is fed by nearly 200 springs, the highest concentration in the world.



### A look back at the OTOW News (September, 1991)

By Esta-Lee Schwartz

- Familiar reminder about common areas: Corner areas, center cores, jutting areas of walkways are common areas belonging to all owners.
- Introduction to Jewel Osco Shoppers Plus Home Delivery, which began in August, 1991. You could call or fax your order. \$7.50 fee for regular deliveries or \$5 for prescription or floral deliveries.
- Valencia Building by Joan Franzone noted that Joann and John Johnson spent some time in Green Bay, Wis., visiting Joann's father, who was 90. Joan wrote out a drink to refresh you. It is called a "Blender Fizz"

1 ½ cups pineapple juice

2 scoops lemon sherbet

½ cup club soda

Put all in a blender and enjoy.

- Howard Lindau, who wrote the Fixers, Fiddlers and Fumblers column that appeared that month added a little poem into his story about "Paint Storage Problem Solved."

*I'm not allowed to run the train, or see how fast she'll go*

*I'm not allowed to let off steam, or make the whistle blow*

*I do not exercise control, or even ring the bell*

*But let the dumb thing jump the track and see who catches hell!*

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## OTOW travelers beat the heat with trips to Alaska

With the warmer summer days, Austrian Alpine residents beat the heat and get out early in the morning as they play on the golf course, walk around the campus, bike on the nearby trails and exercise their dogs.

Some go to extremes. They travel to Alaska! Jim Lutz took a seven-day cruise with stops and tours at various ports. He enjoyed Ketchikan, particularly a walking tour with a Native American guide, once the mayor of the town, who explained the cultural marriage arrangements of the tribe. Jim also toured the Mendenhall Glacier near Juneau.

When he went to British Columbia and Victoria Island, there was little snow. When he needed to stay warm, Jim dressed in layers—the Alaskan climate is so alien to Florida residents! There were 18 hours of daylight, too.

Another couple, Pat and Beverly Gallagher, also went on a cruise in Alaska. They went on a whale-watching trip on the same small boat they had toured on six years ago. It was near Juneau, with many humpback whales wheezing and surfacing within 60 feet of the boat.

“The whales show up, blow out air, then go under,” Beverly remarked. “At one point a whale was 30 feet from the boat. Pat could have jumped on its back!” Such beautiful creatures! Orca whales followed the humpbacks as they are predators.

Pat and Beverly also stopped at Anan Creek in Southeast Alaska, near Ketchikan. The spot they went to was



Above, an eagle waits atop an outcropping for a bear to catch, then (hopefully) drop, a salmon from the raging waters of this Alaskan creek. Left, Beverly Gallagher poses next to a fearsome Alaskan bear. (All photos courtesy of Pat and Beverly Gallagher)

an hour flight away from the cruise. This area allows only 60 people in per day. This is the only place where black and brown bear catch fish together.

Three black bears, a mother and two cubs, reached in and grabbed the salmon. The brown bear, however, was the worst salmon catcher and missed every time. Perhaps the eagle got the fish! See photo at top right.

The sign-up list for our Holiday Dinner at the Island Way Grill on Dec. 5 will be posted for the month of September. The cost is \$21.50 (includes tax and tip) per person. Please give your money to Norita Evans, our building treasurer. We are asked to pay the restaurant 60 days ahead of the dinner date.

Check our new bulletin board next to the elevator for building news and events.



Pat Gallagher at one of the Alaskan ports he and Beverly visited on their recent trip.

## Kudos to OTOW crews for renovations

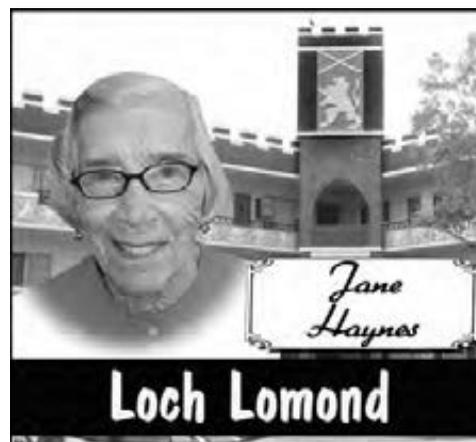
Having heard nothing of any adventures or visitors, it is hard for me to publish Loch Lomond news.

Except, of course, the great news that our really lovely building just received its scheduled repainting, and does it sparkle! Even the core received a nice clean coat.

Recently we have had our parking lot renovated (last year), new safety railings installed on the second and third floors, and much attention paid to the “yard” area, including new grass in previously barren areas. It is all much appreciated.

And the East Activity Center building has a new shade of exterior color now. So much is being accomplished....

This is a reminder to our many dog owners: Halloween brings with it the annual On Top of the World Pet Costume Contest. It is set for Saturday morning, Oct. 15, at the OTOW Dog Park. Your dog will love the attention



and publicity and will gladly share it with you!

Winter residents will soon be returning, so if you have ideas for welcoming them back, or for all the residents to get together to share adventures, show pictures, and of course, sip and dip with one another, just spread the word.

If you see Marie Mikuliza trying to keep up with a lively, curly blonde, it was

her adorable Georgia granddaughter, who spent a time with Marie that was fun for all.

Don't forget to round up your give-away clothes soon.

Remember, your activity card has to be re-punched every year, so be sure to come by the East Activity Center with your card and a piece of recent mail (probably a bill) that confirms your residence here at OTOW. This will help you complete the process easily.

Read your OTOW newspaper and promise yourself to take advantage of the many activities and meetings our community offers. You will be occupied both mentally and physically.

We regularly get new residents, so extend the hand of friendship to any new face you see.

Don't forget to check the bulletin boards frequently. And let me know what you've been up to so I can write about it in my column. Thanks!



### OTOW Boat Owners & Future Boat Owners

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# New Paradise reporter born and raised in Pinellas County

Hello neighbors! It has been a while since you have heard from your neighbors living in the Paradise area of our wonderful community.

My name is Toni Reinwald, and I have volunteered to report our news.

I have been asked to introduce myself to you, so I'll try not to bore you to death!

I am one of those rare individuals who was actually born right here in Florida! In fact, I was born at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater. I grew up in Pinellas County in the small village known as Ozona. It is on the bay just west of the Palm Harbor area. If any of you are familiar with Molly Goodhead's Restaurant in Ozona, that was my great-aunt's home!

I graduated from Tarpon Springs High School and received my degree from Eckerd College.

My late husband, Chuck, and I lived in Palm Harbor most of our working years. I was Sr. V.P. and CFO



of First Savings Bank of Florida. My husband worked for Verizon.

After we both retired, we moved to our lake home on Lake Rousseau which is north of Crystal River, Fla. After a few years, we relocated to Heritage Springs, a 55 and older golfing community in Trinity, Fla.

After my husband's passing, I decided to downsize and relocate back to my old stomping grounds. I have

been living in Paradise for one year now and love it!

I volunteer for several groups here as well as outside of our community. I also share my condo with my little Shih Tzu, Nicki (see photo). She is now two years old and loves it here! She is very social, and loves her new friends both two-legged and four-legged!

If you live in Paradise, I encourage you to participate and share your stories with us. Did you have an interesting career? Do you have a hobby you could share? Do you have a family member you would like to do a little bragging about? Have you been on any vacations lately to share with us? Does your building have social activities you could report? Have you celebrated a special birthday or anniversary? Are you a new resident of OTOW? I am anxiously waiting to hear from you!

I live in Rio Riviera (building 94) in Paradise. I will have an envelope on the bulletin board in my building



Let's meet new Paradise reporter Toni Reinwald's Shih Tzu dog, Nicki.

labeled "Paradise News" where you can drop off your stories and pictures. In addition, you can e-mail me at tcreinwald@gmail.com.

Please have your info to me by the 10th of the month so I have time to prepare the article by the due date.

I look forward to hearing from you. We are all blessed to live in our wonderful community!

## Resident finds much to explore in New Brunswick

Summertime at On Top of the World continues with record-breaking heat and humidity.

One of our residents, JoAnn Dameron, planned a vacation to Canada during the worst of the heat. JoAnn left Tampa airport at 2 p.m. and arrived in Mouton airport in New Brunswick, Canada at 1 a.m. by two flights.

Her hostess and host from the fishing village of Shediac, known as Lobster Capital of the World, arrived and soon were ensconced in their cabin on the bay. After a good night's sleep, the three some were ready to go see Shediac.

Shediac has a population of 6,053 people and covers five square miles. Friends in Shediac with a 45-foot lobster boat took them out two different days.

On Sunday, the park has an open Artists Market with arts and crafts, fruit and vegetables, and ready-to-eat cooked food.

They visited Prince Edward Island, Potato Capital of the World. It also boasts Edward McDonald, a previous mayor, for inventing the crossword puzzle.

They saw a stage performance of "Anne of Green Gables" by Charlotte's local group that was very professionally enacted.

Lobster in restaurants is generally served shelled with the lobster chopped



into smaller edible pieces. A little disappointment as she was looking forward to seeing and eating the whole lobster.

JoAnn had a wonderful time and brought back lots of pictures.

JoAnn is planning on a residents' picnic sometime during this month.

Laurie Cavanaugh's first grandchild arrived on July 21. It was a son weighing in at 9 lbs., 6 oz. Even waiting five days after the due date was worth the anxious wait!

The newborn was greeted by his Tampa grandparents, his New Hampshire uncle and his Ohio uncle. The paternal grandmother provided two handmade baby quilts and included other special gifts.

Don't forget to read the bulletin boards for planned events and please contact me if you have a news story.



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## Nearby library offers many programs and classes

The women of the Bohemia Building have taken advantage of the many activities that the Safety Harbor Library presents.

In early July, eight adventurous girls took advantage of the Belly Dancing class offered. Consensus, was, that it presented great exercise, lots of giggles and a resolution, among some, that they would join a regular Belly Dance class. We are all expecting a demonstration at a building function!

Later in the month, the girls headed back to the Safety Harbor Library for a ceramic painting class. They found that even if they painted the same venue, their individual talents showed in the originality of the completed pieces.

Paula Schelling, with the encouragement of Irene Centers, picked up the gauntlet the library offered adults: Experience the Mind. The program challenged participants to discover all parts of the library, the city, various reading venues, technology offerings and concluded with exercise activities. It proved an exciting way to spend the summer months and learn so much about our neighboring town to the east.



On Aug. 6, the building residents celebrated together the 80th birthday of our beloved Ann Boehme. Her children surprised her with a party in the Starlite room, with out of town family and building friends attending. The afternoon affair was great fun with games, delicious food, and comradeship. Happy 80th Ann!

Our building, "The Building with Heart" presented, Clothes to Kids with a check that will completely outfit two school-age children for the year. We are proud of the charitable work our building family does throughout the year for the needy of our community.

## Trips and travels help make for an enjoyable summer

When the residents are not traveling to family and friends, many are enjoying birthday parties.

Jim and Dee flew to Colorado to visit their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. While there, they took a train trip to Royal Gulch. Earlier in June, one of their twin grandsons from Indiana came to visit them. The grandchildren in Indiana raise pygmy goats and have 20 at this time.

Mary Steele attended her granddaughter's graduation from Seminole High School and who was taking college courses at the same time. When her daughter came from North Carolina to attend the event, they decided Mary would go back to South Carolina with them for a fun visit. She told me they shopped and went out to eat and had a nice time.

Shirley Crowder traveled to South Carolina with her daughter and family to watch her grandson play in a golf tournament.

I went to my son's cottage in Missouri and enjoyed the 4th of July with friends and family. It also included a shrimp boil and many water activities. The first day was fine, the next day it rained, and on the third



day it cooled to 72 degrees (which I very much enjoyed). However, the day before I came home it was back to 97 degrees. Florida is not the only state that is "hot" this summer!

My granddaughter and her friend accompanied me home and spent several days going to the beach, Tarpon Springs, the Clearwater Aquarium and just having fun. They also attended my "Red Hat" luncheon and enjoyed every moment.

Labor Day is upon us with celebrations and observances.

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# September events include 'Grandparents Day'

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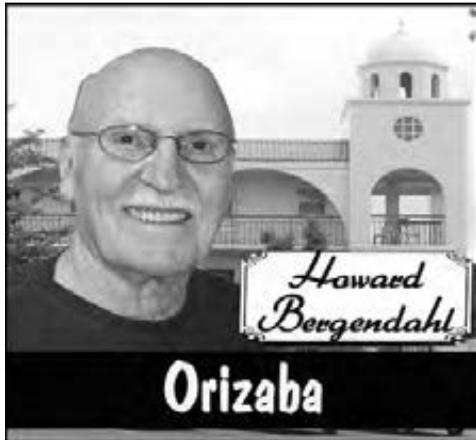
We talk about the heat, but I spoke to my son in New York and he said it was 97 degrees and felt like 102.

There are many important days in the month of September, including Patriot Day, the day the "Star Spangled Banner" was written, the day the U.S. Constitution was approved, and the day the VFW was established. One of the most important days for many of us is Sept. 11, when we celebrate Grandparents Day. Be proud!

The baseball game highlighting Alex Rodriguez' departure from the New York Yankees was greeted by a thunderstorm and the announcers stating that it was unusually hot and humid. Sounds like Florida weather!

Bob Rittner is looking for stickball players to fill the void in the softball season, if interested contact Bob.

Congratulations to Lynn and Jim



Anzalone upon celebrating their 50 years of marriage.

Sherry Hokansen and James Canter recently returned from a trip to California where they enjoyed the beautiful weather and company of offspring.

Several units on the Costa Rica side have been sold and we will have new residents. As soon as all information is gathered it will be passed on to you.

Jackie Blair hosted the monthly luncheon at Cody's and it was well-attended (see photo).



The monthly luncheon at Cody's was well-attended, with camaraderie and good food.

Linda Ledesma will be hosting the September lunch at The Lucky Dill and I am sure all will be satisfied with the portions.

The Wednesday breakfast club is still in operation for the summer months and has had a fine turnout the last few weeks with Larry French

joining us and Al Corcoran and Jim Anzalone making appearances.

A student called his school and said, "My son has a bad cold and won't be at school today." "Who is this?" the secretary asked. "My father."

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# Resident gives years-old painting a fresh new look

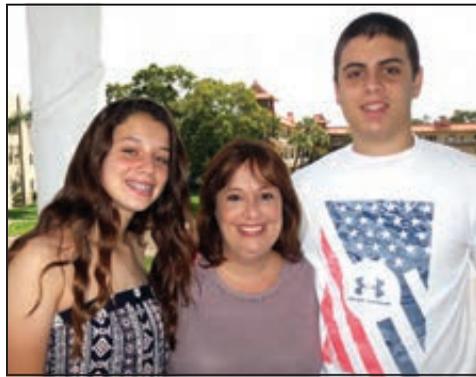
The photo at far right is of a painting donated by Phil and Donna Smerz, quite a few years ago. It hangs in our first floor core.

Over the years the picture has faded, so our neighbor, Betty Borsh, who recently retired, decided to refurbish the picture. Betty is a very talented artist. The colors on the picture are now very vibrant and it looks brand new since Betty applied her talent. Our thanks to Betty and we wish her an enjoyable retirement!

We had company from Acworth, Ga., for a week during the summer. Our daughter and her family arrived for a visit. Then they took a Carnival cruise out of Tampa to Grand Cayman and Cozumel before returning home.

Another extended family member arrived from San Diego, Calif. Our adopted daughter and her children stopped to visit on their way to Naples (see photo at right). We all enjoyed playing board games, cards and eating pizza.

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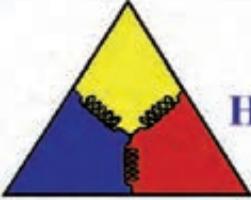


These California family members stopped by the Laskowski home on their way to Naples. (Photos by Marguerite Laskowski)



Roman Byzantine resident Betty Borsh restored this painting to its original beauty, becoming much more vibrant and colorful following her efforts. It was donated years ago by Phil and Donna Smerz and had become degraded over time. It hangs in the building's first-floor core.

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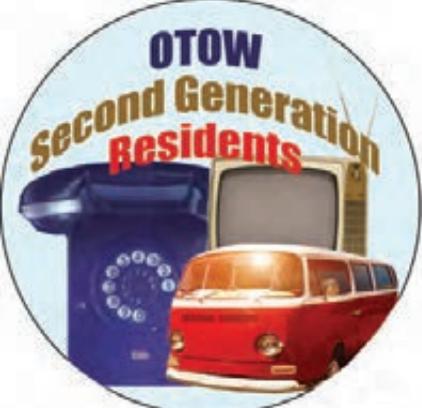
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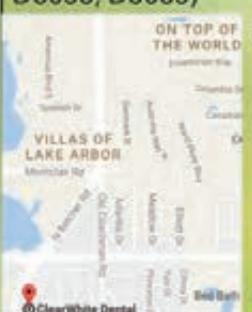
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## Birthday bash late in coming for resident



Bob Saylor (front center) enjoys his surprise birthday. Row 2: Virginia McGinnis, Connie Saylor, Reta Carney, and (standing) Ralph Wells. Back row: Ron Huber, Gin Upton, Ron Topa, and Esther Marchiso.

The subject of birthdays keeps coming to my mind when I sit down to compose the article for the newspaper.

Can it be that life here is definitely conducive to living longer with a better quality of life and thus more birthdays to be celebrated?

In our building we are most fortunate that the young people who move in are willing and able to pick up any slack that the older residents may take.

One of July's birthday celebrants was Bob Saylor, a man who is always ready to give a helping hand to any who seek it (especially me!).

When it became known to Kathy Sheldon (the daughter of Bob's wife, Connie) that in all of Bob's 89 years of life, he was long overdue for a birthday party, she planned and provided for one with some of his closest friends.

Ron Huber kept Bob busy the day of the party while Kathy decorated and prepared very delicious food. It was such a great sight to see Bob's grin when he came through the doorway at the appointed hour and hear us shout "Happy Birthday!"

It's amazing the stamina that Allan and Diana Bendert have. They took a two-week hiatus from pastoring their flock at Emanuel American Baptist church in Dunedin (to which a number of our residents belong), to drive to Michigan to see and cuddle their newest grandchild.

After a few days, they traveled across the northern states and returned home by way of the East Coast visiting

other relatives and friends. All told, they traveled around 4,000 miles.

Another person to be away for two weeks was Judy Boley who also went to Michigan to visit her son and his family. His home is located by a lake. Aside from spending time with them and friends, she enjoyed pontoon rides and especially sitting on the porch for her morning coffee where the weather was so good.

It won't be long before the locals stay home and the Snowbirds return. It will be so good to see a full house once more.

Take care, everyone and feel free to join us for "happy hour." We have a lot of hearty laughs.

## European river cruise is unforgettable

On June 6, Paulette and Gus Perrotta embarked on a Viking River Boat cruise of 159 passengers for 15 days.

They have been on more than 20 ocean cruises. However, they say this one surpassed all others. The service, food and itinerary were superb. In Paulette's words:

We were matched with three other wonderful couples from Canada. Highlights included Kinderdisk Netherlands. We saw 19 remarkably preserved 18th-century windmills, in which families still live in and maintain. The population was 800. This was a UNESCO World Heritage site.

We cruised the Rhine and Danube Rivers and saw lots of castles lining the middle Rhine, with spectacular vineyards on the mountain sides. Also saw the "Richard the Lionhearted" castle ruins from the ship.

We visited 13th-century Marksburg Castle, 900-year-old Melk Abbey in Austria and saw Wurzburg's Princes-



Bishops Residence, which is the largest and most ornate palace in Germany.

The tour guide imparted great info and stories regarding the Jewish Orthodox community and what they endured during WWII. We also saw Oskar Schindler's home there.

In Passau, one of Bavaria's oldest towns, we saw a 14th-century town hall called "Rathaus." This is a university and river town which borders Germany and Austria.

Bamberg, an old-world Franconian City, was like a Swiss-alps town ruled by King Ludwig.

In Vienna, we saw the Strauss-Mozart concert. While there we also went to the international marketplace with the ship's chef and partook of wines, cheeses, olives and many tasty foods. A special treat from "cheffy."

Our trip ended in Budapest, Hungary on Father's Day. A beautiful clean and great-looking city. The famous "Chain Bridge" connects Buda and Pest. To get there, we cruised through 60-odd locks. It was fascinating.

The people of this region of Europe were friendly. Cleanliness was very much apparent. There were white lace curtains in the windows and lots of flowers. Food and beer gardens were wonderful and fun. Viking treated us royally. Words can't convey the experience.

We truly felt "On Top of the World."

Thank you, Paulette, for the wonderful trip report.



## Welcome back to Casa Verde reporter

Greetings from Casa Verde. After a brief (well, maybe not so brief) hiatus, I have moved back and taken up the mantle of news correspondent.

Seeing so many old faces and meeting new (to me) residents has been a lot of fun. There have been two great building dinners since I have returned: Outback and Queen's. And there are many more celebrations in the future.

So save the dates for the potluck at the Sunrise room this month and mark your calendar for the Christmas Gala at Island Way in December.

My friend from Pensacola and I journeyed to Jupiter to meet our fellow retired English teacher.

Also, there have been a lot of really great trips that the residents have taken, and there will be a lot more detail about the wonderful things they saw and did in future articles

Our Sunshine Lady had her Birthday – actually a lot more celebration than just a single day. So, a happy, if belated, birthday.

Returning to Casa Verde has been wonderful. This is a great, happy, social building. We are blessed to have a wonderful building coordinator who watches over us and is always there for us.

Sometimes "thank you" is so automatic that it seems inadequate to really express true gratitude. But next time you see our great coordinator, tell him how much you appreciate all his hard work. Even if it is just a simple "thanks."

Happy Labor Day!



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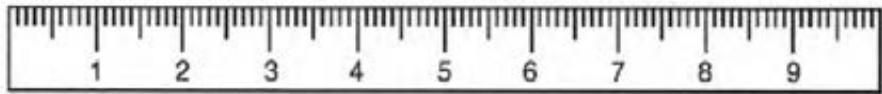
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I also work on another project at our church, and my next door neighbor helps me with that project.

My coffee crew always manages to bring me needed troop items every now and then, which is another blessing we have here at OTOW (our Coffee Corner).

One lady even gave me half of her bingo winnings for the troops.

Items we send include shave cream, socks, lotions, deodorants, soap, toothpaste and brushes, razors, combs and brushes, and any other needed item we can think of. These donations help the troops know we think of them and care about their needs.

As I said, we started in 2007, and with God's help and our friends and neighbors here at OTOW, we hope to continue this project until all our troops are home safe and sound. Thanks to all who help in any way!

## A Note For Dog Walkers

When picking up after your dog, do not throw plastic bags down the storm drains. This is against the law.

Be sure to always clean up while walking your dog.

# Building's fresh paint restores its luster

Nagoya was a flurry of activity last month when painters moved in with buckets, brushes, and power washers.

Man lifts carried them up high to every nook and cranny. We had to move our cars and walk further for many days. Porch furniture had to be lugged away and outside décor removed. Then, it all had to be moved back again when the work was done. But, the inconveniences were certainly worth it all.

Jim and Sandy Ropp, building chairmen, send out the following message to Nagoya neighbors:

"There's a new face on World Parkway Boulevard and it's Nagoya's new paint job! Wow! Lately, we have been getting that familiar aroma of fresh rain mixed with a clean yet pleasant fragrance of new paint. What a combination.



"And to top it all off, the garbage room no longer has that familiar "land-fill" stench, but a somewhat clean whiff of fresh paint. It's almost like a new car smell!... OK, so we stretched it a bit!

"Now, how can we, the residents, keep that freshness alive? Let's seal our garbage. And, no tape, screws, or nails on the newly-painted walls.

Let's all enjoy the newness of Nagoya and make it last."



Jim and Sandy Ropp, Nagoya building chairmen, are busy putting their porch back together after the building's new paint job was completed.

## Luau gives folks a chance to learn some exotic dances

This month I think I will start with some "leftovers."

I mentioned last month that there would be pictures from the recent building luau. We had a very talented young lady demonstrate the extraordinary body motions used in native dancing. The photo is of Ford and Peggie Longfellow executing some advanced moves. We had a great time.

When my wife, Sy, was out of the house, I stood in front of a full-length mirror and tried getting my body to do some of the undulations that the young lady performed. I had it just about down pat when my back went out. In the future, they should warn us, "do not try this at home."

I hope you watched the Olympics. It was great to see fat-free contestants perform at extraordinary levels. I particularly enjoyed the gymnastics. It is unbelievable what some of these people can do.

There were some "old folks" there in their thirties and forties. They did great, also.

The Azores wildflowers elected to stay home this month and watch soap operas. The Azores R.O.M.E.O.s got together and had lunch at Molly Goodheads. Great food and service and a chance to visit.

Sy asked me why we always go there. We really enjoy going to Molly's. It is just that simple.



Ford Gerrit and Peggie Longfellow "getting into it" following some instructions in native dancing at a recent building luau.

I checked my in-box, nothing. Watch the bulletin board for events.



## ATTENTION OWNERS WHO RENT OUT THEIR UNIT

**CONDOMINIUM OWNERS WHO DIRECTLY RENT THEIR UNIT** must request necessary forms for securing Condominium Association approval and Recreation Cards for their tenants.

Written requests must include building number, apartment number and address of the apartment.

Requests must also include a legal-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope for return mail.

Mail requests to:

**On Top of the World Recreation Card Department  
2069 World Parkway Blvd E.  
Clearwater, FL 33763**

**NEW!** Local owners may also obtain applications for their tenants from either the Community Service Office or the On Top of the World Real Estate office receptionist.

This application can ONLY be sent to, or picked up, by OWNERS of On Top of the World apartments and only the OWNER shall process applications for renter Recreation Cards.

# THE OTOW BUS COMES DIRECTLY TO YOU!

For reservations, call 799-3417, then press #7 of the voice menu. Seating is limited. Make reservations 24 hours in advance.

Reservations for transportation to and from the East and West Activity Centers will be accepted following the schedules listed below.

**(Note that pickup times can be anywhere from 30-45 minutes early.)**

**Tuesday Morning Specials**

See Posting in Bus

Paradise/West Side.....9 to 9:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

**Tuesday Afternoon**

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

Paradise/West Side 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.  
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

**Wednesday Morning**

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.  
East Side..... 8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

**Wednesday Afternoon**

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.  
East Side.....11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

**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 activity card.
- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
- The bus driver picks up passengers with reservations only.
- You must be able to transfer on your own to ride the bus.
- 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 activity cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- Due to limited seating, we cannot accept multi-day reservations.
- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
- The reservation phone number is for seat reservations only. Please leave your name, trip request, building and unit number, and phone number.
- If you live on the second floor of a two-story building, or if your building's elevator is out of service, the driver will carry your bags to your front door. The driver is strictly prohibited from entering your unit.
- The SCA staff takes their directions from SCA management. Please refer all questions and concerns to the Community Service Office.



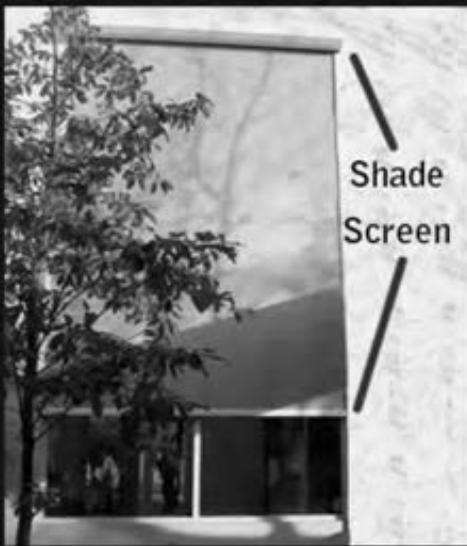
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# 'Dining Divas' thrive on having a good time



The Valencia Building "Dining Divas" enjoy a recent luncheon at Olive Garden, thanks to the efforts of Lillian Klant, who always goes out of her way to accommodate the group.

I think we should all take our hats off to Lillian Klant and recognize her for her dedication and consistency in her organization of the ladies luncheon group.

Yes, she keeps those "Dining Divas" all looking forward to the next lunch. She mixes up the menu and flavors and never lets things get boring.

She occasionally has her hands full with some of the group having so much fun and acting up. This is shown in the accompanying photo of the recent luncheon at The Olive Garden. I heard that upon leaving, one member of the group ordered "one waiter to go!" No names were mentioned but I have a pretty good idea who it might be!

This month they are all going to Umberto's of Long Island in Dunedin. Again, a very nice place for a group such as theirs.

Last month's Mystery Person was Mary Henry. That one was very difficult

to solve, and I believe only two or three people got it right.

We've all heard the expression "timing is everything." It never was more true than last month. As you may know, Mary left our building at the end of July to go to an independent living facility. I didn't find this out until after the article was already written and submitted. Nevertheless, I think it was a good choice and was happy with it. We all wish Mary well.

This month's Mystery Person is shown in the photo. Her name is mixed in with the following sentence "Really vinyl material.



Valencia's "Mystery Person of the Month." See story for a clue.

## SWIMMING POOL RULES DON'T EMBARRASS YOUR GUESTS! Know the Rules and Abide by them!

**Swim at your own risk.  
There is no lifeguard  
on duty.**

- This facility is for the exclusive use of OTOW unit owners and registered tenants with a valid activity card. Please show your valid activity card upon staff's request.
- Guests must be accompanied by an owner or registered tenant with a valid activity card.
- The pool area is a non-smoking area. Please smoke in designated smoking areas(s) only.
- Pool will be closed during inclement weather or when gates are locked.
- No diving, jumping, running, horseplay or throwing objects, balls, floats or inner tubes.
- Guests under the age of 15 may use the facility from 12-4 p.m., seven days a week. Guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Children under age 2 must wear a "swim diaper."
- Please shower before entering pool to remove lotions, oils, and sunblocks.
- All pool furniture must remain in the designated pool deck area only. Personal pool or lawn furniture is not permitted on the pool deck.
- Persons experiencing gastrointestinal symptoms or open cuts or wounds should not use the pool.
- Use of these facilities is at a resident's or guest's own risk.

### The following items are **not** permitted in the pool area:

Glass containers, coolers, food or drink (other than bottled water), pets (except for service animals).

## Delight found in tour of Germany, Poland

(Submitted by Shirley Brinson, a Key West Building resident and Red Hat member.)

July 16-24, 2015 was a very busy time for me. I flew to Berlin, Germany, met relatives and saw sights I had never seen before.

We started out on a boat trip on a river in Berlin and then attended a garden party given by relatives who live in a little town called Erkner, near Berlin.

We toured historic Berlin and visited Potsdam and Dresden with its churches and castles.

We drove rented Mercedes vans to Poland, where we visited the town of Chonice, where our forefathers lived before World War II — a beautiful little city with a street named after our family.

The thing that really stands



out in my mind is attending a church service at the beautiful Domkirche in Berlin (see photo) and taking communion there. We heard the

sermon in English using earphones provided for us. Many wonderful memories are held by the 21 of us who attended.

## BIBLE STUDY CLUB

By Bob Reis

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

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center.

Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations. Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

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



English Gothic residents Luisa Trafficante and her husband, Gino, pose with their great-granddaughter at her First Holy Communion event in Pennsylvania.

## Some historical details regarding Labor Day

September brings with it Labor Day on the first Monday of the month. The last day of summer will be here Sept. 22. Hopefully this will bring a little cooler weather.

A little history about Labor Day: The first Labor Day was held and celebrated in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882, and was started by the Central Labor Union in New York City.

In 1884, it was moved to the first Monday in September where it is celebrated today. On June 28, 1894, the U.S. congress voted it a national holiday. The holiday is dedicated to you in respect and appreciation for the work you do. This day is typically celebrated with a day off.

I am sure it has been a busy summer for all, but some maybe a little more. It seems the Trafficante's were very busy with traveling to attend their granddaughter's college graduation from Seton Hall University in New Jersey and their great-granddaughter's First Holy Communion in Pennsylvania (see photo, above).

Gail Phillips is missing her grandson after watching him all summer while school was out. She kept busy with taking him to the pool and other outings.

Irma Torres was up in Michigan for her granddaughter's bridal shower and will be returning at the end of September for an October wedding.



Finally, I was busy with our grandchildren taking them bowling every Friday.

What a great turnout we had for our cookout earlier this summer. Hopefully meetings will start up again soon. If anyone has a request or suggestion for a luncheon or any type of outing bring that information to Mike Malkov.

If anyone has anything they would like me to put in my article for the On Top of the World newspaper, please get it to me by the 13th of the month.

Remember to check the bulletin board for any upcoming information. Don't forget to check pages 12 and 13 of this newspaper for the calendar of events. And please remember to patronize the companies that advertise in our paper.

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## Seasonal Residents-Temporary Address Change

To ensure timely delivery of On Top of the World mailings, please use this change of address form. This form will allow for a temporary change of address as you move to your seasonal address. You will still need to make a temporary change of address through the U.S. Postal Service for your regular mail service.

# OTOW Change of Address Form

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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A great way to relax on Portland's Casco Bay is to take an island cruise on a vessel operated by Casco Bay Ferry Lines. (Photo by Mike Leonard)

## An idea for your nautical New England getaway

Here we are celebrating Labor Day already. Summer seems to have disappeared on a slipstream.

Summers in Florida are not usually a beacon for house guests — unless you are Steve Mazurek, that is.

Steve's most recent house guest was the delightful Father Ailbe. The good Father is a Franciscan Brother from Ireland and visited last year as well.

Steve's next guest is also from "across the pond" and will visit for two weeks.

Then nephew Marty from Brooksville will be staying at "Hotel Mazurek and Shuttle Service," while attending a seminar in Safety Harbor.

We also have guests while in Maine and either take them or suggest the following:

When visiting Portland, Maine, there are several opportunities to get on the water, and there are a couple of vessels that will get you there (see photo). Casco Bay Ferry Lines has cruises to many of the larger islands in Casco Bay. You can take a run out to some islands for a dinner and be back to catch a sunset over the water.

And there are sailing adventures that you can take that are a bit slower but maybe just what you may be seeking while on vacation.

It's marvelous being on a boat when the temperatures are in the



high 90s, which is getting to be the norm these days.

We bid a fond adieu to neighbor Judy Gorda, who moved from Viennese Villa to another building here at On Top of the World. Judy's smiling face shall be missed, but hopefully we shall see here at OTOW events. Anytime you want a cup of tea, Judy, please stop by. We wish you well in your new digs.

Remember when Labor Day meant stores were closed and it was really Labor Day? Guess I am showing my age!

Now get those picnic baskets ready for that annual cook-out.

Happy birthday and anniversary greetings to all celebrating in September. Any news fit to print, just email it to fresca@maine.rr.com.

Don't forget to turn off the lights in the trash room.

## OTOW CLASSIFIED ADS

This Classified section is a service to the On Top of the World community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number. Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. ***If the submitter's name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.***

Please note: We do not accept ads for automobiles, firearms, yard/building sales, apartments for sale or rent, or employment. Ads must be placed in the boxes marked OTOW News in the East and West Activity Centers or dropped off at the newspaper office. We cannot accept ads over the phone. Ad deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication date. Ads received late will be placed in the next available issue. Only one (1) ad per person per month will be accepted.

### FOR SALE

HP desktop computer, 8 GB RAM, 1 TB hard drive, Windows 10, wireless Internet, all for \$150. 458-8954

Dehumidifier, Kenmore, 35-pint, like new, cost \$159, asking \$45. 797-0399

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Crosley model CR6249A USB turntable, never used \$40. 417-9822

Used gas grill w/cover, utensils and gas tank \$90; 100-ft. canopy w/wheel bag, new \$80; furniture wooden feet risers, new \$85. 455-3287

Dell Optiplex 780 desktop computer (tower alone or with complete system). Call for prices which include delivery & setup. 400-5739

Block harmful rays with two new 7-panel (diamond) clamp-on golf umbrellas, new in package \$10 each. 403-0381 after 3 p.m.

Whirlpool stainless steel refrigerator/freezer, perfect condition, 70" x 35" x 32" \$290; 5-shelf bamboo etagere \$140; deco tables, other misc. 475-9167

Women's ballroom dance shoes, new, size 8½ - 9, paid \$90/pair, will sell for \$35/pair. 953-3962

Office Depot/Ruzzi desk chair, style 610299. Was gift, but is too big for me. \$60. 734-1937

Household items, sports items (golf clubs, etc.); books/magazines/videos; men's and women's clothes; other misc. items. 791-1444

Deep fryer, 2-qt., new \$12; Tupperware 6" square dish w/cover, never used \$7; Five comics: Archie, Batman, Scooby-Doo, Penguins \$12. 474-5040

Brown leather sofa & loveseat, dining table, desk, bedroom set, misc. items. 796-4212

Wedding gown, new w/tags, size 14, beautiful ivory lace & chiffon. Includes slip. Was \$650, asking \$450. 754-2783

Schwinn elliptical, top of the line, only 1 year old \$150. 630-229-3676

Beautiful ivory swag valances, 13-ft. and 15-ft., for Emerald floor plan sun room and BR2, hardware included \$150 each. 430-5035

Flagpole, 20-foot, consists of four 5-foot sections, solar light, OTOW approved but requires permit \$125. 754-6233

Brown leather recliner w/ottoman \$375; Dooney Bourke handbags \$50 each. 726-4747

Man's Huffy bicycle cruiser, like new \$65. 610-241-2660

Two adult-size stacking patio swing chairs with matching table \$60 for set. 475-9431

Computer desk \$15; coffee pot \$5; assorted new towels, glassware. 602-373-1028

### WANTED

Someone to drive my Honda CRV to vicinity of Westland, Mich., the first or second week of September. 723-8416

Kayak, canoe or fishing boat wanted. Seeking to purchase one already stored at OTOW. 734-812-3667

On Top of the World newspaper is looking for a proofreader. Must be able to write several stories each month and supervise editorial staff. Line dancing experience mandatory. Must like pineapple on pizza. Must also be a long-time resident of Siboney Building.

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